

TIMES AND PLACES FOR MINISTRY

July 4 - July 11

Sunday	8:45 a.m.	Worship – Fellowship Hall
	9:40 a.m.	Fellowship time – Fellowship Hall
	9:55 a.m.	Summer Sunday School
	10:40 a.m.	Officers’ Prayer – Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Worship-Sanctuary
	Noon	Punch on the Grounds
Monday		Church Office Closed Mission Lenoir begins (thru Thursday)
Tuesday	Noon	Men’s Bible Study – Library
	6:30 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study—Chapel
Wednesday	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Parents’ Night Out (register by Tuesday)
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study – Library
	6:30 p.m.	Praise Band rehearsal
Sunday	6:00 a.m.	Youth Mission leaves for Monessen, PA
	8:45 a.m.	Worship – Fellowship Hall
	9:55 a.m.	Summer Sunday School
	10:40 a.m.	Officers’ Prayer – Chapel
	11:00 a.m.	Worship – Sanctuary
	Noon	Punch on the Grounds

The Steeple

First Presbyterian Church

1002 Kirkwood Avenue, NW, Lenoir, North Carolina 28645

**July 4, 2010
Independence Day**

“Wary!”


1 John 2:15-17

Command:

Consequences:

Character:

Contrast:



**HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY -
GOD BLESS AMERICA**

Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed - else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die.

~Dwight D. Eisenhower

YOUTH NEWS

No PULSE tonight – It’s July 4th!

LENOIR MISSION PROJECT– JULY 5-8, 2010

NEXT WEEK: SR. HIGH MISSION TRIP TO MONESSEN, PA—JULY 11-17, 2010

Think about it: ...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Phil 1:6

Check out www.fpclenoir.org (Click on “The Steeple” for copies of each week’s bulletin and *The Steeple* announcement page.

Church Office Hours: 9-5 (Monday-Thursday); 9-12 (Friday)

The 11:00 a.m. Worship Service is broadcast at 5 pm Sundays and 9 pm Wednesdays, Cable 13/UHF 49.

FAMILY PICNIC

The Men of the Church are sponsoring a family picnic on Saturday, July 24, 5:30 - 8:00, at United Presbyterian Church’s pavilion. Dig out those favorite summer recipes and join us for family fun, food and fellowship. There’s plenty of shade under the shelter and trees, and the playground beckons the youngsters. We’ll have games for all ages, too. We’ll provide the burgers and frankfurters to go along with everyone’s covered dishes. Call Tommy to let him know you’re coming.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! God, through His Holy Spirit, is the power in and focus of our worship. We pray we will be Spirit-led and that you will follow Him this week at work, home or school. If we can help you serve more effectively, contact us at 754-5351 or at www.fpclenoir.org.

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in celebration of Independence Day and all the freedoms God has blessed each of us with, by the Larry and Penny Taylor family.

EGYPT VBS: WOW! What an amazing week we had in Vacation Bible School! The story of Joseph came alive as we stepped back to ancient Egypt and learned that God gives us hope, special abilities, wisdom, forgiveness, and a family. Our 'Egyptian families' had God sightings each night that drew us closer to God's heart! Praises to the One True God could be heard throughout the fellowship hall as we raised our voices in song! Over 75 children, youth, and adults and 75 volunteers participated in VBS. We had an amazing group of 'Egyptian shopkeepers' who questioned 'Egyptian family' members about their faith. Family leaders and members shared their faith and everyone 'believed' and joined together for an exciting final Celebration of our God who has revealed Himself in Jesus Christ! Special thanks to all who worked for months to make this such a wonderful Bible learning and sharing experience! We are the children of the One True God! Pastor Rob challenged us all to think about who we're inviting to join the celebrations we have every Sunday at First Presbyterian?

PARENTS NIGHT OUT - Each Wednesday night this summer, parents are invited to bring their children to the church from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. while they enjoy a night out. Reservations must be made in advance by calling the church office before Noon on Tuesdays. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

SCRIPTURE EXPLORERS SUNDAY SCHOOL (in the Library) Our summer study is Devotional Classics, edited by Richard Foster. Each lesson is self contained, with excerpts of writing from some of the most notable Christian writers in history. All are invited.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL! Join us for a time of Bible-learning fun as we study creation, making right choices and how God cares for us. ALL children's Sunday School classes (3 years old - 5th grade) are on the top floor of the Education Building. See you there!

YOUTH AND ADULTS are studying the "Confessions" of St. Augustine, the 'theologian of the heart,' in Room 205 of the Education Building. Join us.

TUESDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY continues its study of Matthew, chapter 7 (*The Christbook*, page 336).

THURSDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Very few people realize that "Revelation" was written to comfort the Christians of its time. Come join us as we study Revelation and the End of all Things by Craig Koester, on Thursdays at 7am. Breakfast follows at a local restaurant.

PRAYER, JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE STAFF LOVES TO PRAY for you! This week, join us in praying for our church families: Patty and Carrie Ross; Jay and Betty Sue Safley; Kelly Safley; Ed and Betty Jo Schell.

Youth: Valerie Miller

Military: George Bernhardt, III (deploying to Iraq in late June), Josh Ingle, Jason Jenkins, Jason Raines, Forrest Sutton (deployed in Iraq)

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR: Frances Yarborough and Anita Austin, Gateway; Sarah Hedrick, Blowing Rock Hospital Extended Care; Mary Lib Crews (Shaire Center Rehab). At home: Sarah Bagley, Bernice Correll, Marie Hogan, Bob and Jean Hunner, Mary Sue McCurry, Penny McMillan, Agnes Scroggs, John and Martha Shanks, Bill and Hazel Tamminga

PLEASE JOIN THE MISSION COMMITTEE in prayer for Sherrill's Ford Presbyterian Church, Sherrill Ford, N. C. Join the congregation in giving thanks for new members of their church family and the blessing of financial health in these difficult times. Pray for their pastor, Ted Grant.

SUNDAY SERVANTS:

USHERS/GREETERS: 8:45: Randy Bast; 11:00 - Dottie Darsie, Becky Stevens, Frances Delk, Jan Griffith

TODAY'S ACOLYTE: Emma Goudas

NURSERY: 8:45 - Pendergraft family; 11:00 - Tommy and Lillie Ruth Melton

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 8:45 - Anna Miller; 11:00 - LeNora Styres

PUNCH ON THE GROUNDS: Joe and Frances Delk

JULY CHURCH BELL RINGERS: Tommy Melton, Jarrett Furnish

COMING SOON TO A CARING CHURCH NEAR YOU - First Presbyterian of Lenoir:

Dave Ramsey, Financial Peace University class beginning September 8, 2010. Details about the class can be found at www.daveramsey.com/fpu.

SECOND ANNUAL AMERICAN GIRL PARTY: July 19, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. All young girls, ages 4 - fifth grade are invited to this delightful evening of play, dinner and an American Girl movie. Please bring your American Girl doll or your favorite doll for our play-time. Teenage "American Girls" are invited to come and be play partners and helping hands. Call Karyn Sterken (381-3263) to sign up.