

## TIMES AND PLACES FOR MINISTRY

### August 1 - August 8

Sunday	8:45 a.m.	<b>Worship &amp; Communion – Fellowship Hall</b>
	9:55 a.m.	<b>Summer Sunday School</b>
	10:40 a.m.	<b>Officers' Prayer – Chapel</b>
	11:00 a.m.	<b>Worship &amp; Communion – Sanctuary</b>
	Noon	<b>Punch on the Grounds</b>
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	<b>Circle 3 - Parlor</b>
	Noon	<b>Men's Bible Study – Library</b>
	6:30 p.m.	<b>Women's Bible Study—Chapel</b>
Wednesday	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Officer Suggestion forms due</b>
	6:00-8:00 p.m.	<b>Parents' Night Out</b> (register by Tuesday)
	6:30-8:00 p.m.	<b>Youth Bible Study @ Jarrett's House</b>
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	<b>Men's Bible Study – Library</b>
	6:30 p.m.	<b>Youth Adventure Whitewater rafting TBA</b> <b>Praise Band rehearsal</b>
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### YOUTH NEWS

#### This Week:

**Wednesday, August 4** Youth Bible Study @ Jarrett's House 6:30-8pm

**Thursday August 5** Youth Adventure-Whitewater rafting, TBA,  
Cost is \$35

**Need to know that you are going by Monday, August 2, by 2pm!**

**Think about it:** "It's in Jesus Christ that we find out what we are living for."

Check out [www.fpclenoir.org](http://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.

# The Steeple

First Presbyterian Church

1002 Kirkwood Avenue, NW, Lenoir, North Carolina 28645

## August 1, 2010

**"Jealous or Generous?"**

Genesis 4:1-9

1 John 3:11-18

*We should love one another.* (1 John 3:11)

Don't be like Cain: the problem of jealousy (Genesis. 4:1-9, 1 John 3:12)

Do be like Jesus: the joy of "laying down our lives." (1 John 3:16)



### SECOND ANNUAL AMERICAN GIRL PARTY

THE SMILES ON THOSE FACES! Seventeen excited young ladies attended the 2nd Annual American Girl party on July 19 in the Fellowship Hall. The girls, ages 4 - fifth grade, enjoyed dinner, a time of play with their favorite doll, and an American Girl movie. A special thank you to Karyn Sterken, Betty Brown and Tericia Summers who helped provide the young ladies with their own special evening of fun and fellowship.

## 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](http://www.fpclenoir.org).

**THE FLOWERS** at the foot of the cross are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Edgar Jones, a long time faithful member of our church, by Rebecca Jones and Ann Chambers

**WE WELCOME** Stacy Ford, 16, who began playing oboe at age 11. In 2006, he began his serious studies with Erin Penley at the Harper School of Performing Arts. Since then, he has moved to Winston-Salem, NC as a boarding student at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. While at UNCASA, Ford has played principal oboe in the Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Chamber Winds and "nu" ensemble. He has held the position of principal oboe of the Winston-Salem Youth Orchestra, and has played solo English horn for the Winston-Salem Symphony. His major teachers include Robin Driscoll, Joseph Robinson, Alicia Chapman and John Ellis, all of which hold prominent roles in the music world. He is a regular participant in the John Mack Oboe Camp and is a member of the International Double Reed Society. Within the next two years he will begin to prepare for college auditions at the Juilliard School and the Manhattan School of Music in New York City. Stacy is the son of Brian and Karen Ford and is a member of Nelson's Chapel Baptist Church.

**OFFICER SUGGESTION FORMS** - Your suggestions are due in the church office by **5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 4**. Please remember to pray for the work of the Officer Nominating Committee.

**CIRCLE 4** will meet Wednesday, August 11 at 5:15 p.m. The group will travel to Morganton for an evening of fun, food and fellowship. Women of the church not involved in other circles, are invited to join this great group for a fun night out. Call Frances Delk (754-6817) for more information.

**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.**

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

**THURSDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** - Come join us as we study Revelation and the End of all Things by Craig Koester, on Thursdays at 7a.m. Breakfast follows at a local restaurant.

## WEST LENOIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEEDS

School starts August 25th - Our help is needed now!

Each month, we carry the good news of Jesus Christ into this school through our after-school project. We need your help. **Volunteer to serve** on the West Lenoir Mission Team or donate any of the following items. Please bring donations to the Conference Room near the church office. Thank you!

**Other ways to help:** Give an hour or more a week as a tutor/mentor (Call the school @754-5161 to volunteer.); work with the **after school project** on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Thursdays each month, with crafts, snacks; Bible stories and recreation; give **monetary gifts** toward purchasing new library books, new play ground equipment and art equipment. If you have questions contact Frances Delk, 754-6817 or Betty Brown, 758-2493.

#2 yellow and #2 red pencils (no designs or lead)	Disposable cameras
Packs of colored pencils	Sturdy book-bags (no rollers)
Box of 8, 16, 24 and 36 count Crayola crayons	Ziploc baggies (sandwich and gallon)
Red, blue, yellow and green pocket folders (reg. size; no design)	Paper plates, cups, napkins and utensils
Plastic two-pocket folders	*Boxes of tissues
Pencil boxes (no oversize boxes)	Rolls of paper towels
Pencil pouches	*Baby wipes
Fiskar scissors	Hand sanitizers
Large packages of pencil top erasers	Deodorant (girls and guys)
Loose-leaf paper (wide ruled)	Digital thermometers
Spiral single subject notebooks (wide-ruled)	*Thermometer covers
Highlighters	*Lice kits
Computer paper	Sanitary napkins
Post-it notes	Hot oil treatments
Composition books	*Band aids
1/2 inch 3 ringed notebooks	Underwear (small to large)
Rest mats	Socks (small to large)
	Good used or new clothes (small to large)
	(*indicates most needed)



## GET A CHANGE TO MAKE A CHANGE

**RELAY FOR LIFE** invites you to take advantage of the \$9.99 oil change being offered by several area service centers on Saturday, August 7, between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. All proceeds go the American Cancer Society. The oil change will include up to 5 quarts of NAPA oil, NAPA filter and a courtesy vehicle. This is the perfect opportunity to contribute to the health of you vehicle and the future health of those who suffer from cancer. You may take your vehicles to the following centers:

Autoworks of Valdese, 840 Main St. West, Valdese, NC  
Carey's Auto Shop, 3730 Hickory Blvd., Hudson, NC  
Dickinson's Ser. Ctr., 3628 Hwy 127 S., Hickory, NC  
Main Street Tire, 187 E. Main Ave., Taylorsville, NC  
Perry's Ser. Ctr., 3384 W US Hwy 421, Wilkesboro, NC  
Redline Automotive, 226 S. Main St., Newton, NC

You are invited to attend **High Tea at Homewood** Charity Event on Saturday, August 14, 2010. Tickets are \$25 per person. 100% of ticket cost will be equally shared between the Caldwell Pregnancy Care Center and Sweya Family Ministries to widows and orphans in Tanzania. Contact Rebecca Whitt Warrick for details (828) 514-9942.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 - FREE HUG SUNDAY!

Be sure to watch **The Steeple** in the coming weeks for further details!!

## PRAYER, JOYS AND CONCERNS

**THE STAFF LOVES TO PRAY** for you! This week, join us in praying for our church families: Marjorie Strawn; Steve, Cindy and Dave Strickler; Mimi Stronach; Bill, Susan, William and Natalie Stronach; LeNora and Travis Styres; Dorothy Sudderth, John and Melissa Sullivan; Louise Sullivan.

**Youth:** Roark Underwood

**Military:** George Bernhardt, III (Iraq), Josh Ingle, Jason Jenkins, Jason Raines, Lacie Bentley, Forrest Sutton (Iraq)

**CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:** Frances Yarborough and Anita Austin, Gateway; Sarah Hedrick, Blowing Rock Hospital Extended Care. 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 *Let's Celebrate!*** Pray that we'd be gathered in life together in Jesus Christ. A Presbytery sponsored training day at FPC-Morganton is scheduled for August 21. For more information, contact the church office.

## SUNDAY SERVANTS:

**USHERS/GREETERS:** 8:45: Danny Morgan 11:00 - Bill Bair, Jeff Crisp, LeNora Styres, Bill Stronach

**TODAY'S ACOLYTE:** Jessy Underwood

**NURSERY:** 8:45 - Elizabeth Norris; 11:00 - LeNora Styres

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** 8:45 - The Kuenzel family; 11:00 - Tracey Terry

**PUNCH ON THE GROUNDS:** Jeff and Michelle Crisp

**JULY CHURCH BELL RINGERS:** Tommy Melton, Jarrett Furnish

## CALDWELL PRESBYTERIAN'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**Sunday, August 22, 6:00 p.m.**

Come gather with other Presbyterian Churches in Caldwell County for a time of fellowship, music and fun. *Northward Bound*, a band from New Vision Presbyterian Church in Conover, will provide the entertainment. New Vision is the New Church development led by co-pastors, Frank and Ann Aichinger. The band enjoys leading worship and singing together. There are 3 songwriters and 10 volunteers, including singers and instrumentalists. The Group began in August 2009. If you can supply ice cream or a dessert, please contact Elaine Bush @ 754-9389.

## A Summer of Baptisms

Rev. Rob Hinman

**W**hat a joy to witness the fruit of the Holy Spirit's work! This summer He has given us a bountiful harvest of baptisms. In June and July, we celebrated the new life of three adults and four children, and soon we will celebrate as five youth come under the waters of baptism at a special worship service Baptism and Faith Renewal on Wednesday, August 11.

A refresher on baptism is helpful. Baptism is one of two sacraments given by our Lord; the other is the Lord's Supper.

**Baptism is rooted in the Old Testament:** God sought Abraham and made covenant with him. God loved graciously; Abraham responded obediently (Gen. 11-17). Baptism is a sign of the agreement between God's grace and our response to that grace (Gal. 3:24-29).

**Baptism is revealed in the New Testament.** Jesus' cousin, John, baptized for repentance, a necessary preparation for the coming Kingdom. Baptism symbolizes giving up on our old ways of doing life, of judgment on our sin, while it also points us forward to forgiveness and our new life in Jesus.

Jesus came to the Jordan to be baptized by John. Why did this uniquely sinless God-Man ask to be baptized? In order to identify Himself to sinners, and point us to His true baptism, His death on the Cross. Jesus' baptism reveals the anointing of the Holy Spirit, our identification with Jesus as fellow sons and daughters of God, and our commission to ministry.

**Baptism is God's gracious gift of the Holy Spirit power to repent and believe as we commit our lives to Jesus Christ.** The Spirit brings the blessings of covenant: forgiveness, adoption as God's children, new birth, and justification (our made-rightness with God). Baptism plunges us into Jesus' death and resurrection (Ro. 6:3-4), which means that before death we will obediently die to self and after death will live in resurrection glory with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Baptism also makes us part of the Body of Christ on earth, the big-"C"

Church, and the means by which we are commissioned into service in Christ's name.

**We Presbyterians view the sacraments as signs and seals of God's initiative in our lives.** Thus the actual elements of the sacraments are symbolic; important symbols, vital acts that are not to be neglected, but the power is God's reaching out to us. We understand that a little water is sufficient but that more water is just as fine. Our Directory of Worship states baptism is by water, either sprinkled, poured or by immersion (W-3.3605). So the Session invites us to worship almighty God...

### Service of Baptism and Renewal at Lake Hickory

Wednesday, August 11, 2010  
6:00 p.m. (Dress casually)

5701 Silver Bell Lane, Lake Hickory  
[Directions below]

The baptisms will be by immersion in the waters common to our area. This may be a new experience to many of us; it is perhaps the first time that baptism has been by immersion at First Presbyterian Church, but the only thing different is the amount of water. Join us as we celebrate God's grace and respond in obedience to His love.

What a joyous summer of baptisms. Praise the Lord.

### Directions

Travel Highway 321 S. from Lenoir toward Hickory. After you have gone past the new Granite Falls Wal-Mart (do not count the stoplight at the entrance to Wal-Mart), take a left at second stoplight onto Grace Chapel Road. (This is the last stoplight before crossing the Catawba Bridge into Hickory). Travel 2.7 miles on Grace Chapel Road, past North Lakes and Gold Creek communities, and cross bridge over lake. Turn left onto Gunpowder Road. Travel 0.3 mile on Gunpowder Road, and turn left onto Silver Bell Lane. (Third left on Gunpowder Rd.) Travel straight down Silver Bell. Just as road curves left, turn right down the hill onto Sherrill's gravel driveway. (Sign on tree "5701"). Cabin is brown with white trim.