



February 2010



Network News

Monthly Newsletter of FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Jacksonville, North Carolina

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

And the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?" Job 1:8

There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. C. S. Lewis, The Screwtape Letters, 1941

In the preface to his delightful work, *The Screwtape Letters*, C. S. Lewis outlines the central theme of his work of fiction: that we either don't buy the stories we heard as a child about the devil and his schemes, or that we give the devil far more credit than he deserves. I first read Lewis' book many years ago—so long ago that the pages of my copy are yellowed and my penciled notes are quite faded. Yet I have to give Mr. Lewis a great deal of credit: he hits the target with dead-center accuracy. We either discount the devil entirely or we give him far more credit than he deserves.

Some scholars seem to treat the whole subject with disdain. It's almost like admitting that you believe in ghosts or to a fear of the dark. Devils are listed among the "things that go 'bump' in the night," and in their view someone who is no longer bottle-fed or diapered ought to know better! Thus, there is a significant section of the population that doesn't believe in them. Their explanation, if they offer one, is that they are a projection of all of our fears and insecurities or the rejection of our "dark side." Taken a step or two further, we make fun of the whole idea. How many of us still remember comedian Flip Wilson's catch phrase, "The devil made me do it"? (Did you ever try to sell *that* one to the officer who's writing your speeding ticket?)

But then there's the other side of the coin. I've run across people who become fixated on Satan—either keeping him away or embracing his evil. I've known people over the years who had all kinds of superstitions, including carrying around charms and other kinds of artifacts that were in-

OUR CHURCH EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR



- February 1 Men of Church Sweetheart Banquet
- February 2, 10:00am. Circle 4
- February 3 Prayer Breakfast
- Each Wednesday evening Bell Choir and Chancel Choir
- February 5 Friday Night Life
- February 7 Holy Communion
- February 12 and each Friday night Friday Night Life
- February 13 Equipping the Saints Workshop
- February 14, 5:00. Circle 1
- February 15 Presidents' Day
- February 15 PW Coordinating Team
- February 16 (CHANGE) Worship Committee
- February 17 Ash Wednesday
- February 18 Senior Dinner
- February 19 Friday Night Life
- February 23 Session Meeting
- February 23 March Newsletter Deadline
- February 27 Golden Corral Get-together w/Peter Keller
- February 28 Two Cents A Meal Offering
- February 28 Covered Dish Luncheon w/Peter Keller

February 23 . . . Newsletter deadline for March issue

If you have a question about an event, a time or a date, please contact the church office--455-2434

tended to "ward off the devil" or to "keep away the evil eye" (a power allegedly bestowed by the evil one himself). Have you ever seen a movie where one of the characters—usually someone from the "old country"—turns and spits three times at the mention of Satan or of something evil? That's the kind of thing I'm talking about. The practice dates back to the ancient practices of baptism in which one would renounce the devil as part of one's entry into the Kingdom of God: once for the Father, once for the Son, and once for the Holy Spirit.

Yet it's hard to blame them, in a way. We who live in this scientific age, with our technology at our fingertips, can't really appreciate the world that once was. To those who lived prior to our times, the world was filled with devils and spirits of every kind. The practice of carrying one's new bride over the threshold of the house harkens back to the belief in malevolent spirits and the need to confound them. You may even call to mind the verse from Martin Luther's great hymn: "And tho' this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us . . ." (*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*).

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NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL WING

With the holiday season over, school is in full swing. Everyone had a great vacation, but the children seem glad to be back in our routine.

We will be having parent/teacher conferences on Thursday, February 4th and Friday, February 5th, and the preschool will be closed those two days.

On Friday, February 26th, we will be taking our annual field trip to Dr. David Johnson's dental office to learn about how a dentist works. Dr. Johnson always makes this a fun and educational day.

We have enrolled four new students in Ms. Amy's class since the beginning of the year. God has certainly blessed us with these wonderful children.

Ms. Shelley's class is collecting tissue boxes, shoe boxes, and pliable plastic lids for some upcoming projects, so if you have some of these just lying around, we would love to take them off your hands. You can drop them off at my office.

As always, thank you for your support for our preschool.

- Barbara Krause, Preschool Director



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP THE POOREST OF THE POOR?

Mr. Peter Keller, President of Aid Africa, whose work is centered in Uganda, is coming to First Presbyterian Church February 27 and 28

February 27: Dutch Treat Dinner at 5:00pm Golden Corral (Highway 17) RSVP to 910-455-1265

February 28: Covered Dish Luncheon after worship

Need more information? Call 910-455-1265



HELP OUT AT CAMP KIRKWOOD!

CAMP KIRKWOOD WORKDAYS are scheduled to "spruce up" the camp from 9am to 3pm on **Saturday, January 30; Saturday, February 20, and Saturday March 6**. Help preserve a Presbytery treasure and share fellowship with fellow Presbyterians.

Jerome's Famous Hot Dogs provided for lunch. For details, contact Dewitt Miller at 910 289 2315



for January 2010

General Fund	\$14,790.00
Building Fund	4,091.00
Samaritan Fund.	1,236.71
Youth	555.00
TOTAL	\$30,672.71



"They joined the Fruit-of-the-Month Club, and everything was fine 'til they got to apple."

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A monthly publication of First Presbyterian Church—its purpose is to inform members and friends of the meetings and programs of the church, to provide newsworthy articles, and to strengthen communications in our church family. Contributions are welcome—direct them to the editor.

- Ministers The People of the Church
- Pastor Dr. John R. Kerr
- Choir Director Jeff Story
- Organist Sheila Miller
- Pre-School Director Barbara Krause
- Church Secretary Gloria Parker
- Newsletter editor Blanche Nichols 455-1265 or nchobo@ec.rr.com
- Deadline for March Network News Tuesday, February 23

Report from Meeting of Coastal Carolina Presbytery December 3, 2009

In attendance: 86 ministers, 18 CLPs, 106 commissioners, 50 visitors, 3 committee chairs.

Excused: 26 ministers, 5 sessions and 8 CLPs.

Locations of Presbytery meetings in 2010:

Saturday, March 6 First Church, Morehead City
 Thursday, June 17 Little Chapel on the Boardwalk
 Saturday, October 2 First Church, Lumberton
 Thursday, December 2 Undecided

Scotia Village Retirement Center is asking for Mothers Day and Fathers Day special offerings to benefit the retirement village. Scotia Village has not turned any retirees away because of their financial status, and needs help.

Morning Offering: During morning worship \$5984 of the \$7500 goal was collected to help build a health clinic in Comalcalo, partnering with the Presbytery in Tabasco, Mexico. We are asked to pray for the group commissioned from Coastal Carolina to go and help. More details are available in the Presbytery packet.

Outdoor Ministries: There is a plan for a 3 million renovation of Camp Monroe. None of the monies will come from Presbytery. A retreat will be held at Camp Monroe on January 28-28, 2010.

Honorable Retirements: Rev. Christopher Bobo and Rev. David F. McInnis.

Bonuses for Presbytery Staff: Council approved \$175 for each staff member.

Grants: Owen Carriker announced that grants are available for churches which are upgrading their technology and/or educational training.

For more detailed information about these items, go to Coastal Carolina's website and find it under Packets and Digests.

Submitted by Michele J. Wurtzel
 Your commissioner at December meeting



Looking Ahead!

MAY 1st
7:00am - Noon

Get ready to donate clean, new or used clothes (repaired, if need be), new/used appliances in working order, other assorted items. (NO computers.)



BIRTHDAYS

February 2010

- 2 Judy Woodard, Dorothy Swanson
- 3 Carol Transue
- 4 Coleman Maready
- 6 Kaye Bledsoe
- 10 Debra Griffin, Jake Southerland
- 12 Pete Andrews, Martha Jacob
- 13 Dot Keel
- 14 Carmen Minnis
- 15 Ivey Conekin, Steven Johnson
- 19 Lulu Conekin
- 20 Edward Hawes
- 22 Erika Gurganus
- 25 Melody Dempsey, Ron Griffin
- 26 Phillip MacIntyre
- 27 Pat Nelson, Lauren Payne
- 28 Juanita Grissom, Louis Sewell

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

from Barbara Krause
 2010 PW Moderator

Hopefully everyone had wonderful Christmas and New Year's holidays! Having our men as "new" guests at our annual Christmas gathering turned out to be as nice as we thought it would be.

We had a good turnout for our Church Women United meeting in early January, and we served about 60 ladies. Thanks to everyone who brought food and helped with the cleanup. Also, a big thanks to Leslie Kerr for the program which she presented.

On February 28th we will have a pot luck luncheon after worship, and we will hear about the work of Aid Africa from one of this charity's founders, Peter Keller. He will share with us some of the ways in which we can help with the needs of the Ugandans whom they serve. We have invited people from other churches to join us on Sunday, as well as at the get-together (5:00) at Golden Corral on Saturday the 27th. There is more information about this event in other parts of this newsletter. Read it carefully and be sure to mark your calendars. You do not want to miss Mr. Keller's message. (At this time our own Steven Worrell is working with the Peace Corps and Aid Africa in Uganda. He is in the first year of a two year commitment.)

Circle duties for February

- Fellowship time following worship Agape Class
- Special Needs Circle 2



PC(USA) Haiti Response -

The Presbyterian Church (USA) is responding through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). World Mission is in contact with and providing support to current personnel in Haiti. PDA is rushing \$209,000 to provide immediate emergency support to the earthquake survivors in Haiti. PDA seeks to raise \$500,000 for Haiti response efforts.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

GIVE – Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to DR000064. Gifts can be made online, by phone at

(800) 872-3283 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. (EST), or checks can be mailed to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Checks may also be mailed to the Presbytery office designated fund #DR000064.

ACT – Congregations and individuals can put together hygiene kits to be distributed through Church World Service. www.churchworldservice.org/site/PageServer?pagename=kits_main

PRAY – You can join with others in lifting up the people on Haiti and those seeing to provide aid in this critical time.

For information, visit www.pcusa.org/pda .



FOR YOUR INFORMATION: SESSION NOTES

Stated Session Meeting, December 15, 2009: Members from the current Class (including the retiring Class of 2009), and the incoming Class of 2012 present: Pete Andrews, Opal Amos, Hunter Hadley, Ed Hall, Anna Hamilton, Linda Hawes, Barbara Krause, Donna Kuegel, Sue Lowery, Downs Milner, John Phillips, Judy Roerman, Bobby Sheegog, and John Worrell. Dr. John Kerr, Pastor/Moderator, was also present. Charles Arnold, Jim Wayne, Harry Woodard, and Michele Wurtzel were excused.

Members discussed the proposed budget for 2010 and voted to hold a Special Called Meeting on January 19, 2010 for additional discussion/questions. The following volunteered as Ministry Team Moderators for 2010: John Phillips, Audit; Jim Wayne (with assistance from Opal Amos), Christian Education; Hunter Hadley, Evangelism/Missions; Judy Roerman, Fellowship; Linda Hawes/Downs Milner, Member Care; Ed Hall, Nominating; Donna Kuegel, Personnel; Anna Hamilton, Preschool; Barbara Krause, Property; Pete Andrews, Worship. Members approved a request from the Gideon Society to make a presentation at the February 14, 2010 worship service.

Called Session Meeting, January 19, 2010: Opal Amos, Pete Andrews, Charles Arnold, Ed Hall, Anna Hamilton, Linda Hawes, Barbara Krause, Donna Kuegel, Sue Lowery, Downs Milner, John Phillips, Judy Roerman, and Jim Wayne. Hunter Hadley was excused. Dr. John Kerr, Pastor/Moderator, was also present.

Action items included: approval of changing name of “Building Fund” to “Building/Maintenance Fund;” inclusion of anticipated income and expenses of Senior Dinners for Fellowship Ministry Team; approval of contribution to Coastal Carolina Presbytery’s Unified General Fund (Shared Missions) in the amount of \$9,000; approval of deleting Adopt-A-Student from the budget (to be revisited in six months); approval of maintenance contract on organ and retuning sanctuary piano (if cost can be included in contract price for organ); scheduling a Called Meeting on January 24, 2010 to finalize budget discussions/documents; calling a Congrega-

tional Meeting for January 31, 2010, to present budget and request approval of Pastor’s Terms of Call for 2010.

Called Session Meeting, January 24, 2010: Members present: Opal Amos, Pete Andrews, Charles Arnold, Ed Hall, Anna Hamilton, Linda Hawes, Barbara Krause, Donna Kuegel, Sue Lowery, Downs Milner, John Phillips, Judy Roerman, and Jim Wayne. Hunter Hadley was excused. Dr. John Kerr, Pastor/Moderator, was also present.

Action items included: approval of 2010 budget and Pastor’s Terms of Call for 2010; approval of designating a special offering on January 31, 2010, for Haitian relief (to be made through Coastal Carolina Presbytery’s Disaster Assistance Fund).

Stated Session Meeting, January 26, 2010: Members present: Opal Amos, Pete Andrews, Charles Arnold, Ed Hall, Anna Hamilton, Barbara Krause, Donna Kuegel, Sue Lowery, Downs Milner, John Phillips, John Phillips, and Judy Roerman. Also present were Dr. John Kerr, Pastor/Moderator, and Tony Amos, Treasurer. Hunter Hadley and Jim Wayne were excused. Linda Hawes was absent.

Discussion items included: review of Treasurer’s Report by Tony Amos; Souper Bowl of Caring on February 7, 2010; February 27 Dutch treat dinner at Golden Corral (17th and Western) with Peter Keller of Aid Africa and February 28 church potluck lunch with Mr. Keller making a presentation.

Action items included: selection of Charles Arnold as volunteer to be Stewardship Ministry Team Moderator; approval of yard sale on May 1 (clothes must be clean and repaired/ no computer items); approval for Regional Leadership Council to hold Christian Education workshops at First Presbyterian on May 15, 2010; approval of 2009 Statistical Report; election of Barbara Krause, President, Tony Amos, Treasurer, and Sue Lowery, Secretary of the corporation for 2010; election of Anna Hamilton, Delegate, and Sue Lowery, Alternate, to the March meeting of Coastal Carolina Presbytery in Morehead City; approval of baptism for Mike and Jennifer Shull’s infant daughter, Lillianne on a date to be determined.



FEBRUARY 7TH Will be SOUPER and SUPER!

This national event, held every year on the same Sunday as the NFL's Super Bowl, is traditionally led by youth who stand at sanctuary exits in congregations following worship services and collect \$1 and/or one can of food from each parishioner in the container which bears "their" team's label.

The money and food collected benefits local, national, and international anti-hunger efforts. The amount each congregation collects is reported that day to the national Souper Bowl office by phone or online, and the national total is posted online as it grows.

Each congregation decides where and how their collection is distributed. First Presbyterian supports the Soup Kitchen of Onslow Community Outreach, where our monies and donations are much needed. In December alone 20,966 meals were served there! This activity has continual challenges, one of which is caused by the high cost of gasoline, which is needed to power the trucks.

Our church will again participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring, so bring your dollars and your gifts of food (particularly peanut butter and jelly) on February 7th to "vote" for your choice of winners in the Super Bowl.

Following worship we will share a soup lunch. You may bring salads or desserts to go with the soups and sandwiches which will be provided by the Christian Education and the Fellowship Committees.

Hopefully we at First Presbyterian will double our contribution to the Soup Kitchen from last year.

Go Saints! Go Colts!

Hymn for Souper Bowl

Below is a hymn for Souper Bowl Sunday, written by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, co-pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Pitman, NJ. It is sung to the tune of *There's A Wideness in God's Mercy*.

God, You Give Us Recreation

God, you give us recreation, rest and play when work is through,
Game and sport and celebration, times that challenge and renew.
In the days we spend together, in the feasts that we prepare,
In the times of joy and laughter, may we know your loving care.

Yet, O Lord, we see you crying for the ones who know no rest,
For your children, hungry, dying, for the homeless and oppressed.
May we, as your sons and daughters, share with open heart and hand,
Till your justice flows like waters to the poor throughout the land.

Bless, O Christ, our gifts of caring, for we know without a doubt:
Soup and bread are made for sharing, hands are made for reaching out.
Even in our times of playing, may we keep the vision clear:
Keep us serving, loving, praying, welcoming your kingdom here.

Based on:
Exodus 20:8, 34:21, 16:22-30; Ecclesiastes 3:12-13, 9:7-9; Deuteronomy 15:11; Amos 5:24; Mark 6:34-44; Matthew 6:10

Also on February 7th!

What better way to spend a part of the afternoon between morning worship and the game's kickoff than sharing a **soup luncheon** in our Fellowship Hall? Everyone is invited to bring a favorite soup to enjoy with our church family. See you then!



**SHARING SOUPS
IN FELLOWSHIP**



About Scholarships - News You Can Use

It's almost Springtime, so it's Scholarship Time again! These scholarships are listed in the order of the deadline for applying for them. Applications are available in the church office.

February 15th - *The Coastal Carolina Presbytery Presbyterian Women Scholarship* is offered to any full-time student from the Presbytery who is a member of Presbyterian Church (USA) of proven scholastic ability and who needs financial assistance to further his/her education.

April 1st - The Dan and Mary Southerland Family Scholarship is offered to any resident of Onslow County, a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and a high school graduate with a financial need for assistance in higher edu-

cation. Applicants must show evidence of acceptance to a college or university.

April 1st - *The Nell Maultsby Scholarship* is available to any young person who is a member of First Presbyterian Church and has had a satisfactory rating for continued education beyond high school.

June 1st - *The Ruby Ennis Maynard Scholarship* provides educational opportunities for the mature woman who has been out of the work force for a period of time, or who needs to upgrade her skills or education in order to succeed in her career, or who needs to change careers in order to improve her earning ability. Application forms are available in the church office or online through The Triangle Community Foundation.

The Center is now offering specialized counseling for people struggling with chronic illness and cancer. This program, the Sam Mann Healing Partnership, was named for a well-loved Wilmington lawyer who succumbed to melanoma in 1999. Sam's courage and grace in dealing with his illness gave us inspiration to start this program.

Our program provides what we call mind/body/spirit counseling to anyone affected by chronic illness or cancer, including patients, caregivers, friends, and family members. We provide a safe environment to identify and explore the array of feelings and issues that may arise with a chronic illness or cancer diagnosis. There is no "normal" way to feel, and we honor and respect each person's unique response.

I am excited to be coordinator for the Sam Mann Healing Partnership and would like to ask for your help in spreading the word about this unique program. If you or someone you know could benefit from our services, please feel free to give me a call at the Presbyterian Counseling Center (910-452-7370). We are here to help!

Learn more at presbyteriancounselingcenter.org

- Catherine C. Butler

At the Center we see quite a number of clients who are in their 20s, many of them single. The task of developing self-reliance, in some aspect or another, comes up frequently in counseling as young women and men face the victories and defeats of early adulthood. This task is crucially important because it involves consciously shaping one's self by choosing and practicing individual values and life patterns.

Learning to set standards of excellence and integrity for oneself is a healthy way of claiming God's good purposes for one's life. Learning to grab hold of tough problems, for example, wrestling with those problems and resolving them, while resisting the temptation to dodge or over-delegate responsibility to others nurtures one's confidence. Letting go of the inclination to over rely on parents is not always easy, but is a sure step toward self-reliance. And practicing self-reliance in one's relationships often leads toward making wise choices in finding a life partner. Marriage, after all, is best entered into when both partners have developed the esteem for themselves and for each other which accompanies self-reliance.

The Center's five therapists are available to work closely and sensitively with young adults who are navigating their way through this momentous third decade of life.

Check us out at presbyteriancounselingcenter.org

- George R. Slaton



SUPPORT FOR THE ONSLOW WOMEN'S CENTER

Women who escape from domestic violence often leave their situations with nothing but the clothes on their backs. They can find refuge in the Onslow County Women's Center. As they strive to start over they need to find jobs, and the "Beauty Bags" which our circles are preparing will help them with the changes in their lives. The *Peace and Justice* and *Together in Service* Ministry Teams of Presbyterian Women are combining efforts in meeting this evangelism project within our own community.

Each circle is ask to prepare and provide up to five (5) bags. You may use large cosmetic bags or large zip lock bags; it is best to use trial or travel size items. (The dollar stores are economical places to shop.) Please leave your bags on the provided table in the choir room on or before February 10th, so that they can be delivered as Valentine gifts to the women.

Put your heart into it! Make your bags as though they are for yourselves... Some suggested inclusions are:

- Makeup:
- neutral lip stick
 - neutral blush
 - black or brown eye liner
 - black or brown mascara
 - neutral eye color
- face cleanser
facial moisturizer
body lotion
neutral nail polish
nail polish remover
manicure kit
comb, brush, or pick
hairspray
perfume (sample size)
deodorant
tweezers

- Other suggested items:
- disposable razors
 - acne products
 - ethnic products
 - shampoo
 - conditioner
 - tooth brush
 - tooth paste
 - dental floss
 - soap
 - shower cap

REMINDER:

Deliver these to the choir room on or before February 10th



At Home

Lei Ashley John Miller
 Carol Bodenhamer Julia Mitchell
 Olive Downing Mary
 Tom Elliott Southerland
 Doris Jones Lib Taylor
 Eloise Walton

In a Nursing Home or A Rehab Center

Claude Duppstadt—Hampstead
 Evelyn Gillenwater—Liberty Commons
 Juanita Grissom—Season's Cove,
 148 Cox Ave., Richlands 28574
 Kit Maultsby—Parish Family Home
 856 Claude Scott Road, Warsaw, NC 28398
 Peggy Mosser—Liberty Commons
 Bea Ruse—Liberty Commons
 Olese Walton—Liberty Commons
 Billie Whitwell—Tarboro

Friends of the Church

Baby Mia Holland Sarah O'Berry
 Ken Lowe Audi Sundstrom

Please send cards & letters to

Cameron Kuegel 1159948
 ERC
 20513 US Hwy 301 N
 St Paul, NC 28384



Extended Family

Lei Ashley's daughters, Debra & Sandra
 Carol Hayes Bodenhamer
 Hope Damerville, Michele Wurtzel's mom
 Thelma Hall's daughters, Sylvia Zarrias & Nita Rivenbark
 Dot Keel's daughter, Lee Keel
 Vicki Krause, Bob Krause's aunt
 Connie Kitchen's mom, Frances Powell
 Glendora Quinn's daughter, Julie Heitkemper
 Midge Reed's grandson, Teddy Shuman,
 and his parents, Thom and Bonnie
 Les Thornton—Angela Thornton's father

Deployed:

Taylor Croom	Leo Hunnicutt
Joe Cullman	Hunter McNamara
Tom Hirn	Stephen Shull



to the families and friends of **Diana DeKleuver** and **Florence Henson**, who have joined the Church Triumphant. They were cherished members of our church family for many years.

Connie Kellum thanks everyone for their prayers, cards, and support during her mother Diana's illness and death.

FROM OUR PASTOR (continued from p. 1)

Even Martin Luther, possibly the greatest Bible scholar of his age, still lived with the conviction that demons surrounded him at every turn. Many Europeans still refer to the "Black One" and the old Scots still speak of "Black Donald." It's even considered dangerous to speak his name! Many still fear the influence of the evil one.

Now, I'm not saying that they're wrong, or that the demons aren't out there—but we who belong to Jesus have nothing to fear. God's promise to us in Jesus Christ is that we are safely in his hands (John 10:28). Perhaps our lack of interest in Satan is really our focus on the Lord of life!

Yet we need to acknowledge that there is something to fear if you do not know Him, and that our task as believers in him is to introduce Him to those who don't know Him. And if you are interested in learning a bit more about demons—from a Christian point of view—come and join in a study of *The Screwtape Letters* this Lent. It will be a delightful journey into temptation and out again through the wit and wisdom of C. S. Lewis. Stay tuned for further details!

Be blessed and be a blessing, John

THINKING OF LENT



Advent prepares us for Christ's birth; Lent prepares us for the glorious act of Christ's resurrection. Churches have special services during the weeks of Lent, but it's what each of us does regarding our spiritual life that makes Lent most meaningful.

Lent is a good time to read, study and inwardly digest the four gospels. (The word *gospel* means "good news.")

A college student decided to work his way through Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John for his Lenten devotional time. Soon he was fascinated by the stories, such as the Pharisees and Sadducees trying to trap Jesus in debate. The brilliant Jesus handled every occasion with wisdom, leaving the authorities dumbfounded.

During his devotional time, the student was filled with laughter and amazement at the brilliant son of God, who was only in his 30s. Get to know the good news, and you'll understand the young man's amazement.

* Assistants in Worship for Sundays in February



Date	Liturgist	Usher Team Leader	Treasurer Assistant	Fellowship
February 7	Jim Wayne	Charles Arnold	Donna Kuegel	Souper Bowl
February 14	Opal Amos	Anna Hamilton	John Phillips	Agape Class
February 21	Jim Wayne	Ed Hall	Anna Hamilton	Agape Class
February 28	Judy Roermerman	Sue Lowery	Downs Milnerl	Special Covered Dish

If your name appears above and you are unable to serve, please secure a replacement.



Date	Provided by
February 7	Open
February 14	Judy & Dan Roermerman
February 21	Open
February 28	Open

You may volunteer to provide flowers by signing the poster on the bulletin board across from the work room.



Workshops promoting Christian Education and Stewardship, with special emphasis on Stewardship

February 13, from 9:00am to 1:00pm

HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
111 Highland Avenue
Fayetteville, NC 28305

SPEAKER: Rev. Tim Beach-Verhey, pastor at Faison Presbyterian Church (former professor at Davidson College)

JOIN US FOR:

1. Keynote address: "Stewardship is not a Season: God's Call and Christian Living," presented by Dr. Beach-Verhey
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