





## NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL

Just a short note from our Preschool. The first week of our new summer camp program was great. We had 14 children! The theme was centered around cooking, letting the children try their hands on how it is to prepare different foods.

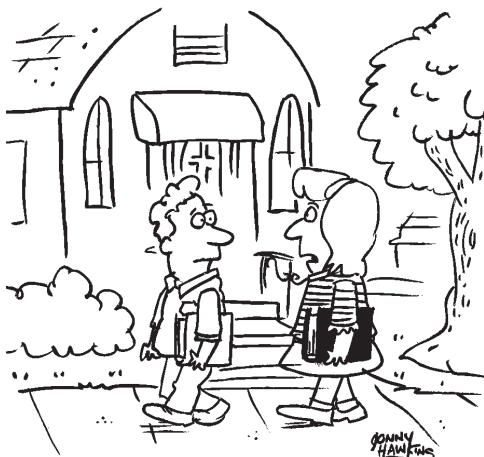
On July 11-15 our theme will be Farm Week. On July 25-29 the theme will be Gross-ology (Insects and Worms). During the final week, August 8-12, the children will enjoy learning about Waters and Oceans. The cost is \$125.00 for each week. If you have a child or know of someone that you think will be interested, please call the church office for a registration form. This is a great opportunity for a child to have a fun week and for the parent to have a few hours to do errands. The hours are 9:00 to 2:00. Hope to hear from you. Have a great summer!

## 2011 LOV AWARDS August 17

The Congregational Care Ministry Team invites you to mark your calendars for Sunday, July 17, 2011. The 2011 LOV Awards recipients will be honored during our church service to be followed by a covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a covered dish and *don't forget those delicious desserts!*



**A LIFETIME OF VOLUNTEERISM**



"They must have had some form of email. The Apostle Paul wrote the epistles."

## July and August



July 1	Lloyd Koonce, Lyn Roberts, Eloise Walton
July 5	Allen Amos
July 7	David Johnson
July 9	Judy Koonce, Will Pelham
July 15	Harry Lord
July 17	Virginia Sartelle
July 19	Heather Swanson
July 22	Lib Sheegog, Betty Wiggins
July 24	Harry Woodard, Rose Robinson
July 27	Rusty East
July 29	Denise Story, Makala Bowden/Dempsey
July 30	John Phillips, Louis Shields, Jennie Southerland
July 31	Sandra House
August 2	David Dillingham, Sheila Miller
August 3	Ed Steward
August 6	Esz Cabamalan, Sara Southerland
August 8	Shelby Hunter, Jack Shull
August 9	Mary Southerland
August 12	Patrick Lamb
August 13	Donovan Channell
August 14	Leslie Kerr
August 16	John Kerr
August 18	Joshua Payne
August 24	Frank Dill
August 25	Delores Worrell
August 26	James Hunter, Mary Ellen Andrews
August 29	Justin Southerland
August 31	Adrienne Story



for May 2011

General Fund	\$18,027.09
Building Fund	2,010.00
Samaritan Fund	325.00
Youth	265.00
TOTAL	\$20,627.90

### Network News of The First Presbyterian Church

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION: SESSION NOTES

- Sue Lowery, Clerk of Session

COMMISSIONER'S PRESBYTERY REPORT June 16, 2011

Rev. Dr. John Kerr, Sue Lowery (Elder Commissioner) and Blanche Nichols (Visitor/Alternate Commissioner) attended the 93rd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina at Highland Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville on June 16, 2011. At the morning report, there were 73 ministers, 114 Elders (representing 109 Sessions), 17 CLPs, 2 committee chairs, and 24 visitors present.

Rev. Kathy Beach-Verhey, co-pastor at Faison Presbyterian Church with her husband, Tim Beach-Verhey (my tablemate at the Presbyterian Pilgrimage last March), gave the morning worship sermon. She used Mark 4:35-41, the account of Jesus calming the angry, turbulent sea. She likened it to our denomination in its present, turbulent storm over recent adoption of changes to the Book of Order. Although the winds may howl and the waves may crash upon the shore, if we maintain our faith in and dependence on Jesus, He will guide our boat through these times and will be with us, always.

Dr. David Waller remarked on a recent issue of *Presbyterians Today* highlighting First Presbyterian, Fayetteville, for its work with military families. That issue contains quotes from a Licensed Clinical Social Worker at Camp Lejeune who provides resiliency training under a Navy program, FOCUS (Families OverComing Under Stress). Laura Lupton, Mission Coordinator for the West Community, talked about how this Presbytery is responding to recent tornadoes in the area and training from the Presbyterian Disaster Agency to provide response, recovery, and long-term care for those affected. John Causey, minister at Shallotte Presbyterian Church, pointed out that a recent *Presbyterians Today* has an updated issue on "What Presbyterians Believe." Copies are available at our church office.

Leadership School will be held at Sampson Community College on Saturday, September 17, with workshops ranging from predestination to PW's Horizon Bible study to caring for aging parents to church finances to the missional church to tips for the church choir – in other words, there is a workshop for EVERYONE in the church! Keynote speaker will be Carole Howard-Merritt, author of *The Tribal Church: Ministering to the Missing Generation*. This book delves into how we can minister to the younger generation.

Candidates Robbie Phillips (once our East Region Coordinator) and Tyler Williams were admitted to the floor for ordination and were approved. Jeremy Wilhelmi, Johnnie Bennett, and Jerry Bron were received into the Presbytery as Member at Large as Director of Camp & Programming at Monroe Camp & Retreat Center (Wilhelmi) and as Honorably Retired member (Bennett and Bron).

A special offering, with a goal of \$1,675, was sponsored by the Committee on Mission on Outreach, to benefit the Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia. As usual, Presbyterians gave freely and over \$1,700 was donated.

Presbytery will meet again on Saturday, October 15, Pollocksville Presbyterian Church. It is too close for you to miss it! We should have several visitors from Jacksonville at that meeting.

Again, I thank you for the opportunity to represent First Presbyterian Church at these meetings. God is good!

Sue Lowery  
Commissioner

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## WHATEVER THE WEATHER

No matter the forecast, weather can remind us of God's presence:

- *When it's sunny*, remember that Jesus is the light of the world (John 8:12).
- *When it's cloudy*, remember that God often spoke to and guided his people from a cloud (Exodus 13:21-22).
- *During a thunderstorm*, remember the thunder and lightning when God beckoned Moses to Mount Sinai (Exodus 19:16).
- *When it rains or snows*, remember that God's Word serves his purpose just as precipitation does (Isaiah 55:10-11).
- *When it's windy*, remember that "a wind from God" came at Creation (Genesis 1:2), and God's Holy Spirit arrived at Pentecost like a mighty wind (Acts 2:2).





**WE GOOTED!**

**HELP!!!  
TO ALL MEMBERS**

The centennial booklet presented to those present at the celebration on June 5 was a labor of enjoyment for me to complete. It has been discovered, however, that some names of elders and deacons were omitted. If you know that your name or someone in your family is one of these, please call the church office. I want to complete corrections of these listings as well as a correct updated history before sending this information to the Presbyterian Heritage Center for archival. Again I say, **PLEASE** call the church office. We do not want any person to be omitted from the history or these listings. It was an unfortunate oversight and it will be corrected. Everyone's involvement over our past 100 years is very much appreciated and everyone needs to be included. Your dates of service are not necessary. But please help me to make it accurate. Thanks very much; I apologize to all whose name was left off.

Delores Worrell

P. S. I realize that the CLP program information was omitted also. I switched back and forth between my worksheets and the one with the CLP info did not get to the printer. I realized after and before printing, but too late to have him make the changes. I will add that to the correct book before sending it on to the Center. Also, I neglected to include the sign out front donated by the Mosser family. I'll add that. I regret that there are errors. I am sorry about it, but it is inevitable that there will be mistakes in a project this large. Now I want everything added before we forget again and I will submit it to the Heritage Center. Ask around and call the office if there are other oversights.

**SESSION NOTES**

- Sue Lowery, Clerk of Session

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**At a Called Session Meeting on June 12, 2011** (Elders present: Opal Amos, Anna Hamilton, Linda Hawes, Bob Krause, Sue Lowery, Downs Milner, Blanche Nichols, John Phillips, Jim Wayne), motion was made and approved that 10% of congregation constitute a quorum. Because congregational approval is required, a congregational meeting was scheduled for June 26 to establish a quorum. Quorum for Stated or Called Session Meetings was set at 50% +1, with three active Elders plus the Moderator constituting a quorum for receiving new members. Study leave was granted for the pastor August 24 through August 28.

**At a Called "Cyber" Session Meeting on June 12, 2011** (Elders responding: Opal Amos, Anna Hamilton, Linda Hawes, Bob Krause, Sue Lowery, Downs Milner, Blanche Nichols, John Phillips, Jim Wayne, Harry Woodard), postponement of the annual picnic/dessert auction from June 26 was approved.

**At a Congregational Meeting on June 26**, sections G-7, G-10, and G-14 of the 2009-2011 *Book of Order* were adopted as transitional manuals until new administrative manuals can be prepared as called for in the *Book of Order* revisions recommended by the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and approved by presbyteries.

**At a Stated Session Meeting June 28** (Elders present: Opal Amos, Anna Hamilton, Linda Hawes, Bob Krause, Sue Lowery, Blanche Nichols, John Phillips, Jim Wayne, Harry Woodard), vacation leave from July 18-25 and from August 16-23 was approved for the Pastor; October 9 was set as date for annual church picnic/dessert auction; a task force (Bob Krause, Chair, Jim Wayne, Blanche Nichols, Linda Hawes, John Kerr, Dorothy Swanson, Barbara Krause, Sue Lowery, and Roger Moore, legal counsel) was established to create a sexual misconduct policy required by recent amendments to *Book of Order*; members had extensive discussion on upcoming unbudgeted building/maintenance fund expenditures to replace sanctuary HVAC and some exterior doors, as well as increasing utility costs.



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



## Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus Was A Kid

A huge thanks to Brad Kuegel for the pictures!



# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Presbyterian Women  
**FALL GATHERING**

**August 20, 2011**

9:00-2:00

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Fayetteville, NC

Register online at <http://www.presbycc.org>



On behalf of Eleanore Mayo Maulsby, the Creative Ministries Team of Presbyterian Women has had the privilege of awarding two fine men with scholarships from the fund established in her honor. Ms. Maulsby encouraged her immediate family and church family to pursue their educations and to pay it forward. Allen Amos and Nelson Edmundson have heeded her advice and are deeply committed to achieving their educational goals. Nelson is a Junior at North Carolina/ Chapel Hill majoring in History. Allen is finishing his first year of graduate school at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor ( Master of Music Degree).

*Do not follow where the path may lead— go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.*

**FROM OUR PASTOR** (continued from p. 1)

Jesus is saying some amazing things with this parable. For one, the father (whom we all recognize as God) has been treated shamefully, and yet bears with that treatment out of love for his wayward children. For another, the elder brothers (the Pharisees and scribes who are grumbling in verse 2) who should be seeking out those wayward children have instead condemned them to the pigsties of their rebellion. The true elder brother, the one who has come to seek and save the lost, is none other than Jesus himself. When the younger brothers (and sisters!) are finally found and brought home, celebration and rejoicing are the only responses we can make.

But Keller also makes another point: that there are many people out in the world who have tried the church, never to return. The reason, he says, is that so many churches are filled with “elder brothers,” those who really do not care that there are wayward children that the Father is longing to bring home. They would like them to wander in, to come and be a part of what’s going on, but when those



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# CENTERPOINT

- Ann C. Thacker,  
Clinical Director

Physical neglect of children can be fairly easily determined. The children who are consistently dirty, hungry, seen wandering the neighborhood at inappropriate hours and who seem to have little supervision may well be physically neglected.

Emotional neglect of a child may be less obvious to an observer and thus more difficult to determine. Emotional neglect takes various forms and its impact can be lifelong.

Lack of attention is a form of emotional neglect. Certainly no parent can devote all their attention to a child, nor should they, but never showing interest in a child's thoughts, feelings, or activities conveys the message the child is not important.

Withholding affection when a child falls short of parents' expectations can make a child feel unworthy and like a failure.

Not allowing children to pursue their own interests or spend time with friends can result in inhibited personality and emotional development.

Work to show interest in your child's thoughts, feelings and activities; let them know you love them even though you may not be happy with their behavior. Nurture them with lots of affection and encouragement and allow them to pursue interests and friendships. This will help them become emotionally healthy individuals. The Presbyterian Counseling Center can help people with parenting concerns. Call 910-452-7370 or visit our website.

people do, they are often treated as outsiders. One of the saddest things I ever heard was the lament of a long-time member of a former church who was troubled that a new worship service would bring in so many “outsiders” to the church. But that is Jesus’ whole point! We are called to make “outsiders” into “insiders,” strangers into friends and even into brothers and sisters. Actually, we don’t do that—the Holy Spirit does that. But we can be a part of it, and we can remember that there once was a time that we too were outsiders. Once our faith was not our own; once we did not really know Jesus Christ as our Lord.

I’m so thankful to be a part of a church where people can come and find their place in the household of God. I pray that we can find more ways to draw in God’s wayward children, and that if there are barriers in their way, that we can remove them. May God form us into the very likeness of the true Elder Brother, Jesus Christ!

In his love, John

**At Home**

Lei Ashley Donna McIntyre  
 Carol Bodenhamer Pat Nelson  
 Tom Elliott Judy Roerman  
 James Hunter Mary Southerland  
 John Miller Lib Taylor



**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  
 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  
 Dr. David Walker

**In a Hospital, Nursing Home or Rehab Center**

Claude Duppstadt—Hampstead  
 Evelyn Gillenwater—Liberty Commons  
 Peggy Mosser—Liberty Commons  
 Lillianna Shull—University of Michigan Hospital  
 Billie Whitwell—Tarboro  
 Betty Wiggins—Premiere

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 Ann Arbor, MI 48105

**Deployed:**

Charles Arnold  
 LCpl Darrell DeKleuver  
 Leo Hunnicutt  
 Chuck Lamb

**Friends of the Church:**

Mia Holland Sarah O'Berry  
 Ken Lowe Noel Rogers

**Another Important Address:**

Cadet Swanson, Jessica  
 Maxwell 3, LTMA Flight  
 501 Lemay Place N.  
 Maxwell, AL 36112

*Jessica is in Boot Camp. She would love hearing from us; cutoff date is July 8.*

**LEARNING ABOUT WHAT WE BELIEVE**



SUMMER BRINGS MANY ACTIVITIES!

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

SUMMER ADVENTURES return after the Fourth of July. We are planning five activities--see front page for dates. You may sign up at the church to participate:

- (1) Attending a Kinston Indians game: this is the last year for the Indians!
- (2) The Papa's Farm outing was a lot of fun last year, so we are repeating it.
- (3) Fort Macon State Park on Emerald Isle (Bring your own picnic).
- (4) Bowling in Jacksonville.
- (5) Moore's Creek Battlefield Park, just beyond Burgaw. (Bring your own picnic).

We have chosen activities that we think the whole family can enjoy. Be sure to plan to join us.

- from Jim Wayne,  
 Christian Education Chairman

"If we ever forget we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under."

Ronald Reagan



**KEEPING AWAY THE COLD**

It's hard to think about cold weather when the summer is upon us, but you might remember that cold Sunday last winter where we had to move to the Fellowship Hall until we could repair our heating system. Well, you may also recall that they told us that our 50-year old heater was coming to the end of its life. Estimates for replacement of the heater (and two leaky doors) are around \$17,000! Actually, those costs are not bad for what we need to do—but we need your help! Our Building Maintenance Fund is the place where we set aside the necessary money to take care of such needs. If you feel that God is leading you to help—even if it's only a little bit—we all would be deeply grateful! Please pray for this need. If God is leading you to respond, just make a note on your check or your offering envelope to "Building Maintenance Fund." Your prayers will make the difference!



## \* Assistants in Worship for Sundays in July and August



Date	Liturgist	Usher Team Leader	Treasurer Assistant
July 3	Opal Amos	Pete Andrews	Opal Amos
July 10	Blanche Nichols	Bob Krause	Downs Milner
July 17	Jim Wayne	Bob Krause	Anna Hamilton
July 24	Sue Lowery	John Phillips	Anna Hamilton
July 31	Jim Wayne	Sue Lowery	Harry Woodard
August 7	Bob Krause	Linda Hawes	Downs Milner
August 14	Blanche Nichols	Harry Woodard	Harry Woodard
August 21	Opal Amos	Sue Lowery	Anna Hamilton
August 28	Jim Wayne	Anna Hamilton	John Phillips

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

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS



#### Date

July 3  
July 10  
July 17  
July 24  
July 31  
August 7  
August 14  
August 21  
August 28

#### Provided by

Dan and Judy Roerman  
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the Whalley family  
Bobby, Ang, Ella, & Ben Sheegog  
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Open  
John Kerr  
Pete and Gladys McMillan  
Open

#### to the Glory of God and

in memory of John  
in memory of Julia Mitchell on her birthday  
to honor Lib on her birthday  
  
in honor of Leslie

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