



The Grapevine

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MIDTERM REPORT

As we reach the middle of the year (and man, where has the first half of 2009 gone??), I got to thinking about the letter I sent to each of you back in January – a letter that acknowledged the struggling economy's impact on the local church and the amazing opportunity this presents us. In that letter I suggested six ways for each member of First Presbyterian to make a concrete difference in the work and ministry of the church. To recap:

- ***Worship regularly***
- ***Pledge to give your time to at least one Missions outlet this year***
- ***Pledge to be involved in the work of one ministry team***
- ***Pledge to participate in two educational opportunities in the coming year***
- ***Look for ways you can make a difference in your church***
- ***Pledge to God your talents and, when the time comes, your money***

Obviously from my vantage point I can only speak to a few of these. I've noticed, as I'm sure many of you have, that our worship services have been well-attended over the past five months. In addition we've had a fair number of visitors each Sunday, many of whom keep coming back. I truly believe this is a testament to the warmth and spirit you all exude as a congregational family; and for that I am most grateful.

I've also noticed how our missions outreach continues to receive lots of support – although there is a tendency for the same group of people to be involved over and over again. While it's wonderful to have a consistent contingency, it's also important for new folks to come on board. If you haven't served a meal for Friends Feeding Friends or signed up to collect church recycling, consider doing so.

We had a number of people turn in Time & Talent forms back in Spring Stewardship, and that information has been shared with the session and the ministry teams. You should have received some kind of contact from an elder in the area you volunteered for – if you haven't, please let me know.

There's a lot I can observe from my vantage point as to how we're doing halfway through the year on these six points, but there's also a lot I can't see. Ultimately it comes down to *you* and how you choose to respond. It is so easy, as I mentioned in a sermon a few weeks ago, for the church to hover in "maintenance mode" and not enter the "inner court" of the world, where the church's calling truly lies. I believe with all my heart that the church universal needs to strive to be something more – and I really believe that our church is moving in that direction. Again, I'm most grateful.

As we enter the summer months, let me invite you to keep these six points in mind. Blessings to each of you for being the wonderful people of God that you are!

Church Financial Update

Total Contributions Received for May:	\$ 13,591.05
Total Contributions Received for 2009:	\$ 85,522.07
2009 Budgeted Pledged & Non-pledged Giving:	\$ 248,494.00

Yokefellow Ministry

June Food(s) of the Month:

Canned Milk
Canned Meat

July Food(s) of the Month:

Cooking Oil
Canned Fruit

Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed on **Friday, July 3rd**, to observe the Independence holiday. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Session Meeting

We will have our monthly Session meeting on **Sunday, August 2nd** at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Cents-A-Bility Offering

Bring your offering to worship on **Sunday, June 7th and Sunday, July 5th..** Remember - your small part can make such a big difference!

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please submit your articles for the August newsletter no later than **Monday, July 20th.** Any items received after this date will be published at a later time.

Children & Youth Summer Sunday School

During the summer months of June, July and August, The Christian Nurture Team will not offer a children's or youth Sunday School rotation. Classes will resume on **Sunday, September 6th.**

Graduation Lunch

On **Sunday, June 7th**, there will be a covered dish lunch in the Fellowship Hall to honor our graduates and their parents. Bring your favorite dishes and come celebrate our newest class of graduates as they head out into the world.

June/July Ushers and Lockup

June Head Usher: Jane Rountree
June Side Usher: C. J. Karcanes
June Alternate: Holly Mills
July Head Usher: **Jim Younger**
July Side Usher: Libby Pell
July Alternate: Cathy McCluskey

Little Church Volunteers

June 7 No Little Church - Youth Sunday
June 14 Kelly & Anna Merritt
June 21 Legh & Catherine Beal
June 28 Kate Brown & Shelley McCluskey
July 5 Kim & Mariah Branch
July 12 Jim & Amy Robertson
July 19 Nancy & Joseph Dixon
July 26 Carol & Claire Draughn

Flowers for Sunday Worship

June 7 Tony & Debbie Stoltz
June 14 Claire Merritt
June 21 David & Millie Beal
June 28 Anne Turpin Cody
July 5 Sparks Family
July 12 Bob & Lydia Taylor
July 19 Mark & Shasta Brown
July 26 Open

Worship Nursery Volunteers

June 7 Lorie Lindsley
June 14 Julia Ann Banfield
June 21 Amy Robertson
June 28 Betty Street
July 5 Kate Brown
July 12 Amy Sparks
July 19 Ethelene Edwards
July 26 Lydia Taylor

Presbyterian Women

Circle 1 will meet on **Tuesday, June 2nd**, at 10:00 a.m. We will meet **at** the church and travel to Dobson to the home of Lydia Taylor for a Bible study. We'll have lunch after the study at the Lantern Restaurant.

Bob Chilton Memorial Bible Study

2nd & 4th Wednesdays
8:00 a.m.
Good Life Café

Vacation Bible School for Children & Adults

Mark your calendars for **June 14-17** for a wonderful VBS. We will have classes for all ages—preschool through adult. We will also offer dinner each night, so please sign up if you plan to attend.

VBS Kick-off Picnic and Kickball Challenge

On **Sunday, June 14**, we will meet at Westwood Park for a cookout and picnic as our kickoff for VBS. The church will furnish hotdogs, hamburgers & the fixin's as well as drinks. We ask that everyone else bring side dishes and desserts. After we eat, we'll head to the ball field for a game of kickball. Come out and eat, play ball or just cheer for your favorite team. Either way, it will be a great evening!

June Birthdays

July Birthdays

June Anniversaries

July Anniversaries



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Beacon News

Beacons to Emerald Pointe Water Park

The Beacons, their chaperones, family and friends will head out to Emerald Pointe on **Wednesday, July 29th**, for a day of fun in the water. The cost for the day will be \$24.00; \$16.00 for people under 48" tall. This covers your park admission and access to all rides.

Reservations and ticket money are due in to the church office no later than **Sunday, July 26th**. Friends are welcome, but their money must be turned in by the due date as well. You will need extra money for any snacks and novelties.



Beacon Mission Trip and Montreat Prayer Partners

Your prayer letters for the Beacons over the last several years have meant so much to them; more than you will probably ever know. Shasta is currently seeking a number of people who would be willing to be a prayer partner for one of the Beacon mission or Montreat travelers and their chaperones. Prayer partners agree to pray daily for their Beacon. In addition, we ask that you write a letter to them that they will receive while on their trip.

Prayer partner letters must be turned in to Shasta by:

- **Mission Trip letters—Sunday, July 12th**
- **Montreat letters—Sunday, July 26th**

If you would be willing to be a prayer partner or would like more information, please contact Shasta.



Montreat Youth Conference

Please be in prayer for our youth who will be attending the Montreat Youth Conference August 2-8. Pray that they will feel God's presence and that the week will be a growing experience for each of them. **Final money for Montreat is due into Shasta by Sunday, June 28th.**

Youth-Led Worship Service

Please make plans to join us on **Sunday, June 7th**, as our youth lead us in worship. They have been hard at work planning a deeply spiritual and moving morning of worship and praise. We hope you will plan to join us and support our youth as they share their faith and love of Jesus Christ. We will also recognize our graduating seniors during worship.

Massanetta Middle School Conference

Please be in prayer for Steve and our Middle School youth as they attend the conference, June 23-26.

Youth on the Town

During the months of June, July and August, the Beacons will **not** meet on Sundays; **instead**, we will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:30. As we hit the town on Wednesday nights (and maybe some other nights as well) this summer, keep four things in mind: God, food, fun and fellowship. It is going to be a great summer! Some things we have coming up are: swimming, fun and games with the Hatchers, a scavenger hunt around town, picnic on the Parkway, Emerald Pointe, Barter Theater for "The Wizard of Oz" ...and so much more! Watch your e-mail for more details and exact dates and times of events. **Parents, please remember our numbers have grown! We'll need drivers for some of these events.** If you can assist, please let Shasta know.

The History of Father's Day

Father's Day, contrary to popular misconception, was not established as a holiday in order to help greeting card manufacturers sell more cards. In fact, when a "father's day" was first proposed there were no Father's Day cards. Mrs. John B. Dodd, of Washington, first proposed the idea of a "father's day" in 1909. Mrs. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William S mart. William S mart, a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife (Mrs. Dodd's mother) died in childbirth with their sixth child. Mr. S mart was left to raise the newborn and his other five children by himself on a rural farm in eastern Washington state. It was after Mrs. Dodd became an adult that she realized the strength and selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent.

The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910 in Spokane Washington. At about the same time in various towns and cities across America other people were beginning to celebrate a "father's day". In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day. Finally in 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day. Father's Day has become a day to not only honor your father, but all men who act as a father figure. Stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, and adult male friends are all honored on Father's Day.

STEVE'S SERMONS

Sign up for the sermon email list at his sermon blog, <http://themayberrypreacher.com>. Miss a Sunday, or want to experience worship again? Go to www.fpcma.com to hear the most recent and all previous services, right from your computer!

June 7, 2009
YOUTH SUNDAY/GRADUATION SUNDAY

June 14, 2009
The State Of Our Heart
1 Samuel 15:10, 13-23; Hebrews 10: 1-10

June 21, 2009
Putting Out The Fires
Daniel 3: 19-30; Isaiah 43: 1-3

June 28, 2009
Conversations with God: Be Careful What You Pray For!
Matthew 6: 5-14

July 5, 2009
Conversations With God: You Catch Anything Yet?
Luke 5: 1-11

July 12, 2009
Conversations With God: Taking The Leap Of Faith
Hebrews 11: 1-3, 7,8,20, 30-32; 12: 1-2

July 19, 2009
Bill Rountree preaching

July 26, 2009
Bill Rountree preaching

Shasta's Super Summer Series



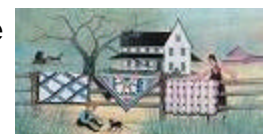
Are you in Kindergarten through 5th grade? Then here's what you've been waiting for... **Shasta's Super Summer Series 2009!** What do you get when you add **You + a field trip or two + a Bible Study + lunch?** Fun, food, fellowship and a chance to learn about God! On Tuesdays in June and July, we will meet at the church at 8:45 a.m. and travel to one of several destinations. Put these dates on your calendar: **June 16, 30; July 7, 14 and 28.** Please call Shasta to sign up. We will also need one or two moms to chaperone each week. If you would be able to assist, please let Shasta know.



KEENAGERS



The Keenagers will travel to Galax on **Thursday, June 18.** We'll have lunch @ Bogey's restaurant. Afterwards, we'll tour the Rooftops of Virginia on Main St. and also "The Framer's Daughter". We'll leave the church at 10:30 a.m. Sign up on the Keenagers board if you plan to go with us. For more information on meal choices for lunch, please see Irene Green.



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**Please keep the following
people in your prayers:**

Joyce Windley Adams
June Anderson
Evelyn Armstrong
Gladys Bailey
Bob Bark
Bonnie Bode
Lorene Bowman
Billie Bradley
Carroll & Frieda Chauncey
Jeannie Chilton

Ettie Mae Collins
Marion Crow
Jim Edwards
Philip Edwards
Kay Ferris
Dan Gitt
Marilyn Gwyn
Sue Hardy
Cathy Harrison
Leona Hicks
Carl Hollman
Ann Honeycutt
Kim Humphries

Hazel Hunter
Maudine Inman
Mary Alice Lewis
Clyde Lockhart
Lib McCluskey
Renee Moore
Tony Morris & Family
Mary Moser
Don Nester
Jerry Nester
Barbara Nichols
Brandon Overby
Vada Price

David Rowe
Becky Cooper Shaffer
Edna Simmons
Ronnie Simpson, Jr.
Emily Taylor
Libby Taylor
Harold Warren
Melissa Wilkins
Raymond Worrell
Nannie Wyche

Note: If names need to be added or
removed, please call the church office.

Congratulations to our High School Graduates!

Andi McKay Draughn

Daughter of Doug and Carol Draughn
Mount Airy High School
Attending NC State University

Andrew Sasser Harris

Son of Nancy and David Dixon
Mount Airy High School
Attending Queens University

Thomas Haynes Keith

Son of Randy and Ginger Keith
East Surry High School
Attending UNC-Chapel Hill

Mary Margaret McKee

Daughter of Rob and Debbie McKee
Mount Airy High School
Attending Catawba College

Elizabeth Winn Merritt

Daughter of John and Kelly Merritt
Mount Airy High School
Attending Queens University

Cynthia Lee Wood

Daughter of Mike and Diane Wood
Mount Airy High School
Attending Appalachian State University

Natalie Younger

Daughter of Mitch Younger;
Granddaughter of Jim & Janice Younger
Mount Airy High School
Attending Surry Community College

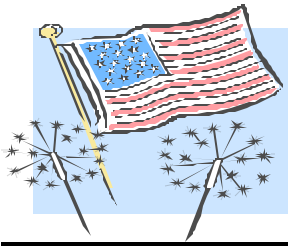
**Congratulations to our
College Graduates!**

David Keith graduated
from Virginia Tech with a
B. S. in Biology & a minor
in Chemistry. He'll be
attending Wake Forest
School of Medicine this
Fall.

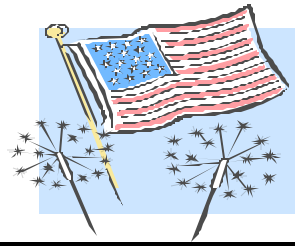
Nicole Moody graduated
from University of North
Carolina at Chapel Hill with
a B.A. in Journalism &
Mass Communications.
She will begin graduate
school at the Kenan-
Flagler Business School at
UNC Chapel Hill for her
Masters in Accounting.



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