

PRESBYGRAM

On Friday, July 30th a group of 12 people representing First Presbyterian Church, High Point gathered together at RDU airport to board our flight to Miami. From Miami, we flew to Lima, Peru. From Lima we flew to Tarapoto. And from Tarapoto we took a 3 hour drive to Moyobamba and checked into La Casona hotel, the place that would be our home for the next week. We were a long way away from High Point!

Over the course of the week, we primarily served in medical clinics in two communities—Yantalo and Calzada. One day was spent on construction by a few brave souls—carrying buckets of concrete up a treacherous ramp to create the second floor of a building for the Presbyterian church in Calzada. All of us participated in the medical clinics, though in many different ways—handling triage, assisting a doctor, working in the pharmacy, helping those who needed reading glasses find the right strength, applying fluoride to the teeth of young children, greeting those who came to the clinic (with whatever Spanish we could muster), and entertaining children while their parents saw the doctor. While it's hard to determine exact numbers, our best indication is that the clinic saw on average 100 people each of the four days!

Being far from home was difficult at some points, especially when some of us got a little sick. But we were warmly welcomed and taken care of by our Peruvian hosts, and we learned many lessons in gratitude. We tried hard to listen and observe and participate rather than assume we had all the answers. We enjoyed the fellowship with one another and bonded as a group, and we also made new friends in a new part of the world. We learned that language isn't always the most important part of communication. We are all thankful to have been a part of the ongoing relationship our congregation has with our brothers and sisters in Peru and we look forward to returning. Gracias a Dios!



The Workingest Church

September 2010

Please make note of the date you are scheduled to
serve in your area of ministry.

Acolytes

September 5 Meghan Garrou and Andy Caress
September 12 Tyler Tuft and Madyson Brittain
September 19 Beth Caress and Samantha Bridge
September 26 Hannah Rainey and Audrey Puschinsky

Wee Kirk

September 5 Hollis Bethune
September 12 April Thomas
September 19 Susan Osborne
September 26 Anne Dallas

Infant Nursery Schedule

September 5 Bill and Julie Traywick
September 12 Michelle Cook
September 19 Melissa Kim
September 26 Heather Slocum

Worship Volunteer

September 5 Nicole Plummer
September 12 Denny and Kelly Wesney
September 19 Katrina Roberts
September 26 Marianne King

Thanks to everyone who made Celebration Sunday so wonderful as we marked the beginning of a new year in our educational ministries! We are grateful for the many teachers, youth leaders and volunteers who help in so many ways to love, nurture and teach the children, youth and adults at First Presbyterian Church.

Ever wondered if you and your spouse speak the same language?

Join us for a seven-week marriage enrichment seminar based on the book “The Five Love Languages” by Gary Chapman. Ken Broman-Fulks will be the facilitator of this positive, upbeat, Christian approach to improving and enriching our marriages. The class is open to all married couples in the church and in the community. We will meet each Thursday from September 30 – November 11 in the Family Life Center from 7:00-8:30 p.m., and childcare will be provided. Registration forms will be coming soon, but, go ahead and reserve those seven Thursdays to learn to speak your spouse’s love language!

Bible Study

“Tension and strife between rival groups (in the Middle East or elsewhere), disputes over land and territory, uncertainty over the roles of men and women, power hungry political leaders, child abuse, spouse abuse, senseless and excessive violence, male political leaders who chase women, excessive individualism, moral confusion, social chaos. What place is being described in this list? It sounds as if the list could be characterizing the state of the world in the early twenty-first century. But, in fact, the list is an accurate description of the contents of the book of Judges.” So says J. Clinton McMann in his commentary on the book of Judges, and he is right. Join us this fall for our Wednesday evening dinner and Bible study as we take a closer look at the lives of people like Deborah, Gideon, Jephthah and Samson to see what we might learn about the world we live in and the God we serve. Wednesday dinner and Bible study will resume September 8 with mission trip reports from West Virginia and Peru. Bible Study begins September 15.

Flower Calendar

The following dates are available on the church flower calendar: September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 17, 24 and November 21. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary on one of these dates please contact Lynne Ledford at 454-4587.



Ushers

If you have been thinking about a way to get more involved with the church please consider USHERING! The Worship Committee is inviting any church member interested in becoming an USHER to please contact either William Robertson at wrobertson@triad.rr.com or Ashley at ashley@firstpreshp.org. You can also call the church office at 884-2248 and leave your name and contact information and we will get back in touch with you. Training will be provided. We look forward to hearing from you!

Main Street Coalition—Fill The Bus

First Presbyterian Church continues to do an outstanding job of donating food to the “fill the bus” project. It surprises the other downtown churches to know that we are indeed the givingest church of the downtown coalition. Food is collected and piled into the First Methodist bus and taken to Open Door Ministries, Ward Street Mission and West End Ministries quarterly. Times are difficult, and the food pantries could not possibly help all those who are in need without the generous help of the community. The donated food is given to families; therefore, it is helpful to **donate portion sizes that individual families can use.** September is canned corn and tomatoes. Personal care items are always welcome as well. Collection baskets are in the pantry (the former choir robe room). Let’s keep this ministry in our prayers and on our grocery lists! Thank you for your continuing support of this program and for firmly establishing First Presbyterian as a leader in collecting food for the needy.

Why Stephen Ministry?

Because the Bible tells us to:

“Love one another as I have loved you.” *John 15:12*

“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” *Galatians 6:2*

“Encourage one another and build each other up.” *1 Thessalonians 5:11a*

“Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.” *Romans 12:15*

The Stephen Ministry logo, with the broken person behind the cross and the whole person in front of the cross, symbolizes that we are all broken people and that it is only through the cross of Jesus that we are made whole. Stephen Ministers will help guide you in your journey from brokenness to wholeness. If you are facing a crisis or life challenge, and would like to speak with a Stephen Minister, please contact one of our Stephen Leaders: Dr. Ken Broman-Fulks, Rev. Erin Bowers, Lisa Cooper or Bill Poe.

Stephen Ministry – Christ serving people, through people.



Photos of mature Greenbean plants from Visionfest seedlings—
“This Is My Father’s World...His Hand the Wonders Wrought.”

Congregational Notes

Hospitalized/Recovering at Home: *Recovering at Home:* **Gen Hart**, 205 Boyce Sink Ct., Thomasville, 27360; **Ken Hodge**, 1575 John Knox Dr. Apt. P002, Colfax, 27235; **Meke Ferrell**, 1575 John Knox Dr. Apt. P207, Colfax, 27235; **Carol Courts**, 5319 Calvin Ct., Colfax, 27235; **Sid Bailey**, 1765 Westchester Dr. Apt. 212, High Point, 27262; **Jim Wilson**, 2610 York House Dr., Greensboro, 27407; **Helen Eggleston**, 1575 John Knox Dr. Apt. P005, Colfax, 27235

Continuing Prayer: **Lois Hogg**, 1575 John Knox Dr. #PB 124, Colfax, 27235; **Caroline Goodman**, 1575 John Knox Dr. #PB206, Colfax, 27235; **Polly Cameron**, 100 Hedrick Dr. #410, Thomasville, 27360; **Rachael Morris**, 4221 Pennfield Way, High Point, 27262; **John Hamilton**, 706 Pineywood Dr., Thomasville, 27360; **Louise Brimley**, 1575 John Knox Dr. PB109, Colfax, 27235; **Betty Beaver**, mail—1235 Devonshire Ave., High Point, 27262, visits—Pennybyrn, Hayworth House Rm. #3009; **Dean Miller**, 1560 Skeet Club Rd. Rm. 31, High Point, 27265; **Margie Meisky**, 1625 John Knox Dr. M106, Colfax, 27235; **Juli Brockmann**, 1606 Cos Cob Ct., High Point, 27265; **Kay Kelly**, 171 Old Mill Rd. Apt. B, High Point, 27265; **Mason LaVack**, 212 W. Banner Ave., Winston Salem, 27127; **Lib Correll**, 1575 John Knox Dr. PB210, Colfax, 27235; **Evelyn Willis**, 1009 Cherokee Ct., High Point, 27262; **Vann Nealeans**, 1575 John Knox Dr., WF324, Colfax, 27235; **Christine Minear**, 138 Carroll Farm Rd., Reidsville, 27320; **Barry Byerly**, 3908 Beverly Hills Dr., High Point, 27265; **Mickey Horne**, 1432 Skeet Club Rd., High Point, 27265; **Barbara Wray**, 503 Montlieu Ave., High Point, 27262; **Si Bell, Jr.**

Congratulations ...

... to Chris and Susannah Hargett in the August 20th birth of their son, Russell Scott Hargett. Grandparents are Steve and Judy Deal.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended ...

... to Joyce Guffey in the August 3rd death of her husband, Bob Guffey.

... to Mary Garland in the August 16th death of her nephew, Timothy James Burke.

... to Kendra and Kristen Biddle in the August 22nd death of their mother and grandmother, Jennie Biddle.

Memorials have been received from

Margaret Newton
Maria Puschinsky
Bill & Marie Ray

Circle #4
Winfred & Eileen Douglas
Charles & Carolyn Brockmann

For the following

Alva B. Newton
Bob Guffey
Bob Heit

Dorothy Seabrooke
Millie Marsden
Harriet Robinson

September Birthdays



In an effort to be the friendliest church in town, the Congregational Care Committee is including a monthly birthday list of our members in the *Presbygram*. Happy September Birthday! If your name is not listed, please call the church office and tell us your birth date so we can add it to our records.

Carol Cox	9/1
Sara Bencini	9/2
Eileen Douglas	9/2
Bob Martin	9/2
Jay Van Kleef	9/2
Sue Smith	9/3
Andrea McKinley	9/4
Leanne Willis	9/4
Thomas O'Briant	9/4
Madeline Dejong	9/4
Christopher McMinn	9/4
Milford Nooe	9/5
William Watkins	9/5
Catherine Magill	9/5
Will Davis	9/5
Margaret Peake	9/6
William Laney	9/6
Jeffrey Kellner	9/7
Bill Smith	9/7
Laure McInnis	9/7
Joann Jones	9/8
Mary Ellen Tambor	9/8
B.E. Vaughan	9/8
Clayton Howell	9/8
John Hamilton	9/9
Mike O'Briant	9/9
Kate Pokemire	9/9
Todd Hughes	9/9

Bill Hylton	9/10
Jean McGuinn	9/10
Dash Copeland	9/11
Kyle Rush	9/11
Bill Traywick	9/12
Sara Kirkpatrick	9/12
Joanna Davis	9/13
Drew Nealeans	9/13
Katerina Canter	9/13
Jeanie Meisky	9/14
Dan Mellinger	9/14
Tom Foster	9/14
John Seabrooke	9/14
Kathryn Foster	9/14
Anne Garrou	9/14
Julia King	9/14
Mary Claire King	9/14
Richard Rowland	9/16
Will Newman, Jr.	9/16
Susie Hayes	9/17
Keith Sedberry	9/17
Juli Brockmann	9/17
Eric Rainey	9/17
Ian Peksa	9/17
David Laws	9/18
Richie Williams, Jr.	9/18
George Ragan, Jr.	9/18
Adam Garry	9/18
Dorothy Allen	9/19
Ryan Perry	9/19
Debra Craig	9/20
Parker Howey, IV	9/20
Catherine Cheek	9/20
Georgia Bailey	9/20
Etta Walser	9/21
Vivian Rook	9/21
Margaret Clark	9/22
Robin Peoples	9/22
David Morgan	9/23

Si Bell	9/24
Pat Plaxico	9/24
Lenora Sparks	9/24
Zachary Erath	9/24
Pat Hudspeth	9/25
Tyler Bridge	9/25
Caroline Sedberry	9/25
Ann Busby	9/26
Donna Carlson	9/26
Hank Ledford	9/26
Janice Sedberry	9/26
David Williams	9/27
Cappy Peksa	9/27
Cassidy Howey	9/28
Tootsie Pleasants	9/29
Melba Brandon	9/29
Doug Connor	9/30
Marion Rowland	9/30
John Womack, Jr.	9/30

Update on the Cloverleaf property

In April the Session approved setting up a committee to negotiate the renewal of the note on the Cloverleaf property with High Point Bank and the extension of the lease on that property with Jim Craddock (owner of the grocery business). That committee consisted of Richard Rowland [Moderator of the Finance Committee], Jim Caress [Moderator of the Long-Range Planning Committee], Mike Cook [Moderator of the Property Committee], Tom Foster [Treasurer], and Paul Bobb [Facilities Manager].

The committee began discussions with High Point Bank and those discussions are continuing. The Church originally borrowed \$520,000 when it acquired the property in May 2005. The balance of the note now is approximately \$349,400.

As most of you know, in June Mr. Craddock informed the Church that his business had declined significantly and that he could not continue the store. He was first looking to find a buyer; however, he had decided to close the store no later than July 31 if a buyer were not found. As you know, Mr. Craddock was unable to find a buyer and the store has closed.

During our on-going discussions with Mr. Craddock, he has expressed his intention to see that his creditors, including the Church, did not suffer a financial loss as a result of his having to close the store. He has expressed his intent to honor the lease; it runs to mid-November 2011.

Given these developments, the committee approved by the Session has refocused its efforts on what can and should be done with the Cloverleaf property. The committee has asked three members of the Church who are real estate professionals to advise assist the committee in exploring options and alternatives to recommend to the Session. The members of the committee welcome input from all members of the Congregation; several members have already offered suggestions and ideas.

While this process is just beginning, there are three important things to note at this point. First, the committee has not formulated any specific recommendations to make to the Session. Second, the Committee does not believe that selling the Cloverleaf property is in the long-term best interests of the Church. Third, the Church has the financial resources to honor its commitment on the Cloverleaf note into the foreseeable future.

The Committee encourages your input and welcomes your prayerful support in this process.

Richard Rowland
Moderator, Finance Committee

Mike Cook
Moderator, Property Committee

Jim Caress
Moderator, Long-Range
Planning Committee

Paul Bobb
Facilities Manager

Tom Foster
Treasurer

Choir Rehearsal Schedule - Fall 2010

Choir	Age	Day & Time	Place	Beginning Date
<i>Cherub Choir</i>	K-1st grade	Sundays 5:15-6:00 p.m.	Children's Music Room (2nd Floor, Old Wing)	Sun. Sept. 12
<i>Chapel Choir</i>	2nd-5th grade	Wednesdays 6:30-7:10 p.m.	Children's Music Room (2nd Floor, Old Wing)	Wed., Sept. 8
<i>Chapel Chimes</i> *Limited enrollment based on available instruments. A great place to start ringing!	3rd-6th grade	Sundays 5:15-6:00 p.m.	Chime Classroom Basement Level	Sun., Sept. 19
<i>Youth Choir</i>	6th-12th grade	Sundays 5:15-6:00 p.m.	Choir Room (New Wing)	Sun., Sept. 12
<i>Youth Handbells</i> *Please contact Elizabeth if you are interested in ringing in this group and have not rung handbells or chimes in the past.	6th-12th grade	Sunday, 4:30-5:15 p.m.	Handbell Room (1st level, near sanctuary tower entrance)	Sun., Sept. 12
<i>Memorial Handbells</i> *Limited enrollment based on available instruments. Contact Elizabeth Gulley.	Adult Group	Wednesdays 5:15-6:00 p.m. + one Sunday rehearsal/month TBA	Handbell Room (Ken's Old Office)	Wed., Sept 8
<i>Covenant Choir</i> Open to all adults. Experience is helpful, but not necessary.	Adult Group	Wednesdays 7:30-9:00 p.m.	Choir Room (New Wing)	Wed., Aug., 25
<i>New Sound Choir</i> Open to all adult singers with less choral experience or who would like a less formal choir experience	Adult Group	Some joint rehearsals with Covenant Choir + Sundays, TBA beginning Oct 2010	Choir Room	Oct. 2010

The Music Ministry at First Presbyterian welcomes anyone who is interested in participating to join the fun. It's a wonderful way to get to know others in the church and learn about music while serving God! Some highlights for the fall...the ***Covenant Choir*** and ***New Sound Choir*** will prepare music for a special Christmas Program for Dec. 5 and Dec. 8. The ***Youth Choir*** will prepare music for worship in October and for the Christmas pageant/program on Wed., Dec. 15. The ***Chapel Choir*** and ***Cherub Choir*** will participate in an international flag processional as part of World Communion Sunday on Oct. 3.

All of this and more!

Contact Elizabeth Gulley with any questions about the Music Ministry:



Middle School & High School Youth groups are open to students in 6–12th grades. We meet weekly during the school year and complete mission trips during the summer months. Youth groups will resume meeting in September.

Middle School Youth Group

September 12—Parent Meeting (mission trip planning) & youth vs. parents basketball
September 19—High Point Youth Kick-off at YMCA, 6:00—8:00 p.m.
September 26—Fun and Bible Study led by Erin Bowers
October 1-2—8:00 p.m.—8:00 a.m. Lock-In

High School Youth Group

September 12—Parent Meeting (mission trip planning) & youth vs. parents basketball
September 19—High Point Youth Kick-off at YMCA, 6:00—8:00 p.m.
September 26—Icebreakers and Game Night
October 3—Serve at Open Door Shelter



MOPS Kickoff! Attention Mothers of Preschoolers: If you have a child age 0—5, please join us! Our first meeting of the fall is Tuesday, September 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the church parlor. We will be talking about our calendar for the year (bring ideas) and welcoming new moms to our group. Childcare will be provided. Please come, and bring a friend! If you want more information, contact Erin Bowers at erin@firstpreshp.org or 884-2248.



Presbyterian Women

SHARE a smile, SING a song, and SAVOR a delicious luncheon at the next Gathering of Presbyterian Women on October 4 at 11:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center. We will continue to explore ways to share our talents and our love with our community as we welcome guest speaker Jennifer Shaw from the High Point Regional Health System volunteer office.

The luncheon menu will feature Caesar salad, vegetable lasagna, whole wheat yeast rolls, pumpkin bars, tea and coffee. Guests are welcome! Please make reservations by calling 884-2248 or by emailing ashley@firstpreshp.org. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of a wonderful group of your fellow friends in Christ!

Circles of Friends

Circle meetings begin on **September 13** and meet the second Monday of each month. There are morning, noon, and evening meetings, so there is a Circle for you! Join in fellowship with a caring and interesting group of fellow Presbyterian women by participating in a Circle this year.

- Circle 1 Bible Study, 10:00 a.m. in the Session Room
- Circle 2 Bible Study/Service, 10:00 a.m. in the Church Parlor
- Circle 3 Bible Study, 10:00 a.m. at River Landing
- Circle 4 Study/Luncheon, 11:45 a.m. in the private dining room at River Landing
- Circle 5 Fellowship Lunch, 12:00 noon in the Family Life Center
- Circle 6 Bible Study Lunch, 12:00 noon in the Senior High Activity Room
- Circle 7 Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor
- Circle 8 Service, 6: 30 p.m. in the Media Center
- Circle 9 Visitation, 12:00 noon in the Church Parlor



Adult Ministries is offering a Writing Retreat, **October 26—27**. You'll be introduced to different forms of writing as a way of spiritual and self expression. This retreat will be at the Trinity Center in the Outer Banks and the cost (travel, meals, lodging) is \$112 (single occupancy) or \$92 (double occupancy). Please contact Jeanette Quick Sandlin to register.

Deriter Club will kick off on Tuesday, September 14 at 12:00 noon in the Family Life Center. We'll have a sandwich lunch, reconnect after summer travels, and talk about the upcoming year's programs. Please bring suggestions and ideas for our monthly meetings.



Children's Ministry News

Children (grades 1-5) are studying the story of Moses: Baby in a Basket (Exodus 1:15-2:10) in Sunday school.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LAMBS</u> (1st - 2 nd grade)	<u>LIONS</u> (3 rd - 5 th grade)
9/5	Video	Mixed Bag
9/12	Mixed Bag	Video
9/19	Games	Art
9/26	Art	Games
10/3	Storytelling	Storytelling

FALL EVENTS

Kids of the Covenant (any fourth or fifth grader) will have their “kickoff” meeting Sunday, September 12 after church until 1:45. Lunch will be provided. Parents are encouraged to come meet the leaders and hear about what the fall calendar will bring.

The Way of the Child meets on Sundays from 4:15-5:15 beginning Sunday, September 12 (please note the starting time has changed). All children ages 5 and up are invited to join leaders Sara Britt Grein and Nora Bridge on a journey to explore their relationship with God. For more information about the Way of the Child contact Nora Bridge, nora@firstpreshp.org.

Learning to use my Bible class for fourth, fifth and sixth graders will be held on Friday, September 17 from 6:00 – 7:30 and Saturday, September 18 from 10:00 – 12:30. This fun filled class will give children some basic tools to use and information about the Bibles they received as a gift from the church. Children will need to bring their Bibles to class.

Did you notice the new candle lighters in the worship service used by the acolytes? New silver candle lighters and two stands were given as gifts to the church. There is a stand in the Narthex, as well as one in the robing room. The Acolytes are very excited and thankful for these gifts.

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