

The Banner

Todd Hobbie, Pastor
 Leslie Piper, Associate Pastor
 Ben Acton, Associate Pastor
 Ken Craig, Parish Associate
 Jacqueline Yost, Dir. of Music and Organist
 Jeff Price, Choirmaster

Deborah Mesimer, Administrative Assistant
 Christy Baucom, Financial Secretary
 Debra Moss, Receptionist/Secretary

Heath Ritchie, Maintenance Superintendent

Maureen O'Bryan, Director of First Kids
 Malinda Barbee, Church Hostess

Points of interest:

- **Third Sunday in Lent, March 7**
 Todd Hobbie
 Luke 13:1-9
- **Choir Notes**—Cherub Choir, Cantate, and Jubilate will NOT rehearse this Sunday, March 7. Junior Choir and Celebration Ringers will rehearse at their regular times.
- **Tuesday Lunch Bunch**—will meet March 16 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
 Ken's talk: "PREDESTINATION."
 Make your reservation by calling the church office by Thursday, March 11.
- **March CCM Pantry**
 Canned tomatoes, fruit, meat, mixed vegetables, instant potatoes, pasta, paper towels, plastic grocery bags.
- **March CVAN Items**
 Trash bags (13 & 30 gallon), plastic gloves.

IT'S REMARKABLE WHAT YOUR GIFT WILL DO



FOOD & SHELTER
 ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

- \$50 will provide a clean-up bucket filled with supplies to provide immediate help as families begin recovery efforts to their homes following floods.
- Cow: \$200
- Wire chicken coop, batch of chickens: \$75
- \$200 can provide a water sanitation system for a family in Central America
- \$20 can provide mosquito nets for a family, helping them avoid malaria

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS

In making recommendations of church members to serve as Deacon or Elder it would be helpful to keep in mind the responsibilities connected to these two offices.

For **Deacon**, think of people who would be good at working especially in the areas of congregational care and community outreach. Deacons help with the pastoral care of the congregation. They organize and carry out mission work in the community. They respond to those who visit our church and help to assimilate new members in the church. Finally, Deacons organize all the nurture and fellowship activities in the congregation.

For **Elder**, think of people who have a good overview of the life and work of our church and who can use wisdom in guiding our congregation into the future. Elders oversee administrative and personnel matters. They are responsible for the buildings and grounds. They organize and plan the Christian Education programs. They encourage giving and prepare the budget of the church. They oversee the music and worship programs. Finally, remember that the Elders, with few exceptions, are responsible for all the work of this congregation and even have final jurisdiction over the work of the Board of Deacons.

The Officer Nominating Committee will meet on Monday, March 22, to consider names for the Classes of 2013. Please list your suggestions on this form, drop it in the offering plate or mail to the church office (P.O. Box 789, Concord 28026-0789) by Thursday, March 18, 2009.

Suggestions for Deacon

Suggestions for Elder

MEMORIALS

During the month of February the following gifts were received:

In Memory

Families in Need
 Donald Rhodes
(father of David Rhodes)
First Kids Scholarship
 Myrtle Norton Brandon
 Sally Ann Bullock
(mother of Harriett Phillips)
 Leta Lenora McMillan
(mother of Glenn Blackwelder)

In Honor

First Presbyterian Church Foundation
General Endowment
 Mr. and Mrs. Knox Hillman
 Theodore Douglas Peterson
Program Endowment
 Boy Scout Troop # 3 Eagle Scouts
Building Preservation Endowment
 Samuel Robinson Neil
Benevolence Endowment
 Hugh Holt Morrison III

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FROM THE PASTOR

We have been studying world religions in my Sunday School class and lately have been looking at Buddhism. This last Sunday we were focusing on Zen Buddhism and the concern of the master teachers of Zen that inquirers get beyond using words and concepts and instead come to realizations. To the Zen Buddhist, words and reason are at best a ladder too short to reach what is desired.

We western Christians depend on words in creeds and theology to explain the faith. Yet, still, even we finally bump into mystery which words cannot explain: The grace of God, the experience of trust, the love that comes to us from another while we know we are not worthy of such love. These are realizations beyond the power of words.

Thank God for the experience of such mystery. Thank God for realization beyond reason.

Todd

“Stop Hunger Now” Mission Event Saturday, March 20, 2010 3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m., Davis Hall

Stop Hunger Now is an organization whose purpose is to end world hunger and poverty. To fulfill that purpose, they partner with churches, business, and school groups to package nutritious, dehydrated food that is shipped to locations across the globe. The youth of First Presbyterian, therefore, are inviting the entire church to participate in such an event on March 20 that will send 10,000 meals to feed hungry people all over the world.

Volunteers work to package these meals and to raise the money to ship them. It takes only 25¢ to ship one meal that feeds a family of four! To find out more about how you can donate your time or financial resources, contact Ben Acton at the church office.

YOUTH NOTES

Youth Fellowship for March 7

Sunday School: 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Confirmation: 3:30-5:00 p.m., Davis Hall, “Who is Jesus?”

Middle School: 5:00-6:00 p.m. “Something to Hope For”

Dinner: 6:00-6:30 p.m.

High School: 6:30-7:30 p.m. “Journey: Life Unplugged”

Winter Ski Trip: Since the weather forced us to cancel our trip, plans have been made to re-schedule our trip for the late spring. But instead of snow we’re hoping to enjoy some sand and waves. Save the date of May 14-16 and keep your eyes peeled for more details to come!

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 7—Communion

8:45 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

12:15 p.m. Congregational Health Ministry
Healthy Lunch and Learn

3:30 p.m. Confirmation

4:15 p.m. Junior Choir

5:00 p.m. Celebration Ringers,
Middle School Youth

5:30 p.m. Leslie’s Bible Study

6:00 p.m. All Youth Dinner

6:30 p.m. High School Youth

MONDAY, MARCH 8

7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

9:15 a.m. Circle 4

7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

9:30 a.m. Leslie’s Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 3

CHURCH REPORT

Sunday, February 28, 2010

8:45 a.m.—93 11:00 a.m.—228

Baptism—Güner Patricia Atkinson, daughter of Aslihan and Marty Atkinson, was baptized on Sunday, February 28, 2010; Isabell Grace Bishop, daughter of Vanessa and John Bishop was baptized on Sunday, February 28, 2010.

Cabarrus Meals on Wheels Needs Volunteers to Deliver Meals

How does a volunteer get on board?

- Volunteers must complete an application and a personal interview.
- We provide “on the job training.”
- The entire delivery process takes approximately 1 to 1 1/2 hours.
- We ask for a 6 month commitment.
- You can deliver once a month or once a week.
- Adopt-A-Route-Great for Groups.

You can make a difference when you deliver Meals! Please call 704-932-3412 for more information.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Closed Friday

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