

THE UPDATE

Forest Park Presbyterian Church
August 2010

A Word From Our Pastor

Your Elders Hard at Work Serving the Lord and God's People by Serving Communion

One of the hallmarks of the Presbyterian understanding of God's call to ministry is that (a) all Christians are called to some type of ministry in Christ's church (2) no one person's calling is superior to another; our callings differ in function only. (3) Ordained officers collectively serve together in fulfilling the mandates of their respective offices.

As it concerns that third point there are many places where the ministries of elders, deacons, and ministers of Word and Sacrament intersect. For example, they share in providing spiritual leadership in the church through pastoral care and prayers for the church, but there are a few places where certain ministries are only authorized for a particular office. A good example of this would be that only ordained ministers can baptize people in the Presbyterian Church. It is often

assumed that preaching and the administration of the Lord's Supper is also only confined to the realm of the preacher. This is not is not entirely true. Normally ministers do preach and preside over the Lord's Supper, but it is permissible for elders to do so as well, but only under certain circumstances; the most common being the administration of the Lord's Supper to our homebound members.

With this in mind, your elders who serve on session, along with your pastor, boldly went out in teams of two on Sunday, July 11th to serve communion to all of our shut-ins. We did this for a very practical reason, so as to ensure that each homebound member was served communion, and for spiritual reasons, so our elders could grow in their spiritual leadership of the church.

I am happy to report that things went very well in our new endeavor! All of our homebound members were served and appreciative of being able to connect with

their church family in a meaningful way. Our elders were stretched in their faith in a positive way and in the words of one elder, "I think I got more out of it than anybody else!"

Ministry is that way. We go out to bless others in the name of Jesus, for that is our chief aim and purpose (it always should be), but the inevitable fruit of doing ministry is that it changes and touches us too! There are some good "behind the scenes" stuff taking place among your elders and deacons in the church. God is giving your leaders opportunities to exercise spiritual leadership in the church. Would you pray for them, express your appreciation for them, and exhort them in their efforts to grow as spiritual leaders in the life of Forest Park church?

Blessings,
Scott

CHURCH FESTIVAL

JULY 31 - 4:00

Forest Parkers will please face forward toward our fellowship facility and follow your feed for another of our fabulous festivities celebrating the founding of Forest Park. Fun will start at four (4:00} p.m. and is being facilitated by the famous funmakers, Nell Shull, Phil Lail and their many fulfilled followers. Following these festivities, food will be forthcoming, fixed by Phil and Beth Lail and their food-fixin fellers. (I hear there will be ice cream freezers involved)



THIS MONTH'S SERMONS

Aug 1 - Maker of Heaven and Earth:

"The Creator of All Things"
Psalm 139:13-18; Acts 17:22-31

Aug 8 - Jesus Christ Our Lord:
"The One Whom Every Tongue Will Confess"

Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:15-20

Aug 15 - Jesus Christ Our Savior:
"The Only Source of Our Salvation"
John 14:1-7; Acts 4:1-20

Aug 22 - Guest Minister
Katherine Cooke

August 29 - Jesus Christ Our Minister:
"The Ascended One Who Intercedes for Us"
Romans 8:26-39

Day Camp 2010

WE HAD A LARGE GROUP OF CHILDREN JOIN US THIS YEAR FOR DAY CAMP AND WE HAD SO MUCH FUN WITH THEM ALL.

EACH MORNING MS. SHULL LED US IN PRAYER, SONG AND SOMETIMES EXERCISE. WE HAD ACTIVITIES SUCH AS BIBLE STUDIES, MUSIC, CRAFTS AND PHYSICAL FITNESS!

JOIN US NEXT YEAR FOR MORE FUN!!!



As part of our 50th year celebration....

WE WERE ENTERTAINED BY ANDY LACKEY WHO PERFORMED A MAGIC SHOW FOLLOWING OUR FELLOWSHIP DINNER. AS YOU CAN SEE, THERE WAS LOTS OF AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION AND FUN WAS HAD BY ALL.



Magic Show

A WONDERFUL DINNER WAS PREPARED BY NELL SHULL AND DAVID WEATHERMAN'S CARE TEAM.

WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO CELEBRATE OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

Mission Project at Fifth Street

THE FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS WITH THE HELP OF OTHERS HAVE BEEN TAKING HOME MADE DESSERTS TO FIFTH STREET MINISTRIES AND SERVING DINNER TO THE GUESTS.

WE WOULD LIKE YOUR HELP!!



"Blessed to be a Blessing"

We would love any HELP

IT IS A WONDERFUL TEAM EFFORT AND IS APPRECIATED SO VERY MUCH BY THE FIFTH STREET GUESTS.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING SERVE OR MAKING DESSERTS, PLEASE CONTACT JACKIE.

704-872-3915

Youth News

"FROM THIS DAY FORWARD"

ON FRIDAY, JULY 16TH MANY OF THE FPCC YOUTH GROUP MEMBERS, ALONG WITH THE ADULT LEADERS AND REVEREND JEFFREYS, ATTENDED THE OUTDOOR RELIGIOUS DRAMA "FROM THIS DAY FORWARD" IN VALDESE. THE DRAMA, WRITTEN BY FRED CRANFORD, IS IN ITS 43RD CONSECUTIVE SEASON OF PRODUCTION. THIS DRAMA TELLS THE STORY OF THE WALDENSES, A PEOPLE FROM THE AREA KNOWN AS THE COTTIAN ALPS IN NORTHERN ITALY NEAR THE FRENCH BORDER, AND THE FOUNDERS OF THE TOWN OF VALDESE. THIS GROUP SUFFERED A GREAT DEAL OF RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION BEFORE LEAVING FOR THEIR NEW HOME IN NORTH CAROLINA. IN ADDITION TO THE PLAY, EVERYONE WHO WENT ALSO ENJOYED OUR TIME TOGETHER AT THE NEARBY MCDONALD'S.

SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP - THAT IS WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT

THE HANDBELL CHOIR ENJOYED PLAYING FOR THE CLIENTS AT THE FIFTH STREET SHELTER ONE EVENING IN JUNE. AFTER SOME CONFUSION ABOUT WHERE WE SHOULD PLAY, WE DECIDED TO SET UP OUR MUSIC OUTSIDE. THE PEOPLE WERE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF OUR MUSIC AND A FEW EVEN PLAYED THE BELLS. IN BETWEEN SONGS WE TALKED WITH THEM AND TOLD THEM THAT WE HAD BEEN THINKING ABOUT GIVING OUR HANDBELL GROUP A MORE INTERESTING NAME. THEY NAMED US THE "BELLS OF THE SON". NEEDLESS TO SAY, THEY WERE AS MUCH OF A BLESSING TO US AS WE WERE TO THEM. PRAISE GOD!

THIS SUMMER WE HAVE HAD SOME SMALL GROUPS PLAYING BELLS FOR OUR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP. WE WILL BEGIN OUR REGULAR WEDNESDAY EVENING REHEARSALS AGAIN ON SEPTEMBER 15TH. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN TRYING OUT THE BELLS, COME CHECK US OUT. WE HAVE LOTS OF FUN!

FOREST PARK HANDBELLS "BELLS OF THE SON"

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THAT OUR CHOIR LOFT HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT EMPTY DURING THE PAST FEW SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES. THE CHANCEL CHOIR HAS ENJOYED SITTING IN THE CONGREGATION DURING WORSHIP AND HAVE HAD A NICE SUMMER BREAK FROM OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT REHEARSALS. NOW IT IS TIME TO GET GOING AGAIN! FIRST REHEARSAL WILL BE AUGUST 4TH AT 7:30.

IF YOU ENJOY SINGING AND WOULD ENJOY AN HOUR OF FELLOWSHIP ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, PLEASE COME JOIN US. FEEL FREE TO TALK TO ANY CHOIR MEMBER, BRAD, OR SARAH IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

YOUTH JAM

LET'S GET SOME MORE YOUTH MUSIC GOING. IF YOU ARE A MIDDLE SCHOOL OR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHO LIKES TO MAKE MUSIC, PLEASE COME MEET WITH US AND LET'S MAKE SOME MUSIC PLANS. WE CAN PLAY GUITARS, DRUMS, HANDBELLS, SING—YOU NAME IT. WHATEVER IS YOUR THING, LET'S FIND OUT WHAT IT IS AND USE IT TO MAKE MUSIC FOR THE LORD. WE WILL MEET FIRST TIME ON SUNDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 15TH IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING AT 5:00. PROBABLY ABOUT AN HOUR. BRING AN INSTRUMENT OR 2 IF YOU WANT. BRING A FRIEND IF YOU WANT. WE WILL BE THERE!

AND BY THE WAY, THIS IS NOT REPLACING SPF-12. THIS IS "YOUTH JAM!"

DAY CAMP 2010



Mark Your Calendar

**SATURDAY, JULY 31ST
4:00P.M.**

Fellowshipping festivity filled with
food and fun for everyone

AUGUST 25TH - 6:00 PM

Supper and "Beauty, Brains, and
Brawn"

SEPTEMBER 29 - 6:00 PM

"The Way We Were and Are"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

11:00 Service

Kirkin of the TARTANS

OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Friday
9:00 am-1:30 pm
Tuesday thru Thursday
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
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AUGUST B-DAYS

1 Parker Jeffreys
5 Matt Weatherman
6 Mark Chambers
6 Danny Jackins
10 Kathy Hoover
14 Betty Engel
15 Kathleen King
17 Caron Chambers
17 Pat Johnson
19 Brian Whitley
22 Bethany Jeffreys
22 Bill Sams
23 Laurel Andrews
23 Brett Whitley
24 Dot Ingram
25 Nickie Crawford
25 Marilyn Moore
26 John Gregory
27 Sylvia Whitley
29 Nancy Baker
29 Keith Owens
31 Linda Huffman
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31 Linda Huffman

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for all the members of the congregation and all those for whom you know prayers should be offered including:

Betty Engel
Tom Gilmore
(Jody Samuels' son)
Bill Holland
Myrtle Johnson
Frances Marlin
Marilyn Moore
Rachel Rhyne
Debra Smith
Mary Olive Angell
Wilma (Bill) Morrison

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WE NEED PHOTOS

Weddings, baptisms, communicants classes, meeting, workdays, dinners, WOC, sunday school, day camp, kids club, Camp Grier, choir

Anything you have - WE NEED!

Please contact Marilyn Moore at 704-872-3046 or Joan Harrelson at 704-876-1004