



SteepleTalk

September 2007

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Justin Taylor

Steepletalk Deadline

September 28

Circle Meeting

September 4th at 9:45 a.m.

Words of Welcome

Suanne Bone

From the Pastor...

We welcome to our staff Nicholas Kyle Reed as our Associate Pastor. He will focus on our children and youth programs at the church. We look forward with excitement and enthusiasm as he begins his ministry with First Presbyterian Church. It was a real honor for Mary Margaret and me to travel to Birmingham for Nick's ordination service held in his home church on August 19, 2007. It was also a very exciting day last Sunday as Nick was installed into this new position with our congregation. I am sure all of you will be willing to help and support him in this ministry by volunteering to assist with children and youth programs as they are developed.

Nick will be preaching on Sunday, September 9, 2007, as Mary Margaret and I will be attending the annual East Coast Pastor's Conference September 4th through the 8th. I will be back Sunday night in time to moderate the Session meeting. This conference is sponsored by Presbyterians for Renewal the first week of September every year. This will be the third year we have attended this conference for pastors' and spouses' spiritual renewal group.

E. Stanley Ott, Ph.D. author of *Twelve Dynamic Shifts for Transforming Your Church*, and *Transform Your Church with Ministry Teams*, will be the leading speaker for the conference.

I look forward every year for the experience of worshiping with Rev. Robert Austell, pastor of Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC. He is a lifelong musician and songwriter with great enthusiasm for the ministry of the Presbyterian Church USA. I always return with new music to share with Branson for use in our worship services.

Please pray for us as we take this time for spiritual renewal! I know Nick will provide great ministry during our absence.

Blessings,
Dr. Cheetham

Church-Wide Picnic September 5th at 6:00 p.m



Our Wednesday Night Dinners will resume with a picnic at the Don Fox Community Park. Meat, drinks, plastic ware, and paper goods will be provided. Bring a covered dish and join the fellowship as we begin our fall activities. Please make a reservation on the attendance card or call the church office.

Cedar Forest Ministry

Thank you to everyone who gave their time and energy to the Cedar Forest Ministry this summer. Special thanks to the Worship Committee for your leadership in this special ministry of our church.

Hal Bone
Pat Bone
Suanne Bone
Tracey Bone
Charles Bradshaw
Loyce Bradshaw
Linda Bramhall
Faye Brown
Becky Burris
Charles Carrier

Betty Clay
Bob Frye
Karen Hall
Bill Hamby
Nancy Hamby
Linda Hartwell
Richard Hartwell
Jane Hay
Sara Hay
Tracey Hay

Barbara Howell
David Howell
Mimi Hurd
Olivia Hurd
Raymond Hurd
Sam Hurd
Gwynn Lanius
Nancy Lanius
Brooke Nagy
Tony Nagy

Mary Ellen O'Neil
Kay Pellerin
Richard Pellerin
Deborah Sanders
Mark Sanders
Hugo Sandoval
Dorothy Stiles
Robin Taylor

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners Begin September 12, 2007 6:00 p.m.

New Caterer * New Menu * New Lower Prices

Adults \$5 Children under 10 years \$2.50
Under 5 years "Free"

Reservations and Program Guest will be "Served First"
Mark your "Sunday Attendance Card" for reservations,
visit the website or call the church office to make
reservations. Reservations must be in **no later than
noon on Tuesday.**

Called & Standing reservations means that we will
prepare for you and "YOU WILL BE CHARGED"
unless you "CANCEL" by noon, Tuesday. We will be
starting a new "standing" list. If you would like to be
put on the standing list, please call the church office.

We will try to accommodate everyone but, with "No
Reservations", we ask that you understand and wait to
be served.

Thank You

Gwynn Lanius, Judy Leonard, Kitchen Committee
Approved by Session



**The church office will be
closed Monday, September
3rd in observance of Labor
Day.**

Deepest Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to:

Mimi and Raymond Hurd and family upon the
death of Mimi's father, Erik Schultz, in Boliver, TN
on August 13.

Richard and Kay Pellerin and family upon the death
of his sister, Bev Gustin, in California on August 7.

New Member

We welcome Linda Hyland as a new member of
our congregation. Linda joined by profession of
faith on August 26.

Congregational Meeting

A **Congregational Meeting** has been called for
September 16th immediately following the 11:00
a.m. worship service. The purpose of this meeting
is to elect 3 at-large members to the officer
nomination committee. Other members of the
committee are Elder Mary Ellen Hofstetter, Elder
Richard Pellerin, and Deacon Justin Taylor.

Dedication Ceremony: A dedication ceremony
naming a segment of State Route 53/State Route 141
in Smith County in honor of Colonel Bernie Sanford
Bass USAF (ret.) will take place at 2:00 p.m. on
Sunday, September 9, 2007, near the Citizens Bank,
530 Gordonsville Highway immediately off I-40 at
exit 258.

Thank You..

To our wonderful church family,
We would like to thank everyone for all their support during the last 8 months. Max's illness caught us all off guard and we would not have been able to get through it without your prayers and kind words. During all of his tests and surgeries we felt your prayers and faith and during our terrible formula nightmare you helped us make the \$2300 a month bill. We felt and saw your love and support during the yard sale for Max and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Chas and I are so blessed to have such a great source of support and love. Thank you all so much. If you would like to check on Max's progress, please visit www.freewebs.com/mom2catienmax.

Chas, Erin, Catie, and Max

We want to thank everyone for all the expressions of sympathy with flowers, food, cards, and calls when mother died. She appreciated the cards and prayers from everyone especially the women of the church during her time in Lebanon. We appreciate and are very grateful for our church family.

Sincerely,
Nancy and George Gebhardt

Dear First Presbyterian Church,
We are so thankful for the love and support given to our family since April. Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, food, and flowers sent in honor of our mother and grandmother, Sue Bouton. We are very blessed to be a part of this church family.

All our Love,
Beth and Richie Bouton, Richard, Rex, and Sara Beth
Jonathan Bouton

Thank You!
Over the last month so many people have put a lot of their time and energy to make me feel welcome, and I would like to say thank you. Between "the Pounding" on the first Sunday I arrived to the reception following my installation, there were many people who arranged and prepared all the food, drinks, and smiles that were so appreciative. Thank You, so much!!!

Grace and Peace,
Nick

Lectionary Readings

September 2	Jeremiah 2: 4-13 Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16 Luke 14: 1, 7-14
September 9	Jeremiah 18: 1-11 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14: 25-33
September 16	Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28 1 Timothy 2: 1-7 Luke 16: 1-13
September 23	Jeremiah 8: 18-9: 1 1 Timothy 2: 1-7 Luke 16: 1-13
September 30	Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15 1 Timothy 6: 6-19 Luke 16: 19-31

Project J.O.Y. Adopt-A-Bag

For several years, Priest Lake Presbyterian Church has taken "shoe box" gifts, food, clothing, and Bibles to Harlan, KY to be distributed to those in need. After evaluating the program earlier this year, it was decided that delivering Christmas boxes in October no longer seemed appropriate. With 65% of the students at Cawood High School living below the poverty level, the focus needs to be on helping the children in this rural area succeed in their education. Therefore instead of gift boxes, "Learning Bags" (large plastic bags filled with school supplies and other items for fun and learning) will be distributed to the children. Adopt-a-Box is now Adopt-a-Bag! Project JOY will purchase the bags for the supplies. We have been asked to help fill the bags. Lists of supplies needed by grade are posted in Fellowship Hall; please take one. Return the supplies to Fellowship Hall by Sunday, September 30th.

Pastor on Study Leave: Dr. Cheetham will be on study leave at the East Coast Pastor's Conference, September 4-10th. If you are in need of pastoral care, please call the church office.

September 2007

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Sunday						1
8:45 & 11:00 Worship 9:45 AM Church School						
2	3 Office Closed for Labor Day	4 9:00 am PreSchool 9:45 am Morning Circl 4:00 pm Knitting	5 6:00 Church Picnic	6 9:00 am Preschool 6:30 pm Contemp	7	8
		Jay on vacation		Dr. Cheetham on	Study Leave	
9 6:30 pm Session Rally Day	10 9:30 am Morning Sewing Group	11	12 5:00 Bell Choir 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Choir	13 9:00 am Preschool 6:30 pm Contemp	14	15
		Jay on	Vacation			
16 5:30 pm New Building Committee Meeting	17 9:30 am Morning Sewing Group	18	19 5:00 Bell Choir 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Choir	20 9:00 am Preschool 6:30 pm Contemp	21	22
23 5:00 pm Deacons 4 Cents a Meal	24 9:30 am Morning Sewing Group	25	26 5:00 Bell Choir 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Choir	27 9:00 am Preschool 6:30 pm Contemp	28 Steepletalk Deadline	29
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Welcome!

Over the last month I have found myself in new and exciting surroundings; a new church, a new home, a new community. As I have started this new transition, there has been one act by others that sticks out the most. That is the act of welcoming! Many of you have gone out of your way to welcome me to the church, to my new home, and to this new community. I thank you all for such warm and friendly acts of welcoming from house warming gifts to a nice handshake or hug with a smile. All of these acts have made me feel welcome.

In my brief time here I have already seen the wonderful community that First Presbyterian Church has to offer. This is a very caring and compassionate church, with so much to offer the community outside of the church. Welcoming new people to Christ's community is something that the church past or present has always strived to do. In the Old Testament there is the wonderful story of welcoming by Abraham to the three strangers. In the New Testament Paul writes to the Romans, "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." The church should always be ready and willing to welcome others to the community of Christ with open arms, just as Christ welcomes us with open arms.

First Presbyterian Church is encountering new and wonderful things. We are looking to grow not only in our faith, but also in the type of ministry we offer our community. From youth to adults we are looking to offer people a place to worship God and experience the presence of God through new and existing ministries. The first thing that people will remember about our ministry at this church is how we welcomed them. Was it with open arms or was it with a lack of acknowledgment and a glance from across the room? I have seen how welcoming this church can be, and believe that the church is ready for the new things and people that will encounter this church. Whether it's before or after worship, or out on the streets, remember that we are called to welcome one another as Christ has welcomed us. Thanks be to God for the opportunity and gift to welcome the community to Christ's church.

Grace and Peace,
Nick

Fellowship Breakfast

Everyone is invited to breakfast on September 30 in Fellowship Hall at 8:15 a.m. The menu will include bacon, eggs, biscuits, juice, and coffee.

An Old Time Hymn Sing will be held on Sunday, September 30 at 10:45 a.m. Suggestions for hymns to be sung may be submitted to the church office.

Bible Quiz

The Bible mentions mountains numerous times. Three mountains are listed in the first column below. In the second column are the names of three people, each of whom was on a mountain. Draw a line from the mountain to the man associated with it.

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| 1. Mount Sinai | A. Elijah |
| 2. Horeb | B. Jesus |
| 3. Mount of Olives | C. Moses |

Remembering 9-11-01

Dear Lord, loving Creator of us all, we remember with great sadness those whose lives were taken on September 11, 2001. We hold up to you the victims' families that they may know, despite their pain, that they can find solace in your loving presence. Help them bring their hurting hearts to you, realizing that your everlasting arms can bear them up and that they cannot be separated from your abiding love.

Please assure us that even though we cannot understand such horrible deeds, you can bring good out of evil, justice out of injustice and righteousness out of unrighteousness.

Therefore, confessing our human weaknesses, our grief and our struggles to make sense out of this world, we cry out with the psalmist: "Rise up, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand; do not forget the oppressed". Strengthen our hearts, this day and every day. Amen.

Rally Day!

It's time to kick off the fall with excitement and energy. On Sunday September 9th we will have Rally Day at the church. Some of you might be asking, what is Rally Day? Well, Rally Day is a day where the church focuses its energy on Christian education and growing in faith and knowledge in Christ. It is a day where we all rally together and get excited about the future of what the church has to offer for Christian Education, and celebrate the past year in Christian Education.

I know from my brief time at this church that Sunday school is a wonderful growing time for some and a struggle to attend for others. Hopefully, Rally Day will be a time to bring new energy and focus to our call to grow in faith and knowledge in God. This year's theme is *A Christian Life: Some Assembly Required*. It will be an event where people of all ages will gather together during the normal Sunday School hour which is between the 8:30 and 11:00 worship service. We will share food, fellowship, and energy with one another. We will recognize accomplishments of the past year and get excited about the future months ahead as this church gets ready to grow in its faith. It will be a wonderful time to gather as a community of faith and celebrate our Christian journey.

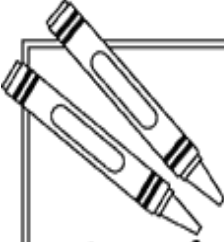
So tell a friend, call a fellow member who you think would be interested, and most of all bring your energy and excitement to share in fellowship of Jesus Christ and celebrate our growing faith and knowledge in Christ. We hope to see you all there at 9:40 a.m. on Sunday September 9th as we rally together in Christ name.

Grace and Peace,
Nick

Session Highlights from the August 12th Meeting

- Linda Hyland was welcomed into membership at F.P.C.
- The Session approved participation in Project Joy. This year, **Adopt-a-Box has become Adopt-a-Bag**. The "learning bags" will be filled with school supplies and other items for fun and learning which will be sent to students at Cawood High School, in Harlan, Kentucky
- "Rally Day" will launch the new Sunday School year, on September 9. The theme for this year is "A Christian Life: Some Assembly Required."
- July contributions totaled 6.83 percent of the annual budget needs.
- The annual Church Picnic will be September 5, 2007, at Don Fox Community Park.
- Ted and Sue Wright, missionaries to Guatemala who are supported by F.P.C., will speak at both services on October 14.
- The Session approved the contract with Richard Petty and Loretta Walker, from Weekday Café, to cater the Wednesday night Fellowship dinners. Cost will be \$5 per person (\$2.50 for children) per meal which will include a salad, meat, two vegetables, drink, and dessert.
- There will be a called congregational meeting September 16, following the 11:00 a.m. service for the purpose of electing four (4) members-at-large to serve on the Officer Nominating Committee. Mary Ellen Hofstetter and Richard Pellerin will represent the Elders on the committee. The representative of the Deacons is Justin Taylor.

Bible Quiz answers: 1. C 2. A 3. B



Just for KIDS

Apple of Your Eye

When something is said to be the "apple of your eye," it means it's precious to you and you would protect it as you would your own eye. With school starting up again, we should remember God's instructions in Proverbs 7:2: "Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye" (NIV).

Find and circle the word "apple" 13 times in the puzzle below. It can be horizontal, vertical, diagonal and even backward.

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l	l	e	a	p	p	l	e	p	l
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l	a	p	p	l	e	p			
e	a	a	e	a					