



First Presbyterian Church

PresbyNews

February, 2012

Leap Into Action – February 1, 2012

Join your fellow members for a “Leap into Action” Soup and Sandwich Supper, Wednesday, February 1, 2012 (Leap Year), in the Fellowship Building. Whatever your desire is “to help the least of these”, your Mission / Outreach leaders have an outlet for your love and talents: McArn Food Bank, Camp Pee Dee, School mentoring or Adopt-a-school, Habitat for Humanity and ReStore, Mercy in Me Clinic, Soup Kitchen, Camp Sandhills (delinquent teen boys), New Hope School for Girls (teens), Prison Ministry, Mission Trips (US and International). Please give prayerful consideration to areas that you feel called to help spread God’s love. We will eat from 5:30 til 6:15 pm and follow with a brief meeting and signups for your choice(s). Call the church office (537 7474) and confirm your attendance but by all means come regardless as there will be plenty of food and we cannot accomplish our mission without you. Sincerely, Buddy Brooks, Vice Chair for the team: (David Nagel, Buddy Brooks, David Morgan, David Brabham).

Covered Dish – Ash Wednesday February 22, 2012

The congregation is invited to bring a covered dish to the fellowship building on Wednesday, February 22. We will gather at 6:00 pm and enjoy our food together. Then at 6:40, we will have a short prayer service as we remember our need for God and his mercy in our lives. As a sign of our dependence on God, a small portion of ashes will be imposed on the foreheads of those who feel led to receive them.

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Dear Church Family,

February, 2012

The word gospel means good news but it also refers to the story about Jesus Christ. Even though Jesus is one person, we have four different gospels in our Bible. They agree in many instances, but there are some differences, most notably during the last 24 hours before Jesus died. A good devotional exercise is to read through one gospel in its entirety. As we approach Lent, I challenge you to “take on” the discipline of reading the entire gospel of Mark during the 40 days before Easter.

Mark is a wonderfully written gospel, being the shortest. Mark employs the Greek word “euthus” (yoo-thoos) 27 times. This word can most effectively be translated as “immediately.” Either Jesus moves immediately from one place to another, or often events happen very rapidly.

In several places, Mark puts two stories together, wrapping one about the other. The passage about the hemorrhaging woman and the centurion’s daughter is one example; another is the passage of the cursed fig tree and the cleansing of the temple.

But beyond much of Mark’s literary uniqueness, his ending remains in great dispute. There are three main possibilities based on the earliest manuscripts. Bibles will often include all three, but many Presbyterian scholars hold that Mark’s original manuscript ends on verse 8 in the 16th chapter. If that is so, Mark abruptly brings his gospel to an unsettling conclusion. More on that later in a sermon.

I hope you will take this spiritual journey through Mark with me. I will be preaching on many of the “harder-to-interpret” passages. Please pray for me to listen carefully to God speaking.

If you accept the Markan Challenge, please read according to the following schedule...

| During the | <u>Read</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Week of Feb 19 | Mark 1 |
| Week of Feb 26 | Mark 2-3 |
| Week of Mar 4 | Mark 4-6 |
| Week of Mar 11 | Mark 7-9 |
| Week of Mar 18 | Mark 10-12 |
| Week of Mar 25 | Mark 13-14 |
| Week of April 1 | Mark 15-16 |

February Calendar

- February
- 1 8 :30 Mothers Morning Out
 - 3:00 Fun Program
 - 5:30-7 “Leap Into Action”
Soup/Sandwich Supper
 - 7:00 Prayer Meeting
 - 7:30 Adult Choir rehearsal
 - 3-5 Middle School Retreat
 - 5 Communion**
 - 9:30 Coffee/Fellowship
 - 10:00 Church School
 - 11:00 Worship
 - 4:00 Confirmation class
 - 5:15 Bells
 - 6:00 Youth (Dan Tillman’s)
 - 6 8:30 Mothers Morning Out
 - 12:00 At Ease Deadline
 - 1-4:00 Pastor’s study time
 - 7 12:00 At Ease
 - 1:00 At Ease Committee
 - 5:30 PWCT
 - 6-7:30 Stephen Ministry Team
 - 8 8:30 Mothers Morning Out
 - 3:00 Fun Program
 - 7:00 Prayer Meeting
 - 7:30 Adult Choir rehearsal
 - 10 5:00 Confirmation Class
 - 11 8:00 Camp Pee Dee workday
 - 12 Camping Ministry Sunday**
 - 9:30 Coffee/Fellowship
 - 10:00 Church School
 - 11:00 Worship
 - 5:15 Bells
 - 6:00 Youth
 - 6:00 Deacons
 - 13 8:30 Mothers Morning Out
 - 1-4:00 Pastor’s study time
 - 14 10:00 Circle #1
 - 4:00 Circle #2
 - 6:00 Relay for Life Dinner
 - 16 8:30 Mothers Morning Out
 - 3:00 Fun Program
 - 7:00 Prayer Meeting
 - 7:30 Adult Choir rehearsal
 - 16 6:00 Session
 - 17-18 5:00 Confirmation Retreat
(Camp Pee Dee)
 - 19 9:30 Coffee/Fellowship**
 - 10:00 Church School
 - 12:30 Circle #3
 - 5:15 Bells
 - 6:00 Youth
 - 20 12:00 Newsletter deadline
 - 1-4:00 Pastor’s study time
 - 21 6-7:30 Stephen Ministry Team
 - 22 8:30 Mothers Morning Out
 - 3:00 Fun Program
 - 6:00 Lenten Covered Dish
 - 7:30 Adult Choir rehearsal
 - 23 10:00 Newsletter assembly
 - 25 Presbytery Meeting
 - 26 9:30 Coffee/Fellowship**
 - 10:00 Church School
 - 11:00 Worship
 - 5:15 Bells
 - 6:00 Youth
 - 27 8:30 Mothers Morning Out
 - 1-4:00 Pastor’s Study Time
 - 29 8:30 Mothers Morning Out
 - 3:00 Fun Program
 - 7:00 Prayer Meeting
 - 7:30 Adult Choir rehearsal

Looking Ahead

- March 4 Gifts of Women
- March 6 Sonic fundraiser
- March 17 Camp Pee Dee workday
- March 31 Indoor Yard Sale

**PARLOR CLASS BEGINS STUDY
ON
THE PARABLES OF JESUS**

The Parlor Class began a study this past Sunday, January 22nd on the “Parables of Jesus” by J. Ellsworth Kalas. This is a nine week study in which we will look at 9 different parables. Below are the parables the class will study.

1. The House on the Rock: Matthew 7:24-27
2. The Sower: Mark 4:1-20
3. The Father and His Two Sons: Luke 15:11-32
4. The Mustard Seed: Matthew 13:31-32
5. The Good Samaritan: Luke 10:25-37
6. The Widow and the Unjust Judge: Luke 18:1-8
7. The Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids: Matthew 25:1-13
8. The Pharisee and the Tax Collector: Luke 18:9-14
9. The Nobleman and the Pounds: Luke 19:11-26

Come join us as we delve into these stories that Jesus told and look at how they can apply to our lives today. The Parlor Class is a very laid back group so we encourage you to bring your coffee or grab a cup here at the church and join us as we study God’s word together.

Stephen Ministry

Our Stephen Ministry program is viable and strong in providing care to those in an official relationship with a Stephen Minister. Recently, the Session has approved the program to establish caring relationships with non-church members when ministers are available. Even though our Stephen Ministers received 50 hours of training before they were commissioned, they continue to receive training on various topics to ensure they will provide the best care possible. Currently, they are improving their skills to offer care to those who are experiencing divorce. Please continue to pray for our Stephen Ministry program; and if you know of someone (church member or not) who could benefit by being in a confidential one-to-one caring relationship, contact Rev. Kyle Henderson (mobile: 287-0392 or at the church 537-7474, ext. 2).

Meanwhile, as Lent draws near, I encourage you to listen to God speaking to you, whether through Mark’s gospel or one of the other 65 books.

May God bless You with his peace and grace. See You in church.

Kyle

February Birthdays

3-Mia Little King; 7-Helen Jeter; 8-Ashley Griggs, Pam Chapman; 9-Jay Hughes; 10-Ed Jackson;12-Katelyn Evans, Sara Marie Jewart; 15-Thomas Gullledge, Barbara Dickson; 16-Susan Malloy, China Moore, Harold Watson; 19-Shirley Huggins; 20-Laura Katherine Folger; 23-Cam Beck; 24-David Hainey; 25-Malloy Evans;27-Bill Malloy

Scholarships at First Presbyterian

The First Presbyterian Church has three scholarships available for young people:

The William Manning Malloy Memorial Scholarship is available to the most highly qualified high school senior living within a five mile radius of Cheraw;

The Edwin Malloy Memorial Scholarship is available to students seeking a college education;

The D. W. Moore, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund is available to students seeking a degree in the field of music.

Applications for these scholarships will be available at the first of the year. The deadline for returned applications will be March 1, 2012. Any high school senior who may qualify is encouraged to pick up an application in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Marion Anderson or the church office.

**Sunday School Teaching Schedule
February, 2012**

Preschool

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| February 5 th | Shannon Hainey |
| February 12 th | Tracie Phillips |
| February 19 th | Katherine Simpson |
| February 26 th | Meredith Hydrick |

Kindergarten – 3rd Grade

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| February 5 th | Teresa Adams |
| February 12 th | Debbie Jewart |
| February 19 th | Gina Goddard |
| February 26 th | Christie McLeod |

4th & 5th Grade

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| February 5 th | Kelli Beck |
| February 12 th | Kim Brabham |
| February 19 th | Douglas Anderson |
| February 26 th | Mary Jane Evans |

Nursery/Pray N' Play Schedule – February

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| February 5 | Gina and Jacob/Jackson Goddard |
| February 12 | Shannon and Robert Hainey |
| February 19 | Mary Jane and Katelyn Evans |
| February 26 | Robert or Penny Angle, John Anderson & Sallie McLeod |

YOUTH NEWS

A new Youth Council will begin the second half of the year planning activities for the youth group. The new youth serving the second half of the year are: Robert Hainey, Rebecca Marsh, Sallie McLeod, and Jackson Goddard. If any of the youth have some special activities they would like to do, then they need to pass those ideas along to any member of the youth council.

On Sunday, February 5th at 6 pm, the youth group will meet at the home of Dan Tillman for a Super Bowl Party. Everyone needs to bring some type of pick-up food to share and a drink. Parents may pick their youth up during half time. This should be a great time of fun! See everyone at Dan's.

Acolytes for February

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| February 5 | Jack and Sallie McLeod |
| February 12 | John Henderson and Andy Beck |
| February 19 | Catherine Henderson and Emily Beck |
| February 26 | Gracie Roscoe and Sara Marie Jewart |

Congratulations to....

- Mr. & Mrs. John Folger upon their marriage on December 10, 2011. Mrs. Folger is the former Laura Katherine Watson, daughter of Jean Page Watson
- Emily Beck for winning first place in the 5th grade level of the Christmas Card Contest sponsored by Cheraw Rec. Dept.
- Jacob Goddard for being on the First Citizens Bank's small fry football team who had a perfect 7-0 season
- Jackson Goddard and Catherine Henderson for making all A's for the 2nd nine weeks at Long Middle School
- Jacob Goddard and John Henderson for making all A's (Principal's List) for the 2nd nine weeks at Cheraw Intermediate School
- Rachel Marsh and Rebecca Marsh for all A's at Cheraw High School
- Hannah Marsh for making Dean's List for the Fall Semester at Presbyterian College and being selected for the SC Intercollegiate Honor Band for 2012.

(We want to include your family member in this list. Please send information to the church office.)

Prayer List

Iraqi and Afghanistan situations, Kaitlyn Hayes (Louise Carpenter's great niece), April Chappell (granddaughter of Teresa Adams' uncle), Stephen Leader Team, Amy Hobbs (friend of Barbara Dickson), David Blythe (Sue Cutchin's cousin), Colena Richardson, Martha Hamilton, Joan (Jo-an) Greene (Ron Greene's mother), Gerry Rogers, Catherine Crawford, (Carolyn Tillman's daughter), Gene Brymer (Gina Goddard's father), John and Pal Moore (community), Bill Jacobs, Dan Marsh, Allen Dale Wallace, Jr. (friend of David Nagel), Rebie Harrison (Sue Cutchin's mother), Mike Rivers (Peggy Norman's cousin), Bobbie Schnell (Artha Sompayrac's cousin), Louis Anderson, Lori Fergin (friend of Betty Davis), Helen Hamden, Brad Hurley (Peggy Stewart's brother-in-law), Kim McCutcheon Jordan (Susan Henderson's friend), Marcia Bizakis (Tracy Hatcher's mother), William Via (Tammy Joyce's father), Kenneth Nunn (grandson of Teresa Adams' friend), Dr. Richard Robertson (doctor in Darlington), Billy and Sara Wicker (Susie Ingram's parents), Pam Chapman, The family of Mary G. Gullede (Tommy Gullede's mother) who died January 20, 2012.

Nursing Home residents (Cheraw)

Ruth Pace

Nursing Home residents (away)

Honey Holman (Betty Davis' mother), Gloria Overstreet (Judy White's mother), Sybil Trulove (Shirley Huggins' mother), Larry Brock (Debbie Jewart's father)

Residents at Presbyterian Communities

Eleanor Anderson (Florence), Betty Dickson (Florence-Avery's mother), Ruth Leggett (Columbia)

Thanks!

I would like to **thank** my church family at First Presbyterian Church for your calls, cards, e-mails, and most of all your prayers during the past three months. Your prayers for me have been and are being answered positively, and I am most grateful.

Robert Moffat

Save the Date

Vacation Bible School dates have been set: July 8 – July 12. Please mark your calendars with these dates!

Session Highlights

The highlights from Session meetings are as follows:

- Satisfied Presbytery requirements of reporting the composition of Session and congregation;
- Accepted the resignation of Mr. Atticus Simpson from the McArn Food Bank Board and filled his position with Mr. Brian Brown;
- Heard second revision of the Vision writer's proposed Mission Statement;
- Ratified successful e-mail poll for establishing leadership for the eight (8) goals from Vision 2011 process;
- Approved Mr. Shane Robertson to hold an organ lecture/demonstration on February 8, 2012 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and approved sponsoring a piano recital featuring Dr. David Thompson of Limestone College on the evening of Thursday, April 12, 2012;
- Heard a report from DCE, Mac McCall reminding everyone of the Ephesians Event to take place at First Presbyterian Church, Hartsville, S.C. On 1/28/2012.

At Ease

The February meeting of At Ease will be Tuesday, February 7. Please join us for a delicious meal and fellowship.

Sympathy to.....

- Becky Childers and her family upon the death of her brother-in-law, Jerry Black of York, SC. Mr. Black died December 30, 2011.
 - Tommy Gulledge and his family upon the death of his mother, Mary G. Gulledge of Ruby, SC. Mrs. Gulledge died Friday, January 20, 2012.
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Relay for Life

Please join us for another exciting **Valentine's Relay for Life Event**. This year our guest speaker will be Cheraw native Fisher DeBerry who served as the head football coach at the United States Air Force Academy from 1984 to 2006. In 1985 he won the Paul "Bear" Bryant Award as NCAA college football's coach of the year. We also will have music and a fabulous meal with beef tenderloin cooked by our own Robby Bennett and John Long. We will have drawings for prizes including a stay at Diane Hines' beach house. The date is Tuesday, February 14, 2012, 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Building. Tickets will be \$50 each with all proceeds going to Relay for Life to help fight cancer. Please call the church office and sign up quickly as we will make this available to the public in January.

Mission Trip

July 22-28, 2012

There are slots still available for this summer's mission trip to Harrisonburg, Virginia, which will be July 22-28. Please see David Nagel, David Morgan, or Dan Tillman for details.

We have scheduled two workdays at Camp Pee Dee-February 11th and March 17th. We will meet at the church at 8:00 am and will return around 1:00pm. All of the work will be inside and lunch will be provided. Please see Mary Jane Evans for more details.

MARK YOUR CALENDER NOW...

UPCOMING FUNDRAISER DATES FOR THIS YEAR'S MISSION TRIP:
 March 4 Soup and sandwich lunch in the Fellowship Building-More details to follow.

March 6 Sonic Night-Dine at Sonic and proceeds from the sales support our mission trip.

March 31 Indoor yard sale in the Fellowship Building-contact David Nagel for details.

Newsletter deadline for March is Monday, February 20, 2012.
