



First Presbyterian Church

# *PresbyNews*

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## **First Solo Mission Trip Departs**



Twenty-one First Presbyterian mission workers departed for Virginia on Sunday to participate in a week-long mission experience. Departing from Massanetta Springs Conference Center each day, they will work on two separate sites.

Our mission workers (pictured above, by rows) are John Anderson, Katelyn Evans, Mary Jane Evans, David Brabham, Andrew Truett, Dan Tillman, Robby Norton, Laura Brabham, Rebecca Marsh, David Morgan, Jackie Pierce, Sue Cutchen, Hannah Marsh, Rebecca Marsh, Kyle Henderson, David Nagel, Parker Pierce, Robert Hainey, Amber Hancock, Christian Hainey, and Austin Truett.

This mission trip marks the first time young people and adults from First Presbyterian have participated in a mission trip solely on their own. Please keep these mission workers in your prayers this week as they represent you in this mission work. They are scheduled to return on Saturday.

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**Permit #3**

Dear Church Family,

I am very excited about our church's future. The Congregational Planning Team made a number of recommendations to the Session, all of which were adopted and will be forthcoming. The Planning team spent a lot of time in formulating clear recommendations to encourage greater connections among our church members and to continue to reach out into the community effectively.

In particular, we will have a new Membership Committee to ensure people are "plugged" in to what interests them and to be active in church work. We are investigating more ways to learn about our own selves and what God is calling us to do. We are seeking to implement a process for the whole church to develop a "new" vision and mission statement for our church. As these plans are made, more will be shared.

I thank all those who prayed for the Congregational Planning Team and for the Session during these last six months. Now I ask your prayers in a new venture.

The Session has approved our congregation to become a Stephen Ministry congregation. This decision was based on a brainstorming session by the Congregational Care Committee. Becoming a Stephen Ministry congregation will enable us to give better care to all our members who request a personal "minister."

The first phase is for our four Stephen Leaders to be trained in Pittsburgh, PA. On August 1, 2010, the following will go to be trained: Mrs. Teresa Adams, Mr. Malloy Evans, Mrs. Peggy Norman, and Rev. Kyle Henderson. Please be in prayer that these four will learn how to implement Stephen Ministry back in our congregation.

What is Stephen Ministry? It is a one-on-one personal contact method where someone, who is going through a difficult time, can receive a personal "minister" to meet with him or her weekly. Our church members who are gifted with the spiritual gifts of compassion and care will be trained as "Stephen Ministers" to care for others throughout our congregation.

## August Calendar

### August

- 1 Communion**  
 9:30 Coffee/Fellowship  
 10:00 Church School  
 11:00 Worship
- 2 12:00 At Ease Deadline  
 6:00 Community Outreach
- 3 12:00 At Ease Lunch  
 1:00 At Ease Committee
- 4 7:30 Adult Choir rehearsal
- 8** 9:30 Coffee/Fellowship  
 10:00 Church School  
 11:00 Worship  
 6:00 Deacons
- 9 1-4:30 Pastor's study time
- 10 10:00 Presbytery of New  
 Harmony meeting  
 5:30-7:00 MMO Open House
- 11 9:00 First Presbyterian staff  
 7:30 Adult Choir
- 14 6:00 Dinner for 8
- 15 Installation of PW Officers**  
 9:30 Coffee/Fellowship  
 10:00 Church School  
 11:00 Worship
- 16 1-4:30 Pastor's study time
- 17 9:00 First Presbyterian staff
- 18 7:30 Adult Choir rehearsal
- 19 12:00 NHP Satellite lunch  
 6:00 Session
- 20 9-10 Mothers Morning Out  
 Kickoff  
 7:00 Youth Retreat at  
 Camp Pee Dee
- 22** 9:30 Coffee/Fellowship  
 10:00 Church School  
 11:00 Worship  
 3:00 Back to School Picnic  
 at Camp Pee Dee
- 23 9:00 Mothers Morning Out  
 1-4:30 Pastors study time
- 24 9:00 First Presbyterian staff
- 25 9:00 Mothers Morning Out  
 7:30 Adult Choir rehearsal

- 29** 9:30 Coffee/Fellowship  
 10:00 Church School  
 11:00 Worship  
 6:00 Presbyterian Youth
- 30 9:00 Mothers Morning Out  
 12:00 Newsletter Deadline  
 1-4:30 Pastor's study time
- 31 9:00 First Presbyterian staff

### September

- 1 9:00 Mothers Morning Out  
 7:00 Prayer meeting  
 7:30 Adult Choir rehearsal
- 2 10:00 Newsletter assembly

### Looking Ahead September 6

Labor Day-Office Closed

**September 12**  
Christian Education Sunday

**September 15**  
Everybody's Birthday

**September 26**  
Congregational Dinner  
The Rev. Beth Templeton

**September 27**  
The Rev. Beth Templeton at  
leadership lunch.

**October 23**  
Dinner for 8

church. People walked, rode in buggies or wagons that limited their travel to just a few miles.

The automobile changed all of that. It enabled city dwelling in a way that had not been possible before. It became the mechanism in which what had been the “Sabbath became Sunday instead.” Grandma’s Sabbath lunch gave way to travels into the countryside to visit friends and neighbors. In a few decades the Sabbath became a Sunday for shopping, mall visits, movies, and games. Early services were added so that faithful churchgoers could get their Sabbath worship over in order to have more time for their other activities. Tickle does not judge any of this to be good or bad. She says, “It just is.”

Tickle says, “When mid-twentieth-century Caucasian Protestantism lost [Norman] Rockwell’s Grandmas, it lost a large part of itself.” It was Grandma that asked little Johnny, “What did you learn in Sunday School?” It was Grandma that, were she to discover that Johnny had not been to Sunday School, would make sure the parents were held accountable. In other words, she oversaw that Biblical instruction and values were being taught in her family.

Tickles says, “When the Tin Lizzie took away her [Grandma’s] kingdom of influence it was [the church] that came un tethered and was diminished.” The role of the family in Christian teaching and learning changed forever. How have we, the Church, adjusted to this change?

We cannot continue to be the church we were in a society that is no longer the society it was. We must find ways to be relevant for today. We cannot be the church of our grandparents and their parents. We must honor that church, but we must be the church of our people today and tomorrow. Otherwise, we will be relegated to be an irrelevant institution.

Tickle’s premise of her book is that every 500 years society and the church has a major “attic cleaning and a giant rummage sale.” We do away with the old and take in the new. The one before this one was the Great Reformation. She says that we are in the midst of another “attic cleaning.” Hang on! It could be a wild ride.

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As we understand more about Stephen Ministry, more will be shared. You can also find more on [stephenministries.org](http://stephenministries.org). In the meantime, please keep our new ministry in your prayers. I hope your summer has gone well, and I look forward to seeing you soon,

Grace and Peace be yours in the name of Jesus Christ,  
Kyle

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### **At Ease Luncheon**

*August 3, 12 noon*

Seven dollars gets you delicious meatloaf and all the “fixings” prepared by the Country Kitchen. Make your plans to invite a friend to the great food and wonderful fellowship afforded by the At Ease Luncheon, August 3, 12 noon.

The only catch is that you need to make a reservation by noon on August 2. We want to make sure you are included. We look forward to seeing you on August 3.

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### **Mothers Morning Out Get Ready for New Year**

Mothers Morning Out will begin a new year when Chesterfield County Schools begin their fall session, August 23. In preparation for this year, Mothers Morning Out is holding an Open House, Tuesday, August 10, 5:30-7:00 pm.

If you know of anyone who has a child ages 9 months - three years of age, and would be interested in this wonderful program for children and mothers, please make them aware of the Open House or have them call the church office (537-7474).

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### **Dinner for 8**

The Dinner for 8 socials will resume on Saturday, August 14. Those interested in participating should contact Douglas Anderson, 910-4485, or [danderson@palmettobrick.com](mailto:danderson@palmettobrick.com).

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**Presbyterian Women Officer Installation**

*August 15, 2010*

Presbyterian Women will hold their installation of officers for the fall of 2010 during worship on Sunday, August 15, 2010. Please join us for this important day.

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**Presbyterian Youth to Kick Off Year with Retreat**

*August 20-22*

Beginning in the evening of August 20, the Presbyterian Youth will begin their year with a two night retreat at Camp Pee Dee. The event will lead into the Back to School Picnic on the afternoon of August 22. All youth are encouraged to try to participate in this event. You will be emailed details.

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**Back To School Picnic at Camp Pee Dee**

*August 22, 3-7 pm.*

Fun, games, enjoyable conversation, swimming, and other camp activities await the family and friends of First Presbyterian Church at the annual Back to School Picnic. This event, held at the picnic shelter closest to the swimming pool promises a great afternoon for us to gather and enjoy fellowship and fun together.

Following the traditional grilled hamburgers and hotdog supper (with ice cream, I presume), a brief vesper service will close the activities.

Come and enjoy this great afternoon with others in your church family.

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**Sympathy to...**

- the family of Hassie Jones upon his death. Mr. Jones died on June 21, 2010.
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**Church Retreat Brought Home**

*September 26, 2010*

We planned a church retreat for the spring that featured the Rev. Beth Lindsay Templeton. Beth is an ordained Presbyterian minister and past director of Our Eyes Were Opened, an outreach of United Ministries in Greenville, SC. She spends her time preaching, teaching, and writing.

Beth's book, Loving Your Neighbor: A Thoughtful Approach to Helping People in Poverty, offers "seasoned guidance on how to practice wise compassion." The book offers practical advice for organizations and individuals who need to make "compassionate decisions" about donations to those in need.

Beth will speak during the morning worship on Sunday, September 26 and again in more detail that evening after a congregational dinner. The evening session will be open to the community.

On Monday, September 27, leaders of charitable organizations, who help those in need will be invited to a luncheon to spend some time talking with Beth.

Put September 26 on your calendar. You will want to be present for this time with Beth Lindsay Templeton.

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**We can't go back to the "Tin Lizzie."**

In her book, The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why, Phyllis Tickle writes, "...it came upon us in 1908, and it was affordable, reliable, easier than a horse and buggy to care for...and fun! America took to the roads and never looked back."

Phyllis Tickle is writing about the automobile, or more specifically the first mass produced automobile, the Model T. For a century, give a take a year or two, we have been under the influence of this boon to America that changed the way we lived and the influences that worked on our lives.

Before the automobile people dwelled in agricultural societies that centered around the family land, the one schoolhouse, and (a large component) one

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### Budget Available

A copy of the annual budget is available in the church office for members who would like to receive one.

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### August Birthdays

2, Steve Childers, Debbie Hutson, Joe Newsom; 3, Allan Anderson, Jr., Nancy Robeson; 4, Laverne Grant; 5, Whitney Long, Peggy Stewart, Diana Thompson, Bill Tillman; 8, Lee Tillman; 11, Rachel Marsh, Rebecca Marsh; 13, Laura Brabham, Tony Griggs, Shannon Hainey; 14, Logan Owens; 15, Grayson Cauthen, Andrew Truett; 16, Jimmy Funderburk; 17, Mardita Murphy; 18, Eleanor Anderson; 19, Nancy Newsom; 23, Ken Thompson; 24, Billie Polson; 25, Shirley Brock, Erica McLaughlin; 26, Philip Dickson, Bron Long, Calvin Phillips.

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### Acolytes Return to Service in September

We will resume the acolyte schedule in September. The following list the dates and persons who will be acolytes on those days. If your child is interested in being an acolyte, please contact Kim Brabham or Mary Jane Evans.

September 5	Gracie Roscoe and Catherine Henderson
September 12	Elizabeth Cox and Emily Beck
September 19	Jack and Sallie McLeod
September 26	Harvey and John Anderson
October 3	Jackson and Jacob Goddard
October 10	Katelyn Evans and Rylie Thurman
October 17	Gracie Roscoe and Sara Marie Jewart
October 24	Emily Beck and Catherine Henderson
October 31	Jacob Goddard and Harvey Anderson

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### Presbyterian Youth Start Regular Meetings

*August 29, 6:00 pm*

Presbyterian Youth will resume their regular meeting schedule on Sunday, August 29, at 6:00 pm. The meetings led by advisors Mary Anderson, David & Shelley Morgan, and Dan Tillman will follow the kick off retreat at Camp Pee Dee.

As in the past, youth and their adult leaders will be involved in the planning of the meetings and activities of the group. All youth are encouraged to plan to participate fully in the program.

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### Congratulations to...

- Jarrett Nagel for achieving the Dean's list at Winthrop University (3.5+ GPR).
- Mr. & Mrs. Joseph R. Molinari, who were married on May 22, 2010, at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church. Joseph is the Grandson of Louise Carpenter and the nephew of Debbie Tolar.
- Mr. & Mrs. William Manning Malloy, III, who were married June 22, 2010, at the Bitter End Yacht Club, British Virgin Islands. Bill (III) is the son of Bill & Susan Malloy.
- Gail Ingram for receiving the senior level Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award, a national honor that comes with a \$10,000 prize, at the National History Day event in June. Gail won the state award at the State History Day event in Columbia earlier in the year.
- David Brabham for achieving the Dean's List at Clemson University (3.5+GPR).

(We want to make sure we include your family member in this list. Please send the information to the church office or place it in the newsletter box located under the officer boxes.)

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### Fun Program

Fun Program, for children in Grades 1-6, will begin soon. In the meantime, if your child is eligible for Fun Program, watch for a survey. This survey will help Fun Program meet our church's goal to make Fun Program as successful as possible.

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### Scholarship Recipients for 2010

Annually the First Presbyterian Church gives scholarships to several young persons who will be attending colleges and universities during the next school year. The following scholarships were presented to these deserving students.

**William Manning Malloy Scholarships** were presented to Christian Hainey (Presbyterian College) and Georgia Harpe (Anderson University).

**Edwin Malloy Memorial Scholarships** were presented to Jackie Pierce (Anderson University) and Taylor Melton (Clemson University).

**The D. W. Moore Memorial Scholarship** was presented to Hannah Marsh (Presbyterian College).

Congratulations to all of these fine students.

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### Session Highlights

In its recent meeting the Session took the following action:

- Approve August 14 and October 23 as dates for “Dinner for 8.”
  - Approve September 15 as the date for “Everybody’s Birthday Party.”
  - Approve hosting the Rev. Beth Templeton, former director of Our Eyes Were Opened, to speak during Sunday morning worship and at an evening program, September 26, and to host a luncheon on Monday for representatives of local charitable organizations to visit with her.
  - Approved an annual flyer be placed in the newsletter to promote giving to the McArn Food Bank on Father’s Day.
  - Approved the release of 75% of the Anderson Fund proceeds to the McArn Food Bank to help persons with utility bills.
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### Prayer List

Iraqi and Afghanistan situations, Leila Oliver (mother of Teresa Adams’ friend), World Situation and Local Economy with hurting families, Carzell Chapman (former church sexton), Gene Brymer (Gina Goddard’s father), Brenda Talbert (friend of Gina Goddard), Charles Harvey (Charlene Tillman’s father), Bill Ranson (Ginny Nickles’ friend), April Chappell (granddaughter of Teresa’s uncle), Lena McCoy (friend of Debbie Toler), Martha Bouknight (friend of Anne Bryan), Capt. Ken Furtick (Mike and Cathy Chapman’s son-in-law), Dr. Gary Maynard (former member), Jan Gregory (Teresa Adams’ relative), The earthquake victims in Haiti, Chile and Turkey, Barbara Ledbetter (friend of Bennie Moore), Jim Murray (community), Charles White (former member), Julius Short (Carolyn West’s uncle), Marnie Howiler (niece of Elizabeth Cox’s teacher), Mary G. Gulledge (Tommy Gullede’s mother), Jeff Yarborough (friend of Debbie Toler), Eddie Meek Robinson (Becky Childers’ father), Jill Norris (Cheryl Fisher’s cousin), Donna Thompson (Peggy Stewart’s daughter), Lori Fergin (friend of Betty Davis), Kim Michaux (relative of Gerry Rogers’ friend), Arthur Evans (Malloy Evans’ brother), Alice Emily Sanders (Emma Hamden’s mother), Flora Anne Williams (friend of Connie Funderburk), Chuck Michaux (friend of Gerry Rogers), Rev. Bill Byars (pastor of Patrick and Soc. Hill Presbyterian churches), Johnny Jordan, Sr. (brother-in-law to Peggy Norman), Wendy Langjahr (community), Jack Jewart (Randy Jewart’s father), Bill Laney, and Dan Marsh.

**Nursing Home residents (Cheraw):** Ruth Pace

**Nursing Home residents (away):** Mary G. Gullede (Tommy’s mother) & Gloria Overstreet (Judy White’s mother), and Honey Holman (Betty Davis’ mother).

**Presbyterian Home Residents:** Ruth Leggett, (Columbia), Margorie Osborn (Summerville), Eleanor Anderson (Florence), and Betty Dickson (Avery’s mother).

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