

FOCUS

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Sunday, May 11, 2008

CHURCH SCHOOL, 9:45 a.m.
MORNING WORSHIP,
8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
“*What’s the Church Here For?*”
Promoting Righteousness”
Romans 12:1-21

No Evening Programs

ELDERS GREETING AT THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Charles McFaddin, Bert Montague, Julian Moore,
Susan Price

GREETERS AT THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

Lauren & David Decker

TAPE MINISTRY

Susan Brabham, Betsy Lynch, Virginia McFaddin,
Susan Weston

TELLER DUTY

Glenn Fisher, Brian Frerichs

ELDER IN CHARGE OF VISITING - May 11 - 17

Charles McFaddin

PERSON IN CHARGE OF TAPING SERVICE

Erin Ezell

USHERS

(8:45) Susan Osteen
(11:00) Harvin Barnes
Junior Ushers: Patrick Muldrow & Greyson Young

SUNDAY STEPHEN MINISTER

Bert Montague

CHURCH HOUR EXTENDED CARE VOLUNTEERS

(Please note the schedule for this Sunday)

Committee Member - Paige Macloskie

Newborn - Emmie Harvin

2 & 3 Yr. Olds - Brian & Catharine Frerichs

4 & 5-Yr. Olds - Cary & Natalie Coker

This Week at FPC

SUNDAY, MAY 11

8:45 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Church School - Classes for All Ages
11:00 a.m. Worship Service Sanctuary
4:30 p.m. Youth Dir. Search Committee Parlor
6:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Birthday Celebration

MONDAY, MAY 12

6:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting. McLaurin Room

TUESDAY, MAY 13

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting Parlor
10:00 a.m. Helen Murray Bible Study
. McLaurin Room
5:30 p.m. Long Range Planning Parlor

THURSDAY, MAY 15

1:00 p.m. Quilting Class Fellowship Hall

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FROM MARK’S DESK . . .

What a wonderful time on Sunday. First, let’s speak of welcoming our new confirmands into the church membership: **Julian Dixon, Catie Foley and Drew McDuffie**. This is a tremendous occasion for these young disciples & their families. And as I said briefly, this is the natural termination point for the first stage of their lives as disciples. From the time of their baptism as infants, theirs has been a faith in formation. At the age of confirmation we judge that these young people have matured in their minds & hearts to the point that they are ready to take the covenant and commitment of Christian discipleship upon themselves. And so with this year of confirmation classes, they studied the meaning of baptism & communion, the meaning of faith & membership and discussed these things not only in class but in informal outings with their Elder Mentors. On Confirmation Sunday they appeared before the Session and made their individual Professions of Faith. Having thus been baptized and professed their faith, our Confirmands were received into the adult membership of First Presbyterian Church. Again, we say congratulations to them and their families, including all of you who have been their teachers, their encouragers and supporters through these first formative years.

Then on Sunday evening we held our **Presbyterian Women’s Birthday Offering** supper, which marked in every way the full entrance into the ways of lifelong Christian discipleship, both in the dedication and installation of new officers for the coming year and especially in the warm introductions and joyful celebration of our three honorees, **Dot Spencer, Piercy Parker and Mary Catharine Williams**. Each woman, surrounded by family at the supper, was presented with a beautiful commemorative pen and awarded a special ‘Lifetime Membership’ to the Presbyterian Women, in recognition for years of dedication and devotion to their families, their church and this community. Congratulations to all!

DISCIPLE CLASSES, BEGINNING NEXT FALL!

We had a good turnout for our Disciple interest meeting this past Sunday and it looks at present like we will have at least two Disciple studies going in the fall: **Disciple I** – a basic introduction to the whole of the Bible; and **Christian Believer** – an extended look at various topics of Christian faith and life as they grow out of the Bible and have been taught throughout the life and history of the Christian church. If you have taken both of these courses, you’re certainly invited to sign up again! But if you would like to try another **Disciple** course, we have several trained and experienced teachers and are eager to have as many classes going this fall as possible. Please speak to Peggy Swann or me about how and where you’d like to be involved as a Bible student.

Grace to you and peace,
Mark

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ALLELUIA CHOIR TO SING

The Alleluia Choir (3rd-5th grades) will be singing in worship this Sunday, May 11th. The children will be picked up from Sunday school at 9:45 for rehearsal. Please call Ms. Lynch with questions or concerns at 905-5611.

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HSY & MSY Youth News

Montreat Youth Conference

Throw Open the Doors! - July 6-12, 2008

Interested high school youth need to make their \$150 deposits by May 30th.

Middle School Conference at Presbyterian College

Born to Fly - July 23-27, 2008

All interested middle school youth need to make their \$125 deposit by May 30th.

**PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITIES OF SC
MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING**

The Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina are celebrating 50 years of partnership in ministry to South Carolina families. The first residents began living with us at Summerville in January, 1958. Since the mid 1980's, you have helped PCSC provide over \$27 million to aid residents. In 2008, we will give benevolent care to about 7% of our residents at a cost of around \$2.2 million. The Mother's Day offering is used entirely to provide this assistance. We can make a difference. Please give generously to the special offering this Sunday. Many residents and their families are counting on us!!



CONFIRMATION CLASS RECEIVED

Congratulations to this year's Confirmation Class. They have spent seven months exploring what it means to claim the name Christian, studying faith issues and what it means to be a member of the Presbyterian Church, USA. Welcome to these students who made their public profession of faith and joined the church on May 4, 2008

Confirmation Students	Elder Mentors
Julian Dixon	Coles Dwight
Catie Foley	Ann Geddings
Drew McDuffie	Bob Smith



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN AWARD
LIFE MEMBERSHIPS**

Congratulations to the following who were awarded honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women on Sunday, May 4th:

- Piercy Parker
- Dot Spencer
- Mary Catharine Williams



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
REGISTRATION**

June 9th-13th, 9:00 a.m.- noon

Sign up now!

Ages: rising 4 year old preschool through rising 5th grade
We are inviting all children to be a part of the excitement at our VBS, Beach Party: Surfin' Through The Scriptures. The Bible stories presented will encourage your children to develop Beach Be-Attitudes: Be Obedient, Be Kind, Be Forgiving, Be Bold, and Believe.

Attention Rising 6th grade:

For you only---- join us for MISSION BLAST!!
Register outside the fellowship hall or call the church office.

VOLUNTEER MEETING

There will be a meeting of all volunteers for VBS on May 18th at 5:00 p.m. in the McLaurin Berean Bible Classroom. All volunteers who have already signed up to help, as well as anyone else interested in helping in this fun filled week is asked to attend. Thanks for helping our children "surf through the scriptures" at our Beach Party Vacation Bible School



END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION

Come join us for a pig pickin', great music, games and fun for all ages May 18th at the West Youth Building. Bring a churn of homemade ice cream or an ice cream desert to share. There will be prizes awarded for the best churns! Mark your calendars and bring a friend.

PAINT THE CHURCH RED!!!

This Sunday, Mother's Day, is also Pentecost Sunday. It is the Sunday that Christians around the world celebrate the birthday of the Church of Jesus Christ. May also happens to be the month that First Presbyterian Church was chartered, 185 years ago! Join us on the front lawn of the church immediately following the 11:00 worship service for a birthday celebration. There will be red balloons, and cake to symbolize the flame of the Holy Spirit and we will also release doves into the sky, symbolizing the Holy Spirit flowing through us. Everyone is encouraged to wear something red and come be a part of the wonderful event.



ATTENTION COLLEGE GRADUATES

If you are going to graduate from college or graduate school this spring, please call the church office so we can recognize this accomplishment in the Focus.



KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED

- Tuomey: Chal Glenn, Gerald Dix,
Lad Owens, Lila Corbett
- Covenant Place: Piercy Parker, Marion Carey
- Recuperating at Home: Lisa Avins, Jim Thornton,
Warren Strange, Dot Kennedy
- (at Daughter's Home): Mildred Carrigan



CONGRATULATIONS to Chris and Alle Denny on the birth of a son, Charles Francis Denny, who was born on April 30, 2008 in Myrtle Beach. Proud grandparents are Glenda and Charles Denny.



CONGRATULATIONS to Margaret van Bulck and Martin Smith, who were married on April 20, 2008 at Brookgreen Gardens.



FINANCES AT A GLANCE

Received last Week	\$11,811.67
Needed each Week	\$19,904.00
Received Year-to-Date	\$318,199.14
Expenses Year-to-Date	\$337,652.68
Budget Year-to-Date	\$358,271.65

11 W. Calhoun Street Purchase

2007 + 2008 Pledges	\$83,133.66
Pledges Received To-Date	\$75,400.00
Non-Pledged Receipts	\$48,704.11
Total Received To-Date	\$124,104.11
Total Purchase Price	\$200,000.00
Balance Needed	\$75,895.89

SUMMER SCHEDULE	
Beginning June 1, 2008	
Breakfast	9:00 – 9:30
Session Meeting	9:35
Adult Sunday School	9:30 – 9:45
Live Out Loud!	9:45 – 10:15
Worship	10:30

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