

God, Are You Real?



April
2008

*The little child whispered,
“God, speak to me”
And a meadowlark sang
But the child did not hear.*

*So the child yelled,
“God, speak to me!”
And the thunder rolled across the sky
But the child did not listen.*

*The child looked around and said,
“God, let me see you”
And a star shone brightly
But the child did not notice.*

*And the child shouted,
“God show me a miracle!”
And a life was born
But the child did not know.*

*So the child cried out in despair,
“Touch me God, and let me know you are there!”*

*Whereupon God reached down
And touched the child
But the child brushed the butterfly away
And walked away unknowingly.*

Take time to listen.

Anonymous



The Knit Wits deliver Prayer Shawls



Muriel Jenkins, Jane Fulbright and Juanita Massey deliver Esteline Jenkins a Prayer Shawl while Wayne Jenkins observes.

Betty Godfrey was also present taking the picture.

The Knit Wits have been busy recently making items for the Auction. The Missions Committee has decided that any proceeds from the auction for items made by the Knit Wits will be donated to the Dove House.

We have been also making lapkins and shawls to replenish our closet as well as making blankets for the Dove House.



Judy Stewart and Emily Nash deliver prayer shawl to Dorothy Beatty

Serving others with a humble heart doesn't mean we have to do great, extravagant things to do what Jesus would do. Sometimes we can simply touch the untouchable...and share God's loving life-changing grace.


News from the Sterling Silvers

The Sterling Silvers will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 am on Monday, April 14. This meeting is a highlight of our monthly meetings. The Women's Ministries are preparing a meal for their annual food fest and we are extremely appreciative for the effort they put forth in our honor. I know all of the Sterling Silvers will make this meeting one in which they make a great attempt to attend.


The Sterling Silvers were making plans to attend the Spring Fling on Thursday March 27th. At the time of this notice we were making appeals for a person to drive the van. Our usual driver, Pastor Tim, has prior commitments. We are hoping that someone comes about because none of the present Sterling Silvers are able to perform this task.

We had some illness in our group: Lucille Reese, Wayne Waugh and Avis Pope. They are greatly missed at our meetings and we wish them well.

Sarge Frank Emery: Director



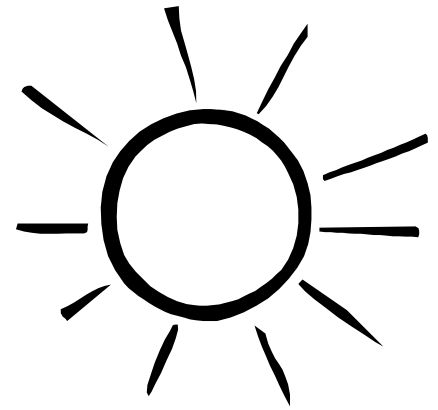
Synpathy is expressed to Pat Price in the recent passing of her brother.



Jesus' gift to us is eternal life, something we don't deserve, didn't work for, and can't buy for any price.

News from Women's Ministries

We would like to start by thanking God for such an awesome *Women's Beach Retreat*. Twenty-seven women traveled to Cherry Grove Beach for a weekend packed with Bible Study, food, fun and amazing fellowship! We studied *The Frazzled Female* by author Cindi Woods. We believe wholeheartedly that each woman returned home with a truth and practical application so that she will all able to live a victoriously *unfrazzled* life. God graciously gives us exactly what we need exactly when we need it! Thank you God that You are our God!



Women's Ministries events scheduled in April:

April 12th-Women's Council Meeting

April 14th- Sterling Silvers Luncheon

April 20th-Jubilee Birthday Celebration

We urge all Women's Council members to attend the planned meeting. It will be held in the friendship classroom from 9:00—10:30 am.

We are excited to host our annual Sterling Silvers Luncheon on April 14th. It is always a fun time for everyone. We would like to say thank you to all those helping with this event and for all of the Sterling Silvers that attend.

It is time for our Jubilee Birthday Celebration. The purpose for this event is to raise money for two designated women missionaries. **Judi Hodges** is one of our Jubilee ladies who serves with a team in Berlin, Germany, and has helped establish a ministry to unchurched children. She is also working with training new young leaders and others who want to work with children and youth. **Judy Buis** is our other Jubilee lady who currently is living in Rock Hill, SC. She is eagerly looking forward to going to Scotland to work with Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF). This is a Bible-centered worldwide organization whose purpose is to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of Christ, disciple them, and establish them in the local church. Please pray for these women and support them in any way that you can. We will be taking up an offering.

The Jubilee Birthday Celebration will be held on Sunday night beginning at 6:00. We will have a guest speaker to share with us about mission work. We will need volunteers to help cook the food, work in the kitchen, and to clean-up. More details will be given at each circle meeting. If you do not attend a circle and would like to volunteer please call Kim Brady at 704-872-5370.

April Circle Schedules:

Golden Christian Circle will meet April 7th in the Fellowship Hall

Treasure Keepers will meet April 8th at the home of Leann Hartness

Mary-Martha Sunrise will meet April 16th at the home of Muriel Jenkins

Mary-Martha Sunset will meet April 15th at the home of Kitzi Emery

Please continue to pray for the Women's Ministries and all the ways God allows us to serve Him. It is surely an exciting time at New Sterling!

God Bless You, The Women's Council



**New Sterling ARP Church
Women's Beach Retreat
March 7-9, 2008**

Our Bible Study: *The Frazzled Female* by Cindi Woods

Our Theme Song: *I Love You Lord*

Our Weekend Schedule:

Friday

9:00 am	Leave the church
11:15 am	Stop for Lunch
3:00 pm etc,	Hopefully everyone has arrived by then. Unload, unpack, make beds, put away food items, prepare for next day, freshen up
5:00 pm	Dinner at TGI Friday's
7:00-7:30 pm	Bible Study—Session 1—Introduction
7:30-7:45 pm	Learn new song with Susan Pugh
7:45-8:00 pm	Singing
8:00-9:30 pm	Quiet Time (read designated materials, scripture and do work book exercises)
9:30-10:30 pm	Games
10:30-12:00 am	Free Time

SATURDAY

8:00-9:00 am	Breakfast and cleanup
9:00-9:15 am	Singing
9:15-10:15 am	Bible Study—Session 2
10:15-12:00 pm	Quiet Time
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch and Clean up
1:00-2:00 pm	Group Walk on the Beach
2:00-3:15 pm	Bible Study—Session 3
3:15-4:45 pm	Quiet Time
4:45-5:30 pm	Games
5:30-7:00 pm	Dinner and Clean up
7:15-8:30 pm	Bible Study—Session 4
8:30-9:30 pm	Games
9:30-10:30 pm	Singing
10:30-11:30 pm	Free Time

SUNDAY

8:00-9:00 am	Breakfast and Clean up, pack up kitchen items
9:00-9:30 am	Praise and Singing
9:30-10:00 am	Bible Study—Session 5
10:00 am	Load Luggage
	Group picture and singing "I Love You Lord" on the beach before leaving





I Love You Lord!!!!!!



And I lift my voice!!!



Women's Beach Retreat 2008

To worship You!!



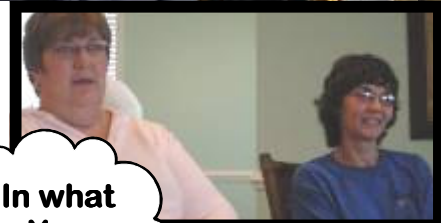
Oh my soul rejoice!!



Take joy my King!!



In what You hear!!!

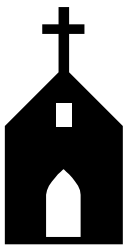


May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear!!!!

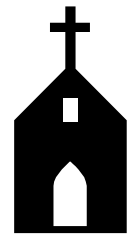


Daniel Pugh recently had a starring role in "Barefoot In The Park" performed by the Drama Department at West Iredell High School. **Lonnie and Carolyn Elliott's** Granddaughter **Kendyal Waugh** also starred in the play.....**Wayne Waugh** had to spend a few days in the hospital.....**Kent Clarke** had a heart catherization and the next day had triple bypass surgery.....**Jason Brady** has moved back to Statesville.....**Pat Price** fell and injured her knee very badly and has had to stay off of her leg.....**Taryn Setzer** celebrated her 25th birthday with 18 Treasure Keepers.....Those who attended the Women's Beach Retreat were: **Susan Pugh, Linda Harper, Jeanette Hauck, Lori Compton, Kim Brady, Judy Watson, Nikki Campbell, Cindy McNeely, Betty Godfrey, Michelle Hairyes, Delinda Mauney,**

Marcia Winters, Juanita Massey, Jane Fulbright, Betty Sides, Kitzi Emery, Peggy Gray, Julie Winters, Felicia Sports, Aarene Reese, Jane Mayhew, Barbara McClure, BJ Brewer, Taryn Setzer, Jessica Graham, LeAnn Hartness and Erin Waugh.....Ask **Felicia Sports** what the dress code is at the beach retreat.....**Todd Winters** and **Ken Hauck** were seen recently at Garden Ridge at the check-out counter with a bunch of flowers...???......**Dylan Deal** is playing center field and **Kelli Johnson** is catching for the West Iredell JV Softball team.....Those attending the youth lock-in were: **Taryn and Brian Setzer, Jessica and Scott, Graham, Ken, Curtis and Kortney Hauck, Daniel Pugh, Jacob McNeely, Amanda Sports, Devan Madden, Dustin , Hannah and Dylan Cook, Samantha , Gray and Davis Emery, Maddee Campbell, Nick and Tanner**.....**Garrett Deal** is playing rec baseball in Mooresville this year.....**Doris McNeely** is home from California....**Felicia Sports and Nikki Campbell** along with communicant's class members **Kristen Griffin, Lorin Donnelly, Madee Campbell, Garrett Deal, Jared Hauck, Cody Hairyes, Maggie Emery, Bailey Hartness, Madison Winters and Madelyn McNeely** became members of New Sterling.....**Nikki Campbell** was honored with a bridal shower.....**Marcia Winters's** mother recently fell and broke her clavical....**Madison Winters and Maggie Emery** play JO Volleyball and won their first tournament playing in Wilkesboro recently. Their team name is the Xxplosion....**Rachel Gray** and family celebrated her 7th birthday in Boone and at Sugar Mountain Ski Resort. **Rachel and Laurel** loved the view from atop Sugar prior to skiing the mile high slope!!!!.....**Dillard Walker** recently spent some time in the hospital....**Kent Clarke** was heard singing Fun, Fun, Fun by the Beach Boys after his recent bypass surgery. Is he the next American Idol?????.....**Maude McNeely's** son, **Ronnie**, has recently been diagnosed with cancer.....**Jeanette Hauck** started a new job with Piedmont Healthcare.....**Daniel Pugh** was recently accepted to NC State University...The drywall has been completed at the **Angel House**.....**Sue Moore** has moved back to Statesville....**Lorin Donnelly** reports that 50 pounds of socks were sent to California for the homeless. Thanks to New Sterling for their help.....**Tim and Melissa Donnelly** are expecting a new addition to their family.....**Wendy Pope** had emergency gallbladder surgery.....How did **Brian and Taryn Setzer's** dog Cooper lock himself in **Michelle Hairyes's** car at **Ken Hauck's** house????.....Stay in your house!!! Protect your pets!!!! **Dylan Deal and Lauren Gryder** have their driver's license!!!!!!.....**Garrett Deal** spent a week with his dad in Mooresville. On arriving home, he could not wait to go see his girlfriend, Mae, on Sunday.....



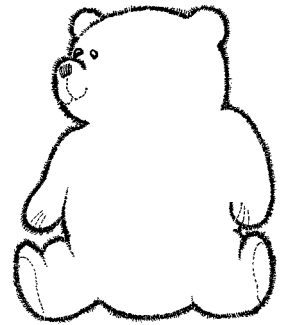
Coming Events



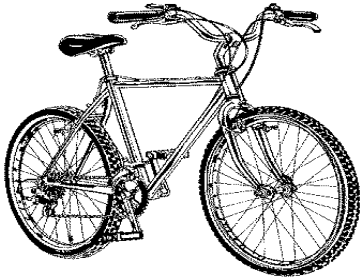
April 1	7:00 pm	Men's Bible Study	
April 3	6:00 pm	History/Scrapbook Committee @ Delinda Mauney's	
April 5	9:00 am	Knit Wits with Michelle Hairyes	
April 6	9:15 am	Praise & Worship	
	5:00 pm	Called Meeting of the CE Committee	
	5:15 pm	Children's Choir/C3	
	6:00 pm	Sunday Family Night	
April 7	9:30 am	Golden Christian Circle—Juanita Massey Devotions, Marilyn Teague, Bible Study	
April 8	7:00 pm	Treasure Keepers—LeAnn Hartness hostess	
	7:00 pm	Jeanette Hauck, Facilitator, LeAnn Hartness, Jill Hager, Kendra Watson, Meal Harlan Mission Team Meeting	
April 12	9:00 am	Women's Council	
		BBQ and Auction	
April 13	9:15 am	Praise & Worship	
		Youth Council	
		Missions Committee	
	5:15 pm	Children' Choir/C3	
	6:00 pm	Sunday Family Night	
April 14		Sterling Silvers Luncheon	
April 15	7:00 pm	Mary Martha Sunset—Kitzi Emery Hostess, Susan Pugh Facilitator	
April 16	9:30 am	Mary Martha Sunrise—Muriel Jenkins Hostess, Tena Campbell Facilitator	
April 17	7:00 pm	Men's Life Issues Study	
April 18-20		Junior High Retreat	
April 18	7:30 pm	Seekers Bible study with Betty and David Sides	
April 20	9:15 am	Praise & Worship	
	5:15 pm	Children's Choir/C3	
	6:00 pm	Sunday Family Night/ Jubilee Birthday sponsored by the Women's Ministries	
April 21	7:00 pm	Knit Wits with Emily Nash	
April 21-24		Bonclarken Work Week	
April 25-26		30 Hour Famine	
April 27	9:15 am	Praise & Worship	
	5:15 pm	Children's Choir/C3	
	6:00 pm	Sunday Family Night	

The Christian Education Committee is looking for someone to be in charge of our nursery. Pat Price has done a wonderful job for several years but feels it is time to pass it on. Thank you, Pat, for a great job.

This person would be responsible for making sure the nursery is covered during any event at New Sterling especially Sunday morning worship hour and during Sunday family nights. Please see Delinda Mauney or a member of the Christian Education Committee if this is something God lays on your heart to manage.



The New Sterling Youth Shepherds (3rd grade–Sr. High) will be biking the Virginia Creeper Trail Saturday, May 10. This is a very gently sloped trail through beautiful Damascus, Virginia. You may bring your own bike or get a rented one there.

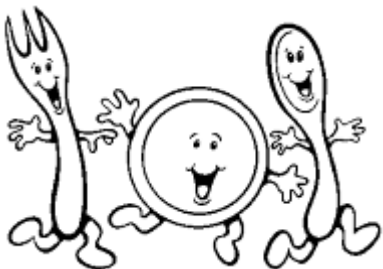



Please let Cindy McNeely know if you will be going by Sunday, April 13.

There will be a called meeting of the Christian Education Committee on April 6 at 5:00



Hey Jr. and Sr. High's!!! Thirty Hour Famine is fast approaching!! If you are interested in participating please see Scott and Jessica Graham, Taryn Setzer or Ken and Jeanette Hauck as soon as possible. (Even if you are unable to fast you can still raise money for World Vision) The famine will be the weekend of April 25-26.





**Lunchtime for
All Easter Egg
Hunters
Hiders
And
Parents**



Communicant Class New Members by Profession of Faith; (left to right) Maddee Campbell, Lorin Donnelly, Kristin Griffin, Jared Hauck, Cody Hairyes, Garrett Deal, Bailly Hartness, Madison Winters, Madelyn McNeely and Maggie Emery



New Members by Profession of Faith: Felicia Sports and Nikki Campbell

COMING SOON!!!!

The Missions Committee



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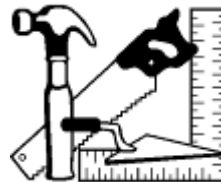
Mark your calendar!!!



Stir up the
gift of God
which is in
thee.

-2 Timothy 1:6

Now accepting new or
newly used items,
hand made crafts,
home baked items, etc.



Please place donated items for the auction on the
stage in the fellowship hall

You are invited to attend

First Presbytery's Spiritual Life Conference
DATE OF CONFERENCE: Sunday, September 7, 2008

(The Date in the ARP Plan book is incorrect)

Place: First ARP Church, Gastonia

TIME of CONFERENCE: 3:00 - 6:30

The Theme of the Conference is:

"THE WORD: Inspiration, Education, Transformation"

Registration begins at 3:00 or earlier.

We will have a keynote address by **Dr. Mark Ross** from 3:30 to 4:05, (35 minutes)

There will be two seminar options:

4:15 to 5:15

5:25 to 6:25

Then people will be dismissed to the Fellowship Hall for a snack supper that begins at 6:30.

- 1) Begin praying that God will inspire, educate, and transform all of us who are leading and teaching as well as those who will attend, and need to attend.

Here are the **speakers** committed to coming so far:

1) Dr. Bob Cara

2) Dr. Dick Belcher

3) Dr. John Currid

4) Dr. Mike Kruger

5) Dr. Mark Ross

6) Someone will teach the Women's Ministry book:

"Paul's Letters to Maturing Churches" by Lynn Brookside.

We will also have a **KID'S DAY OUT** program for the younger children.

Mark Tankersley, Conference Director

APRIL



- 3 Norma Jenkins
- 4 Emily Nash
- 5 Hannah Moore
- 5 Blakely Hager
- 5 Edith Milholland
- 13 Cora Poovey
- 13 Louanne Watts
- 14 Tony Harper
- 14 Amanda Peralta
- 17 Lilia Jenkins
- 18 Cody Hairyes
- 19 Leon Gray
- 21 Lynn Pope
- 22 Alexis Lail
- 24 Carolyn Byers
- 27 Scotti McCulloch



Faith

*is being sure of
what we hope for
and certain of
what we do not see.*

Hebrews 11:11

