



August

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New Sterling Associated Reformed Presbyterian Church

# The Stirling

## What is My Spiritual Gift?

We have been talking a lot lately about our Spiritual Gifts and how they can be used in the church as a part of our worship and service to our Lord. The Health Team is asking each of us to begin finding our gifted area by taking the evaluation, either on a form provided by the church or online, and then informing them of the results.

Well this morning, in an attempt to see if my gifting area had changed I went online and took the evaluation once again. I logged onto [www.comd.org](http://www.comd.org) and at the bottom of the page it asked if I would like to learn more about my gifting so I clicked that I would and it took me to another page. It began by asking my name and position in the church or community. I was then taken to the evaluation and began answering the questions. From beginning to end it took no more than 15 minutes to take the evaluation and fill in the information they asked for. The program then gave me an evaluation plus an explanation of my high areas and places where I could use my gift. Folks, it doesn't get any easier.

I found that a couple of the categories changed slightly but my strengths basically remained the same. I thought it might be beneficial to you the congregation of New Sterling to see where I ranked in the different areas. Here are my results:

Spiritual Gift	Strength
Evangelism	14 -----
Prophecy	14 -----
Teaching	19 -----
Exhortation	16 -----
Pastor/Shepherd	17 -----
Showing Mercy	13 -----
Serving	6 -----
Giving	7 -----
Administration	19 -----

You can see that my gifting is in the areas of teaching and administration with pastor/shepherd ranking third. These have not changed in the recent years however, evangelism, showing mercy has risen while serving and giving has gone down.

The evaluation went onto explain the results and give areas where I could put my gifts to work. It said that teaching comes from the Greek word 'didaskalos' which means master, teacher or doctor. As a teacher I am one that communicates knowledge, guides and relay facts. It said that I have the capacity and desire to serve God by making clear the truth of God's word with accuracy.

There was a caution given and it was that I should be careful with those who differ with me in doctrinal issues and don't measure others by their degree of Bible knowledge. And I need to be willing to listen as well as talk.

The other area was administration. The Greek word here is 'kubermesis' which means one who steers a ship. In the first century a 'kubermesis' was one who would steer a ship into the harbor through the rocks and shoals and dock the ship safely under all types of pressures. An administrator is a take-charge kind of person who will put together a plan, take the lead and delegate responsibility to those around you.

So, it is my call to steer the ship, the church, through the rocks and shoals of today's world and safely land us where our Lord would have us be.

The caution associated with this gift is simple – don't run over others trying to get where you're going.

Follow these up with my strength in pastor/shepherd which means I should have the Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by overseeing, training, and caring for the needs of a group of Christians. I should be very patient, people-centered, and willing to spend time in prayer for others.

I hope it seems as obvious to you as it does me that our Lord has me in the right place.

My desire is that I am obedient to his call using the gifts he has given me.

So why go to the trouble of sharing my gifts with the people of New Sterling. I think the answer is simple – you need to know who I am and what God has called me to do and gifted me to do in his kingdom. Last month I shared with you my ministry objectives which describe what I believe I am called to do. This month I share with you what God has gifted me to do. They should match and I believe they do. I believe I am working in the area God has gifted me to work.

And you need to know that. You need to know what your pastor is gifted to do and what he is not. I cannot do well anything that God has not gifted me to do – you and I must accept that and not try to force me into an area where I don't belong.

Many today want the pastor to be a jack-of-all-trades. They want him to be a pastor, administrator, a CEO, a teacher, a doctor's assistant, a counselor a baby sitter, an event organizer and so on. Well, that is not fair and it's unbiblical! A pastor can only do what he is called and gifted to do and that is why I have shared with you the last two months what I have.

The same is true for you. I cannot ask you to do what you are not gifted and called to do. But how do you know? How do you know what you are called to do? How do you know what areas you are gifted in? You must seek and learn.

Matthew 6:33 tells us that we are to **seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you.** This first tells us that we are to seek Christ and his kingdom and his ways and then all things (we need) will be given to us. So it begins with your relationship with Jesus but, it does not end there. You must continue to pursue with all your might what your act of worship and service are in his kingdom. You must seek him and his ways with all your heart – always, not just in the beginning! This includes your call and your area of gifting.

We are a church body. A living functioning body and if we have any part of that body that does not know its intended purpose then the body as a whole will fail.

At this writing we have had approximately 10% of our congregation respond to the Health Team with their spiritual gifts. Why? I could jump to a lot of conclusions but I am not. But I am going to try to help you understand how important this is.

We have been given a portion of the ministry of Jesus Christ to accomplish while we are on this earth. Jesus has said – I want New Sterling to do my work for the kingdom. We will be questioned one day, just like the parable of the talents (Mt 25), what have you done with the gifts I have given you? How will we respond?

We can begin forming our response by getting involved here and taking the evaluation and replying to the Health Team. I have – you can too.

God bless you!

Pastor Tim

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**God doesn't call the  
qualified, He qualifies  
the called.**



We would like to do some featured articles on the members of New Sterling. Each month we will feature families, couples, senior citizens or youth. We will pass out questionnaires for you to fill out so we can complete your article. We will randomly pick who will be featured each month. We hope this will help us all know more about our church family.

Chad and Brandy Lackey met through mutual friends and were married on August 9, 2003. They have been members of New Sterling since January of this year. They have not become involved in any certain area of the church at this time but plan to do so soon. Right now they are very busy making preparations for a new addition to their family. They are expecting their first child on September 9th.

At present Brandy works at Zimmer. She plans to work until the baby is born and then she will work very hard being a stay at home mom. Chad works at Sharpe's Lawn Equipment. Chad's hobbies are hunting, fishing and riding his Harley. Brandy enjoys hiking, boating and spending time with family and friends.

They have a 3 year old lab whose name is Doc.

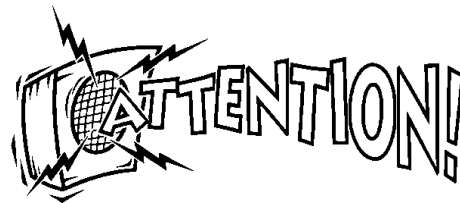
Brandy is originally from Iowa. She and her family moved here in 1986. They took an Alaskan cruise for their honeymoon and would love to go back some day. It was a very beautiful place.

We are very happy to be members of New Sterling and look forward to the future here.



## Minutes from the July Meeting of the Deacons

During a joint meeting with the Session, it was emphasized again that the Deacon's primary concern is taking care of the needs of our members. I would like further emphasize this point to our congregation members. Anyone who becomes aware of an unmet need within our congregation should bring it to the attention of a deacon or elder. We are here to serve, but sometimes we need your help to identify needs.



**BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER RESERVATIONS FOR USE OF THE FELLOWSHIP HALL SHOULD BE MADE BY CONTACTING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE. THIS YEAR THE CHAIRMAN IS EDDIE COMPTON.**

**PLEASE CONTACT EDDIE IF YOU HAVE A SPECIAL NEED FOR THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

# Betty Johnson Godfrey

**Betty** Jane Johnson Godfrey has been a lifelong member of New Sterling. She was married to Bob Godfrey for many years. They were both faithful members of our church family until Bob passed away several years ago. Betty has 2 step-daughters and one step-son who is also deceased. She has 3 granddaughters. Susan and her children live in Wilmington, NC and Sharon lives in Statesville.

Betty has been a member of our choir for many, many years. She has been a Sunday School teacher and also a Bible School teacher. She has taught our youth in many various ways and is a member of the Women of the Church.

Betty is also a past member of the ABWA which she served for 12 years. She has been a board member of Yokefellow Ministries and a member of the Scotts Recreation. She now a member of the Joyful Classic Rubies Red Hat Society.

For 35 years she worked in Human Resources and personnel.

Reading, word search puzzles, visiting Bonclarken and being involved in programs there, shopping, being with family and friends and attending the Ladies Bible Studies are her hobbies and interests.

Special stuffed dogs named Faith and Scottie have been with her through all her trials through the past 4 years and are very special to her.

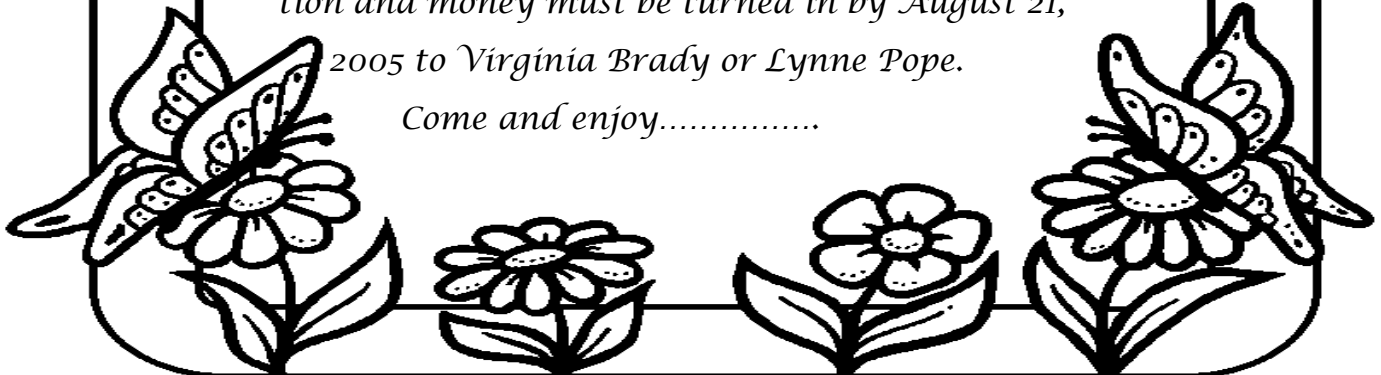
Lately she has not been able to travel much but would like to see that in her future.

## *Mother - Daughter Banquet*

*There is still time to sign up for the Mother-Daughter Banquet. It will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The cost of the meal is \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children. Registration and money must be turned in by August 21,*

*2005 to Virginia Brady or Lynne Pope.*

*Come and enjoy.....*





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And  
There.....

# August

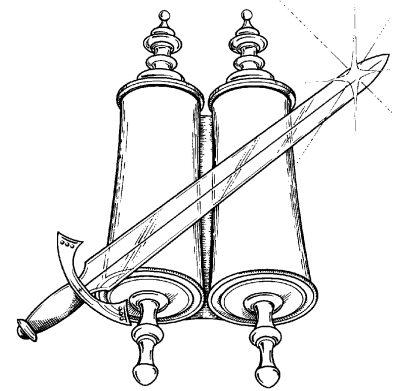
**Andrea Clark** has been living in Augusta, GA for ten weeks working with a research project at the Medical College of Georgia...**Casey Clarke** spent 23 days traveling out west with 65 other young adults with an organization called "Teens Westward Bound"...**Harold and Pat Sherrill** recently went to New Port News, VA for the wedding of their son **Mark**. They were accompanied by his grandmother, **Minnie Pope**, and his sister **Natalie**. Mark's brother **Jackie** and his family also attended...**David and Betty Sides** vacationed out west this summer. They visited the Grand Canyon, parts of Canada and several other points of interest. They have also enjoyed their grandchildren staying with them some during these past few weeks...**Todd and Scotti McCulloch, Dylan and Garrett Deal** went to the Myrtle Beach for vacation. **Dylan** took a friend and **Garrett** invited **Cody Hairyes** to go along...**Bill and Delinda Mauney, Clifton, Brent, Taryn and Brian Setzer** spent vacation at Edisto Island, SC. **Clifton and Brent** each took a friend, **Krystal Miller and Brandon Dellinger**. Of course they also took their family pet Yorkie, **Spencer**, along...**Reid Gray** and family have been very neighborly, delivering corn to folks from their fields. Several have said that this has been the best corn that they ever have had!

Let us know what you have been doing over the summer.... Scotti

**TO ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS!!**

If you are going away to college or going to college and living at home, please give us your new address and/or home address and tell us the college you are attending by the next newsletter deadline so we can publish it. Your New Sterling family would love to know where you are. Maybe

- 1 Isaiah 64-66
- 2 2 Kings 20-21
- 3 2 Chronicles 32-33
- 4 Nahum
- 5 2nd Kings 22-23;  
2 Chronicles 34-35
- 6 Zephaniah
- 7 Jeremiah 1-3
- 8 Jeremiah 4-6
- 9 Jeremiah 7-9
- 10 Jeremiah 10-13
- 11 Jeremiah 14-17
- 12 Jeremiah 18-22
- 13 Jeremiah 23-25
- 14 Jeremiah 26-29
- 15 Jeremiah 30-31
- 16 Jeremiah 32-34
- 17 Jeremiah 35-37
- 18 Jeremiah 38-41; Psalms 74, 79
- 19 2 Kings 24-25; 2 Chronicles 36
- 20 Habakkuk
- 21 Jeremiah 41-45
- 22 Jeremiah 46-48
- 23 Jeremiah 49-50
- 24 Jeremiah 51-52
- 25 Lamentations 1 1-3;36
- 26 Lamentations 3:37-5:22
- 27 Ezekiel 1-4
- 28 Ezekiel 5-8
- 29 Ezekiel 9-12
- 30 Ezekiel 13-15
- 31 Ezekiel 16-17



*For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword ... discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*  
Hebrews 4:12

*And I am sure that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again.*

*Philippians 1:6 NLT*

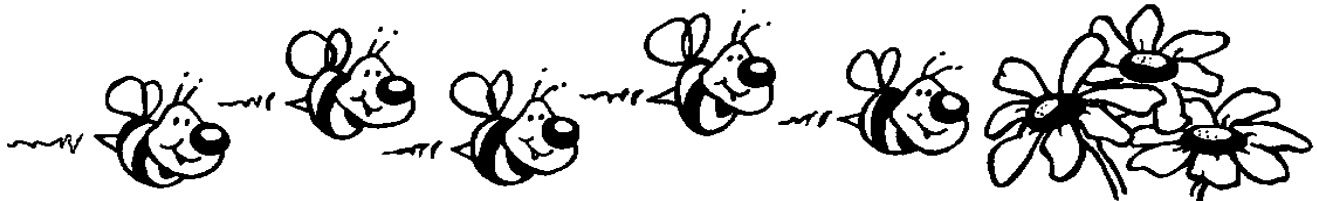


# Calling all Ladies!!

Our fall Ladies' Bible Study will be Beth Moore's THE PATRIARCHS. Taken from Genesis 12-50, this amazing ten-week study looks at the covenants, blessings and promises between God and Abraham and the roles they played throughout Christian history.

Tuesday morning and evening sessions will be offered beginning on September 6 and will continue through November 22. The morning group will meet from 9-10:30; evening classes will meet from 7-8:30. Please contact Kitzi Emery at 871-8887 or Jeanette Hauck at 585-2638 by August 12 if you plan to attend. Books are \$15, which will be collected at the first session.

During this journey, we will be transformed, directed and enlightened. Sign up now to encounter the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. We thank Him in advance for all He will do through this study!



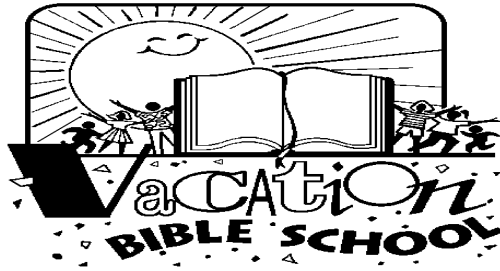
**Hey Girls!!!! Let's all make a bee-line for  
Women Of Faith in October**

And .....Speaking of Beth Moore, did I mention she will be at the WOF Conference in October? She will be there along with Sandi Patty and all of the WOF regulars. The pre-conference on Friday morning will be hosted by Marilyn Meberg, WOF speaker and Kathy Tricoli, author/speaker/musician.

The deadline for registration and payment is August 15 and the fee is \$49.50 for members and \$99.000 for Non-members. We will have a few seats available. Call today!!!!

Sister in Christ,  
Michelle Hairyes

# KINGDOM OF THE SON



# A PRAYER SAFARI

August 8-12, 2004

6:00-8:30 p.m.

VBS is quickly approaching and I noticed in the bulletin last Sunday that items are still needed. Those items are listed below:

Small coffee cans	Small Pringles cans	Half-gallon mild cartons
Plastic peanut butter jars	Yarn	Muslin
Plastic baby-wipe containers	plastic frosting containers	

If you can bring any of these items, please place them in the container at the entrance to the fellowship room.

I also noticed the VBS directors are asking for pre-registration. This will enable them to know about how many children to plan on. If possible, please complete this form or get in touch with Aarene at 704-873-2929.

### Pre-Registration

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Church \_\_\_\_\_ Member? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ School Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
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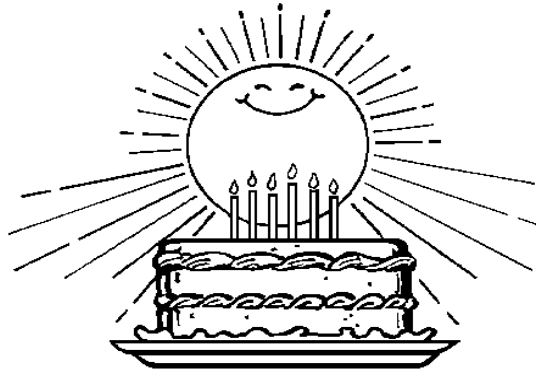
Please come, bring your friends and neighbors. Bible school is a fun time at New Sterling. We would hate for you to miss it.



**T**he Sterling Silvers would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make our church directory a success. To get it all completed on time and efficiently took a lot of hard work from a lot of people and we would like to thank everyone to volunteered. Your help was greatly appreciated.

- 3 Ashton Gray
- 5 Heather Benfield
- 5 Alex Deal
- 5 Boyd Morrison
- 8 Allen Jenkins
- 8 Marilyn Teague
- 11 Kinslee Pope
- 12 Jim Dagenhart
- 12 Brenda Thompson
- 18 Susan Linderman
- 18 Nathan Morrison
- 18 Lucille Reese
- 19 Melody Winters

# August Birthdays



- 21 Amber Jarrett
- 23 Brandon Pope
- 24 Florence Brookshire
- 25 Lynn Jenkins
- 25 Pressley Williams
- 26 Lisa Duke
- 26 Harriet Linderman
- 27 James McClure
- 30 Deidra Brawley
- 30 Ross Garrison
- 30 Cienna Joyce
- 31 Erica Harper

A distraught patient phoned her doctor's office. Was it true, the woman wanted to know, that the medication the doctor had prescribed was for the rest of her life? She was told that it was.

There was a moment of silence before the woman continued, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious my condition is. This prescription is marked NO REFILLS."



Once when the power went off at the elementary school, the cook couldn't serve a hot meal in the cafeteria. She had to feed the children something, so at the last minute she whipped up great stacks of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

As one little boy filled his plate, he said, "It's about time. At last—a home-cooked meal!"



August 3	5:30 Youth Leaders Meeting
	7:30 Adult Choir
August 5	Youth Campout
August 7	9:15 Praise and Worship
	HOME COMING
	7:00 Deacons Meet
August 8-12	Vacation Bible School
August 10	7:30 Adult Choir

August 14	9:15 Praise and Worship
	Wedding Shower Taryn Mauney
August 17	7:30 Adult Choir
August 21	9:15 Praises and Worship
	Family Fun Night
	Newsletter Items Due
August 24	7:30 Adult Choir
August 27	6:30 Mother/Daughter Banquet
August 28	9:15 Praise and Worship
August 31	6:30 Youth Shepherds Fall Praise and Worship
	7:30 Adult Choir

## WHEN JESUS LOOKS

When Jesus looks upon my life, What picture does He see.  
Does He see His own reflection, Or does He just see me.  
Does He see His likeness, The product of His hand.  
Or just another Christian, Who never took a stand.  
Does He see a child of God, A child that He made free.  
Living life to honor Him, Or does He just see me.  
What about the other folks, I meet along the way.  
Do I show them Jesus, To brighten up their day.  
When someone looks into my eyes, Can they truly see.  
That calm and gentle peace of God, That dwells inside of me.  
When I reach out and shake a hand, Is He right there in my grip.  
Can they feel that strength from God, That steadies when I slip.  
When folks are in my presence, Do they know His Spirit's there.  
Can they see that He's the one, Who guides me everywhere.  
When other people think of me, What is on their mind.  
Do they think of Jesus Christ, So gentle and so kind.  
I try to be like Jesus, Every single day.  
Spreading love and kindness, All along my way.  
I'm afraid that I have failed, I could not pass the test.  
Deep inside my heart I know, I haven't done my best.

I have had to fight my flesh, Since the day that I was born.  
It's always causing trouble, And being such a thorn.  
That's why His Spirit dwells in me, He's helping me to learn.  
In every situation, Where I need to turn.  
He knew I'd never pass the test, That's why He took my place.  
He gave His life to save my soul, He suffered my disgrace.  
Now I try to be like Him, I must represent Him well.  
So other folks will want His gift, And turn their backs on hell.  
Other folks should see the joy, That Christ has given me.  
They should want to have it too, Especially since it's free.  
They should begin to ask me, What is it they must do.  
Just how it is they go about, Getting Jesus too.  
Then I get to tell them, His wondrous gift is free.  
It only takes a humble heart, a prayer on bended knee.  
Someday when I'm face to face, with the Lord who made me free.  
Will He see His own reflection, Or will He just see me.



**B**lessed are  
those who have not  
seen and yet believe.”  
John 20:29

If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
even there thy hand shall lead me,  
and thy right hand  
shall hold me.

-Psalm 139:9-10



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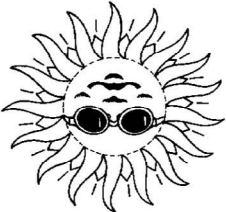
### Sunday Service Time

9:15 am	Praise and Prayer Time
10:00 am	Sunday School (all ages)
11:00 am	Worship

### Wednesday

6:30 pm	Youth Shepherds
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