



August
2008



A Teacher's Prayer

*"Enable me to teach with
WISDOM*

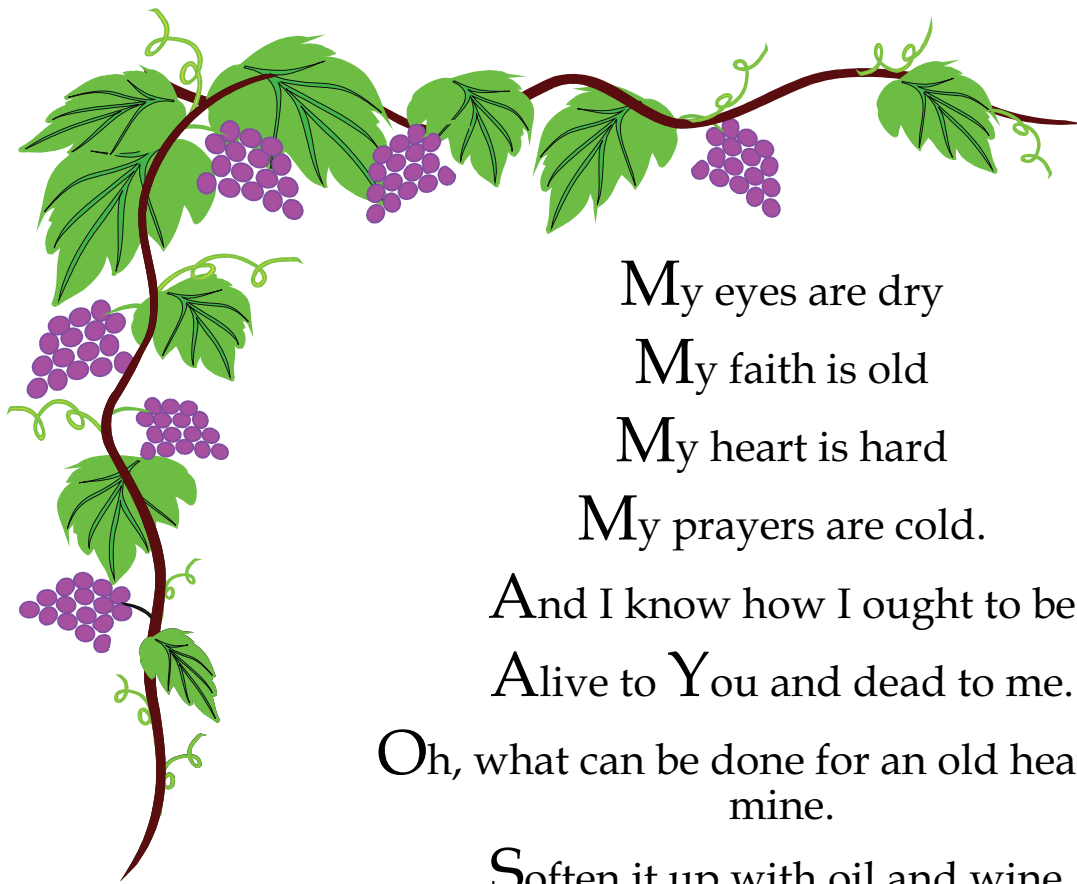
*for I help to shape the mind.
Encourage me to teach with*

VISION

*for I help to shape the future.
Empower me to teach with*

LOVE

for I help to shape the world."



My eyes are dry
My faith is old
My heart is hard
My prayers are cold.
And I know how I ought to be
Alive to You and dead to me.
Oh, what can be done for an old heart like
mine.
Soften it up with oil and wine.
The oil is You, Your Spirit of Love.
Please wash me anew in
The wine of your blood



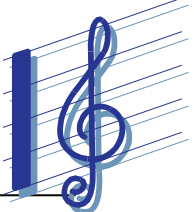


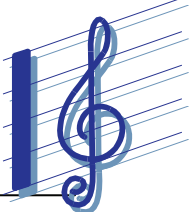
*Our sincere sympathy is expressed to
the family of Robert Lee Byers
March 27, 1940—July 16, 2008*

*And to
Elena Johnson in the death
of her niece.*



COMING EVENTS

August 2		No Knit Wits
August 3	11:00	Homecoming with Rev. Joseph Alghrary
	12:30	Lunch
		Deadline for \$\$\$ for Nantahala Rafting Trip
August 4	9:30	Golden Christian Circle—Aarene Reese, facilitator
August 5	7:00	Men’s Bible Study
August 9	3:00-7:00	Youth Shepherds Pool Party at Kim and David Brady’s
August 10	12:45	Teacher Appreciation Lunch
August 12	10:00	Sterling Silvers
	7:00	Treasure Keepers—Laura Lail, hostess; Laura Lail, Linda Pope, meal; Jessica Graham, facilitator
August 13		4 yr old—5th Grade Water Day at Church
August 15	7:00	Youth Campout behind Educational Building
August 16	7:00 am	Nantahala Rafting Trip
August 16		First Presbyterial
August 17		Newsletter Items Due
August 18	7:00	Knit Wits with Delinda Mauney 
August 19	7:00	Mary Martha Sunset—Sherry Clarke, hostess; Jane Mayhew, facilitator
	7:00	Property and Maintenance Committee Meeting
August 20	9:30	Mary Martha Sunrise—Aarene Reese, hostess; Betty Sides, facilitator
August 21	6:00	Scrapbook Committee with Delinda Mauney
	6:00	Fishing with Jeff 
	7:00	Men’s Life Issues Study
August 23	6:00	Mothers and Others— <i>A Celebration of Women</i>
August 25	7:00	Experiencing God Bible Study
August 26	6:30	Sunday School Teacher introduction and training of new material
August 31	11:00	Teacher Commitment Sunday
		Rada Knife Orders Due
	7:00	5th Sunday Night Singing @ Covenant ARP Church 



News From the Women's Ministries

Ladies,

On August 16th the First Presbyterial Annual Meeting will be held at First Gastonia ARP Church. The meeting will be held from 10:00 until 2:00 pm. The theme of the meeting is ***Embracing the Call***. Boxed lunches will be available for \$5.00 and a nursery will also be provided. There will be a guest speaker, Tracie Miles. Tracie is a speaker for ***Proverbs 31 Ministries***. Tracie's passion is to lead women closer to the heart of God, help them discover the abundant joy God desires for them, and lead them to a place of spiritual renewal and refreshment. You will need to *RSVP* as soon as possible if you plan to attend to dlh44@windstream.net or call Linda Hardin @ 828-863-2418. All women are invited to attend. Information will be posted on the bulletin board in the educational building. If you have any questions please call Kim Brady.

The ***Mothers and Others ~ A Celebration of Women*** banquet will be held on **August 23rd** at **6:00 pm**. The banquet will be held in the Fellowship Hall. The deadline for registration is **August 10th**. Please see Jane Mayhew or Kim Brady to register.

The First Presbyterial Women's Retreat will be held at *Bonclarken* on October 24-25. The theme of the conference is "***A Walk to Remember: Living and Leaving A Legacy***". Renee Swope, a national speaker and author with Proverbs 31 Ministries, will be the speaker for the retreat. Renee will take us on a walk to see how Jesus lived and loved. Through personal stories and powerful promises from God's Word, she will empower us to find meaning so that we can live a life with purpose and leave a legacy marked by **Faith, Hope, Love and Power**. The cost of the conference is \$80.00. The church will pay \$40.00 of the cost for church members. The cost includes food and lodging. The church will also provide transportation for this event. We would love to see every woman attend. This is an opportunity to be spiritually refreshed, and to connect in fellowship with other women. The deadline for registration is **August 30th**. If you are interested please contact Kim Brady.

God continues to give us great opportunities for growth and fellowship. Please pray about your participation in these events. Don't miss the gifts that God so graciously gives. Remember your circles this month. Look for reminders in Sunday's bulletins.

God Bless You,

The Women's Council

First Presbyterial Women's Retreat

WHO: All women of First Presbytery who wish to attend!

WHAT: A weekend in the mountains with a great speaker, activities and meeting other ARP ladies.

WHERE: Bonclarken in Flat Rock, NC

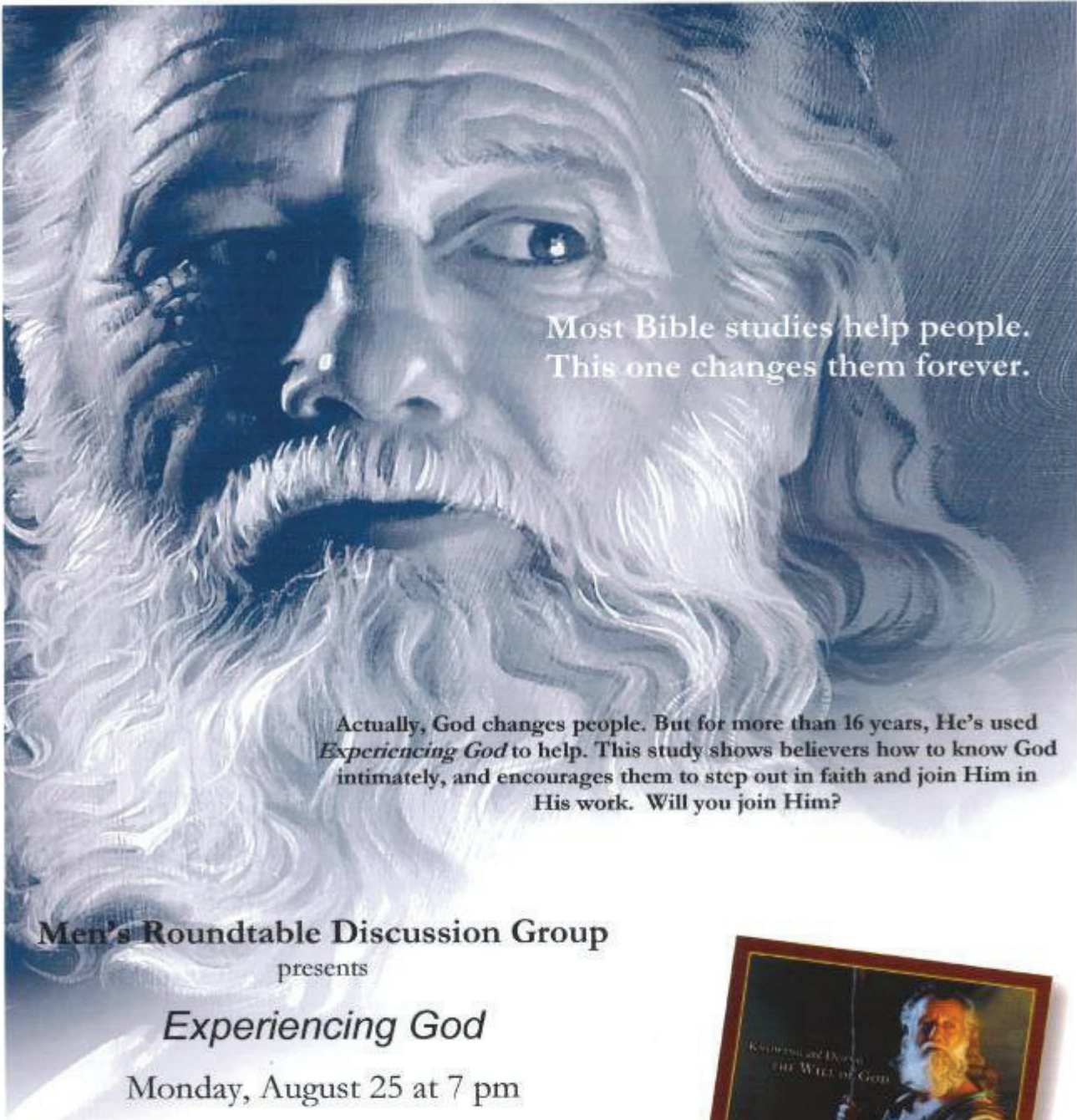
WHY: It's an opportunity to be spiritually refreshed and experience fellowship with other women in a beautiful mountain setting.

HOW: Our speaker, *Renee Swope* (from Proverbs 31 Ministries) will lead us in a study called "A Walk to Remember: Living and Leaving a Legacy".



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For more information, contact your Spiritual Life Chairman,
Women's Ministry President or church contact person!



Most Bible studies help people.
This one changes them forever.

Actually, God changes people. But for more than 16 years, He's used *Experiencing God* to help. This study shows believers how to know God intimately, and encourages them to step out in faith and join Him in His work. Will you join Him?

Men's Roundtable Discussion Group
presents

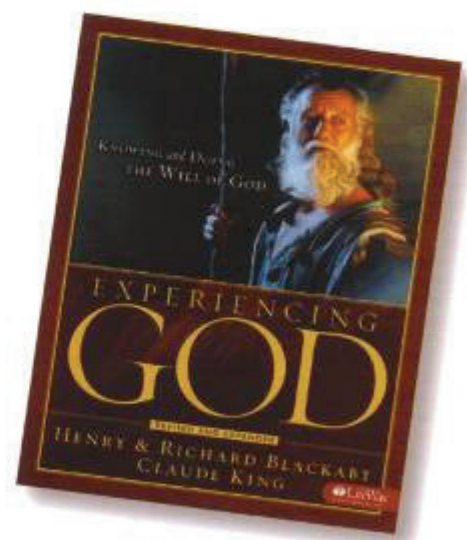
Experiencing God

Monday, August 25 at 7 pm

This study will be held each 4th Monday of the month through May, 2009

Everyone is invited! Men bring your spouses;
Ladies bring your husbands.

Sign up in the church vestibule or call Pastor Tim.
Workbooks are \$15. They are available at Lifeway bookstore or Pastor Tim will pick up for you.



The Angel House is



Finished!!!



Pastor Time hands the house keys to Judy.

(picture right)

Shanda says a special thank you for all who helped with the Angel House

(Picture Left)



There were 75 present on July 13 for the Angel House dedication.



Shanda and Angel sitting on their new porch swing.



Here And There at New Sterling

Garrett Deal's baseball rec team, the Mooresville Brewers, finished their summer ball season with an 8 win 2 loss record. **Garrett** was able to develop several positions on the team including pitcher, 2nd base, short stop, short fielder and outfield. He is also now playing on a newly formed tournament team out of Mooresville, the Bulldogs, which will compete in their first tournament in July.**Ronnie and Sherry Stewart** are proud grandparents of a granddaughter **Olivia** born on June 26.....**Carroll McNeely** fell and broke his hip. He had surgery and is now recuperating at Maple Leaf.....**Virginia Brady** was recently surprised with a party for her 80th birthday at **Kim and David's**.....**Mike Warren** had knee surgery recently and had shoulder surgery a couple of weeks later. He will be out of work for 16 weeks.....**Clay Price** had surgery recently.....**Ed Donohoe** traveled to California for work.....**Tena Campbell** had a hip replacement.....**Joe Morrison** has been in the hospital.....The **Frank Emery's** spent a week at the beach.....**Virginia Brady** spent a week at the beach with her sisters and families.....It has been told that **Caleb and Jonah Watson** have been outshooting **Harvey Reese**—using Harvey's own gun!!!.....**Todd and Scotti McCulloch, Dylan and Garrett Deal** also vacationed at Myrtle Beach.....**C3** performed recently at the Family Bible Conference at Bonclarken. They had approximately 35 from New Sterling to attend.....**David and Betty Sides, Cora and Roy Poovey, Aarene Reese, Jane Fulbright, Pat Price, Pastor Tim and Judy and Delinda Mauney** attended the Tuesday session at the Bible Conference and brought back with them **Sarge Emery, Kitzzi and Maggie Emery. Peggy Gray** stayed until Thursday.....**Nancy McNeely** was recently robbed at her home. Thankfully she was not hurt.....**Andy, LeAnn, Bailey, Dylan and Carolyn Byers** took some time to get away and rest.....**Marilyn and Carl Teague** had a large amount of equipment stolen from their barn.....**Joe Morrison** is now residing at Autumn Care.....**Juanita Massey, Jane Fulbright, Jane Mayhew and Delinda Mauney** took a trip to the mountains to see **Mrs. Billings, David and Camille** and to visit the Cornerstone Christian Bookstore. It was a wonderful day. **Mrs. Billings** sends her best to all of her New Sterling friends.....

New Sterling Bulletin Board

RADA KNIFE SALE

The Women's Council will continue their Rada Knife sale. Orders will be sent in once a month.

All orders are due with money by the last Sunday of each month. Shipping and Sales tax are included in the price of the items. Make checks payable to New Sterling Women's Ministries. Turn in orders and money to Delinda Mauney.



New catalogs will be available after August 1. See Delinda.

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TABLE CLOTHS

The table cloths used in the fellowship hall have been moved upstairs along with the table decorations.

If you use the table cloths, please use the sign out sheet located with the cloths.

Please make sure they are washed and returned in a timely manner.



Redecorating?

Or just want to spruce up or just change some home décor, call Michelle Hairyes, sales representative for Signature Home Styles.

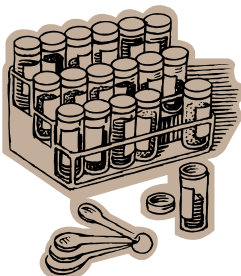
Visit her Website at
mhairyes@love2organize.com
or call her at 704-871-0994

AVON CALLING

Michelle is also your local Avon representative

REMINDER:

The Women's Ministry has flavoring for sale for all of your baking needs. We have several different flavors. Stock up now for your upcoming holiday bakings!! See Olean Deal.



DECORATIONS

If anyone has borrowed any church decorations, please return them as soon as possible. The Women's Council is trying to sort and store all decorations in a common place.

THE FERN AND THE BAMBOO



One day I decided to quit...I quit my job, my relationship, my spirituality.... I wanted to quit my life. I went to the woods to have one last talk with God.

"God", I said. "Can you give me one good reason not to quit?"

His answer surprised me. "Look around", He said. "Do you see the fern and the bamboo?"

"Yes", I replied.

"When I planted the fern and the bamboo seeds, I took very good care of them. I gave them light. I gave them water. The fern quickly grew from the earth. Its brilliant green covered the floor. Yet nothing came from the bamboo seed. But I did not quit on the bamboo."

"In the second year the fern grew more vibrant and plentiful. And again, nothing came from the bamboo seed. But I did not quit on the bamboo."

"In year three there was still nothing from the bamboo seed. But I would not quit. The same in year four.

"Then in the fifth year, a tiny sprout emerged from the earth. Compared to the fern, it was seemingly small and insignificant. But just six months later, the bamboo rose to over 100 feet tall. It had spent the five years growing roots. Those roots made it strong and gave it what it needed to survive. I would not give any of my creations a challenge it could not handle."

"Did you know, my child, that all this time you have been struggling, you have actually been growing roots? I would not quit on the bamboo. I will never quit on you."

"Don't compare yourself to others." He said. "The bamboo had a different purpose than the fern. Yet they both make the forest beautiful. Your time will come", God said to me. "You will rise high"

"How high should I rise?" I asked.

"How high will the bamboo rise?" He asked in return.

"As high as it can?" I questioned

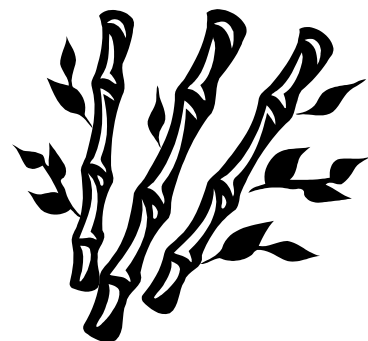
"Yes." He said, "Give me glory by rising as high as you can."

I left the forest, realizing that God will never give up on me. And He will never give up on you.

Never regret a day in your life.

Good days give you happiness; bad days give you experiences; both are essential to life.

-- Author Unknown



For all animal lovers...

A man wrote a letter to a small hotel in a Midwest town he planned to visit on his vacation. He wrote: 'I would very much like to bring my dog with me. He is well-groomed and very well behaved. Would you be willing to permit me to keep him in my room with me at night?'



An immediate reply came from the hotel owner, who wrote:

'I've been operating this hotel for many years. In all that time, I've never had a dog steal towels, bedclothes, silverware or pictures off the walls. I've never had to evict a dog in the middle of the night for being drunk and disorderly. And I've never had a dog run out on a hotel bill. Yes, indeed, your dog is welcome at my hotel. And, if your dog will vouch for you, you're welcome to stay here, too.'



A PLANE IS ON ITS WAY TO TORONTO, WHEN A BLONDE IN ECONOMY CLASS GETS UP, AND MOVES TO THE FIRST CLASS SECTION AND SITS DOWN.

THE FLIGHT ATTENDANT WATCHES HER DO THIS, AND ASKS TO SEE HER TICKET.

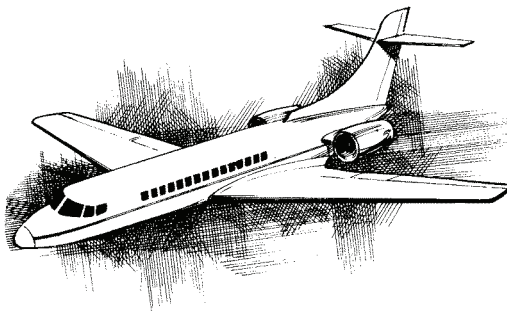
SHE THEN TELLS THE BLONDE THAT SHE PAID FOR ECONOMY CLASS, AND THAT SHE WILL HAVE TO SIT IN THE BACK.

THE BLONDE REPLIES, 'I'M BLONDE, I'M BEAUTIFUL, I'M GOING TO TORONTO AND I'M STAYING RIGHT HERE.'

THE FLIGHT ATTENDANT GOES INTO THE COCKPIT AND TELLS THE PILOT AND THE CO-PILOT THAT THERE IS A BLONDE BIMBO SITTING IN FIRST CLASS, THAT BELONGS IN ECONOMY AND WON'T MOVE BACK TO HER SEAT.

THE CO-PILOT GOES BACK TO THE BLONDE AND TRIES TO EXPLAIN THAT BECAUSE SHE ONLY PAID FOR ECONOMY SHE WILL HAVE TO LEAVE AND RETURN TO HER SEAT.

THE BLONDE REPLIES, 'I'M BLONDE, I'M BEAUTIFUL, I'M GOING TO TORONTO AND I'M STAYING RIGHT HERE.'



THE CO-PILOT TELLS THE PILOT THAT HE PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE THE POLICE WAITING WHEN THEY LAND TO ARREST THIS BLONDE WOMAN WHO WON'T LISTEN TO REASON.

THE PILOT SAYS, 'YOU SAY SHE IS A BLONDE? I'LL HANDLE THIS. I'M MARRIED TO A BLONDE. I SPEAK BLONDE.'

HE GOES BACK TO THE BLONDE AND WHISPERS IN HER EAR, AND SHE SAYS, 'OH, I'M SORRY.' AND GETS UP AND GOES BACK TO HER SEAT IN ECONOMY.

THE FLIGHT ATTENDANT AND CO-PILOT ARE AMAZED AND ASKED HIM WHAT HE SAID TO MAKE HER MOVE WITHOUT ANY FUSS.

'I TOLD HER, **FIRST CLASS ISN'T GOING TO TORONTO**'.

**COMEDY
VIDEOS
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Teachers

The CE Committee is excited about introducing a new course of study material for our Sunday School classes from Toddler age through Senior Highs. The material is through Great Commission Publishers entitled "Show Me Jesus".

On August 26 at 6:30 a representative from Great Commission Publishing will be coming to help introduce the material and show our teachers how to incorporate the visuals, handouts, and story material. At a time after the first of next year, he will come back to do a more in-depth teacher training.

The CE Committee would ask that every teacher and assistant would mark your calendar and make every effort to attend this training session. We feel it will be a world of information to help make the transition into the new study and give some valuable insight into teaching our youth God's Good News.

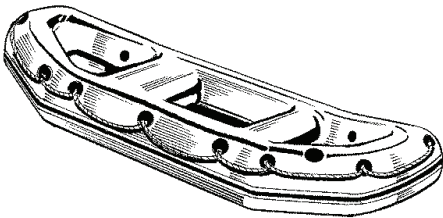
Save the Date!!!!

The New Sterling marriage retreat will be held November 21-22 in Banner Elk, NC. Make plans now. More details to follow later.

Our Jr. and Sr. High Youth leaders

are planning a Nantahala Rafting trip on August 16. All new Jr. highs are welcome to attend. The cost is \$25, which will include breakfast, rafting and a late lunch. We also encourage adults to attend. We will be camping

out on Friday night behind the Educational Building at 7pm and leaving Saturday around 7am. If you are interested, please see Scott Graham by August 3 to pay the deposit.



Harlan Mission Team

The team was commissioned before leaving for Harlan. From the left: Gray Emery, Kitz Emery, Ken Hauck, Jeannette Hauck, Kattie Compton, Lori Compton, Eddie Compton, Todd Goodman, Casey Clarke, Daniel Pugh, Kurtis Hauck, Taryn Setzer, Devan Winters, Lauren Gryder, Judy Watson and Felicia Sports. (not pictured, Pastor Time Watson)



Worship.....we learned in Harlan that it's not just a Sunday taskin all we do it should be a form of worshiping God, whether it's at your job, spending time with family and friends or as we learned on a HOT roof helping someone in need. Why do we worship, simply because GOD is.....We are Gods hands and feet. How do you use them in your daily walk????



We learned many things while in Harlan, like what a slush puppy was..... Cell-phones don't burn your fingers.....Who sneezes like a smurfette.....What goes on in the boom-boom room, Daniel???.....We love Lori's apple dumpins, yes dumpins.....Devan Winters is now a certified wheelchair operator.....How a rasinette got stuck in Kitz's ear.....Mr. Bill, "OH NO!!".....Jeans with black tar on legs and butt are the new styleWalmart may charge us a fee for using our cell phones in their parking lot.....Casey has a second calling, fixing toilets.....We learned in our devotions with Pastor Tim about having an essence of Christ, well our essence that week was kind of smelly.....Watch out for the forehead face gang.....Watch your fingers when Kitz has a hammer, just ask Devan.....Gray breaking bad on a fan during the night.....Betty Boop showing up in the strangest places.....Lauren and Taryn having trouble spelling while playing hangman (Boowah??).....And as always it so wonderful to be pooped in Christ's name

We would like to give a special thanks to those who wrote letters for us to share throughout the week: Todd and Niki Winters, David Sides, The Hager Family, Jimmy and Marcia Winters Tony Harper, and Aarene Reese.

We would also like to give a special thanks our lead carpenter Carroll (picture to the right, he is standing on the left side). Without him it's hard telling what that roof would have looked like in the end.



Mother's and Others ~ A Celebration of Women
August 23, 2008
6:00 pm

Registration Form

Cost Per Person \$12.00

Registration Deadline: August 10th

Please make checks payable to New Sterling Women's Ministries. Give your registration form and money to Kim Brady or Jane Mayhew.

Names of those attending:
