



August  
2009

## Do You Love Me?

After the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, he and Simon Peter had a very important, but brief, exchange. Recorded in John 21 is the conversation where Jesus asked Peter three times, "Do you love me?" Remember Peter had betrayed our Lord earlier so it was during this time that Jesus reinstated Peter and confirmed him as a disciple.

In response to Jesus' three questions, Peter remarked, "Yes Lord, you know that I love you." Peter was getting a little upset that Jesus asked three times. There was a point to be made by Jesus' repetition. After each response, Jesus charged him using very simple words, "Feed my sheep." In short, for Peter to show his true love for Jesus he was to "feed" the people who were followers of our Lord Jesus.

Feeding the sheep, teaching and preaching the Word of God to the people is what Jesus has said to be the way to show



true love; true love not only for Jesus but also for those who hear the Word being offered. Jesus had said earlier that, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry and he who believes in me will never will never be thirsty." The sheep are loved when the best, the bread of life, is given them for their nourishment.

Today, the source of true nourishment has not changed. True love is shown when an elder, a deacon or SS teacher or a VBS teacher or a friends stands before you and

feeds you the nourishing Holy Scriptures. The greatest act of love I as a pastor can show you is to open God's Word and feed you through the various preaching and teaching opportunities we have together.

I know some have been disappointed with me that I am not the visiting pastor that some would desire me to be. They assume, I think, that since I don't visit that I do not love them. Well, honestly this is a short-coming in my ministry and one that I pray about, work on and have asked for help from our elders and others. But please never think that I don't love you and therefore do not visit.

God has given me a passion to preach and to teach. And I desire to be obedient to that because I know that preaching and teaching God's Word truthfully and completely is what is best for us as a church and shows the greatest level of love I could ever show you. Paul charged young Timothy in 1Timothy 4:13 with these words: "Devote yourself to the public reading of the Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching." Jesus said to Peter these same words when he said, "Feed my sheep." He says the same thing to me as a pastor.

In my devotional material this month the author commented that,

*Feeding the Lord's people a steady diet of truth through the faithful proclamation of His Word is the pastor's chief job. All Scripture is God-breathed and is profitable for the Christian's spiritual health (2 Tim 3:14-17), and so the pastor is to make make sure his flock learns to hear the Word rightly and apply it practically. (Tabletalk, July 2009, pg 34)*

Jesus said, "Do you love me?" If so, "Feed my sheep." I do love our Lord just as I love each of you. Feeding you at every opportunity on the Word of our Lord is the best way to show you that love. Please pray that we always realize our Lord's love for us as we feast upon his holy Word.

In His Service,

Pastor Tim

*Come and Celebrate 222 years. Pack a picnic lunch and join us for Worship, fellowship, food and lots of fun.*

**HOMECOMING AT NEW STERLING  
August 2, 2009**

**Y**ou are cordially invited to Homecoming at New Sterling ARP Church on Sunday, August 2. This is a very special time for the members of New Sterling. We look forward to this time of worship and fellowship with our friends and former members, many of whom we haven't seen for some time.

Sunday School will begin at 10:00 A.M. Our service of worship will begin at 11:00 A.M. Rev. Greg Hamer, Christian Education Ministries, Director of Events, will be our guest speaker. During the morning worship service, following an anthem by the choir, all former choir members will be asked to come forward and join our choir in singing **Children The Gift Of God**, number 27 in the back of the Bible Songs. We hope each former choir member will make a very special effort to come and participate in the singing of this Psalm.

Following the worship service we will enjoy a covered dish dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Each family is asked to bring a picnic lunch and tea.

We want you to come and bring your family. Plan to stay as long as you can, talking with friends and enjoying the fellowship here at New Sterling. Please mark Sunday, August 2, on your calendar as Homecoming Day at New Sterling. It is going to be a very special day as it always is.

In His Service

Pastor Tim

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

TO CHAD AND BRANDY  
LACKEY IN THE BIRTH OF  
JACOB MATTHEW LACKEY

BORN JULY 21, 2009

8 lbs 1 oz    20" long



**WANTED:**

**Will you please help serve our little children?  
There are sign up sheets on the doors of the  
Nursery for volunteers for help or you may  
contact Felicia Woodall.**

**There is also a sign up sheet on the Toddler  
room door for volunteers for Children's  
Church or contact Patti Gryder.**



**NOBODY OUTGROWS SCRIPTURE; THE BOOK WIDENS  
AND DEEPENS WITH OUR YEARS.**

**—CHARLES SPURGEON**

# Notes from the Choir

*Sing to the Lord; all the world! Worship the Lord with Joy! Come before Him with happy songs.* *Psalm 100 TEV*

New Sterling choir members meet every Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 to experience fellowship, song and worship; in order to share with you joy and meaningful worship of God on Sundays.

Our world would be very dark and depressing without the beauty and joy of music.

In this and future newsletters, our members will be sharing with you what singing in the choir means to them.



## What it Means to Sing in the Choir



**P**raising and worshiping our Savior through music stirs my soul and uplifts me. That is why it is an honor to be a member of the New Sterling Choir.

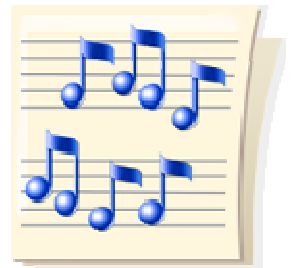
Jeannette Hauck

**T**o me singing in the choir or at praise and worship is a very personal, intimate way to worship my Lord and Savior. Singing expresses what you want to say in a way that you may not know how to say it.

Lori Compton

**S**inging in the New Sterling Choir gives me the opportunity to worship our Lord and Savior through song. It's also an opportunity to witness firsthand how God blends the talents of sixteen individuals into a very special sound that proclaims His glory. Singing in the choir provides a very special time of fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ who serve as wonderful examples of Christian love and dedication. None are more dedicated than our leader, Mrs. Ruth Foy. Singing in the choir also provides me with another very special blessing: getting to sing with my lovely wife, Linda.

Tony Harper



## **Put off the Old; Replace it with the New**

Ephesians 4:22-24 states: **You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self.** During the sermon of July 12, I encouraged you to put off the old and replace it with the new and offered that the way we can do that is to attend worship and hear the preaching, attend Bible studies, fellowship with Christians and so on. Through these events the Holy Spirit works mystically to apply the work of Christ to our lives to convert us to the new creation in Christ Jesus.

I would like to offer you another tool to help in your maturing process and therefore support you as you put off the old and replace it with the new. Below is a guide which can provide direction toward spiritual maturity. It is a part of our Guiding Principles. As you look at each level of the guide, which of those statements can you answer positively? For example: can you say that “I am committed to Christ” and that “I am committed to learning about him and his church?” I hope you can. How about Level 3, can you say “I am living an authentic Christian life” or that “I am fulfilling my covenant responsibilities within my family” or “I am sharing my faith stories - Sowing the Seeds?”

If you can say that you are doing these things then you are maturing well in your Christian life and you have progressed in putting off the old and replacing it with the new. However, most have much work to do. So, look at the guide below and refer to it as a ladder toward maturity beginning with level one and moving to level four. Seek out those things that would allow you to say, “Yes, I am seeking to grow in my area of gifting” or “Yes, I am inviting my unchurched friends.” It all begins with our connection to Christ. Seek him first. Seek to know him as he desires to be known and then progress to the next level. If you apply yourself to the progression offered here you will, I pray, put off the old and replace it with the new you. I would love to hear your questions and/or discoveries as you proceed.

We will not mature completely until the end of our life, but we are called on to follow the commands of our Lord now to show our love for him and mature so that we can be good witnesses of that love. Pastor Tim

### *Level I – Commitment to Christ*

I am committed to Christ  
I am committed to learning about him and his church

### *Level II – Commitment to Maturity*

I am attending a periodic small group Bible Study  
I am spending daily time with God  
I am giving my financial resources to God

### *Level III – Commitment to Ministry*

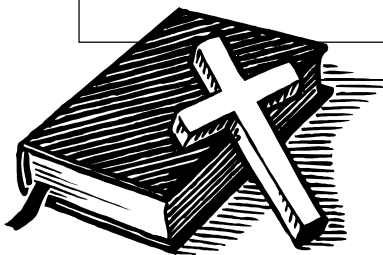
I am serving in ministry  
I am seeking to grow in my area of gifting  
I am instructing others  
I am reaching out in love to those around me

### *Level IV – Commitment to Multiplication*

I am living an authentic Christian life  
I am fulfilling my covenant responsibilities within my family  
I am sharing my faith stories - ‘Sowing the Seeds’  
I am bringing my unchurched &/or apathetic friends to church

# New Sterling Bulletin Board

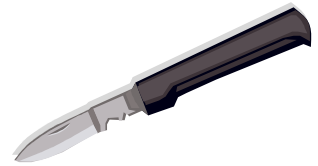
**West Iredell Community Wide Revival—**  
Dr. Allen Roberts of Beulah Baptist Church has invited us to a series of services entitled *Repent, Trust, Obey and Serve*; August 16-20 at 7:00 pm. Child care will be provided.



The next meeting of the Seekers Bible study will be on September 18, 2009 at 7:30 in the church parlor.

**Is your kitchen complete? Are you ready for the upcoming holidays with baking needs?**

Remember that the women of the church are selling Rada Knives. New catalogs have been ordered. See Delinda Mauney soon to pick up your new one.



The women also are selling flavoring. We have all flavors available for \$2.25. Be ready to begin baking for all of your upcoming events.

**If you have not checked the kitchen for unclaimed dishes, please do so.**



## CANS FOR KIDS

Bring you aluminum cans and pie pans, and place them in the container in the storage room beside the stage next to the refrigerator..



# The Harlan Mission Team



Members of the Harlan Mission Team: (Left to Right)

Chase Sharpe, Lauren Gryder, Daniel Pugh, Kurtis Hauck, Casey Clark, Todd Goodman, Lori Compton, Eddie Compton, Ken Hauck, Kortney Hauck, Davey Winters, Jessica Graham, Erin Waugh, Judy Watson, Aarene Reese, Stacy Mrazek, Taryn Setzer, Brian Setzer and Andy Mayhew.

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Air Force Airman Brenton T. Mauney graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas on April 24, 2009.

The Airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

The Airman also graduated 8 weeks of technical training from Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas on July 2.

On July 24 he will begin a 24 month tour of duty at Lakenheath Air Force Base in England.

Brent is the son of Bill and Delinda Mauney and grandson of Lynn and Muriel Jenkins.



*Here and There  
At  
New Sterling*



**Virginia Brady** spent a week at the beach with **Don and family, Diann and family** and her brothers and sisters. There were 14 in all. The 4 sisters did the cooking—Bet they all ate very, very good!!!!.....**Baily Hartness** and **Brianna Henderson** of the Sharon Thunderbirds softball team won the 2009 Statesville Parks and Recreation U-10 championship.....**Myranda Hope Nash**, granddaughter of **Bud and Emily Nash** was recognized as a recipient of the **Fredd Russell Rayburn** undergraduate scholarship at the annual awards program

for Western Carolina University College of Business for the 2008-2009 school year. **Myranda** is majoring in sports management.....**Cody Hairyes** played a weekend tournament in Asheville for North Piedmont All-Stars where he pitched and played outfield. They ended up with a 3-2 record. He has also tried out and secured a position on Carolina Lightning travel baseball team.....**Mara Hairyes** completed cheer camp at Tilley's Too. They are preparing for cheer competitions which begin in September.....**Charlie and John McClure** were home recently for a few weeks of R&R.....**Brent Mauney** left on July 24 for England and will be stationed at Lakenheath Air Force Base for a tour of 24 months.....**Milderene Pope** is home from the hospital.....**Todd and Scotti McCulloch, Dylan and Garrett Deal** vacationed recently at Myrtle Beach.....**Taryn Setzer, Erin Elizabeth Waugh Kelly Pugh and Jessica Graham** took a girls trip to Carowinds.... **Nancy McNeely** hosted the annual youth pool party. There were around 30 there.....

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**THE DEVIL IS NEVER TOO BUSY TO ROCK THE  
CRADLE OF A SLEEPING SAINT.**

**THE DEVIL IS AN ARTIST. HE PAINTS SIN IN  
VERY ATTRACTIVE COLORS.**

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May 7, 2009

New Sterling ARP Knit Wits  
280 New Sterling Church Road  
Stony Point, NC 28678

Dear Sisters in Christ,

You are all such an incredible blessing to us! On behalf of our staff, Board of Directors, and most important the children served by Dove House Children's Advocacy Center, we sincerely thank you for your purchase of a wall tile to be placed in the new Dove House facility, to read **"Love and Prayers – New Sterling ARP Knit Wits"**. Your gracious gift will be directly applied towards Dove House's new building fund, and your wall tile will be installed in the new building during the final stages of construction. This wonderful new facility will greatly enhance our effectiveness of providing services to child victims of sexual assault and their non-offending family members, and your gift gets us closer to occupying it "mortgage-free".

As the number of reported child sexual abuse cases in Iredell and Alexander Counties continues to grow, we have been presented with a need for additional space and equipment for Dove House. In keeping with our first goal of significantly reducing a child's trauma, our new facility will be a child-friendly home that creates a feeling of security and safety to be able to better assist these children through their difficult disclosures and towards their healing process. It will have state-of-the-art forensic equipment to help us continue raising the successful prosecution rate of perpetrators. Our current facility is leased and our new building will be much more cost efficient for our operations, and will vastly improve the environment from which we serve our clients.

Thank you again for your faithful support of Dove House. We cannot express how much you mean to us; your awesome support of the Dove House staff and the children and families that we serve is such a beacon of Christ's love. Please remember our home, our victims, our multidisciplinary team process and our building campaign in your prayers. God bless your servant hearts.

Sincerely,

Brenda Deal  
Executive Director

P.S. Candy had her baby yesterday - 5/20/09. Haley Grace is perfect! Mom is doing great -

Dove House Children's Advocacy Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.  
No goods or services of substantial value are provided by Dove House in return for this contribution.  
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- 8 Marilyn Teague
- 10 Abbie Pope
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- 12 Jim Dagenhart
- 18 Lucille Reese
- 21 Amber Jarrett
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- 27 James McClure
- 30 Cienna Joyce
- 30 Ava Jarrett
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# August Birthdays

## Pool party at Mrs. Nancy's



Mrs. Nancy McNeely hosted the annual youth pool party. Around 30 youth and adults attended. In the picture to the left every one decided to get into the hot tub. How many crazy youth and leaders can you fit into a hot tub?? ..... Well apparently 19-20!! Thank you to Nancy McNeely and Patty Gryder for opening your pool to us and for all the great food!!!!

# Comedy Corner

## Show-and-Tell

A Kindergarten teacher asked each student to bring in something that represented their religion.

The first student got up and said, "My name is Benjamin. I am Jewish, and this is a Star of David."

The Second student said, "My name is Mary and I'm a Catholic, and showed the class her rosary."

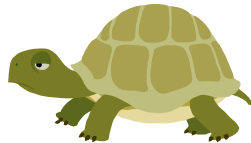
The third child stood and said, "My name is Billy. I am Presbyterian and this is a casserole."



## All Tapped Out.....

A burglar broke into a farmer's house and told the man, "One false move and you'll be sorry. I'm looking for money."

Deep within a forest a little turtle began to climb a tree. After hours of effort he reached the top, jumped into the air waving his front legs and crashed to the ground. After recovering, he slowly climbed the tree again, jumped, and fell to the ground. The turtle tried again and again while a couple of birds sitting on a branch watched his sad efforts.



The humble farmer replied, "Hang on. Let me get a light and I'll help you."



Finally, the female bird turned to her mate. "Dear," she chirped, "I think it's time to tell him he's adopted."



# Coming Events



August 1	9:00 am	Knit Wits in the Parlor
August 2	11:00 am	Homecoming services with Rev. Greg Hamer
	7:00 pm	Youth Council
August 3	9:30 am	Golden Christian Circle
August 3-6	6:00-8:30 pm	Vacation Bible School—Light Supper provided
August 7	6:00 pm	Family Fun Night to end Vacation Bible School week
August 9	10:00 AM	Sterling Silvers
August 10	6:30 pm	Belize Mission Team Meeting
August 11	7:00 pm	Treasure Keepers - Leeann Hartness, hostess; Judy Watson, facilitator Jill Hager, Stacey Mrazek and Tammy Brown, Meal
August 14	3:00-7:00 pm	Youth Water Day at the church
August 15	9:30 am	First Presbyterial Meeting—First ARP Burlington
August 16	12:45 pm	Teacher Appreciation Lunch
	7:00 pm	Hope and Care Ministry
August 18	7:00 pm	Mary/Martha Sunset—Susan Pugh, hostess; Marcia Winters, facilitator. Meet in the parlor
August 19	9:30 am	Mary/Martha Sunrise—Aarene Reese, hostess; Peggy Gray, facilitator
Aug 21-22	6:30 pm	Jr. and Sr. High Campout/Drive-in. Meet at the church
August 24	7:00 pm	Experiencing God Bible Study
August 23	7:00 pm	Youth Council
August 30	11:00 am	Teacher Commitment Sunday
	7:00 pm	5th Sunday Night Sing hosted by New Sterling

*First Presbytery's  
Spiritual Life Conference*

Sunday, September 13, 2009  
at  
Back Creek Presbyterian Church

2:30-3:30 p.m. Registration  
3:30-6:30 p.m. Conference  
6:30-7:30 p.m. Snack Meal



*Theme: "The Cross of Jesus Christ"*

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Rick Phillips, Pastor  
Second Presbyterian Church  
of Greenville, SC



**Seminars:**

*The Cross in the Old Testament*  
Dr. Max Rogland, Erskine Seminary

*The Cross and Grace: the Reformed Vision*  
Dr. R.J. Gore, Erskine Seminary

*The Cross and the First Century*  
Dr. John Currid, RTS Charlotte

*The Difference is Redemption:  
the Cross and Islam*  
Rev. Joseph Alghrary

*From Elvis to Isaac Watts:  
The Music of the Cross*  
Rev. Roger Wiles

*Soldiers of the Cross: Christian Faith  
and the Civil War Soldier*  
Elder Steve Maye



# Let's Keep in Touch!!

**Sgt. Charles P. McClure**  
**A B try 1-113th FA**  
**FOB Mahmudiyah**  
**APO AE 09322**



**SPC McClure, James**  
**CSC 230th**  
**FOB Falcon**  
**APO AE 09361**

**SPC McClure, John S**  
**1-120th CAB HHC PSD**  
**FOB Mahmudiyah, Iraq**  
**APO AE 09323**



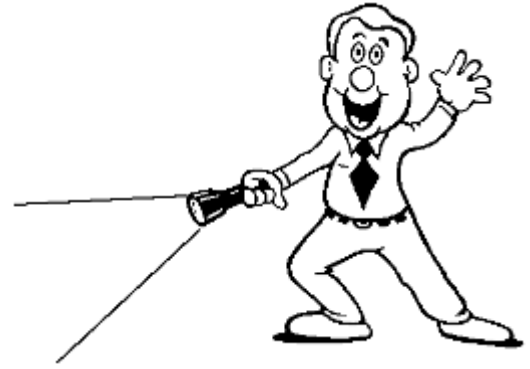
**AB Mauney, Brenton T**  
**PSC 41 Box 1788**  
**APO, AE 09464**



**Robert Lewis Buchanan**  
**PO Box 189**  
**Polkton, NC 28135**

## NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND!!!!!!!

The Youth Council would like to start a special fund to help our New Sterling Youth attend retreats and other special functions when they may not have the financial needs to do so. Our goal is to make sure that any New Sterling Youth who wishes to attend these activities can. With the economic times as they are circumstances occur which would create a hardship in obtaining funds for the functions. This fund would be totally donations from church members.



If you have a soft spot for young people who desire to be in the midst of other Christian youth to attend church sanctioned activities, please see Ken Hauck. If you wish to donate through the offering taken on Sunday during worship service, use the envelopes in the pew and mark it as *Youth Fund* or *NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND*!

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**We need your help!**

**5th Sunday Night Song  
Sing at New Sterling:**

**New Sterling will host the 5th Sunday night song sing on August 30. We will place sign up sheets in the vestibule and ask that if you can volunteer to bring snacks for the event to please sign up. There will be sheets for several different types of snacks, so pick your favorite to make and bring it on in.**

**We will also need some to help serve and clean up. Those sheets will be available to sign up also.**

**This is always a fun night and we want to top it off with some of our great New Sterling cooking. Sign up and help us out.**

**The Kitchen Committee**

**Heeellllloooo Youth and parents!!!!!!**

**You're friendly youth leaders here to announce two new summer activities!! Woo-Hoo!!!! Below is a form we would like you to fill out if you are planning to attend either of these activities. Just place a check mark on the blank. and how many kids are coming. We strongly encourage you to bring friends. We are having food at each of these events so we would like a head count.**



**\_\_\_ Friday August 14 3pm- 7ish (YOUTH AGES 3yr old- Sr. High) ..... WATER DAY at the church. This was a big hit last year and we want to do a repeat!! We will have a 18Ft blow up water slide with a pool at the bottom. We will also have water balloons and super soakers. If you have a super soaker, please bring it!!! We are planning to have pizza for supper. **OUR ADMISSION FEE IS A BOTTLE OF DISH DETERGENT (this gives our slide an extra KICK!!), so don't forget to bring it!!!****



**\_\_\_ Fri. and Sat. August 21-22 (Jr. and Sr. High ONLY)**

**Camp-out and "camp-in" movie. If you have a tent PLEASE bring it, other wise it might be a little snug out there!! We are cooking weenies and making smores on the fire pit and watching a movie outside on the big screen. We will be sleeping in tents in the church back yard. Please arrive around 6pm. Parents plan to pick your kids up at 9am. **YOUTH YOU MUST STAY AND-HELP CLEAN UP. NO LEAVING UNTIL THE ENTIRE CHURCH BACK YARD IS CLEAN!!!!****



**Any questions call Taryn Setzer or Jessica Graham.**



# Harlan Mission Trip



**Oh my!!!! Those are some tarry rear ends!!! Looks like a good day on the roof!!**



**In four days the mission team completed Mrs. Sally's roof. They scrapped shingles, laid tar paper and placed new shingles. Two parts of the roof were very steep and they had to use roof jacks and scaffolding. More pictures to come!!!!**

