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In What Direction Do We Go?

I am one who believes that we should always keep our purpose in front of us so we do not wander off course.

Jesus said, **Therefore go and make disciples of nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.** (Mt.

28:19&20) This, of course is known as the Great Commission. It is the Commission for the church universal.

In order to comply with that commission, we in the ARP Church have said:

We, the members of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, in order to carry out God's mission and move forward together into the next century, profess our life together in Christ and our desire to set forth a united strategy for the work of His church. We express our desire to continue to be a Presbyterian and Reformed church, committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and to the Bible as the Word of God.

Rooted in and shaped by a living tradition, we are part of the new creation in Christ which God is bringing into existence. Therefore, we are committed to:

- The worship of the Triune God.
- The Holy Scriptures as the basis for our faith and activity.
- Unity with other believers in Christ.
- Total Stewardship of life - time, talents, and money - including tithing through the local church.
- Excellence in education and equipping leaders for tomorrow.
- Loving and caring for one another and for other people.
- Spreading the Gospel to all parts of the world.

Evaluating and changing church structures and priorities in order to meet the challenges of the future while preserving the best of the past.

To this end and in humble reliance upon the enabling power of the Holy Spirit, we covenant together to pray steadfastly that God will open doors of opportunity so that we may declare the riches of Christ. "Let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart" (Galatians 6:9).

- *Minutes, 1990 General Synod, Page 363; reaffirmed by the General Synod June 13, 2001.*

Added to these statements is the affirmation by the General Synod of the ARPC that "the Bible alone, being God-breathed, is the Word of God written, infallible in all that it teaches, and inerrant in the original manuscripts."

And we here at New Sterling in order to comply with the Great Commission, the purpose statement of the ARPC and the affirmation of Holy Scripture, submit the following as our Guiding Principles:

Vision

To live the full spectrum of life in obedience to the complete counsel of God

Purpose

We are God's children, empowered by the Holy Spirit to love and serve Jesus Christ; to preach and teach God's Holy Word and to encourage others to follow Christ.

Simple, but very effective and meaningful. I suggest that you look at each of these statements and ask, "Are we following these principles?" Then ask, "Am I following these principles?"

In His Service,

Pastor Tim

Minutes of General Synod, 2008, pg 514.

Luke 10:27; Rom 6:13,12:1; 1 Cor 6:20; 1 Pet 2:5; Eph 5:17
Rom 8:16; 1 Jhn 3:1

Job 33:4; Rom 8:9; Jhn 16:13

Luke 10:27

Matt 28:19

Ps 10:17; Act 10:15; 1 Th 4:18; Heb 3:13



Mike Minter formerly of the Carolina Panthers was the guest speaker for our Families Celebrating Jesus event



Families Celebrating Jesus



Pictures provided by Lee Ann Sherrill





New Sterling Evangelism Committee

New Sterling Evangelism Committee: Scott Snyder, Aarene Reese, Linda Harper, Pastor Tim, Mike Minter, guest, Tony Harper, Julie Winters.



Book Signing



Pictures Courtesy of Lee Ann Sherrill

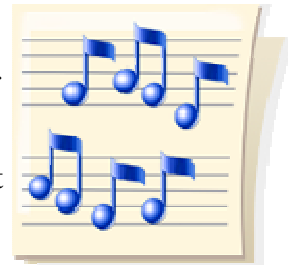
Notes from the Choir

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.

Singing in the New Sterling Choir is an awesome privilege and one of my greatest joys. Throughout scripture we are told to sing praises to the Lord. “Sing to the Lord you saints of His, praise his Holy name.” Psalm 30:4 “Sing praises to God, sing praises; Sing praises to our King, sing praises.” Psalm 47:6 “Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord always giving thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Eph. 5:19



I joined the choir when I was 13 years old. I was so excited! I couldn't wait to be part of the choir and sing alto with my Mama. I still feel the same excitement as we sing to Him each Sunday. It's our desire, as we share the Lord's word through music, to glorify Him. It's not to us, Lord, but to Your name be the glory!

I'm so thankful for each choir member especially my sweet husband, Tony. Ruth loves the Lord so much and chooses such beautiful music. Ruth, Kay and Susan are so gifted and we are so blessed to have them. I am so thankful God allows us to be a part of the worship service each Sunday. When the choir and congregation sing, it seems like I can hear the angels and the saints in heaven singing with us....so I'm still singing with my Mama. What a blessing to sing praises to our LORD!

Linda Harper

Music is a way of worship for me. The Bible tells us we are each given our different talents to use for God's glory. Singing in our church choir is my way of giving back to God the gift He has given me and in turn, He nourishes my soul through it.

Cindy McNeely

Singing in the choir or singing to our Lord is not simply just about singing. It's a way to worship, to experience how the message in the music can fill you till you're overflowing. To be able to sing to our Lord is truly a gift. I feel that singing in the choir is using that gift to glorify our Lord. Singing and praising our Lord is not about what we do, but it's about what He has done because of His love for us. Not that we could ever deserve to be delivered, but He loves us in a way which we could never really understand unless He is truly in our hearts.



Eddie Compton

QUEST 2009

To the right - John Autry the camp speaker from Chapel by the Sea in Florida. To the left - the skit team, Silly Walks with Reggie and Bonclarken Ultimate Threat Termination with Blaze Pane and Super Hero Nephew. Below - the Pat Hine Band, also from Florida



To the right- after Forced Family Fun. They participated in an obstacle course, which included lots of water and flour which mix that and some ninety degree weather and you have come crusty kids smelling like a biscuit....but they learned that flour in your clothes makes you STANKY!!!!!! Maggie Emery, Amanda Sports, Sarah Donahoe, Madison Elliott, Taryn Setzer, Brianna Little, Jessica Graham, Jacee Sherill, Madelyn McNeely, Lorin Donnely, Bailey Hartness, Madison Winters, Jared Hauck, photographer- Jacob McNeely. Not pictured Kortney Hauck



YUMMY
BON-
CLARKEN
FOOD!!!!!!!





They took a family outing to Looking Glass Falls and Slid-



The girls dominated the volleyball tournament.



POOL TIME!!



In the morning and evenings they had family time.

Gettin PUMPED



SLUDGE WAR!!!!
YEAH, it was as bad as it looks!!! More Stinky Flour!!!



For some reason they loved this rolling cart, which they named Herbie



CRAZY QUESTERS



AND THEIR CRAZY LEADERS!!!!



Here and There
At
New Sterling



Bailey Hartness was accepted to the Catawba College Science program. She will be leaving on July 5 to stay on campus for a week.....Congratulations to **Andy Gray** and **Jeff Sharpe** for leading the Sharon 7-8 girls softball to SYAA tournament championship. Great season **Rachel & Chasidy!!!**.....**Kristen Griffin** and **Adam Donohoe** was accepted into the National Junior Honor Society at Statesville Christian School.....**Davey Winters** was accepted into the early college program at Mitchell Community College.....**Tyler Pope** had his tonsils and adenoids removed.....**Alton Pope** was recently in the hospital with gout.....**Jane Fulbright** had surgery on her forearm for a skin cancer.....**Harold and Sandy Moose, Elizabeth and Brandon Smith, Adrian, Amber and Ava Jarrett** spent a week vacationing at the beach.....**Katy Blevins Campbell** will be living her in Stony Point until December while **Josh** is on a military mission.....**Felicia Woodall** spent some needed vacation time in California visiting with her brother.....The **Ken Haucks** have sold their house and have moved.....**Melderine Pope** fell recently and broke her hip.....**Jill Hager and Tammy Brown** were spotted having a “spa” day.....**Leah Gryder** attended a tennis camp for a week.**Richard Fulbright** spent time in Forsythe Memorial Hospital.....**Adrian Jarrett’s** Grandmother recently passed away.....**Bailey Hartness and Breanna Henderson’s** softball team won the girl’s softball championship on June 20.....Those who went to Quest: **Taryn Setzer, Jessica Grahana, Kortney Hauck, Jarrid Hauck, Jacob McNeely, Adam Donohoe, Sarah Donohoe, Lorin Donnelly, Madison Elliott, Madison Winters, Maggie Emery, Amanda Sports, Madeline McNeely, Bailey Hartness, Brianna Little, and Jaycee Sherrill**.....**Cody Hairyes** baseball team North Peidmont had an undefeated season..... **Mara Hairyes** went to choreography cheer camp.....



CORRECTION to last month’s newsletter: Mother with the youngest child: Suzanne Mayberry with her son Brayden—Jane Fulbright’s grandson.



THE U IN JESUS

Before U were thought of or time had begun,
God stuck U in the name of His Son.

And each time U pray, you'll see it's true,
You can't spell out JesUs and not include U.

You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,
For U, He was born; that's why He came.

And His great love for U is the reason He died.
It even takes U to spell crUcified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand
He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?

The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew,
and this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.

When JesUs left earth at His upward ascension,
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.

'Go into the world and tell them it's true
That I love them all - Just like I love U.'

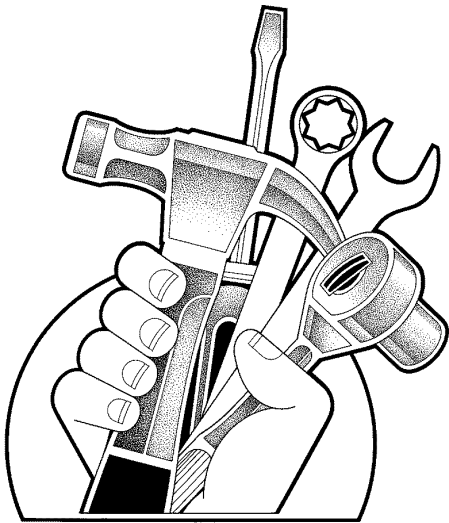
So many great people are spelled with a U,
Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?

It all depends now on what U will do,
He'd like them to know,
But it all starts with U.





Sympathy is expressed to Adrian Jarrett in the recent passing of his grandmother.



We would like to thank all of those who helped build the new steps and put up the hand rail at the side entrance of the sanctuary. This will be a tremendous help coming out that door. It looks nice and was a job well done. Thank you again.

Lynn & Muriel Jenkins

Thank you

I want to thank the congregation for the beautiful flowers and prayers for me while my hip is still healing. I have also received several cards of encouragement while this hip is healing. It has still got me somewhat down and it is next to impossible to have a day without pain from it, but I want to thank everyone for everything they've done and all the prayers that have given for me. It has also helped to have such a great husband in Todd! He has been my saving grace, my attendant, and my comforter during all of this

Thank you very much. I'll be back at church soon!

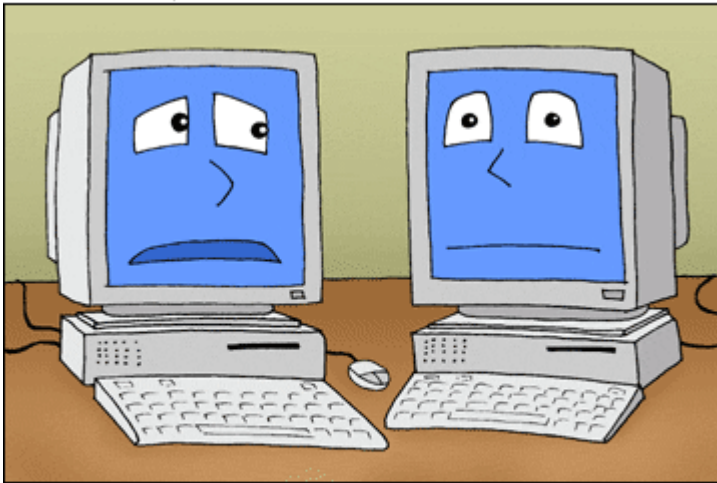
Karen Goodman

Gary Todd Goodman, Jr. is back at our home at 934 Eufola Road. He has a new cell phone number (707)506-1601 or you can try to reach him at home at 704-380-4632.

Comedy Corner



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Thanks to Kerry Hodgkinson 11-29-2005

OH MY NO ... HUMANS DIDN'T INVENT US AT ALL ... WE EVOLVED FROM PLASTIC, WIRES, AND LITTLE MICRO THINGERS

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Thanks to Josiah Gilman 05-02-2007

LEPERS ... I HEAL LEPERS

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Thanks to Pam Winn (See Matthew 4:6) 03-18-2005

THINGS EASED UP ON GUARDIAN ANGELS AFTER AIR BAGS WERE INVENTED



Coming Events



July 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY

July 5

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Harlan Mission Team leaves for Kentucky

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| July 6 | 10:30 am | Golden Christian Circle |
| July 11 | 9:00 am | Knit Wits in the parlor |
| July 12 | 5:00 pm | CE Committee Meeting |
| July 14 | 7:00 pm | Treasure Keepers – Jessica Brady, hostess; Kim Brady, facilitator
Kim Elliott, Cindy McNeely, Lori Compton Meal |
| July 15 | 9:30 am | Mary Martha Sunrise—Tena Campbell, Hostess
Aarene Reese, Facilitator |
| July 19 | | Hope and Care Ministry Meeting |
| July 21 | 7:00 pm | Mary Martha Sunset—Felicia Woodall, hostess; Susan Pugh, facilitator |
| July 25 | 9:00 am | Women's Council |
| July 26 | | Mission Committee Meeting
Youth Council Meeting
Rada Knife Orders Due |
| July 27 | 7:00 pm | Experiencing God |



August 2 Homecoming with Rev. Greg Hamer

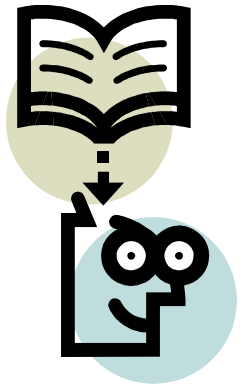
August 3-6 Vacation Bible School

August 7 VBS Family Fun Night

New Sterling members,

I am offering a once a week tutoring session for all ages—either remediation or acceleration. Your child may not need tutoring; however, it wouldn't hurt to push them along during the summer break. Two months is a long time not to fill you head with knowledge. These sessions will be fun and educational with very reasonable prices. If you are interested, please contact me at 704-838-0134.

Jessica Graham



DRAMA CAMP

August 3rd – 7th, 2009

Drama Camp is a wonderful opportunity to express your creativity. Come and join with us as we explore costume design, theater presentation, stage directions, voice projection, and mime. Advance students will also participate in writing short skits and directing them as well.

Monday – Friday 9:00 – 12:00 PM

Play Performance – 2:00 PM Saturday Matinee

There are only 20 spots per camp. The cost is \$125 (\$100 for church members), which includes all materials, production scripts, and daily snacks. Please contact Jessica Graham (home phone: 704-838-0134, cell: 704-437-3205) if you have any questions!

Let's Keep in Touch!!

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



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



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



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To Be Announced



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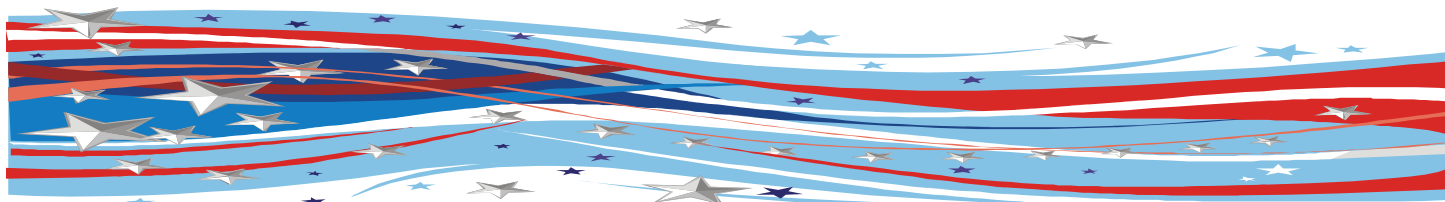
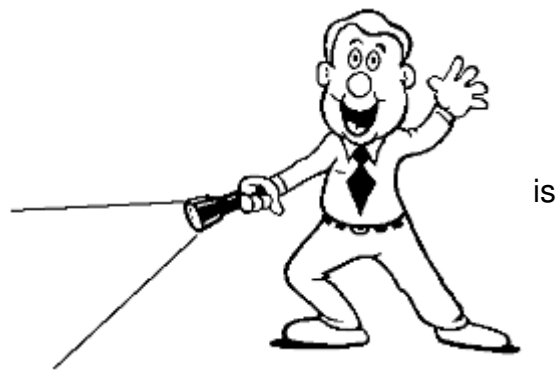
Robert Lewis Buchanan
PO Box 189
Polkton, NC 28135

Katy Campbell
137 Katy Ben Lane
Stony Point, NC 28678

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!*



July Birthdays

- 2 Todd McCulloch
- 5 Bill Mauney
- 6 Erica Burruel
- 7 Betty Godfrey
- 11 Jeannette Hauck
- 15 Rick Cashion
- 16 Sarah Donohoe
- 19 Dale Massey
- 19 Scott Snyder
- 21 Terri Jenkins
- 21 Charles McClure

- 22 Arthur Waugh
- 24 Jacob McNeely
- 25 Lauren Bailey
- 25 Sally Lewis
- 25 David Sides
- 28 Brian Setzer
- 29 Kim Brady
- 30 Terry Hoke
- 31 David Jenkins





Cans for Kids

Save Your Aluminum

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

Singing Harps

Thank you Lori Compton



Processes from the aluminum go to The Singing Harp Ministries of North Carolina

The Singing Harps is an organization of mentally and physically challenged individuals who love the LORD and want to show that even the challenged can serve and praise the LORD.





Prayer for Independence Day

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand has made and preserved our nation, grant that our people may understand what it is they celebrate today.

May they remember how bitterly our freedom was won, the down payment that was made for it, the installments that have been made since the Republic was born, and the price that must yet be paid for our liberty.

May we think of freedom not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to please to do what is right.

May it ever be understood that our liberty is under God and can be found nowhere else.

May our faith be something that is not merely stamped upon our coins, but expressed in our lives.

Toe the extent that America honors thee, wilt thou bless America. Keep her true as thou has kept her free, and make her good as thou hast made her rich.

Peter Marshall

