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## The Victorious Life

Many of us have sung or at least heard the old hymn 'Victory in Jesus.' I can see my grandmother in the front row of the choir swinging her arm back in forth, keeping the beat of the music singing to the top of her voice...



July  
2010

*Oh, victory in Jesus,  
My Savior forever  
He sought me  
And he bought me  
With his redeeming blood.*

The song rightly pronounces that we have been purchased by the redeeming blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. With our lives purchased by the victorious work of Jesus we can and should therefore live the victorious life; not a life troubled by our own faults and failures but one that lives gratefully and joyfully in the completed work of our Lord.

What does it mean to us to live the victorious life? In a book given by Rev. Tim Robinson, 'When I Saw Him' by Roy Hession, Roy explains the victorious life. He cites three aspects of the being victorious in Jesus Christ.

First, is His victory over me. I think this is most important. Victory is when we come to see that our successful life in Christ is not me conquering my sin, but Him conquering me and breaking me each time that sin comes in and takes me to the cross. It is not me in my power conquering sin but Him conquering me and knowing that my sin has already been conquered on the cross. We are to be broken and know that our sin controls us unless we live in the victory of Christ's completed work.

Paul asks if grace is known more through our sin then we should sin all the more? Absolutely not! We are to live a disciplined life to show our love for our Lord and KNOW that our sin is defeated. We are then to live victoriously in our Lord's grace.

The second aspect Mr. Hession submits is His victory for me. Acknowledging this will set us free from the hangover of guilt and self-accusation. While our sin is great and we should mourn the disappointment our sin brings our Lord, we should at the same time, through confession, rejoice that our sin is covered. We are sometimes the greatest obstacle to God's forgiveness of our sin. Rather than living victorious we had rather continue beating ourselves up. Hession says, we need to see the blood of Jesus and accept the new righteousness that is imputed to us. When we accept Jesus' righteousness our testimonies, while they speak of sin, will all the more speak of praise for our Lord and his victory.

The third aspect is His victory in me. He is the vine we are the branches. Hession believes this is key. Jesus is the vine that brings nourishment to the branches thereby creating fruit. Just like a branch broken away from the vine cannot bear fruit, we out of our own energy will never bear fruit. Apart from God, through Jesus Christ, we can do no good thing. So we must have Jesus dwelling in us through the Holy Spirit to be victorious.

Three things: His victory over me, His victory for me and His victory in me, bring the complete package of a victorious relationship with Jesus.

I pray that you would ponder these and see what our Lord might have for you in these areas. I pray also that rather than living in the burden of sin you can live each day singing the victorious words of our Victory in Jesus.

In His Service,  
Pastor Tim

## Here and There at New Sterling!!!!!!!



Jeff and Jacob McNeely recently went on a scuba diving trip.....The **Ken Haucks** have moved.....**Dylan Deal** spent a week at the beach for senior week after graduation.....**Gray Emery** also spent some time at the beach after graduation, his family met him up there a few days later.....**Erin Elizabeth Waugh** is in Honduras on a mission trip for 4 weeks.....**The Grays** recently had a family reunion at Concord ARP Church.....

Juan David and Esther Cruz from Belize are here visiting **Kim and David Brady** for 3 weeks.....**Clay Price** got a cancer free report from his doctor recently!!!!!!.....**Pastor Tim and Judy** traveled to Florida for a conference.....Rev. Greg Hamer was our visiting pastor on Father's Day.....**Pressley Reese** was the oldest Father present on Father's Day.....**Lori Compton** has been suffering from kidney stones.....**Kim Brady, Jessica Brady and Cindy McNeely** ran in a 5K race in Greenville, SC.....

**Carson Brown's** baseball team won their championship for their age division.....**Brent Mauney** is back in England after being in Afgahnistan for 3 months.....**Marvin Bennett** has been deployed.....Brandon and **Elizabeth Smith, Harold and Sandy Moose, Adrian, Amber and Ava Jarrett** enjoyed a vacation at Emerald Isle.....**Brian and Taryn Setzer** welcomed a baby boy **Braxton Scott Setzer** on June 5.....



When we teach our children to be good, to be gentle, to be forgiving (all these are attributes of God), and to be generous, to love their fellow men, to regard this present age as nothing, we instill virtue in their souls, and reveal the image of God within them. This then is our task  $\emptyset$  to educate both our children and ourselves in godliness. John Chrysostom (347-407)





**CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**

**Braxton Scott Setzer born June 5, 2010**

**8:37 am 9 lbs 21 inches long**

**Brian and Taryn Setzer**

**parents**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL USE;**

Anyone interested in using the Fellowship Hall for anything other than church activities, please sign up on the calendar in the church office, especially for family gatherings or other activities. Thank you.

# News From the Women's Ministries



Ladies (and men if you are game) remember our movie night on July 13th at 6:30. This will be a joint meeting of all circles for July. We will be enjoying Chondra Pierce presenting "FOUR-EYED BLOND". Chondra is a Christian comedian we have enjoyed several times at Women of Faith.

The fellowship hall will be set up like a movie theater and assigned hostesses from each circle will provide drinks and popcorn.

Please come out and enjoy a Night At the Movies!!



## *New Sterling Women's Ministry Chrismons*

*The New Sterling Women's Ministry is making Chrismons to replace broken ones and have new ones to use on the Fellowship Hall Christmas tree as fillers after the Sunday School classes decorate the tree*

*If you would like to purchase one in honor or memory of someone the cost is \$20.00 each. Please contact Jane Mayhew if you are interested in purchasing one.*



# Evangelism and Membership

## Committee News

Spiritual growth is a critical ingredient in a health family life. Parents need to be walking faithfully with God, and they need to be committed to helping their children come to know and serve the Lord. Here are a few practical ideas for growing spiritually as a family:

1. Dads—lead the way. God expects you to set the pace in your home. If you are not growing, your wife and children will suffer. Get in a men’s Bible study or discipleship group. As you go, so goes the rest of the family.
2. Mom and Dad—pray together and read the Scriptures together...DAILY. A simple twenty-minute time of interaction with God can do more for your marriage and spiritual health than you can imagine!
3. Go to a Christian camp together (like Bonclarken!) Many conference centers now offer week long experiences for the whole family. You’ll have fun and be challenged from the Word of God.
4. Support a missionary together. Get the whole family involved in praying and giving and writing notes (or E-mails) of encouragement.
5. Go on a short-term mission trip together. Use your vacation. Get out of your comfort zone. Step out I faith and get your hands dirty for God. You’ll never be the same.
6. Read Christian classics together. The Chronicles of Narnia, missionary biographies, as well as books like The Pilgrim’s Progress can make a profound difference.
7. Eat meals together. Sadly, this practice is on the “endangered species” list of family activities. Turn off the TV; don’t be in a rush. Talk about like (and about how God and His truth relate to the day’s events). Listen to one another and encourage each other to keep following Jesus.

(These suggestions were taken from the book, Parenting Clues for the Clueless—God’s Word in Your World)



# Little John the Baptist

Matt 18:4-5

**“Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.”**



**Johnny's Mother looked out the window and noticed him "playing church" with their cat.**

**He had the cat sitting quietly and he was preaching to it. She smiled and went about her work. A while later she heard loud meowing and hissing and ran back to the open window to see Johnny baptizing the cat in a tub of water.**

**She called out, "Johnny, stop that! The cat is afraid of water!"**

**Johnny looked up at her and said, "He should have thought about that before he joined my church."**



**Coming Soon ...**



# **VBS 2010**

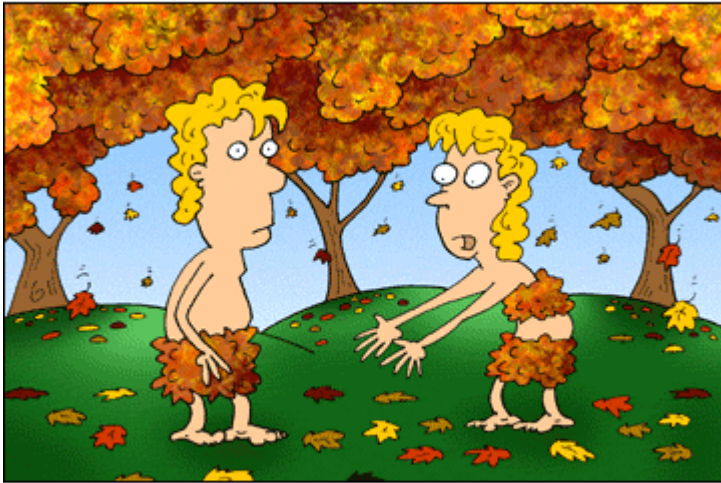
Vacation Bible School will be held on Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. It will be a one day Bible School so mark your calendars and come be a part of this special time. More details will follow.

Delinda Mauney, Jeannette Hauck and Kim Brady will be the directors this year. In years past we have had difficulty finding volunteers for all the positions. We felt this was due to being a week long obligation. Life is so busy for everyone. While on our mission trip to Belize it was amazing how God showed Himself to our team. We had a one day VBS and it was awesome. After much prayer the Christian Education Committee voted to have a one day VBS at New Sterling this year. Please be in prayer as to what position you would like to fill and remember it is only for one day. If you are interested please contact either of the directors.

To start our VBS off with a great time of fun and fellowship, on Friday evening July 30<sup>th</sup>, we will enjoy Gary Reavis and all of his fun toys. Supper will also be provided.

Thank you in advance for your prayers and participation! We praise God for His wisdom and for providing such an awesome opportunity to fellowship with our Church family!

God's Blessings,  
Delinda, Jeannette & Kim



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WILL YOU PLEASE PICK UP ALL YOUR CLOTHES?



Thanks to Josiah Gilman

05-02-2007

LEPERS ... I HEAL LEPERS



**If there is anything you would like to advertise in our newsletter please do not hesitate to ask Delinda Mauney or Taryn Setzer. It's a good way to get your product/ fundraiser/ event out to our church family.**

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE!**

*First Presbyterial  
Women's Retreat*

Come away for a time of spiritual renewal, fellowship and fun! We will have great speakers, enriching seminars, singing and fun entertainment. Registration information will be mailed to churches and individuals in 2010.

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*Bonclarken Conference Center*

*November 5-6, 2010*

# COMING EVENTS

- July 3**      **9:00 am**      **Knit Wits**
- July 4**                              **INDEPENDENCE DAY!**  
**11:00 AM**      **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**
- July 6**      **7:00 pm**      **Joint meeting of the Session and Deacons**  
**7:00 PM**      **Chrismon Committee**
- July 11**      **4:00 pm**      **CE Committee**  
**Missions Committee**
- July 12**      **10:00 am**      **Sterling Silvers**  
**7:00 pm**      **Evangelism/Membership Committee**
- July 13**      **6:30 pm**      **Joint Circles meet for movie night with Chondra Pierce**  
**presenting**  
**“FOUR-EYED BLOND” in the fellowship hall**
- July 18**                              **Session Study Group**  
**Newsletter Items Due**
- July 18-23**                      **HARLAN MISSIN TRIP**
- July 19**      **7:00 pm**      **Knit Wits**
- July 25**                              **Youth Council**
- July 26**      **7:00 pm**      **Men's Study Group**  
**7:00 pm**      **Property and Maintenance Committee**
- FAMILY BIBLE CONFERENCE**



# Bonclarken Work Week



Left to right: Lynn Jenkins, Pat Sherrill, Muriel Jenkins, Minnie Pope, Betty Godfrey and Pat Price.

Not pictured were: Earl and Harriet Linderman, Lonnie and Carolyn Elliott, Jim and Joanne Hartness.

Do you think Lynn kept the ladies straight or the ladies kept him straight?

The Bonclarken work week was held April 19-23, 2010. We enjoyed food and fellowship with a former minister of New Sterling, Robert J. Robinson, D.D. and his wife Mary. "Bob" personally signed his newly published book entitled, "Keeping A Promise". Also present was our own "native son", Dr. J. Barry Dagenhart, a former member of New Sterling. He is now the minister of First Rock Hill ARP Church in Rock Hill, SC. We all worked hard getting the grounds ready for this busy season and we were greatly rewarded.

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## Attention Youth!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Have some AWESOME ideas for summer activities?????

Come and see Taryn Setzer, Scott or Jessica Graham ASAP!!!! We want to plan something fun for the month of July and we need your help. So put on your thinking caps and brainstorm!!!!

We want you involved !!!!!!!



# KEEP IN TOUCH



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Andrea has a different mailing address until July 16 at the end of her basic training. She would love mail.

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# JULY BIRTHDAYS

5	Bill Mauney
6	Erica Burruel
7	Betty Godfrey
11	Jeannette Hauck
15	Rick Cashion
16	Sarah Donahoe
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

