

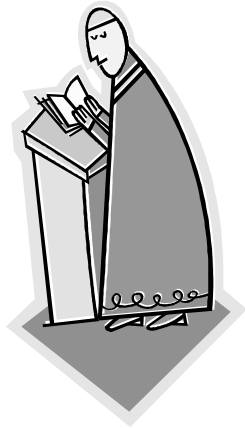
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## Preaching and Works of Service



June  
2009

In the pulpit the pastor becomes, for that time, the mouthpiece of God Almighty. From the pulpit, the pastor brings forth the words God would have his people hear. Paul said in Romans 10:17 that “faith comes from hearing the message and the message is heard through the word of Christ.” Preaching is the means that God intends to be used by the pastor to teach, lead, admonish, and encourage the people.



Preaching is the starting point that the remainder of the work in the church finds its origin. If the pastor veers off-course here by the smallest margin then as we move out into the other ministries the trajectory is already askew. Sound expositional verse-by-verse, book-by-book preaching

is the clearest, most succinct way to lead the people of God and to keep the door tightly bolted against injustices that may creep into the church and into the lives of the people. God’s truth is plain and simple and is good for all practices in faith and in life. When biblical preaching is not the norm in the church, then error and misdirection have the opportunity to slip in.

Unsound preaching is similar to a door against Satan’s injustices being cracked open. And if the door is cracked open today, it is highly probable for non-biblical ideas and teaching to creep in. If unsound preaching continues the door has a great potential to slowly swing farther open. Over the years if the practice continues, the door will swing fully open and once open it is very hard to get closed.

Many of the issues facing the church at large today find their origin in poor preaching and failure to acknowledge the Bible as the infallible and inerrant Word of God. As one

Puritan put it bluntly, “It is a general rule that as it goes with the pulpit so it goes with the people.” The foundation of the church and the maturation of God’s people begin with the preaching of God’s Word.

The great William Still adamantly supports this contention. He preached for fifty years and says that he “preached through the Bible, book by book chapter by chapter, verse by verse, New Testament and Old Testament several times, ...the principal product of this is not a mass of sermon notes...the product is the lives that are loving and serving Christ.” Pastors should understand the significance of proclaiming in the pulpit at every opportunity, ‘thus saith the Lord.’ The foundation of the ministries of the church is in the pulpit. Isaiah 55 should be ringing in our ears: “It (the Word) will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”

However, the verbal preaching from the pulpit is not the final objective. John Stott explains that through this truth, through preaching, “He (Christ) enables the body to make its own growth so that it builds itself up.” The people of God as they hear the preaching are challenged to do something with it; they are to put it into practice. The preaching of the Word is the impetus and the fuel for the growth and maturing of the church but only as it finds its way into the lives of the people

The church depends on the Holy Spirit to make this effective; however, the people have the responsibility to put the Words of God into practice. The Apostle James says in his letter to the church that, “Anyone who listens to the Word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.” (James 1:23 & 24)

William Still, *The Work of the Pastor*

John Stott, *The Message of Ephesians*

Stott underlines the point that the “works of service” mentioned in Ephesians 4 are a means of doing what the Word says. The works of service within the church are ministries a church might find herself involved with, but these works should not be considered the end objective. The works of service are instead the means to be used by the body of Christ to “build itself up.” Works of service are used to put the Word into practice and to bring the church into complete unity and knowledge of Christ. Consequently, as promised through these works, the church will no longer be deceived by the craftiness of men.

It is essential that we who make up the local church realize that at our disposal every week is a great instrument given by our Lord to be used interactively and intentionally to put what has been preached into practice. This putting into practice through the administrative infrastructure of the church, the committees and ministries, will lead to our maturity. These are the works of service that fulfill the teaching of Ephesians 4.

As you volunteer to be a part of a committee, a short term mission trip, the choir or any other ministry within the church you are making yourself available to the maturing effects of the works of service spoken of in Ephesians 4. Rather than being a stumbling block for the church as some may perceive, the committees can, if viewed in this way, be a means of teaching and instruction.

Here at New Sterling we have over 100 folks involved in the ministry somewhere. This is 100+ people maturing as they are involved in the works of service. For this reason, our church is maturing month-to-month, week-to-week and day-to-day. Wow, with our church maturing at this rate there is nothing our Lord could ask us to do that we cannot, with his strength, accomplish. Thank you for being New Sterling. God bless you.

In His Service,  
Pastor Tim



## A FATHER'S PRAYER

Give me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid—one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle victory.

Give me a son whose wishes will not take the place of deeds: a son who will know thee—and that to know himself is the foundation stone of true knowledge.

Lead him, I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and strains of difficulties and challenges, let him learn to stand up in the storm. Let him also learn compassion for those who fail.

Give me a son whose heart will be clear, whose goal will be high—a son who will master himself before he seeks to master others—one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.

And after all these things, add enough of a sense of humor so he may always be serious, yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility so that he may always remember the simplicity of true wisdom and the meekness of true strength.

—General Douglas McArthur

# A Father's Example

*There are little eyes upon you,  
And they're watching night and day;  
There are little ears that listen  
To every word you say.*

*There are little hands all eager  
To do the things you do;  
And a little boy who's dreaming  
Of the day he'll be like you.*

*You're the little fellow's idol,  
You're the wisest of the wise;  
In his little mind, about you  
No suspicions ever rise.*

*He believes in you devoutly,  
Holds that all you say and do  
He will say and do in your way  
When he's grown up just like you.*

*There's a wide-eyed little fellow  
Who believes you're always right;  
And his ears are always open  
As he watches day and night.*

*You are setting an example  
Every day in all you do,  
For the little boy who's waiting  
To grow up to be like you.*



---Edgar A Guest

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# Remembering our Veterans



Helpers for today's service was Jonah and Caleb Watson and Lorin Donnelly.

**On Sunday, May 24, 2009 New Sterling held a special memorial service for our Veterans of the Armed forces. We remembered those who have served, those now serving and those in training to serve.**

**The service was led by Sarge Emery and Robert Fulbright, both who are veterans. For the first time in 9 years, the weather did not allow us to hold the service outside.**

**It was a moving service to remember and honor all of those who have served and are serving today.**

**Enclosed in the newsletter is a listing of the New Sterling Veterans Register.**

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**Counselors needed:** At the close of the Families Celebrating Jesus event we want to provide a prayer time for those in attendance. Counselors or prayer partners are needed to pray with these individuals if they desire.

We will meet on June 4 at 7:00 pm to review our responsibilities. If you are interested, please see Tony or Pastor Tim. Also nursery volunteers are needed. Please contact Felicia Woodall.



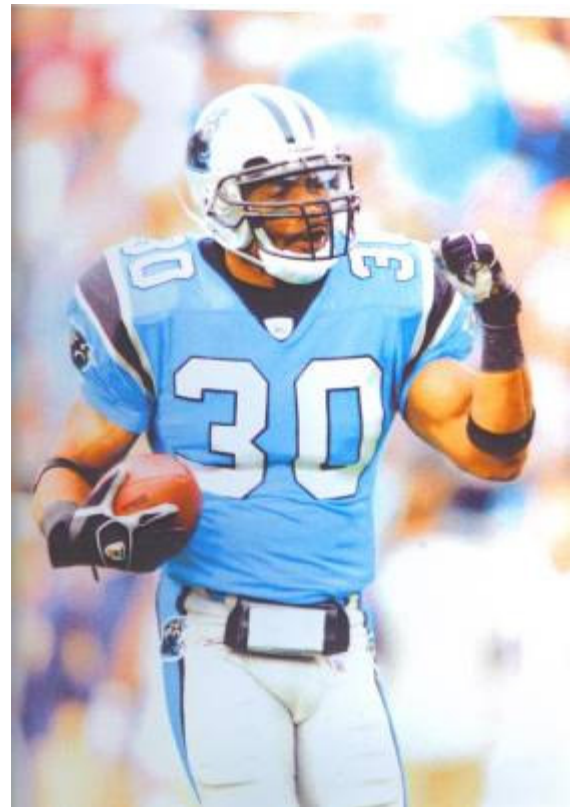
# Mike Minter

Retired all-pro safety and team  
Captain with the  
**Carolina Panthers**

Will be the  
Featured speaker at  
**New Sterling ARP  
Church's**

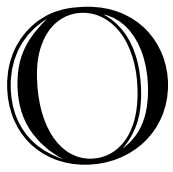
**Families Celebrating Jesus  
2009**

Sunday evening  
June 7th at 6:00 pm



The family is under attack by the peer pressures and negative influences of this world. Mike will offer much needed encouragement and direction to teens and their parents.

Come join us for dinner, music and an encouraging message



**On May 10 Rev. Norman Willacy from Belmopan, Belize spoke to the New Sterling congregation. He is in the United States attending Gardner-Webb University working on his Doctorate.**



**“As the doors and windows are open at the Belmopan Baptist Church in Belmopan, Belize, so is the invitation to return to our church.”**

**Rev. Normal Willacy**



# News From New Sterling Women's Ministry



March, April and May have been eventful months for the Women's Ministries. We had the Sterling Silver's Luncheon in March which we heard from Sarge Emery was really appreciated by all the Sterling Silvers. For the Women's Ministry it is a time to lavish some special attention on the Sterlings. We are all so appreciative of every one of our Sterlings here at New Sterling.

We also had the Beach retreat in March all of us enjoyed the food, fellowship and the Bible Study from Self Talk/ Soul Talk. All of us had plenty to learn from the bible about how we are to speak to our self. There was so much joy and laughter that weekend; we hope every woman in New Sterling will get the opportunity to go on at least one Beach Retreat so you will get the unique experience of staying in one house with 28 women and studying God's word.

In April we celebrated the Jubilee Birthday. There were 90 people in attendance and the offering collected was \$385.00 which will go for the support of our ARP women missionaries. Gidget Wray shared about her mission trip to Africa. Gidget has a way of making you laugh one minute and cry the next. God gave us a great blessing as he turned our focus to people in foreign countries and the love he places in our hearts to spread HIS love to all nationalities. The timing of this event was perfect in the fact that it kicked off the week before the Youth Shepherd's 30 Hour Famine.

May was a celebration of God's love through the Mother and Others Banquet. Our decorating theme was centered around sunflowers. Did you know that the Sunflower in Christian lore is the symbol of GOD's love? We certainly enjoyed his love through the wonderful service of our waiters. Each and everyone was so very attentive and all of we women felt so pampered. Thank you guys for taking the time to make our event so special. We learned from Renee Swope how to rest in God's Love without worry; we are to turn our worry into the worship of God instead. She focused on Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest." We were each given a promise of security from GOD's love to rest in. All of the believers in Christ are secure, "Let the beloved of the LORD rest secure in him, for he shields him all day long, and the one the LORD loves, he rests between his shoulders." Deuteronomy 33:12

Ladies, you will be hearing in your circles about the fall retreats the council has found and provided information from. We need to know your interest as soon as possible so that we can make arrangements and reservations. The three you have to choose from are Women of Faith, Extraordinary Women and Deeper Still. Please pray about going; all of us need a shot in the arm to refocus us on our First Love, Jesus Christ.

God bless you and bring you peace, The Women's Council

Did you know that the Sunflower in Christian lore is the symbol of GOD's love?

## POEM TO A SUNFLOWER

~By Katherine R. Lane (April 19, 1995)-

I see you there in glory shining bright,  
Following the sun and its path of light.  
Standing tall above all others in the field,  
You grow, conquer, and do not yield.

The little birds take great delight  
In playing round you, from day to night.  
With your petals of yellow and leaves of green  
How very easily you are seen.

But there is more to you than first sight,  
More than beauty and grander to delight.  
Every beautiful aspect that appears,  
Gives praise to the Father dear.

He made you a part of creation,  
And you praise him in glorious celebration!  
The beauty that within you is expressed,  
Gives testimony to his greatness.



Sunflower, how I long to be like you!  
Glorifying God in all I do.  
Following the Son and His path of light,  
To worship Him in His glory shining bright.

I can learn from you, my friend,  
With every breath, praise to God, I might send.  
With all of his creation telling the story,  
Might I with you, proclaim His glory.

LORD, help us all here at New Sterling to be like the sunflower, ever praising you and giving testimony to your greatness.

# All proms need a queen



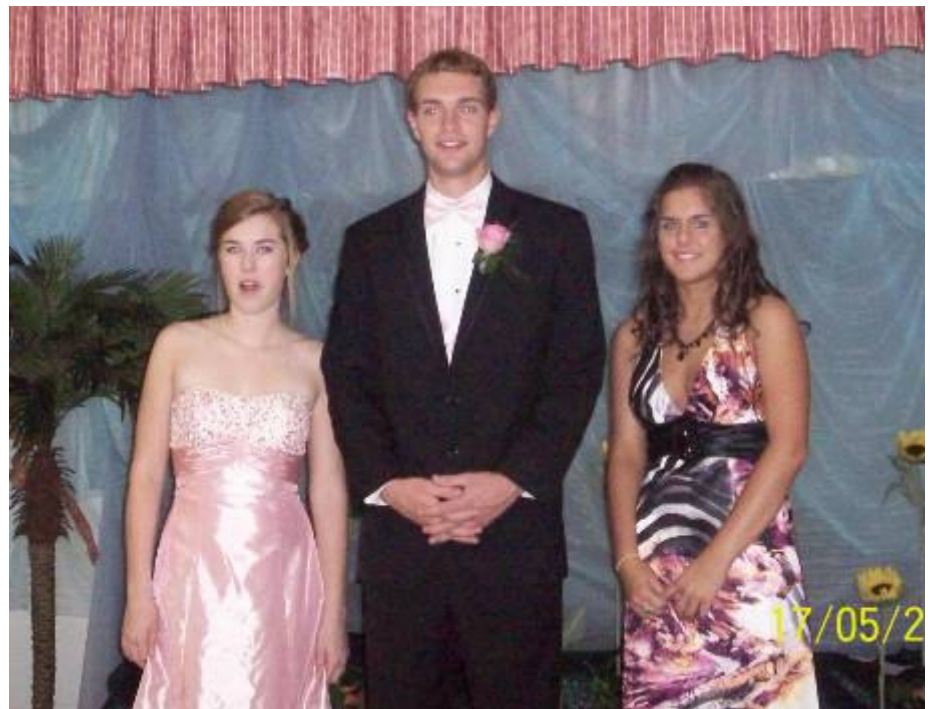
Our winner Andy Mayhew and his 1st runner up, Harvey Reese who will take over duties if for any reason our reigning queen cannot fulfill his year.



And the winner is!!!!



## Prom Breakfast 2009



Our prom attendees, Lauren Gryder and her date Daniel Pugh and Dylan Deal

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**Dr. Tim R. Watson, D.Min.**



**Paisley Graham** had her tonsils and adenoids removed and tubes placed in her ears.....**Jeff and Madeline McNeely** and **Jessica Graham** went to the Outer Banks on a 4th and 5th Grade field trip....**Kim Elliott** had surgery recently.....**Sherry Clarke** graduated from Appalachian State University on 5/9/2009....**James, John and Charlie McClure** are now in Kuwait.....**Brent Mauney** received orders that he will be in England after graduation from tech school at Sheppards AFB in Texas....**Pastor**

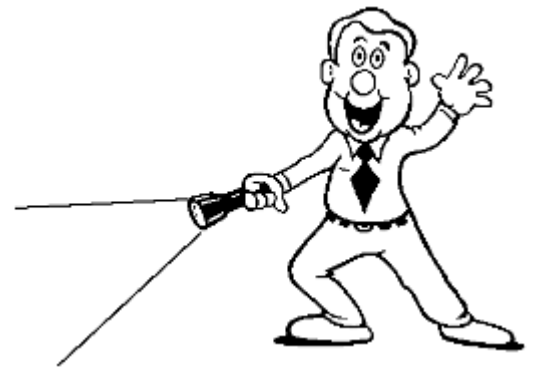
**Tim** graduated with a Doctorate of Ministry degree from Erskine Theological Seminary on May 16.....The **Battle of the Books** team won 3rd place at regionals from **Sharon School**. They were recognized at the last school board meeting and received an award.....**Taryn and Brian Setzer, Scott and Jessica Graham** took a weekend get away to Charleston.....**Dylan Deal, Lauren Gryder and Daniel Pugh** attended prom at their respective schools. They attended a prom breakfast sponsored by the **Youth Council**. **Andy Mayhew** was awarded PROM QUEEN at the breakfast.....**Garrett Deal** won first place and received a trophy in his first archery tournament.....**Florence Brookshire** was hospitalized recently for some surgery to her back.....**Erin Waugh** took a girls weekend trip to Charleston. Ask her how she feels about baseball caps!.....

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## 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!*



# Thank You Notes

**To My New Sterling Family:** Thank you all so much for the thoughtful gestures of sympathy expressed to us since the loss of my mother. Your prayers have been and continued to be a source of comfort during this time.

Jeanette Hauck and Family

**To The Youth Shepherds and Youth Leaders:**

Thank you for your heart for God, your heart for serving, and for all you do. You are making a difference! God Bless You!

Love and Prayer—Mabel Brady



**Dear New Sterling Family:**

Thank you so very much for your cards, calls, prayers and many acts of kindness shown to me and my family during my recent recovery from surgeries and treatment.

Love, Kitzi Emery

**Thank you** so much for your thoughts and prayers, your calls and visits, and the very lovely flowers during my recent hospital stay and recovery at home.

I love you all. Pauline Charles

**Dearest Church Family,**

**Thank you** so much for all the prayers, cards phone calls and little gifts for Miss Paisley during her time of sickness and recovery. We praise God that she is doing well and that He gave us such a loving church family to help us through this.

Many Blessings,

Scott, Jessica, Addie and Paisley Graham

On Mother's Day the following Mothers were recognized:

Oldest Mother present—Maude McNeely—Age 96

Mother with most children present—Jane Fulbright with 4 and

Melissa Donnelly with 4

Mother with youngest child present—Suzanne , daughter 8 weeks and

Melissa Donnelly, son 7 months

# Roy and Cora Poovey



Roy and Cora Poovey met each other at a square dance in 1994. They were both Wisteria Dancers. They were married on November 6, 1999 at New Sterling by Dr. Earl Linderman. Roy has one daughter and two grandsons: Kyle will graduate from High School in June and Brandon will graduate next year. Roy's daughter lives in South Carolina. Roy is a middle child of 11 children. He had one sister who died in child birth, but 11 grew up. Six sisters and four brothers, they are very close. Cora has four children; three girls and one son, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. All of Cora's children live nearby. She had one granddaughter who live in Virginia, Krysta who will be getting married in August. One grandson lives in Texas.

Cora Compton Poovey was raised at New Perth ARP church. She attend and was active in that church for 50 plus years. After losing so many of my family members in such a short time she needed a change and found a wonderful church family at New Sterling. She joined New Sterling October of 1999 after attending there for several years. She is apart of the Hope and Care Ministry Team, a Circle member and also serves on the Worship Committee. Cora retired from Clark-Hurth she as a mechanical assembly operator. She enjoys working in the yard and garden. She is a Red Hatter (Joyful Classic Rubies), they have a lot of fun and have a great friendship.

Roy Poovey had been attending New Sterling for many years and joined Easter Sunday 2009. Roy is retired from the furniture industry. He was in the army during the Korean War and was in Japan for 13 months. He enjoys relaxing while watching sports. He used to ride motorcycles and got Cora interested as well. They are both members of Square dance clubs and very active with the Turkey Strut dance every November. Both have attended Bonclarken work week and retreats.

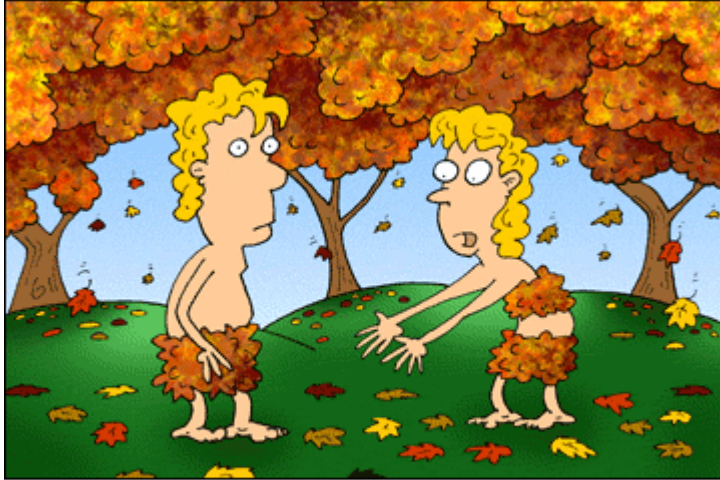
Roy and Cora love camping and traveling. They traveled a lot in the past. In 1999, Roy had a bad illness while traveling and was in the hospital in Denver, Colorado for a month. Then he was at Charlotte for three more weeks. Since then they have not been able to travel as much due to health issues. Prior to his illness they took several long road trips.

Roy and Cora have a pet named Rusty. He his spoiled and very loved. He will be four years old in August. They got him when he was seven weeks old, a gift from Hannah and Justin Moore. Rusty is a blond Pomeranian.

# Comedy Corner



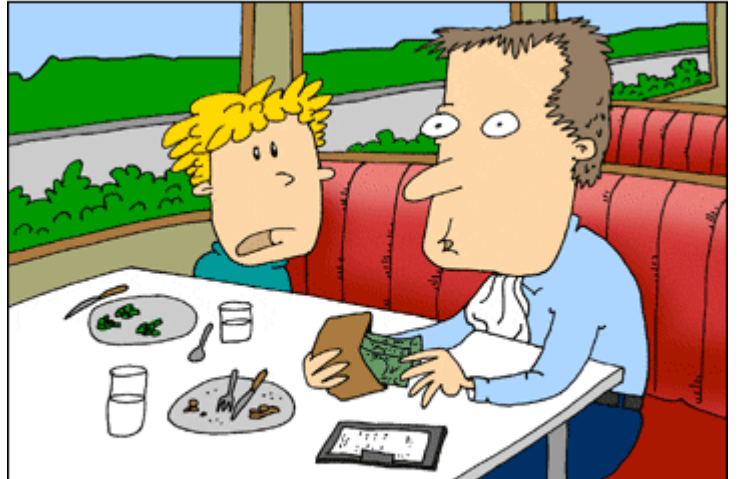
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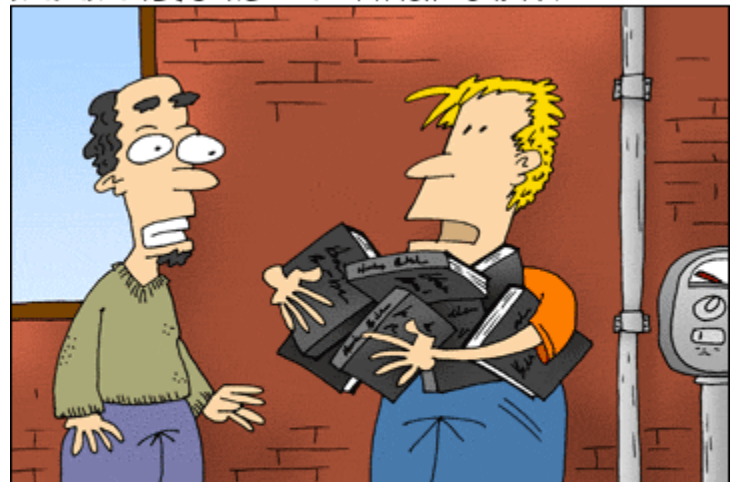


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Thanks to Dan

ANOTHER ESKIMO BAPTISM GONE BAD

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GOOD THING I FOUND YOU GIDEON ... IT SEEMS SOMEONE HAS BEEN HIDING ALL YOUR BIBLES IN HOTEL ROOMS



# Coming Events



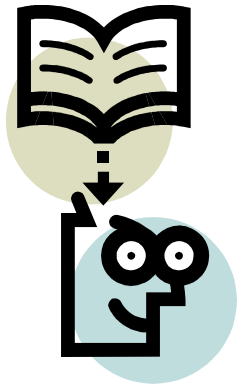
June 1	9:30 am	Golden Christian Circle
June 4	7:00 pm	Counselors/Prayer Partners meeting for “Families Celebrating Jesus”
June 6	9:00 am	Knit Wits at Delinda Mauney’s
June 7		Graduate Breakfast
June 7	6:00 pm	“Families Celebrating Jesus” with Mike Minter, guest speaker
June 8	10:30 am	Sterling Silvers
	7:00 pm	Property and Maintenance Committee
June 8-11		Presbytery/Synod Meetings
June 9	7:00 pm	Treasure Keepers—Jill Hager, Hostess; Delinda Mauney Facilitator Jessica Brady, Jennifer Buchanan, Taryn McNeely meal
June 14	5:00 pm	Youth Council
June 15	7:00 pm	Experiencing God Bible Study
June 15-19		Horizon at Bonclarken
June 17	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
June 16	7:00 pm	Mary/Martha Sunset—Judy Stewart and Nicki Winters, refreshments Felicia Woodall, facilitator. Meet in the church parlor
June 17	9:30 am	Mary Martha Sunrise—Aarene Reese, Hostess; Tena Campbell facilitator
June 21		<b>Father’s Day</b>
June 22-26		Quest at Bonclarken
July 20-23		Family Bible Conference at Bonclarken
August 3-7		Vacation Bible School at New Sterling



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**



**AM Mauney, Brenton T**  
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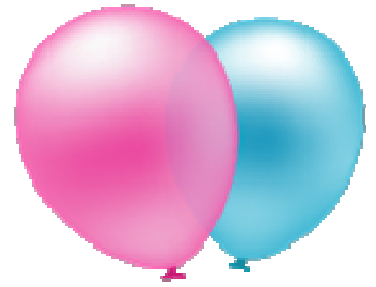


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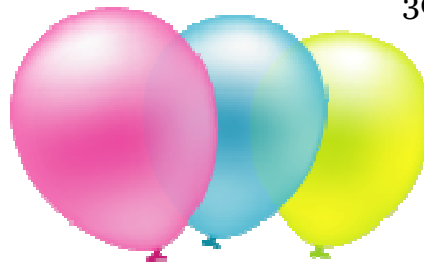
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1 Ronnie Stewart  
3 Lorin Donnelly  
4 Kent Clarke  
4 Jeff McNeely  
7 Jeremy Brady  
11 Emory Watts  
12 Sherry Clarke  
12 Nancy McNeely  
13 Elijah Winters  
13 Jane Mayhew  
14 Jessica Graham  
16 Judy Cashion  
16 Nicki Winters  
17 Davis Emery  
19 Christina Henderson

# June Birthdays



20 Wesley Fulbright  
20 Karen Donnelly  
21 Edith Reese  
22 Alan Flowers  
24 Eleanor Dagenhart  
24 Dillard Walker  
27 Minnie Pope  
30 Virginia Brady  
30 Jimmy Gray



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**Worry  
Only  
Robs  
Rest from  
You**





# 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.

