

June
2010



What's A Father to Do?

We who are fathers ask this question often, I imagine. We may ask this in general as we raise our children or we may ask it in disgust when our children surprise us with their actions. At base here for all of us is: What am I to do as a father for my children?

Several passages come to mind that provide answers to our question. In Deuteronomy 6 we read:

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children.

From Proverbs 2 we read one of many instructions given from a father to his son (and daughter):

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, ... then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

Then from Ephesians and Colossians respectively, we read these familiar words:

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

It must be said as well that the whole of Scripture should be used by a father for direction as he teaches, loves and nurtures his children. We confess that all of Scripture is good for all matters of faith and practice. Raising our children is certainly a practice where we could use all the instruction our Lord wants to provide.

I have been reading Andrew Murray's 'With Christ in the School of Prayer,' a book I highly recommend. In the book he states that "the chief and best gift given by God the Father is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the first of the Father's man gifts and he one he delights most to bestow."

This is indeed the greatest gift that could be given by our Father in heaven. So if we as fathers try to emulate what our Father has done for us, should we not do the same for our children? Can we give our spirit to our children? This is a point made by Murray. He says that "the best gift a good and wise father can bestow upon a child on earth is his own spirit." He goes on to say, "this is the great objective of a father in education—to reproduce in his child his own disposition and his own character."

As it is impossible for us to conceive of God giving us a greater gift than the Spirit, can we think of a greater gift that we could give our children than ourselves? If a child is to truly understand his father; if he is to have the greatest pleasure in his father and the father in his children—the child must be of one mind with the father.

Fathers, did your shoulders just get a little heavier to hold up? You see this line of thinking begs an incredible question: Do I have, as a father, a spirit that would be advantageous if it were reproduced in my children? Am I in a spiritual relationship with the Father in heaven that would produce in me a spirit that should be reproduced in my children? Wow, heavy stuff!

Earlier in the book Murray makes the point that God does not want perfection from his people but he does want effort; he does want good motives. So here fathers, God is not expecting for us to have a perfect character and nature to pass along to our children, but he does want a good, biblical effort that strives for a better relationship with him through his Son. We can do this!

We always receive great gifts from our children on Father's Day but how about this year and every year after we give our children a great gift—ourselves!

In His Service,

Pastor Tim

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



Stop by and see **Dylan Deal** at CVS on Turnersburg HWY - her new job!..... Congratulations to the 2010 graduates: **Dylan Deal, Lauren Gryder, Gray Emery and Jesse Keller**..... Ask **Andy Mayhew, Jeff McNeely, and Garrett Deal** how they feel about toilet tissue.... The **Graham Family** took a beach trip recently..... **Erin Waugh** is now in Honduras for the month of June for a rotation in her pharmacy school program, she will return at the first of July.....**Cindy McNeely and Jessica Graham** traveled with the Monissori School to Washington DC.....

Madelyn McNeely's team came in 8th place out of over 40 teams at the state envirothon.....**Ed and Anna Donohoe** recently celebrated their 20 year wedding anniversary.....**Laurel Gray** had an accident and had to have some stitches....

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Rev. Jamie Stimson.

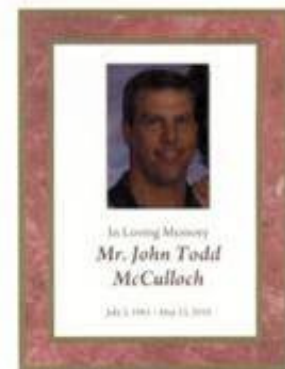
We also express our deepest sympathy to Marcia Winters and family in the passing of her mother, Mary Davis.

Thank you to my new Sterling family and friends for all of your thoughts, prayers, concerns and acts of kindness during the time of my mother's (Mary Davis) declining health and her passing .

We have many memories and blessings to be grateful for. Her quiet witness spoke volumes to all who knew her. It is the grace of God and love and support of friends that help us through times like these.

Love in Christ, Marcia Winters.

Sympathy is expressed to Scotti McCulloch, Jacob McCulloch, Dylan and Garrett Deal as well as family and friends in the passing of our beloved Todd.





MOTHERS
DAY
MAY 9, 2010



Oldest Mother: Maude McNeely

Mother with the youngest child: Brandy Lackey

Mother with the most children present: Jane Fulbright

Our warmest and heartfelt thanks to all the mothers in all you do!!!!

**Father's Day is quickly
approaching!!!**

June 20, 2010

DON'T FORGET!!!!!!



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

MOVIE NIGHT, ANYONE INTERESTED?



Mark your calendars for July 13, 6:30 PM. The Women's Ministry is hosting a movie night with Chonda Pierce. We were so impressed with the set up in the fellowship hall the night of the Youth Shepherd's Fundraiser that we would like to borrow their idea. We have talked to Scott Graham and he will show us how to make a movie theater atmosphere. We are inviting everyone to come and have a night of fellowship with our circles and enjoy classic clean comedy. Our circle hostesses will provide popcorn and drinks for us. Chonda is presenting "FOUR-EYED BLONDE...the way I see it!" The DVD back-cover explains: "Chonda has done it again-giving us a unique worldview that pulls at our heart string one moment and raps on our funny bones the next. Only this time we get an eyeful too—yes an eyeful, for it's all about how Chonda sees things. So watch closely as again and again the ridiculous gives way to the sublime, and you realize the eyeful she's talking about doesn't come from wearing a wacky pair of glasses, but because she has moved you closer and closer to the very face of God. What an eyeful that is!"

This is a joint meeting of three of our circles: Mary-Martha Sunrise and Sunset and Treasure Keepers because of the need to supplement lessons to study God's word for 10 months since our study books don't have ten lessons in them. We would like to invite all of the members of the Golden Christian circle and all women of the church. Pastor Tim has seen Chonda enjoyed her show and came away refreshed by the way she gives God's message. It would be good for all of you men out there to come watch a movie with us. It won't hurt you! Also all of the younger ladies (jr high up) would enjoy a movie night with us. We can't wait to see you all there, so don't forget!

In addition: here are a few more dates to mark on your calendar - the annual Synodical meeting is July 26, 1:00 p. m. in the chapel at Bonclarken; the annual Presbyterial meeting on August 21st in Greensboro.

The Daughters of the King banquet was a wonderful. Thank you so much Daughters of the King committee, you did a great job. Please continue to pray for Carol Davis. Pray for her to keep carrying her yardstick of truth everywhere she goes. She has such a ministry that speaks directly to the heart of men and women alike. Ask for her to never forget that God chose her to be the animated woman that she is and he gave her a message that we all need to hear. Ask that Carol remembers that no man or woman can judge her and take God's calling away from her. We pray that she always remembers exactly what she told us to remember that night. Isaiah 43:4 in several translations:

*Because I am God, your personal God, The Holy of Israel, your Savior.
I paid a huge price for you: all of Egypt, with rich Cush and Seba thrown in!
That's how much you mean to me! That's how much I love you!
I'd sell off the whole world to get you back, trade the creation just for you. (The Message)*

To me, you are very dear, and I love you. That's why I gave up nations and people to rescue you. (CEV)

*Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you,
I will give men in exchange for you, and people in exchange for your life. (The NIV)*

4th Annual New Sterling Prom Breakfast and Prom Queen Competition



The fashion designers with their amazing gown creations and their nominees.....



What will be the next fashion trend???



Who is your favorite???



AND
OUR
WINNER
IS.....

(Chosen by our judge....The lovely Linda Harper)

**Jeffina
McNeely**
(Isn't she lovely..... Isn't she wonderful)



**GOOD
GRIEF!!!**

To our true prom goers..... We hope you had a safe and exciting PROM..... You look beautiful!!!!!!



Christina Henderson, Dylan Deal and Lauren Gryder

Wanna help kids learn to read???????

If you are interested in helping, the children at St. Jude's School in Camelote Village in Belize are in desperate need for books. St. Jude School is Kindergarten through High School

If you want to help supply books for the classrooms at St. Jude's, bring books and/or money for postage to Cindy McNeely. The books should be new or like new condition. The postage to send a box measuring 12.5" x 12.5" x 6.5" is \$55.00



Let's pull together to give these children a gift that will affect their lives—the gift of reading!



3rd Annual Summer Drama Camp

Ms. Jessica

At Statesville Montessori School



Learn to act out some small skits and drama games. Also learn about make-up, costuming, and set design, lighting, and sound. The students will help select a play, rehearse it, direct it, and present it to the public. Most of all, everyone will learn that it takes each person working together to put on a play and appreciate the importance of theater and working as a team. If you love the skits at Bible school, you will love Drama Camp!

Rising 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th

Monday, July 26-Friday, July 30

9:30a.m.-11:30a.m.

Cost \$100

Rising 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades

Monday, July 26-Friday, July 30

1:30-3:30p.m.

Cost \$100

A Healthy Snack will be provided for each day. All scripts, and set materials will be provided. A majority of the costumes will be made at camp. In previous years, the camp has been filled quickly so, respond early. **Please send in a \$20 non-refundable deposit with the attached registration form to hold your spot.** The camp has already opened to Montessori students so act fast to secure your spot!



Ms. Jessica's Lil' Cooks Class

During the time of 11:30-1:30 a kids cooking class will be offered @ Statesville Montessori School. We will be cooking little treats during this time (cupcakes, cookies, etc...) Please send a bag lunch and a towel. Cost \$25 for the week.



*If you are interested in summer tutoring in math, reading, or writing...please let me know. A few people have expressed a desire for a creative writing (children's literature) class. *

2010 Summer Drama Camp Registration Form



Student's name: _____

Parent's name: _____

Home number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Email Address(for summer reminder) _____

Health condition that we should be aware of _____

Which camp are you attending?

- 1 Rising 1st, 2nd, 3rd camp _____
- 2 Rising 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th camp _____
- 3 Ms. Jessica's Lil' Cooks _____

Please return this for, with the \$20 non-refundable deposit.

Make checks payable to Jessica Graham with "drama camp" on the memo.



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



June 5	9:00 am	Knit Wits at Aarene Reese's Home Facilitator for June—Aarene Reese
June 6	8:00 am	Graduate Breakfast
June 7	9:30 am	Golden Christian
June 8	7:00 pm	Treasure Keepers—Kim Elliott, Hostess; Missy Withers, facilitator; Jeanette Hauck and Nicki Winters, meal
June 7-11		Synod
June 13		Stewardship/Finance Committee
June 14	10:00 am	Sterling Silvers
	7:00 pm	Evangelism Committee
June 15	7:00 pm	Mary and Martha Sunset—Emily Nash, hostess; Pat Price, facilitator
June 16	9:30 am	Mary and Martha Sunrise—Cora Poovey, hostess; Aarene Reese, facilitator Meet in the Parlor
June 14-18		Horizon Retreat
June 22	7:00 pm	Knit Wits in the parlor
June 21-25		Quest Retreat
June 27	7:00	Session Study Group
June 28	7:00 pm	Men's study group
	7:00 pm	Property and Maintenance Committee
June 30	7:00 pm	Men's Discipleship
July 18-23		Harlan Mission Trip



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. We all worked hard getting the grounds ready for this busy season and we were greatly rewarded.

"But an hour is coming, and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. Yes the Father wants such people to worship Him God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

John 4:23-24

"I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears"

Psalms 24:4

- 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
- 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

JULY BIRTHDAYS



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APO, AE 09354



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Dear New Sterling ARP Church: Thank you for all your donations to the Iredell-Statesville Bible Association for the 2009-2010 school year. Thanks to people like you, Bible education is still in our schools. We would appreciate your continued support and hope that you will support our program in the future. Please keep us in your prayers.

Sincerely, Chelvia Ellis & Emily Chance

West Iredell High School



In reading articles in the newspaper recently, we read that the Bible classes in our school system may be dropped due to lack of funding? New Sterling has for years had this cause as a line item in our budget.

Are we now being called to do more? Do we want to let this very important ministry for our youth be dropped from the school curriculum? We want to sit by and “hope” that it works out, that the money comes in to sustain it one more year? Do we want to sit back and wait for someone else to step up and hopefully keep this class in our schools? Do we at New Sterling want to follow or do we want to lead?

The 2011 school budget is being established now. The budget must be in place by July 1 because the school year ends on June 30. Time is short. Things need to happen. We need to happen. If the budget is approved without this class included, likely it will be dropped from the curriculum.

Folks Satan is working. We need to gather our churches and our people and not let this happen. What can we do? Who do we talk to? I know we have leader here to can help us organize and know what and how to do. Pray, Pray, Pray and may God touch that person and have them step up. We have the followers and the doers, we just need that leader to tell us what to do.

Is It You??????

Delinda Mauney

**“Therefore, I say to you, whatever things you ask, when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”
Mark 11:24**