



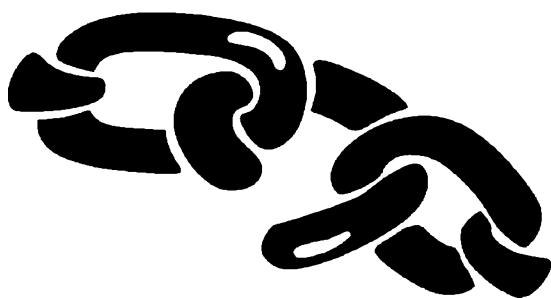
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New Sterling Associated Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Striving for Freedom

For my doctoral work at Erskine I was asked to submit a project, an act of ministry that I would identify as a vital part of the work being done at New Sterling. The act of ministry that I have identified, that is my passion and would be the overriding act that encompasses all other acts within the church would be entitled 'Striving for Freedom.' In my role as pastor, I believe my call is to preach, teach, counsel, encourage, discipline, and direct individuals toward freedom from the bondages of sin. I have said that the subtitle of a pastor should be 'freedom fighter' or 'liberator' for those who are in bondage to the lies of Satan.



The pastor's ministry is to lead the people using the means available to direct them toward the grace of God which frees them ultimately from the sins that hold them in chains, that keeps them from being all God would have them to be and from worshipping him totally and fully with all of their heart, their soul and their strength. Everything the pastor does should facilitate that end in some way.

The ministry must include the presentation of the Kingdom of God, its ultimate coming, and the freedom that is associated with its coming. Jesus healed the lame and the sick, releasing them from bondage, to show the effects of the coming Kingdom. The ministry must include the sharing of Christ with the people so that they are liberated from the bondage of sin. Through these actions, the direst of need of the people is addressed and that is of course – freedom.

The first function involved in the setting free the prisoner of sin is preaching. It begins with God's Word being preached from the Bible to the

that the salvation found in the Word of God should be delivered to the people from the pulpit weekly and then followed by using the many different means available within the church to bring that message to an even more personal level.

Our real needs as individuals can only be met in and through Jesus Christ. The minister should make as his objective the merging of these needs with the blessings available from Christ and not in a generic way but on an intimate level.

From the spoken Word the pastor must bring that Word to bear in the lives of the people on a more personal level through teaching, counseling, informal interactions, mentoring and encouragement. The Word of God cannot be seen as an abstract distant idea. It must be brought to bear in the personal, intimate lives of the people.

As the ladies stepped off the bus returning from their weekend beach retreat I saw and heard all that I have said come to life. As I spoke to the ladies I saw many that were different from the ones who left on Friday. The teaching over the weekend released many, if not all, from some portion of the bondage that has kept them from being all that God desires for them to be.

Several commented to me saying, 'Pastor Tim are you sure you are ready for all these liberated women?' (Please do not insult these ladies by associating that comment with some of the women's movements of today) Others commented that they did not realize the effects of certain beliefs and how trapped they had been all their lives but now see those lies and have been released from them. As a pastor, sweeter words could never cross my ears. To hear of a person being released from the lies of Satan, the improper expectations of others, the demands of an ignorant society makes me know that what we are doing at New Sterling is hitting the mark, and not only hitting the mark but hitting the mark with great velocity. Jesus said "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10) These ladies will begin to live a life much fuller than they did before. Husbands, watch out!

Freedom, spiritual freedom – no one can identify its complete worth or understand the

overwhelming burden that comes with its absence. Am I ready for the effects of a person who is now freed from the chains that bind? Absolutely! As a matter of fact I pray for it in all the people of New Sterling.

We in the USA have a great history that is built on freedom and its effects. We in the Reformed faith have a great testimony from those of the Reformation when freed from the tyranny of the Catholic Church of those days. What history will we write as we come to understand the full capacity of freedom and put it to work in our lives?

Ladies, thank you for giving your time and efforts to the study of your retreat. Now, let us all see you strive for freedom now that the chains have been loosed. I am ready!

In His Service,
Pastor Tim

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall
lie down with the kid ...
and a little child
shall lead them.
-Isaiah 11:6



Memorial Day
May 29, 2006

WANTED!

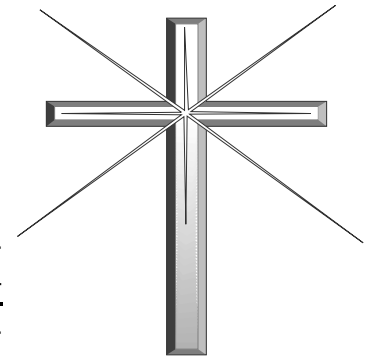
**Men's Bible Study
Leader/Facilitator**
**No previous experience
Necessary— Just
Willingness and a
Love for God**

When you stand before the people, "do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say."

Matthew 10:19

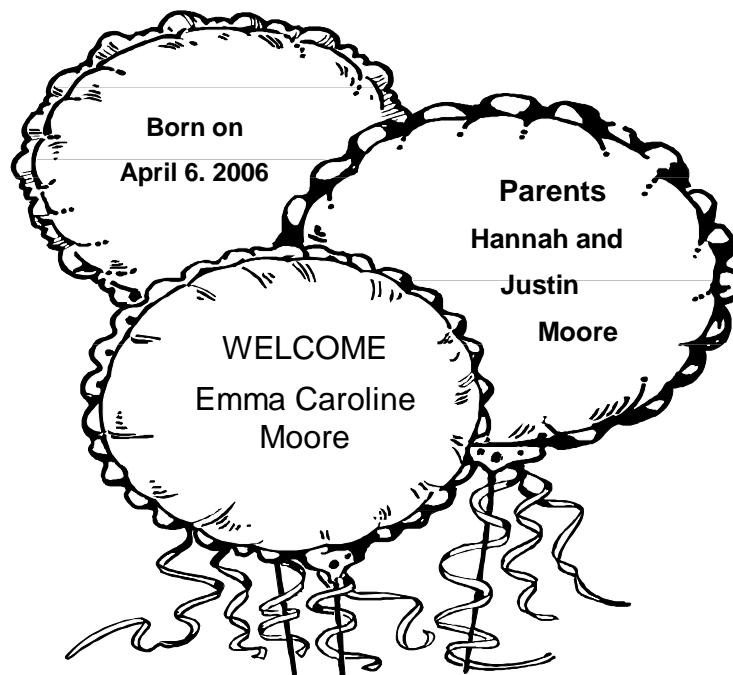
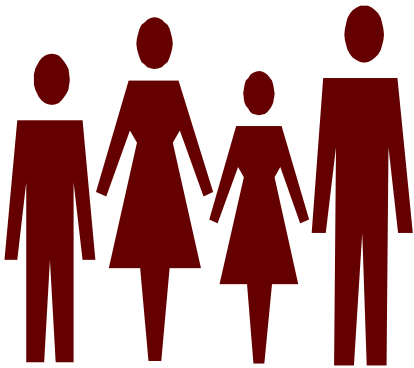
Families Celebrating Jesus

Sunday, May 21, 2006 5:00 PM



Our congregation, friends and neighbors are invited to our closing Sunday Night Fellowship gathering on May 21st. Our *Families Celebrating Jesus* event will begin at 5:00 PM with a hot dog supper (including homemade ice cream for dessert!) At 6:00 we will go to the sanctuary to hear the Cornerstone Band from Beulah Baptist Church. Pastor Brian Davis from Beulah and Cindi Harper Bowman are among the members of the band. They will share praise and worship music that is appealing to all ages. After the band performs Rev. Joseph Alghrary will bring us the evening message.

This is an excellent opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors to New Sterling to celebrate and share JESUS! It is also a great opportunity to thank Joseph for being with us and bringing such wonderful messages. If you have any questions about the Families Celebrating Jesus event contact Frank Emery III or any member of the Evangelism and Membership Committee.





Happy Mothers Day!

For all the mothers who run carpools and make cookies and sew Halloween costumes. And all the mothers who DON'T.

This is for the mothers who gave birth to babies they'll never see. And the mothers who took those babies and gave them homes.

This is for the mothers whose priceless art collections are hanging on their refrigerator doors.

And for all the mothers who froze their buns on metal bleachers at football or soccer games instead of watching from the warmth of their cars, so that when their kids asked, "Did you see me, Mom?" they could say, "Of course, I wouldn't have missed it for the world," and mean it.

This is for all the mothers who yell at their kids in the grocery store and swat them in despair when they stomp their feet and scream for ice cream before dinner. And for all the mothers who count to ten instead, but realize how child abuse happens.

This is for all the mothers who sat down with their children and explained all about making babies. And for all the (grand) mothers who wanted to, but just couldn't find the words.

This is for all the mothers who go hungry, so their children can eat. For all the mothers who read "Goodnight, Moon" twice a night for a year. And then read it again. "Just one more time."

This is for all the mothers who taught their children to tie their shoelaces before they started school. And for all the mothers who opted for Velcro instead.

This is for all the mothers who teach their sons to cook and their daughters to sink a jump shot.

This is for every mother whose head turns automatically when a little voice calls "Mom?" in a crowd, even though they know their own offspring are at home -- or even away at college.

This is for all the mothers who sent their kids to school with stomach aches, assuring them they'd be just FINE once they got there, only to get calls from the school nurse an hour later asking them to please pick them up. Right away.

This is for mothers whose children have gone astray, who can't find the words to reach them.

For all the mothers who bite their lips until they bleed when their 14 year olds dye their hair green.

For all the mothers of the victims of recent school shootings, and the mothers of those who did the shooting.

For the mothers of the survivors, and the mothers who sat in front of their TVs in horror, hugging their child who just came home from school, safely.

This is for all the mothers who taught their children to be peaceful, and now pray they come home safely from a war.



What makes a good Mother anyway?

Is it patience?

Compassion?

Broad hips?

The ability to nurse a baby, cook dinner, and sew a button on a shirt, all at the same time?

Or is it in her heart?

Is it the ache you feel when you watch your son or daughter disappear down the street, walking to school alone for the very first time?

The jolt that takes you from sleep to dread, from bed to crib at 2 A.M. to put your hand on the back of a sleeping baby?

The panic, years later, that comes again at 2 A.M. when you just want to hear their key in the door and know they are safe again in your home?

Or the need to flee from wherever you are and hug your child when you hear news of a fire, a car accident, a child dying?

The emotions of motherhood are universal and so our thoughts are for young mothers stumbling through diaper changes and sleep deprivation...

And mature mothers learning to let go.

For working mothers and stay-at-home mothers.

Single mothers and married mothers.

Mothers with money, mothers without.

This is for you all. For all of us. Hang in there. In the end we can only do the best we can. Tell them every day that we love them. And pray.

Thank You!





Easter Egg Hunt



COMEDY CORNER



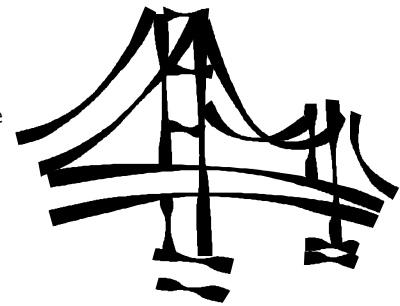
A man walking along a beach was deep in prayer.

Suddenly the sky clouded above his head and, in a booming voice, the Lord said, "Because you have TRIED to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish." The man said, "Build a bridge to Hawaii so I can drive over anytime I want."

The Lord said, "Your request is very materialistic. Think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking. The supports required for it to reach the bottom of the Pacific! The concrete and steel it would take! It will nearly exhaust several natural resources. I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of something that would honor and glorify me."

The man thought about it for a long time. Finally he said, "Lord, I wish that I could understand my wife. I want to know how she feels inside, what she's thinking when she gives me the silent treatment, why she cries, what she means when she says 'nothing's wrong,' and, how I can make a woman truly happy."

The Lord replied, "You want two lanes or four on that bridge?"



We are planning to return to GULFPORT once again sometime in the late fall. If you or someone you know outside our church would like to go, please contact David Sides at 704-585-2503



Can you believe it is that time again???
The Women of the Church are planning the Graduate's Breakfast.
We need the name of all New Sterling members who are graduating from high school or college this year.
Please give your name to Judy Watson at 704-871-1030 or Kim Brady at 704-872-5370



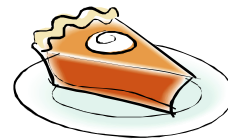
Bailey Hartness' cheerleading troop won 2nd place at the National Competition in Myrtle each on April 8th...**Dylan Deal** and **Kelly Johnson** just finished their softball season through the rec department, until summer ball begins. **Kelly** was the pitcher for the team and **Dylan** played outfield and third base. They finished with 8 wins and 2 losses...**Garrett Deal** and **Cody Hairyes** are warming up as pitchers for their baseball team. This will be their first year of pitching!...If you dare, ask any one of the ladies who attended the beach retreat about the **Tutie Tot!**... **Scott, Jessica, Addie** and **Paisley Graham** and **Brian** and **Taryn Setzer** had a picnic at Dan Nichols park on April 14. **Paisley** was not very fond of the carousel ride. It was very crowded on the playground and **Addie** was very good about telling the kids to "wait their turn". ..**Crystal Coffey** is back home in Statesville. She is living with Mom and Dad while she looks for a new house. Hubby is still in Ohio finishing up work and selling their house there. She is glad to be back in good old North Carolina!!.....There are some special little ones that cannot pronounce the word Uncle, so some of us learned recently that **Tony Harper** is lovingly referred to as "Honkie Tony"! Has a ring to it doesn't it????...**Ken and Jeanette Hauck** are some unique characters! **Ken** seems to think that he can exercise in his sleep to work on those calories. He has been known to run, while sleeping, several times. Also, one night, he "blew his arm off"! We are not quite sure what was going on in that dream! Also, **Jeanette** has been known to give herself a bloody nose! Yea, I think those folks from up North do things a little differently than us country folk!

It has been fun writing the Here and There for the past several years, but it is time for me to ask that someone else take over that can do a better job of "covering the news". If you are interested, please let me know. Scotti

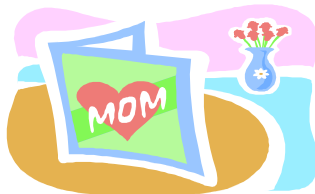
STERLING SILVERS



Sterling Silvers will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 AM on Monday May 8th. We decided last month for all to bring their favorite sandwich or lunch and desert and drink will be furnished.



Jim Dagenhart informed the Sterling Silvers that a passenger bus is being purchased for the church transportation needs. The date of delivery is unknown but maybe by the time of our meeting we will have a date and we can plan our spring trip. Be prepared to give some suggestions for a trip in Late May or June.



May being the month that Memorial Day is celebrated we will remember our dearly departed friends with a brief ceremony.

We will pay our respects to the mothers in our group.

Thank you all for your loyal support of the Sterling Silvers. An open invitation is extended to any one to join us each second Monday of the Month. Exceptions: Month of July, August and January.

Women's Beach Retreat

A special group of women traveled to Cherry Grove April 7-9, 2006 for a women's beach retreat. Judy Watson lead us in a wonderful study called Captivating: The Unveiling Mystery of the Woman's Soul by John and Stasi Eldredge. We learned that God is truly a romantic with a special purpose for us as women. We are all beautiful, alluring, powerful: **CAPTIVATING**. The crown of God's creation. The weekend was filled with laughter, tears, praise and worship, fellowship, games and good food. New friendships were formed and old friendships made stronger. A wonderful retreat to rest and renew our souls



Top row from left: Valerie Baggett, Judy Watson, Judy Stewart, Sue Radley, Peggy Gray, Delinda Mauney, Cindi Bowman, Cindy McNeely, Nicki Campbell, Erin Hudgins Third Row from left: Pat Price, Kitzi Emery, Marilyn Teague, Cora Poovy, Erica Harper, Linda Harper, Kelly Pugh, Lori Compton, Betty Godfrey, Amanda Gray Second row from Left: Betty Sides, Julie Winters, Aarene Reese, Sherry Clarke, Susan Pugh, Marcia Winters, Jane Fulbright Front row from left: Erin Elizabeth Waugh, Shelby Hodges, Taryn Setzer, Michelle Hairyes, Sarah Owen, Jannette Hauck, Missy Withers



WOMEN'S RETREAT

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“Listen, O daughter,
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beauty; honor Him for
he is your
Lord”
Psalm
45:10-11



Fellowship and Bible Study



Fun and Games

**Praise and
worship**



Our bus



The human knot



**Walking on the
beach**



Playing Pool



Quiet time



and rest



**Learning
How to
play
crazy
canasta**



To A Phenomenal Woman



When I was in my younger days,
I weighed a few pounds less,
I needn't hold my tummy in
To wear a belted dress.

But now that I am older,
I've set my body free;
Here's comfort of elastic
Where once my waist would be.

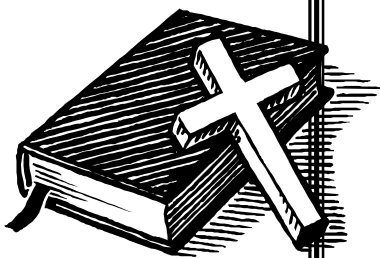
Inventor of those high-heeled shoes
My feet have not forgiven'
Have to wear a nine now,
But used to wear a seven.

And how about those pantyhose—
They're sized by my weight, you see,
So how come when I put them on
The crotch is at my knee?



I need to wear these glasses
As the print's been getting smaller;
And it wasn't very long ago
I know that I was taller.

Though my hair has turned to gray
And my skin no longer fits,
On the inside, I'm the same old me.
The outside's changed a bit.



In Memory Of Frank Henritze Brady

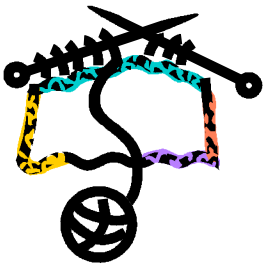
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The Knit Wits

Our first official gathering has been set! It will be held at the manse on Monday, May the 1st from 6:30 to 8:30. We will be discussing the overall mission and view for this ministry. It doesn't matter if you can or cannot knit or crochet because this ministry is so much more than that. We will need a variety of spiritual gifts and talents to make this successful. Just come and see what it's all about. I truly feel that God is going to use New Sterling's 'Knit Wits' and this ministry in a mighty way. Come be a part of it!!!



God is sitting in Heaven when a scientist says to Him,
 "Lord, we don't need you anymore. Science has finally figured out a way to create life out of nothing. In other words, we can now do what you did in the beginning'."




"Oh, is that so? Tell Me..." replies God.

"Well," says the scientist, "we can take dirt and form it into likeness of You and breathe life into it, thus creating man."

"Well, that's interesting ... show Me."

So the scientist bends down to the earth and starts to mold the soil.



"No, no, no..." interrupts God, "Get your own dirt."

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- 3 Sam Bennett
- 3 Mackenzie Clark
- 3 Andrea Clarke
- 3 Sherry Stewart
- 4 Helen Cashion
- 4 Kristen Griffin
- 5 Lauren Howard
- 6 Jill Hager
- 6 Barbara Reid
- 7 Don Campbell
- 7 Laurel Gray
- 8 Mara Hairyes
- 8 Elena Johnson
- 8 Nancy Pope
- 9 Kay Flowers
- 10 Donna Horne
- 10 Brent Mauney

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- 12 Madelyn McNeely
- 12 Jordan Pope
- 13 Kurtis Hauck
- 13 Aarene Reese
- 14 Franklin Beatty
- 14 Marcia Winters
- 15 Taylor Bustle
- 16 Justin Hardin
- 16 Stacey Walker
- 17 Glenn Caldwell
- 19 Dixie Waugh
- 21 Carrol McNeely
- 23 Steve Stewart
- 24 Glenda Moose
- 25 Frank Brady
- 25 Mike Pope
- 26 Jane Fulbright
- 27 Leann Hartness
- 28 Bailey Hartness
- 29 Ronda Hoke
- 31 Todd Goodman



I was out walking with my 4 year-old daughter. She picked up something off the ground and started to put it in her mouth. I took the item away from her and I asked her not to do that. "Why?" my daughter asked. "Because it's been laying outside, you don't know where it's been, it's dirty and probably has germs" I replied. At this point, my daughter looked at me with total admiration and asked, "Wow! How do you know all this stuff?" "Uh," I was thinking quickly, "All moms know this stuff. It's on the Mommy Test. You have to know it, or they don't let you be a Mommy." We walked along in silence for 2 or 3 minutes, but she was evidently pondering this new information. "OH...I get it!" she beamed, "So if you don't pass the test, you have to be the daddy." "Exactly" I replied back with a big smile on my face and joy in my heart.