
A Mother's Prayer



May
2009

Make me a wise mother, O Lord. Keep me clam and give me patience to bear the small irritating things in life's daily routine.

Give me tolerance and understanding to bridge the gulf which exists between my generation and that of my children.

Help me to bear silently the physical and mental pain of those whom I love by reminding me that only through suffering may they understand the distress of others.

Let me be not too ready to guide my children's stumbling feet, but allow me to be ever near to bind up their bruises.

Give me a sense of humor that I may laugh with them but never at them.

Let me refrain from preaching with words. Keep me from forcing their confidences, but give me a sympathetic ear when they seek me out.

Help me to teach them that life must not be filled with compromises, but it should be replete with victories.

Keep my children close to me, O Lord, though miles may separate us. And let us thy light so shine upon me that they, too, will see thy glory.

-Ruth Simrall Mackoy





Sympathy is expressed to Jeanette Hauck in the sudden passing of her mother, Helen Miller.



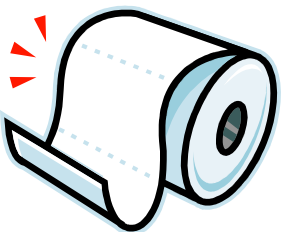
Andy Hartness, Roy Poovey and Richard Hairyes joined the church on April 12, 2009

Hey Senior Highs.....

Our annual prom breakfast will be on May 17 at 10:00am. Be ready for good food and games!!!



Come in your prom finest. This invitation goes out to the ENTIRE Senior High class. The event will be hosted by the Young Adult Class.



Coming Events

May 2	9:00 am	Knit Wits at Missy Withers home
May 3	4:00 pm	CE Committee Meeting
	5:00 pm	C3 Practice
	6:00 pm	Sunday Family Nights
May 4	9:30 am	Golden Christian Circle
May 5	7:00 pm	Men's Bible Study
May 9	7:00 pm	Mothers and Others; Renee Swope, speaker
May 10		Mother's Day
May 11	10:30 am	Sterling Silvers
My 12	7:00 pm	Treasure Keepers Judy Watson, Hostess and facilitator; Elizabeth Smith and Delinda Mauney meal
May 17	10:00	Prom Breakfast
	5:00 pm	C3 Meeting
	6:00 pm	Sunday Family Night
May 18	7:00 pm	Knit Wits
May 19	7:00 pm	Mary Martha Sunset
May 20	9:30 am	Mary Martha Sunrise—Anna Donahoe, Hostess Betty Sides, Facilitator
May 21	7:00 pm	Men's Life Issues
May 22	7:30 pm	Seeker's Bible Study
May 24	10:45 am	Veteran's Memorial Service
May 25		Memorial Day
May 31	7:00 pm	5th Sunday Night Sing



The answer to last week's picture quiz—Do You Know These People:

No it is not Harvey Reese—It is Pastor Tim and Judy

Please know that your newsletter editor is in BIG trouble for this—but ain't it fun???????????

Sterling Silver News

The Sterling Silvers will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, May 12 at 10:30 am. Please bring a sandwich for your luncheon. Drinks and dessert will be hopefully served. His meeting will be held unless you are informed otherwise by phone or personal contact if a trip can be arranged.

The business meeting in April concluded some of our present needs and future membership drive. We are dwindling in numbers and need new members to continue thy viability of this organization. Please give it a sincere thought to become a member. There are certainly no age requirements. We meet the second Monday of each month except July, August and January at 10:30 am.

We almost had perfect attendance last meeting. Florence Brookshire due to health reasons could not attend so a lunch was delivered to her.

May our next meeting be involved in adding new members to the roll. Thank you for all the support you give us.

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Mark your calendars!!!!!!!!!!

June 7 @ 6:00 pm

Families Celebrating Jesus

This year our speaker is Mike Minter, formerly of the Carolina Panthers. He will speak on the importance of the family following Christ in Today's challenging world. All ages are strongly encouraged to attend.

*Here and There at
New Sterling.....*

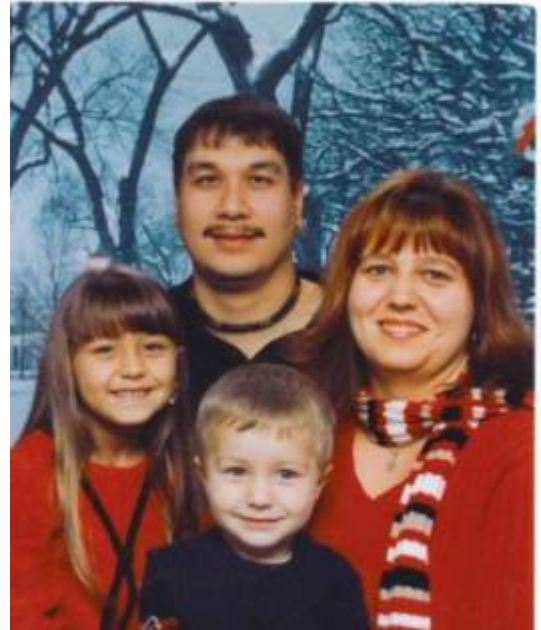


Madison Winter's and Maggie Emery's JO Volleyball team recently won 1st place/gold at Regionals in China Grove. **Madison** was tournament MVP.....**Sharon**

School's Battle of the Books team won 1st place on April 8. They will go to regionals on April 27.....**Bailey Hartness'** dance team won 1st place on March 20 and April 4 in both of their competitions. They also won 1st place overall... Ask **Anthony and Jeremy Brady** about their deer condo!.....**Madelyn McNeely, Bailey Hartness, Madison Winters and Maggie Emery** have been participating together in a Bible Study entitled *Hanna's One Wish*. **Cindy, Leann, Kitzi and Julie** take turns leading the study at their homes.....**Cindy and Chuck Bowman** became proud parents once again on April 15. Their son, **Joshua Luke**, was born on his great-grandmother, **Rebekah Waugh's**, birthday.....**Jessica Brady** was accepted in the Nursing School Program at Mitchell beginning this fall.....We welcome new members to New Sterling: **Mark, Kim, Madison and Merritt Elliott, Richard Hairyes, Roy Poovey, and Andy Hartness**.....**Kitzi Emery** recently had her radioactive "treatment" and several days of isolation.....**Brent Mauney** recently graduated from boot camp at Lackland Air Force Base on 4/24/09. **Bill, Delinda, Clifton, Taryn and Brian** flew out for graduation and spent 4 days with him in San Antonio.....**Pastor Tim and Judy** took a vacation to Florida.....**Tony Harper** suffered a pinched nerve in his back.....**Jessica, Addie and Paisley Graham and Kellie Miller** took a trip to Myrtle Beach over Spring Break.....Jim Snyder recently had some extensive surgery.....**James, John and Charlie McClure** will be deployed to Kuwait soon.....Ask **Wayne Waugh** to let you see his cell phone—could he have a picture of his new great-grandson as a screensaver?.....Rumor has it that **Pastor Tim** has been seen "riding" the grocery cart through Walmart parking lot.....**Michael Pope** suffered a seizure recently and has been undergoing many tests to try to find the cause.....

The Hartness Family

Andy and Leann Hartness met through a mutual friend when Leann was 16 and Andy was seventeen. They have gone to school together since elementary school. They were in a K-1 combination class together at Sharon, but never really knew each other. Leann is the daughter of Carolyn Byers and the late Robert Byers, who passed away on July 16, 2008. Andy is the son of Angela Chow who lives in Nicaragua and the late Bill Hartness who recently passed away on February 28, 2009.



Leann grew up going to New Sterling. She left when she was seventeen. They started back to New Sterling seven years ago. Andy joined the church on April 12, 2009.

Leann has served as deacon from 2006-2008. She has kept the nursery during Sunday School for four years. She is a member of the Women's Counsel and Kitchen Committee, and attends the Treasure Keepers Bible Study group. Leann enjoys gardening, going for walks, playing outside with the kids and coaching Bailey's volleyball team.

Andy enjoys building things, doing projects around the house, fishing, computers and computer programming and coaching Dylan's football and baseball team.

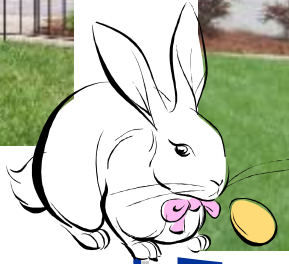
Bailey Marie Hartness is ten years old. She will be 11 in May. She is in the 5th grade at Sharon Elementary. Bailey enjoys taking dance and has been with Tilley's since she was five years old. She is on the junior Competition Dance Troop. Volleyball, softball, singing, and being outdoors are activities she enjoys. Bailey is involved with the youth at church, a member of C3 and is apart of a Bible study group.

Dylan Alexander Hartness is seven years old and is in the 1st grade at Sharon Elementary. He loves playing outside, animals, birds and bugs. He plays football, basketball and baseball. Basketball is his favorite. Dylan likes anything that has to do with skateboards. He is also involved with the youth.

The Hartness' have three dogs: Ginger, Sasha, and Blue; two cats: Maddy and Dallas and one bird named Peanut.

They enjoy traveling to the beach and the mountains. They plan traveling to Costa Rica next year for their 15 year anniversary. Andy has traveled to Nicaragua, Honduras, Germany, Panama, Venezuela, Guatemala.





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New Sterling Annual Easter Egg Hunt



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Find those eggs....

They're everywhere!!



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Jelly bean and egg relay.....

Easter Parties are not just



Playing with bubbles...



Hop scotch...



Hey.... Have you seen my tail???



for hiding eggs!!!!!!



Pin the tail on the bunny...



A yummy lunch...

This is Hunter Urbina. His mother brought him to the Baptist Training Center and asked the groups there if they would pray for him because he had been diagnosed with a brain tumor. He was having terrible headaches and the doctors in Belmopan felt there was no surgery they could do to help him.

After a very emotional prayer session and lots of hugs, kisses and crying we just gave it to God and asked for a miracle. You know, God is in the miracle business, so we left it with him.

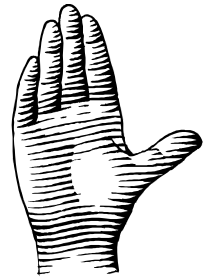


A couple of weeks after returning home, we learned that an American surgeon had heard Hunter's story and asked to see him. He agreed to operate on him and do it free for the family. Hunter has had his surgery and returned home. We at first heard his tumor was benign but last week we heard they were still not sure if it was benign or malignant. We also learned that he had suffered a seizure. We just ask that you keep Hunter and his family in your prayers. I only met him that short time but he was the sweetest and most loving young man I have ever met. He gave the strongest hugs and sweetest kisses we have ever received.



GRANDMA'S HANDS

Grandma, some ninety plus years, sat feebly on the patio bench. She didn't move, just sat with her head down staring at her hands. When I sat down beside her she didn't acknowledge my presence and the longer I sat I wondered if she was OK.



Finally, not really wanting to disturb her but wanting to check on her at the same time, I asked her if she was OK. She raised her head and looked at me and smiled. 'Yes, I'm fine, thank you for asking,' she said in a clear strong voice.

'I didn't mean to disturb you, grandma, but you were just sitting here staring at your hands and I wanted to make sure you were OK,' I explained to her.

'Have you ever looked at your hands,' she asked. 'I mean really looked at your hands?'

I slowly opened my hands and stared down at them. I turned them over, palms up and then palms down. No, I guess I had never really looked at my hands as I tried to figure out the point she was making.



Grandma smiled and related this story: Stop and think for a moment about the hands you have, how they have served you well throughout your years.. These hands, though wrinkled shriveled and weak have been the tools I have used all my life to reach out and grab and embrace life.

They braced and caught my fall when as a toddler I crashed upon the floor. They put food in my mouth and clothes on my back. As a child, my mother taught me to fold them in prayer. They tied my shoes and pulled on my boots. They held my husband and wiped my tears when he went off to war. They have been dirty, scraped and raw, swollen and bent. They were uneasy and clumsy when I tried to hold my newborn son. Decorated with my wedding band they showed the world that I was married and loved someone special. They wrote my letters to him and trembled and shook when I buried my parents and spouse. They have held my children and grandchildren, consoled neighbors, and shook in fists of anger when I didn't understand. They have covered my face, combed my hair, and washed and cleansed the rest of my body. They have been sticky and wet, bent and broken, dried and raw. And to this day when not much of anything else of me works real well these hands hold me up, lay me down, and again continue to fold in prayer.



These hands are the mark of where I've been and the ruggedness of life. But more importantly it will be these hands that God will reach out and take when he leads me home. And with my hands He will lift me to His side and there I will use these hands to touch the face of God.'



I will never look at my hands the same again. But I remember God reached out and took my grandma's hands and led her home. When my hands are hurt or sore when I stroke the face of my children and husband I think of grandma. I know she has been stroked and caressed and held by the hands of God.

Cans for Kids

Save Your Aluminum

Bring you aluminum cans and pie pans, leave them in a marked bag in the room beside the stage. 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.



Comedy Corner

The love story of Ralph and Edna.

Just because someone doesn't love you the way you want them to, doesn't mean they don't love you with all they have. Ralph and Edna were both patients in a mental hospital. One day while they were walking past the hospital swimming pool. Ralph suddenly jumped into the deep end.

He sank to the bottom of the pool and stayed there.

Edna promptly jumped in to save him. She swam to the bottom and pulled him out. When the Head Nurse Director became aware of Edna's heroic act she immediately ordered her to be discharged from the hospital, as she now considered her to be mentally stable.

When she went to tell Edna the news she said, 'Edna, I have good news and bad news. The good news is you're being discharged, since you were able to rationally respond to a crisis by jumping in and saving the life of the person you love. I have concluded that your act displays sound mindedness.

The bad news is, Ralph hung himself in the bathroom with his bathrobe belt right after you saved him. I am so sorry, but he's dead.'

Edna replied, 'He didn't hang himself. I put him there to dry. How soon can I go home?'

INNOCENCE IS PRICELESS

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small American flags mounted on either side of it. The six-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, 'Good morning Alex.'

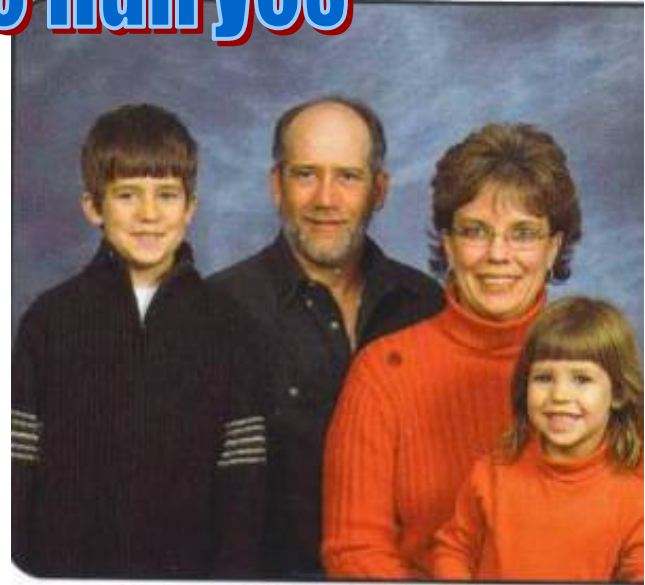
'Good morning Pastor,' he replied, still focused on the plaque. 'Pastor, what is this?' The pastor said, 'Well son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service.' Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque. Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked, 'Which service, the 8:30 or the 10:30?'



Richard & Michelle Hairyes

Richard and Michelle met through mutual friends and were married on September 26, 1992 aboard the Catawba Queen Riverboat.

Richard joined New Sterling on April 12, 2009. He works as a frame fabricator and glass installation. He enjoys reading and fishing. He was born and raised in Massachusetts. His mother, Sara, was of Armenian descent. After an 18 month battle with Lou Gehrig's disease, she passed away in November of 2000. His father has recently remarried and Ron and Nancy live in Missouri. Richard has a son, Ryan age 27 who lives in Sanford, NC. He attended Lee County Community College and works with the Lee County school system as a computer analyst. He has a brother David and a niece, Stephanie who lives in Statesville. His sister Patty and husband Brent, Cameron and Caroline Sexton live in Laurinburg, SC. Cameron Sexton, Richard's nephew, was the UNC Chapel Hill quarterback this past year.



Richard & Michelle Hairyes,
Cody & Mara

Michelle was born and raised in Stony Point and has been a life long member of New Sterling. Lynn and Muriel Jenkins are her parents. Delinda Mauney and Scotti McCullough are her sisters. She works at Pneu-Mech in Statesville. She is a Signature Homes representative, an Avon representative, is the pianist/choir director at Bethel Methodist Church and fills in for Susan as pianist when needed. She is a member of C3, Knit Wits, Treasure Keepers, Women's Council and is currently a member of the CE Committee. She enjoys reading, crocheting, working jigsaw puzzles, watching movies and playing the piano.

They have 2 children at home, Cody age 12 and Mara age 7. Cody is involved in Babe Ruth baseball and basketball and attends West Iredell Middle School. Mara is in cheerleading at Tilley's Too. She attends Sharon School. They are involved with the New Sterling Youth Shepherds.

They have 2 dogs, Reno and Gracie.

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 do so. 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!*



Would you be willing to make yourself available to keep young children on family nights or during any special service in which a nursery is required? There is a great need for caregivers on Sunday nights to truly make Family Nights for all families. If you are interested, please contact Felicia Woodall.

May Birthdays

1 Kendra Watson
3 Mackenzie Clark
3 Andrea Clarke
3 Sherry Stewart
4 Helen Cashion
4 Kristen Griffin
6 Jill Hager
6 Madison Buchanan
7 Don Campbell
7 Laurel Gray
8 Mara Hairyes
8 Elena Johnson
8 Nancy Pope
9 Kay Flowers
10 Brent Mauney



12 Madelyn McNeely
13 Kurtis Hauck
13 Aarene Reese
14 Marcia Winters
17 Anna Donohoe
18 Allie Hager
19 Dixie Waugh
21 Carrol McNeely
23 Steve Stewart
24 Jim Mayhew
26 Jane Fulbright
27 Leann Hartness
28 Bailey Hartness
29 Ronda Hoke
31 Todd Goodman