



November
2006

New Sterling Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Stirling

A Tribute to Dr. Frank Kik

Reformed Theological Seminary asked me to write a tribute for their periodicals. I would like to share with you as well.

Dr. Kik filled our pulpit on several occasions and always provided a stirring delivery of the Scriptures. He mentioned to me more than once that if New Sterling was a little closer to his home he and Phyllis might just make it his home church. Our friend went to be with the Lord on August 1.

I came to know Frank late in his ministry and early in mine. He the professor and me the student, we quickly established a relationship that, in God's providence, would develop into a bond that would carry each of us through the ministries, which our Lord had given us.

Frank's years of experience he brought to the classroom was tremendous. Dr. Frank Kik had over 35 years of pastoral experience, having pastored both small and large congregations. Under his leadership the Lord grew churches in attendance and in budgets. He conducted a weekly TV program and a daily radio ministry, initiated a medical clinic with two full-time physicians, a legal aid clinic, and a tutoring program. He has served as a member and chairs of several boards and he was at one time the Chaplain for the Buffalo Bills Football Team.

Our bond quickly became more than simply a professor-student relationship. He was called to serve as interim pastor where I was serving as an elder and vice moderator while at the same time a student at RTS. The next one and half years were more than an education in the dynamics of church operation. Frank conducted the business of the church and taught as he allowed me to take the lead in many events in the church. He, in short, said, "I'll take care of the preaching, you take care of everything else." He would call through the week to check on things and give advice, but he allowed me to lead. This was his method of teaching – give direction and get out of the way – allowing those who lead to lead. The minister is to

equip the saints for works of service and that is exactly what Frank did. He trusted me and therefore allowed me to put to work the things we had discussed in class or in conversations. I gained an education that I could never have afforded otherwise.

In these years Frank became a confidant. I could call anytime with any question and with his blunt but yet caring way he would provide guidance. I came to depend heavily on his council as did many who passed through his classrooms. I think sometimes Frank's best was not given in the classroom but through emails or phone calls as many would contact him, explain the issue and wait for his advice. Through these events Frank taught many things but one key element was that he taught us to be a realist. Yes, the Lord's church will stand but the daily interactions can sometimes get dirty. He taught us to know our limitations, the sometimes unfair expectations of the people and that business could get ugly. He loved the church, he loved his Lord but he knew people and he helped us to not have expectations of ourselves or the people that could lead to probable failure.

He believed the call to the pastorate was the greatest call anyone could have and he protected it furiously. He was not afraid to tell someone that they may need to consider another career. I once heard him tell a student that that was the worst sermon he had ever heard. I saw him later however pull that gentleman to the side to talk with him. The gentleman now serves as a Sr. Pastor. Frank did not want anyone to step in the pulpit that may have been misled or not prepared. With his experience he knew it was a challenging call and he did not want anyone to fail.

Frank was however hard to take seriously at times. When called on the phone he would sometimes answer, "This is god, are you on your knees?" Then there was the deep voice that would answer, "This is the Most Holy Right Reverend Honorable Esteemed Father, speak my child." Can we ever forget the Jeff Gordon neckties and the ugly suspenders he wore? For me personally, I was addressed in emails as the "preacher boy". I think this was because he knew I could never preach as he tried to teach and he simply gave up and

knew I was a boy preacher compared to him – which is all right with me.

In my relationship with Frank I know of only one time when he could not be the pastor, the professor, the mentor or the one who leads by example. It was when I asked him to officiate the service of my 16-year-old daughter after her passing. He told me he was just too close and thought of Marli as a daughter. I understood and appreciated his position. But it was in this time that I saw his heart most clearly and understood that Frank was a man first before he was any of the other titles he held. He was a man who was tender and loved greatly. The rough exterior many saw was not Frank at all. Through the tears he showed that it was first necessary to be who you are –

a person who is called by God to be and to do many things but first you are an individual who has feelings, cares and limitations. He taught me through this that we did not need to look strong and big in front of the people, but be who God made you to be.

I miss Frank Kik. I was not finished with him. There was so much yet he had to teach and I was more than willing to listen.

Frank, I love you. Tell my Marli I said hello!

Tim R. Watson

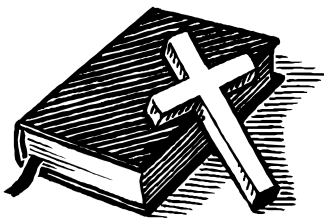
Pastor

New Sterling ARP Church

New Natural Church Development Survey Planned



The Session, upon recommendation from the Health Implementation Team, has decided to ask thirty church members to participate in a new Natural Church Development Survey scheduled for Saturday morning, November 18, 2006. The participants in this survey will be different than the members that participated in our earlier NCD Survey. The Session is currently putting together the list of people that will be asked to participate. Please be in prayer for those that will be asked. If you are one that is asked to participate, we trust that you will be willing to be a part of this very important process in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



The **Worship Committee** is prepared to place new Bibles in our pew racks. If you would like to purchase one or more as a memorial or honorarium, there is a sign up list outside the Chapel Bible Class or contact Jeff McNeely at 704-872-7494.



Upcoming Events

Marriage Retreat

November 10-11, 2006 in
Banner Elk

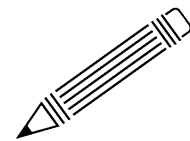
The Goal of Marriage



A Bible Study by Dan B. Allender &
Tremper Longman III
Will be facilitated by
Pastor Tim

Address for Bobby Buchanan:

Robert Lewis Buchanan
PO Box 310
Polkton, NC 28135



Sunday Night Meal Schedule



November 5	Young Adults
November 12	Elders



November 4
November 5

November 12

November 19
November 20
November 22
November 26



November 27
December 2
December 3
December 10

Knit Witts travel to visit Mrs. Billings
Congregational Meeting to Elect Elders
Deacon Meeting
Present Candidates for Deacon
Elders Meeting
Congregational Meeting to Nominate Deacons
Knit Witts Meet
Annual Community Thanksgiving Service
Commitment Day and Congregational Meeting to Elect Deacons
Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Collection
Property and Maintenance Committee Meeting
5:00 Pack Shoeboxes—Samaritan's Purse, Charlotte
Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons
Annual Congregational Meeting





Stephanie Watts received the Girl Scout Gold Award on October 15 for her “New Start, New Sterling” nursery project. Congratulations Stephanie!!



Operation Christmas Child

Shoe Boxes due Nov. 26th

For anyone interested, the Youth Shepherd's, Youth Council will be going to Charlotte once again to help get Shoe boxes ready to ship for needy children. We'd love to take you along!

This event is awesome and even a bit hard to describe what happens there and the impact it makes on you. Plan to go and see for yourself, you won't regret it!

We will be leaving the church parking lot Dec. 2nd at 3 p.m.





The Gryders



Doug and Patti Gryder were married at New Sterling on May 27, 1989. They met in Winston-Salem on a blind date. Patti says she had to move to Winston-Salem to meet a guy from Hiddenite. Doug is the son of Wade and Shirley Gryder of Hiddenite. He graduated from Alexander

Central and NC State with degrees in Aerospace Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. He is employed at Tyco Electronics in Winston-Salem. Patti is the daughter of Carrol and Nancy McNeely (and sister of Jeff McNeely and Susan McNeely Johnson.) She is a life long member of New Sterling, where many of her McNeely, Morrison, Reese, and Dagenhart ancestors were members. She graduated from West Iredell and Erskine Collage. After years in retail management, she enjoys being at home with her girls and helping her mother at the office of G & M Milling on a part time basis.

At New Sterling Doug is a deacon, serves on several committees, and helps maintain the church website. Patti is the coordinator of Children's Church and treasurer of the Friendship Class.

Doug and Patti have two daughters. Lauren is the oldest and a freshman at Davie High in Mocksville. She is a straight-A student who enjoys swimming, tennis, watching movies, playing the saxophone in the band, playing with her dog, Briggs, and practicing driving for her permit in February. She enjoyed helping with Bible School skits this summer and helps in the nursery and Children's Church.

Leah is a sixth grader at North Davie Middle. She is also a straight-A student who loves playing softball especially when her dad is the coach. She enjoys swimming, playing the flute in band, riding on her scooter, organizing anything, watching movies, and playing with her dog, Boo. She also loves helping in the nursery and Children's Church.

Doug and Patti and their daughters live in Advance, between Mocksville and Winston-Salem. They feel the 45 minute drive to church is well worth the trip - plus after church they enjoy eating Nancy's Sunday lunch with the whole McNeely clan.

The Gryders enjoy frequent beach trips and infrequent cruises (their first one was last year.) Doug enjoys rare flying opportunities, and has even co-piloted a couple of hang gliding flights. Patti enjoys shopping, reading, and taking long baths. Doug and the girls together enjoy golfing and following NC State sports.

STERLING SILVERS

Sterling Silvers had its annual election of staff in September . Frank Emery Sr was elected as Director; Swanie Snyder as Treasurer and Vivian Gray as Hospitality Coordinator for the new season.

The following activity schedule was agreed upon.

November: Thanksgiving: Covered Dish Meal.

December: Gifts exchange, Bingo, Choral Singing And Bring Your Own Sandwich.

January: No Meeting

February: Valentine Theme. Meal will be furnished by the Hospitality Committee.

March: Spring Fling will be held at our church.. Details to be announced.

Nine members attended the Fall Fling on 28 September. Fifteen members signed up for the Fall trip to the Mountains for the 25 October. Members were asked to make a membership drive to add folks to our roll. An organization can only remain viable if new members are added, age has a way of decreasing our membership after scores of years .

Frank Emery Sr. Director



***With
Sympathy***



Our sincere sympathy is expressed to Don and Tena Campbell in the passing of Don's mother, Mrs. Connie Campbell. Mrs. Campbell is also the mother-in-law of Angela Campbell.

We also express our sympathy to Minnie Pope in the passing of her sister, Mrs. Lucy Geerdees.

New Sterling Women's Ministries



Thank you for your responses to the Women's Ministries Survey. God has moved our women to understand that more choices are needed if we plan to accommodate different schedules. There should be Circle Bible Study Group available to every lady in New Sterling.

Watch the bulletin on November 5 for more information and sign up for different circles. The actual sign up will be held on Nov. 12 and 19 after church and following the evening family fellowship hour. Each Circle Study Group will be using a Bible Study, which is one way we learn about God's word. To make more choices available to women there will be opportunity to sign up for morning or evening Circle Bible Study Groups.

Circle Bible Study Groups include 3 different studies:

Let's Study Luke

Apples of Gold

Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World (Mary-Martha Study)

Each Circle Study Group will decide where they will meet (Example: Some ladies may meet in Homes, Church, etc.) New Circle Study Groups will choose their name (____denotes new Study Groups.)

Here is a chart showing the six different choices:

- #1 Dorothy Dagenhart *Let's Study Luke* 7:00 pm Second Mon.
- #2 Golden Christian *Let's Study Luke* 9:30 am First Mon.
- #3 _____ *Apples of Gold* 7:00 pm Second Tues.
- #4 _____ *Apples of Gold* 9:30 am Second Tues.
- #5 _____ *Mary-Martha* 7:00 pm Third Tues.
- #6 _____ *Mary-Martha* 9:30 pm Third Tues.



If you need additional information on the Study Groups, you may contact any member of the Women's Ministries Planning Board.

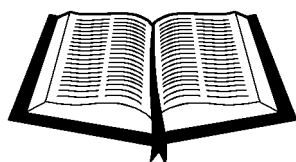
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Bible Study Books

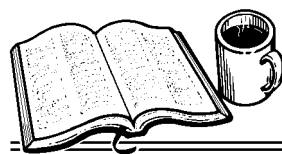
(Study these three choices before you choose a Circle Study Group)



Apples of Gold is not just a Bible Study but a nurturing program for women. We all have questions and issues about being wives, mothers and women. **Apples of Gold is based on the principles taught in Titus 2: 3-5.** We will study such topics as kindness, purity, spiritual hospitality and much more. Through this study we will learn six ways to enhance our spiritual and personal lives, the lives of our family, and the lives of those around us. We will be taught the Biblical view of how God wants us to live. Ladies, God created us and He is the only One who can truly give all the answers we need. His truth will give us freedom and through that freedom we will be on our journey of becoming the woman He created us to be. **Come taste and see that God is good!**



Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World has something to say to every woman who's ever felt she isn't godly enough, isn't loving enough, isn't doing enough. The life of a woman today isn't really all that different from that of **Mary and Martha** in the New Testament. Like **Mary**, you long to sit at the Lord's feet...but the daily demands of a busy world just won't leave you alone. Like **Martha**, you love Jesus and really want to serve him ...yet you struggle with weariness, resentment, and feelings of inadequacy. Then comes Jesus, into the midst of your busy life, to extend the same invitation he issued long ago to the two sisters from Bethany. Tenderly, he invites you to choose "the better part" – **a joyful life of intimacy with him that flows naturally into loving service.**



Let's Study Luke is a must for every Christian home that is serious about getting to know the Word. Luke's Gospel is well suited to 21st century readers because it is written in a style that appeals to the imagination, deals with people's lives, is easy to read, and wholly enjoyable. Through his narratives Luke portrays Jesus vividly. **You will hear Jesus calling you** to put your trust in him as Saviour and Lord. Through experiencing his grace and forgiveness, you, like the individuals who met Jesus in the Gospel narratives, will find the other relationships of your life restored as well. In fact, your whole humanity will come alive as you experience the joy and freedom of God's

Salvation. **Let's Study Luke** provides questions to encourage personal thought and study, of for discussion starters.

Most Twentysomethings Put Christianity on the Shelf Following Spiritually Active Teen Years

The Barna Group of Ventura, California,

Transitions in life are rarely simple. Some of the most significant and complex shifts that people undergo occur during the transition from adolescence to early adulthood. An important part of that maturation is the refinement of people's spiritual commitment and behavior.

A new study by The Barna Group shows that despite strong levels of spiritual activity during the teen years, most twentysomethings disengage from active participation in the Christian faith during their young adult years – and often beyond that. In total, six out of ten twentysomethings were involved in a church during their teen years, but have failed to translate that into active spirituality during their early adulthood. This information should not surprise us at all. We can look within our own church to see the reality of these comments. To read the full report, go to www.barna.org.

Opposite this, New Sterling is blessed to have several who are in the twentysomething age bracket and not only attend church regularly but take on leading responsibilities.

Thank you,
Pastor Tim



Bilouxi Mission Team

David Brady (team lead)

Craig Pugh

Kent Clarke

Frank Emery

Dale Massey

Lynn Jenkins

Harold Moose

Adrian Jarrett

Tommy Morton

Anthony Brady

Paul Milsaps

Bill Sherrill

Harvey Reese

Bobby Bell

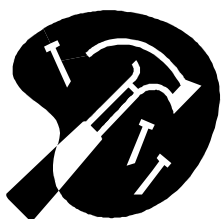
Chris Morton

Lori Compton

Eddie Compton

Judy Watson

Pastor Tim Watson



Happenings at New Sterling



Melissa Kuelbs recently received a prayer shawl from the knit wits.

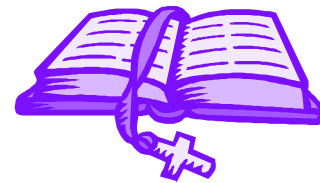


Theme Scripture

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

2 Corinthians 1: 3-4

Julie Alghary holds her baby blanket given to her at her baby shower from the Knit Wits



On October 8, the Knit Wits showed off their shawls during the Childrens' Sermon, while Pastor Tim explained their ministry to the children and congregation



“Hey! Did you hear about those people at New Sterling?”

Thanks for all the great news! Keep it coming! Remember school is starting soon, vacations, sports, outings, or any other “info” you would like to share please feel free. You may give your here and there to Scotti McCulloch.

Congratulations to **Katy Blevins** and **Josh Campbell** on their marriage on October 6.....**Patty Gryder** is recovering from recent surgery.....**Kelly Pugh** attempted skiing down her stairs at home and broke both of the elbows!!! On her birthday no less!!.....**Carolyn Elliott** recently had surgery on her thyroid.....6 from New Sterling attended Bonsenior at Bonclarcken. **Betty Godfrey, Birchie Pope, Meldirene Pope, Helen Cashion, Jim and Swannie Snyder, Earl and Harriet Linderman....**If you need plumbing done in your home, don't call **Todd McCulloch!**.. But if you need your walls washed or your carpet cleaned, he is the man!!!.....13 Knit Witts traveled by church bus to **Pat Price's** house for a meeting. What a great time....**Stephanie Watts** was awarded a badge for her “New Start, New Sterling” Girl Scout project. Her family had a very nice reception for her after worship service....Many attended the baby shower for **Joseph and Julie Alghrary**. It was a blessing to be able

to do this for them.....**Reid and Peggy Gray** recently vacationed on the Delta Queen.....**Florence Brookshire** recently spent time in the hospital.....**Dylan Deal's** JV volleyball team at West Iredell finished their season 12-3. Congratulations on a great season!...

“NO! What did they do?”

Here and There!!!!



Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin. God lifts you up, takes you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. He opens you up, touches you deep inside and scoops out all the yucky stuff-- including the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see. It is your turn to pass it to a pumpkin. I liked this enough to send it to all the pumpkins in my patch.

Happy Fall!





Children's Choir



The Children's Choir recently played their hand bells to entertain the congregation.

Contemporary Christian Choir



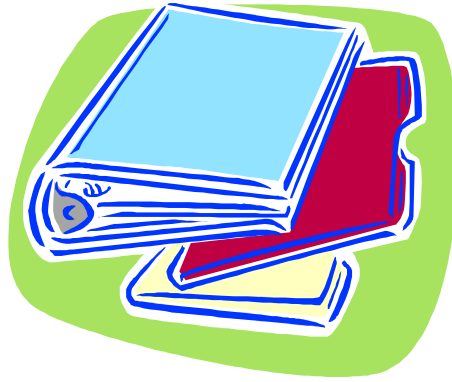
New Sterling's Contemporary Christian Choir made their debut on October 22



Sarah Watts
Campus Box 15880
Lee Hall
Raleigh, NC 27607
NC State University

Erin Waugh
UCC
245 Memorial Drive
Suite 6770
Cullowhee, NC 28720
Western Carolina University

Kelly Pugh
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Charlotte, NC 28262
University of NC Charlotte



Clifton Mauney
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Wilkesboro, NC 28697
Wilkes Community College

Erica Harper
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University of NC Charlotte

Andrea Clarke
CPO 679
Erskine College
PO Box 1001
Due West, SC 29639

**Remember our College
Students with a note or a
card.**



Comedy Corner

After starting my new diet I altered my drive to work to avoid passing my favorite bakery.

I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and as I approached, there in the window were a host of goodies.

I felt this was no accident, so I prayed ... "Lord, it's up to you. If you want me to have any of those delicious goodies, create a parking place for me directly in front of the bakery."

And sure enough, on the eighth time around the block, there it was!

God is so Good!"



Homebound and Assisted Living

Norma and Johnsie Jenkins
1753 Midway Road
Stony Point, NC 28678
704-585-6960

Pauline Pope
Autumn Care
2001 Vanhaven Drive
Statesville, NC 28625

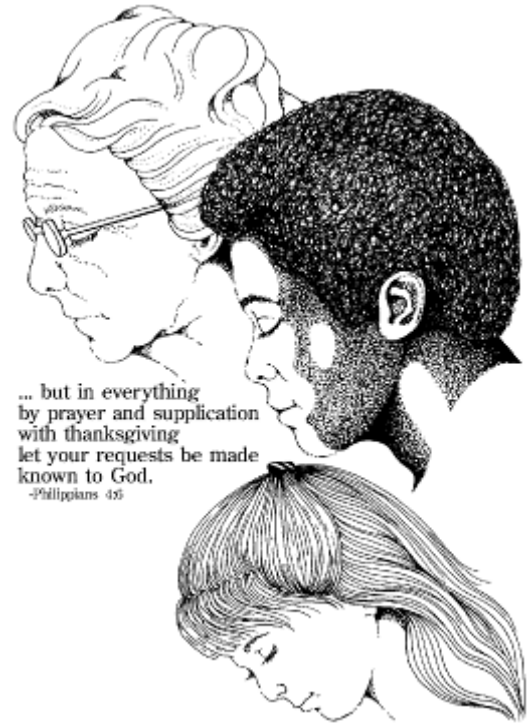
Leroy Johnson
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PO Box 346
Buford, GA 30515

If we have missed anyone or you would like to have your name listed here, please contact Delinda Mauney at 704-880-0527 or Taryn Setzer at 459-2637



Congratulations!

To Katy Blevins and Josh Campbell who were united in marriage on October 6, 2006 at New Amity ARP Church.

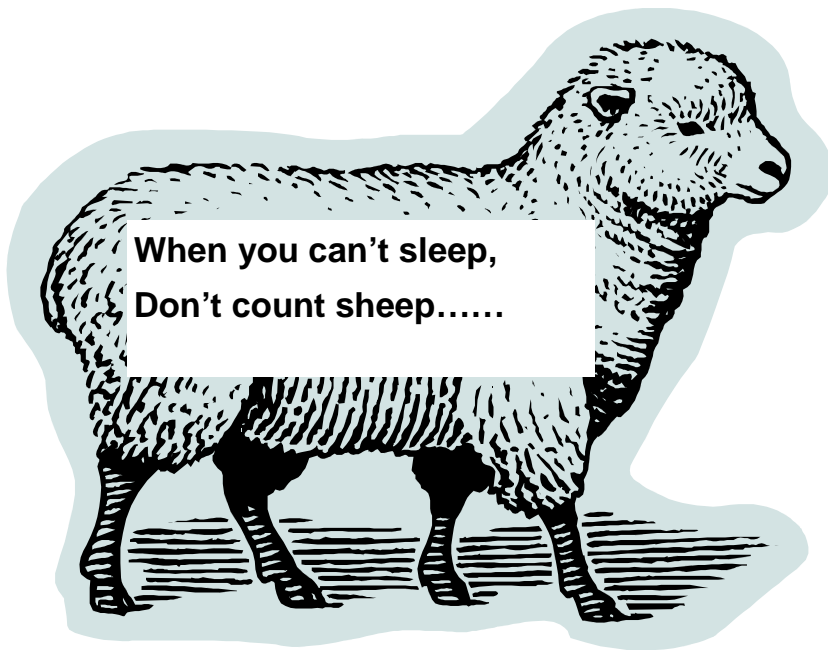
Without Jesus we face a hopeless end.
But with Jesus we have an endless
hope.

November Birthdays

- 1 Mary Lippard
- 2 Angela Campbell
- 3 Joseph Hartness
- 3 Carl Teague
- 4 Casey Clarke
- 5 Muriel Jenkins
- 6 Eddie Compton
- 6 Linda Waugh
- 7 Sheila Snyder
- 8 John Roby Gray
- 9 Adeleigh Graham
- 9 Bill Morrison
- 10 Roger Pope
- 10 Jim Thompson
- 11 Caleb Watson
- 11 Jonah Watson
- 13 Derek Winters
- 14 Holly Walls
- 14 Brian Pope



- 15 Kent E. Brady
- 16 Alexandra Gray
- 17 Ashley Clark
- 17 Sandra Moose
- 19 Vivian Gray
- 19 Taylor Pope
- 20 Jessica Lambert
- 20 Dean Thorne
- 21 Amanda Gray
- 21 Shannon Hansley
- 23 Carol Bennett
- 23 Julie Winters
- 24 Amy Lerch
- 24 Tracy Jenkins
- 25 Frank Emery, III
- 25 Amanda Moose
- 29 Keegan Bustle



Talk to the SHEPHERD