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New Sterling Associated Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Back to School

Many within our church family are back in school this month and working to re-establish the routine of juggling classes, homework, outside activities and, of course, the priority – family. It is, to say the least, a challenge to balance the many things of our lives. I often spoke of balance to my girls, balance of time and concentration between the many things that occupied their time. Yes, school is important but getting A's is not so important that you sacrifice family and friends to get them. There must be a balance.



Some have asked me how I was going to balance the church and home with going back to school. How can I go back to school when the work of the pastorate sometimes requires on average 50-60 hrs a week of my time? Well, if I looked at it as something that I alone was required to achieve then certainly I could not do it and I would fail very, very quickly. It is God within me that allows me to do all that I do including going back to school.

As I remember, I saw God do some amazing things associated with my seminary life. How I made it with a B average through six semesters of Greek

and Hebrew language studies can only be attributed to God's grace. How we were able to pay for Erin's college and ½ of my seminary costs while only Judy was working was certainly another example of what only God can do.

Before I was 35 years old I had read only 2 books through – 'Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel' and 'The Adventures of Johnny Tremain,' with Johnny Tremain being my favorite. I did not like to read and I didn't. But when God placed his call of the ministry on my life in June 1997 at the age of 38 he changed many things about me. In seminary I was required to read as many as 15-20 books during a semester and I did it – rather God did it through me. And there are other magnificent stories of how God in his marvelous grace and power steered Judy and me through those seminary days. It was truly he who did it and I expect fully for him to do it once again.

A doctorate program is structured differently than a master's program. There are fewer courses required therefore less time needed in class. The increase in work comes in research, reading and writing papers and that can be done here at home. At present, I attend classes on one Monday and Tuesday each month which means I drive down on Monday morning attend 8 hours of class, spend the night with my parents who live 50 miles from Erskine and then on Tuesday morning begin another 8 hour day of classes before driving home arriving about 8 pm (the actual days I attend will, of course, change over the course of the program). I will do this for 3 years praying for graduation in the summer of 2008.

Yes, many of us are headed back to school and for us older ones it can be a bit more challenging. But it can be done, as Barbara McClure has shown

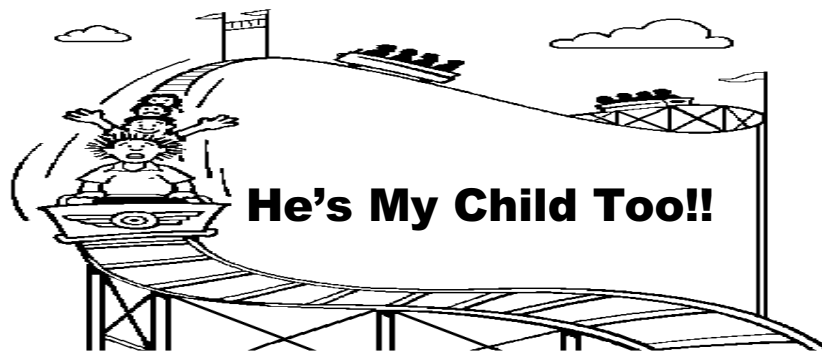
by completing her nursing program; as Jeff West is now showing by attending Mitchell College seeking a degree in Electronics Engineering; others are Kim Brady who is taking classes at RTS-Charlotte and Julie Winters who is being taught via the internet from Mitchell. God can in fact do all things – even lead us ‘older students’ through the anxious balancing acts of life and school.

Please pray for all those who have returned

to school and please understand that when God places a call such as this on our lives we can do no other. It would be disobedient to refuse to do what God has given us to do. Please pray for the time, strength and ability to do all that God has called us to do.

In His Service,

Pastor Tim



Whew! What a roller-coaster weekend this has been—the emotional highs and lows of sending your first son off to college—and though I had not planned to do this, I must share with all of you one more moment—a high-point that happened on Sunday. THEN we’ll get back to “normal”—whatever that is!

The weekend freshman orientation for parents concluded with a chapel service on Sunday morning, and a special prayer time when faculty and staff prayed one-on-one with each student and his family. With my husband on faculty, I’ve been to many commitment services such as this. I’ve cried with other moms leaving their kids—this year I WAS ONE! A whole different ballgame!

As I sat there, recalling a while lifetime of memories involving a little boy now grown-up and ready to try his wings—God who is so faithful—whispered deep within my heart, “He’s MY child too!” Isn’t that ALL any of us parents need to know? What a faithful God we serve—we can place our kids in His mighty hands—for they are HIS kids too!

Don’t know what you’re going through today—all I know is that I needed to share this! If you’ve got a son or daughter who’s in crisis of any kind, if you’re a parent, concerned and anxious, fearful and troubled about him, her—or them—for any reason at all, let these words sink deep into your heart today as they have sunk into mine—“He’s MY child too!” BELIEVE it— and have a wonderful day!

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the children of God...(1 John 3:1)

**Dedicated to all parents taking or have taken kids to college—and to all parents who need to know that, whatever’s going on, YOUR child is HIS child too!!

Dear Ladies.

After much prayer, the Women's Beach Retreat has been scheduled for February 3-5, 2006. The exact location has not yet been decided. We are, however, considering a house at Pawley's Island. The route there seems to be easier and the distance a little shorter.

If you are still uncertain, we have extended the deadline until December 1st. This will give you time to know if the trip will be possible and it will still give us enough time to make reservations. This date will be the last opportunity to sign up for the trip.

When the time comes, we will ask that everyone meet at the church on the morning of February 3rd, so that we can all leave together. We will also only be stopping to eat and for bathroom breaks. All of this is to make our travel easier and quicker.

Judy Watson will once again be teaching our study. We are so excited about the material God has given to her. He always gives us exactly what we need! She has already been studying and preparing to this time.

There will also be many other women involved in the planning of this trip. So I urge you Ladies to please be in prayer for this upcoming event—for God's guidance as we all begin to prepare, for each woman that is meant to go, and for Judy as she continues preparing our study. Just knowing that God our Father has set this weekend apart—away from everyday life and all distractions—so that we can bask in His Word and He can spend precious time with His daughters! This is a blessing, a true life changing treasure that we cannot afford to miss.

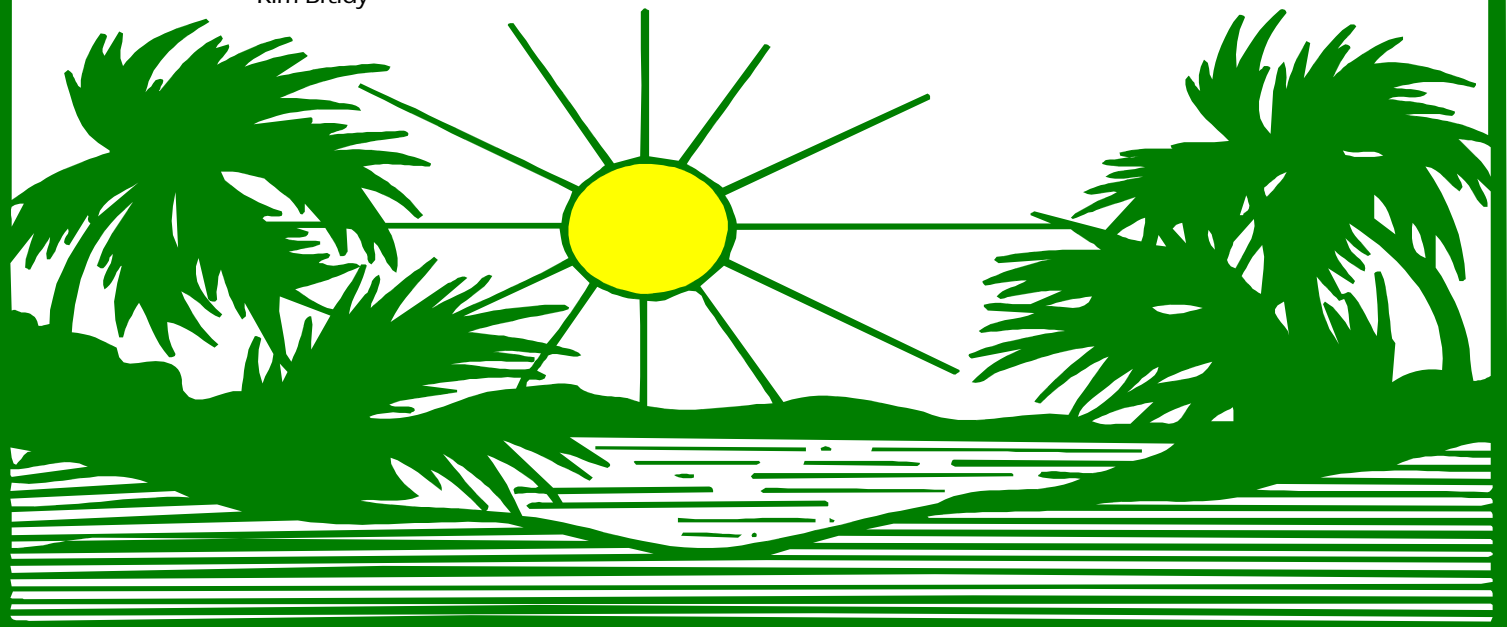
How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!
1John 3:1

One other reminder—don't forget your sunglasses! I'm praying that at the end of this weekend each of us will have the radiance that Moses had when he came down the mountain after being in God's presence. We too have that some opportunity!

Pack your bags and join our awesome adventure!

God Bless You!

Kim Brady



In case you haven't noticed, we are "evangelizing" with technology here at New Sterling. Our Sunday morning sermons are now available to anyone in the world with internet access. Of course our primary audiences are you and our community, but it is nice to know that anyone, anywhere, looking for God's Word can access it from New Sterling.

If you miss a Sunday or just miss a sentence during a sermon, you can go to www.newsterlingarp.org/sermons.html and click on the sermon title to start playing the streaming audio file. Of course, this has not changed our cassette tape ministry. Tapes are still available by contacting Judy Stewart.

Keep this information in mind as you are out-and-about in the community. Sermons, newsletters, calendars and Synod links are all available on the website for anyone interested. It is a great tool for those wanting to stay in touch. We hope it proves to be a good tool for those in the community looking for a church home.

If you have any problems or suggestions send us a quick email. We want to continually expand New Sterling's reach with the Good News!

websupport@newsterlingarp.org



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**BORN ON Sep-
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**THE PROUD PAR-
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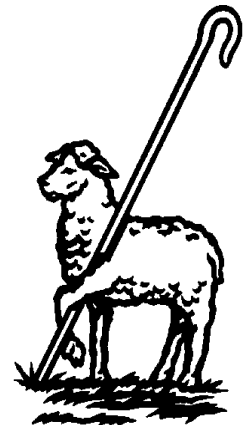
The Youth Shepherds once again hosted the Family Night, Back to School Fun Night. We seemed to have more visitors this year than ever! Kids, young and old, played, laughed and ate until dusk. Funnel cakes were a new item this year and were a huge success. Thanks to all who helped set up, tear down, cook, and serve to make this

night a success. It was! A special note of appreciation to Gary Reavis who always works so hard to be sure that there's food and fun for everyone!...Congratulations to Dylan Deal who made the Varsity Volleyball team at West Middle...The Jr. High group attended Bonclarken this month. There was a very large group to go and several first time attendees! The theme of the weekend was The Three Tenses of Salvation – Past, Present and Future. Attending were, Dylan Deal, Devin Winters, Kelli Johnson, Gray Emery, Courtney Hauck, Christina Henderson, Davie Winters, Davis Emery and guests, Brenan White, Janessa White, Gage Martin and Hanna Withers. Kitz Emery, Julie Winters, and Erin Waugh chaperoned the weekend. Rumor has it that some of the girls straightened Gray's hair. Now that would be something to see! Ask to see a picture!...Dylan Pope celebrated his birthday in style with friends and family on Sept 10. Children anxiously awaited the arrival of the caped crusader – BATMAN – who arrived on a fire truck (imagine that)! The biggest surprise of all was when several of the children ran the other way in tears, afraid! It didn't take long for Batman to win everyone over, well, almost everyone, with tattoos, pictures and BATMAN acrobatics in the front yard. Even though only one child was slightly traumatized, Dylan was all smiles!...Scotti McCulloch and Michelle Hairyes hosted Taryn Mauney a lingerie shower at the home of Muriel Jenkins. It was a wild and fun time. Let's just say that what goes on at a lingerie shower stays there!!!

Miss Mary Lippard has now moved to Autumn Care. Her address is:
 Room 202
 2001 Van Haven Drive
 Statesville, NC 28678
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- 1 Luke 1:John 1:1-14
- 2 Matthew 1; Luke 2:1-38
- 3 Matthew 2; Luke 2:39-52
- 4 Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3
- 5 Matthew 4; Luke 4-5; John 1:15-51
- 6 John 2-4
- 7 Matthew 8-9; Mark 2
- 8 John 5
- 9 Matthew 12:1-21; Mark 3; Luke 6
- 10 Matthew 5-7
- 11 Matthew 8:1-13; Luke 7
- 12 Matthew 11
- 13 Matthew 12:22-50; Luke 11
- 14 Matthew 13; Luke 8
- 15 Matthew 8:14-34; Mark 4-5
- 16 Matthew 9-10
- 17 Matthew 14; Mark 6; Luke 9:1-17
- 18 John 6
- 19 Matthew 15; Mark 7
- 20 Matthew 16; Mark 8; Luke 9:18-27
- 21 Matthew 17; Mark 9; Luke 28-62
- 22 Matathew 18
- 23 John 7-8
- 24 John 9:1-10:21
- 25 Luke 10-11; John 10:22-42
- 26 Luke 12-13
- 27 Luke 14-15
- 28 Luke 16-17:17
- 29 John 11
- 30 Luke 17:11-18:14
- 31 Matthew 19; Mark 10



**Jesus the Lamb of God
 John 1:29**



A young man in college called his mother and announced excitedly that he had just met the girl of his dreams. Now what should he do?

His mother had an idea: "Why don't you send her flowers, and on the card invite her to your apartment for a home-cooked meal?"

He thought this was a great strategy, and a week later, the girl came to dinner. His mother called the next day to see how things had gone.

"I was totally humiliated," he moaned. "She insisted on washing the dishes."

"What's wrong with that?" asked his mother.

"We hadn't started eating yet."

Comedy Corner



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(Kirk is in Karma, Iraq which is 8 miles north of Fallujah)

Kirk is Jim and Eleanor Dagenhart's grandson. His father is Steve Dagenhart.

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David is Art and Dixie Waugh's son-in-law.



*** Correction

STERLING SILVER NEWS



A business meeting was conducted on September 12 in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 am of the Sterling Silvers. This business session discussed activities for the new year.

1. The following members were appointed to fill the following offices:

Frank Emery—Chairman	Betty Godfrey—Deputy Chairman
Jim Dagenhart—Trip Coordinator	Eleanor Dagenhart—Sunshine Lady
Edith Milholland—Devotions	Swanee/Jim Snyder—Entertainment
Harriet Linderman—Musician	Earl Linderman—Chorale Director

2. The agenda for the year follows:

- October 10—Scenic tour of the foliage in the mountains. See Jim Dagenhart for details. Van departs at 9:00 am. Luncheon in the mountains
- November 14th—Covered Dish Thanksgiving Dinner
- December 12—Bingo and exchange gifts
- January—No meeting. February, March, April and May to be announced.

3. We were pleased to greet Carolyn Elliott as a new member. Joyce Todd, sister of Muriel Jenkins, joined us and will attend when she is here for a visitation.

4. A special THANKS to Betty Godfrey for preparing a most delicious luncheon for our meeting.

SMSgt Emery, Sr. (On vacation at the Hacienda of his Daughter and Son-In-Law in Helotes, Texas until November 5.)

News From The Deacons of New Sterling



The Deacons met on September 11th at 7:30. Below are some of the items that were discussed:

The final approvals were made to vinyl the painted areas of the fellowship hall. Look for the work to start as soon as practical.

The faulty speaker in the choir area will soon be replaced. This is a speaker that was not replaced with the new sound system. The speakers in the vestibule area and nursery will also be repaired soon.

The Deacons are considering options to free-up a phone line while the office is connected to the internet. Let us know if a "busy signal" often prevents you from reaching Pastor Tim or Pat.

A copy of the New Sterling Church insurance policy has been placed in the church van. This is good information for all those who use the church van. In fact, leaders and event planners should make sure you have this information with you on any church trip.

The Deacons will find transportation for those who do not have a way to come to church. If anyone knows of a need please tell Doug Gryder or another deacon.



*This day I will marry my friend, the one I laugh with, live for,
dream with, love*



**Together with their parents
Taryn Hope Mauney
And
Brian Scott Setzer
Request the honour of your presence
At their marriage
On Saturday, the eighth of October
Two thousand and five
At five-thirty in the afternoon
New Sterling ARP Church
580 New Sterling Road
Stony Point, NC**

Reception immediately following in the Fellowship Hall



ATTENTION!!!

The CE Committee is looking for a worship hour nursery leader. This person makes out a nursery schedule and makes sure worship hour is covered. If interested, speak with Jeanette Hauck, Delinda Mauney or Tra Watson.

OCTOBER

1 Lonnie Elliott
 1 Kenneth Gray
 3 Elizabeth Moose
 3 Richard Williams
 4 Dean Melton
 5 Sylvia Denman
 6 Bryan Pope
 7 Lynne Benfield
 7 Michael Pope
 8 Melissa Kuelbs
 8 Bill Linderman
 8 Chris Pope
 8 Judy Pope
 8 Brice Reese
 9 Andy Gray
 9 Kathy Pope
 9 Davey Winters

10 Linda Pope
 11 Harvey Reese, Jr
 11 Amber Snyder
 12 Michael Campbell
 13 Maggie Emery
 13 Lillian Jenkins
 13 Lynne Pope
 13 Pauline Pope
 13 Judy Watson
 13 Jennifer Waugh
 14 Jason Brady
 14 Connell Gray
 14 Lisa Hartness
 16 Sherry Boggs
 16 Gray Emery
 17 Avis Pope
 18 Roger Stewart
 19 Maude McNeely
 21 Bob Shoemaker
 23 Earl Linderman
 23 Sheila Warren
 23 Tra Watson
 25 Mandy Patterson
 25 Ruth Talbert
 26 Mark Deal
 26 Jared Hauck
 28 Delinda Mauney
 29 Dorothy Dancy



October 2 9:15 Praise and Worship
 6:00 Family Night
 7:30 Deacons Meet
 October 3 10:00 Golden Christian Circle
 October 5 6:00-7:30 Youth Shepherds
 Activity at Aarene's house
 7:30 Adult Choir
 October 8 5:30 Wedding of Taryn Mauney
 & Brian Setzer
 October 9 9:15 Praise and Worship
 6:00 Family Night
 7:30 Elders Meet
 October 10 7:00 Dorothy Dagenhart Circle
 October 12 6:30-7:30 Youth Shepherds
 7:30 Adult Choir

Events in October



October 16 9:15 Praise and Worship
 6:30 Family Night
 Newsletter Items Due
 October 19 6:30-7:30 Youth Shepherds
 7:30 Adult Choir
 October 23 9:15 Praise and Worship
 6:00 Family Night
 October 26 5:30 Youth Leader Meeting
 6:30-7:30 Youth Shepherds
 7:30 Adult Choir
 October 29 Set your Clocks back
 October 30 Daylight Savings Time Ends
 9:15 Praise and Worship
 6:00 Family Night
 October 31 Fall Festival
 The Stirling



**“I have come
that they may have
life,
and have it
abundantly.”
John 10:10**

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Sunday Service Time

9:15 am	Praise and Prayer Time
10:00 am	Sunday School (all ages)
11:00 am	Worship

Wednesday

6:30 pm	Youth Shepherds
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