



October  
2008

New Sterling Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

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## Feeling discouraged this month?

For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves, God has as a positive answer for it.....

You say: "It's impossible"

God says: All things are possible (Luke 18:27)

You say: "I'm too tired"

God says: I will give you rest (Matt. 11:28-30)

You say: "Nobody really loves me"

God says: I love you (John 3:16, John 13:34)

You say: "I can't go on"

God says: My grace is sufficient (II Corinthians 12:9, Psalm 1:15)

You say: "I can't figure things out"

God says: I will direct your steps (Proverbs 3:5-6)

You say: "I can't do it"

God says: You can do all things (Philippians 4:13)

You say: "I'm not able"

God says: I am able (II Corinthians 9:8)

You say: "It's not worth it"

God says: It will be worth it (Romans 8:28)

You say: "I can't forgive myself"

God says: I FORGIVE YOU (I John 1:9, Romans 8:1)

You say: "I can't manage"

God says: I will supply all your needs (Philippians 4:19)

You say: "I'm afraid"

God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear (II Timothy 1:7)

You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated"

God says: Cast all your cares on ME (I Peter 5:7)

You say: "I don't have enough faith"

God says: I've given everyone a measure of faith (Romans 12:3)

You say: "I'm not smart enough"

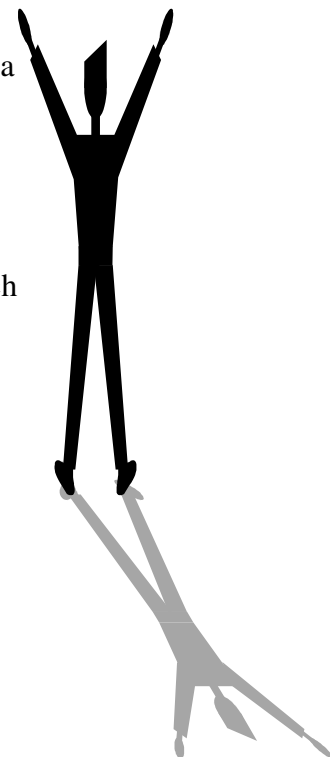
God says: I give you wisdom (I Corinthians 1:30)

You say: "I feel all alone"

God says: I will never leave you or forsake you (Hebrews 13:5)

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- October 4 9:00 Knit Wits with Michelle Hairyes  
 October 5 **WORLD WIDE COMMUNION**  
 Mission Committee Meeting  
 5:00 C3 practice  
 6:00 Sunday Family Night
- October 6 Golden Christian Circle—David Sides Study leader  
 October 7 7:00 Men's Bible Study with David Brady  
 October 12 Discipleship Committee Meeting  
 5:00 C3 Practice  
 6:00 Sunday Family Night
- October 13 7:00 Experiencing God Bible Study \*\*Note date change  
 October 14 First Presbytery Meeting  
 7:00 Treasure Keepers Bible Study—Cindy McNeely, hostess; Kim Brady, facilitator  
 LeAnn Hartness and Jill Winters meal
- October 19 5:00 C3 practice  
 6:00 Sunday Family Night—Mission Emphasis Sunday with Ken and Marilyn Sides  
**Newsletter Items Due**
- October 20-24 Bonsenior At Bonclarken  
 October 20 7:00 Knit Wits with Pat Price  
 October 21 7:00 Mary Martha Sunset Bible Study—Marcia Winters, facilitator  
 October 22 9:30 Mary Martha Sunrise Bible Study—Anna Donohoe, hostess; Virginia Brady, Facilitator
- October 23 7:00 Men's Life Issues Bible Study with Jeff McNeely  
 October 24 7:30 Seekers Bible Study in the Friendship Class Room  
 October 24-25 Women's Retreat at Bonclarken  
 October 26 5:00 C3 Practice  
 7:00 Reformation Sunday Commemoration & Singing at Covenant Church  
 October 31 6:00 Fancy Fall Festival



# Coming Events



# News From the Women's Ministries

Dear Ladies,

*The Mothers and Others ~ A Celebration of Women Event* was a great success. Praise God for all the treasures He graciously gives. The night was absolutely wonderful in every way. We would like to say a special “thank you” to the Mothers and Others Committee, the Decorating Committee, to all who helped, and to those who attended.

The *Women's Council* meeting that was scheduled for *October 11<sup>th</sup>* has been changed to *November 8<sup>th</sup>*. This is our planning meeting. The meeting is scheduled for 9:00 – 11:00. Marcia Winters, Jill Hager and Jeannette Hauck will be our hostesses.

We have 13 women that will be attending the *First Presbyterian Women's Retreat* on October 24 – 25. Our reservations have been confirmed and we will be staying in The Lodge. We do, however, have one cancellation, so if any one is interested in going please contact Kim Brady.

The Women's Ministries will be responsible for the Sunday night meal on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will take up our White Cross Offering on this night. Our offering will go to our mission work in Pakistan and Mexico. Our theme for the night will be Mexico. If any one is interested in helping with the meal, please contact Kim Brady or Judy Watson.

Each circle must pick their study for 2009 at this month's meeting. Be praying about which study you feel God is leading you too. How exciting to see all of the choices and opportunities that God gives to us to study His Word.

May God Bless You and Keep You,  
Women's Council

# Stacey Mrazek

Stacey Mrazek. 25 years old and joined New Sterling a few weeks ago.

Joining New Sterling is her first experience with a church and church family. Stacey grew up in Pittsburgh, PA and moved to North Carolina last August for a teaching position in second grade. She has met some really wonderful people and is now calling North Carolina her home. Her parents live in Pittsburgh, PA and her older sister lives in Saratoga Springs, NY. They are very close.



Stacey attended Community College where she earned her Associates Degree and attended Slippery Rock University where she earned her Elementary Education degree with a minor in Special Education. She had an amazing experience student teaching in Mexico City.

Stacey is a third grade teacher at Thorton Elementary School. She is very involved with the kids and the school participating in several groups within the school. More than anything Stacey loves spending time with children and helping them.

Sadie is Stacey's five year old golden retriever, who is like her child. She is staying with her parents in Pennsylvania until she can bring her down.

Jill Hager and her family have made Stacey feel like a part of their family and actually invited her to New Sterling. Stacey says she might be quiet at first, but when you get to know her she is a real talker! She would like to thank everyone for being so welcoming to her. She feels so blessed to be a part of New Sterling.

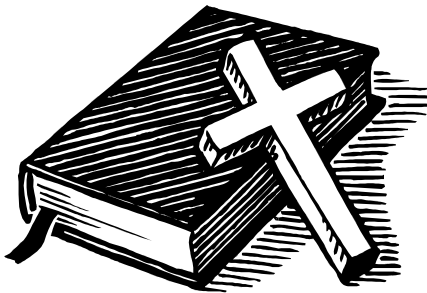
# Andy Mayhew



Andy started attending New Sterling regularly with his parents, Jim and Jane Mayhew at the beginning of 2008. He joined New Sterling in August and started teaching the Senior High Sunday school class with Judy Watson in September.

He became a member of the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) in 1997 and became a club professional in 1999. He is currently employed at River Run Country club in Davidson.

He enjoys spending time with his parents along with bowling and golf in his free time.



The Seekers Bible Study will meet on Friday, October 24th at 7:30 pm at the church in the Friendship Class. All are invited to attend.

To those that were coming but have not attended recently, we have really missed you and would love to see you come back. To those who have been thinking about coming to see what the Seekers Bible Study is all about, there is no better time than our October meeting to find out.

We look forward to seeing you there.

# White Water Rafting

On August 16 the Jr. and Sr. Highs traveled down the Nantahala River in a white water rafting adventure.



Ohhhh!! That water looks  
Cold!!!!

Hey!!! Where did your boat go????



Don't lose your paddle!!!!



*Everyone is invited to our annual*

# *FANTASY FALL FESTIVAL*

*Hot dogs with the trimmings, dessert and a drink are provided  
for your dining pleasure beginning at 6:00 pm*

*Decorate your trunk and participate in our TRUNK  
TREATS*

*Decorate yourself. Dress for the occasion.*

*Rumor has it that there will be smores, hot chocolate and maybe  
even some apple cider out by the campfire.*

*Don't miss a single minute. Be here early. Have supper on*





## HERE and THERE at NEW STERLING!!!



**Muriel Jenkins** was recently diagnosed with 2 gastric ulcers After having an endoscopy.....**Mara Hairyes** is participating in cheerleading competitions led by Tilley's Too.....**Tena Campbell** is having trouble with her hip.....**Doris McNeely** is staying at Gary's house in Boone recuperating from gallbladder surgery.....**Jimmy, Amanda, and John Roby** spent a week vacationing at Disney World.....**Elizabeth Smith** stopping

on the roadside to help a couple.....Rumor has it that **Davey Winters** may be moving to Harmony.....**Jimmy and Amanda Gray** are proud grandparents—8 times over.....**FROM THE ARCHIVES**.....Do you remember when **Sherry Clarke** drove **Marcia Winters** to lunch and left her at the restaurant after eating?.....**Pastor Tim** is having knee replacement and ligament repair surgery on October 20.....**CORRECTION:** **Ayden James Brown**, son of **Amber Snyder** was born on August 19, 2008 not August 21 as previously printed..... **Kurtis Hauck, Taryn Setzer and Kitzi Emery** gave testimony and report on the Harlan Mission Trip at one of our Sunday Family Nights.....**Marcia Winters** spent time "being with herself" the week before **Jessica and Nolan's** wedding.....**CONGRATULATIONS TO Jessica and Nolan Winters** who were married on September 20, 2008. We hear they are REALLY married.....**Muriel Jenkins** recently passed out and fell after worship service. She spent a couple of nights in the hospital getting checked out. Luckily she fell in the bushes onto soft mulch. She had her Bible squeezed so tight I think we heard Moses screaming!!!!... **Scott and Jessica Graham and Brian and Taryn Setzer** are not very good campers..... **Todd McCulloch** has really been practicing his golf. He has been out of town several weekends playing. You guys at New Sterling better watch out!!..18 attended the Spiritual Life Conference in Gastonia on September 7.....Did you know that **Lynn, Muriel and Peppy Jenkins** deliver meals to shut ins every other Monday?.....**Scott, Jessica, Addie and Paisley Graham, Taryn Setzer, Daniel Pugh, Kurtis Hauck, Devan Madden, Lauren Gryder and Kortney Hauck** attended the Senior High Retreat in Bonclarken....If your mom is out of town, you kids may want to stay with **Andy Hartness**. **Dylan** said recently that when **LeAnne** was away that Andy took him to Chic Fillet, went to have ice cream, and lots of other fun places.....85 youth and adults attended Green Wings Day at Grayhouse Frams or September 13th.....**Reid and Peggy Gray** vacationed in Nova Scotia, Canada in late August.....



**Committee Chairs—Please have your calendar of events for 2009 turned in to the church office by November 1. It is our desire to have the 2009 Calendar available at our Annual Meeting in December**

# New Sterling Bulletin Board

## RADA KNIFE SALE

The Women's Council will continue their Rada Knife sale. Orders will be sent in once a month.

All orders are due with money by the last Sunday of each month. Shipping and Sales tax are included in the price of the items. Make checks payable to New Sterling Women's Ministries. Turn in orders and money to Delinda Mauney.





**Need a Dog House?**  
**Need a Used Lawn Mower?**

See Lynn Jenkins. He has dog houses he has made displayed by the road side at his house. He also refurbishes old riding lawnmowers for sale.

**704-872-6696**



*Redecorating?*

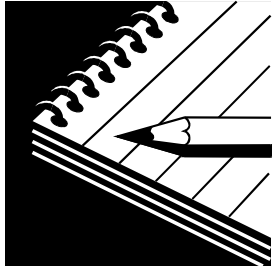
Or just want to spruce up or just change some home décor, call Michelle Hairyes, sales representative for Signature Home Styles. Visit her Website at [mhairyes@love2organize.com](mailto:mhairyes@love2organize.com) or call her at 704-871-0994

**AVON CALLING**

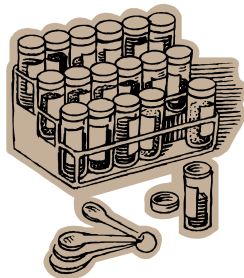
Michelle is also your local Avon representative

***Tutoring***

**3rd-8th Grades**  
**Reading, Writing, Math and Science**  
**Licensed Teacher**  
**Over 2 years tutoring experience**  
**4 years teaching experience**  
**Felicia Woodall**  
**Sports**  
**704-585-9289**  
**\$25/hour**



## REMINDER:



The Women's Ministry has flavoring for sale for all of your baking needs. We have several different flavors. Stock up now for your upcoming holiday bakings!! See Olean Deal.

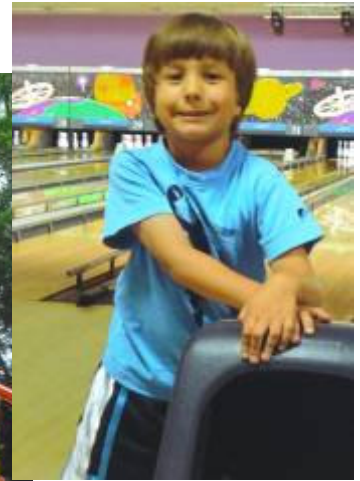


C3 at Bonclarken, Blakeley, Maggie, Madison, Kourtney, Madeline

Blakeley Hager at Dan Nichols



Dylan Hartness Bowling



Madison Winters, Sarah Donohoe, Madeline McNeely and Maggie Emery at Dan Nichols Park

# SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Maggie, Madeline, Bailey, Sarah, Laurel and Rachel Bowling



Lunch at Dan Nichols Park

Laurel, Rachel and Mara at Dan Nichols Park



**THE JUDGE** said to the defendant, “I thought I told you I never wanted to see you here again.”

“Your Honor,” the defendant said, “that’s what I tried to tell the police, but they wouldn’t listen.”

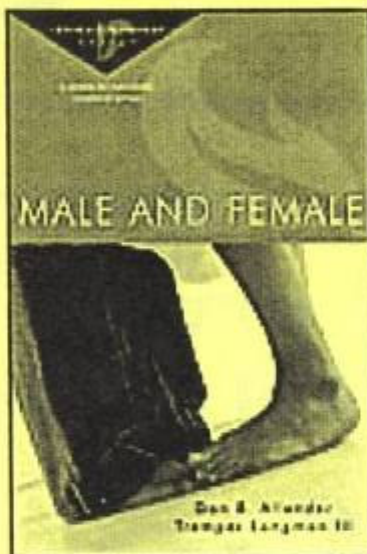


**COMEDY  
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# MAKE YOUR MARRIAGE AN INTIMATE MARRIAGE!

*Male and Female – Yes, there is a difference.  
It is these differences, however, that God will use to  
create a beautiful and everlasting bond.*

A Bible study by Dan B. Allender & Tremper Longman III  
Facilitated by Pastor Tim



**November 21 & 22, 2006**  
**Best Western, Banner Elk, NC**  
**Friday 7:30-10:00, Saturday 9am – 3 pm**

**\$105 per couple – study materials/food/lodging**  
(Breakfast Saturday morning excluded and if you do not have a text book  
from a previous session cost is \$113)

**Please register by October 26th**

Rooms are available for Saturday night stay

## CONTACTS

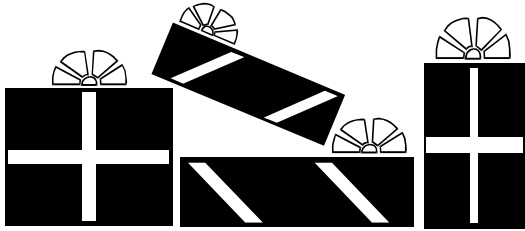
Lori Compton/Cindy McNeely for registration/maps &  
Pastor Tim for study details

# Mark your calendar

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox

volunteer to pack

Boxes in Charlotte, December 13, 6-9 pm.



The Youth Counsel has decided to have a shoe box packing day on December 6, 2008 from 10am-12pm. If you would like to donate items to pack in a shoe box please place them in the Young Adult class. On December 6, the youth will pack the items in the shoe boxes. Do not bring boxes, we will be receiving boxes from Samaritans Purse. BUT if you still would like to pack your own from home, please have them at the church on December 7.

Things you can donate are: **School supplies** (pencils, crayons, color pencils, coloring books, pads, stamps and ink pads) Now is a good time to buy school supplies with the back to school sales. **Toys** (Choose toys for the age you want, remember to supply extra batteries for electronic toys), **Hygiene items** (NO LIQUIDS OF ANY KIND, put bar soaps in plastic bags, tooth brush and paste, hair brush and combs, wash cloths) **Candy** (Gum, hard candy, lollipops, NO CHOCOLATE OR LIQUIDS, remember to double bag candy), **Others** (Socks, t-shirts, hairclips, play jewelry, sunglasses, stuffed animals, watches, flashlights, with extra batteries)

**NO NOT SEND** damaged items, war related items, play money, liquids chocolate or food, medications, breakable items like snow globes or glass containers, aerosol cans, etc.

If you would like to give a **personal note or picture** to the child, just place it in an envelope, seal it and put it in the bag with the items you donate.

With each box we make there is a **\$7 shipping fee**. If you would like to donate money for the shipping fees, please put your \$7 in an envelope and write "Donation" and the amount on the top of the envelope. You may give this to **Taryn Setzer, Jessica Graham or any of the Youth Counsel members**. If you do not wish to donate items but wish to donate money to the shipping fees that is OK. We would like all the shipping fees to be covered for all the boxes we make. Pamphlets for Operation Christmas Child will be placed in the church vestibule soon.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT. ALL DONATIONS OF ANY KIND LISTED ABOVE ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!!**





1	Lonnie Elliott		
1	Kenneth Gray		
2	Andy Mayhew		
3	Judy Watson	14	Jason Brady
3	Elizabeth Smith	14	Paisley Graham
3	Andy Mayhew	14	Alexandria Buchanan
4	Ed Donohoe	15	Samuel Donnelly
6	Bryan Pope	16	Gray Emery
7	Michael Pope	19	Maude McNeely
9	Andy Gray	19	Brandy Lackey
9	Kathy Pope	21	Bob Shoemaker
9	Davey Winters	23	Earl Linderman
10	Linda Pope	23	Sheila Warren
11	Harvey Reese, Jr	23	Tra Watson
11	Amber Snyder	26	Jared Hauck
12	Bobby Buchanan	28	Delinda Mauney
12	Jessica Brady	29	Dorothy Dancy
13	Maggie Emery	31	Melissa Donnelly
13	Lynne Pope		

