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## Submit to One Another



September  
2009

In Ephesian 5:21, Paul says to **submit to one another out of reverence for Christ**. Who is included in one another? Everyone! Why submit? It is to show our reverence for Jesus Christ. We honor Christ as we submit appropriately to the authority and order given by God himself. Following this command to submit to one another, Paul gives a structure, a structure informing us how and to whom we are to submit. Please refer to your Bible and read Ephesians 5:22-33.

Please know this, as we look at these examples this structure forms the very core of our society. Every relationship you encounter throughout your day is represented here. And when these rules are followed we will go a long way toward accomplishing the teaching points given here by Paul. Remember what Paul is doing here in the book of Ephesians. He is teaching us the parameters of a new society; a new way of living; a way of living in the Christian life. Our world is sinful and we are not to live to the ways of this world. We are to re-establish the principles by which we live and these principle are given here in Scripture.



Lets look at this social structure and its teaching and please remember we are under the heading of **submit to one another**. First, vs 22 tells us that wives are to submit to their husbands. Second, vs 25 states that husbands are to love their wives. Gentlemen, this is a greater level of submission than what the wives are asked to do. Please don't miss this. Then thirdly in Ephesians 6:1, we are told that children are to obey their parents. Next in Ephesians 6:4, fathers do not exasperate your children. Yes, parents this is a form of submission.

Following this we see that slaves are to obey their masters and masters are to treat their slaves in the same manner. Please note this about the slave/master relationship – for us today it would be comparable to say employer/employee relationship or teacher/student. The slave master relationship is directed toward any civil, societal position where one has authority over another.

Each one of these previous relationships involves submission. Submission – some are challenged by this word; some refuse it all together. But know this – submission is a characteristic of God himself. Submission is a characteristic of the Trinity. Jesus submitted to the will of the Father; in Matt 26:39 Jesus said, **'not as I will, but as you will,'** he is speaking to the Father. The Holy Spirit submitted to the will of Jesus Christ and to the Father; in John 14:26 Jesus said, **'the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name will teach you all things;'** the Holy Spirit does not act without the direction of the Father and of the Son – that is submission.

Does this submission diminish the character of the Son or the character of the Holy Spirit? No, they are each God. Yet, in their capacity within the Godhead they submit to the order and function of the Trinity. And when Jesus submits to the will of the Father and the Holy Spirit submits to the will of the Father and of Son -- honor and respect are given to the whole; honor is given to the order God has established.

So when we submit to one another, we acknowledge the honor and respect we have for God and the order and authority he has established. When we say, 'I don't want to submit to my wife's needs,' or 'I am not going to submit to my boss, she is unfair,' then you are not offending your wife or your boss. You are offending God himself and the order he has established. Submitting to the authority God has placed over us is a way we worship and honor our Lord Jesus Christ who is the head of this church.

Submission, it is an ugly word to some but here is the bottom line and the ultimate truth: submission is actually the path toward freedom. We find freedom as we follow the commands of God and submit to his rule and order. Anytime we follow God's direction we are better for it. . Following God's commands leads us toward the freedom he promises.

Here God says, **submit to one another**. And what is our response to this command? It should be simply, 'Yes, Lord. 'Yes Lord, I honor and respect you, so I will submit to your teaching.'

In His Service,  
Pastor Tim

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### *A SONG OF CONFESSION*



*My eyes are dry  
My faith is old  
My heart is hard  
My prayers are cold.  
And I know how I ought to be  
Alive to you and dead to me.  
Oh, what can be done for an old heart like mine.  
Soften it up with oil and wine.  
The oil is You, Your Spirit of Love.  
Please wash me anew in  
The wine of Your Blood.*



*CONGRATULATIONS TO SALLY BRADY  
CLANTON AND DICK HIGBY WHO WERE  
UNITED IN MARRIAGE ON AGUSUT 22, 2009.*

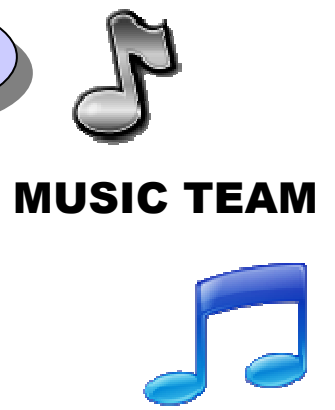
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**Leader  
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**Thank you to all those who took a part and made VBS possible!!! Pictures not available but still oh so important..... Kitchen crew, recreation team, all teachers and helpers, sound crew, photographers.**

**VBS Coordinator  
Aarene Reese**



# Adventures



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# Face Painting



# Sterling Silvers News



The Sterling Silvers' Program will change form its familiar format for the month of September. The September meeting will be held at New Sterling on Thursday, September 24th in conjunction with the Senior Fall Fling activity.; We are the host for this event this fall. Hours will begin at 9:00 am with registration and activities will conclude around 2:30 pm.

Sterling Silvers members will act as facilitators for the event. We will be responsible for assisting guests as to the locations of the restrooms and the location of various events. We may be asked to help with registration. Hosting this event gives us a chance to present our church and its facilities. The kitchen committee will prepare the meal. We hosted this event a few years back which gives us the experience to make this event a great success.

I ask all members to make a special effort to attend this Fall Fling. I plan on having special name tags that will identify the Sterling Silvers members. I shall be contacting members as to their attendance so I can give a count of meals needed for us. The cost I am assuming will be in the range of \$7.50 with the church contributing one half.

The Sterling Silvers extend a warm welcome to any member of New Sterling who may wish to attend. It is a fun meeting so come and enjoy the fellowship. If you plan to come, please give SARGE a holler so he can turn in a meal count for you. Please call SMSgt Frank Emery at 704-871-1232 before September 2, 2009.

I am looking forward to a new season of meetings of the Sterling Silvers and the Fall Fling is a big bang for its opening meeting.

**Sarge Emery**  
**Director**

# Do you

Listen to the words of the hymns, psalms, choir special music and contemporary songs we sing each Sunday?



Music is a very important part of worship but only if you really listen to the music and hear the words. The songs we sing in Praise & Worship and in the morning worship service each tell a special story. I challenge you each Sunday to really listen to the words of the songs you sing.

Below are the words to a song we sang recently in Praise and Worship. Read the words and hear the story. You miss a special part of Sunday morning when you miss Praise and Worship. Those of us who attend each Sunday at 9:15 invite you all to just come see and listen.



## **BEFORE THERE WAS TIME**

Before there was time, There were visions in Your mind.

There was death in the fall of mankind, but there was life in salvation's design.

Before there were days, there were nights I could not see Your face,

But the night could not keep me from grace, when you came and took my place.



Before there was time, You counted the hairs on my head

You knew all the words I've said, And you purchased me back from the dead.

Before I was made, You searched me and knew my ways

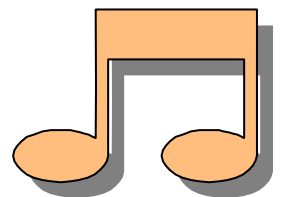
You numbered all my days, And You set forth the steps I would take.

So I cry holy only begotten Son of God Ancient of days;

I cry hold only begotten Son of God and sing the praises

Of the one who saved me and the promises He made.

You saved me; You raised me; You pulled me from the grave.



# YOUTH FALL SCHELEULE

**Sept. 20 Sunday Nights start back at 6pm**

**C3 at 5pm**

**Sept. 25-27 Senior High Retreat**

**Oct. 3 Virginia Creeper Trail (info to come)**

**Oct. 23 Bake day at the church (Bring yummy cake and cookie recipes with ingredients) 4pm-8pm (Jr. and Sr. High)**

**Oct. 24 Selling our baked goods at Food Lion 10am-12pm (Jr. and Sr. High)**

**Oct. 31 Fall Festival/ Trunk Treats**

**Nov.13-15 Junior High Retreat**

**Nov. 21 Packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child 10am-11am (All Youth)**

**Nov. 27 Delivering Shoe Boxes to Samaritans Purse**

**Ages 13- adult, BUT Ages 13-18 MUST HAVE A PARENT PRESENT!!**



*Here and There  
At  
New Sterling*



**Andrea Clark** has joined the United States Navy. She is currently going to Medical School for a period of 4 years then she will serve in the military for at least 4 years. We wish her the best. September 12 is her White Coat Ceremony.....**Florence Brookshire** has spent several weeks in the hospital.....**Tyler Pope** recently suffered a very bad burn and may have to have some surgical procedures.....**Tra Watson** is now working at NB Mills school.....The **Jenkins Family** held their family reunion in the fellowship hall last month.....**Marcia Winters** recently underwent a medical procedure.....**Estelline Jenkins** spent a few days in the hospital as well as **Faye Walker**.....**Erin Waugh, Jessica, Addie and Paisley Graham and Taryn Setzer** took a girls trip to the beach..... The **Jr. and Sr. High** had a camp out recently having about 15 youth attend. The also had a “camp-in” movie. Ask the kids how they feel about the Apple Dumpling Gang.....**Lynn and Muriel**

**And Peppy Jenkins** took a trip to Wendell, NC to visit Muriel’s sister Joyce Todd..... **Richard, Michelle, Cody and Mara Hairyes** vacationed at Myrtle Beach..... **The youth** had a water day recently with a 18ft blow up water slide.....



THE MISSION COMMITTEE is sponsoring a yard sale and bake sale on Saturday, September 12 from 7:00 am until..... In the Pneu-Mech parking lot. If you have anything you wish to donate anything for the yard sale or if you wish to bake something to donate, we would be happy to have it to sell (or eat

ourse(s).

The monies collected will help with the expenses for the Belize mission trip in February.

Please contact a member of the missions committee or bring your items by the church fellowship hall by Friday, September 11.

**REMEMBER:**

“One man’s trash is another man’s treasure”

Come on out and visit, spend some money, eat, fellowship, support our missions teams and see what kind of treasures you can find.



# Youth Putt-Putt



**HOLE IN ONE!!!!**



# & Ice Cream at Sonic



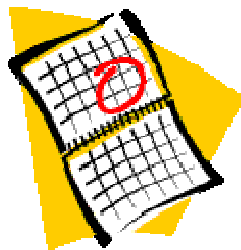
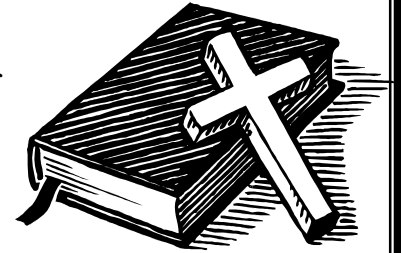
**YUMMY!**

# New Sterling Bulletin Board



**The Session has approved removing the manse phone. To reach Pastor Tim call 704-929-0104**

Our next sermon series will come from the Gospel of Mark. Please begin now reading and praying through this account of our Lord Jesus' ministry.

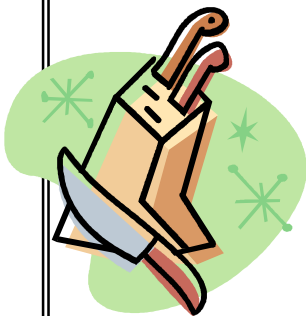


## ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Please begin reviewing your budgets and the yearly calendars. We will soon begin preparation for 2010.



The Women's Ministry is still selling Flavoring for \$2.25. All flavors are available. See Olean Deal.



We are also selling Rada knives. The new catalog is in. See Delinda Mauney if you would like to see one. Checks are to be made payable to New Sterling Women's Ministry. The cost listed in the catalog is the amount to make out your check. There is no tax and no shipping.

Will send in monthly orders. Turn your orders in by the last Sunday of each month.

# Comedy Corner

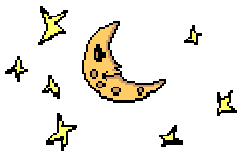


## STRONGER EVERY DAY

Steve ran into an older neighbor who was getting out of his car with a bag of groceries.

“How are you doing these days, Harv?” Steve asked.

“I’m a lot stronger than I was when I was when I was a lot younger.” Harv replied. “It used to take me several trips back and forth from the car to carry in \$100 worth of groceries. Now I can carry ‘em all in one trip.”



## NOW FOR THE BAD NEWS

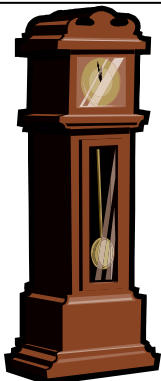
Jim and Mike were on a camping trip. Once they’d settled in for the night in their sleeping bags, Jim said to Mike, “Look up and tell me what you see.”

“I see hundreds of stars,” Mike said.

“And what does that tell you?”

“It tells me that there are many galaxies,” Mike replied. “It also tells me that tomorrow should be a nice day. What does it tell you?”

“That somebody stole our tent.”



## TIME WILL TELL

A woman had just purchased a beautiful antique grandfather clock in a downtown shop. Her husband had to carry it several blocks to their truck. As he labored along under the heavy burden, a curious man stopped him and asked, “Wouldn’t a wrist-watch be more convenient?”

# Coming Events

September 5		No Knit Wit meeting
September 6	10:00 am	Promotion Sunday for Sunday School
September 7		Labor Day Holiday
September 8	7:00 pm	Treasure Keepers; Kim Brady, hostess; Cindy McNeely, Facilitator; Delinda Mauney, Taryn Setzer & Kim Brady, Meal
	7:00 pm	Deacons Meeting
September 9	6:30 pm	Belize Mission Team Meeting
September 12	7:00 am—	Yard Sale/Bake Sale Fund Raiser for Belize Mission Trip Pneu-Mech parking lot
September 13		Grandparents Day
	2:00 pm	Leave for Spiritual Life Conference
September 15	7:00 pm	Mary Martha Sunset; Jane Mayhew, hostess; Julie Winters, Facilitator
September 16	9:30 am	Mary Martha Sunrise—Cora Poovey, hostess; Anna Donohoe, facilitator
September 18	7:00 pm	Seekers Bible Study in the parlor
September 20	5:00 pm	C3 Practice
	6:00 pm	Sunday Family Night Begins - Belize Mission team presentation Newsletter Items Due
September 21	6:30 pm	Knit Wits meet at the church for tour of the new Dove House
September 24	9:00 am	Senior Adult Fall Fling—New Sterling Host
September 25-27		Senior High Retreat
September 27		Rada Knife Orders Due
September 28	7:00 pm	Experiencing God Bible Study



# WORDS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

Dear Prayer Partners,

WHAT A SUMMER! It has been a busy summer filled with outreach ministry to children and opportunities to establish and strengthen relationships with numerous churches. During the month of July I had a lady from Switzerland named Samantha, to come help me for three weeks. Together we did open air clubs in several parks in the Motherwell area where I live as well as Holiday Clubs in two churches in Glasgow. The churches have small aging congregations but real hearts to attract young families with children to their church. Prior to the club week, I trained these senior citizens and together we organized very successful clubs. The children enjoyed coming and they have asked for another club during the October week holiday. Two of the girls who were unchurched have started coming to Sunday School.

In August I was blessed with another helper....this time from Ireland. Rona helped me for a week and together we worked with a local church to reach out to children in two communities in Hamilton near where I live. We had a tremendous response from the children in both neighborhoods and again the children were crying out for us to come back. We even had parents welcome us back anytime because we were doing such a good work. Now I'm planning an after school program for five consecutive Mondays starting in September.

Right now I'm in Inverness up in the highlands where I taught an all day teacher training for 17 Sunday school teachers this past Saturday. It was my second time up here to do trainings. I've made good contacts and have started a prayer band to begin praying about a local work being established. Next summer I'm planning to bring a team from Ireland over to do outreach ministry. I'll be leaving here tomorrow and heading further north to the top of Scotland as far as you can go by land. I'm planning to take a much needed holiday to try to recover from the busy summer. The northern part of Scotland is desolate and I'm looking forward to the solitude of a B&B tucked on a heather covered mountain overlooking the rugged coast line of the North Sea.

I have a busy schedule once I return to Glasgow with two teacher trainings in England, one in Birmingham and one in Manchester. Then I will be promoting missions in colleges and universities in Scotland during Oct. and Nov. along with a team of other missions organizations. In addition, I'm hoping to start two Good News Clubs and do a Holiday Club in October. There is so much work to be done here and I desperately need workers to help me. Please pray that the Lord will raise up young workers to whom the baton can be passed to carry on the ministry.


My heart seems to be responding well to the medication, but it causes me to tire easily since it slows my heart rate so. I've been experiencing shortness of breath and the doctor has taken an x-ray to make sure nothing is wrong with my lungs; however he thinks the heart medication has caused me to have asthma. He's working to get me sorted out by either changing my medication and/or putting me on an inhaler--- either way there may still be side affects. I'm very thankful that the Lord continues to give me strength to do ministry and that He's helping me to adjust to these minor inconveniences.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

In His service,

Judy

# Let's Keep in Touch!!



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**Where has time gone?** It is hard to believe that Fall is approaching! With the new season we tend to look forward, but don't miss the opportunity to look back from where you just came.

I am going to share a devotion by Wendy Pope of Proverbs 31 Ministries:

**A Place of Thus Far**

*"Then King David went in and sat before the LORD and said, 'Who am I, O Lord GOD, and what is my house that you have brought me thus far?'"*  
2 Samuel 7:18



Have you been in a place of "thus far?" A place where you find yourself in the constant misting of God's blessing and favor on your life. Not blessings and favor by the world's standards of materialism and wealth, but by the Lord's standard of provision, protection, providence, and peace that come from walking with the Lord on a daily basis.

You arrive at the place by faith, following the Lord's leading and trusting His ways, not your own. One day, as you meet with the Lord, like David, you sit and take summary of all the Lord has done for you. With compulsory praise and complete humility you say to the Lord, "*Who am I that you have brought me thus far?*"

Oh the places David had seen in his lifetime! From the grassy meadows, to the splendor of palace life, a drafty cave, back to the throne itself. Yes, King David had arrived at a place of "thus far" in his life. He had experienced every emotion that exists, from confidence to fear, love to hate, and sadness to joy. After all that King David had been through I can certainly understand why he needed to go sit before the LORD and ask, "*Who am I?*"

He was overwhelmed at the goodness of God and the faithfulness he had experienced. He had been through some of the toughest situations a person could go through, yet because He remained faithful God was allowing David to receive his just reward. I have to think the reward of kingship and royalty paled in comparison to knowing the goodness and faithfulness of God.

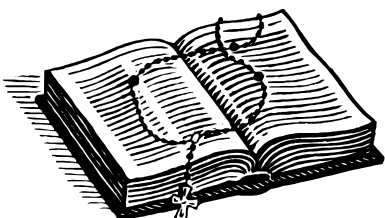
Have you been there? Life has twists, turns and changes at every bend, yet some how for a season you have arrived at a place to receive abundant blessings from the Lord. You realize your place of thus pales in comparison to knowing and experiencing the goodness and faithfulness of God.

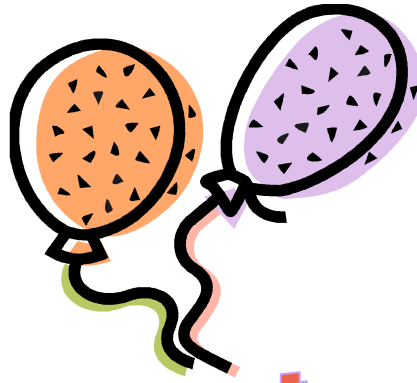
As we began gathering information to compose our Proposed 2010 Budget, God made it evident that the Women's Ministries is indeed at "a place thus far." God has been lavishly pouring out His blessings and favor on this ministry. He has graciously allowed us the opportunities through the beach retreat, Sterling Silvers luncheon, Jubilee birthday celebration, giving of Bibles, Mothers and Others Banquet, Knit Wits, mentoring, circles – to learn, to serve, to form new relationships, to reach out and love others. Most of all God has allowed us to see His goodness and His faithfulness. Through these experiences He has brought us to a place thus far to know Him deeper and love Him fuller. We too should ask, *Lord who am I?*

Please be in prayer for the new officers and circle chairpersons that will step forward, for the 2010 circles Bible studies that will be chosen, and for us to seek God's plans for this ministry. I pray that we always have humble hearts filled with gratitude and praise for all that God has done and will continue to do for us! As we start preparing for 2010 may we seek Him and His wisdom for this ministry and for the lives of the women.

And ladies remember where you came from and the great things He has done!

***Psalm 52:9: I will praise you forever for what you have done; in your name I will hope, for your name is good. I will praise you in the presence of your saints.***





- 1 Karen Goodman
- 1 Meldirene Pope
- 3 Stephanie Watts
- 4 Lucille Billings
- 8 Gaye Pope
- 10 Mike Warren
- 12 Scott Graham
- 12 Patti Gryder
- 12 John McClure
- 13 Dylan Pope
- 14 Reid Gray
- 14 Judy Stewart
- 15 Kattie Compton
- 16 Jeff West
- 21 Mabel Brady
- 24 Kelly Pugh
- 27 Frank Emery, III
- 27 Kortney Hauck
- 27 Melissa Henderson
- 27 Shasta Snyder
- 30 Kitzi Emery

# September Birthdays



## CANS FOR KIDS

Bring you aluminum cans and pie pans, and place them in the container in the storage room beside the stage next to the refrigerator..





## NEW STERLING CONNECTIONS

### People, Experiences & Events

If I rise on the wings of the dawn,  
If I settle on the far side of the sea,  
Even there your hand will guide me,  
Your right hand will hold me fast.

Psalm 139: 9-10 NIV

### 95<sup>th</sup> Annual ARP Women's Ministries Meeting – July 20, 2009

Music filled the air at the WM Meeting. Sue Roberson, president, presided and Kathy Barron was installed as next year's president, come September. Tracie Miles, guest speaker, reminded women, "God speaks to each of us differently; it takes faith to hear Him clearly." Moderator of General Synod, Dr. John R. deWitt, pointed out in his address that "women are integral to the spiritual and structural life of the church." Meeting attendance was 113.

### Family Bible Conference – July 20-23, 2009

Theme for the FBC was "Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God." Dr. Mark Ross, evening speaker and Rev. Rick Phillips, morning speaker delivered dynamite sessions, filling the chapel each day. Dr. Earl Linderman led the Psalm sing for Morning Watch and Harriet Linderman presided over registration. The ice cream social on Monday evening was a hit with the different flavors and toppings. The WM Showcase held on Tuesday afternoon was well attended. A multitude of folks showed up for the Silver Tea, beautifully hosted by First Presbyterial, on Wednesday afternoon. Several of us volunteered to refill trays, wash punch cups, and eventually found time to chat with friends we had not seen since last year's FBC. Mark Ross's Wednesday session, "Shepherding after God's Own Heart" was typical of the thought provoking messages that scored with audiences. Excerpt: "The preaching through the church brings about a unity within the church, reflecting the full character of God, as they minister love to the congregation. . .He reproduces His character in us. Mercy and grace abounds." Gifted speaker, Rev. Rick Phillips, minister of Second Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Greenville, SC, presented excellent messages on the book of Jonah. Phillips will be the keynoter for the Spiritual Life Conference at Back Creek on September 13. Bonclarken is more beautiful each year and the Lodge is quite lovely and comfortable. The children's activities have improved during the past few years, making the FBC a great place for families.

### 102<sup>nd</sup> First Presbyterial Annual Meeting, Burlington First ARP – August 15, 2009

Leaving early Saturday morning, Betty Sides and I connected with Jane Johnson, Covenant Church and Nancy Kimmons, Christ Community Church, as we made our way to the Burlington Church. Linda Hardin, president, along with the Burlington women had rolled out the red carpet of hospitality. Tom Patterson shared info in regards that Scotland has become one of our mission fields and that plans are underway to establish 6 ARP churches in that country. Lynn Limon, missionary, showed a video on the recent trip she and her husband Ed and children made to help with a music camp in Valsequillo, Mexico. They have been involved with the camp for 19 years. Elizabeth Burns, WM Administrator, was guest speaker. Her inspirational message was "Commitment to Christ," wherein she focused on Noah and how he kept his eyes on God. She used the illustration, S. O. S. (1) Single minded devotion (2)Obedience (3)Surrender to God's will. Thanks to Delinda Mauney and Aarene Reese, we took pictures and completed a front and back scrapbook 12 x 12 sheet which was used to describe New Sterling WM and was displayed during the Showcase and will be placed in a bound book. First Presbyterial Women's Retreat will be held next year at Bonclarken on November 5-6, 2010. What an exciting day. It brought back many memories of past presbyterial meetings all over NC and friends that are treasures! God is good.

Submitted in the love of Christ,

Peggy Gray