

FPC news

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June 2013

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*to feed your soul
this summer
(other than,
you know,
the Big One.)
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FIRST CHURCH PEOPLE

Welcome new members



Kayse & Fred Burke
1219 Hill Street
Greensboro, NC 27408



Kristen Lynne Werner
4603 Crowne Lake Circle
Apt. 3-E
Jamestown, NC 27282



Fritz & Amy Kreimer
with Weller, Max, & Oliver
204 Willoughby Boulevard
Greensboro, NC 27408

The next date for **Exploring FPC**, for anyone interested in membership, is **August 17**. Class meets 9 a.m.-noon. Sign up and request child care: Stephenie Sanders, ssanders@fpcgreensboro.org or 478-4735.

Birth

Congratulations to **Barbara Bear & David Mount** upon the birth of their son **William "Manning" Mount**, on May 22, 2013. Manning has a brother, Noah and three sisters, Hannah, Isabella, Caroline.

Sympathy

Sympathy to FPC member **Wade Britt** upon the death of his mother, **Elizabeth J. Britt**, on May 26, 2013.

Sympathy to family and friends of member **Carl Ivan Carlson, Jr.** who died May 20, 2013.

Sympathy to family and friends of member **Denolda Reynolds Patten**, who died May 20, 2013.

Sympathy to family and friends of member **Esther Louise Record Kuykendall**, who died May 7, 2013.

Sympathy to member **Ann Kunkel** upon the death of her sister, **Martha Yates Taylor**, April 28, 2013.

2013 Confirmands (mentors)

Gracey Albright (Jane Trevey), Sam Albright (Randy Pearsall) Alexis Currie, (Colbert Trotter & Terry Lashley), Sandra Davis (Fleming Edwards), Ava Enochs (Tracy Purdie), Henry Enochs (Sam Simpson), Gibson Farabow (Scott Faircloth), Maggie Harrill (Alex Harrill), Worth Hartsell (Maurice McCord), Sophie Hatcher Peters (Mary Margaret Hart), Edward Helms (Clint Farabow), Maggie Hild (Marty Sumner), Mary Myers Hill (Mary Hale), Madeline Jones (Ashley Staton), Andrew Kirsteins (Jeff Shell), David London (Rusty & Beth Sherrill), Ally Majestic (Christie Shell), Mac Maultsby (Whit Edwards), Alexander Michael (Ralph Paris, Hunter Oehmig (John Albright), Bill Osteen (Tyler Hollis), Isabel Paris (Anne Chamblee), Parker Pearsall (John Albright), Taylor Purdie, (Paige Enochs), Kameryn Purdie (Wendy Enochs), Cannon Robinson (Helen Spigner), Gray Robinson (Diane Cavin), Charlie Sanderson (Brian Rightsell), Christian Schaede (Charlie Holderness), Benjamin Schwartz (Lee Atkinson), Bill Shields (KayKay Snipes), Rebecca Shell (Elizabeth Caccamo), Chandler Simpson (Kelly Rightsell), Luke Skeritch (Edwin Underwood), McKinley Slaughter (George Robison), Charles Snipes (Bob Lovejoy), Luke Steen (Stu Johnston), Lilly Washburn (Beth McAlhany)

Dear Friends,

God is moving in a powerful way in our Paisley House on Greene Street. Women and men who have struggled for years with unemployment and all sorts of hard times are finding jobs, financial stability, and hope through StepUp Ministry.

So far 429 people have completed the intense, weeklong job readiness class. More than 200 are now employed. This is a ministry we all should all celebrate, learn more about, and get involved in.

In the Job Readiness Class, participants learn how to build a resume, interview effectively, and dress for success. Our clothing closet provides the clothes they need to make a good impression. There is also vital training about a strong work ethic, a good attitude, reliability and overall professional conduct on the job.

Unlike other programs, StepUp provides intensive follow up through coaching, mentoring, job leads and weekly support groups. To help people grow much deeper in their new and successful lives, a year-long Life Skills class is offered that teaches personal development, financial literacy and goal setting, healthy relationships, vocational training, physical and mental health, and home ownership.

A StepUp staff member works full-time meeting with business leaders finding job opportunities for our participants. Employers quickly learn that StepUp graduates are outstanding workers and ask for more when a job needs to be filled.

Through Sheron Sumner's superb leadership as our founder and volunteer executive director for more than a year, we now have more than 12 funding congregation partners and have received grants from more than 12 organizations and foundations. StepUp operates as an independent non-profit with a Board of Directors but First Presbyterian will always be a major faith partner of this essential ministry. Members of the current board from our church are Len White (chairman), Mike Godwin, Bill Morrisette, Sheron Sumner and myself. Rick Hurley is our new executive director.

The ministry is rapidly growing with new programs such as a Money Boot Camp, literacy and GED, and training for children. Through Wheels for Hope, StepUp graduates can receive reliable cars to get them to work.

I encourage you to get involved with StepUp Ministry. There are many different ways that you can help. Just pick up the phone and call 676-5871. I am sure you will find your time very rewarding and meaningful.

I also would like to draw your attention to the great news about FPCJOBS on page 5. For more than four years, this ministry has been meeting Tuesday and Thursday mornings here at the church to help people in our community network, work on their resumes, and obtain other skills necessary to find work in this tough economy. Founders Bill Linton, Jeff Claypool and Dick Bruce have received a community award for their leadership. I am very proud of this outstanding ministry. This award is well-deserved. Congratulations to Bill, Jeff and Dick.



More than 429 people have completed Job Readiness training.

Neil

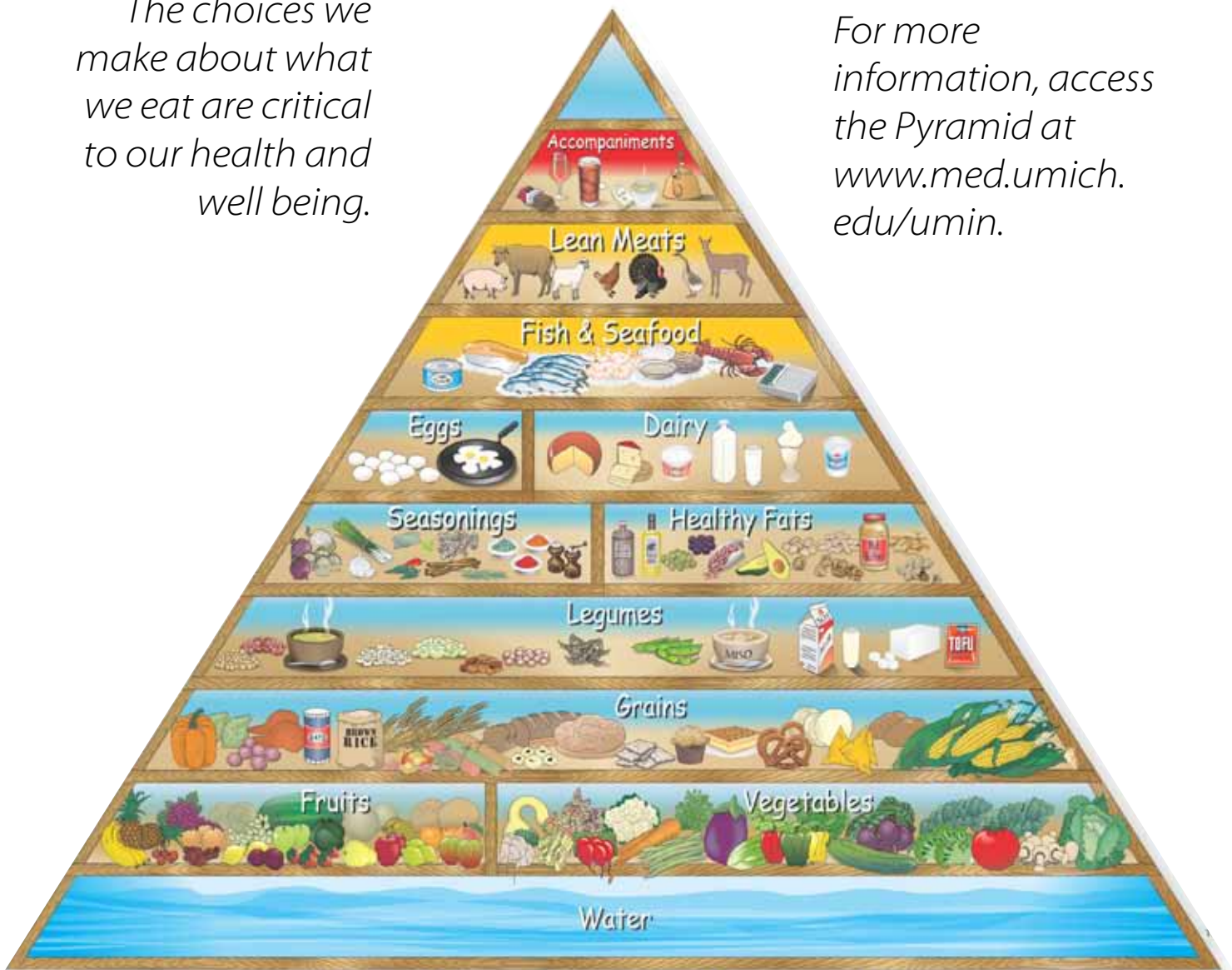


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fpcjobs award coming Tuesday



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Share your story
Contact Helen Spigner at
helenspigner94@gmail.com

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

By HELEN SPIGNER

Coordinator, God Whispers blogg

One morning, I was praying, studying and journaling. For some reason I felt compelled to return to my old Caringbridge site.

I began reading the entries from 2007. Through my re-reading of them, I discovered something; His purpose for my life was beginning to be revealed then, though I did not I see it. I was completely unaware of the wisdom I was receiving.

Journaling was something I never did prior to Caringbridge. I began the site only to keep others abreast as to the daily medical updates so not to have to repeat the information more than once, especially in front of my children.

What began as simple updates turned into God's treasure map. This journal is proof of the plan He has had for me all along; proof of the hidden treasures He has stored up for all of us to receive. His mysterious course seemed to unfold on paper without me even knowing it.

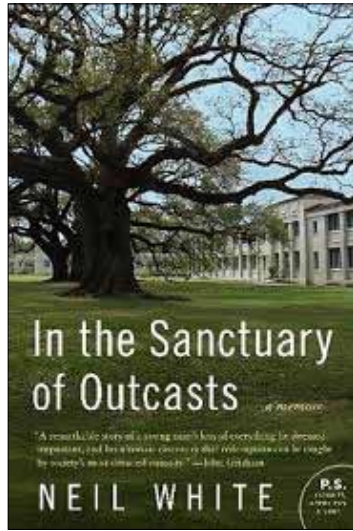
I have discovered some of His richest

treasures that only through following Him and getting to know Him could I ever have ever recognized as true hidden riches; my spiritual gifts. To be able to see God at work in and through these journal entries from 2007 to the present, is grace in writing. It is not coincidence but a pattern and a purpose being unveiled. And it is His work, nothing of which I can take credit; the gift of His Spirit made known to me.

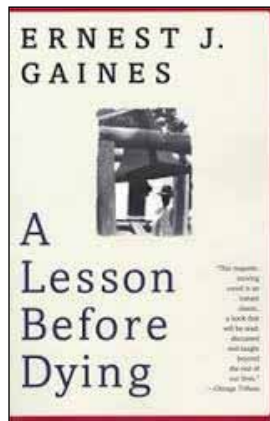
Who I am today, is not what I have done, but what God has done in me. Quiet time in prayer, reading His Word and reflections through journaling has brought God's purpose for my life into a more defining focus. I have come to believe in His promises shared throughout scripture. Turning back one page at a time I can see God at work, helping me to grow into the disciple He calls me to be.

Journaling allows us to begin reflecting on our lives and seeing God's work in it. Give it a try: Begin journaling in your prayer time and you will see God's work and your purpose revealed in it.

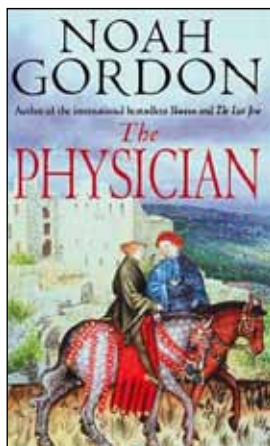
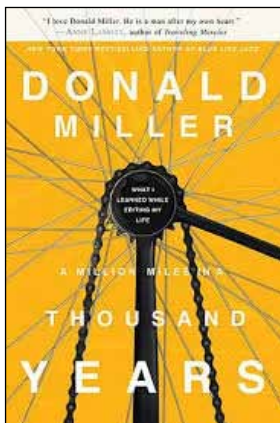
In the Sanctuary of Outcasts, Neil White. A magazine publisher convicted of a check-kiting scheme, White was sentenced to prison for 18 months. He ended up in a facility that also housed the last people in the continental United States disfigured by leprosy and the nuns who cared for them.



A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines, set in the late '40s in Cajun Louisiana, a master novel on human dignity and courage.

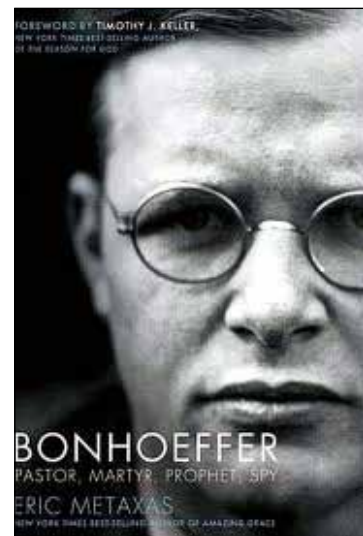


A Million Miles in a Thousand Years: How I Learned to Live a Better Story Donald Miller Through heart-wrenching honesty and hilarious self-inspection, Donald Miller takes readers through the life that emerges when it turns from boring reality into meaningful narrative.



The Physician by Noah Gordon. Set in the 11th century, this novel follows an Englishman who travels to Persia to learn how to heal human diseases

Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy: A Righteous Gentile vs. the Third Reich by Eric Metaxas. Sid Batts & Lindsey Evans will lead a study of this biography in the fall.



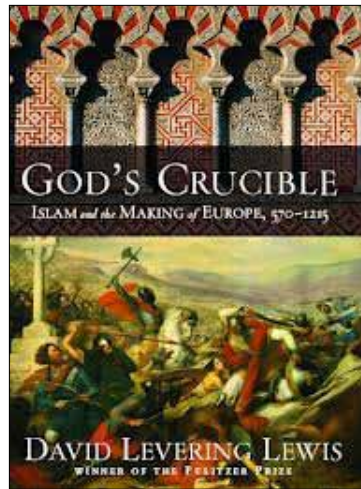
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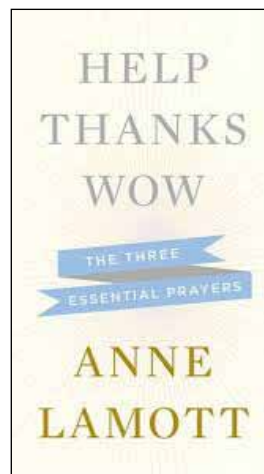
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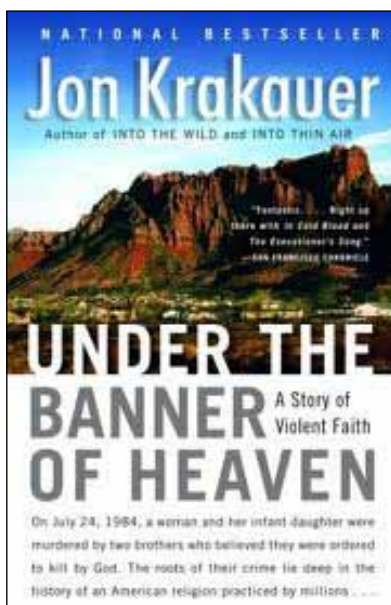
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from our pastors



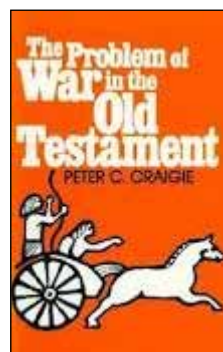
God's Crucible: Islam and the Making of Europe, 570-1215 by David Levering Lewis. The early days of Islam and its interactions with Christianity.



Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers by Anne Lamott. These three prayers – asking for assistance, appreciating what we have, and feeling awe at the world around us – can get us through the day and can show us the way forward.



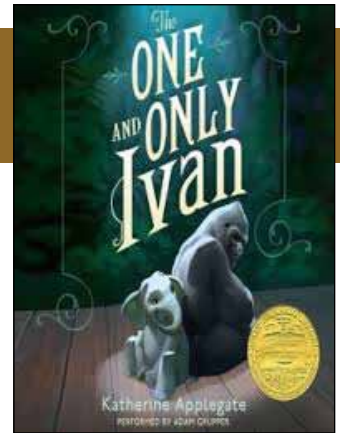
Under the Banner of Heaven: A Story of Violent Faith, Jon Krakauer. About fundamentalist and polygamist Mormons (not to be confused with mainstream Mormons) in the modern day western US states, a haunting and disturbing book on the misuses of the Bible and faith.



The Problem of War in the Old Testament by Peter C. Craigie. A very accessible book helping us think about this troubling issue in a fresh way.

Currie Library News

LOCATION: First floor of Shetler Building
HOURS: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-noon; Sunday, 9-10:20 a.m.
CONTACT: Nancy Fuller: 478-4731 or nfuller@fpcgreensboro.org



Need books for dads and grads?

Shopping for books and other merchandise at Barnes & Noble, Friendly Center, June 7-13 can help FPC's Currie Library purchase new materials for everyone to enjoy.

Just clip the voucher and present it at checkout. Additional vouchers are available; ask the cashier.

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GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

in memory of: Harry A. Kunkel, Jr.: *How I Learned Geography* and *This Is Not My Hat*, given by Sharon and Chuck Norman;

in honor of: Libby Strickland (Library Ministry Team Chair (2008-2012): *BOMB: The Race to Build-and Steal-the World's Most Dangerous Weapon* and *The One and Only Ivan*, given by Currie Library Ministry Team.

These gifts will be used to purchase books and other resources for Currie Library, which will be moving to the new welcome center on the first floor of Smith Building in the spring of 2014.

Check it out

How I Learned Geography by Uri Shulevitz, a Caldecott Honor Book, is based on the author's memories of escaping from Poland during WWII and his father's buying a map from which he learned and studied geography for years.

This Is Not My Hat is the 2013 Caldecott Winner about a fish who steals a hat and probably got away with it ... probably! The clever illustrations are by illustrator Jon Klassen and help tell the story.

Because Harry Kunkel's wife, Ann, was a long time and wonderful library volunteer with a special interest in children and children's books, the two Caldecott Award books were chosen to remember Harry. The coveted Caldecott Award is given for the "best" illustrations for a children's book each year.

BOMB and *The One and Only Ivan* are 2013 Newbery Award Books which are given for good children's literature. Although they are written for older children and youth many adults enjoy them also. *BOMB* is non-fiction about the race to build and steal the world's most dangerous weapon. *The One and Only Ivan* is fiction about the friendship between an easygoing gorilla and a baby elephant. The Library Ministry Team chose these books to honor and express appreciation to Libby Strickland for her fine leadership as chair of the Library Ministry Team

Passalong Books: Currie Library is discarding books there are unused or dated to prepare for the move next year to first floor Smith. The "passalong" books are available in Currie Library or on carts on Sunday outside the Rejoice Service or the hallway outside the library. You may find some treasures and benefit Currie Library at the same time! Books are \$1 each or a donation. Any books left will be given to community organizations after June 7 but there will be new "pass-alongs" later.

Sudie Anderson's oil paintings: You're invited to see five of Sudie Anderson's lovely paintings on display now in Currie Library. Thank you, Sudie!

Preschool Story Times

9:30 & 10:15 a.m., June 5, 12, 19, 26

All preschool children are welcome. Story tellers are Linda Watkins, Nancy Fuller & Susanna Trotter.



Renovation update coming Tuesday



Abatement has begun in the lower level of Memorial, which is the piping path for the new cooling tower.

Moving: Closets and rooms in the Smith Building are being cleared. Staff is sorting through all contents to determine what will be moved, stored, thrown out, given away or sold. Rooms are being set up in Memorial for groups who are moving out of the Smith Building.

Owner's rep: An owner's rep has been hired per Session policy. Ed Scott is working with the architect and construction company to "value engineer" any savings in design documents. Architects are finishing construction documents, and bidding to subcontractors is ongoing.

Financial information:

Pledged to date: ~~\$14,224,308.54~~

Cash in hand: ~~\$ 4,118,826.67~~

The staff is collecting data from banks in advance of securing construction financing, which the Finance Committee will consider this month. We will spend only what we have for the total project. Short-term financing is needed because pledges are being fulfilled over several years. The cost of financing has been factored into the cost of the work.



Take a look: Options for finishes to the Sanctuary walls are being put up this week in the back of the sanctuary. The Project Review Committee would like to have your input as they consider these options. Please take a look and contact committee co-chairs Homer Wade or Mark Yarbrough.

session digest

Minutes of the April Session meeting Approved at the May Session meeting

First Presbyterian Church The Work and Worship of the Session Monday, April 15, 2013

The stated monthly meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church was held on Monday, April 15, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in Redhead Hall. Senior Pastor Sid Batts served as moderator. The meeting began with a responsive reading for the Call to Worship and Work, followed by the singing of the hymn "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee."

Guests were introduced, including many Confirmands and their mentors, as well as Steve Fogarty, Jack Glenn, Gary Goodman, Jim Gentry, Edward Helms and Clint Farabow.

The Consent Agenda was approved as distributed.

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- From the Clerk: Minutes of the March 18, 2013 stated session meeting
- From the Associate Pastor for Discipleship's office: March attendance and membership report
- Written report from Hospitality Committee

What's Going Well? The Session celebrated the following events and developments:

- Confirmation Sunday
- Transition going well
- Rejoice! crowd
- Four new members yesterday
- First 10:30 service on April 7 was a success
- Talented artists show

Outreach: Jill Tourtellot reported on the Habitat house under construction on McConnell Road. The house has shingles and some siding already and they will need help Saturday, April 20 to complete the siding. It is a three bedroom, two bath house. The homeowners are the Batel family, with six members from Cameroon. Tom Coltrane is helping on the house and provides great assistance in helping volunteers find construction projects with which they are comfortable. There are seven remaining work days through July 6. The Prigge family has been acting as our liaison with the Batel family, and has helped them visit on Sundays. We welcome them to our Church family.

Project Review Team: David Kolosieke reported that the three electrical contractors on the renovation project were a week behind schedule submitting their bids, and then the bids all came in higher than expected. Their bids will cause the Guaranteed Maximum Price to be higher than what Session had authorized in March. Therefore, the Project Review Team has matters on hold until the bids and the Guaranteed Maximum Price can be fully evaluated and numbers can be updated.

Christian Education: Wendy Duncan reported on the Adult

Education program, and she highlighted the following:

- Nine Adult Sunday School classes
- Several women's groups and three men's groups meeting regularly
- Young adults have an organized Sunday School class
- A First Friday group is meeting
- Both the Women's Retreat and the Men's Retreat were huge successes
- 53 attendees shared in viewing a Bonhoeffer webcast
- A new class (formerly the Alpha class, now called the Travelers Class) has been meeting under Austin Carty's leadership
- In February, classes were relocated, and that process has gone well
- A team is discussing Wednesday programs, with consideration for a study of James and Galatians on Wednesday and Sunday and a Christian Believer program on Wednesdays
- Christian Education is working on a challenge for adults to read the Bible, with web support
- We are looking for a Church History expert to teach next year
- Sid plans to lead a Bonhoeffer study next year
- There is work underway on developing an on-line series of study
- Adult Education will become a free-standing Christian Education committee

Donna Chase reported on Children's Education, and she highlighted the following:

- We offer prayers for Scott Brown in discerning what is next for him after leading youth ministry
- Lindsay Evans will continue to lead the upcoming Middle School trips, and she and advisors will take on responsibility for the planned Senior High trips.
- A search process is beginning for a position in youth ministry, and Session members are encouraged to talk with Donna or Sue Cole from the HR Committee about any matters of interest
- A celebration team is working on recognition for Scott, with several events planned.

Ginger Booker moved that the Session acknowledge and celebrate Scott's ministry among us with great thanks. Session unanimously and enthusiastically passed the motion.

Scripture Reading: Randall Peete read Ephesians 2:4-10

Faith Sharing: Sara Stroud shared a faith statement with the Session.

Worship: Kate Pierce provided an update on the transition in Sunday services during the renovations. The last two weeks have gone well. Certain audio-visual issues in the Chapel have been resolved. It is too early to project what attendance will be at the various services. Session members made suggestions for a shuttle from Redhead Hall to the Temple at around 10:30 and for more recycling boxes in many places for bulletins.

Prayers of the People: Dolly Jacobs led the Session in prayer for those in our community with needs.

Finance Committee: Fred Carlson presented a first quarter financial report as of March 31, 2013. The budgeting process projected that revenues for this period would exceed expenses for this period by \$89,189, but the excess was instead only \$34,150. Revenues were \$438,065 below revenues in the same period last year, but only \$62,857 below what they were expected/budgeted to be this year. Budgeting did not anticipate the same level of first-quarter revenues as had been received last year. into cash on hand, increasing that total to about \$3.5 million. Session passed a motion to approve construction financing with the Bank of North Carolina under the following terms: (1) a \$7 million line of credit with a 2.4% fixed rate of interest, (2) a five-year term for repayment, and (3) as collateral, a negative pledge agreement on real estate assets and assignments of both construction contracts and architects contracts as well as assignments of capital campaign pledges. Fred also presented a Statement of Activities and a Statement of Financial Position, both as of March 31, 2013, and a Capital Campaign Summary. As for the Capital Campaign, gifts and commitments of \$14,213,872 have been received, and following retirement of debts and the payment of expenses (including renovation design and relocation expenses), there is \$3,162,746 of cash on hand.

New Business: Glenn Williamson discussed plans for Communion on April 28 in the various worship spaces.

Sid discussed his plans for activities and rest during his Sabbatical. He thanked Session for the privilege. His first week will be spent at a Russian Eastern Orthodox Monastery, and he will spend time at an Alban Institute Conference on "Finishing Strong," which focuses on ministers in the last ten years of their ministry, what transition looks like, and where the church is heading. Sid also has plans for social time and for reading.

Guest preachers have been planned for May and June, including Art Ross, Haywood Holderness, Odell Cleveland, and Bishop Brooks.

Hoke Huss discussed the latest food drive for Urban Ministries and pointed out that blue buckets will be placed all over the church for donations.

Also, Mobile Meals needs volunteers, usually in the morning hours.

Evening Prayer: Following prayer, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Alex Maultsby, Clerk of Session

Session Summary Financial Report as of April 30, 2013

January through April	Annual Budget	Where We Expected to Be through April	Where We Are through April	Better (Worse) than Expected	Where We Were Last Year	Better (Worse) than Last Year
Revenue	\$ 4,644,707	\$ 1,583,420	\$ 1,539,967	\$ (43,452)	\$ 2,004,823	\$ (464,856)
Expenses	(4,644,707)	(1,557,046)	(1,541,029)	16,017	(2,083,565)	542,536
Net	\$ -	\$ 26,373	\$ (1,062)	\$ (27,435)	\$ (78,742)	\$ 77,680

We base the monthly budget on historical trends and estimates rather than simply taking 1/12 per month.
For the four months ending April 30, 2013, we expected Revenues to exceed Expenses by \$26,373.
Expenses actually exceeded Revenues by \$1,062 which was worse than we expected through April 30, 2013 by \$27,435.
Revenues were \$43,452 below expected for the current period and \$464,856 below Revenues in the prior year period.

Portion of Revenue above represented by: Contributions & Gifts

	Annual Budget	Where We Expected to Be through April	Where We Are through April	Better (Worse) than Expected	Where We Were Last Year	Better (Worse) than Last Year
Pledge Gifts	\$ 3,024,036	\$ 983,425	\$ 1,003,409	\$ 19,984	\$1,200,946.46	\$ (197,538)
Non-Pledge Gifts	400,704	125,857	64,111	(61,746)	86,035	(21,924)
Plate Offerings	36,000	13,145	15,581	2,436	14,581	1,000
Other Gifts	-	-	10	10	-	10
Total Contributions & Gifts	\$ 3,460,740	\$ 1,122,428	\$ 1,083,112	\$ (39,316)	\$ 1,301,563	\$ (218,451)
All Other Revenue	\$ 1,183,967	\$ 460,992	\$ 456,856	\$ (4,136)	\$ 703,261	\$ (246,405)
Total Revenue & Support	\$ 4,644,707	\$ 1,583,420	\$ 1,539,967	\$ (43,452)	\$ 2,004,823	\$ (464,856)

Pledges and Gifts represent the majority of our Revenue. For the four months ending April 30, 2013
Pledge Gifts are \$19,984 more than we expected and are \$197,538 less than the same period last year.
Non-Pledge Gifts are \$61,746 less than we expected in the current period and \$21,924 less than received last year.
Plate Offerings are \$2,436 more than we expected in the current period and \$1,000 more than received last year.



A MOMENT IN HISTORY

If you think it's hot now.....

Built in 1928-29, the Sanctuary and the Smith Building did not have air conditioning.

Dr. John Redhead, pastor from 1945 to 1970, offered this explanation for adding air conditioning in 1956.

One Saturday afternoon when the heat and humidity were both at a high level, I said to a groom in a wedding ceremony in the church: 'Wilt thou have this woman to be thy wife?'

With beads of perspiration trickling down his cheek he replied: 'I wilt.'

The Sanctuary was air-conditioned soon after.

– Betty K. Phipps



**Imagine those
choir robes
on a June
day! Left, Dr.
Redhead**