

Sunday, March 7

7:30 a.m. Junior & Primary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
8:30 a.m. **Worship Service* - Sanctuary**
9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - P110
10:00 a.m. College Sunday School Class - P203
10:00 a.m. *Inquirers Class* - Small Dining Room
10:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages - Thornwell & Family Life Center
10:50 a.m. Fellowship Time - Jackson Hall
11:15 a.m. **Worship Service* - Sanctuary**
4:00 p.m. **Laurel Crest Service - Laurel Crest**
4:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group - Youth Room
4:30 p.m. Cate Memorial Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Church-Wide Prayer* - T305
5:00 p.m. *Pray for Our Youth* - T307
5:00 p.m. Junior Choir Rehearsal - T211
5:00 p.m. Primary Choir Rehearsal - T103
5:00 p.m. Vesper Choir Rehearsal - P110
6:00 p.m. **Evening Service* - Sanctuary**
6:15 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal - T103
6:15 p.m. The Club - 1st-3rd Grade - T102
6:15 p.m. The Club - 4th-5th Grade - T213
7:00 p.m. Sunday Supper - Jackson Hall
7:15 p.m. Open Gym - Family Life Center
7:30 p.m. High School Youth Group - Youth Room

Monday, March 8

9:00 a.m. Senior Aerobics & Resistance Training - Family Life Center
5:30 p.m. Administration Committee - P402
6:30 p.m. 6th Grade Girls' Bible Study - 3117 Duncan St
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts - P203
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - P202
7:00 p.m. 9th & 10th Grade Girls' Bible Study - 1520 Hagood Ave

Tuesday, March 9

Catawba Presbytery

6:30 a.m. *Wee Hours* High School Bible Study - 4804 Clemson Ave
7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer - P402
8:30 a.m. Staff Prayer - P402
5:30 p.m. Pastoral Care Committee - P303
5:30 p.m. Men's Basketball - 40 & Older - Family Life Center
5:45 p.m. Associate Minister Search Committee - P402
6:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Girls' Bible Study - Palmetto Family Council
6:30 p.m. 8th Grade Guys' Bible Study - 714 Hampton Hill Rd
7:00 p.m. 11th Grade Girls' Bible Study - *B-Sizzle* - 22 Tupelo Trail
7:00 p.m. High School Guys' Bible Study - 1219 Hagood Ave
7:15 p.m. Women's Basketball - 16 & Older - Family Life Center

Wednesday, March 10

7:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - *Greet the Dawn* - P402
9:00 a.m. Senior Aerobics & Resistance Training - Family Life Center
11:30 a.m. *Wednesdays@First** - Jackson Hall
1:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive - Family Life Center
1:30 p.m. AIA Senior Adult Event - Wardlaw Auditorium
5:30 p.m. *Intercession@First** - Smith Chapel
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - P110
6:45 p.m. *Next Step* Class - P203

Thursday, March 11

6:45 a.m. Thursday Morning Men's Bible Fellowship - Quail Lane
9:30 a.m. *Encouragers* Steering Committee - P303

Friday, March 12

6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study - 2920 Gervais St
9:00 a.m. Senior Aerobics & Resistance Training - Family Life Center
12:00 p.m. Recorder Ensemble Rehearsal - P110
6:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out - Family Life Center

Saturday, March 13

* Nursery and preschool childcare is available.
Please call 799-9062, Ext. 237, for more information. *



FIRST THINGS

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One Plants, Another Waters, God Gives The Increase

Exactly a year ago, in March 2009, our Session passed what, we hope and pray, will be a landmark motion that:

A committee be established to consider the possibility of First Presbyterian Church establishing another ARP congregation in the greater Columbia area, the committee's responsibilities to include:

- (i) making a recommendation on the principle itself;
- (ii) the examination of potential areas for planting;
- (iii) suggesting a possible strategy for church planting best suited to the needs identified and the area in view; and
- (iv) the initial relationship of the new church to First Presbyterian Church.

The committee made its report to the elders in September of last year, and following a month of reflection, a further decision was taken to form another committee.

Another committee?! Is this an example of Presbyterianism at its slowest? On the contrary, it was a bold and decisive commitment on the part of our church leadership to plant a new congregation as the Lord enables us.

This new committee is already actively and eagerly pursuing the Session's mandate which includes the following:

- To perform a detailed demographic study of the Pontiac area and also a study of churches in the area;
- To conduct fact-finding within our own congregation to determine specific individuals and families who might wish to be volunteer to be involved with the work;
- To develop a job description for a mission developer and to delineate a candidate profile with a view to issuing a call to the person to whom God may lead us;
- To refine a timetable of stages of progress and to prepare a multi-year operating budget; and
- To perform any other related tasks requested by Session.

The members of the Committee are: Lanny Lambert (elder and Chairman); Paula Hill; Thornton Kirby (deacon); Adam Neely; Ken Wingate (elder); and Bonnie Spacek (all of whom served on the earlier committee), along with Joe Walker (elder); and two couples, Kelly and Jeannie McCormick and Robbie and Emily Woodard. Neal Mathias and I also have the privilege of serving in an advisory capacity.

Please pray for them! Take the opportunity to talk to them, encourage them with any information you think might be helpful to their work. Try to avoid using sentences that begin with "What I think you need to do..."! If you are stuck for an opening line, perhaps you could try: "I am praying for your committee...did you know that...?"

Will there be a baby church born at First Presbyterian this year? Let's pray together that it may be so! The committee looks forward to keeping you informed regarding the progress of this new baby during its gestation period.

Sinclair B. Ferguson

WORSHIP AT FIRST LORD'S DAY MARCH 7, 2010

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Sanctuary

CORE VALUES FOR A NEW DECADE

9. "Wanting to Serve"

John 13:1-17

Dr. Sinclair Ferguson preaching

Children's Sermon (8:30)

"Follow in His Steps"

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:15)

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 p.m. Sanctuary

"Has God Rejected Israel?"

Romans 11:1-10

Dr. Sinclair Ferguson preaching

Children's Sermon

"A Remnant Chosen by Grace"

Parents' Night Out

The Children's Outreach Committee will host a Parents' Night Out at the Family Life Center on **Friday, March 12**, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Light snacks will be available. The nursery will be open for infants. Please contact Hannah Lampman (hlampman@firstprescolumbia.org; 799-9062, Ext. 237) by **Tuesday, March 9**, to make your reservation. Please provide the name(s) and age(s) of your child(ren). Contact Andy Wilson (269-3908) with any questions.

Blood Drive

Mark your calendar for our American Red Cross blood drive this **Wednesday, March 10**, from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Make an appointment by contacting Barbara Shealy (bshealy@firstprescolumbia.org; 799-9062, Ext. 261); there will also be a sign-up table in the Atrium this Sunday. Childcare will be provided for donors. Please give the gift of life with a blood donation!

Lord's Supper

Next **Sunday, March 14**, during our 8:30 and 11:15 a.m. worship services, we will observe the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The week ahead of us, therefore, is one in which we prepare for a joyful gathering at the table of our Lord Jesus Christ.

During the service, there will be an opportunity to contribute to the Deacons' Fund, used by the Diaconate to assist members of our congregation and others in the community who are in need.

Jubilee Birthday Luncheon

Tuesday, March 23, 12:00 noon
Jackson Hall

Lunch Reservations—799-9062, Ext. 295
Deadline—March 18
Nursery Reservations—799-9062, Ext. 237
Deadline—March 18

*Birthday offering supports
Miss Judi Hodges and Mrs. Judy Buis,
World Witness missionaries.*



Women of the Church Salad Day Awards

It is time to consider nominations for *Honorary Life Membership*, *Partner in Ministry Awards*, and *Love Gifts*. *Honorary Life Membership* in the WOC is the highest honor awarded to deserving members for long service and dedication. In considering your nomination, please remember not only those visibly serving as officers, committee chairmen, etc., but also those who quietly serve in the background. *Partner in Ministry* nominations can also be submitted. The nominee can be a man or woman who has been of exceptional support to the WOC. Additionally, nominations for *Love Gifts* may be submitted for deserving women or couples whose contributions and service are church-wide. Awards will be presented at Salad Day on May 18. Nominations should include a description of service and be submitted by **April 5** to:

Nancy Lambert
4822 Carter Hill Drive
Columbia, SC 29206
nhl55@sc.rr.com

Wednesdays@First

March 10

PORTRAITS OF FAITH
The Story of God's Salvation
Act II
"David and Absalom"
Rev. David Lauten speaking

High School Ski Trip

RESCHEDULED

March 19-21

Cost: \$180

Registration Due:

Friday, March 12

Contact Rebecca Milford:
799-9062, Ext. 232

AIA Senior Adult Ministry

Double Feature Matinee

Wednesday, March 10
Wardlaw Auditorium

1:30 p.m.

Professor and the Prophets

2:10 p.m.

Beyond the Gates of Splendor

FREE popcorn & soda!

Church Family

Christian sympathy is extended to:
Becky and John Nates in the death of her mother, Margaret Crout Lee, on Monday, March 1.

Congratulations to:
Ariana and Ben Wyatt in the birth of their son, Charles Evan Wyatt, on Tuesday, February 23. Proud grandparents are Susan and Larry Wyatt.

Victoria Stevens and Chipp Kunze, who were married Sunday, February 14.

Thank You

To members of FPC:

The family of Dorothy Charles (James Charles' mother) acknowledges and sincerely appreciates all the prayers for her, visits with her, memorial donations made in her memory, attendees at her memorial service, and all kindly words of expressions on cards and by visits during our time of bereavement. Yet we praise the Lord, for our mother, our grandmother, Dorothy Charles, is a member of the Church Triumphant.

Encouragers

Old Fashioned Sunday Dinner

Sunday, March 21

12:30 p.m.

Jackson Hall

\$5.00 per person at the door

Reservations Required

by March 15:

799-9062, Ext. 293.

Hannah House Easter Party

This Sunday, please come by the Hannah House Easter Tree in the Atrium. Learn more about how you can pray for and participate in our Easter Party on **Saturday, March 27**, in Jackson Hall for the women and children who live at the Hannah House. This ministry is a Christian shelter dedicated to serving women and families in distress. Our body has been blessed as we have had the opportunity to share and mentor through this program.

In order to meet our goal of providing new clothes and shoes for the children, gift items for the ladies, and a wonderful party, we need volunteers and financial contributions. To volunteer, call Helen Laffitte at 787-3344. To make a contribution, make your check to First Presbyterian Church with a notation for *Hannah House Easter Party*.

The Diaconate Congregational Care Committee

In Memoriam

NANCY GEOGHEGAN FARISH
OCTOBER 12, 1955 – FEBRUARY 24, 2010

March Circle Meeting Times

No.	Date	Time	Location	Contact
1	3/8	10:00 a.m.	Carol Lashley 1401 Ivy Lane, 29204	Barbara Richey
2	3/8	10:00 a.m.	Evie Bunge 835 Kilbourne Rd, 29205	Emily Clay
3	3/8	10:00 a.m.	Laffitte Parlor, Jackson Hall	Katie Sellers
4	3/9	7:00 p.m.	Young Women Anne Mathias 1308 Beltline Blvd, 29205	Robbie Reading Barbara Diller
5	3/8	5:30 p.m.	Thornwell, Third Floor Vestibule	Thelma Carter
6	3/9	10:00 a.m.	Carol Reed 4204 Havana Ct, 29206	Margaret Stubbs Charlene Wells
7	3/10	10:00 a.m.	Young Mothers Thornwell, Third Floor Vestibule Nursery and preschool childcare is available. Please call 799-9062, Ext. 237, for reservations.	Jenni Wilson Katherine Easterling
8	3/10	10:15 a.m.	Laffitte Parlor, Jackson Hall	Patty Mellen Kathy Folks
9	3/9	10:00 a.m.	Hannah House	Pat Potts
10	3/9	10:00 a.m.	Heart & Hand Thornwell 213	Caroline Hellams
11	3/9	12:00 noon	Lunch Fellowship Small Dining Room	Ellen Westfall Jeannie Irvin
12	3/9	7:00 p.m.	Evening Fellowship Nealie Werts 6004 Moss Springs Rd, 29209	Susan Cooke Pam Kozlik
13	3/10	10:00 a.m.	Irmo Emily Metzger 112 Buckhead Dr, Irmo	Mardi Smith
14	3/8	7:00 p.m.	Northeast Carolyn Whiting 18 Tallawood Lane, Elgin	Kay Carlton

Right Start Pre-Marital Seminar

Are you engaged? Are you considering engagement? Then the Right Start Pre-Marital Seminar, co-hosted by First Presbyterian Church and the Christian Counseling Center, could be of great value to your future. Right Start will be held on **March 26 and 27** and will feature Rev. David Lauten and Dr. Tom Barbian. The cost of the seminar is \$150 per couple. For more information, contact Eric Wenger (799-9062, Ext. 601) or visit the church website: www.firstprescolumbia.org.