

Haiti Mission 2010 is scheduled for March 4th-11th. We are planning to help stucco the school, work on drip irrigation and canals, and build bookshelves in addition to ministering to the Haitian people. Please contact Chris Handley if you are interested in going!

Amazon Mission 2010: June 5th-13th, 2010. Join us for an experience of a lifetime as we visit remote jungle villages along the Amazon River. Ask anyone who has ever been on one of these trips and they will tell you it was one of the most powerful spiritual experiences of their lives. Our teams are usually around 12-15 people and we still have some slots available. Give prayerful consideration as to whether God might be calling you to the Amazon.

The Presbyterian Coffee Project: Calling all Coffee Lovers! Warm up with Organic Coffee this winter. Drop by the Fellowship Hall after services and stock up! Remember, for each pound of coffee purchased through the project, Equal Exchange makes a contribution to the Presbyterian Small Farmer Fund.

The Lazarus Life In Town Retreat: February 19th-21st we will welcome Stephen Smith, author of *The Lazarus Life*, a book about the story of Lazarus from John 11 filled with deep meaning for people today who are wanting to change but cannot; wanting to transform but feel stuck; longing for "more" in life but can't find it. Our retreat will begin Friday with a dinner, continue Saturday morning from 8:30-11:30 AM and end that Sunday with a combined worship service and lunch. More details TBA!

Christian Life Conference 2010: Make your summer plans now for Christian Life Conference 2010! First Presbyterian Church, along with Darlington and Bishopville churches, will host the Christian Life Conference 2010 in Montreat, NC. A hosting team that consists of at least 20 adults will be needed from First Presbyterian to help plan and organize various aspects of the conference. It's a big job! Please consider joining our team, led by Martha Chastain and Joe Koenig. Please contact the church office if you want to get involved!

Children's Ministry: Kids in A.C.T.I.O.N.

- ◆ **Chapter Challenge** for January 10th: "I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh." *Ezekiel 11:19*
- ◆ **Skating Trip:** January 9th, 1:00-4:00 PM. Bring \$5 for admission & snacks.
- ◆ **Confirmation Party:** January 31st, 4:00-5:30 PM. Our 6th graders will meet their mentors and kick off their Confirmation Year!

Fuel Youth Events: www.fuelfortherevolution.com

- ◆ **2010 Kick-off Meeting (Parents Invited) at Sunday Shift:** This morning, 9:45 -10:45 AM in the Garage. Come hear what's going on with our youth group this year!
- ◆ **Baby Shower for Lia Severance:** Tonight at the Cranford's, 5:00-8:30 PM. Youth girls meet at church at 5:00 PM with your gift - everyone will go out to the Cranford home together. Moms also welcome to attend.
- ◆ **Small Groups at the Fuel Cafe:** Hang out with us in the Lounge this Wednesday night at 5:40 PM and head over to the Garage at 6:05 PM for our mid-week gathering where we are studying and discussing "The Prodigal God".
- ◆ **Bowling on MLK Jr. Day:** 1:30-3:30 PM on Monday, January 18th at Southgate Bowling Lanes on Irby St. Meet at Southgate and bring \$5 to cover shoes and 2 hours of bowling.
- ◆ **Open Mic and Karaoke:** Saturday, January 30th in the Garage, 6:30-9:00 PM.
- ◆ **Super Bowl Party:** Sunday, February 7th at Emmy and Anna Watt's house. Meet at church at 6:00 PM or be at the Watt home by 6:28 PM for kickoff.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 10, 2010

- 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 4:30 PM Volleyball in CLC
- 5:00 PM TOT's

Monday, January 11, 2010

- 9:00 AM Mother's Morning Out
- 10:00 AM Circle #4: Price CR
- 5:45 PM Children's Subcommittee
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts: Scout Room
- 7:30 PM Korean Bible Study: Price CR

Tuesday, January 12, 2010 PW Circles

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study Breakfast: GS Rm
- 9:30 AM Women's Prayer Group in Parlor
- 10:00 AM Circle 6 GS Room
- 10:15 AM Manna House Lunch Crew
- 11:00 AM Young Mothers' Ensemble
- 12:00 PM JFW Ministries
- 12:00 PM Circle 5 at Presbyterian Home
- 3:00 PM Circle 9 GS Room
- 3:00 PM Girl Scouts: Above Scout Room
- 4:30 PM Girl's Ensemble
- 6:00 PM JFW Ministries
- 7:00 PM Circle # 10 GS Room

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

- 9:00 AM Mother's Morning Out
- 4:30 PM Youth Handbells
- 5:00 PM Adult Handbells
- 5:30 PM Family Supper
- 6:00 PM Youth Small Groups in Fuel Café
- 6:10 PM Presbyterian Playhouse Gr 3-5
- 6:15 PM Adult Electives
- 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 PM Circle #7 ZA Parlor
- 6:50 PM Presbyterian Playhouse Gr. 1-2
- 6:55 PM Presbyterian Playhouse 4k-5k
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice
- 7:30 PM Basketball Practice 14 & U, 17 & U

Thursday, January 14, 2010

- 7:15 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast at Presbyterian Home
- 5:30 PM Basketball Practice 10 & Under
- 6:00 PM Cub Scouts: Scout Room
- 6:30 PM Basketball Practice 12 & Under

Friday, January 15, 2010

- 9:00 AM Mother's Morning Out
- 5:00 PM Basketball Practice 8 & Under

First Presbyterian

FLORENCE SOUTH CAROLINA

11:00 am

January 10, 2010



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worshipping and praising

Growing INWARD
becoming more like Christ

Growing OUTWARD
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Chaconne in D Major Johann Pachelbel

GREETINGS

Rev. Handley

INTROIT

Come, Let Us Join BROTHER JAMES AIR
J.L. Macbeth Bain
setting by Scott

Chancel Choir

Come, let us join our cheerful songs with angels around the throne; Ten thousand thousand are their tongues, but all their joys are one. The whole creation joins in one to bless the holy name of him who sits upon the throne, and to adore the Lamb!

Isaac watts, 1674-1748

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

No. 740

The Lord's Prayer

*HYMN OF PRAISE

The Church's One Foundation No. 544
AURELIA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed located in pew rack

*THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen. No. 734

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we come into Your presence today to worship You and to seek Your will for our lives. However, we come knowing full well that we do not always listen for Your direction. We have hardened our hearts to Your still small voice because deep down we want to do things our way. We often pray, not for Your will, but for our will to be done. Forgive us of our sins and draw us closer to You so that we might know the power of Your forgiveness. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

ANTHEM

Before the Marvel of this Night Carl Schalk

Chancel Choir

Before the marvel of this night adoring, fold your wings and bow, then tear the sky apart with light and with your news the world endow. Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace, that fear and death and sorrow cease: Sing peace, sing gift of peace! Awake the sleeping world with song, this is the day the Lord has made. Assemble here, celestial throng, in royal splendor come arrayed. Give earth a glimpse of heav'nly bliss. A teasing taste of what they miss: Sing bliss, sing endless bliss! The love that we have always known, our constant joy and endless light, now to the loveless world be shown, now break upon its deathly night. Into one song compress the love that rules our universe above: Sing love, sing God is love!

Jaroslav J. Vajda

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

✎ Following the Message for Young Disciples, children in 3K through 1st Grade are invited to go with a worship caregiver to attend *Children in Worship*. If this is your child's first visit to Children's Church, we encourage you to walk with them. A nursery is provided for 2K children and below.

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise No. 243
ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Organ Offertory
Allegro in E Dom Andrew Moore

*The Doxology No. 34
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

ORGAN INTERLUDE

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE, WORK AND WORLD

SERMON

Dr. Jenkins

The Prodigal God Part 1
“The People Around Jesus”
Luke 15:1-10

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light No. 248
HOUSTON

*CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Gloria, Gloria Jacques Berthier
Traditional

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria, alleluia!
Glory to God in the highest! Glory to God, alleluia!

*POSTLUDE

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry PUER NOBIS
Michael Praetorius
setting Cherwien

*Congregation is invited to stand.

✎ Pastor will dismiss children to leave with their worship care-giver.

This morning's worship is led by
Dr. Barry Jenkins, Senior Pastor,
Rev. Chris Handley, Associate Pastor, and
Mrs. Ann Rodgers Chandler, Organist and Director of Music

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers for the services today are given in loving memory of John M. Brabhan, III by Dr. and Mrs. Rhett Spencer and their children, Meg and Rhett.

Elder Greeters for this morning's service are Alice Caldwell and Charlie Grace.

Usher Volunteers: If you would like to help usher during the worship service in the month of January, please contact Hunter Morgan at 393-5565.

Prodigal God Study and Sermon Series: First Presbyterian recently began a 6 week study of Tim Keller's book, *The Prodigal God*. Small groups are meeting weekly to discuss the DVD lessons and scheduled readings. This study is designed to challenge those who relate to the Prodigal Son, to turn to the loving Father and come home where we are welcomed with loving arms. For believers, it is a means of examining our hearts to see if we have become like the older brother, so secure in our position that we take the Father's love for granted and even resent it when the love is extended to those whom we feel are less deserving of it.

The sermon series designed to compliment the small group sessions is as follows:

- * Jan. 10 - “The People Around Jesus” Luke 15:1-10
- * Jan. 17 - “The Two Lost Sons” Luke 15:11-32
- * Jan. 23 - “The Elder Brother” Luke 15:25-32
- * Jan. 30 - “The True Elder Brother” Luke 15:1-6, 25-32
- * Feb. 7 - “The Feast of the Father” Luke 15:11-32

On Wednesday, Feb. 17th, our study will conclude with a church-wide “Celebration Feast.”

Encounter with God Devotionals January/February/March editions are available in the Fellowship Hall. *Encounter with God* takes you through the Old Testament once and the New Testament twice in five years, reading 10-20 verses per day. \$3.00

Basketball Games: Come support our First Pres. Teams in the youth basketball league! We have games this Monday, Jan. 11th at 7:00 PM (18&U), Tuesday, Jan. 12th at 7:00 PM (12&U), Thursday, Jan. 14th at 7:00 PM (14&U) and Saturday, Jan. 16th at 9:00 AM (8A), Noon (8B) and 3:00 PM (10A vs. 10B). All games are played at Ebenezer Baptist. You can find a complete game schedule online at www.florencefirst.org.

The First Pres Women's Morning Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, January 20th at 9:30 AM in the Good Samaritan classroom. We will be studying *Discerning the Voice of God*, by Priscilla Shirer. This is a 6 week study about how to recognize when God speaks. Priscilla Shirer is a Bible teacher whose ministry is focused on the expository teaching of the word of God to women. There is some homework involved as well as a small group discussion. The workbooks will be available on January 20th for \$11.00. For questions, call Dottie Handley at 661-5521.

PW Women's Mid Winter Gathering: Thursday, January 21st at 9:30 AM. We will begin with our White Cross Mission project in the Good Samaritan room followed by a short business meeting at noon. Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall. If anyone in your circle would like to volunteer to help, please let Virginia Spencer know.

Bake Sale for Haiti: Attention Sunday School Classes: The 4th graders will once again be selling baked goods to raise money for the Haiti Mission Team. The baked goods will be sold in the Fellowship Hall and also brought to each Sunday School class on January 31st and February 7th. Thanks for your support! Janet Brand and Laura Marechal.