



# First Pres Kids

November 2007

Matthew 19:14 - but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

Covering the news and events of the preschool and elementary children at First Presbyterian Church, Florence, SC.



## Children's Trip to Thornwell

On October 14<sup>th</sup>, thirteen of our 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders visited the Thornwell Home for Children where we joined the Thornwell children in worship. It was truly amazing to hear our children talk about the sermon and how much they enjoyed Pastor Alice's message reminding us that if we do our best, God will do the rest! In addition, we had a wonderful time in fellowship with the girls (ages 9-12) from Berkele Cottage and their Family Teachers. It was a wonderful day, filled with God's love and our children are still talking about their experience!

### NOVEMBER CHAPTER CHALLENGE

**November 7<sup>th</sup>**—"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

**November 14<sup>th</sup>**—"For whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the Lord." Proverbs 8:35

**November 21<sup>st</sup>**—"As iron shapes iron, so one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17

**November 28<sup>th</sup>**—"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline" 2 Timothy 1:7

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**November 14<sup>th</sup>** – Proverbs 8

**November 21<sup>st</sup>** – Proverbs 27

**November 28<sup>th</sup>** – 2 Timothy 1

## Chrismon Program

On Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> our children will be participating in the Chrismon Program beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This program starts off the beginning of this year's advent season and everyone is invited.

## Pumpkin Decorating



Children of all ages enjoyed our annual Pumpkin Decorating event. In addition to decorating pumpkins, the children and adults enjoyed cookie decorating, relay races, and playing with chalk and bubbles. Watch the Children Ministry's bulletin board to see more pictures from this fun event!

## Parent's Night Out

**December 1, 2007**

All children, infants – 6<sup>th</sup> grade, are welcome at FPC from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. for **Parent's Night Out**. We will have pizza and snacks and your children will enjoy a fun night as we play games, do crafts, tell stories, and enjoy a movie. This event is planned to give parents a night for themselves! Take advantage of this time to enjoy a change of pace. Contact Miss Kelly to sign up your children.



# Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children around the world through the gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. This program provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on mission project. FPC wants to invite our children to share God's love with girls and boys around the globe by providing toys and presents that can be packed in an ordinary shoe box. This is a great way for our children to show other children that they are precious to God. **We will collect shoeboxes through Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.** Brochures are located in the church office.

## Kirkin' O the Tartan



This year over 20 children took part in the Kirkin' O the Tartan. The Procession of Tartans was part of our celebration of Reformation Sunday.

## Recreation Night!!!



After six full weeks of electives, the elementary children enjoyed a fun night of kickball and crab soccer.

## Living Nativity

As part of First Presbyterian Church's tradition, this year's Living Nativity will be presented by the 6<sup>th</sup> graders on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The Presbyterian Playhouse Choirs (3K though 5th grade) will be serving as choir angels. Please note that rehearsals for the presentation will be held during the Presbyterian Playhouse programs starting on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure your children are present for rehearsals!



In November, we will be collecting a special offering for Thornwell Home for

Children. As a part of this effort, on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be distributing turkey banks to our children to take home and fill and return to the church on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Please help us in supporting this ministry.

## Help Wanted

Mother's Morning Out is looking for teachers and teacher aids. If you are interested in applying, please contact Melissa Young at 662-2583.

## Upcoming November Events

### Building Disciples:

Thursdays, 2:30 - 4:45 p.m.

### M&M Ministry:

Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 3:00-4:30 p.m.

### TOTS Ministry:

Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 5:00-6:30 p.m.

### Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes due:

Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> during Sunday School

### Turkey banks due:

Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> during Sunday School

### Chrismon Program:

Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30 -7:00 p.m.

**Kelly Boone will be out of the office from November 18<sup>th</sup> through November 24<sup>th</sup>. Should you need assistance, please contact Stephanie Jones at 662-2583.**