



# First Pres Kids

January, 2008

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.



## Nativity 2007



The production of the Living Nativity featured the sixth grade students portraying the roles of the Biblical characters described in the Bible in the story of the birth of Christ. This year the children memorized lines and read the narrative parts of the story. In addition, they were backed up by the heavenly sounds of the 3K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade choirs. This year's Nativity was directed by Angie Tedder with the help of many others. Thank you to all who were involved in making this a huge success!

### JANUARY CHAPTER CHALLENGE

**January 9<sup>th</sup>** – "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38

**January 16<sup>th</sup>** – "But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." Matthew 6:15

**January 23<sup>rd</sup>** – "For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Matthew 7:2

**January 30<sup>th</sup>** – "All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16

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**January 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Matthew 7

**January 30<sup>th</sup>** – 2 Timothy 3

## Ministry Programs to Resume

### Building Disciples

Our *Building Disciples* program will resume on Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. This ministry is for 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders. We meet each Thursday from 2:30 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. and enjoy an afternoon of fun that includes snacks, recreation, bible stories, crafts and more. We would love for you to join us!

### M&M Ministry

This month the *M&M Ministry* (2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade) will resume on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. We will meet from 3:00–4:30 p.m.. Be sure to mark your calendars and encourage your children to join us as we work toward gaining a better understanding of mission and how God calls us to help others.

### T.O.T.S Tweens of Today

This wonderful ministry for the 6<sup>th</sup> graders will resume on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom in the CLC from 5:00–6:30 p.m. This ministry is full of laughter and love as we build stronger relationships with one another and with God.

## A Caroling We Go



Janet Brand's second grade class entertained an adult Sunday school class with Christmas carols.

## Parent's Night Out

Do you wish you had an opportunity to do something special for Valentine's without the kids? Well here's your chance. We are organizing another Parent's Night Out. Be sure to mark your calendar for **Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 10:00 p.m.** Please contact Kelly to register.



On December 23<sup>rd</sup> the children enjoyed a puppet show & cookie party. It was a big hit!

## Confirmation Class to Begin

Our 2008 Confirmation class (6<sup>th</sup> graders) will begin with Orientation on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Lawson-Rain Chapel. Through confirmation, the church renews its commitment to the Christian growth and discipleship of our children. As they go through this process they will have an opportunity to decide if they want to commit to this amazing journey of faith. This 16-week experience will include educational understanding and opportunities for the children as they work one on one with a Mentor. It is our hope that through confirmation we can strengthen the faith and commitment of these young disciples.

## Summer Programs

As we move into the New Year, it's time to start thinking about the children's activities for the summer. Please mark your calendars and plan on your children attending Terrific Tuesdays (3K, 4K & 5K), Wonderful Wednesdays (1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>) and Thundering Thursdays (4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>). Each Program will start the second week of June and go through the month of July.

## Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed

As summer plans begin to unfold, we want to be sure to provide our current Sunday school teachers some time off! Please prayerfully consider teaching Sunday school over the summer. The Summer Sunday school session is a 13 week session that will run from May 25<sup>th</sup> through August 18<sup>th</sup>. We need teams for 2K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

## Upcoming January Events

### M&M's:

Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> 3:00- 4:30 p.m..

### T.O.T.'S:

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

### Presbyterian Playhouse Resumes:

Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> 5:30 -7:30 p.m.

### Building Disciples Resumes:

Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 2:30 – 4:45 p.m.

### Confirmation Mentor Training:

Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 9:45- 10:45 a.m.

### Children's Ministry Subcommittee:

Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 5:45 – 7:00 p.m.

### Confirmation Mentor Training:

Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 9:45- 10:45 a.m.

### Confirmation Orientation:

Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.