



First Pres Kids

April 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.

Easter Egg Hunt



Over 125 people enjoyed this year's Easter Egg Hunt at the Whitehead's home. We had a perfect afternoon of egg hunting (over 800 eggs were hidden), games, food, and fellowship. A BIG thank you goes to everyone who helped make this such a great afternoon, and a SPECIAL thank you goes to Alva and Ida for hosting such a wonderful event.

Farewell Tween Retreat

Be sure to mark your calendars for our Farewell Tween Retreat May 16th -18th. More information will be forthcoming.

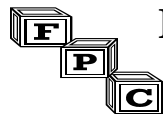
In Memory of Cindy Tyler



On March 24th, Cindy lost her long and courageous battle against cancer. Cindy lovingly served as a teacher within our preschool ministry programs. Her spirit and love of the Lord will be missed.

Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed

We are currently in need of three more summer Sunday school teachers. We need teachers for the combined 3K/4K class and the combined 1st/2nd grade class. The Summer Sunday school session is a 13 week session that will run from May 25th through August 18th. If interested, please contact Chris Handley.



Building Disciples— One Child At A Time

It's hard to believe that our after school program, *Building Disciples* is coming to another end. We have had a wonderful year, as the children have enjoyed snacks, crafts, Bible Stories, recreation and visits to the Presbyterian Home. We will meet two more times this year, April 3rd and April 10th from **2:30 p.m. until 4:45 p.m.** On the 10th we will enjoy an end of the year party! A BIG thank you goes to Kathie Carter and Lola Faye Craig for making this program possible!



A Note from Miss Kelly.....

Dear FPC family,

As I sit here thinking about saying goodbye my heart aches. Although I know without a doubt the Lord has called me to a new place, it is hard to leave each one of you. The love I have for you and your children goes deeper than words can express, yet, the love I have for the Lord is greater than any love I have ever experienced and I must follow Him.

I want to thank you for allowing me the honor and privilege to serve God beside you. You have blessed me in so many ways. I cannot thank you, nor God, enough for this incredible and amazing experience. My hope for you, and especially for your children, is that you will continue on this amazing journey. There are many wonderful and exciting opportunities for the children to grow in Christ, and they will need you to make sure those opportunities continue. Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." At this time, we aren't sure of what's ahead, we cannot see into the future; however, we do know that God has a plan for us. Jeremiah 29:11 tells us, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

God has great and mighty things planned for FPC and I can't wait to see what comes next. Although I will no longer be here physically, please know that I will always be here in spirit. I love you all!

Grace and Peace, Kelly

Confirmation Banquet Dinner

On Thursday, May 8th at 6:00 p.m. the confirmands, their families and the Session will enjoy a semi-formal Confirmation Banquet Dinner in the Christian Life Center. On Sunday, May 11th, the confirmands will be joining the church and will be presented before the congregation during the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Please be sure to mark your Calendars!!! Should you have any questions, please contact Chris Handley.

Summer Intern



It's with great excitement to announce that Alice Bankson will be returning this summer as the Children's Ministry Summer Intern. Alice served last year with Miss Kelly, and she will bring with her much knowledge, understanding and

experience of the Children's Ministry summer programs. Alice has been an active member of FPC since 2001 and she is now completing her first year at Clemson University. Please be sure to welcome Alice back on staff as she begins on Monday, May 5th.



Vacation Bible School

June 16th – 19th, 2008

Upcoming April Events

Miss Kelly's Last Day:

Thursday, April 3rd

T.O.T.S:

Will not meet in April

Building Disciples End of the Year Party

Thursday, April 10th 2:30 – 4:45 p.m.

Children's Ministry Subcommittee:

Monday, April 21st 5:45 – 7:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Playhouse No Program:

Wednesday, April 16th

"Children's Lock In" for 3rd – 5th Grade:

July 11th