

Pickens Twelve Mile July News



Independence Day
July 4th

As you celebrate the fourth of July remember the freedom that we receive is a gift from God.

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and not entangled again with the yolk of bondage." Galatians 5:1

Prayer Guide for July, 2012

Happy Birthday

9 Jim Brooks, Pastor, Pleasant Hill
17 Matt Danuser, Pastor, Shady Grove
21 Terrecia Merck, Wife of Pastor, Fairview
22 Jamie Duncan, Pastor, East Pickens
24 Missy Krieger, Wife of Pastor, Northside
24 Anne Stalnaker, Wife of Associate Pastor: Student and Family Ministries, Pickens First
25 Jessica Pym, Wife of Minister of Youth/Young Adults and Missions, Cross Roads
29 Ann Clark, Ministry Assistant, Blue Ridge View

Wedding Anniversary

5 Mark and Debbie Bernshausen, Pastor, Griffin
19 Dawn and Greg Durham, Ministry Assistant, Griffin
13 Matt and Sheila Danuser, Pastor, Shady Grove
14 Earl and Karen Reid, Pastor, Peters Creek
26 Jeff and Tracy Whaley, Pastor, Secona

Staff Anniversary

Boyce Whitman, Pastor, Gap Hill, 51 years
Bobby Stewart, Pastor, Keowee, 20 years
Fred Stone, Pastor, Pickens First, 16 years
Matt Danuser, Pastor, Shady Grove, 11 years
Ray Longenecker, Pastor, Six Mile, 7 years
Jamie Duncan, Pastor, East Pickens, 1 year

Church Seeking a Pastor

- Kings Grove
- Midway

Associational Committee Meetings:

July 10, Budget Committee, 8:30 A.M.
July 17, Executive Committee, 5:00 P.M.
July 19, Nominating Committee, 2:00 P.M.

Upcoming Event:

- **Upstate Sunday School Training** will be held at Spartanburg First, August 25, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

From the DoM

One of the best parts of my job is coming to your church and worshipping with you. I see churches that are trying to reach their area and the world for Christ. Sharing our faith and training disciples to make other disciples is how we fulfill the Great Commission. Relationships are the key to reaching the lost. We see that Jesus shared with thousands at a time, but ultimately pouring Himself in 12 disciples changed the world. Think and pray that the Holy Spirit would show you the relationships that you have that could change the world. You do not have to look too far: family, friends, co-workers, neighbors.

Blessings as you continue this summer in so many great endeavors to share the love of Jesus.

Immersion I training will be at Trinity Point Church in Easley on July 23 and 24. Topics include:

- Sharing what God is doing here with you in a way that is transferable
- Experiencing Relational Environments with staff and Home Groups
- How much responsibility is given to our home group leaders and why
- How story telling is used in home groups
- Why your Church needs a "Joining the team" class/process
- Gain an Understanding for an Intentional Discipleship Process

You can go to this link <http://www.scbaptist.org/immersion/immersionone.htm> or call PTMBA for details.

Please note the articles below on Campground Ministry and Cup of Cold Water Ministry. At Table Rock Park you could show a movie or build a camp fire or do VBS. At the Flea Market you can give water, paint faces, or take blood pressures, etc. Both of these would give you an opportunity to share the love of Jesus with others. We have to get out of the four walls of the church to do the Great Commission.

Blessings, Ron

Campground Ministry at Table Rock State Park – (May-August)

Our association has been invited to participate in service at Table Rock State Park offering evangelistic outreach and chaplain services to campers and camp visitors. Several types of mission outreach opportunities are available. While these opportunities are primarily for weekend programs, special events can be scheduled on weekdays to allow churches that might not have a time on the weekend to serve. This is an excellent opportunity for all of our churches to get outside our church walls and participate in missions close to home. What better place to spread Christ's Good News than in these beautiful mountain surroundings. You can touch the lives of thousands of visitors to help their spiritual walk and theirs. If you ever wanted to get the mission experience, but didn't have the time or resources to participate, this is your chance to take a weekend mission trip. Contact Terry Parrish at 864-354-0031 or tppickens@aol.com for details or to sign up for a date.

Cup of Cold Water Ministry: The nice folks at the Pickens Flea Market are allowing us again this year to give cold water and/or take blood pressure, face paint, give a tract, and otherwise be the hands and feet of Jesus every Wednesday this summer. We have the shade, the tables, the cups, the water containers – we just need YOU. Please call PTMBA at 878-2456 to sign up.

Open dates: July 25, August 8

Pickens County Rape Crisis has a really good presentation that can be made at your church to raise awareness. They also recommended www.familywatchdog.us as a good website for looking up sex offenders in your area. Call 864-898-5575 for more information or for a speaker.

Feed a Hungry Child needs your help – only \$5.00 per week will feed a hungry child in Pickens County. There are 750 students in Pickens County considered "food insecure". FHC is serving over 350 in K4-Grade 5 by loading their backpacks with food for the weekend. \$160 will feed a child for one school year. We are hoping to feed middle and high school students as funds are provided. FHC is asking all churches to take an offering to help us feed over 750 food-insecure students. Many of our kids have yet to receive food from FAHC/PC because we have not raised the necessary funds needed to purchase for them. Speakers and other information can be obtained by contacting the charity at: help@PickensChildren.com or call 864-897-9890 or go to www.PickensChildren.com

www.carpentersforchrist.org is a great place to look for information on missions opportunities in SC and the world. Mike Ravan at 864 621 0916 can tell you about helping do renovations at Connie Maxwell Children's Home to doing evangelism and construction in Guatemala. Pray for group from PFB as they travel this month to Guatemala.

Missions Project Request: Mike Watson, a DOM in West Virginia, has requested help on a building project. If your church is interested, please call 304 845 3680 or email uovba@cisinternet.net
Sounds like a great project.

UNITED CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

2012 – 2013 SCHOOL YEAR

3 RING BINDERS

COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS

PAPER

PENCILS

COLORED PENCILS

SCISSORS

GLUE STICKS

3 RING PENCIL POUCHES

PENCIL SHARPENERS

RULERS

PROTRACTORS

LARGE BOOK BAGS

DIVIDERS, DIVIDERS, DIVIDERS

Supplies will be distributed during the first week of school. Guidance counselors from SDPC come to UCM to pick up supplies and take to their respective schools. The students are then given the school supplies they need. Additional supplies are given to students throughout the year as needed. Thank you for supporting this ministry to families in our community.

United Christian Ministries located at 303 Dacusville Hwy. Easley SC

Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 - 12