

Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church Newsletter

201 Fayetteville Street . Clinton, NC 28328

Phone: 910-592-2677 . Fax: 910-592-3100

Website: <http://www.gravesmemorialpresbyterianchurch.com/>

Email: jamorán@embarqmail.com; melissagriffin@embarqmail.com; LNTOO@embarqmail.com

Dr. James A. Moran, Pastor

Volume XXXVIII, No. 6

June - July, 2015

OUR KNOWN ILL:

AT HOME

Jimmy Naylor
Barbara Kerr
Martha Dunn
Jean Parker

Others:

James Faircloth - (Father of Nancy Johnston)

Angie Prucha - (Daughter of Edwin Danford)

Shirley Poston - (Mother of Pam Langston)

*Margaret Williamson - (Mother of
Wanda Coleman, Dale Purcell & Kermit Williamson)*

SYMPATHY TO:

The Sammons family on the passing of their mother, Patricia Dale Fryar Sammons.

Robert, Sara and Emma Rosario and Jeff, Tami and Mary Warren and families on the passing of their son, brother, grandson, nephew, John Robert Rosario.

Beth Bryan and family on the passing of her grandfather, Carroll Richard Simmons, Sr.

Kitty Peak and Jan Tart and families on the passing of their father, step-father and GMPC member, Dr. Latham Conrad "Bill" Peak.

Lectionary Text for July:

**05) Ps. 48; 2 Sam. 5:1-5, 9-10;
2 Cor. 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13;**

**12) Ps. 24; Mark 6:14-29;
2 Sam. 6:1-5, 12b-19;**

Eph. 1:3-14;

19) Ps. 89:20-37;

**Eph. 2:11-22; 2 Sam. 7:1-14a;
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56;**

**26) Ps. 14; 2 Sam. 11-15;
Eph. 3:14-21; John 6:1-21**

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS/ NEWS:

The **GMPC Wednesday Night Summer Picnics (Covered Dish) are always a delightful treat!** Bring your favorite dishes - enough for your family plus one. Dates are as follows (all at 6:30 p.m.) ~**July 8th**: co-chairs Marinda Rives & Trish Sessoms; **July 22nd**: co-chairs: Mac Spell & Peggie Lindsay and **August 5th**: co-chairs: Ann Johnson & Allison Brock.

GMPC Summer Sunday School: (Adult class members have three options)

Adults /Young Adults:

1. "What DO Presbyterians Believe?" taught by. Dr. Moran
2. *Feasting on the Word Curriculum* in the Memorial Room
3. *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis in the Banner Room

Youth: (Curriculum Variety) in the Youth Room

Grades K-5: Will combine in the 3rd - 5th grade Adventure Class room

*Sunday School begins every Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m.

It's Time to Update Annual Directories/Service Lists ... (PW Yearbook) ~ Any changes/request for the social committees should be called in to Crystal Faison/592-3990, for the flower committee assignments contact Mac Spell/592-8838, and for PW Circles contact the current Moderators: Circle No. 1 Amelia Surratt/592-6569, Circle No. 2 Debbie Martin/564-6597, Circle No. 3 Neal Sinclair/592-6797;

(Church Directory) ~ Any changes to address, phones, emails, etc., can be submitted to the church office through July 31st;

(Nurseries and Educational Opportunities Lists) ~ Any changes or request will be received through July 31st. Thank you for your support and commitments to the ministries of our church!

GMPC Adult Sunday School Classes will combine on July 5, 2015 in the fellowship hall:

At least 75% of the world's Christians are non-Western, living in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America. But 80% of non-Western pastors have no formal biblical training. The vision of Global Training Network is to provide quality biblical and theological training to thousands of indigenous church planters, pastors and Christian leaders throughout the Majority World, so that these pastors and leaders can then effectively equip and lead their congregations to evangelize and disciple their communities for Christ. Revs. Chad and Cindy Neal, Presbyterian teaching elders and staff with Global Training Network, travel to Africa to train and equip pastors and church leaders. On July 5th during Sunday School time they will share about their ministry in Kenya, the challenges of the Church there, and how God is at work in Kenya and across the world. For more information on Global Training Network visit www.globaltrainingnetwork.org. **We encourage you all to attend and support this special presentation.**

WORDS FROM DR. JIM MORAN:

My friends,

A key understanding of being Presbyterian type Christians is the knowledge that we are chosen for service as well as salvation. Our election in Jesus Christ is not only for salvation but also for service. Our election, our chosenness, is a free gift from God, just like our faith is a gift. John Calvin even calls election “the mother of faith,” which he attributes to the Apostle Paul. Under a section titled, “The universality of God’s invitation and the particularity of election,” Calvin writes,

Besides, if election, as Paul testifies, is the mother of faith, I turn back upon their head the argument that faith is general because election is special. For from this series of causes and effects we may readily draw this inference: When Paul states that ‘we have been supplied with every spiritual blessing ... even as he chose us from the foundation of the world’ (Eph. 1:3-4), these riches are therefore not common to all, for God has chosen only whom he willed. (3.22.10; Institutes of the Christian Religion, 945)

Our salvation is firmly established in the work of God. We have no boast in our salvation. We are not worthy in ourselves to be saved and be a member of the church. God gave birth to our faith through God’s choosing us. Is there any other group besides the church you can be a member of and not be really counted worthy of membership?

Out of gratitude for our salvation, we serve God and others in the church. Our serving God is our “calling” or “vocation.” The Reformers believed that the New Testament tells us that all who believe in Jesus have a “calling” to live out “through who they are and what they do.” (94, McKim, Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers) It was not only the religious monks, priests, and nuns that had a calling but also all Christians. Theologian Donald McKim writes,

God calls us to our jobs, our ministries, our forms of service as ‘sentry posts’ to keep our lives from being topsy-turvy. Our duties in serving God give us purpose and stability for our lives as Christians. Our occupations or professions are ways of serving, and should be viewed as the ‘calling’ through which we live out our Christian discipleship to be Christian in all we do, in service to this world. (Ibid, 94)

Stand sentry in your Christian service, that is, your Christian vocation.

May the peace of God stand with you,
Jim

FOR OUR CHILDREN:

~ What an E-X-C-I-T-I-N-G time we had at **GMPC’s Vacation Bible School 2015: Clean Water for ALL God’s Children!** With this years unique combination of Bible stories and strong emphasis on missions and environmental science we were able to grow in our love for God and our neighbor. We learned what scripture teaches us about water, our responsibility for the goodness of creation, and for the care of the physical health of others, as we built relationships with one another!

Together, we collected \$231.58 for this years VBS mission project: *Living Waters of the World*, an organization that provides training and equipment to install water purification systems to places outside the US!

To each and every one of the 35 plus amazing children who participated, all of our wonderful volunteers and Director Lisa Green, we thank you for a great VBS experience!

~ The **VBS closing program** combined with **GMPC’s Summer Picnic #1** was absolutely spectacular. We thank you all for sharing what you learned with us. A special thank you to Summer Picnic #1 Co-chairs, Katie Brown & Diane Barwick and their wonderful committee and volunteers for making it extra special for everyone! Thank you!

~ **Worship Readiness volunteers are needed for the 2015-2016 program year, August - August.** If you are able to help please contact Tami Warren at twarren@ncdoj.gov or the church office.

~ **PresbyCrew**—is taking the Summer off but we will be back in September. Don’t forget that there is Sunday School, and for some of you Worship Readiness, every Sunday Morning. See you in Church!

Youth Groups Info.

What a great program year we had. A big thanks to Bonnie Barr, James & Joy Dodson, Lee Howard, Lisa Green, Glenda Underwood, Dr. Moran and all of our parent volunteers for their hard work. We are very grateful for the time and love that you put into the GMPC Youth program. Thank you!

It is summer so we know you are busy with soccer camps, baseball camps, band camps, tennis camps, summer jobs, family vacations and drivers ed. Some of you might even have a day or two off. Remember to come to church on Sunday Mornings. It is not the same without you. We will have special events throughout the summer and we will contact you as they happen. Right now we are concentrating on getting ready for Montreat. See you on Sunday mornings. ***Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. *Worship: 11:00 a.m.**

Upcoming events:

~ **8th Annual Illuminate Church Youth Summer Camp: July 12th - 16th, 2015 for 7th graders and up!**

Interested in attending this years camp? Contact Anthony & Trish Sessoms: Anthony@dhscompany.com to sign up!

~ **Montreat Youth Conference 2015 This is Our Story: July 26th - August 1, 2015**

~ **Creeper Trail, VA Hiking/Biking Trip for Sr. High Youth: July 12th - 14th, 2015. Cost: \$100.00**

PRESBYTERIAN MEN OR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS:

~The **Presbyterian Men's Breakfast Meetings** will resume in the fall!

~We are always so appreciative of the PW Committees and the assistance of the PM for our social events. The remaining **Wednesday Night Summer Picnics @ 6:30 p.m.** are as follows:

July 8th (Chairs: Marinda Rives & Trish Sessoms): Ardella Boyette, Robin Sink, Susan Bristow, Sarah Lane, Linda Carr, Beth Bryan, Sr., Edna Faye Boone, Susan Tucker, Kathryn Jackson, Laurie Vreugdenhil, Beth Bryan, Beth Stewart, Mary Lou Faircloth, Suzi Matthews, Annabelle Fetterman, Allison Driver, Lisa Green;

July 22nd (Chairs: Mac Spell & Peggy Lindsay): Doris Hollingsworth, Erma Faircloth, Barbara Kerr, Tamara Peterson, Geneva Matthis, Lee Howard, Joni Fay Fetterman, Sallie Adams, Wanda Coleman, Janie Faircloth, Susan Fox, Mary David Morris, Amelia Surratt, Juanita Cantrell, Mary Aycock, Betty Blue Packard, Glenice Webster, Jennifer Bradley, Joy Dodson, Ashleigh Johns, Lucy Lockamy, Charlotte Harrell, Alice Lockerman, Nita Aiken; and

August 5th (Chairs: Ann Johnson & Allison Brock).

OTHER NEWS AND NOTES:

~Copies of **These Days** (July - August - September) are available in the narthex.

~ **2015 Summer Camp Information:** Please visit the following links for camp details/dates:
Camp Kirkwood: <http://www.campkirkwoodnc.org/summer-camps.html> (910)251-9622, ext. 223 or
Monroe Camp & Retreat Center: <http://www.monroecamp.org/> (910)276-1654.

~**Nepal Disaster Assistance:** Working together, GMPC has raised and wired \$1,500.00 (152,925.00 Nepalese Rupees) to Shanti Nepal, a Nepali Christian Organization, to aid in the earthquake relief efforts. We thank you all for your generous monetary donations. *Donations continue to be received.

~**GMPC's Youth would like to extend a great big THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the H2O Mission *Fundraiser*. Working together, \$790.46 was collected to go towards the purchase of a well, through the PCUSA/Presbyterian gifts, that will provide clean water for drinking, bathing, washing, and irrigation to an entire community. Your constant love and support is greatly appreciated! ***Donations are still being received.**

~**We Congratulate:** Nancy Lamb, upon receiving her Bachelors of Science in Accounting from NC State University and Connor Day, upon receiving her Bachelors of Science in Physics & Music from Agnes Scott College.

~**There are no words that can express the outpouring of prayers, support and love we have received** from our wonderful church members at Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church, John Robert's school Mintz Christian Academy, the surrounding 1st Responders, our friends and co-workers. Many of you knew that little smiling face from various activities in the church. John Robert enjoyed PresbyCrew, Joy Ringers and Cherub Choir. Some others only knew John Robert from pictures via social media. The words "Thank you!" seem inadequate to truly express our appreciation for all you have done. We thank God for every moment that he allowed us to share in John Robert's life. He lived everyday excited to go and enjoy life. We know to honor him that is what we must continue to do daily. As we move forward, we will continue to need your love and support. Please keep our family in your thoughts and prayers. Robert, Sara, and Emma Paisley Rosario and Jeff, Tami, and Mary Warren

EDUCATIONAL / SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR JULY 2015:

<u>05</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>26</u>
Crib Nursery: (Nancy & Jack Perry & Claire Fox) 9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.			
Deanna Weaver	Deborah Hall	Najshula Lassiter	Kathryn Jackson
Holly weaver	Addie Sessoms	Jane Langston	Ruthie Brock
Toddler Nursery: (Kathy Day & Mary Doyne) 9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.			
Bailey Spell	Allie Green	Susan Fox	Olivia Sessoms
Acolytes: (Brenda Nordin)			
Olivia Williford	Ruthie Brock	Addie Sessoms	Melina Matthews
Isabella Faison	Holly Weaver	Bailey Spell	Emily Wilmot
Worship Readiness: (Tami Warren) July Leader: Hollis White			

Memorial Room & Care Class Combined Summer Schedule: (Brenda Nordin)

Chad Neal	Bill Scott	Ronnie Honeycutt	Melvin Weaver
Cindy Neal	Julie Stefanovich	Amelia Surratt	Bill or Nita Aiken

Meals-on-Wheels: (Nancy Perry)

07/07 Beth Bryan, Sr. & Joan Carr
 07/21 Molly Held & Ann MacGill

Ushers: (Edwin Danford) Note: A yearly list is posted on the bulletin board outside the office

Richard Bryan, James Dodson, Lawton Eure, Curtis Lindsay, Neal Matthews, John Surratt, Whit Tart, Paul Viser

Flower Committees: (Mac Spell)

07/05 (Communion)
 07/12 Memorial for Mr. and Mrs. William Powell Peterson, Sr. and Mr. Mike Peterson & Capt. Tom Clark by the family
 07/19 Memorial for Tim Matthis by Mr. and Mrs. William T. Matthis, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Hampton, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Hollingsworth
 07/26 In loving memory of Katherine McMillan Fulton by the family

MISSION OPPORTUNITY for GMPC: Christian Food Bank of Salem-

burg. Every 3rd Saturday, monthly, bags of food are given to those in need beginning at 9:00 a.m. **What you can do to help:** *Volunteer Your Time!* Youth meet on the Wednesday prior to the third Saturday at 6:45 p.m. and Seniors meet on the Thursday prior to the third Saturday at 9:00 a.m. to help sort and pack food bags. Volunteers are also needed to help distribute the food bags on the third Saturdays, arrive prior to 9 a.m. *Donate Food Items!* Dried Beans, Peanut Butter, Breakfast Items, Can Soup, Can Vegetables, Rice/Pasta, Can Fruit. (A box for food donations is placed in the Fellowship Hallway for your convenience.) *Recycled grocery bags in bundles of 50 are also greatly needed! **Next Food Bank: July 18, 2015.**

We thank everyone for their help and support of GMPC's

4th Annual Yard Sale!

The yard sale made a profit of \$1,416.35, to go towards GMPC's Building Fund!
 A special thank you to coordinator extraordinaire, Brenda Nordin and her team of marvelous volunteers.

Happy Birthday During July: 01) Mariana Sanderson, Sara Rosario, Alexandra Cowand; 03) Addie Sessoms; 04) Michael Bradley, Ashley Webster, Stephanie Prestage; 05) Melvin Weaver, Daphne Green; 06) Crystal Faison, Ashleigh Johns, JohnAnna Barnhill; 07) Betty Heaton, Anne Faircloth; 08) Bill Scott; 09) James Register; 11) Tyler Jania; 13) Michelle Dunn, Field Palmer; 14) Donnie Dudley, Chris Aman; 15) Louis Held; 16) Joshua Combs; 18) Gene Freeman, Kermit Williamson, Art Apolinario, Margaret Register, Austin Paukert; 19) Bill Register; 20) Joan Lee, Scott Martin; 21) Ty Williamson; 23) Steve Stefanovich, 24) Bailey Spell; 25) Brad Webster; 27) Hunter Dalby; 28) Cecil Martin, Amy Lamb; 30) Jane Langston; 31) Mary Stephenson, Jonathan Surratt

I will be loyal to GMPC and support it with ...

Sunday, June 21, 2015

My Presence:	Sunday School Attendance	43	
	Worship Attendance	110	
My Gifts:	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>	
	Tithes and Offerings	\$ 2,418.00	\$ 17,811.00
	Building Fund Offering	\$ 50.00	\$ 33,541.52

Stop by the bulletin board outside the church office to view recent Information and News from Our Presbytery Office. To view the Coastal Carolina Newsletter visit www.presbycc.org. You can also sign up to receive weekly updates at your email address.