

## First Presbyterian Church

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### Attention Parents and Grandparents

It's that time of year when we recognize our graduates. If you have a child or grandchild, or if you are graduating yourself, let us know the details in the office so that we may recognize our graduates on Sunday, May 25 at church.



# THE HIGHLIGHTER

May, 2008

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There has been a request from individuals to know when the pastor is available to just drop in and visit. I understand that sometimes your reasons for wanting to visit with me may seem to be trivial but please don't think that! No question is too small or too insignificant and I enjoy getting to know each and every one of you better so visits are nice. Please feel free to call my cell any time – yes, even the night time – if you need to talk or ask a question. I am a night owl most of the time so even late calls aren't a problem for me. My cell number is 479-647-0651 and I wear it everywhere except for when it is plugged in charging. If I don't answer – leave a message and I WILL get back with you soon. During sports events I can't hear it ring very well and during visits I turn off the ringer!

I am in and out of the office every day doing a variety of church related projects and activities but maybe it would help if there were some published and dedicated times for you to feel free to drop in. Or you can call for an appointment anytime. The hours of 1:00 - 3:00 pm on Tuesdays and 10:00 am – Noon on Wednesdays will be ones in which you can feel confident that I should be available and you won't be interrupting anything important so please come by! Friday and Saturday are my scheduled days off – but you can often find me in anyway and an appointment can be made for either of those days as well.

Of course – emergencies cannot be planned. If you know that you are coming in to town just to talk to me, call Linda and make sure that I haven't been called away. I am willing to make appointments for evenings if you aren't able to come in during a weekday. Being a pastor means that my life is not easy to schedule – every day holds some form of surprise. That is one of the best parts of my call because I love the variety. It is also one of the most difficult for those who are not pastors to understand. Some Mondays I need to collapse because of a LONG weekend at the church but most Mondays will find me in the office bright eyed and raring to go!

I am trying to practice some Christian ways to reduce stress – one suggestion is to think of one thing each night as you go to bed that you have never been grateful for and to thank God for it! Another – remind yourself that you are not the general manager of the universe. Both of these things are important for me to remember, maybe you can find them helpful as well! Blessings as we serve in ministry together!



Sunday, May 4, 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Children will present their Spring Musical—Dottie Rambo’s *Down by the Creek Bank*. Co-creators Dottie Rambo and David Huntsinger have uniquely captured the imaginative essence of a child’s heart and combined it with Scriptural principles, which will serve as a firm foundation for children as they grow and mature in their faith. This play is filled with delightful songs and you will find yourself humming right along. So, grab a fishin’ pole and a friend and join us ‘by the old holler log!’

May 11-Mother’s Day and Pentecost Sunday. Due to Mother’s Day falling on the second Sunday and Pentecost Sunday, the Fellowship Committee has decided to not have a potluck in May. We will celebrate the Lord’s Supper on that day.

Sunday, May 18-Session will meet after church. No Noisy Offering today—The Children’s Noisy Offering will be taken on the third Sunday in May. The Noisy Offering has been very successful. The children’s ministry fund received \$96.00 in April. That is just f-a-n-t-a-s-t-i-c !!!!  
And by the way-keep saving those aluminum cans because we sold cans last month for \$66!

Wednesday-May 7 at 3:30 p.m.— The Wild Wednesday Bunch will meet for a special party to end their time together until next fall. We have had lots of fun with your children and we are so very proud of them all. If you attend *Down by the Creek Bank*, you will see some of the talent and potential that we have right here in our church.



## Coming in June—Bike and Build Non-Profit Organization

Bike and Build is pedaling to end poverty housing. Through fund-raising cycling trips, Bike and Build raises money for and awareness of affordable housing efforts. Their events act as a catalyst to build homes, foster the spirit of service, and empower young adults...mile, by mile, house by house.

First Presbyterian in Clarksville will be an overnight stop (Friday, June 20) for this organization’s group traveling from Swanquarter, North Carolina to San Diego over a course of 65 days. About 30 participants will spend the night in the gym and leave for Fayetteville the next morning. Several churches in town will participate in a potluck meal Friday night (here) and we will provide them with breakfast the next morning. While here, they have offered to do a slide show and an informal presentation about Bike and Build, and a bike-safety clinic for young kids.

Mark your calendar so you can remember the date and we hope everyone will come to the meal and hear about the group’s trip and effort to provide affordable housing.

At the end of the trip, they will be making a donation to the local affordable housing organization to the Orange County chapter of Habitat in North Carolina.

Check them out on the web at [www.bikeandbuild.org](http://www.bikeandbuild.org)

### General Fund

Beginning Balance April 1	\$922.55
Receipts	\$13,135.08
Disbursements	\$15,096.07
Ending Balance	(\$1,038.55)





**Gloria Beer**

Jack and Karyle Barnett  
Faye Roble  
Morris Pearson

**Vernice Teeter**

Faye Roble

**INTERFAITH SERVICE NETWORK**

**PANTRY REPORT-March**

**FED:**

67 Families received food

145 Adults

103 Children

4 Households received utility assistance

74 Total number families assisted

NEEDS: Tuna & Dry beans.

**Remember in Prayer**

Lisa Armstrong  
Bernetta Augustus  
Shala Baheri-Meshkaty  
Helen Batman  
Patsy Blackburn  
Bea Elkins  
Louise King  
James Laster  
Debbie Myers  
Jenna Soard  
John Tate  
Ronald Warnock  
Robert Waterman  
Bill Willett  
Dale Wilson

Congratulations to Katherine Garrett for receiving the Alumni Merit Award at University of the Ozarks Alumni Weekend on April 19.

**MEALS ON WHEELS WEEK—May12-16**



Thursday, May 1-Presbyterian will meet at 11 a.m. Hostesses this month are-Deana Morris, Billie Turner, and Wanda Walker. The program will be presented by Beverly Bauer on Air Evac. All women are invited to attend. You may purchase a sandwich for \$4.00 or you can bring your lunch.

The Morning Circle will meet on Thursday, May 8 at 9:30. Hostess is Mary Kimbrough and the program will be given by Marci Ward. Since last month's meeting was canceled due to bad weather, read lessons 5 and 6.

**May Committee Meetings**

Budget and Finance — Tuesday, May 6, 3 p.m.  
Building And Grounds — Wednesday, May 7, 1 p.m.  
Christian Education — Wednesday, May 7, 5 p.m.  
Worship — Sunday, May 25 after church  
Evangelism — Wednesday, May 14, 5 p.m.  
Fellowship — To be announced.



Our Evangelism Committee and Session are encouraging us to have a special food drive during the summer months, starting in May for Interfaith Service Network.. ISN typically needs food during these months since donations tend to lag during the summer. There will be special sacks located at the back of the sanctuary for use in this program. It was also suggested that we bring at least one canned good to each potluck we have for donation to the ISN.



# May 2008



**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

				<b>1</b> Presbyterian Women 11 a.m. Women's Bible Study 5:30 Preston Weatherford	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Lauren Tumbleson
<b>4</b> <i>Down By The Creek Bank</i> (Children's Spring Musical) 10 a.m.	<b>5</b> Daphne Ward	<b>6</b> Budget and Finance Comm. 3 p.m.	<b>7</b> Wild Wednesday Party 3:30 (last time until next fall) Building & Grounds 1 p.m. Christian Ed 5 p.m. Choir 6pm	<b>8</b> Morning Circle 9:30 Women's Bible Study 5:30 John Rice	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Billie Turner
<b>11</b> Mother's Day and Pentecost Sunday Communion Jean Jones	<b>12</b> Eddie Lindsey Ben Knight	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Evangelism Comm. 5 p.m. Choir 6 p.m.	<b>15</b> Women's Bible Study 5:30	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Noisy Offering Session Meeting after church	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Choir 6 p.m.	<b>22</b> Women's Bible Study 5:30	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Gretchen Teeter
<b>25</b> Worship Comm. After church Ann Patterson Snowden	<b>26</b> Office Closed Memorial Day Ashley Laster	<b>27</b> Morris Pearson	<b>28</b> Choir 6 p.m.	<b>29</b> Women's Bible Study 5:30	<b>30</b> Louise King Lynn Castleman Rick & Sherée Niece	<b>31</b>