



First Press

The First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

June 2007

Rev. Dwight S. Bayley - Interim Pastor
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Just these lines, My Friends. . .

How wonderful it has been to be your Temporary Supply Pastor for these last few months. Your words and expressions of appreciation for me and my ministry with you have been heart-felt. It has been my privilege to serve among you and I have learned more and grown more because of your friendship and love toward me. Thanks.

And how wonderful it is to know that your new Pastor will be in place before too long. I have had the pleasure of meeting Holton and getting to know him a wee-bit. As he comes to take his place in your community, I know you will welcome him with open arms. He is a very gifted man and brings with him a vision for First Church that will help move this congregation to greater heights than you have ever known.

Be proud of him and get to know him. It will take a bit of time for him to learn all of you by name. Be patient with him. He has developed his own style of ministry and my

guess is that his way doing things will be quite different from your "traditional" ways. Give him a chance to show you the paths he wishes to follow. Learn from him. Support him and love him.

Please never forget that he will need some time to adjust, especially some family time to help his wife and children learn how to adapt to their new environment. Be ready to assist him when he calls upon you.

Between my leaving and Holton's arrival, you will be led in worship and pastoral care by a delightful colleague in ministry, Dr. Rebecca Langer. She begins her ministry of a few weeks with you all on June 10th. You will be blessed to be in her presence. She is a gifted and dedicated servant of our Lord and together, you all will move toward a more mature relationship with Christ.

Thanks again for what you have meant to me.

Dr. Dwight S. Bayley

Contending for the Truth

The Saltshakers Sunday School class is currently viewing sessions from the 2007 Ligonier National Conference on "Contending for the Truth." Speakers include RC Sproul, John MacArthur, Ravi Zacharias, and Al Mohler on topics such as: our generation, contending for the truth requires that we are able to give solid reasons for the hope that lies within us (1 Peter 3:15). Please join us for this series at 9:50 a.m. on Sundays.

Summer Shorts Begins

Six Wednesday mornings 9 a.m. - Noon for Kindergarten through 5th grade students June 27th through August 1st. Open to one and all. The fee for the six-week program is \$50. Visits from historical Biblical characters, classes in Drumming, Guitar, and Speedstacking will be offered as well as art, recreation, magic and snacks. Dive into some weekly fun this summer at First Presbyterian.

Please submit articles for the newsletter as early as possible, but no later than the 20th of each month.

Seamark Ranch

On Sunday, June 24th, our Minute for Mission speaker is Fred Meiners, Executive Director of Seamark Ranch. It is an exciting time in the life of the Ranch, as the roads are completed and two sets of house parents move in for the very first time. A dream will be fulfilled by September, with eight boys in one home and eight girls in the other.

For the very fortunate children who move to the Ranch, they are likely to be living in a stable, loving, Christian home for the very first time. On the 468-acre Seamark property on Black Creek, the children will learn responsibility through chores, working independently and as part of a team to grow crops, and feed the livestock.

The houseparent family will provide a loving, laughing family environment. The husband and wife team will live in the home 24-hours a day and will be involved in all aspects of their children's day-to-day nurturing and spiritual guidance. Each child will receive a therapeutic treatment plan with specific goals and strategies for breaking past dysfunctional patterns. Children will

have opportunities to improve their self-esteem, and enhance their health and physical fitness through farming, a therapeutic equine program and structured athletic activities. A diverse recreation program will offer lakes for boating and swimming, ball fields, playgrounds and hiking trails for all sorts of outdoor activities.

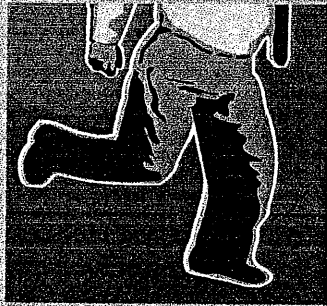
Children will develop successful social skills in the home where solid family values are modeled as part of their daily routine. The Ranch's Pathways Initiative for Education will stabilize each child emotionally and socially before reintroducing them to formalized education.

Pathways infuses education into the day-to-day schedules of each child, along with development of skills to improve self-esteem, manage emotions, learn responsibility, and develop appropriate interactions with peers and adults.

Believing that every child deserves a safe home, a loving trusting family and an opportunity to know our Lord Jesus, Seamark's child care program will offer each child a future and a hope.

Presbyterian Men News

Presbyterian men will resume their every third Thursday of the month dinner meeting schedule, on Thursday, September 20th, 2007. Mark your calendars with the following 2007/2008 meeting schedule:



- Thursday, September 20th, 2007
- Thursday, October 18th, 2007
- Thursday, November 15th, 2007
- No meeting in December 2007
- Thursday, January 17th, 2008
- Thursday, February 21st, 2008
- Thursday, March 20th, 2008
- Thursday, April 17th, 2008
- Thursday, May 15th, 2008

Flower Calendar

- ♥ June 3rd - Jan and Ted Gunderson in memory of their parents.
- ♥ June 10th - Mary Tom and Joe Drew in honor of graduating seniors.
- ♥ June 17th - Marie Louise and Ernest Chaplin in memory of her father, W. A. Davis. Barbara Burton and her children, Judy, Bob, Steve and Rusty in memory of her husband and their father, Marv Burton..
- ♥ June 24th - Ellen and Dick Hultberg in honor of their 46th Wedding Anniversary and their children and grandchildren. Nancy Duty, Ginger Lawrence and Nina Young in memory of their parents, Nancy and Clinton Herring.



YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

- ★ High School Mission trip - June 2nd - June 9th - Pre-registered high school youth participate in the mission trip to South Dakota.
- ★ Youth Beach Party - Friday, June 15th from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Peter's Point for both middle school and high school youth.
- ★ Water Slide Party and cookout - Wednesday, June 20th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the church for both middle school and high school youth.
- ★ Great Escape - July 16th - July 20th. Pre-registered middle school youth participate in the Great Escape in Ocala.
- ★ High School Planning session. - Sunday, July 22nd from noon to 2 p.m. High school youth will meet after church for pizza and a planning session for youth activities for the 2007-2008 school year.
- ★ Fall Youth Retreat - October 26th - 28th, Camp Montgomery. Join our church's youth at a fall retreat which will include a ropes course on Saturday morning.

Annual Church Garage Sale

Unclutter your house and garage by donating your "treasures" for the annual church garage sale on Saturday, July 21st from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. The "behind-the-scenes" action really starts on Tuesday evening, July 17th, when we set up tables and start loading donations into the fellowship hall. The rest of the week, we arrange, sort, and price the items. The more help we have, the more fun it is. Come join us Wednesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for lots of fun and fellowship while we prepare and of course on Saturday to pick up some "treasures" to add to your collection. See the church office for a key and directions to the "treasure" room.



Counting Blessings

I don't know where the time goes. It seems like I was just writing articles for the last newsletter. This really is a busy time of year and the days seem to be swirling past like gale force winds. Summer is upon us. Whether or not you have children in school or college, June always brings us to endings and beginnings with anticipation of vacations, travel, new adventures and visitors!



For children, the end of the school year always marks a milestone in their life journey. They are happy to be finished with the grade they were in and glad to be entering a higher grade in the fall, although, they are willing to take a few months off to savor their accomplishment. No classes, no structure, no worries.

For those of us who are not children, how are we marking the milestone of another year? What accomplishment are you savoring? Is it a Bible Study completed, a deepening of faith, a stronger, more powerful devotional & prayer time? Has your marriage improved? Are you nurturing relationships with friends and family? Are you taking care of yourself-physically, mentally and spiritually? God wants to grow us in every area of our lives. Make plans to have something to savor when summer is over.

Doris Davis

Library News

We have many new books for summer reading for the kids. Titles include Dragonwings, Paul's Call, The Blackbird's Nest, Souder, and Oakbrook Hollow - The Moles and the Lindsays. New adult fiction includes The Kite Runner, Gilead, and The Red Tent. Companion studies for these three adult fiction books are also in the library; In Search of the Kite Runner, Gifts of Gilead, and Inside the Red Tent. Also, keep in mind the wonderful Jan Karon series, a great way to spend a summer afternoon or evening away from TV re-runs. The library is available to all any time the office is open and on Sunday mornings.

Communications Committee News

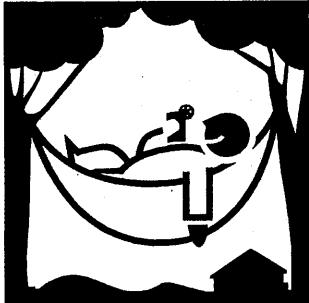
Hurrah! A New Pastor

On Sunday, May 20th, the congregation received the report of our Pastoral Nominating Committee, (PNC), who brought before us the name of the Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr. The congregation voted unanimously to approve his call and the terms, and so he will become our new Senior Pastor. We expect that he will begin his duties on July 9th. Dr. Holton is married to Martha Ann, and the couple have two children, Harrison aged 7, and Will aged 2 ½.

We thank Chairman, Larry Williams, and the entire PNC for their hard work over the last 18 months which has culminated in such a God chosen outcome.

Retired Sexton

Our Sexton, Tony Brewer has retired. His last day was on April 30th, and the church staff arranged a good-bye party for him with cookies and goodies. A plaque has been ordered to commemorate his wonderful service to the church, and the Session has authorized a going away present in the form of gift certificates to Tony's favorite stores. We are looking for Tony's replacement. If you know of anyone who has the appropriate experience, and might be interested in the job, please have them call the church office.



Kids Say the Darnedest Things

From a little girl to her Mother, after a weekend at her Grandparents house.

"Grandma says she doesn't think of it as getting hot flashes—she thinks of it as her inner child playing with matches"

Church Pictorial Directory

The Communications Committee is in contact with our denominational headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky, to check on the latest security issues associated with the creation of a new pictorial directory for our church. Pictorial directories have been a staple of church life for many years, but recently some churches have stopped publishing pictures of their family groups that include minor children, out of rising concern for their safety and privacy.

Because the safety and well-being of the children of our congregation is uppermost in our minds, we are considering several alternatives to address these important security questions. Among others we are considering not printing any pictures of minor children. It has been suggested that we let parents decide whether to take the risk of putting their children's pictures into the directory. When we have more answers and a better understanding of this problem we will seek the advice and consent of the Session, and our new pastor.

Subsequently, and before proceeding with a new directory, we will let everyone in our congregation know how we intend to go forward with this project.

The corporate Mission Statement as translated by the lowest ranking cubicle occupant:

"We the willing, led by the unknowing, are doing the impossible for the ungrateful. We have done so much for so long with so little, we are now qualified to do anything with nothing"

Author Unknown

A Timely Thought

"There is no way to peace. Peace is the way."

Dr. A.J. Muste (1885-1967)

Vacation Bible School

Want to help but don't have the time? We need donated foods for snack time! Snacks are themed to the Bible Stories taught each day! Red Seas made of jello, Teddy Graham Israelites, boats made of celery sticks with tortilla chip sails, fishermen's catch made of multicolored goldfish in tulle netting, life preservers made of white powdered mini donuts floating on blue cool whip waters...and more food fun to teach the kids valuable lessons! Donate any items listed below and drop them off at the Church kitchen or office on or before Sunday morning, June 17th. Questions? Call Jeannie 261-7658 or Emily 321-2169.



- Boxes of blue jello
- Graham crackers
- Chocolate frosting
- Teddy bear crackers
- Celery sticks
- Whipped cream cheese
- Hard cream cheese
- Peanut butter
- Jam (not jelly)
- Sunflower seed butter
- Triangular corn chips
- Straight pretzel sticks
- White sandwich bread
- Wheat sandwich bread
- Tulle netting squares (about 6-inch)
- Multi-colored fish-shaped crackers
- Cool whip-type whipped topping
- Mini donuts
- Circle cookie cutters (2"-3" diameter)
- Juice boxes

1824 Activities Planned

Kafe KAOSS will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays for local young adults and those returning home from college for the summer. Summer activities are currently being planned for this age group, and more details will follow in a later newsletter. If you are 18 to 24, come hang out in the Kafe.

Teacher Appreciation

Many thanks to the dedicated teachers who faithfully taught Sunday School this past school year:

- ♥ **Preschool through Youth:** Kim Scheele, Anita Hammond, JoAnn Hord, Shirley Owens, Doris Holloway, Lisa Caddy, Jeannie Langley, Kathleen Hardee, Nancy Scofield, Barbara Ross, Darren Smith, Dina and Roger Martin, Becca Gillespie, Lauren Coe, Amy Steffen, Elaine Burford, and Ginny Grupe, Marilyn Flynn, Megan Scheele
- ♥ **Children's Church:** Kasey Sapp, Lynn Hicks, Hope Starke, Joy Drewry (k-2), and Kim Scheele and Shirley Owens (preschool)
- ♥ **Adult Classes:** Sally Ericksen, Becca Gillespie, Jayne Conkin, Stan Everett, Stephanie Kirpatrick, Rich and Claludia Welshhans, Jesse and Becky Duke, Barbara Kent Holland, Mac Noden, John Patterson, Bill Wade, Terri Korn-Speer (Kerygma), and our beloved Ann Thomas.

Vacation Bible School

At

First Presbyterian Church

June 18th - 22nd, 2007

9 a.m. to Noon

Wednesday, June 20th

Family Water Park Fun

Noon to 2:30 p.m.

Hot Dogs, Sno Cones and

Two Super Water Slides

Friday Night, June 22nd

7 p.m.

Splashtacular Finale



VBS
June 18-22
K-5th grade


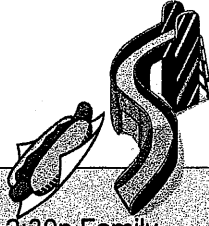


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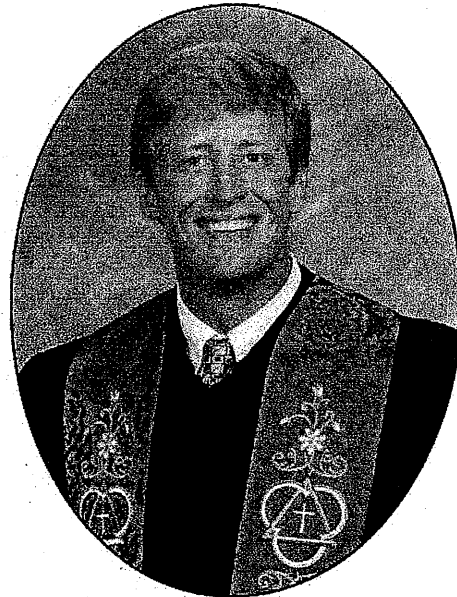
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
8:30a Worship 9:30a Coffee 9:50a Sunday School 11:00a Worship Nursery 8:15-12:15			Phone: 904 261-3837 Email: churchoffice@1stpres-fb.com Web: www.1stpres-fb.com		1	2  Youth Fly Out	
3 12:00p Luncheon for Dr. Bayley-JTH 1:00p VBS Planning Meeting	4 4:00p Christian Ed Comm 6:30p Youth Comm	5 7:00p Property	6 6:15p Communication Comm 6:45p Mission Comm	7 8:00a Prayer	8	9	
Senior High		Mission Trip		Pine Ridge		Reservation	South Dakota
10 Last day to register for VBS	11	12	13 	14 8:00a Prayer 1:00p Esther Circle @ Phyllis Rouse	15 6:00p-8:30p High School Beach Party @ Peter's Point	16	
17 Communion Happy Father's Day 	18 5:30p Finance	19 5:45p Deacon's Mtg 7:00p Session	20 12-2:30p Family Cookout & Water Park FUN 4:30p-6:30p Youth Water Slide Cookout	21 8:00a Prayer 9:00a-12:00p Bazaar Wkshp-Rouse home	22 7:00p VBS Finale	23 9:00a-1:00p Quilt Guild	
Water Works Park		Vacation Bible School 9:00a-12:00p					
24 6:00p Halfway House Ministry	25	26	27 9:00a-12:00p in JTH Summer Shorts 	28 8:00a Prayer	29	30	

New Senior Pastor at First Presbyterian

Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr. - "Martha Ann and I are extremely excited about the possibility of joining you in ministry at First Church, Fernandina Beach. We are appreciative of all the support and encouragement we have received from the Pastor Nominating Committee. It is evident that you, the congregation and staff, are alive and active in Christ's service." "God has truly blessed us throughout our lives and has enabled us to serve two wonderful church families. For God to see fit to bring us together reaffirms my conviction in the abundance of God's grace. The opportunities and challenges of

this call are met with faithfulness and joy. Please know that Martha Ann and I are praying for God's continued wisdom and guidance as you gather together to discern God's will for your church."

L. Holton Siegling, Jr. was born in Orangeburg, SC, on July 15th, 1971. Early in his life his family moved to Charleston, SC, where he was an active member of Second Presbyterian Church. He first felt called to the ministry as a sophomore in high school and has lived into that calling ever since. Holton attended St. Andrews Presbyterian College before transferring to Clemson University, where he received his undergraduate degree in English in 1995. He earned his Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1998 and his Doctor of Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary in 2007. He served as the Associate Pastor for Youth and Families at First Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg, SC - a large



church with about 2,700 members - from 1998-2002. He has served as the Pastor of the Marion Presbyterian Church in Marion, SC, from 2002-2007. Under his leadership that church has grown in membership, worship attendance, Christian education enrollment, and giving. When PNC members visited his church it was obvious he is much loved. He has always been an active member of the presbytery and of the greater church, serving most recently as a member of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, as chair of the New Harmony Presbytery's Alternative Examination Panel, and as a

reader of our national ordination exams. Holton enjoys being a full and contributing member of the community and has served on several boards and councils. He has especially enjoyed his work as a board member of Habitat for Humanity and as the President of the Marion Rotary Club.

His wife, Martha Ann, is a native of Greenville, SC, and is a 1995 graduate of Clemson University with a degree in Marketing and Tourism Management. She has worked as a conference coordinator for Princeton University and as a customer service representative for the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce, as well as being active in the Spartanburg and Marion communities. They have 2 energetic children, Harrison (7 years) and Will (2 1/2 years). As a family, the Sieglings delight in spending time outdoors together as well as enjoying fellowship with family and friends.

Memorial Gifts - January through April 2007

To The Endowment Trust Fund

In Memory of S.P. Birkitt
Margaret Boyce

In Memory of Perk Bowers
George & Vivian Geiger
Susan Steger

In Memory of James & William Marcum
Andy Allan & Family
Linda Love & Family
Cynthia Sapp & Family

In Memory of Paul & Louise Shaver
Karen Weber

To The Philips Memorial Fund

In Memory of Ann Thomas
Janet Anderson
Paul and Sue Ayers
Sally Barrow
Eason Bennett
Mary Bennett
Faye Birkett
Jean Boles
Dennis Bunch
Sarah Bunch
Stanley Bunch
Frank Burbank
Clare & Barbara Cleland
Merle & Jayne Conkin
Joe & Mary Tom Drew
John & Suzanna Harland
John Hassell
Cyril & Mary Jo Higgs
Mary Hughes
Carl & Mary Hunt
Elston Johnson
James Johnson
Joel Johnson
Dick & Trisha Kenner



Dan & Anne Kirby
Dennis & Barbara Kirkpatrick
Sung & Hope Lee
Helen & Biagio Litrico
Ann & Bobby Mayne
Joyce McQuaig
Gwen Miller
Carol Milligan
Original Adults Sunday School Class
John & Diane Pasioka
Joel & Alice Payne
Jane Phillips
Beulah Samples
Ted & Bunny Selby
James Shaw
Mack & Janet Sisson
Billy & Joyce Smith
Terri Speer
Lisa Stevens
Ed & Marlene Strobach
Ken & Nancy Sturges
Thelma Thornton
Herb & Addie Underwood
Sarah Wall
Louise Webb
Allene White

In Memory Perk Bowers
George & Vivian Geiger
Terri Speer

In Memory of Mandy Stover
Nelson & Marilyn Showalter

To The Education Fund

In Memory of Billy and Linton Featherston
Eddie Lou Featherston

In Memory of Paul Shaver
Nelson & Marilyn Showalter
Susan Steger

Presbyterian Women News

Thanks to all in our church who contributed to Networker's again this year by buying Mother's Day cards. It is good to know that you have saved the lives of pregnant women and babies in countries where malaria is the leading cause of death in infants. God bless you.

Also, thanks to all the ladies who made our Spring Fling such a success. Good food and fellowship were enjoyed by all who attended. Congratulations to Carolyn Guerrin who received this year's Lifetime Member Award. The annual Birthday Offering was col-

lected at this event and proceeds will go toward five very worthwhile mission projects selected by the national Presbyterian Women's organization.

Esther Circle is the only one meeting in June. The meeting will be at the home of Phyllis Rouse on June 14th at 1 p.m. All Circles will meet again for our Kick Off Luncheon and Program on September 13th. Mark your calendars for this program. Remember to collect toiletries for Barnabas Center during the months of July and August and deposit them in the PW box in the Jim Thomas Hall.

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HOLY SPIRIT
that has been
given to us.

Romans 5:5, NRSV

Sunday Worship Hours: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.
Thursday Morning Prayer Group: 8:00 a.m.