

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COMMUNICATOR



FROM THE PASTOR:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ . . .

Six months ago I became a father. Since James arrived in our home I have been learning a lot. Some of these things have been practical lessons on how to care for our new son. Those have often been meaningful. However, there have also been theological lessons which echo things that I have studied and even preached.

I have long appreciated the fact that God reveals Himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I have written papers and preached sermons on the beauty of God revealing that He is a community of relationships. However, I am now experiencing what it is to be a father for the first time.

I recently heard myself saying these words, "OK James, I am going to let you have your way. You don't have to, but that is not what is best for you." James is teaching me about my relationship with God, my Abba. As the words came out of my mouth I heard them and wondered how often my father in heaven says that to me. My words were in response to my son's desire to stand up and play after eating and before he had burped. I knew that he would feel the pain of that decision later, but in that moment, I allowed him to say no.

I believe that God allows us to say no to his best for us. I believe that He does that out of genuine love and compassion. I also believe that He allows us to experience the pain we cause ourselves as a gift and not as punishment. The Bible tells us in John chapter 1, "Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God." Since God calls us His children and invites us to call Him Abba (Romans 8:15), the lessons that I am learning about being a father to James are also a lesson to me about being a son to my Father in heaven.

Here are a few things I am re-learning 6 months into fatherhood:

- God is willing to let us have less than the best because he loves us.
- When we refuse his gifts he doesn't stop offering them, but it does grieve Him.
- Natural does not equal good. "All-natural" is used often to sell us things, but it is natural to be selfish. There are lots of things that are natural that are downright disgusting. We need God to transform our natural selves into His image.
- Maintenance is required from parents. That is why God sent His son

Being in relationship with a child is hard work, but the joy of his smile or laugh can warm the depths of my heart.

God loves us so much that He came and died for our sins. God loves us so much that His Spirit has come to live in us. God loves us so much that he invites us into His life and calls us His children. However, he won't force any of His love on us. He offers His whole self while allowing us the freedom to say no.

What are you saying to God's offer of self today?

In Christ,
Jonathan

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Mark 10:45:

For the son of man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many .



Youth

Upcoming Youth Events

August 13 SummerJam Event

12:30 at the Naz

Aug. 21-22 Mohican Retreat

...Details to come...

Aug. 28 Youth Fellowship begins

Sundays –Sr. High

Thursdays –Jr. High

Mission Trip Testimony

By Nick Camillo

The Webster County Work Camp was amazing!

There were so many amazing people there and I'll never forget all the memories That were created there. When I first met my crew (the students I worked with all week) I didn't know what to expect because I had never met them before. There is no doubt in my mind that by the end of the week we all felt like family -and that's an amazing feeling to have. I felt very blessed to have them in my group, they were very cool. Our resident (whose home we were repairing) was just as cool! Her name was Stella, she is a very nice person and fun to be around.

One of the most impacting parts of the week for me was the Tuesday night service. We were given name tags and were asked questions like, "Do you see yourself as a good person or a bad person,



do you see yourself as smart or stupid?" For each question we were asked, we were to write symbols for our answers on our name tags. After we finished writing them we learned that God doesn't care how we are judged by others -we are his masterpiece and he loves us no matter what. We learned that all the judgment we receive from others doesn't really matter. That really moved me, I don't think I've ever broken down like that before.

Our youth group felt the same way so we threw away our name tags. I could keep going if I wanted to but I want to make my point clear,

God paid the ultimate price for our sins and that took away his life and despite all that he loves us anyways and there is nothing in the world that could break his love for us.



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these the kingdom of heaven belongs." Matthew 19:14

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADES K-5

Welcome back to Sunday School families! We are excited to spend time in God's word together again! Sunday School for grades K-5 began August 7th as a large group in Room 203 on the second floor of the education building. We will begin in September with our regular routine of getting together as a large group for music, game, story and prayer then split off into two smaller groups. Grades K-3 will be together with Missy Kaufman and Grades 4-5 will be together with Marsha Bibart. Sunday School begins at 9:50 a.m. and ends at 10:50 a.m. We are looking forward to growing in Christ with your children and getting to know each family. God Bless! In Christ, Michelle Shillito

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SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES

PRE-K - DURING 8:30 /AND OR 11:00 SERVICES IN THE NURSERY-FIRST FLOOR OF EDUCATION WING

GRADES K-5 - 9:50 A.M. - 10:50 A.M. SECOND FLOOR OF EDUCATION WING

SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BEGIN AUGUST 7, 2011

"Jesus said, let all the little children come to me...for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. Matthew 19:14

Come joint us for our second annual Sundae Sunday August 28th at 12:30 after the second service to kickoff the beginning of Sunday School for 2011/2012.



**COME JOIN US SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2011 at 12:30 P.M.
FOR SUNDAE SUNDAY
KICKOFF FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*******FREE ICE-CREAM SUNDAES AND MORE!*******

Jesus loves me this I know for the bible tells me so!

The Lord said, let all the little children come!

Call for Art Program Volunteers!

It is time to start thinking about the fall session of our church's after-school art program! The fall session will run for 10 **Thursdays** beginning September 1st and ending November 3rd. Volunteers are to arrive at 4:30 and will be able to leave around 6:00. As we hope to accommodate more children in this session, we need more volunteers! Weekly volunteers will be assigned to a group of 3 or 4 children, helping them complete their art projects for our November 13th art show. No artistic talent is necessary, just the desire to listen and assist.

Please prayerfully consider how you might participate in this ministry opportunity. Our primary need is for people who can make a weekly commitment, but we also need floaters, substitutes, and snack providers. If you're interested, or would like to know more, please contact Liz Wiley at 740-398-5995, or by e-mail: artfpc@gmail.com.

Two important dates to note:

Sunday, August 21st- We are having an art program volunteer meeting during the Sunday School hour in the conference room located just outside the church office. This is an important meeting for all volunteers, both those who are making the weekly commitment and those who are still thinking about how they might be involved.

Wednesday, August 17th- We're having another art prep party for anyone who would like to help prepare materials and crafts for the fall session of the art program. Please join us for this great time of fellowship!

When: Wednesday, August 17th at 7:00PM

Where: Brett and Liz Wiley's house, 505 E Vine St.

What to bring: Yourself and a pair of scissors (or an x-acto knife if you have one)

RSVP: artfpc@gmail.com or 740-398-5995

Art Program Registration Is Now!

Calling all children in grades 1-5! Register for the church's Art Program now!

The Fall session will run for 10 Thursdays beginning **September 1st** and running through **November 3rd**, with a culminating art show Sunday, November 13th.

For children, weekly sessions will begin at 5:00 and end at 6:00 (volunteers are asked to arrive at 4:30). To register or to learn more, contact Liz Wiley at artfpc@gmail.com or by phone at 740-398-5995.

Request for Donations:

The art program is still benefiting from all the donations of church members many months ago. We are now able to plan projects around materials we already have! Having said that, we are in need of some specific items for our fall projects:

rulers old toothbrushes soap boxes (empty)

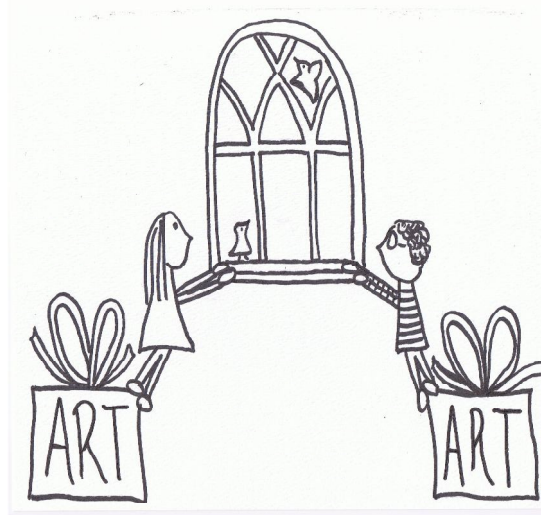
sturdy shoe boxes artificial flowers/plants stencils

books: illustrated books, books with music scores, and large coffee table books

small items of interest- larger than a quarter, smaller than

rubik's cube

Please drop off donations in the designated box located in the church's foyer, or contact me to make special arrangements: bewiley@gmail.com or 740-398-5995.



Fellowship Table Hosts/Hostesses Thank You and Request

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped make our coffee time and fellowship before and after worship services a success during the past year. The Fellowship Committee is requesting your generosity again this year. We would love to have some new volunteers bring **refreshments** for the coffee serving table. The coffee is already brewed before church begins, thanks to our custodian. The host in charge simply makes sure that their treat and supplies are on the table. A schedule will be assembled for the next twelve months beginning in September 2011 through August 2012.

Set up for the **8:30 AM Service** involves bringing the coffee pots to the parlor, placing a table cloth, cups, ice water, baked goods, cream and sugar on the table, Take dirty cups and glasses to the kitchen after fellowship. Replenish supplies as necessary.

Responsibilities for the **11:00 AM Service** include replenishing cups, glasses, and water. Place baked goods on the table. Take dirty dishes, supplies, and coffee pots to the kitchen after fellowship. Kitchen volunteers will be in charge of running the dish washer and cleaning the kitchen. Any assistance that you can provide will be much appreciated.

Please consider helping in this unique form of ministry in the fellowship of First Presbyterian Church. Many hands make light work. You may contact **Carole Conway** at 397-0525, e-mail mpcsconway@embarqmail.com, or fill out the request below which may be placed in the offering plate or returned to the church office.

Thank you for your help!

Name _____ Telephone # _____

_____ I would be willing to provide **baked goods** for the Fellowship Table for the 8:30 AM Service.

_____ I would be willing to provide **baked goods** (perhaps 1 or 2 times during a twelve month period) for the Fellowship Table for the 11:00 AM Service.

_____ I could help occasionally with **kitchen clean-up** following the 11:00 AM Fellowship.

Please indicate if there are any months you prefer **not** to be scheduled.

Standing calendar events

Please remember to fill out a building use event form for all events and return to the office.

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Worship Team Practice **8:30 a.m.** Early Worship Service with Communion

9:55 a.m. Church School.

11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Communion served on the first Sunday of the month.

6-8 p.m. Sr. High Fellowship-Youth Room

Monday: 5:30 p.m. Hot Meals

Tuesday:

Noon Men's Prayer Lunch-Kitchen **6 pm** Prayer Meeting

1st Tuesday of Month 6 pm Healing Prayer Service 7 p.m. Finance Meeting-

2nd Tuesday of Month 6 pm Leap Service **7 pm** Session Meeting

3rd Tuesday of Month 6 pm Prayer & Praise Service

4th Tuesday at 7 pm Committee Meetings-- Building & Grounds-M. Weil & Missions Committee --B. Malek

Wednesday:

7 pm Worship Team Practice

Thursday:

9:30am Women's Bible Study --Parlor **11 am** Bridge Club-Knox Meeting Room

Noon-AA meeting --CE bldg. **6-8 pm** Jr. High Fellowship-Youth Room

Saturday: Last Saturday of the month 9 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast-Parlor

Women's Association: Come join us for our monthly meeting held on 2nd. Wednesday of each month at 9:45 A.M. in the Church Parlor. This year our study will be Confessing the Beatitudes with accompanying DVD for the 2011-2012 Horizon Bible Study. Each month we meet for Bible Study, fellowship, and support of missions. This past year we primarily supported local missions--Hope Now, Delta, Youth Mission, nursery, and kitchen. Also, we supported some missions of the Presbytery including, the Thank and Birthday Offerings, Mothers Day Cards and the mission pledge. We raise our money for these missions with our 2 fund-raisers--Rummage Sales in October and April. We invite you to join us. Any questions call Brenda Schultze at 392-7833.

DEACONS CARE & COMPASSION

"...pray for each other so that you may be healed..." James 5:16

At the Ohio Eastern Star Home

Linda Fox, Katherine Garzieri, Jean Smith
Edith Whitney (*Sally Martin's grandma*)
Edith Woolson (*Sharon Rensing's mother*)

Autumn Health Care

Helen and Everett Chrisman

Country Club Retirement Ctr. 1350 Yauger

Martha Warden

Emeritus at HillenVale Nursing Home

Mary Stansell

The Living Center

Jean Fribley Myra Philpott

At Home

Ruth Grove, Eloise Hagan,
Treva Haltermon, Ellen Proper,
Margaret Shira, Martha Warden
Dorothy White

Special Prayer Concerns

Madeline Blamer (*kidney-Weil's granddaughter*)
Darla Brown (*Niece of Sally Conway*)
Glenn DeBoard (*Liver cancer*)
John and Sharon Ewalt
Treva Haltermon (*health concerns*)
Marilee Harrison
Jennifer Hatton (*Tyson's granddaughter*)
Reverend and Mrs. Markle (*friends of Toby Lord*)
Beth Middlemus (*Jo Richardson's sister*)
Chris Patterson (*Honduras-mission work*)
Robert Kidder (*Polly Patterson's father*)
Jo Richardson
Harriet Sells (*Toby Lord's sister.in law*)
Margaret Shira
Lindsay Smith (*Crones disease*)
Bonnie Stone
Kirk Swartz (*cancer-Ketner's nephew*)
Margaret VanSickle
Chuck Waugh
Misty Whitmann (*Lupus-family of Shillito's*)
Julie Williams (*family of M. Shillito*)

In the Military

Jacob Hahn-USMC-Moreland's
Nephew-Afghanistan
Matt Patterson-USN -P. Patterson's son



COMMUNION *If you have an update to the Deacons Care & Compassion list please let the Church Office know as we would like to stay as up to date as possible. Also, If you are a shut in or know of a shut in who would enjoy having communion, please contact the office with your name, date, time and location as there are friends who are willing and anxious to come to you and share the sacraments. Thanks!*

New address and phone for Dann Goodson

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

August 1
Jacob Carhart
Diane Harper
Dorothy White

August 3
David Hughes

August 4
Cheri Butcher
Amanda Gebhardt

August 5
Lori Ketner
Violet Waugh

August 7
Samantha Bissell
Jerry Mann
Melissa Peters

August 9
Matthew Shriver

August 10
Jacqueline Hathaway

August 13
Kelly Bergeson

August 14
Ashley Brown

August 15
Meredith Donnelly
Gina Lawhon
Jackie Lehr
Bill Shriver

August 16
Marsha Bibart
Dorothy Merrilees

August 18
Gary Hyman

August 22
David McDonald

August 24
Margaret Shira

August 28
Amy Camillo

August 31
Seth Lawhon
Bill Tyson

September 2
Jacqueline Upham

September 3
Anne Nagy
Linda Smith
William West

September 4
Sally Martin

September 5
Laura Abell
Hunter Kahrl
Ryan Lehberger
Laura Szenas

September 7
Lauren Shriver

September 8
Molly Gebhardt

September 9
Dan Chadwick
William Curran

September 10
Pat John

September 12
Eloise Hagan (103!)
Kevin Hawthorne

September 13
Marilee Harrison
Jennifer Merrilees
Jeanne Poland

September 15
Rachel Gregg
Gary Moreland

September 16
Ethan Abell

September 17
Russ Donnelly

September 21
Mary Stansell

September 22
Ellen Eastman

September 23
Valerie Donnelly
Cassidy Gebhardt
Dolores Haffenden

September 24
Ike Gibler
Scott Patterson

September 25
Sarah Carhart
Chris Patterson

September 26
Clint Eutsey
Edith Woolson

September 30
Dick Hall

