



First News

COVERING TWO WEEKS!
FEBRUARY 5-18
2012

First Presbyterian Church
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GOD HAS A PLAN AND WE ARE PART OF IT . . .

WORSHIP-FEBRUARY 5 COMMUNION SOUPER BOWL OF CARING BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. - MorningSong
Fogartie Hall
8:45 and 11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary

The Fourth Quarter
Dr. William P. Wood

Scripture

Psalm 90: 1-12
II Timothy 4: 6-18

Sanctuary Music

8:45 a.m.

Thanks Be to God Forever
Holy Manna
Genesis Choir

11:00 a.m.

I Lift Mine Eyes Unto the Hills
Ave Verum
Chancel Choir

WORSHIP-FEBRUARY 12

8:45 a.m. - MorningSong
Fogartie Hall
8:45 and 11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary

The Right Time
Dr. William P. Wood

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11

Sanctuary Music

8:45 a.m.

The Lord Will Not Suffer
Thy Foot to Be Moved
Ensemble

11:00 a.m.

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me
Chancel Choir;
Reel Robertson, solo

The 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. services are available live on our website and at 11:00 a.m. on WOLT 103.3 FM

If you search the word “plan” or “plans” in your biblical concordance, you will find quite a surprising number of places in the Bible where God’s word refers to plans. The most familiar however, may be in a letter sent by the prophet Jeremiah speaking God’s message to the Hebrew people in exile in Babylon –

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

Now this message from Jeremiah to the Hebrews didn’t have anything to do with strategic planning in the context we think of it. Jeremiah prophesied during the years up to and during the overthrow of the southern kingdom, the sacking of Jerusalem, and the exile of the people to Babylon. This was a message of hope during a very bad time for God’s people. It is well illustrated by another event in the Book of Jeremiah in which God tells Jeremiah to buy a field just outside Jerusalem in the days leading up to the final loss of the city. Jeremiah buys the field, registers the deed, makes a copy and seals it in a jar for safekeeping. Yes the people are to be taken into exile and enslaved, but God’s message is that they will return to Jerusalem and the kingdom will be restored. This message of hope resonates with us today in our belief that God has a plan for all of us even during difficult times in our church, nation, and world.

Your Strategic Planning Team has studied, prayed, listened to your voices and the voices of others, and worked diligently to derive the “Strategic Imperatives” and the recommended objectives to be implemented by our church in the coming years. There is way too much in the plan to print here, but the three Strategic Imperatives are:

- 1. Worship that inspires our experience of God.**
- 2. Discipleship that deepens our relationship with God.**
- 3. Mission that serves our neighbors and our God.**

You, the congregation, have spoken, and your message is that these three imperatives are the areas of critical importance to the life of this church going forward. There are many detailed objectives within each imperative that the Session, committees of the church, and many more volunteers will work to implement. Come to Wednesdays at First presentations this February, or watch on-line, to hear the plan in more detail. In addition, the complete plan will be posted to the First Presbyterian website, and printed copies and CDs will be available for members of the congregation. I do hope you will attend these presentations and take the time to read the Strategic Planning Report so that we may all continue to do God’s work together.

We pray that through this work God shines a light unto our feet and a lamp unto our path, that we may better understand God’s plan for the church in this place and implement it to God’s glory. Amen.

Yours in Christ,
Lee Close
Strategic Planning Team Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45 A.M.

NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL

INFANTS, TODDLERS, TWOS - C108, 105, 106
3K - Room C111, 4K - C110, 5K - C112

PATHWAY 2 TRUTH (1ST - 5TH GRADE)

2nd Floor of Clark Building.
Check bulletin boards for location.

February 5 - *Calling the Disciples*

February 12 - *Jesus and Prayer*

YOUTH (6TH - 12TH GRADE)

February 5 - *Jr. High Sunday Serve*
- Off site

Total Ministries

High School - Chapel

Journey

February 12 - *1 John 4:7-21*

ADULTS

BIBLE ALIVE! - Room C214
Exodus and Leviticus for Everyone

CHOIR CLASS - Room 2210
February 5 - *Justified by Faith in Christ*
February 12 - *Freed from Law Through Christ*

CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES - Room C212
Troublesome Bible Passages

FAITH DRIVEN - Room C210
February 5 - *The Servant Conquers*
February 12 - *Will Anyone Trust God's Servant?*

FELLOWSHIP CLASS - Room 2212
February 5 - *Daniel in Exile*
February 12 - *Popular PowerPoint Parables*

OPEN CLASS - Room 2216
The Controversy over Ordination

PURNELL CLASS - Purnell Room
February 5 - *Justified by Faith in Christ*
February 12 - *Freed from Law Through Christ*

SPIRITUAL LIFE - Room 2201
February 5 - *Revelation 6:1-7:17*
February 12 - *Revelation: God's Trumpets*

THE STORY - Room 2207
February 5 - *Daniel in Exile (Meet in Room 2212)*
February 12 - *The Return Home*

TRUTH SEEKERS - Room 2208
God Saves Sinners

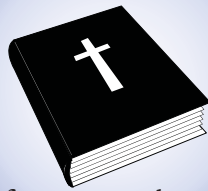
WELCOME CLASS - Room 2200
February 5 - *A Tour of Church Facilities*
February 12 - *Christian Living at First - Organization & Opportunities*

YOUNG ADULTS - Large Private Dining Room
Hebrews

Visit our website for more details on these classes at

2 www.fcpspartanburg.org

Read Through the Bible in 2012!



www.fcpspartanburg.org/yearofthebible/

It's not too late to begin!
Join a diverse group in our congregation who are reading through the Bible this year. Start today and go through this time next year.

Already participating? Make sure Craig Foster knows so that he can keep you in the loop to offer you encouragement and support on this journey.

Next Year of the Bible class: Thursday, Feb. 9, 6:00-7:00 p.m. (in-person and streamed online).

FEBRUARY 5-18

February 5 Exodus 23, 24; Matthew 26

February 6 Exodus 25, 26; Matthew 27

February 7 Exodus 27, 28; Matthew 28

February 8 Exodus 29, 30; Psalms 18

February 9 Exodus 31, 32; Acts 1

February 10 Exodus 33, 34; Acts 2

February 11 Exodus 35, 36; Psalms 19

February 12 Exodus 37, 38; Acts 3

February 13 Exodus 39, 40; Acts 4

February 14 Leviticus 1-3; Acts 5

February 15 Leviticus 4, 5; Psalms 20, 21

February 16 Leviticus 6, 7; Acts 6

February 17 Leviticus 8, 9; Acts 7

February 18 Leviticus 10-12; Psalms 22

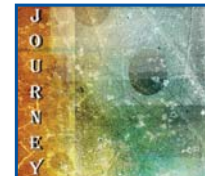
YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 5



Sunday Serve: Jr. High School students will meet in the FLC Lobby at 9:50 a.m. to travel by bus over to Total Ministry to serve during the Sunday School hour. Don't forget to wear jeans and a t-shirt. We will return to the church at 10:45 a.m.

Journey: High School students will meet in the Chapel at 9:45 a.m. for a special time of worship and will hear a faith journey story.



Detour on Wednesdays in February

Join us on Wednesday evenings here at the church! Eat dinner (don't forget to make reservations!) in Fogartie Hall and then head up to the Game Room at 6:15 p.m.

Interested in joining a Youth Grow Group?

Grow Groups have re-started in the new year! Get involved in your Grow Group and grow deeper in your relationship with God and your peers. Groups meet weekly. Call the youth office to find out where and when your group meets! *Call the Youth Office for more information (280-2133).*



Sign up for a Ski Trip!

Sign up online at www.fcpspartanburg.org (My First Pres) or drop off your form and \$100 deposit in the youth office.



HIGH SCHOOL
March 15 - 18
Snow Shoe, WV
Cost is \$325

If you have questions about youth events, contact the youth office (208-2133/ lnations@fcpspartanburg.org) or visit www.fcpspartanburg.org/youth.



FAITH, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP FOR THE ENTIRE CHURCH FAMILY

FEBRUARY 8 AND 15

Dinner reservations can be made by calling the church office (583-4531) or online (www.fpcspartanburg.org) prior to noon on Monday. See the pink card in the Friendship Pad in the Sanctuary for additional information.

SCHEDULE

4:30-7:15 p.m.	Nursery Care	C106
5:00-6:30 p.m.	Dinner Serving Line Open	Fogartie Hall
5:00-5:45 p.m.	Children's Choirs (5K-5 th Grade)	Clark Bldg, 2 nd Floor
5:00-5:35 p.m.	Joyful Sound Choir (4K)	Clark Building 2 nd Floor
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Sit 'n Stitch	FLC Lobby
5:10-5:35 p.m.	First Steps in Music	C212
5:15-5:45 p.m.	Evensong (Feb. 15 only)	Chapel
6:00-7:15 p.m.	Kids Crossing	Drop Off - Gym , Pick Up - C202
6:15-7:15 p.m.	Youth Detour (see page 2 for details)	
6:30-7:15 p.m.	Activities Listed Below	Various Locations
7:30-9:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

DINNER (5:00-6:30 P.M.)

FEBRUARY 8

Chicken Cacciatore over Rice, Tossed Salad with Choice of Dressings, Fresh Fruit, Hot Bread and Butter, Fresh Fruit, Dessert

FEBRUARY 15

Boneless, Skinless Chicken Breast in Wine Sauce, Tossed Salad with Choice of Dressings, Fresh Fruit, Hot Bread and Butter, Fresh Fruit, Dessert

The dinner cost is \$6 for Adults and Youth (12 and older), \$5 for Seniors (55 and over), \$3 for Children (Regular Menu, Hot Dog Meal, or Cheese Sandwich Meal) with a limit of \$18 per family of 4 or more.

ACTIVITIES (6:30-7:15 P.M.)

FEBRUARY 8

STRATEGIC PLANNING REPORT - *Strategic Planning Team, Sanctuary*

FAMILY PLAYTIME - *Far side of Gym*
For families who want to play together

SIT 'N STITCH - *FLC Lobby*

WEDNESDAY WALKERS - *Walking Track*

FEBRUARY 15

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Evensong Service



**WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 15**

5:15 - 5:45 P.M. CHAPEL

Evensong is a service of song, prayer, and candlelight Communion held in the Chapel on select Wednesday evenings from 5:15 - 5:45 p.m. All are welcome at this service of praise and contemplation. Nursery care is provided in the Clark Building, C106.



New Strategic Plan Presentations

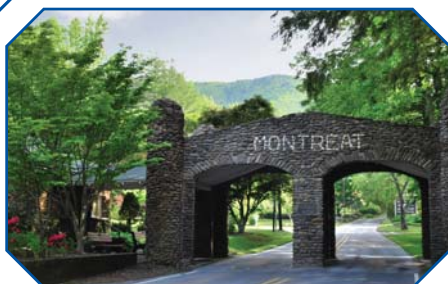
Wednesdays,

February 8 and 15

6:30 p.m. - Sanctuary

By the Strategic Planning Team

Learn about the new Strategic Plan for our church! Over the last 18 months, we have prayed and thought together about God's plan for our church's future. Over 900 congregation members participated in our church-wide survey to develop a new Strategic Plan. Hear about where we believe God is leading us!

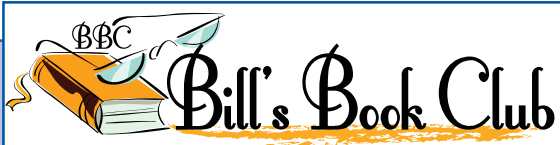


Save the Date! CHURCH WIDE RETREAT

Montreat, NC

May 4-6, 2012

Call Jane Mullins (208-2139)
for more information.



JOIN US AND BRING A FRIEND ~ FEBRUARY 6

The "BBC" meets Monday, February 6, in the Annex on Kennedy Street. Come at 10:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

- open to all interested persons
- even those who haven't read this book
- Come and bring a friend!

Led by Dr. Bill Arthur
(barthur@fpcspartanburg.org / 208-2141).



February Selection

Washington: A Life by Ron Chernow

Bill Arthur will review this recent biography of America's first President, just days before Presidents' Day. While some members will want to read Chernow's splendid work, others may want to read David McCullough's John Adams, or Doris.

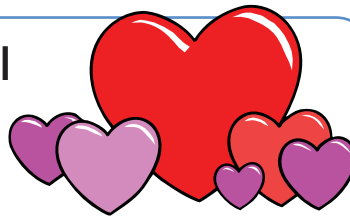


SAVE THE DATE!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 10-14**



**Come to the Weekday School
Sweethearts Supper
Thursday, February 16!
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. ~ Family Life Center**



A child-friendly chicken finger dinner with musical entertainment and student art show to help raise money for our Weekday School.

Highlights include:

- ◆ a bake sale
- ◆ "Baskets of Love" silent auction
- ◆ Please make advance reservations by noon on Monday, February 13 at the Weekday School office (call for pricing)

For more information contact Moira Scheel (208-2148 / mscheel@fpcspartanburg.org).



MUSIC FOR CHILDREN

**First Steps in Music
Sign Up Now!
Birth-age 3**

Join a NEW 9-week session.

- Wednesday class: (Ages 2 and 3) began January 18 - CLASS IS FULL
- Thursday classes: (Birth-age 3) began February 2
- Sunday classes: (Birth-age 3) begins February 5.

Class sizes are limited to 10!

If you are interested in signing up for the class, please contact Marcia Andrews (mandrews@fpcspartanburg.org) or visit

www.fpcspartanburg.org/firststeps.

**Registration to begin February 20 for
2012-13 Weekday School**

The Weekday School at First Presbyterian registration dates are as follows for 2012-13...



- February 20 for children of church members, with a child currently enrolled
- February 21 for non-church members currently enrolled
- February 22 for church members seeking new enrollment
- February 23 open enrollment to the public.

For more information contact Moira Scheel at the WDS office (208-2148 / mscheel@fpcspartanburg.org).

2012 ADULT STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Sign up now for these important studies!

GET CONTROL OF YOUR FINANCES IN 2012!

Sundays, 4:00-6:00 p.m. (Room 2212)
February 12 - May 13
(pre-register asap!)

Discover the peace of financial security through Dave Ramsey's proven approach. Classes meet for two hours each week for 13 weeks, during which time the average family pays off \$5300 in debt and saves \$2700. Registration now includes lifetime access to Dave Ramsey's useful online resources. Not sure yet? Register and come to the first class session for free and make up your mind after that.

Cost is \$99 per household.

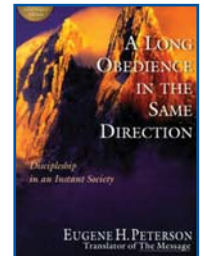
Led by Doug Campbell



[WOMEN'S STUDY] DISCIPLESHIP IN AN INSTANT SOCIETY

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Library
February 8 - May 23

Over thirty years ago, Eugene Peterson's *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship in an Instant Society* challenged us to consider what authentic faith looks like in our rapidly changing world. Since that time, email, cell phones, and a host of other instant technologies have made this book all the more relevant. Through the Psalms of Ascent (journeying songs sung by pilgrims to Jerusalem), Peterson invites us into a time-tested prescription for discipleship – a long obedience in the same direction. Women of all ages are invited to join the Christians in the Making women's study group in a study and discussion of this modern classic of Christian discipleship. Register online or just show up.



Led by Lynn Edwards and Jennifer Biber
Cost: \$11

Register on My First Pres or contact Jane Mullins (jmullins@fpcspartanburg.org/208-2139)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CIRCLE MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY



Circle meetings offer women in the church meaningful ways to live out their faith in the midst of a caring community. *If you would like to join a circle, please contact Jane Mullins in the church office (208-2139 / jmullins@fpcspartanburg.org) for more information.*

Circle 1:

Monday, February 13 at 10:30 a.m.
Parlor

Circle 2:

Monday, February 13 at 10:15 a.m.
Small Private Dining Room

Circle 3:

Monday, February 13 at 10:30 a.m.
Hostess: Maxine Kittrell
318 Wittenberg Way, Inman

Circle 4:

Monday, February 13 at 3:00 p.m.
Small Private Dining Room

Circle 5:

Monday, February 13 at 10:30 a.m.
Purnell Room

Circle 7:

Tuesday, February 14 at 10:30 a.m.
Hostess: Liz Chapman, 865 Glendalyn Ave
Co-Hostess, Amelia Sue McAbee

Circle 8:

Thursday, February 9 at 11:30 a.m.
Palmetto Palette

Circle 9:

Tuesday, February 21 at 3:30 p.m.
Parlor

Circle 11:

Tuesday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m.
Hostess: Linda Mullen, 116 Wendover Ct

Circle 12:

Monday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m.
Hostess: Lynda Moore, 1040 Glendalyn Ave
Co-Hostess, Betty Reagan

Stewardship Update 2012

Pledges Received through
January 31, 2012

718 pledges totaling
\$2,752,433.60

84% of our goal
of \$3,280,804



LIVE BROADCAST SUNDAY

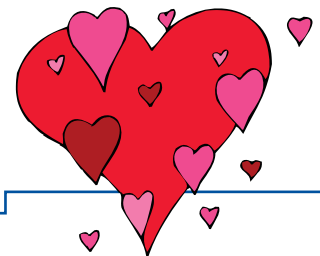
Can't attend worship?

Join us live each Sunday at
www.fpcspartanburg.org



Did You Enjoy the Sermon on Sunday? Want a Copy?

Printed transcripts of Dr Wood's sermons are available in the church office.



Looking for that unique Valentine gift? Want to show someone how much he or she matters?

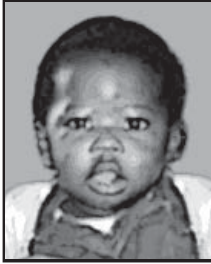
Make a blood donation honoring your Valentine! And have a special message sent to your recipient from the Health Committee.



The Blood Connection returns to First Presbyterian on

Sunday, February 5
8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Family Life Center Gym

To make your appointment contact
Beth Cecil (208-2136
bcecil@fpcspartanburg.org) or
Winnie Walsh (579-1002
winnwalsh@bellsouth.net).



Witness Season 2012

Nourish Lesotho's Future

"If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday." Isaiah 58:10

Each February FPC celebrates Witness Season, our annual campaign to support an international mission project. This year we will raise funds for the Ministry of Hope-Lesotho Crisis Nursery in southern Africa, a project of long-time missionaries Frank and Nancy Dimmock. Our goal of \$25,000 will support the renovation of the Crisis Nursery building and its operations.

The Crisis Nursery matches orphans with adoptive parents, provides care for children of working mothers, and supports families with children who lack funds for school and basic needs. Please join in this critical effort to nourish Lesotho's future, its children.

To give, designate your check to First Presbyterian for "Witness Season 2012", or visit **My First Pres** at www.fpcspartanburg.org.

SPIHN NEEDS YOUR HELP, FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 3



Our next SPIHN rotation is February 26 - March 3, and we need your help! Many jobs, big to small, give adults and kids exposure to local mission work right here in our church.



Contact Dean Sheorn (dsheorn@yahoo.com) if you're interested in helping out. To learn more about SPIHN, visit www.spihn.org.

Want to Help Haiti? March 24-31, 2012

Join the Mission Team traveling to Haiti March 24-31, 2012! Participants in this construction and fact-finding mission will travel to Port-au-Prince to assist Haiti Outreach Ministries with on-going recovery efforts from the 2010 earthquake. *We need helpers – the only skill required is willing hearts and hands.*

Cost \$1,300 - Scholarships are available.

Contact Pat Tatham (ptatham@charter.net / 706-3919) or Shannon Stewart (ssewart@fpcspartanburg.org / 583-4531).



Communion Wafers Are Now Gluten-Free



The Communion Wafers served at First Pres Spartanburg have been handmade by members of our Church for over 50 years, and they are now gluten-free!

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 5-18

Sunday, February 5

COMMUNION

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

8:00	a.m.	Genesis Choir
8:30	a.m.	Blood Drive
8:45	a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary)
8:45	a.m.	MorningSong (Fogartie Hall)
9:45	a.m.	Sunday School
9:45	a.m.	Welcome Class
11:00	a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary)
12:00	p.m.	College Lunch
12:15	p.m.	Jr. High Ski Trip Meeting
3:00	p.m.	Girl Scouts
4:00	p.m.	Cub Scout Den Meeting
4:00	p.m.	Officer Training
5:00	p.m.	First Steps in Music
5:30	p.m.	Adult Study: <i>Disciple</i>
5:30	p.m.	First Steps in Music
5:30	p.m.	Sr. Chorister Parent Meeting
6:15	p.m.	Sr. Chorister Play Rehearsal



Sunday, February 12

WITNESS SEASON BEGINS

8:45	a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary)
8:45	a.m.	MorningSong (Fogartie Hall)
9:45	a.m.	Sunday School
9:45	a.m.	Welcome Class
11:00	a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary)
12:00	p.m.	College Lunch
4:00	p.m.	Financial Peace University
4:00	p.m.	Officer Training
4:00	p.m.	Sr. Chorister Play Rehearsal
5:00	p.m.	First Steps in Music
5:30	p.m.	First Steps in Music
5:30	p.m.	Adult Study: <i>Disciple</i>
6:00	p.m.	Chamber Singers

Monday, February 13

10:15	a.m.	Women's Ministries Circle 2
10:30	a.m.	Women's Ministries Circle 1, 3 & 5
3:00	p.m.	Women's Ministries Circle 4
4:30	p.m.	Sustainability Committee
5:00	p.m.	Stephen Ministry Leaders
5:00	p.m.	Support Partners
5:30	p.m.	Education and Discipleship Committee
5:30	p.m.	Facilities Committee
5:30	p.m.	Youth Committee
5:45	p.m.	PNC
6:00	p.m.	Music Committee
6:00	p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision
6:00	p.m.	Stephen Minister Training
6:30	p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 2
7:00	p.m.	Women's Ministries Circle 12

Tuesday, February 14

9:15	a.m.	Church Staff
9:15	a.m.	Women's Study: <i>Beth Moore's James</i>
10:00	a.m.	Library Committee
10:30	a.m.	Women's Ministries Circle 7
12:00	p.m.	Adult Study: <i>The Life of Paul for Today</i>
12:00	p.m.	Women's Study: <i>Gospel in Life</i>
4:00	p.m.	Personnel Committee
5:30	p.m.	Mission Committee
6:15	p.m.	Handbells
7:00	p.m.	Women's Ministries Circle 11

Wednesday, February 15

10:00	a.m.	Women's Study: <i>Christians in the Making</i>
5:00	p.m.	Sr. Chorister Play Rehearsal
5:00	p.m.	Wednesdays-At-First (see page 3)
5:15	p.m.	Evensong
7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 16

9:15	a.m.	Adult Study: <i>Disciple</i>
9:15	a.m.	Women's Study: <i>The Jesus I Never Knew</i>
10:00	a.m.	Sanctuary Guild
12:00	p.m.	Adult Study: <i>The Life of Paul for Today</i>
12:00	p.m.	Church Prayer Time
12:00	p.m.	Pick-Up Basketball
4:15	p.m.	First Steps in Music
5:00	p.m.	First Steps in Music
5:30	p.m.	Weekday School Sweethearts Supper

Friday, February 17

6:30	a.m.	Men's Study Group: <i>The Four-Dimensional Jesus</i>
7:00	a.m.	AA Group Meeting
7:00	a.m.	Men's Study Group: <i>Moses</i>

Monday, February 6

10:00	a.m.	Women's Ministries Bible Leaders
10:30	a.m.	Bill's Book Club
11:00	a.m.	Sanctuary Guild Steering Committee
11:30	a.m.	Women's Ministries Council
4:00	p.m.	Older Adult Committee
5:00	p.m.	Support Partners Committee
5:30	p.m.	Church Planning Committee
5:30	p.m.	Purnell Committee
5:45	p.m.	PNC
6:30	p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 2
6:30	p.m.	Stephen Minister Training
7:00	p.m.	Bill's Book Club

Tuesday, February 7

7:00	a.m.	Officers' Prayer Breakfast
9:15	a.m.	Church Staff
9:15	a.m.	Women's Study: <i>Beth Moore's James</i>
10:00	a.m.	Library Committee
12:00	p.m.	Adult Study: <i>The Life of Paul for Today</i>
12:00	p.m.	Women's Study: <i>Gospel in Life</i>
6:00	p.m.	Worship Committee
6:15	p.m.	Handbells

Wednesday, February 8

10:00	a.m.	Women's Study: <i>Christians in the Making</i>
5:00	p.m.	Wednesdays-At-First (see page 3)
7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 9

8:00	a.m.	Budget and Finance Committee
9:15	a.m.	Adult Study: <i>Disciple</i>
9:15	a.m.	Women's Study: <i>The Jesus I Never Knew</i>
11:30	a.m.	Women's Ministries Circle 8
12:00	p.m.	Adult Study: <i>The Life of Paul for Today</i>
12:00	p.m.	Pick-Up Basketball
4:15	p.m.	First Steps in Music
5:00	p.m.	First Steps in Music

Friday, February 10

6:30	a.m.	Men's Study Group: <i>The Four-Dimensional Jesus</i>
7:00	a.m.	AA Group Meeting
7:00	a.m.	Men's Study Group: <i>Moses</i>

PASTORAL CONCERNS

(Prepared January 31)

ROY EARL GOODWIN, JR.

January 20, 2012

LISA ARCHIE VAUGHN

January 28, 2012

I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.

John 11:2

Christian sympathy is extended to

- **Ann Turner** on the death of her mother, Edna Cannon Hamrick;
- **Alva Pack** on the death of his sister, Alma J. Folk;
- **Pamela Heath** on the death of her father, Conrad Gray.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Austin Eckles (Paige Brooks Phillips) who were married on Saturday, January 21.

Congratulations to Leigh Anne and Ryan Langley on the birth of their son, **Jack Ryan**, born on Sunday, January 29.

For pastoral care after 5:00 p.m. weekdays and on weekends, please contact our pastoral staff at **208-2142**.

Bill Wood is residing in Spartanburg at Library Commons. He may be reached through the church (583-4531 / bwood@fpcspartanburg.org) or at home (864-541-8269).

For pastoral needs for our youth, contact **Carrie Williamson** (809-9470) or **Mike Koster** (904-716-7367).



A Stephen Series
Congregation



NEW Pastoral Care On-Call System

The pastoral care team is implementing a new system for our on-call rotation. If you have a pastoral emergency after 5:00 p.m. during the week or anytime over the weekend, please call **208-2142**. The message will be sent to the pastoral care team member who is on-call and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

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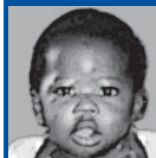
Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 5!

Bring lots of loose change to help support Total Ministries this Sunday, February 5. Help the hungry in Spartanburg County by donating to this annual youth project, the **Souper Bowl of Caring** (www.totalministries.org).



Witness Season Begins, Sunday, February 12!

2012 Witness Season



*Nourish
Lesotho's Future*

"If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday." Isaiah 58:10

This year we will raise funds for the Ministry of Hope-Lesotho Crisis Nursery in southern Africa, a project of long-time missionaries Frank and Nancy Dimmock. Our goal of \$25,000 will support the renovation of the Crisis Nursery building and its operations.

For more details see page 6.