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It's time for VBS! Are you ready to

Take the Plunge Again!

It's going to be a SPLASHIN' Good Time!
Watch for more details in the June newsletter!

Tentative dates are June 15, 16, 17

Director: Jackie France



A Message from Pastor Gilbert . . .

If you like ice cream, then you know what it is to have an ice cream cone that just hits the spot. Maybe it was a hot day, or perhaps you just had not had any ice cream for a while, and that ice cream cone was just what the doctor ordered. Have you known a cone of ice cream like that? Now, just imagine enjoying your ice cream as you walk along a busy, shady, tree-lined street filled with people – and it seems that almost everyone you pass is staring at you enjoying your ice cream. But then you realize they are not really staring at you, they are staring at your ice cream cone! They are not really envious of you for having your ice cream cone, they simply want your ice cream cone! And then it dawns on you that even though they want your ice cream cone, they are not about to ask you for it or take it from you, for even if you were to offer it to them they would not accept it. After all, who wants an ice cream cone that some stranger has already licked? So, you walk on, blissfully enjoying your ice cream cone, oblivious now to the stares of the people passing by. Wow, that was a close one! I bet you thought for a minute there that I was going to suggest you share your ice cream cone with all those people passing by on that busy, shady, tree-lined street. Now, imagine that your ice cream cone is the gospel of salvation and all those people passing by are lost. “So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.” James 4:17

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Yard Sale Coordinator(s) Needed!

The Building and Grounds Committee would like to have another yard sale to raise funds for our new church sign. We have some stored some items left over from our sale last Fall. Plans are to have the sale on a Saturday late in May or early June. Please see Jim Davignon if you can help!



May 2009

10 Sean Demers	28 Robin Rowell
18 Gloria Plyler	29 Melissa Weigel
20 Ricky Branagan	29 Ryan Branagan
26 Carol Shrum	

Happy Anniversary!

May 10 David & Patsy Ward – 39 years!
 May 25 Wes & Michelle Marquand – 24 years!
 May 29 Gilbert & Robin Rowell – 33 years!



Stewardship Report

MARCH 2009

	<u>March 09</u>	<u>Year-to-date Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
INCOME:			
Tithes & Offerings	\$24, 200	\$48,279	\$36,000
EXPENSES:			
Benevolent Gifts	\$ 1,200	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,900
Ministry & Worship	6,570	18,152	20,675
Christian Education	408	669	825
Office & Administration	735	2,189	2,275
Building & Grounds	2,224	6,763	8,250
Fellowship	0	0	300
TOTAL	\$11,137	\$31,373	\$36,225

Opportunities for Service May 2009

Ushers

- 3 Bob Bassett Sean Demers
- 10 Bob Bassett Danny Vanzant
- 17 Bob Bassett John Currence
- 24 Bob Bassett Tammy Bassett
- 31 Bob Bassett Ryan Branagan

Children's Church

- 3 Lynn & Gustavo Lopez
- 10 Erin France
- 17 Trummer Baker
- 24 Robin Rowell
- 31 Emma Hoover

Nursery Volunteer (if needed)

- 3 Ashley Demers
- 10 Karen Branagan
- 17 Tammy Bassett
- 24 Jackie France
- 31 Marnita Causby

Acolytes

- 3 Sydney Marquand
- 10 Bryson Bassett
- 17 Aaron Conley
- 24 Sydney Marquand
- 31 Bryson Bassett

Fellowship
Dinner



May 17th – **Third week due to Mother's Day**
Hostesses: Linda England and Emma Hoover



Have you checked out our
website?

www.providencegastonia.org

Our website has updates daily, especially the prayer list. You can go on the site, click on the prayer tab, and add a friend or family member to our prayer corner. The request will be sent to Pastor Gilbert prior to posting. Updates can be done the same way. If you would like to receive updates that have been posted on the website, send Gilbert a request at spruon@carolina.rr.com. One of those many times you are looking at your computer screen, take a minute and check out the site!



Family Bible Conference
Register by July 1, 2009

Evangelism & the Sovereignty of God

- Powerful Bible Teaching
- Dynamic Children & Youth Programs
- Relaxation, Fellowship, and fun for the Whole Family

Speakers:

- Dr. Mark E. Ross – Assoc. Dean & Assoc. Professor of Systematic Theology at the Columbia campus of Erskine Theological Seminary
- Rev. Richard D. Phillips – Bible teacher of the God's Living Word broadcast
- Mrs. Tracie Miles – Women's Speaker – inspirational author

"But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the Lord." Jonah 2:9 NIV

A mother's prayer

Make me a wise mother, O Lord. Keep me calm and give me patience to bear the small, irritating things in the daily routine of life. Give me tolerance and understanding to bridge the gulf between my generation and that of my children.

Let me not be too ready to guide my children's stumbling feet, but allow me to be ever near to bind their bruises. Give me a sense of humor that I may laugh with them but never at them. Let me refrain from preaching with words; let me show by example instead.

Keep me from forcing their confidences, but give me a sympathetic ear when my children come to me. Make me humble. Keep my children close to me, O Lord, though miles may separate us. And let Thy light so shine upon me that they, too, will perceive Thy glory. Amen.

Happy Mother's Day!

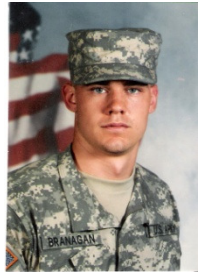


Class of 2009



Allyson Bassett – Erskine College – Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and Bible. Allyson plans to attend the Erskine Theological Seminary in the Fall to achieve her Masters in Christian Education.

Ricky Branagan – University of NC at Chapel Hill Bachelors of Arts in Political Science. Ricky served in the Army ROTC program and will be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, branched Field Artillery. After officer training at Ft. Sill, OK for six months, he will be stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC.



Bethany Weigel – Gaston Christian School Graduates May 22 - Bethany will be attending Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC), Charlotte, in the Fall, beginning her studies in Nursing. Her plans are to transfer to a university for her junior year.

The Family Care Committee of the Women's Ministries will be honoring our one high school graduate this year, Bethany, with our tradition of the college basket. A list of Bethany's favorite things will be on the table under the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall and also in the basket provided for her goodies in the Narthax. This is always appreciated by the college student as well as the parents! Thanks so much!