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Grace and Peace to you



WHPC Foreign Missions Committee Annual Update

John 15:16 “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.” (ESV)

This is the attitude of the heart...that is supported by a spiritual faith...that our missionaries call upon each and every day as they serve the Kingdom in their daily lives.

The WHPC FMC rejoices in the work the Lord has accomplished with the time, talents, and gifts from this church given to support spreading the work of Christ across the globe, and is excited to share how YOU participated and were instrumental in spreading the Gospel.

2015 Faith Promises:	\$ 52,760.00	2015 Anticipated FMC Expenses:	\$ 84,198.69
2015 Promises Received:	\$ 64,974.00	2015 Actual FMC Expenses:	\$ 81,463.90

With the generosity of the one-time gift(s) and the fiscal overage from previous years, the additional \$16,489.90 allowed many needs to be met.

During the 2015-16 FMC year, WHPC partnered with 16 different missionaries and 1 international mission program, as well as continuing our unique commitment to our sister church, Nueva Gerona, in Cuba. One team traveled to Nueva Gerona in January of 2015 to evangelize and encourage the church there. WHPC monthly support for missionaries around the world totaled \$67,800.00. :

- Ryan Bowles family – Middle East/Creative Access (WHPC family)
- Glenn & Francis Camenisch - Portugal
- Joseph Debuljuh & family – Croatia (Increased to \$500/mo)
- Paul Fisher, Sr & family – Mexico
- Dan Herron & family – Spain
- Homes of Love – Vietnam
- Jonah & Jennifer Ministries - Middle East/Creative Access
- Paul Kendall & family – Africa/Creative Access (left the field February 2016)
- Phillip Kirkland & family – Greece
- Chuck Linkston & family – Australia (moved to Tasmania)
- George & Martha Mixon – Kenya
- Robert & Bintou Peterson - Gabon
- Presbyterian Ministry in India Orphanage
- Kim Townley – Czech Republic (WHPC family- left the field October 2015)
- Jonathon Westbrook & family – Asia/Creative Access
- Eric Yodis & family – Ukraine

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Thank you for helping to send children to Camp Bethel.

Once again you have supported the camp scholarship program in a huge way. Your giving exceeded our target of \$1300. On behalf of the campers and their families. Thank you!!

Spring Children’s Music Program in Review

Wow!! What an evening we had on Wednesday, May 11. The children did a wonderful job presenting their catechism songs to the audience. Everyone was also captivated by the acting skills of the children in the video segments. To watch the complete program, please go to the following link and click on the picture

<http://www.whpca.net/media>



Thank you to all who came out to support and encourage the children. A special round of applause also goes out to the volunteer leaders of our Wednesday Night program. We could not do it without you:



Kristen Allender, Ria Tyler , Gordon & Jill Rhyne, Ron McCord, Mike & Nancy Miller, Emilee Frincke, Mark McNeil, Phil & Anne Moor, Lewis & Debbie Kinnard, Ray Booth, Bill & Linda Mowles

Catechism Learning Program Awards

Many of the children participated in our inaugural Catechism Learning Program. There were two divisions: Preschool (ages 3-6 years) and Elementary (1st -5th grade).

Preschool children receiving Gold Ribbon Medal included:
For questions 1-5- Hannarose Allender, Josiah McKenzie, Xavier Tyler
For questions 1-15: Devin Cimino, Noah McKenzie Jacob Rhyne



There were three medal levels in the elementary division:

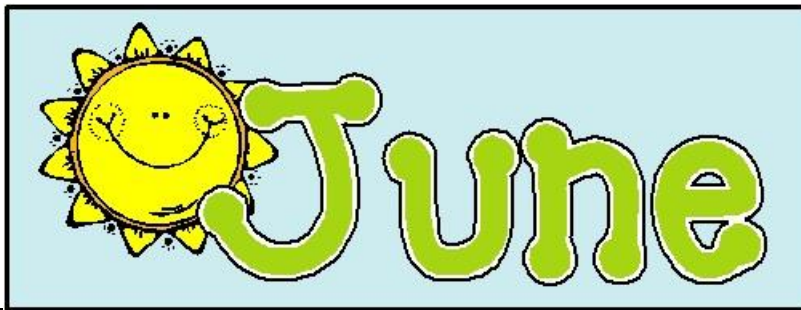


Red Ribbon: For questions 15-21: Grayson Dockery, Isabelle Dockery Dominique Ross, Sha'Diamond Ross, Marina Saunders


Blue Ribbon: For questions 15-31: Talon Davis, Nadia Hinton, Keyondra Saunders, Alexia Tyler, Shayleigh Tyler

Gold Ribbon: For learning the target number of the first 32 questions: Elton Aba, Max Aba, Josiah Cimino, Luke Fish, Elijah McKenzie, Molly Rhyne

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June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Choir 6:30pm	2 WIC Night Circle 6:45pm	3  Charlotte Anderton	4 Prayer Gathering 10am
5 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:50am WIC Council Mtg Noon. Prayer Gathering 6pm	6 Monday Night Group 6:30pm	7	8 Women's Bible Study 10am Summer Bible Camp 10am Choir 6:30pm	9  Silas Joiner Elena Gonzalez	10  Lewis Kinnard Les Mitchell	11 Prayer Gathering 10am
12 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:50am Prayer Gathering 6pm  William Bruffey	13 Monday Night Group 6:30pm Session/Deacon 7pm	14 WIC Day Circle 10am  Josiah McKenzie Charlie McClure Trevor Tyler Kermit Davis	15 Women's Bible Study 10am Summer Bible Camp 10am Choir 6:30pm	16	17 G.A.P. 11am	18 Prayer Gathering 10am  Shirley Hedrick David Zimmerman
19  Sunday School 9:30am *Communion/ Worship 10:50am Prayer Gathering 6pm	20 Monday Night Group 6:30pm Blue Star Moms 6:30pm 	21  Lila Dean	22 Women's Bible Study 10am Summer Bible Camp 10am Choir 6:30pm	23	24	25 Prayer Gathering 10am
26 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:50am Prayer Gathering 6pm  Bud Kelly Richard Trindle	27 Monday Night Group 6:30pm	28	29 Women's Bible Study 10am Summer Bible Camp 10am Choir 6:30pm  Sam Dixon	30  Earle Crocker Alice Redman	*Communion is normally served on 2nd Sunday of the month. Also Deacon's Mercy Fund. However, will be June 19th this month.	

Did we miss your birthday? Please call the church office at 693-2031.

Announcements & Prayer Needs:

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Children’s Ministry Volunteers Are Needed

Nursery Caregivers are needed to fill the following slots on a once a month scheduled basis. The Nursery Ministry needs your support.

Sunday Mornings: Sunday School - 3 caregivers needed

Worship Service - 3 caregivers needed

Sunday School and Children’s Worship Teacher Assistants

Nursery Coordinator Assistant - To respond to occasional needs of nursery caregivers on Sunday mornings.

Can you be of assistance? Please contact about how you can serve.

Mitch Townley, Director of Children's Ministries.

Wednesday Family Dinners will resume in August when school starts.

The Wednesday night Programs will also resume in August.

Sunday morning Youth class continues in the summer months. Our studies will center on “The Little Books in the Bible”. Many of these books are only one page – sometimes overlooked by those concentrating on the “bigger books”. Come discover how “little” doesn’t mean “unimportant”.

Learn how these books impacted the early church and how they affect us today! Class starts at 9:30am. (Be on time for donuts or other goodies!)

Anne & Phil Moor look forward to seeing you soon!!

Charlie and Christine McClure have moved to North Carolina and would like to give everyone their new address to keep in touch: 2449 Farrell Rd. Mebane, NC 27302.

Starting in June, the WIC will be collecting diapers in all sizes for Shannon and Taylor Vos to celebrate the arrival of their first child. Please bring diapers to the church office.

**Please Pray For:
WHPC Family & Friends**

Clara Abercrombie
Charlotte & Dan Anderton
Nancy Crocker
Ray Dean
Al Grant
Shirley Hedrick
Fay Hontz
Henry McIlwaine
Bob & Betty Mills
Bill & Mimi Morrison
Linda Mowles
Tammy Owsley
Alice Redman
Jean Russell, Elise & Briella
Keith & Cheryl Sowder
Claudette Starr
Becky Stokes
Robert Thio
Nancy Zimmerman
Mary Zitzman
Our Elders & Deacons
Our Church
Our Missionaries
Our nation/President

WHPC Active Duty Military Personnel

Eric Abercrombie
Jonathan Hamilton
Jamie Morris wife of Rob Morris
Kevin Bell
Gabe Green
Scott LaPanne

(4-17-16 through 5-15-16)

Average Attendance - 140

Average Visitors Attendance - 10

**GOD is
SO GOOD!**



**Welcome to
Our
New Members**

**Josh and Kati Hurst
Children – Henry & Dylan**



The "Filling Station"

Many of us may recall the days of the filling station, or full service station, where we would fill our cars with gas. In those days you stayed in your car while the attendant came to fill your tank. But not only did he pump the gas, he also washed your windows so you could see and checked under the hood to inspect your engine, oil, fluids, and hoses. He may have filled your tires with air if he saw they looked low. If he saw a problem, he told you about it or else he let you know that everything looked fine. You knew each other by name and shared conversation. When you pulled out of the station, your tank was filled and your car was ready for service.

Our Circle lesson for May was entitled "Living Room Intimacy" (a.k.a. "the filling station").

When we meet with God in our "living room" (or "withdrawing room"), He fills our "empty tanks". He inspects our "frame" and lets us know the condition of it for He is Creator and Protector of our souls. Like our cars, unless we are "filled", we are not ready for service.

What is "living room intimacy"? Jesus looks at you from heaven and says, "You are beautiful! You are My Bride! Someday we will be physically together for all eternity, but now we are spiritually connected. I speak to you through My Word. I tell you everything you need to know. I love you and you are mine. I reveal to you my character. I share with you what will make you happy and give you peace. I love to guide your ways and direct your steps. I want you to know the plans I have for you. I also reveal any sins that would hinder our intimacy. And this is possible because of the Holy Spirit that lives within you. He is your Teacher, your Comforter, and your Guide. You talk to Me through prayer. You tell Me things you wouldn't tell anyone else. I am your best Friend. You tell Me your fears and your desires. You tell Me when you've done wrong. You tell Me you love Me and thank Me for the many blessings you have received. Our 'living room intimacy' is possible because I died for you. The price has been paid!"

What does it mean "the price has been paid"? It's like this. Before you were a believer, your sin was like a piece of garbage thrown on your front lawn. Each time you sinned, the pile of garbage got bigger and bigger because no garbage truck came to pick it up. And it stunk! Then Christ opened your heart and you became His child. The "heavenly garbage truck" came and picked up every bit of your sin garbage! He took it all and your lawn was clean and beautiful. The same is true today as a believer. When you repent of your sin, the garbage truck quickly comes to pick it up and takes it away so that you cannot retrieve it. That's right! The garbage is gone forever! God does not want you retrieving past sins. They are gone! The price has been paid!

Our memory verse for May was John 15:5: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." Apart from God's infusing life blood in our veins, we can do nothing. If we are not "filled", we cannot be "spilled" for His glory. Once we become His child, we are forever connected to Him. The branch cannot be severed from the vine, but its fruit can be greatly affected if it doesn't receive the nourishment it needs.

So come to the "filling station"! "Living room intimacy" awaits you! The price has been paid!

Grateful for Him and you, Julie Moore

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

II Timothy 3:16

WHO: Women with a desire to study God's Word

WHAT: Ongoing weekly Bible Study;

Facilitator, Dannell Harb

WHEN: June 8 -July 20

Wednesday mornings, 10AM-Noon

WHERE: WHPC, Room 106

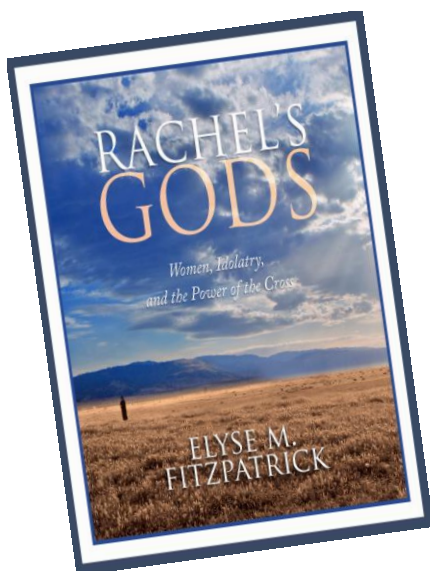


RACHEL'S GODS

Women, Idolatry, and the Power of the Cross

A STUDY BY ELYSE FITZPATRICK

- Women have idols
- Women have guilt
- Jesus provides forgiveness



- Each class includes a video segment and a discussion time.
- A study book with questions may be purchased for \$6 at the first class.
- A sign-up sheet will be located in the foyer.
- Child care is available.
- Bring a friend! Visitors always welcome!
- For more information, call Suzanne Fowler (584-2483) or Dannell Harb (584-3553).

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In addition, the FMC has recently added 2 new (or returning) missionaries to their support. Caleb Cheon (Taiwan) has been added. He works in a creative manner to reach sections of Asia normally off-limits to missionaries. We are excited to announce a return of support to Ruth Dinkins to the Bible Institute in Brazil after she took a 5 year hiatus to lovingly care for aging parents.

This past year, the Foreign Mission Committee received an additional \$50,000 one-time donation earmarked for special projects and expenses. The special project support from April 2015 through March 2016 were:

HOL Peanut Butter	600.00
Peterson Conference Fees	1,000.00
HOL Computers	2,000.00
Winter Fuel – Bowles	1,500.00
Iglesia Bautista Laptop	473.95
Visa Application Fees – Cuba	320.00
Repairs to Cuba Church Home	1,000.00
Cuba Children’s Ministries	100.00
Cuba Music Ministries	100.00
Kendall’s Cobra Insurance	1,500.00

Please continue your support to foreign missions at WHPC by committing to **PRAY!!!**

1. Pray for our missionaries. The world is not safe for sinners... how much more so for our missionaries. Pray their families and children have both a ministry, as well as a hedge of thorns around them as protection from physical, emotional and spiritual attacks.
2. Pray for your FMC members. We continue to desire the wisdom, guidance and presence of the Holy Spirit as we work to be faithful stewards for all He has trusted to our care.

GIVE!!!

3. Our commitment for the 2015-2016 fiscal year is \$84,198.69. The faith promises received are \$58,500. Pray the Lord blesses our “5 loaves and 2 fishes” and expands them, leaving baskets of blessing at the end of the year.

GO!!!

4. Become active in missions. Visit an FMC monthly meeting. Host a missionary in your home. Commit to a short-term mission trip, either to Cuba or at another time to another field. MTW has numerous opportunities for these willing to go.

THANK YOU ALL for your participation in spreading the Good News to the ends of the earth.

Committee Members

Richard Bowles, Chair	Sharon Bowles	Bob Eldridge
Garry Chin, Secretary	Jack Brakebill	DJ Cimino
Laurice McCord, Financial Secretary	Karen Townley	David & Nancy Zimmerman
Suzanne Fowler	Richard & Kristin Trindle	Bud Kelly

Security Initiative

The Deacons and Session are responsible to provide a safe and secure place for our congregation to meet and worship. In light of an increasing number of violent acts at churches even in our local community, and an increasing amount of vandalism on church property, the Deacons and Session have created a Security Committee to research what we should be doing to protect our staff and congregants. We have determined initially to make several upgrades to improve our security.

-Upgrade the locking mechanisms on exterior doors to the latest state of the art electronic systems on the most frequently used doors. Change the key system on other doors.

-Change the key system on internal doors to limit access to areas such as the office and kitchen.

-Significantly improve the video coverage of interior and exterior areas so that they can be easily monitored 24 hours per day. This will include parking lots, play areas, and entrance doors.

-Improve the lighting of the parking lot and walk areas.

We will keep you informed as changes occur. Some work has already begun on external doors and internal locks will likely be changed by the end of the month. New keys and or access cards will be issued prior to activation of the systems.

Video cameras are being tested to ensure that we have good coverage in all critical areas. This upgrade will likely happen over the summer.

The improved lighting of parking and walk areas is scheduled for installation early in the fall.

If you have questions, please contact a member of the security committee.

Phil Moor
Ron Mitchell
Bill Mowles
David Zimmerman

Session activities summary: The list of "emergency contacts" will be updated. The individuals are: Doug Merrifield, Bill Mowles, Ron Mitchell, Mark McNeil, and John McKenzie. The list will be located in the emergency access box (accessible only by the Fire Department), and the local Fire Department will be contacted to come and place the updated list in the box. The Deacons gave a brief update of the projects that are in progress: playground improvements, storage building replacement, general landscaping, and security improvements. Session also approved a Funeral Policy for services conducted at the church. We are currently drafting a Wedding Policy for future approval by the Session. A number of memorial contributions have been received for Foreign Missions, and church financial secretary Ruth Melton sends a letter of acknowledgement to the donors. The next mission trip to Cuba is planned for October, 2016 and will be led by Garry Chin. Session dismissed Ken and Debbie Reed, who have joined Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church. Please note that a copy of Session's approved minutes are available for your reading, and are located in a 3-ring binder in the bookcase in the outer office area.

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New Sunday school class for 4th- 6th graders (16/17 school year) begins Sunday, June 5th.

School just let out in May but a new Sunday school class is just beginning. 4th-6th graders (16/17 school year) will now have a class of their own located upstairs in room 207. The class will be led by Elder Mark McNeil and Kim Townley. The first 13 weeks (June –August) will be a PCA youth curriculum survey study of Job – Malachi. In September, the class will expand to include 4th graders. In this study, students will tackle something rare for even adults in the church—a study of the 22 Poetry and Prophets sections of the Old Testament. This whirlwind tour has a common thread: God’s story of redemption through Christ. You can discover more on page 4 of the following link: www.gcp.org/downloads/MasterPlans/G2R.pdf

Something New: Six Week Summer Bible Camp For Ages 4 years – 5th grade, Wednesdays, June 8 - July 20, 10:00am – Noon at WHPC

Theme: Animals of the Bible. Bible Lessons, games, music, crafts, multi-media, recreation. For all WHPC children and children of moms participating in the women’s Wednesday Bible study. Sign up your child by contacting Mitch Townley or the church office. Nursery care for ages (birth –age 3) available to those participating in the Bible study...Volunteers are needed for nursery care and the elementary program.

April 2016 Financial Report

Income

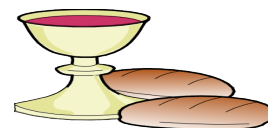
Actual Income for March: \$20,749.00
 Actual Income for Year-to date: \$115,357.11

Expense

Actual Expense for March: \$42,950.96
 Actual Expense Year-to-date: \$165,464.52

Summary

Current Month Expenses Exceeds Income by: **\$22,201.96**
 Year-to-date Expenses Exceeds Year-to-date Income by: **\$50,107.41**



COMMUNION

Communion is normally served during worship hour on the second Sunday of each month. **However, this month Communion will be served on June 19th.**

WHPC Staff/ Office Hours 9-4

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- John E. McKenzie, PastorM-TH
- Fred C. Fowler, Assistant Pastor to Seniors
- Mitch Townley, Director of Children’s Ministry.....M-TH
- Doug White, Coordinator of Discipleship & Outreach.....T&TH
- Faye Poston, SecretaryM-F
- Ruth Melton, Financial Secretary.....M-TH
- Sarah Dockery, Choir Director

Summer Opportunities/Needs with RUF International

Sent by Lee Leadbetter

Wanted to reach out to WHPC in light of an overwhelming expression of interest in summer activities from UT students, visiting scholars, and spouses. I'm also communicating these opportunities/needs to friends at Redeemer and Christ Covenant in hopes of finding several folks interested in helping RUF International this summer - **especially** with a possible English conversation class (or small groups) and getting together with an international as a friend. We're always "short" on summer leaders since most of our student leaders go back home. Check out the student responses below...

- **56** interested in **English Conversation class** - this would be a weekly class in June & July for 6-8 weeks; could be morning or evening; need a point person to take the reins; location would need to be near UT - 2 good candidates now; would probably want 5-10 volunteers each time; topics could be pre-selected or not
- **41** interested in **Coffee or lunch with an American friend** - this could really be ANY activity - goal would be to connect 3 or more times this summer
- **47** interested in **Outdoor "adventures"** - RUF International will plan 2 of these - sunset picnic at Max Patch, rafting trip on the Nantahala River, a lake day, biking Cade's Cove, etc. - a few CCPC families with boats did partner with RUF International for a Lake Day 2 different years (2011, 2012, 2013).
- **41** interested in **Movie & Discussion nights** - we do 3 of these in the summer in local homes
- **18** interested in **Bible study** - we typically have 1 or 2 of these on campus during the week

I'm hoping to pull any "trigger" on an English class/group by 5/27 in order to begin the week of June 6. Would appreciate your prayers for the Lord to guide and provide.

Thanks,

Lee

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