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of the city to the ends of the earth
with love, faith and action.”

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From Ed's desk

Dear Friends,

Someone said that we were one of two churches in Raleigh which held services on Sunday. I don't know if that's true, but I do know the streets were empty as I made my way into town. And while in a "business" sense it might not have made much sense to be "open", since only about 65 people were in attendance, for those who were able to navigate their neighborhood roads and make it to church, it was a very good morning.

One item of note is that we had six visitors in attendance, and so I was glad our doors were open to them. Two of those visitors were proud grandparents who had flown in from Florence, Alabama, late last week to see their grandson's baptism. Others were folks who live close enough to walk to church, and thus did not have to worry about icy streets. Speaking of the baptism, those who were in attendance made a promise on behalf of the rest of the church to help Charles and Courtney Britt raise their delightful young son, Charlie. Any Sunday

when we can welcome a young Presbyterian into the church is a good day, no matter what the weather might be.

We also had an energetic and informative Moment for Mission, as our ROCK Stars (4th and 5th graders . . . **Reaching Out in Christian Kindness**) brought us up to date on their various mission projects. They will be selling fudge to help support those projects, so give some thought to someone who might like some fudge for Valentine's Day.

Wherever you were today, I hope you found some sacred space in your life to connect with God, to ponder the grace you have received in Jesus Christ, and to place the cares and concerns and burdens of your life in the hands of the only One who is equipped to bear them. And so whether you were able to be in our sanctuary today or not, I hope it was, for you, a day of worship and gladness, thanksgiving and hope. It was that for me.

Grace and peace, Ed

Two easy ways you can help our Haitian friends

The Haiti Connection, a local non-profit, is collecting **medical and surgical supplies** for relief work in Haiti. These will be transported to Haiti in several months and distributed to physicians, clinics and hospitals that this non-profit has worked with in the past. Congregational members are asked to bring listed supplies to collection boxes at church. An informational flyer can be found on the web site and on the collection boxes. These flyers can be distributed to the medical community for contributions.

Once the initial relief effort in Haiti is completed schools will face shortages of supplies as they compete for limited funds.

This project is intended to help two school systems. FPC members and friends, especially young people, are asked to bring used/**empty ink jet cartridges** to collection boxes at church. These will be recycled at Office Depot and the resulting credits will be used to purchase school and computer supplies for two organizations in Haiti that run schools (Haiti Outreach Ministries and Hearts and Hands for Haiti). Accepted inkjet cartridges are: Lexmark, Dell, HP, and Office Depot brand. These can be placed in the blue boxes along with our cell phone collections in the lobby of the Stock Building and outside Memorial Hall.

Good eatin' with Adult Fellowship

Come with us on Thursday, February 25, at 9:15 a.m. when we depart for the Strickland-Dale Restaurant, Snow Hill, for good eatin' and fine fellowship.



Cost includes \$5 for the van (pay at departure) and whatever you spend for your lunch.

Call the church, 821-5750, to make your reservation.

Questions? Call Emalyne Catching, 420-2898, or Glenn Rose, 772-2667.

PW Honorary Life Membership Luncheon

**Come one, come all
Step right up
To see the
Greatest Show of all!**

Join us under the Big Top of Memorial Hall as we honor three special women for faithful service at First Presbyterian Church.

Appearing one day only:

Monday, March 15

Showtime begins with a prayer service in the chapel from 11:15-11:45 a.m., followed by lunch at noon.



Don't clown around and call the Ringmaster (Church Office), 821-5750, by March 8, to make reservations for the luncheon, nursery care, and van service from Glenaire (departs at 10:30 a.m.) or Westminster Presbyterian Church (departs at 10:45 a.m.). Please indicate which van you would like to ride.

Cost of the luncheon is \$7.

Please come and honor these deserving women. Previous honorees are encouraged to wear their Life Membership pins.

ROCK Stars Valentine Fudge sale has international benefit

FPC 4th and 5th graders are continuing their mission of Reaching Out in Christian Kindness (ROCK) with a Valentine Fudge Sale. Choose from two kinds/sizes (see order form below). Each box is brightly decorated and accompanied with a verse of Scripture from Jesus' teachings about love. These make great gifts! Fudge will be delivered to your Church School class or available for pickup outside Memorial Hall on Sunday, February 14. Pre-orders are due by Friday, February 12—cash and carry may be available on February 14, depending on the number of pre-sales.

Proceeds will benefit Heifer International, an organization that works with communities world-wide to end hunger and poverty. With gifts of livestock and training, Heifer helps families improve their nutrition and generate income in sustainable ways. For more information on that organization, please visit www.heifer.org.

Thank you for your support!

ROCK Stars Valentine Fudge Order Form

1/2 pound, plain fudge	_____ boxes @ \$10	= \$ _____
1/2 pound, fudge with pecans	_____ boxes @ \$10	= \$ _____
1/4 pound, plain fudge	_____ boxes @ \$5	= \$ _____
1/4 pound, fudge with pecans	_____ boxes @ \$5	= \$ _____
	Total	= \$ _____*

*Please attach your check made to First Presbyterian Church with "fudge" in the memo line

Name _____ (check one of the boxes for delivery choices below)

Deliver to me on Sunday, February 14, in the _____ Church School Class

OR

I will pick up my fudge outside Memorial Hall between 9:30 and 12:30 on February 14

You may return the form by mailing to the church office, placing in Sarah Finnerty's box at the church, or in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Pre-orders are due by Friday, February 12.

We will try to have some boxes available for sale on February 14, depending on the number of pre-orders.

Thank you for supporting our 4th and 5th graders to Reach Out in Christian Kindness!

This week's opportunities

Sunday (2/7)

- 8:30 a.m. Worship/McLeod
 9:45 a.m. Church School;
 Confirmation; Inquirers
 11:00 a.m. Worship/McLeod
 Noon Souper Bowl
 Congregational Meal
 5:30 p.m. Disciple II Bible Study
 6:45 p.m. Children's Choir

- Monday (2/8) Circles meet
 6:00 p.m. Presbyterian Men

- Tuesday (2/9) Circles meet
 10:30 a.m. Squires
 5:15 p.m. HS Youth/Men's shelter
 6:00 p.m. Adult basketball
 7:00 p.m. Christian Believer Bible Study

- Wednesday (2/10)
 6:30 a.m. Early Birds/
 Dave Kesterson

- Wednesday (2/10) continued
 Noon Service/Sam Stone
 12:30 p.m. Lunch
 5:30 p.m. Youth and Young Adult
 7:00 p.m. Committees meet
 7:45 p.m. Handbells

- Thursday (2/11)
 9:30 a.m. Adult bridge
 6:00 p.m. MS basketball
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
 7:30 p.m. HS basketball

- Friday (2/12)
 7:00 a.m. YMCA Youth Legislature
 (-5 p.m.)
 6:00 p.m. ROCK Stars Fudge
 preparation

- Saturday (2/13)
 8:00 a.m. YMCA Youth Legislature
 (-4 p.m.)
 9:00 a.m. MS/HS basketball games

- Saturday (2/13) continued
 10:00 a.m. ROCK Stars Fudge
 preparation

- Sunday (2/14)
 8:30 a.m. Worship Service/Inskeep
 9:45 a.m. Church School; Confir-
 mation; Inquirers;
 Stephen Ministers
 11:00 a.m. Worship/Inskeep
 5:00 p.m. Chapel Choir; Pathfinders
 5:30 p.m. Disciple II Bible Study;
 Pathfinders supper
 6:00 p.m. Youth supper
 6:30 p.m. Youth meeting
 6:45 p.m. Children's Choir

Other ministries are Alcoholics and
 Narcotics Anonymous;
 Child Development Center,
 High School Equivalency Classes;
 The Linen Closet; Job Friends;
 The Healing Place for Women; SAFEChild, and
 JobStart. Call office for dates/times.

The first snowfall

Those who live in the far North may not be overly thrilled at the first snowfall, but perhaps they should think again. Carol Knapp of Big Lake, Alaska, tells about the first snowfall which came to her town in mid-October. At worship the next Sunday, the pastor asked how many were depressed by the season's first snowfall. Immediately a young man named Alex, who was an exchange student from Brazil, quipped, 'Not depressed - impressed.' The congregation laughed.



The loveliness of snow covering Mother Earth can truly be impressive and a time for joy. Enjoy the dazzling beauty. Laugh with the children tumbling in the snow. Smile at the dogs hopping, leaping, barking as they try to race through the white miracle, snapping at the snowflakes. Cheerfully build a fire, make a warm drink, call a friend, settle down with a book of devotions, think of the immeasurable gifts of God and be grateful. Don't be depressed. Be impressed.

-Charles Ferrell

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Lectionary

- February 7:
 Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138;
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11;
 Luke 5:1-11
- February 14:
 Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99;
 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2;
 Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

Contributions to First Presbyterian Church

GENERAL FUND

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. David Lackey Sr. by
 David Lackey III

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In memory of Carter Lyles, sister of John
 Patterson, by George Shackelford and
 Carol O'Briant

In memory of Ginny Williams by George
 Shackelford and Carol O'Briant

FPC FOUNDATION, INC.

In memory of Ginny Williams by Jo Ramsey

FRIENDSHIP FUND

Presbyterian Women
 In memory of Elizabeth Fuller, mother of
 Betty Fuller, by Marian Ross
 In memory of Robert Little, brother-in-law of
 Menefee Little, by Marian Ross
 In memory of Alice Poole by Marian Ross

Pastor on Call

- February 6-7:
 Ed McLeod, 782-7119
- February 13-14:
 Sheila Barrick, 851-0330

Friendship Fund, continued

In memory of Jimmie Thomas, father of Dana
 Barnes, by Tracy and Tracey Pleasant
 In memory of Ginny Williams by Marian Ross

KATE SPRUNT LIBRARY

Presbyterian Women

MIRIAM'S BASKET

Presbyterian Women

OUR HOPE FOR YEARS TO COME

In memory of Howard Spruill, father of Sheila
 Barrick, by Oliver and Charlotte Banks
 In memory of Ginny Williams by:
 Anonymus
 Hugh and Ruth Williams

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Boyd and Anne Wilson



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The Church Register
Baptism

Charles Memphrey Britt IV, son of
 Charles and Courtney Britt,
 January 31.

Drop from Roll (January 27)

Stuart Abram Whatley, at his
 request—living in DC.

Transfers (January 27)

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodson Eatman
 III (Lois Gaylor Sandlin), to Holy
 Trinity Church, Raleigh.
 Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Marshall Payne
 (Kathryn Nicole Sessoms), to
 Saint Andrews Presbyterian
 Church, Raleigh.
 Mr. and Mrs. O. Fenton Wells IV
 (Jocelyn Gailor), to West Raleigh
 Presbyterian Church, Raleigh.

The Bulletin Board
Christian sympathy to . . .

The Al Kramer Family on the death
 of Cathy’s mother, Frances John-
 son Deaton, January 24.

When times are tough

A Phoenix newspaper recently ran an
 article about Andrea White, president
 of a company called Financial
 Conversations. It helps people in
 financial difficulty deal with the
 emotions surrounding money.

White says one of the best ways to
 reduce financial panic is to help
 someone else in crisis. For example,
 volunteer your time and talent, or
 listen to another person’s woes. You’ll
 forget about your own problems and
 become more grateful for what you
 do have, White says.

Churches can provide lists of
 elderly shut-ins who may need
 companionship or someone to run
 occasional errands. Volunteers can set
 up food banks, collection centers for
 clothes and furniture, or a place for
 the unemployed to find jobs.

St. Paul’s words to the Corinthian
 believers are especially relevant during
 difficult times.

“Blessed be the God and
 Father of our Lord Jesus
 Christ, the Father of mercies
 and the God of all consolati-
 on, who consoles us in all
 our affliction, so that we may
 be able to console those who
 are in any affliction with the
 consolation with which we
 ourselves are consoled by
 God” *(2 Corinthians 1:3-4, NRSV)*
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♥ Does this sound like anything we
 do at First Presbyterian Church???? It
 should! Martha’s Ministry would love
 to have you volunteer with meals,
 transportation, communication, or
 carpenter’s crew. Email Martha’s Min-
 istry at marthaministry1@email.com
 to volunteer or request help.

You may also call our confidential
 line to submit a request, 740-1400.