

# CREED & DEED

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## A NOTE FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

### “Save the Date!”

Call it “The Year of the Wedding”. Michael and I will have attended no fewer than seven weddings by the time the summer draws to a close. (And we’ve each disappointed a cousin by RSVP-ing “regrets”!) With two down and five to go, our upcoming wedding travels will take us to Memphis in June, Las Vegas in July, and Pittsburgh in September, interspersed with Charleston weddings, as well. With such diverse locations, and such diverse couples, from such diverse walks of life, each wedding is sure to be as distinctive and unique as the bridal couples themselves.



And that’s exactly as it should be. Weddings should be unique to the bridal couple. There should be a sense of individuality and independence that permeates the day. Texans Tom and Lindsey *should* two-step to every dance; that’s who they are. Mountain-dwelling Kelley and Tom *should* have a small, mostly family affair with the Hank Williams, Jr. song “*Family Tradition*” played not once, but twice at their reception; that’s who they are. Travel-loving Nikki and her Frenchman Johann *should* have a destination wedding crowded with group activities arranged by the wanna-be travel agent bride; that’s who they are. Of course each wedding will reflect the unique identity of the bride and groom. It’s only appropriate, especially as they form a unique identity together in marriage.

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After all, that's really why we wedding guests are there – to witness and support the foundation of a new family, distinct and unique. We are there to recognize the independence of the couple, as the oft-quoted Genesis 2:24 reminds us, “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” Of course, that verse was first uttered in a cultural context radically different from our own. In the Old Testament world, for a man to leave his father meant to leave his father's tent, and to move, with his bride, to the tent next door! There was a sense of individuality, but within a context of connectedness. A healthy independence, tempered with a healthy network of support.

These days, many of us have mastered the art of independence. Texans Tom and Lindsey left their cowboy boots at home to start a new life in Seattle; travel-loving Nikki and her Frenchman Johann live as immigrants in London; even Kristin and Michael traded the harsh winters of the north for the harsh summers of the south. And the same is probably true in your family, too, as your family scatters across the region, the country, the globe. Perhaps it's time we re-engaged with our family network of support.



Let's not wait until the next wedding or funeral to reconnect with our roots. Let's have a Homecoming now! In fact, the Session has named Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> “Homecoming Sunday.” It will be a Fellowship Sunday, with one combined service at 11:00, followed by our annual church picnic at Somerset. We are hoping to have record attendance as we invite and welcome back children of the church and former members who have moved away, or who have simply slipped away. So mark your calendar, save the date, and spread the word! It's time to come on home.

Joyfully, Kristin

**“We're in the Blessing Business”**

**Pastor Kristin will be on Vacation June 10-15.** During this time, Rev. Richard Cushman will serve as our “on call pastor.” In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Sally in the church office, or contact Rev. Cushman directly at 871-3251.

**Primary Class Lemonade Stand Sales  
Sunday, June 5**



The primary class will have lemonade stand after church on June 5. Alex’s Lemonade Stand was started by Alex Scott when she was 4 years old in her front yard. News spread of the remarkable sick child dedicated to helping other sick children. People from all over the world, moved by her story, held their own lemonade stands and donated the proceeds to Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation. When she passed away at the age of 8, she had raised over 1 million dollars to help find a cure for the disease that took her life. It’s never too early to get children started on a life of service to others. We hope you will enjoy the lemonade and support these great kids in their service project.

<b>2011 Financial Report</b>	Year to date through <u>4/30/2011</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Revenue	\$ 80,228	\$ 347,902
Expenditures		
Personnel	\$ 63,677	\$ 238,968
Operations	\$ 18,051	\$ 42,569
Missions	\$ 9,565	\$ 37,465
Education, Nurture & Pastoral Care	\$ 10,711	\$ 20,000
Worship, Evangelism & Fellowship	\$ 1,987	\$ 6,650

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## Meet Our Graduates for 2011



### **Laura Bates, Lawson Clark, Bradley Harrison, Dillon Infinger and Melissa Anne Jackson**

**Laura Bates** graduated from St. John's Christian Academy on May 27. Laura's interests include sports, service projects and hanging out with friends. She will attend Presbyterian College and plans to major in Chemistry and Pre-Dental Program.

**Lawson Clark** graduated from Berkeley High School on June 3. Lawson will attend the University of South Carolina in Beaufort for two years then transfer to the main campus of USC for her masters in Social Work.

**Bradley Harrison** graduated from Berkeley High School on June 3. Bradley's interests included the Varsity Basketball, Varsity Tennis, Beta Club and National Honors Society. He plans to attend Mercer University in Macon, Georgia and major in Industrial Engineering with a possible double major in Marketing.

**Dillon Infinger** graduated from the first class of the new Berkeley Middle College on May 31. His interests included School Improvement Council, Youth Group Leader, Golf, Band, Senior Patrol Leader of the Boy Scouts of America and is currently working on Eagle Rank. He enjoys hunting and fishing of any kind—camping, boating and anything to do with the outdoors. He will be attending University of South Carolina in Aiken with the intention of working with the Department of Natural Resources after graduation. Dillon has worked with DNR for the past 2 fish spawning seasons.

**Melissa Anne Jackson** graduated from Berkeley High School on June 3 as Valedictorian of her class. Her activities included Beta Club President, National Honors Society Vice President, Chorus Member, Math Tutor, Forensics President, Varsity Tennis Captain, playing tennis and Upward Basketball. Melissa Anne will attend Clemson University and major in Engineering.

**Make a Difference....Give Blood**  
**Tuesday, June 14, 2:00—7:00**



Every minute of every day, someone needs blood. The blood can only come from a volunteer donor, a person like you who makes the choice to donate. There is no substitution for your donation. Our church has several blood drives each year and we need your help. Our volunteers work very hard to make the donation process go smoothly. We have volunteers to watch children while parents donate and we even feed you a meal when you are finished.

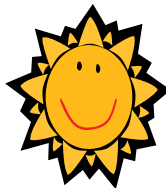
Please be someone's hero and donate at our June drive. Remember, Jesus was the first blood donor—*he gave his blood to save us.*

**One Room Summer Sunday School**

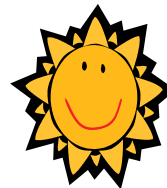
Our one room Summer Sunday School starts June 5 and will run through June, July and August. One Room Sunday School meets in the fellowship hall each Sunday for children who have completed K4 thru 5th grade. K4 and K5 have a choice of attending Sunday School with Miss JoAnn or joining the One Room Class. If you have any questions, please check with Bezie Fleming, at 899-1899.

Bezie will need a substitute for Sunday, July 3. If you would like to volunteer, please give her a call.

**"Save the Date for VBS"**



Save the date for Vacation Bible School  
 July 25 thru July 29  
 8:30 — 12:00



More details to follow—mark your calendars for fun, learning and sun. For information call John Siebert at the church.

## The Hands of Christ

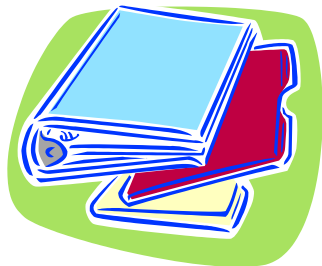
The “Hands of Christ Back to School Program” is a ministry of the Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery that seeks to share the love of Christ with children in need. Each year, needy public school children are given two sets of clothing, socks, underwear, and school supplies. These items are provided through the collective efforts of our partner churches. The Hands of Christ Program provides a simple, meaningful way that churches can witness to the gospel by being Christ’s hands in a broken, hurting world.

The Hands of Christ Program in the Lowcountry began at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in West Ashley, and now has churches in partnership in Charleston, Berkeley, and Williamsburg Counties. Last school year, the program supplied over 4000 needy children with clothing, school supplies, and Bibles. This year, a new distribution site was added in Dorchester County at Summerville Presbyterian Church.

Last year, the First Presbyterian Church of Moncks Corner held our fourth annual distribution. Over 2 days of distributions, we served 451 children!

This year, we are planning to again have 2 days of distribution at our church, and plan to expect 600 children. As always we are counting on your support.





## So How Can You Help?

First, we need your help collecting clothing, school supplies, and Bibles for school children. To supply 600 school children in 2011 from Berkeley county, grades K4 through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade, we are collecting new school supplies, “gently-used” school clothing, and Bibles that can be distributed to children.

Our Supply Drive will begin on Sunday, May 15th and continue until Sunday, June 12th, with all items being returned to the church by that date. **Supply bags with a list of needed supplies are available outside the sanctuary.** We ask that you take a bag, and return it to the church with your choice of items. Checks are also welcome, and gently used clothing of all sizes is very much needed.

There will be more opportunities to help throughout the summer, as we plan our distribution, and as we supply volunteers to help at other distributions in Charleston County, in Kingstree, and at our new distribution site in Summerville. Save the dates – the evenings of August 2nd and 3rd, 2011 will be the distributions at First Presbyterian of Moncks Corner. We will need your help those days, and throughout the month of August at other distribution sites, as we bring the Hands of Christ to schoolchildren in our community.





### June

- 2 Mary Nettles
- 3 Don Bryant  
Jack Landis  
Mike Stasiak  
Jan Tipton
- 5 Ronnie Hewitt
- 7 Jessica Bates
- 8 Sally Harvey
- 10 Zachary Hayes
- 13 Jane Landis
- 14 Jenna Livingston
- 16 Jeanne Foreman
- 18 Ronald Bennett
- 20 Barry Tipton
- 24 Dina Shuler  
Nancy Tye
- 25 Ed Infinger
- 26 Malinda Murchison
- 28 Cal Umphlett  
Butch Howard  
John O. Williams
- 30 Otto Russell

### Ushers for June

Jeff Brown	9:00 Service
Diane Serafino	11:00 Service
Ronnie Hewitt	
Pamela Williams	
Ann Williams	



### Save the Date Church Picnic Sunday, July 31



### *Flowers for June*

- June 5 David and Kathy Baumann (Nancy Stuckey)
- June 12 Rica Gause
- June 19 Father's Day (Adah Brewer)
- June 26 Jimmy & Lynne Hammond (Carole Bayless)

## Book Discussion Sunday School Class



The book discussion Sunday School Class will be starting a new study in June. It will be “Twelve Extraordinary Women: How Christ Shaped Them for Ministry and What He Wants To Do With You,” by John McAurthur. Any who wish to attend are welcome. We will meet in the youth room during the Sunday School Hour. A supplemental book “Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn From Them” by Liz Curtis Higgs will be studied by some class members to add interest to our discussion. If interested, see you in class starting June 5.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOOD FIGHT

It's that time again! We need to fill up the Food Closet and are starting our food drive. Watch for those sales and help us stock up the Food Closet. Please bring any food items you have to your Sunday School classroom. The competition will run through June 26th with the winning class taking the trophy. You do not need to be part of a class to help. There will be a table in the fellowship hall for you to leave your donations. If you have any questions give me a call.



Listed below are some of the items that go into our food boxes: Canned lunch meat, tuna, canned hash/stew, boxed mac & cheese, peanut butter, dried beans, canned vegetables, pork & beans, soup, large can of fruit juice, kool aid, 5 lbs. sugar, small box grits, box of regular oatmeal, bars of soap, small box of detergent. Thanks — Janet Lucas

## The Doings of the PRESBYTERIAN Men

Please support the “Presbyterian Men” with your presence, prayers and participation.



Men, please note that we will not have our monthly breakfasts during the summer. They will start again in September.

**Grass Mowing Schedule** — Choose a partner and bring your mowers to the church on a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. If you don't have a partner, we'll get one for you. The sign up poster is in the hallway by the church office.

Grass Cutters for June :

June 5 David & Hall Harris  
 June 12 Eugene Oliver & Larry Propst  
 June 19 Ken Coffey & Doug Bowles  
 June 26 ?????????????????????????????????



### Dedication Ceremony for Memorial Monument

On the 12th of April 1861, South Carolina troops opened fire on Fort Sumter, the opening shots of the War Between the States. By the time the war had ended four years later, 264 men from Berkeley County, SC, had sacrificed their lives and fortunes to defend their homeland. To honor the memory and sacrifice of these men, the CSS David Chapter #2656 United Daughters of the Confederacy and the General Ellison Capers Camp #1212 Sons of Confederate Veterans of Moncks Corner, SC, have erected a monument at the Berkeley Museum, 950 Stony Landing Road in Moncks Corner, SC. On the 25th of June, at 10:00 am, a dedication ceremony for this monument will take place at the museum. President Pro Tempore, Glenn F. McConnell, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, will be the guest speaker. The public is cordially invited to attend.



Do you want to go to camp this summer? Well, it is not too late! There are still openings for many of the programs offered at Bethelwoods this summer. A week at camp may be one of the most effective forms of Christian nurture that a church can provide. Make camp a part of your summer by contacting the Bethelwoods office at [info@bethelwoods.org](mailto:info@bethelwoods.org) or 803-366-3722 or going to [www.bethelwoods.org](http://www.bethelwoods.org).

## *Thank You*

*Dear Church Family,  
Laurie, Doug and Tayler Bell would like to give a big thanks to the family meal group who provided a great meal for our family when Laurie had her surgery at the end of March. We would also like to thank Pastor Kristin for spending time with Laurie and Doug while Laurie had her procedure done. Our new church family has been a blessing!!!*

*Thank you, Doug, Laurie and Tayler Bell*

### **PresS Club News** (Presbyterian Seniors)

Thanks to all who supported our PresS Club this past year. New programs will be planned for next year. If you have suggestions as to programs, food, etc., we would like to have your input.

Programs this past year included:

- Sept. John Siebert on Self Defense
- Oct. Pard Walsh on Berkeley County
- Dec. Christmas Sing-Along
- Jan. RuYi on China
- Feb. Line Dancing Classes (Marie Hyman)
- Mar. Barn Dance (Peagler's Barn)
- April John Siebert on the science supporting Creation  
& Resurrection
- May Mike Heitzler on "Cemetery Restoration Project"

**Beginning in September we will meet every three months.**

*Press Club Committee*  
Ellen Berry, Chair  
Mary Nettles  
Frank Thompson  
Marie Hyman



**Pentecost Offering**  
for Children at Risk, Youth, and Young Adults

## What is the Pentecost Offering?

The Pentecost Offering is traditionally received on the day of Pentecost (June 12). It provides a direct way to meet the needs of children at risk, youth, and young adults. Congregations are encouraged to keep 40 percent of the Offering to support ministry with children at risk in their communities. The General Assembly's portion (60 percent) provides leadership development opportunities for Presbyterian youth and young adults and supports children-at-risk programs at the national level. Since 1998, Presbyterians of all ages have raised over \$7 million for these ministries that benefit younger members of God's family.

## South Carolina Youth Advocate Program

Make a difference in a child's life, become a foster parent.  
For more information, please contact Claudia W. Stone at  
(843) 767-1601  
or email at [cstone@nyap.org](mailto:cstone@nyap.org)

### **New 2011 Address Directories**

Throw out your pink 2010 address directories and get a new updated purple 2011 directory. New directories are in a basket in the atrium.

### **Thought for the Day**

With God, a "no" can  
be a step toward  
something even  
better.

## The History of Father's Day

Father's Day, contrary to popular misconception, was not established as a holiday in order to help greeting card manufacturers sell more cards.

In fact when a "father's day" was first proposed there were no Father's Day cards!

Mrs. John B. Dodd, of Washington, first proposed the idea of a "father's day" in 1909. Mrs. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. William Smart, a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife (Mrs. Dodd's mother) died in childbirth with their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn and his other five children by himself on a rural farm in eastern Washington state. It was after Mrs. Dodd became an adult that she realized the strength and selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent.

The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910 in Spokane Washington.

At about the same time in various towns and cities across America other people were beginning to celebrate a "father's day."

In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day. Finally in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day.

Father's Day has become a day to not only honor your father, but all men who act as a father figure. Stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, and adult male friends are all honored on Father's Day.

**Don't Forget Father's Day,  
June 19th**

