

# CREED & DEED

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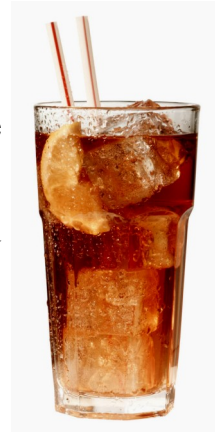
September 2011

## *A NOTE FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR*

### *Southern Hospitality*

Just when this Yankee thinks she's adapted to life in the South, ya'll throw me another curve ball!

In the midst of so many summer weddings, I discovered a new (to me) Southern tradition – The Party. Several weeks before John O. and Melissa Williams' wedding, I was excited to receive an invitation to a party, given in their honor, hosted by a small army of people. (There were at least a dozen names listed as hosts!)



Now, I recognized most of the names of the hosts. Most, if not all of them, are related to the groom in one way or another – aunts, uncles, cousins. I know what circles these folks run in, and I know who their friends are, so I thought I knew who else would be a guest at the party – all of the usual suspects. Quite frankly, I expected to see... well, you.

But boy, was I ever wrong! Apart from the army of hosts, Michael and I were among only a handful of Presbyterians present. Several classes ahead of John O. and Melissa, we were some of the oldest guests there. Most of the guests were strangers to us, and probably to our hosts as well. We were expecting a typical “church folk” party, but our expectations were way off the mark!

Eventually, it dawned on us. The Party wasn't about the hosts. The Party was about John O. and Melissa, and their friends. That army of

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hosts had come together to put together an absolutely lovely evening of garden lights, catered food, and endless wine for a group of people that they didn't even know. They planned and prepared, they opened their home, they financed a banquet just as a gift to John O. and Melissa, and their friends. I couldn't ask for a better illustration of Southern Hospitality!

In fact, I couldn't ask for a better illustration of what we, as a congregation, will be doing when we host the **Community Carnival on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**. We, the members of the congregation, will come together to put together a fun-filled afternoon of carnival games, face painting, and cotton candy. We will plan and prepare, we will open our "home," we will finance a party just as a gift to our community. We will demonstrate to our community not just Southern Hospitality, but God's Hospitality for all.



So invite your neighbors. Invite your coworkers. Invite your friends. In fact, tell them to invite their friends! The whole community is invited to the Community Carnival, but we're depending on you to spread the word! And we're depending on you to join our army of hosts. We'll *need* an army to help with set-up, to staff game booths, to serve popcorn, to monitor the bathrooms, and to smile friendly, hospitable smiles so that everyone knows that they are welcome here.

For more information, please see Debbie Guest's article on pages 4 & 5. And if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give me a call!

Joyfully, Kristin

**“We're in the Blessing Business”**

## Help Us Preserve a Worshipful Atmosphere!

Out of respect for your worship leaders and fellow worshippers, please refrain from moving about the sanctuary while the service is in progress, as such activity distracts from worship. If you arrive after the service begins, or if you must excuse yourself during the service, please enter and exit when the congregation stands to sing.



### ***Every Hour is a Sweet Hour of Prayer!***

Beginning on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, the sanctuary will be open for personal prayer during all office hours (Tuesday – Friday, 9 AM – 5 PM). Our prayer journal will be available for you to note requests, and additional prayer resources will be available as well. All are welcome who desire to seek sanctuary in God's care. *(Please check in with Sally upon your arrival and departure.)*

### **Officer Nominating Committee**

Please be in prayer for those charged by the congregation to nominate our next class of Elders and Deacons. They will be concluding their work during the month of September, in preparation for a (yet-unscheduled) congregational election in October. Members of the Officer Nominating Committee include:

Pam Brogdon—Chair, Rhoda Boyd, Kelly Brown, Lynne Hammond, Craig Mims, Mickey Smith, Ed Springer.

**When: Saturday, October 15, 2011 -- 1:00 to 4:00p.m.**  
**Place: First Presbyterian Church**  
(we will have flyers for you to give to your friends and neighbors;  
flyers and posters in local establishments; and, public service  
announcements to promote the event)



**It's carnival time! Can you smell it?** The air is sweet with smells of cotton candy, popcorn and other goodies! **Can you feel it?** Excitement (and the fall air) makes you shiver with delight! **Can you see it?** All around are bright shining smiles! **Can you hear it?** Laughter! laughter! laughter!

In that setting, members of First Presbyterian reach out to the community and welcome one and all to join us for an afternoon of fun! May the Christ in us shine brighter than their smiles! Isn't it exciting to show the love of God in a way that makes folks want to know us and our Lord better?

This will be our gift of joy! Jump Castle and Slide! Game booths for all ages... "Pick a Duck" pond for the little ones, a "Go Fish" booth, "Ring Toss", "Basketball Throw", "Bowl the Bottles Down", "Hole in One" golf game, "Pop the Balloon", "Pie Throw" and more! (small prizes for all games)

Face painting, balloons, a craft booth and a few clowns.

An old fashioned cake walk! Cotton candy, snow cones, popcorn and ice cream!

Right now, this is just a vision of the afternoon...

**Step Right Up! We need YOU to make it happen!**



**Carnival Organizational Committee:** Rhoda Boyd, Debbie Guest, Joyce Mitchell, Larry Probst, Kace Smith.

**We would welcome your ideas...**it's not too late to add a game or activity! Please contact any Committee member with questions, comments...and, of course, with offers to volunteer!



**A successful Community Carnival needs YOUR talent:**

- Can you "clown around"? Put some zany, crazy clothes together and paint on a happy face! (We won't reveal your real identity!)
- Can you paint simple designs on a face or hand?
- Do you have a talent for twisting balloons together into animals, swords, crowns (dare we say 'halos'?) or such?
- Do you have an artistic flair to draw game appropriate outlines on the booths? (The Youth Groups will do the painting)
- Are you a baker? We'll need about 8-10 cakes, bundles of cupcakes or tubs of cookies for the cake walks.
- Are you a supervisor? Of children making a simple craft...such as a fun, colorful face mask?

**A successful Community Carnival needs YOUR time:**

- Are you a part of a group who could commit to manning a booth that day? (a Sunday School Class, Bible Study Group, Scouts, etc.)
- Are you friendly, ready with a "hello" and "welcome" for everyone? (Who could deny that?) We need our members to come and mingle...make folks welcome!
- Could you help set up the games and other activities that morning? Or take them down?

**A successful Community Carnival needs supplies (loaned or donated):**

- left over paint for decorating the booths; plywood or similar materials to build booths
- small, plastic child's pool
- "Christmas" type lights for outlining the game booths for a "carnival" feel
- tin pie pans and "redi-whip" cream
- Old "fishing" poles, twine and clothes pins
- watch the Sunday bulletins for other needs





**Thanks to the Sr. High Sunday School Class** members for helping out with our “One Room Sunday School” for our younger members this summer. You were a great help and the kids and I really enjoyed your presence with us. Ms. Beezie

### **Sunday School Rally Day — Sept. 11**

September 11th will be our Rally Day to thank those Sunday School Teachers which have invested into our lives what God has placed within them. It is also time to recognize those students which have successfully completed these programs. When we finish, there should be time to step in our new classes and discuss any new content and welcome new attendees.



### **New Sunday School Year for 2011**

God did not intend that the church simply be a place where the pastor stands up and everyone else sits down, listens and goes home. Like a coach over our very lives, He knows that we need challenging interaction, accountability, truth and encouragement to form RELATIONSHIPS so that we are receiving AND giving. Not many churches meet this great need, but those which have developed small groups within their congregation are. Here at The First Presbyterian Church, our small groups are the Sunday School Programs. This then is where you and I should find ourselves being personally coached and as well as contributing toward the growth of others. We have an inclusive selection of class themes for you to choose from with committed facilitators to lead.

Please let me encourage you to check these out, finding the group which fulfills the goal of God for you with ‘Iron Sharpening Iron’!

In the Love of Jesus Christ, John Siebert

### **Companions in Christ**

Please join us for the fall “Ladies” Companions in Christ series; “The Way of Prayer.” We will meet from 9:30-11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, starting September 13, 2011. Leaders for this series will be Pastor Kristin, Jane Williams, Georgia Spencer and Rica Gause.



## LOGOS Begins Wednesday, Sept. 14

*I have no greater joy than to hear that my children  
are walking in the truth. 3 John 4*



Drop off is between 3:20 and 3:30 under the portico.  
The children will check in and have an apple snack  
on the way to class.  
The time for LOGOS is 3:30 — 6:30.

Tuition is \$50 per child payable the first day, September 14.  
LOGOS will end on December 14 with the Christmas Pageant.

Please prayerfully consider  
if you are being called to any of the following.  
There is a sign-up poster on the wall for cooking, for other op-  
portunities, call Kelly Brown or JoAnn Bryant.

**TABLE PARENTS 5:30—6:30:** Your responsibility is to build relationships with the six children at your table while encouraging etiquette at supper.

**DECORATING TEAM:** You will use the available themes to promote unity/fun among the children and decorate for Wednesday Suppers. (anytime before 5:00 p.m.)

**NURSERY WORKERS 3:30—6:30:** You will be responsible for taking care of the LOGOS workers' children. This includes outside and inside play time and supper. Any time you can give during 3:30—6:30.

**COOKS:** Please sign up or tell Mark Fulghum (991-2446). This year we have the privilege of cooking for LOGOS and Youth Group (approx. 100). Please sign-up with a "buddy." The church will reimburse you for your costs. Save your receipts.

For more information about LOGOS or any questions about volunteering, please contact Kelly Brown at 899-7898, or JoAnn Bryant at 899-3230.



### September

- 2 Wanda Wood
- 3 Sandy Infinger  
Preston Bell
- 4 Elaine Hewitt  
Doris Partlow  
Ben Tipton  
Eleanor Wilson
- 5 Gene Williams  
Don Brown
- 7 Jacob Carter
- 9 Cooper Propst  
William Tye
- 10 Ben Fleming
- 11 Clair Orvin
- 14 Lisa Britt
- 16 Ken Coffey  
Hayden Carner  
Marsha Siebert
- 17 Ruth Lusk
- 18 Morgan Hood  
Taylor Hood
- 19 Pam Coffey
- 20 Jane Hulst  
Evan Hulst  
Dave Soderberg  
Johnny Wood
- 23 Johnnie Wilkerson
- 25 Craig Mims
- 26 Gray Livingston
- 29 Rhonda Hood

### Ushers for September

Nancy & George Svagerko	9:00 Service
Pam Brogdon Cindy Orvin Clair Orvin Diane Serafino	11:00 Service



### Mepkin Abbey Garden Volunteer Program

Volunteers are needed to help maintain and beautify the Mepkin Abbey gardens and grounds. You can pick your piece of Paradise and be a steward and caretaker at one of the most beautiful gardens in the Low-country. Meet and make new friends and share the Love of God in us all. Volunteers come on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00—11:30 a.m. There are other opportunities on Wednesdays and Fridays. For more information contact Ursula Wells, Garden Volunteer Coordinator at (843) 899-7479 or [uwells@homesc.com](mailto:uwells@homesc.com)

### *Flowers for September*

- Sept. 4 Ben & Dorothy Miller (Laurie Carter)*
- Sept. 11 Wedding*
- Sept. 18 Wedding*
- Sept. 25 Bobby Mitchell (Mary Nettles)*

## Presbyterian Women Circles

**Ladies** Circle Meetings —If you haven't attended a circle meeting, please make plans to join our ladies for some Christian fellowship and blessings. All women of the church are invited.

Circle 1 will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 12 (location not yet decided)

Circle 2 will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 12 at the home of  
Mary Nettles, 1912 Pinopolis Rd., 899-4477

Please give these ladies a call if you need directions or more info.

### “Fresh Off the Press”

First Presbyterian Church Note Cards are on sale in the hallway outside the church office. These beautiful cards are a project of the Presbyterian Women. The pack of 12 cards and envelopes are \$5.00. Checks should be made out to Presbyterian Women. All profits on the cards are used directly towards the Presbyterian Women's mission projects.

### Save the Date! Jan. 27-29, 2012

#### Women's Retreat with Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church

The Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church has invited Pastor Kristin to be the retreat leader at their upcoming Women's Retreat. And they have invited the women of our congregation to attend, as well! The Women's Retreat will be January 27-29, 2012 at Pawley's Plantation on Pawley's Island. The cost of \$180 per person includes two nights lodging, some meals, and all programming. More information to come!



### Helping Hands

The Presbyterian Women's ministry of preparing a meal for those who need assistance due to sickness, new baby, or hospitalization, the Helping Hands, are reaching out to members of our church family to assist us in this ministry. We want to thank those who are already helping, however, we need more assistance for our growing church family. Please call Elaine Hewitt at 825-3799 if you would like to help with this ministry. After all, we are in the blessing business.

**12 First Presbyterian Chartered Boy Scout Group  
Troop 771**

Boy Scouts are for young men 6th grade and above. Our church is proud to sponsor Troop 771 and invite any boys (don't necessarily have to be members of our church) to join up with our group! There are currently about 15 boys on the roll. For more information contact any of the people listed below or call the church:

Scoutmaster: Chris Biering  
 Assistant Scoutmaster: Donald Kemmerer  
 Committee Chairman: Carmen Biering  
 Committee Member: Mike Holcombe  
 Committee Member: Kelly Shine  
 Chartered Organization Rep: Meredith Bell  
 Church Liason: Beezie Fleming

Boy Scouts encourages community service. If a group in our church is in need of a service that a few of these young men would be able to help out with, please let us know.

**Press Club Luncheon on Sept. 22 at 12:00**

Please come and join us for our first luncheon of the fall season. Our informative guest speaker will be Melanie Jamrogowicz. Melanie will be talking with us about insurance and fraudulent claims. There will be a signup sheet in the atrium. Lunch is \$6.00. All members of the church are invited for this time of fellowship and learning!!!

**2011 Financial Report**

	Year to date through <u>7/31/2011</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Revenue	\$ 181,904	\$ 347,902
Expenditures		
Personnel	\$ 112,617	\$ 238,968
Operations	\$ 26,816	\$ 42,569
Missions	\$ 20,754	\$ 37,465
Education, Nurture & Pastoral Care	\$ 16,898	\$ 20,000
Worship, Evangelism & Fellowship	\$ 4,337	\$ 6,650

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## Keeping Up with Our Awesome Youth

Both Junior High and Senior High Youth Groups had a Lock-In Overnighter with water games or jump castles, etc. We got some hilarious pictures of the students having a great time at each event. What a true blessing it is to work with such a group of youth here in this church.

Two other special upcoming events for the month of September include Friday Morning Hot Breakfast with youth sponsored devotion for any students of Berkley high which would like to attend. This begins September 2nd with a meeting time of 7:45 – 8:15am. Please pray that this time is strengthening and encouraging to our own students and evangelistic to any friends who attend.



In addition, September 28th is the Hawk Nelson/Super Chick Concert. If you have not ordered your tickets yet, please see Mr. John as their still may be available seating.



In an effort to accommodate some extra numbers in the youth program, Ms Mary came up with the idea of transforming the large youth room into a full out recreation center and the smaller end room into a quaint meeting area for discussions. Her idea was a brilliant solution to our need, thank God. Renovations are going on right now to add a door and plexi-glass window to connect these two rooms into a whole hallway youth section. We are taking over!!

John Siebert — Youth Director

### The Doings of the PRESBYTERIAN Men

It's time to get our Men's Breakfasts started up. We invite all men of the church to attend our breakfasts on the second Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m. **Our September breakfast is Sunday, September 11.**



## Larry Propst and Jary Hulst Missionaries to Haiti

For the past few years, our congregation, under the leadership of the Deacons, has supported our Presbytery's global mission partnership with Haiti. We have supported, from our Foreign Missions budget, the St. Joseph's Home for Boys and the Haiti Microfinance Project, which provides low-interest small-business loans to Haitian women. We have welcomed Dottie Kelley, chair of the Presbytery's Global Missions Committee and founder of Creations of Hope, to display and sell the wares of Haitian Craftsmen and women. We have marveled at the energy and skill of the Resurrection Dance Theater as they toured our region to raise money to "rebuild from the rubble" following the earthquake that hit Haiti in January 2009. But now, we are taking our partnership with our brothers and sisters in Haiti to a new level: we are sending Larry Propst and Jary Hulst as missionaries to Haiti on our behalf.



Larry and Jary will leave on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> to travel with other representatives from our Presbytery on this one-week mission trip, led by Dottie Kelley. While in Haiti, Larry and Jary will assist with the on-

going construction of St. Michel Episcopal Church in the town of Lachapelle, where the congregation of 200 currently worships outside. They will also visit schools in the towns of Deschapelle and Verrettes, delivering school supplies and beautifying the buildings. And of course, they will visit the Haitian market, where they will purchase and plant fruit trees to help feed the local community.

**Please support Larry and Jary in this endeavor, certainly with your prayers, but also with your financial contributions. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$1500 each, and the Deacons are committed to ensuring that Larry and Jary need not finance their missionary work out-of-pocket. Additional donations will help to purchase the necessary building materials, school supplies, and fruit trees. All donations should be directed to the church office and labeled "Haiti".**

Thank you!

We extend Christian sympathy to the family of Kathy Edwards Robinson. Kathy passed away on Tuesday, August 9.

*Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so much for the Bible that you gave me for graduation! My family and I enjoyed the breakfast! I am looking forward to going to Presbyterian College in August. Please keep me in your prayers as I start this new journey in my life.*

*Love, Laura Bates*

### Mission Surprises

On Homecoming Sunday we all sang the hymn, “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” and we were called to be “Messengers of faith, thus giving Hope and confidence and peace.” In that vein two of our fellowship, John and Georgia Spencer, are involved in a two year missions outreach to the nations of Trinidad and Tobago and Guyana. The magnitude of the outreach can be understood when one considers that the objective is to reach every home in each nation with Christian witness and basic Christian literature. This involves reaching over 1,944,000 people in over 500,000 homes with well over 1,000 teams. These teams will be comprised of many teams from churches in America working alongside teams from many churches in each nation. Presbyterians have a significant presence in Trinidad and our past pastor, Sam Cooper, taught in the Presbyterian Seminary in Trinidad and Tobago. Moreover, Sam’s wife Lily said her pastor father gave his extensive library to the same Seminary. John went to both nations with a small advance team August 10-18th. The team established partnerships in the work, engaged in joint planning, arranged media coverage, as well as arrangements for 12 stadium events to supplement the home to home outreach. The whole effort is in obedience to our Lord’s command to “Go into all the world and preach the Gospel.” We can all partner in this wide spread mission outreach through our prayers.

Blessings, JoAnn Bryant

