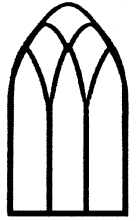




# THE WINDOW



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## Darkness

My mother-in-law grew up on a farm. When the last crop of green tomatoes would come in, before the first frost, they would put them in the basement in the dark. Once I placed some tomatoes under the bed which I tried to see one time. They actually ripened slowly and I had tomatoes well into winter.

What is it about darkness that scares us? Comforts us? Ripens us until we are ready?

Lent is a season of darkness. The word comes from the English word “lengthen” referring to the lengthening of the days of Spring. Acknowledging the reality of darkness is counter-cultural. We live in a fix-it-up, medicate it, air-brush it world that worships youth. We want to deny the reality of endings, death, and pain. But this season before Easter will not allow it. We can enter into the darkness, mourn our endings, and pray for beginnings. We place ashes on our foreheads and remember those around our world facing death, literally and figuratively, in Japan, Haiti, or right down the street. And so we enter into the darkness and let it ripen us. We extinguish a candle a week in worship to remind us of the darkness.

The Eastern Orthodox Church calls Lent the season of “bright sadness” — so true and yet paradoxical. I was reading a favorite blog which reminded me of the power of the cross and resurrection, darkness and light. Someone wrote,

“We are called to be a light to the nations, to let our light shine — but not in a way that stands apart from the world’s sorrows. On the contrary, we are called to shine in a way that illuminates those sorrows, and that stands with the sorrowful in their grief and their hope.”

<http://www.saltproject.org/salt-blog/category/lent>

Amen



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# Upcoming Scriptures for Sunday Worship

## 4/3 — 4th Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23;  
Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

## 4/10 — 5th Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11;  
John 11:1-45

## 4/17 — Passion/Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29;  
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;  
Matthew 27:11-54

## 4/24 — Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;  
Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

## HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Palm Sunday Worship Services

#### Sunday, April 17

8:30 am in Tartan Hall

10:30 am in the Sanctuary

### Maundy Thursday Worship Service

April 21 at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary

### Easter Sunrise Service at Old Stone Church

Sunday, April 24 at 7:00 am

### Easter Worship Services at Fort Hill Church

#### Sunday, April 24

8:30 am in Tartan Hall

10:30 am in the Sanctuary

### May 2011 Window Deadline

The deadline for articles, announcements, and features for the May 2011 issue of *The Window* is **Friday, April 15**.

Please email your item as a Microsoft Word document (.doc) to the church office at [window@fonthillchurch.org](mailto>window@fonthillchurch.org) or type the item directly into your email and send. If you don't have access to a computer, please leave the item in *The Window* mailbox in the FHOG office.

## Choir Corner

I was recently given the opportunity to participate in training classes for new Deacons and Elders. One of these classes featured short discussions regarding the various ministries offered by Fort Hill, and one of the ministries briefly discussed was the Music Ministry. Having been raised in another denomination by parents who had me at the church every time the doors were open, I participated in every program offered there. One of these programs was the music program, and having the aforementioned parents, I was in the children's choir, the junior choir, the intermediate choir, and the adult choir. When Laura began the discussion of the Music Ministry, I felt in familiar territory. Laura began by reminding us that the purpose of the choral and instrumental music was to enhance the worship services. Upon hearing this, I felt I would be hearing the same thing I had heard from various directors of the choirs from my younger years. She then told us that it was not so much **how** the music sounded that was important, and at that moment my mind clouded a little. I returned to the conscious world just as Laura referred us to the Directory of Worship, specifically to part W2.1004. This states in part, "To lead the congregation in the singing of prayer is a primary role of the choir and other musicians. They may also pray on behalf of the congregation with introits, responses, and other musical forms. Instrumental music may be used since words are not essential to prayer...music as prayer is to be a worthy offering to God on behalf of the people."

Music had never been presented to me as prayer before. That explained Laura's remarks that it wasn't so much how it sounded. I thought for a moment that his also may explain why the choir accepted me so graciously after a sabbatical of twenty or twenty-five years from choral music and considering my limitations as a musician (I had always considered myself an accomplished listener). Upon further reflection, I decided it was because the choir and Margaret understood the role of the choir as part of a ministry, and they were welcoming of me as part of the Music Ministry. We welcome anyone who would like

to become a part of this ministry, and don't worry if you do not have Broadway talent. Even though it is not so much how it sounds, Margaret works extremely hard to have us all praying in the proper tempo and on key.



Submitted by Henry Melton



# Church Mouse

**843** that's the number of people whose names have appeared in the mouse column during this past year starting last April. I have been writing this column for 5 years and the number of names that have made the column is now up to 2,420. That's a lot of counting of toes for this little mouse. That's the number of great people at Fort Hill that help make it be a vital church. Congratulations to all those helpers.

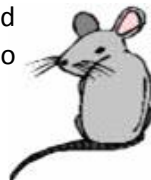
I ran in the door last Sunday as TIM BURG was greeting someone and then just as quick as I could, I zipped out the other door as KAREN BURG opened that one to welcome a person. Aren't they great to be there every week as a friendly greeter for the church?

PASTOR MARY led a retreat up at Montreat and had the help of these great people: NANCY SPITLER, CYNDI DAVIS, BECKY DEWITT as organizers; SAM BURCHFIELD led the music; HAZEL SPARKS, LAURA & DICK SHICK led the worship; CHUCK CONRAD led a hike while HAZEL led a historical tour of Montreat. PASTOR LAURA and PASTOR RODNEY led all in group building. Individuals participated in mission options at VA Soup Kitchen, planting trees at Black Mt. Children's Home, or making Valentines for our homebound church members.

I watched as our latest Fort Hill Medical Mission group was commissioned for their trip to Africa: BOB & SUSAN BROWN, LARRY & LINDA GAHAN and JOHN & CATHY SPRAGINS.

We need to recognize the following for having been shepherds this year as part of the Circle of Care of the Deacons: JEANNIE BAILEY, MAGGIE BANDY, ANGIE WINCHESTER, ARLENE CHEATHAM, SUE LIMBER, BERNICE CLANTON, MARLENE NICHOLAS, PHYL STEVENSON, BARBARA WESTALL, MARTY WINTERS, EVA HENRY, PAM WADDLE, WES KOCH, ALETA ROBINSON, CHRYSA RUTLAND, MARTY BAILEY, CLARICE GUSTAFSON, JANET JOHNSON, CLINTA MOORE, ELAINE PROCK, EVELYN CURETON, LEE CHURCHFIELD, NANCY LITTLESON, GAYLE MCGREGOR, JOANNE NISONGER, JOY SKELTON, HAP & JEANNETTE CARR, GEORGE & SALLY MITCHELL, BARBARA MADISON, TINA MOSTERTZ, TIM BURG, VERNIE ROBERTS, JANE CHANCE, JOAN DIXON, GENE & CAROL GOODWYN, JUDY BLACKWELL, BECKY FANT, TOMMI JONES, CYNTHIA GRAVELY, POLLY PETERS, DIANE SHERRICK, LYNN CARLSON, GWEN HART, PAT RUTLEDGE, CATHY SPRAGINS, BETH WILKINSON, and PAT COWDEN.

PSA Sunday had all those wonderful musicians and students together to make it a great service: ASHLEY RUBE, BETH TUMBLIN, BOBBY MCKINSEY, CHARLES DUBOSE, JEFF WEIR and COLIN PETTIGREW (children of Fort Hill), JOSHUA FURTICK, JO ANNA EASON, MARJORIE LUTZ, MARGARET LANDERS, REA CAUTHEN, REBECCA FULMER, SARAH & MATT KOLACKI, SARAH MORRISON, JONATHAN BALL, and JONATHAN BATHER. That's 94 more to thank for all they do at the church.



# Sunday Servants

## Pastor on Call

- 4/3 Laura Conrad
- 4/10 Rodney Norris
- 4/17 Mary Gause
- 4/26 Laura Conrad

## Elder at the Font — 8:30 am Service

- 4/3 Melanie Job
- 4/10 Sally Martin
- 4/17 Henry Melton
- 4/26 Tom Shealy

## Elder at the Font — 10:30 am Service

- 4/3 Meri Kate Marcum
- 4/10 Kristen McInnis
- 4/17 Randy Moore
- 4/26 Jeral Shelton

## Infant Nursery

- 4/3 Tootie Poteet
- 4/10 Judy Melton
- 4/17 Lou Phillips
- 4/26 Amy Worley

## Toddler Nursery

- 4/3 Joy Van Daele
- 4/10 Jackie Ellis
- 4/17 Lauren & Samantha Young
- 4/26 Joan Dixon

## 2 & 3 Year Old Nursery

- 4/3 Emily & Rich Bartel;  
Kristy & Ryan MacRae
- 4/10 Kerri & Mark Kwist
- 4/17 Denise & Dan Anderson
- 4/26 Barbara Westall & Claudette Bennett

## 4 & 5 Year Old Nursery

- 4/3 Carolyn & Benja Mohr; Beth Durham
- 4/10 Pete & Jake Crowther; Amy Elrod
- 4/17 Anita, Mic & Erik Fredman
- 4/26 Katherine Mostertz; Becky DeWitt

## Offering Counters

- 4/3 Cathy & John Spragins
- 4/10 Evelyn Rabey & Barbara Westall
- 4/17 Karen & Tim Burg
- 4/26 Raenota & Jack Merrill

## Announcements & Concerns



### CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to:

- Diane Phillippi whose brother from Michigan passed away the week of March 2.
- Grace Cook whose brother, Roy Tumlin of Simpsonville, passed away on March 3.
- Jim Weir and family on the passing of his mother, Dora Weir, on March 7.
- Vi Richwine whose husband, Dave, passed away on March 10.
- Fran Lilly whose mother passed away the week of March 16.
- The family of Mary LaFleur who passed away on March 20.

**VBS IS COMING!** Mark your calendar for July 18-22 and plan to join us on our "Island Odyssey" as we travel with Paul exploring his Biblical adventures. Registration begins April 10th in the covered arcade before and after 10:30 worship. FHPC members receive priority registration until May 1.

**LOVE CHILDREN AND WANT TO SHARE YOUR FAITH?** VBS has a place for you! We need help from drama to snacks to shepherding our kids. Look for volunteer forms in the covered arcade on April 10 or contact Meri Kate Marcum (pwmkm@bellsouth.net) or Sally Martin (sallymomar@aol.com) if you'd like to help!

**The Blood Connection bus** will be coming to Fort Hill on **Wednesday, April 6 from 3-7 pm**. Did you know that the Blood Connection needs to collect over 300 donations each day to meet the need? One donation can help up to three people, so please consider giving the gift of life. Call Peg Mowrey at 882-6065 if you have questions.

Please join local singers for the **Pendleton Jubilee Shape-Note Singing** on Saturday, April 2, from 10 am to 3 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in historic Pendleton, near the town square. Feel free to drop in and hear or join in this soulful, sacred and primitive form of hymn singing in a beautiful historic church! Lunch and Christian Harmony loaner books provided.

## New Preschool Playground

In the fall of 2009, the session appointed a task force to look at the needs of both of our playgrounds. After several months of investigation, it was determined that the preschool playground was in great need of major rehab. The 15+ year old structure has significant wear that often results in splinters for young fingers despite repeated attempts to sand and seal the wood. Boards and structural pieces continue to be replaced yearly and the shrubs have taken over the fence and made it increasingly difficult to care for them. Add to all of this the recognition that the playground is one of the first things a visiting family may notice and it became clear we needed to make some changes. At the same time, the task force also discovered the back playground is not and has not been used in quite some time. While it met a need at one time, the needs have changed.

In October of 2010, the task force recommended the session refurbish the preschool playground and the session concurred. Our new playground will be low maintenance recycled plastic that will be similar to our current structure. There will be two new spring ride toys and we will reuse the donated birdhouse as well as keep the tree that provides wonderful shade. You will also notice a new fence that is shrub free — providing a clearer, safer view for both drivers and pedestrians.

We are thankful to Mosteller Designs who will install our new equipment as well as recycle our old equipment. The usable preschool equipment is being combined with some other recycled units to provide a new playground for an abused women's shelter near Columbia. Mosteller will also recycle our back playground equipment and donate an industrial volleyball net to us to put in its space.

Construction on both playgrounds will take place in June making them both ready for use for Vacation Bible School and Mission Camp. Please check out the church's website for a blue print on our new preschool playground ([www.forthillchurch.org](http://www.forthillchurch.org)). We hope you will join us in the excitement these changes bring our children, for our ministries, and for our church.

The Playground Task Force:  
Chryssa Rutland (Chair),  
Clarice Gustafson,  
Becky DeWitt,  
Libby Hendricks,  
Jay Jones,  
Robin Weeks,  
Bryan Young,  
Mary Gause (ex officio)



## Seek and You Shall Find... at our annual Easter Egg Hunt

All 1st—5th graders are invited to the church on Friday night, April 15th from 6-8:30 pm for an evening of Easter fun. We'll eat some pizza, play some games, and search for Eggs...by flashlight! So bring your flashlight, \$3 for pizza, and join us! RSVP to Mary at [mary.gause@forthillchurch.org](mailto:mary.gause@forthillchurch.org) or 654-2061.

All children 0-kindergarten are invited to the church on Saturday morning, April 16th, at 10:30 am for a "seek and find" of eggs. We'll begin our time in the courtyard blowing bubbles, playing with sidewalk chalk and playing games before heading up to our hunt. Bring a basket to hold the eggs!

Hope you can join us for this fun event!



## Say Goodbye to Winter

Everyone is invited to the Chili Cook Off on Sunday, April 10, immediately following the late service. It's a fun time for the whole family!



Vote for your favorite chili — bid on silent auction items — participate in the live auction. It's also not too late to sign up to cook chili or send in an item for the auctions. Please help us make this the best chili cook off ever and support the Middle School Youth Group's mission trip to Virginia. For more information about chili contact Lauren Young ([Lauren.esh.young@alumni.cofc.edu](mailto:Lauren.esh.young@alumni.cofc.edu)) or for

donations contact Terri Smith ([tigerfans005@bellsouth.net](mailto:tigerfans005@bellsouth.net)). Thanks to everyone for helping out with this fundraiser!

## Carolina Bronze Benefit Concert

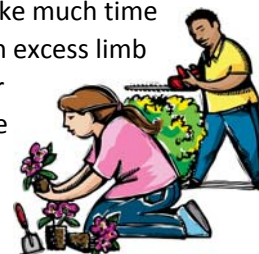
Just a reminder! InDwellings will be hosting a spring benefit concert featuring the Carolina Bronze hand bell choir Sunday, April 10, 2011 at 3 pm at First Presbyterian Spartanburg in Fogartie Hall. The address is 393 East Main Street in Spartanburg. Refreshments will be served at intermission. Parking will be available off of Chestnut Street.

An opportunity to make a love offering to benefit InDwellings' capital campaign "**Building Homes of Love**" will follow the performance.



## Adopt A Garden

It's time to start our 2011 Adopt A Garden Program. It's doesn't take much time to pull a weed or trim an excess limb on a small section of our landscape. You have the opportunity to nurture your very own garden right here at Fort Hill.



This can be a great family project. Let's make our beautiful campus a Clemson showplace.

Sign up on the FHPC Landscape Master Plan displayed in the Narthex starting April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Put your name by the number of the garden or section that you want to adopt for 2011. The Building and Grounds Ministry can help you with any tools or materials that you may need. There is nothing more rewarding than watching your love and caring grow into something wonderful. And won't we be blessed when we put all the sections together. Hallelujah! Any questions? Call Bill Thalheimer at (864) 944-5450 or email at [oconeehiker@bellsouth.net](mailto:oconeehiker@bellsouth.net).



Can you push, pull, rake, sweep, polish, mop, shovel, dust, mulch, plant, weed, or anything along those lines? WE NEED YOU!!! No one is too young or tool old.

Building and Grounds Spring Word Day is **Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** starting at 9 am. Many hands make light work so come and join the fun while we get Fort Hill Presbyterian Church and PSA looking spectacular for Easter! We will start in the court yard right at 9 am so it can be ready for the Easter Egg hunt at 10:30. If there is something that you notice that needs to be done come help. Please bring any supplies and tools that may help and we will have refreshments for all workers. If you have any questions, please call Joan Borick at 654-8003.

# News from Presbyterian Women

## **DEVOTION: MORNING MOTIVATION**

When I woke up this morning lying in bed, I asked myself,  
What are some of the secrets in life?

I found the answer right there in my room.

The Fan said ..... Be cool

The Roof said..... Aim high

The Window said..... See the world

The Clock said ..... Every minute counts

The Mirror said..... Reflect before you act

The Calendar said..... Be up-to-date

The Door said ..... Push hard for your goals

The Carpet said ..... Kneel down and pray

Carry a Heart that Never Hates, Carry a Smile that Never Fades, Carry a Touch that Never Hurts.



## **PW BIRTHDAY BRUNCH**

If you are a woman attending Fort Hill Church, member or not, you are invited to brunch on Saturday, May 7, at 10:30 am in Tartan Hall. The food committee, 11 of Fort Hill's cooks, have met and planned the menu. It includes fresh seasonal fruit cup, various breakfast casseroles and a variety of muffins along with orange juice, coffee and hot tea. The meal will be followed by a surprise birthday treat! Beth Lindsay Templeton from **Our Eyes Were Opened** will be our speaker.

Envelopes will be provided that day to give you the opportunity to contribute to the birthday offering. You could also put your donation in the offering plate on Sundays with a note on the memo line reading "PW birthday offering." One of the three recipients of the 2011 Birthday Offering will be the Women and Children Succeeding, WACS, which is part of the Anderson Interfaith Ministries in Anderson, SC! The funds they receive will provide for modifying and renovating two WAC facilities, centralizing staff and adding training capacity; adding a parental education component; purchasing land for much needed parking; and hiring an asset-building coordinator, who will help clients with financial literacy. Hope to see you there.

## **APRIL PAPER GOODS COLLECTIONS FOR HELPING HANDS**

During the month of April, Presbyterian Women are collecting paper goods (paper towels, Kleenex, toilet paper, etc.) for Helping Hands of Clemson—a home for abused children. Please bring your paper goods donations to the Collections Room (old FHOG office) beginning April 1.

## **"COME SEE COLUMBIA DAY"**

"Come See Columbia Day" will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. At this time the Presbyterian Women from the Synods of the Living Waters and South Atlantic will join in celebrating the achievements of the Columbia Friendship Circle which was founded 62 years ago to support the seminary. The goal of \$60,000 for this year will, as usual, be used to finance the CGC Scholarships that go to 6 seminary students with families. Envelopes will be passed out at Circles this spring and will be in the church pews from April until June for those who wish to donate.

At "Come See Columbia Day" the current recipients of the CFC Scholarship will give their faith journeys after a worship service with the seminary. A luncheon, tours of campus, and a seminary class will be the options following the program. Anyone interested in attending on April 28<sup>th</sup>, please contact Nan Jones at 654-1539 or [jones4927@bellsouth.net](mailto:jones4927@bellsouth.net).

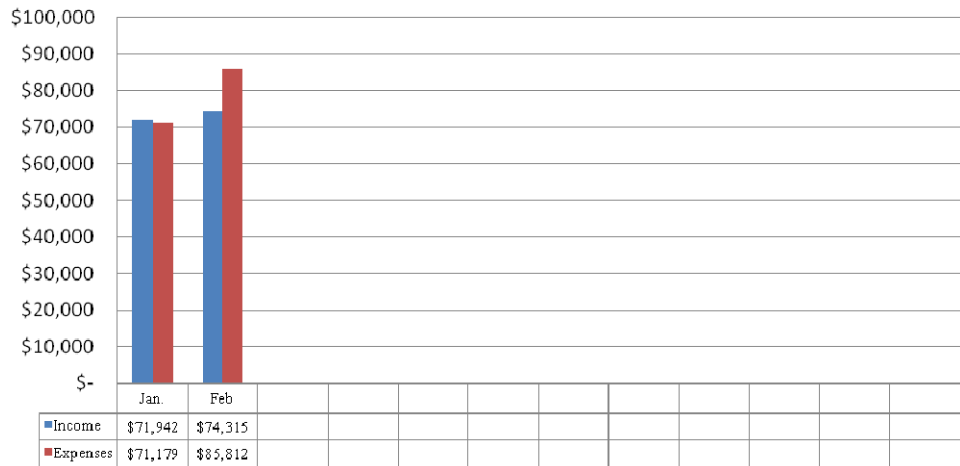


# From the Finance Ministry

**Fort Hill Income/Expenses 2011**

Through February, total income was \$146,257 while total expenses for the first two months were \$156,991 leaving a deficit of \$10,274.

The mortgage balance as of February 28 was \$247,923. Approximately 18 payments remain until the mortgage will be paid off.



Below is the 2011 budget showing totals only for each ministry. For a copy of the line item budget with all details, contact Lori Houck (lori.houck@forthillchurch.org) or Mike Blackwell (mdb8875@bellsouth.net).

	<b>2011 Budget</b>
<b>General Fund Income</b>	
Interest Earned	450.00
Memorial Donations	4,500.00
Offerings — Non-pledged giving	95,000.00
Offerings — Pledged giving	844,213.00
Rent	3,500.00
Transfer In	2,200.00
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>949,863.00</b>
<b>General Fund Expenses</b>	
Building & Grounds Ministry	77,221.00
Board of Deacons	1,000.00
Christian Action Ministry	100,455.00
Christian Education Ministry	8,550.00
Congregational Fellowship	6,250.00
Finance Ministry	185,831.08
Membership Ministry	1,175.00
Personnel & Program Support Ministry	37,480.00
Personnel	
Staff Payroll and Benefits	461,035.97
Professional Expense/Mileage Reimbursements	22,900.00
Workman's Comp Insurance Premium	<u>4,898.00</u>
<i>Total Personnel (Payroll, Benefits &amp; Professional Expense)</i>	<i>488,833.97</i>
Planning Ministry	5,250.00
University Ministry	32,694.00
Worship Ministry	10,400.00
Youth & Young Adult Ministry	11,746.00
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>966,886.05</b>
<b>Projected Deficit</b>	<b>(17,023.05)</b>

# Medical Mission Trip to Ghana — A Life Transforming Experience



“The noblest question in the world,” Benjamin Franklin wrote in *Poor Richard’s Almanack*, “is, What Good may I do in it?” Many of us have asked ourselves the same question. This idea confronted me again as I sat in the surgical waiting room of the Abetifi Health Centre with Nelly, our 22 year old nursing student and interpreter, waiting for the national electric power to come back on. Nelly, the daughter of a Presbyterian minister in Abetifi, Ghana was reading her daily devotion. It reads, “How significant are the jobs we do? Sure, it is vital to make a living to support our families and ourselves. But is there something we can do to help relieve the suffering in our world? We can all find ways to assist someone. In whose life will you make a difference? Luke 5:12-16:

Jesus put out His hand and touched (the leper).”

The Medical Mission Team spent two weeks in Ghana, seeking to restore the sign to the poorest of the poor. Team leaders Bob and Susan Brown, in response to God’s call, began this mission work 14 years ago and have led over 40 to 50 others around the world to participate in this transforming experience. This trip, the eighth to Ghana, enabled John and Cathy Spragins and Larry and Linda Gahan to share this cultural experience of God loving people and provide medical service to the needy. Abetifi is the highest inhabited mountain in Ghana, a five-hour journey by van from Accra, its capital on the coast of the Gulf of Guinea. It is home to the Kwahu Presbytery, a sister to our Foothills Presbytery in SC. The ministers, administrators, and staff of this Presbyterian entity welcomed us with as much “Ghanaian” hospitality and formality as we would expect in the South. They oversaw our needs, provided comfortable accommodations with private bath and hot water, nourished our souls with prayer, fed us, provided for our worship experiences, solved our technical problems and became our good friends.

A typical day saw us rising at 5:30 am, breakfast by 6:15, and traveling down the dirt path to the clinic by 7:15. As we walked, school children in uniforms greeted us with a wave and shouted, “O Bruni” meaning white man. We would meet women carrying articles on their heads or men walking along, all with a friendly greeting. In addition goats, chickens, and turkeys grazed along the path and flowers bloomed everywhere. Ghana has a wonderful growing season, being just degrees north of the equator. Larry learned early that it is best not to bother the turkey gobbler if he didn’t want to be chased down the path. Upon arrival at the clinic, Bob and Susan encouraged the rest of us to greet the patients who had lined up in the waiting area of the clinic as well as spilled into the yard, resting on seats under the Mango and Umbrella trees. Bob and Susan headed to the surgical room to set up for eye operations, while Cathy did the scheduling and served as the surgical nurse. John tirelessly managed the autoclave and cleaned and sterilized the surgical instruments, one day taking the portable autoclave to the University nearby during one of our numerous power outages. Generators were a common sight in the yard of the clinic and we managed to borrow three, two of which failed and the third which could only provide enough power for lighting the surgical scope. Linda screened one hundred daily patients, working with an interpreter to find out the nature of each patient’s eye malady — lack of sight, need of reading or distance glasses, infections, pain or irritations. Larry fitted patients with reading glasses until the over 500 pairs ran out during the second week. Then he worked on his thesis, compiling statistics of patient’s ages, towns of residency, eye problems, etc. Eye clinic patients sometimes had to wait all day, mostly without food or drink. Some could purchase plastic bags of oatmeal. Friends brought bananas, pineapple, and papayas for our enjoyment. Bananas were so plentiful, we were able to share with others. Patients for cataract surgery came from many towns in Ghana, patiently waited their turn and sometimes spent the night around the clinic or town. The next day when bandages were removed, they would cautiously smile when they could see again and then rejoiced with song

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at our encouragement. These times were the rewards of the day. We also distributed many homemade toys and clothing made by church members to the children of Ghana. Four women birthed their babies at the birthing clinic and the grateful mothers went home the same day with baby blankets made by women at Fort Hill. Generally we worked until 5:30 or 6:00 pm, sometimes later, returning to our rooms along the same path we came just in time to see a football (soccer) match in an adjacent field.

In total, more than 80 Ghanaians can see again after cataract surgery, over 500 can read better with their new glasses, and hundreds had their eyes examined. The team benefited from friendly, patient, and God-loving people of Ghana who are at home with prayer, and who value the worship of God, love of family and community. Without material possessions we take for granted, they showed us the way to glorify God, become Disciples of Christ and meet human need. God's people in Ghana are transforming our lives.

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## Women's Mountain Retreat

Sign up now for a Women's Mountain Retreat.

### **The Heart of the Christian Faith: Exploration with the Prodigal God**

We will use the book, **The Prodigal God**, as our guide to a wonderful two

days of fellowship and growing in faith. On April 30 — May 1, we will travel to Flat Rock, NC, for a Saturday and Sunday of deep discussion, learning and fellowship. Books will be available prior to the retreat. It is preferable if you have read the book so we can have a deeper discussion, but not mandatory. It is a small book and easy read. The leader of the weekend is Harris Murray, a college friend of Nancy Oates. Harris Murray is an ordained elder at First Presbyterian Church in Orangeburg, SC. She is a recent graduate of the S.C. Lay School of Theology, which is sponsored by the five SC presbyteries. Harris has a passion for discipleship, studying God's word, and learning to apply it more deeply to living the life of faith. She also writes a weekly column for the Orangeburg Times and Democrat, through which she often speaks to issues of faith. She is married and has one daughter.

The cost is \$35 which includes the cost of the book. Upon committing to the retreat, you can pick up your book in the FHOG office. The retreat is limited to 8-10 people. Please call Nancy Oates 654-4262 for more information and to register. We will meet at the church early on Saturday and return home by 5 pm on Sunday.



## Wylie Hogue Camp Buc Scholarship Fund

Camp Buc is an Outdoor Ministry Partnership of Foothills and Trinity Presbyteries, located in the mountains near Sapphire, NC. The mission of Camp Buc is to be a space set apart to meet God, creation, and others.



The Wylie Hogue Camp Buc Scholarship Fund was established in 2001 by the Hogue family to honor their father and husband, who was a longtime Fort Hill member and former PSA minister from 1958 to 1970. The purpose of the fund is to provide financial assistance to children who may not otherwise be able to attend a church camp. It is often in such camps, out in nature and with other children, that children first feel the presence of God. Camp Buc offers experiences such as hiking, canoeing, horseback riding, swimming, campfires, arts and crafts, and Bible studies. Over the past twelve years, Fort Hill members have provided nearly 230 children with the opportunity to attend Camp Buc. Fort Hill's Christian Action Ministry would like to send twelve children to camp this summer. The cost of sending one child is approximately \$500. All money for the scholarships comes solely from individual donations. Many small donations can add up to give several underprivileged children in our area a week to remember.

Thank you.

# April 2011 Fort Hill Church Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Sunday Schedule</b></p> <p><b>8:30 am Worship –TH</b></p> <p><b>9:15 am Sunday School</b></p> <p><b>10:30 am Worship - Sanctuary</b></p>	<p><b>Key to abbreviations:</b></p> <p><b>CR-Club Room</b></p> <p><b>TH-Tartan Hall</b></p> <p><b>Conf. Rm.-Conference Room</b></p> <p><b>CCR-Cooper classroom</b></p> <p><b>BH-Bethlehem Hall</b></p> <p><b>LIB-Library</b></p> <p><b>YR-Youth Room</b></p>				<p><b>1</b></p> <p>12:30 Rm 205—AA</p> <p>6:00pm Marriage Retreat - First Baptist Church</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:00 AM - Marriage Retreat - First Baptist Church</p>
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>11:30AM CR — Discovering Faith Class</p> <p>4:30pm—JAM</p> <p>4:30pm YR—Middle School Group</p> <p>5pm—Jesus Jammers</p> <p>6pm CR—Youth Dinner</p> <p>6:30 YR—Sr. High Grp</p> <p>8pm Rm 205—AA</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>12:15 CR - PW Circle 1</p> <p>3:30 CR - PW Circle 5</p> <p>5:30pm Library - Christian Action Min</p> <p>7pm CR, TH, Dungeon BSA Troop 235</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>7am TH—Men of the Church Breakfast</p> <p>6pm TH—Folk Dance</p> <p>6pm Conf Rm—B&amp;G</p> <p>6pm Lib—Fellowship</p> <p>7pm Conf Rm—P&amp;PS</p> <p>7:15pm CE Rm 206—Christian Ed</p> <p>8pm Rm 205—AA</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>10:30am YR — Disciple Bible Study</p> <p>3pm — Blood Connection Bus</p> <p>6pm Choir Rm—Chancel Bells</p> <p>7:00 YR - Youth Choir</p> <p>7:15pm Choir Rm—Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9:00AM - OLLI - TH</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>6:30pm TH — Cub Scouts</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>10:30 TH - Chili Cook-off</p> <p>1:30 Sanct. — Deacon's Meeting</p> <p>2:00pm CR – NAMI</p> <p>4:30pm—JAM</p> <p>4:30pm YR—Middle School Group</p> <p>5pm—Jesus Jammers</p> <p>6pm CR—Youth Dinner</p> <p>6:30 YR—Sr. High Grp</p> <p>8pm Rm 205—AA</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9:30am CR—PW Circle 3</p> <p>6:30pm YR - Y&amp;YA</p> <p>9:15am Library—PW Circle 7</p> <p>7pm CR, TH, Dungeon BSA Troop 235</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>9:00 Dungeon - Trustees Meeting</p> <p>5:30 Conf. Rm—Music Ministry</p> <p>6pm TH—Folk Dance</p> <p>6:30 BH—Bears Den</p> <p>6:30 TH—Webelo 2</p> <p>6:30 CE Rm 210 -Finance Ministry</p> <p>6:30 Conf Rm - Worship Ministry</p> <p>7:30 Library—PW Circle 2</p> <p>8pm Rm 205—AA</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>10:30am YR - Disciple Bible Study</p> <p>6pm Choir Rm—Chancel Bells</p> <p>7:00 YR - Youth Choir</p> <p>7:15pm Choir Rm—Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>9am Conf Rm - Trans. Team</p> <p>7pm YR—Girl Scouts</p> <p>8pm Rm 205—AA</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>12:30 Rm 205—AA</p> <p>6:00 PM — CR,YR — Easter Egg Hunt (1st-5th grades)</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9 am — B&amp;G Spring Work Day</p> <p>10:30 am CR Sanct. — Easter Egg Hunt (0 — Kindergarten)</p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>Palm Sunday</b></p> <p>2:00pm CR– NAMI</p> <p>4:30pm YR—Middle School Group</p> <p>6pm CR—Youth Dinner</p> <p>6:30 YR—Sr. High Group</p> <p>8pm Rm 205—AA</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>9:15am Library—PW Circle 7</p> <p>7pm CR, TH, Dungeon BSA Troop 235</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>9:30am CR—PW Coord. Team meeting</p> <p>6pm TH—Folk Dance</p> <p>7pm CR—Session Meeting</p> <p>8pm Rm 205—AA</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>10:30am YR - Disciple Bible Study</p> <p>6pm Choir Rm—Chancel Bells</p> <p>7:00 YR - Youth Choir</p> <p>7:15pm Choir Rm—Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Maundy Thursday</b></p> <p>7:30 Sanct. — Maundy Thursday Service</p> <p>8pm CE Rm 205—AA</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>Good Friday</b></p> <p><b>Church Office Closed</b></p> <p>12:30 Rm 205—AA</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>Easter</b></p> <p>7:00 AM - Old Stone Church - Sunrise Service</p> <p>8pm Rm 205—AA</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>7pm CR, TH, Dungeon BSA Troop 235</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>6pm TH—Folk Dance</p> <p>6:30 BH—Bears Den</p> <p>6:30 TH—Webelo 2</p> <p>8pm Rm 205—AA</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>10am CCR—PW Circle Leaders Meeting</p> <p>10:30am YR - Disciple Bible Study</p> <p>6pm Choir Rm—Chancel Bells</p> <p>7:00 YR - Youth Choir</p> <p>7:15pm Choir Rm—Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>9am Conf Rm - Trans. Team</p> <p>8pm CE Rm 205—AA</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>12:30 Rm 205—AA</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>



**This  
Month's  
Birthdays**

4/1 Joe Dickey

4/2 Webb Alspaugh  
Will Gregory

4/3 John Rabai  
Russell Shealy

4/4 Gaston Gage  
Robert Olker

4/5 LeAnne Greene  
Kathy Moore

4/6 Michael Bailey  
Brittany Kilgore

4/8 Hugh Garner  
Rees Gregory  
Miller Gregory  
Betty Harris  
Jake McKinney

4/9 Gene Goodwyn

4/10 Mary Margaret Dancy  
Jesse Hudak  
Margaret Ann Rodgers  
Mary Frances Ross  
Pat Street

4/11 Vi Ford  
Dick Shick  
Nathan Wilson  
Allison Young

4/12 Natalie Dunham  
Layne Poteet  
Sarah Jo Skelton  
Elizabeth Hawthorne

4/14 Chris Bandy  
Rob Griffin

4/16 Paul Aaron  
Megan Chavis  
Mary Sosebee

4/17 Janet Bean  
Brian D'Entremont  
Jacquie McFall  
Irene Ruoff  
Hannah Sawyer

4/18 Stephanie Aaron  
Charles Barron

4/19 Colin Pettigrew  
Suzan Simmons  
Aspen Simpson  
Mark Sublette

4/20 John Martin  
Jim Phillips  
Diane Sherrick

4/21 Betty Cornwell  
Karen Sawyer  
Jillian Scott  
Carol Walling

4/22 Janna McKale  
Joanne Trenholm

4/23 Erik Fredman  
Dave Harvey

4/24 Michael Van Daele

4/25 Karen Daniels  
Beth Gregory  
Wade Job

4/26 Doug Carlson  
Henry Melton  
John Olker  
Sara Shealy

4/27 Robert Newmark  
Norman Weber

4/28 Nancy Brown  
Owen Fowler  
Janette Hamilton  
Hannah Job  
Steve Lefevre

4/29 Mac Martin

4/30 Mary Coronado  
Tom Freeman  
Baerta Graff  
John Wourms



4/3 Randall & Millie Poole

4/6 Paul & Joan Borick

4/12 Randy & Clint Moore

4/13 Ron & Joanne Trenholm

4/14 George & Alison  
Reynolds

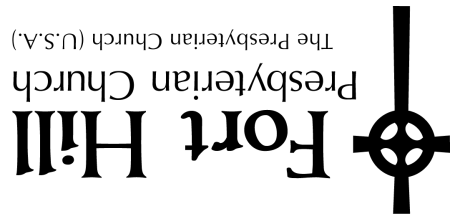
4/17 Denny & Laurie Sherrod

4/22 Scott & Sarah Massios

4/24 Walter & Grace Cook  
Jay & Tommi Jones  
Bill & Tina Mostertz

4/28 David & Amanda Crum  
Laurence & Jayne Horne

4/29 Jeremy & Heather  
Wright



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