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Fort Hill Presbyterian Church Celebration Sunday

August 16, 2009

Celebrating our Unity in Christ and our Common Ministry

Combined Worship Celebration

Installation of
The Rev. Laura Smith Conrad
Pastor of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Charles L. Campbell
President of the Academy of Homiletics
Duke Divinity School

10:00 AM
Sanctuary

Sunday School Celebration
"Things are Looking Up!"

9:00 AM

Adult breakfast in Tartan Hall
Children meet in Sunday School Rooms
Nursery provided for children 2 and under

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Laura Conrad, Pastor

Bill Gause, Associate Pastor for
University Ministry

Mary Cunningham Gause, Associate
Pastor for Christian Education

Rodney Norris, Associate Pastor for
Youth and Young Adults

Pansy Duke, Parish Visitor

Jack Stevenson, Pastoral Counselor

A Letter from your Pastor

Dear Friends of Fort Hill Church,

It has been a pleasure to join you here in ministry and mission. I have always loved this church, and it is a privilege to serve as your pastor. One of the official acts of a Presbytery, of which I am pastor member, in the Presbyterian church is to install it's pastors. An Installation Service is a special worship service where we make a commitment together to be faithful as a church to our mission. A Commission has been charged by Presbytery to come and do that official business. The Commission is made up of Elders and Ministers from this Presbytery, only one elder being from Fort Hill Church. Those serving on the Commission and leading in worship include:

The Rev. Mary Morrison, Associate Presbyter

The Rev. Steve Price, former Campus Minister and friend of Fort Hill Church

The Rev. Dr. Charles Campbell, President of the Academy of Homiletics,
Duke Divinity School

Elder Charles Conrad, Grace Covenant Presbyterian, Mauldin, my father-in-law

Elder Tom Scott, Chair of the Pastor Nominating Committee, Fort Hill Church

On **Sunday, August 16 at 10:00 AM** in a combined worship service in our sanctuary, we will have a Celebration of joining together in ministry. We do this as one church, one body, the body of Christ. So make a note of this special worship time. We will begin the celebration at 9:00 AM with activities for all ages during the Sunday School hour. Please note the front of this newsletter for details.

Guest Preacher that day is my mentor, friend, and former Professor of Preaching at Columbia Seminary, Chuck Campbell. The first day of Preaching class, Chuck introduced himself as "a sophisticated Jesus freak" and I knew I liked the guy. But to give you the official low-down on Chuck you can read his biography from Duke below. He and his wife, Dana, will join us that Sunday. Looking forward to our special day on Sunday, August 16!

Laura

Biography

Guest Preacher, Chuck Campbell

Campbell's work focuses on the biblical, theological, and ethical dimensions of preaching. He is interested in the Christological and ecclesiological aspects of preaching, the role of preaching in relation to the "principalities and powers," and the relationship between character ethics and preaching. He is currently doing research on the "foolishness of preaching" and writing a theological commentary on First Corinthians.

Dr. Campbell's publications include: "The Word Before the Powers: An Ethic of Preaching" (2002); "The Word on the Street: Performing the Scriptures in the Urban Context," co-author (2000); and "Preaching Jesus: New Directions for Homiletics in Hans Frei's Postliberal Theology" (1997).





Church Mouse

Oh my, how I do love summer and all the goings on at the church.

First I want to say how much I LOVE hearing the choir sing every Sunday. I know that mice aren't supposed to love music but being a church mouse, I am different.

So, I think it would be a great idea to thank all the music makers in our church. My favorite is JUDY BONHAM, who just makes the organ sound so great. Then BILL DIEKHOFF, the director, makes the choir sound so harmonious. But the choir members put their heart and soul into their music and you can tell by watching them sing with glory to God. Choir members to be thanked for being so glorious to God are: MARY BARRON, CHARLES BARRON, MARY CORONATO, BRIAN D'ENTREMONT, DIANE DIEKHOFF, GEORGE DUNKLEBERG, JIM DUSENBERRY, CHIP EGAN, DIANE EGAN, BOB FOLSOM, BARBARA FOX, GARLAND GRAVELY, KATHY HUGHES, LAURA LEFEVERE, COOPER LITTLEJOHN, PAUL MAHIN, MONICA MCGREGOR, SHIRLEY MUZII, MARLENE NICHOLAS, RAMETH OWENS, MILLIE POOLE, RANDALL POOLE, EVELYN RABEY, JIM ROBERTS, VERNIE ROBERTS, JERI SCHALLER, JOHN SHERMAN, CATHY SPRAGINS, CAROL TODD, BETH WILKINSON, AND JACQUIE WORLEY. Be sure to thank all of them for making a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Fran told me about a special event that happened to honor some of your young women in the church. SAVANNAH AARON, JORDAN BOLGER, MARY COURTNEY NORRIS, and FINLEY WILES all received their Silver Award in Girl Scouting, the second highest award given by the Girls Scouts of America.

Every so often I watch JERRY CHRISTENBURY change the light bulbs way up in the sanctuary. From the point of view of a little mouse, that's a long way up there.

And I hear that KIP BAGLEY still does a lot of work to keep our computers, email, server, and Power Church working for our staff.

Enjoy your summer! But be sure to thank all for what they do at Fort Hill.

Disciple Bible Study

Are you eager to get down and study your Bible? The Christian Education Ministry is offering an 8-week Bible study, offered at two separate times, running from September 22nd – November 18th. Using an Invitation to the Old Testament by Disciple, we will explore God's calling of the Hebrew people throughout the OT history. The first study is offered on Tuesday nights from 7:00-8:30 pm and the same study is repeated on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 am-12:00 pm. The course requires weekly homework and class attendance. The cost is \$12 for a workbook which may be paid at the INTRODUCTORY MEETING TO BE HELD Tuesday, September 15th at 7:00 pm in the library. Please contact Mary Gause (mary.gause@forthillchurch.org or 654-2061) by September 8th to register for the class.

Dear Fort Hill Friends,

Thank you so much for the prayers, telephone calls, visits, and food during Ron's surgery and Daddy's hospitalization and death. We are blessed to have a caring church family.

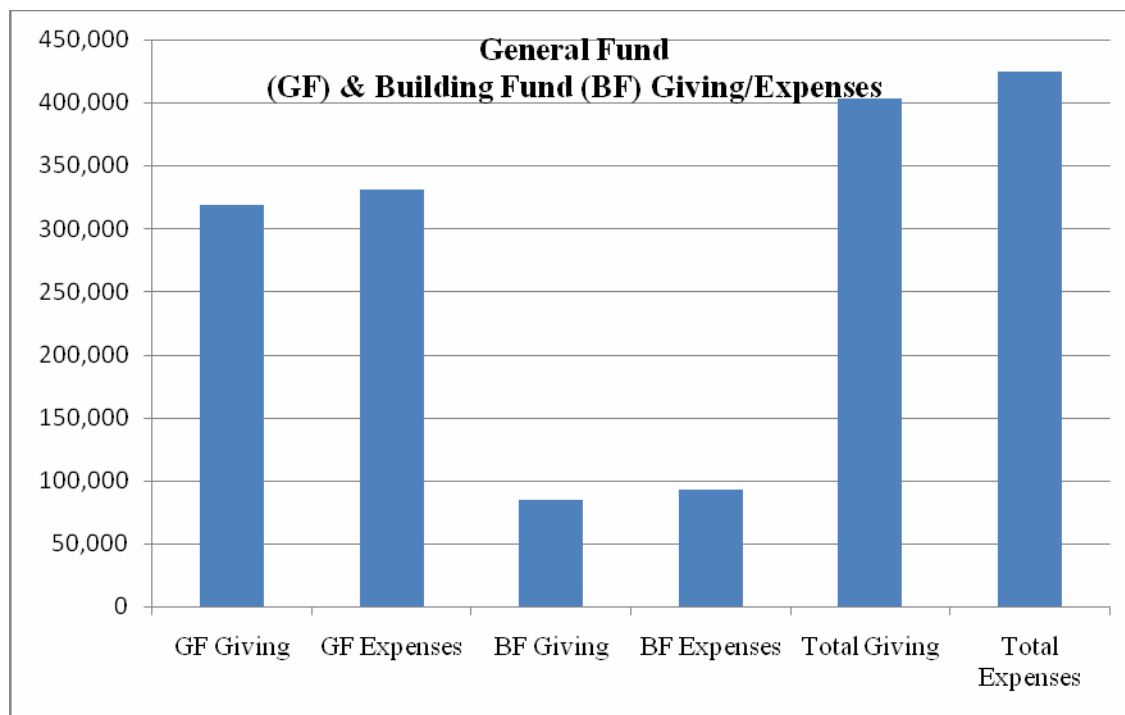
In Christ,

Ann Rash

September 2009 WINDOW DEADLINE

The deadline for articles, announcements, and features for the September 2009 issue of *The Window* is Friday, August 21. Please email your item as a Microsoft WORD document (.doc) to Amy Elrod at [window@forthillchurch.org](mailto>window@forthillchurch.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.

From the Finance Ministry – Through the first six months of the year, General Fund (GF) income is below expenses by \$12,970. The Building Fund (BF) giving is \$8,594 below expenses. Combined shortfall for the year to date is \$21,564. The BF budgeted pledged income is \$17,753 per month with a monthly payment of \$15,500, but for the first half of the year the average monthly income was \$14,067. Please review your support to the GF and BF to avoid shortfalls.



Fort Hill Church Members Honored

They don't look that old but four FHPC members recently celebrated the 50th reunion of their graduation from what was then Clemson "College." Charles Barron, Garland Gravely, Randall Poole and Bob Williamson of the class of 1959 were inducted into Clemson's honor society of Golden Tigers. At the same time, two other Fort Hill members were honored over the weekend. Phil Prince, celebrating the 60th anniversary of his class of 1949, was recognized at several events as President Emeritus of the university and Millie Poole was recognized for her selection by the married veterans and the yearbook staff as "Mrs. Taps - 1959." Also, Fort Hill member Chip Egan coordinated a program held at the Botanical Gardens for the class of 1939 on the occasion of their 70th reunion. The Fort Hill Chancel Choir sang at the ceremony. One of the '39 class members presided and said that most of them were born in 1916. Someone asked later if any of the class of '39 were present and the answer came back, "yes, all four of them..."

August 2009 Fort Hill Church Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:45 am Chancel Choir rehearsal every Sunday						1 9-5 NAMI-Cooper
2 9:30 am Breakfast-Club Room 10am Called Session mtg-TH 1-5 NAMI-Cooper	3 7:00 pm Personnel-Conf. Room 7:15 pm CE-room 206	4	5	6 2:15 OLLI-Library	7	8 9-5 NAMI-Cooper
9 9:30 am Sun. school-Club Room 11:30 am Circle of Care lunch-Club Room 1-5 NAMI-Cooper	10 8-4 Camp-BH 7:00 Finance mtg-Library 7-8:30 Boy Scouts-TH, Club Room	11 8-4 Camp-BH	12 8-4 Camp-BHH 5:30 Worship mtg-Conf. Room 5:30 Fellowship mtg-Library	13 8-4 Camp-BH 2:15 OLLI-Library	14 8-4 Camp-BH	15 9-5 NAMI-Cooper Youth Lock in-BH
16 Celebration Sunday 9am Breakfast-TH 10am Worship/Installation-Sanctuary 2:30-5 NAMI-Club	17 5:30 Christian Action mtg-Lib.	18 9-11am PW Coordinating Team-Club Room	19	20 2:15 OLLI-Library 7:30 Session mtg-Club Room	21 6-9 Cub Scouts-TH	22
23 11:30 am Welcome Back luncheon-TH/Club Room 2:30-5 NAMI-Club Room	24 7-8:30 Boy Scouts-TH, Club Room	25	26	27 2:15 OLLI-Library	28 8am-noon Pre-school teachers-Library 6pm Wedding rehearsal-Brown/Scruggs	29 5pm Wedding - Brown/Scruggs
30 2:30-5 NAMI-Club Room	31 12:15 Circle 1-Club Room 7:30 Boy Scouts-TH, Club Room					

August 2009 Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Chris Nepper
2 Nancy Bledsoe Billy Gregory Julia Hoyle Ed Hutson Mary Lafleur Jay McClellan	3	4 Kitty Dunn Raenota Merrill Phil Prince Mary Principe	5 Jane Chance	6 Otis Gregg Corey Norris Ryan Poetz	7 Trish McGinnis	8 Catherine Renee Jones Paul Kantzler Kelly McRoberts Chris Olson Clay Olson David Richardson Hannah Grace Rutland
9 Anne Cash Cathy McInnis	10	11 Kevin Christenbury Larry Goodwin Emma MacRae Bill Thalheimer Amy Worley	12 Andy Hutto Margret Stiepel	13 Tyler Newman Nancy Stone	14 Ann Rash	15 Lauren Duncan Kristen McInnis Steve Pettigrew
16 Lou Geerlings Jack Merrill Rudy Simpson Gerald Waddle	17 Shane Turner	18 Laura Sosebee John Spragins	19 Bob Rant Jenifer Griffis Catherine Jones Bill Kahle John Lefevre Mary Courtney Norris	20 Cortlinn Bailey Rich Bartels	21 Judy Blackwell Jeri Schaller	22 Eric Bost Sam Burchfield Jerry Christenbury Kay Dearing Nick Greene Michael Mudge
23 Jim Martin	24 Louise Brown Tim Burg	25 Jim Dunn	26 Diane Egan Julia Wood	27 Myra Cato Allison Clancy Lane Richardson Cal Sawyer Ashley Skelton Young	28 Pete Crowther David DeWitt Heidi Martin Stacy Sanders Hannah Smith Jane Sosebee	29 Jeannie Bailey Trey Bartels Sam Blondeau Jerry Chapman David Coyle Jim London Scott Massios Nicholas Nepper Caroline Oates
30 Nancy Oates	31 Paul Caley Tommi Jones Jeb Martin		Anniversaries: 8/3 Garland & Cynthia Gravely 8/3 Alan & Ellen Torrence 8/4 Nathan & Shelly Wilson 8/6 Ken & Tina Sitton 8/7 Putt & Almeda Jacks	8/8 John & Nancy Brown 8/8 Dick & Laura Shick 8/11 Tommy & Tracy Bolger 8/13 Jere & Rosemary Ross 8/16 Jake McKinney & Rose Marie McDonald 8/20 Jack & Phyl Stevenson	8/21 Doug & Lynn Carlson 8/21 Larry & Linda Gahan 8/22 John & Gayle McGregor 8/23 Bill & Myra Cato 8/23 Jim & Vernie Roberts 8/24 John & Cathy Spragins	8/26 Craig & Eileen Homan 8/27 David & Joan Alexander 8/27 Harold & Arlene Cheatham 8/29 Joe & Anne Dickey 8/29 John & Ann Gilreath

August Sunday Servants

Pastor On Call

Aug 3-9 Mary Gause
Aug 10-16 Rodney Norris
Aug 17-23 Laura Conrad
Aug 24-30 Laura Conrad
Aug 31-Sept 6 Rodney Norris

Elder at the Font 8:30

Aug 2 Ethel Pettigrew
Aug 9 Becky DeWitt
Aug 16 Need a volunteer!
Aug 23 Need a volunteer!
Aug 30 Becky DeWitt

Elder at the Font 10:30

Aug 2 Charles Barron
Aug 9 Bob Folsom
Aug 16 Alice Thalheimer
Aug 23 Bob Folsom
Aug 30 Alice Thalheimer

Offering Counters

Aug 2 Raenota and Jack Merrill
Aug 9 Linda Gahan and Janet Bean
Aug 16 Betty and Jimmy Dean
Aug 23 Kitty and Jim Dunn
Aug 30 Joan and Paul Borick

8:30 Nursery

Aug 2 Denise and Dan Anderson
Aug 9 Nancy Spittler
Aug 16 Donna Crader
Aug 23 Cyndi Davis
Aug 30 Mary Stuart Turner

10:30 Infant Nursery

Aug 2 Nina Norris
Aug 9 Eva Williamson
Aug 16 Jacquie McFall
Aug 23 Jeannie Bailey
Aug 30 Reagan Blondeau

10:30 Toddler Nursery

Aug 2 Ann Howard
Aug 9 Jackie and Joanna Martin
Aug 16 Betty Dean
Aug 23 Lisa Britt and Mimi Borick
Aug 30 Edmee Reel and Austin Adams

10:30 2 & 3 Year Old Nursery

Aug 2 Mary and Bill Gause
Aug 9 Donna and Corey McCubbin
Aug 16 Myra Cato and Jordan Weir
Aug 23 Anita, Mik and Erik Fredman
Aug 30 Meri Kate and Philip Marcum

10:30 4 & 5 Year Old Nursery

Aug 2 Kristen and Mark McInnis
Aug 9 Blythe and Marshall Smith
Aug 16 Heather Wright and Beth Gregory
Aug 23 Kelly and John McRoberts
Aug 30 Pete and Jake Crowther

Announcements and Concerns

CONGRATULATIONS to Rich and Emily Bartels upon the birth of their son, Duncan McMillan "Mac" Bartels, on June 29th. Big brother is Trey. Grandparents in our congregation are Henry and Judy Melton. Aunt, uncle and cousins in our congregation are Meri Kate, Philip, Henry and Lydia Marcum.

CONGRATULATIONS to Karen and Todd Dixon on the birth of their son, Max Dalton Dixon, on July 6 in California. Big brother is Jack. Grandparents in our congregation are Marv and Joan Dixon; aunt and uncle are Stacy and Tim Fowler; cousins are Ian, Owen and Emma.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM was celebrated on July 19 for Aspen McKinley Simpson, son of Rudy and Leanne Simpson. Big brother is Vail.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Bill Mostertz and family upon the death of Bill's father, Bill Mostertz, on June 29th in Tampa, Florida.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Randy Moore and family upon the death of his brother, Phil Moore, on July 10.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Corrine Cannon and family upon the death of her mother, FHPC member Eloise Blanks, on July 12.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Bob Littleton and family upon the death of his brother, Howard Littleton, on July 18 in Royal Oak, Michigan.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Debbie Collins and family upon the death of her aunt, Evelyn Hutchinson, on July 17 in Thomasville, Georgia.



Things are Looking Up!

Christian Education Ministry invites all of you to join us on August 16th at 9:00 am to help us kick off our fall programming on Celebration Sunday! We will celebrate together with breakfast and fun for all ages at 9:00 am before worshipping together as a whole church family at 10:00 am. Special events include:

- Adults: Come to Tartan Hall and celebrate a time of fellowship over a continental breakfast while browsing the adult education topics and classes for the fall.
- Children and Youth: Children age 2 (by September 1st) through 5th grade are invited to head to their classrooms for age-appropriate games and snacks with your Sunday school friends all led by various adult and youth volunteers.
- Children under two will be cared for in the church nursery.

Regularly scheduled Sunday school begins Sunday, August 23rd!



Third Graders to Receive Bibles

Each year, the Christian Education Ministry gives new Bibles to our third graders to help celebrate their reading skills and help them make reading and studying God's Word a part of their spiritual life. This year, we will celebrate our third graders on September 20th during worship. We hope all of our third graders will attend. You can help by attending that day and showing your support of our children, and by helping us make sure we have ALL of our third graders included in this gift by checking this list and calling Mary (654-2061) if you know of someone who needs to be added. Third graders in our computer system are: Cortlinn Bailey, Carter McInnis, AJ McRoberts and Alexis Winchester.

AED Training and Recertification Class Sunday, September 13, 3-5 PM

This will be a class for those interested in being trained in the use of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and for those who need to renew their certificate. The class will also include an update on CPR. The cost is \$35 per person and class size is limited; if there is enough interest, a second class will be scheduled.

Through the generosity of FHPC members and friends, 3 AED units were purchased for our buildings two years ago. The units are located outside the sanctuary, outside Tartan Hall and on the first floor of the Education Building between the classrooms and Bethlehem Hall. It is obviously important for us to have as many persons as possible trained in their use. No medical background is needed—just an interest in learning to use these life-saving devices.

To register for the class, contact Raenota Merrill (885-1033) r4merrill@bellsouth.net or Marlene Nicholas (654-9309) marnicholas@nctv.com.

and to share God's love in our community and around the world.

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