

From the Pastor's Desk

Mother's Day

When the good Lord was creating mothers he was into his sixth day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said, *"You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."* And the Lord said, *"Have you seen the specs on this order?" "She has to be completely washable, but not plastic; have 180 moveable parts . . . all replaceable! She must run of black coffee and leftovers, have a lap that disappears when she stands up; a kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair, and six pairs of hands."*

The angel shook her head slowly and said, *"six pairs of hands . . . no way!"*

"It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord. *"It's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."*

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel. The Lord nodded, *"One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks 'what are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows. Another pair in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she had to know, and of course the ones here in front so that she looks at a child when he goofs and says, 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word."*

"Lord," said the angel, touching his sleeve gently. *"Come to bed. Tomorrow . . ."*

"I can't," said the Lord. *"I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick . . . can feed a family of six on a pound of hamburger . . . and can get a 9-year-old to stand under a shower."*

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. *"It's too soft,"* she sighed.

"But tough!" said the Lord excitedly. *"You cannot imagine what this mother can do or endure. Not only can it think, but it can reason and compromise,"* said the creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek. *"There's a leak."* she pronounced. *"I told you you were trying to put too much into this model."*

"It's not a leak," said the Lord. *"It's a tear."*

"What's it for?"

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness, and pride."

"You're a genius," said the angel.

The Lord looked somber, *"I didn't put it there."*

Shalom, Dick Rodda
From – Erma Bombeck – "At Wit's End"

Presbyterian Women

There will be a joint meeting of the Women of the Church on Monday May 7 at 7 p.m. at the church. Sara Dull will present the lesson.

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Youth Groups

- May 6** Older and Younger Youth Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- May 20** Older and Younger Youth Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- June 3** End of Year Cookout and Ralph and Mollie's Lake House after church. Lease note the change in date. All are invited!
- September 16** Meetings will resume with a "Beginning of Year" kickoff.

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Special Events

There will be a work day for Men of the Church on Wednesday, May 3. Bring gloves for picking up pine cones. Rain date is set for Thursday, May 4.

Homecoming Sunday is May 6. Rev. Dick Rodda will conduct the worship service. Dinner will be on the grounds afterwards. Make plans to stay and enjoy the fellowship and food.

The choir meets Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Junior choir meets on Tuesday afternoon after school.

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May Birthdays



May 1	Ruth Prim	May 21	Gavin Windish
2	Jay Younce	23	Reid Whitaker
3	Ruth Lineberry	24	Annette Blue
4	Sophia Carras	25	Crystal Douglas
5	Blue McCaskill	29	Frank Evans
10	Hogan Windish	30	Wendy Dinkins
17	Sam McDonald		

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May Anniversaries



May 14 Paul & Nelle Greene

May 21 Tim & Lori Rakes

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Ushers, Junior Church and Nursery Schedule for May

May 6, 13, 20, 27, 2007

Ushers: Thadd Davis & Chris McLeod

Junior Church: Sara Dull

Nursery: Lori & Lilly Rakes

Ushers for June: Drew Robinson &
Reid Whitaker

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April Session Meeting

The session held its regular monthly meeting on April 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Charles Horne updated the session on the progress of the Pastor Nominating Committee. He presented a mission statement drawn up by the PNC for approval. The session also approved the expenditure for setting up and maintaining a web site.

Charles Horne was named delegate to attend the adjourned meeting of Presbytery on May 8.

Publicity for Homecoming was discussed.

Next meeting will be May 14 at 7:00 p.m.

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Graduates

The June newsletter will feature this year's graduates. If you or someone in your family will graduate from middle school, high school or college this year, please give some general information and a recent picture to Carol Cummings.

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Pastor Nominating committee Report

The PNC is continuing to work on our church profile. The mission statement has been created and approved by the session. The committee has been working on the responsibilities and characteristics our congregation would like in a minister. Heath McKenzie has met with the committee to discuss a web page. Suggestions submitted by members of the congregation have been incorporated into the church information form. Members of the committee are Charles Horne, Carol Cummings, Sara Dull, Risa McCaskill and Ron McCrimmon.

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Prayer List



Please keep these in your prayers:

Sarah McCaskill

Sis Nicholson

Villa Webb

Will Miner

The Aaron Whitaker Family

Families and friends of Virginia Tech victims

Emma Wales

Sim & Ann Hunt

Tildon Evans

Joe Caviness

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NEWS FROM PRESBYTERY



2007 Presbytery Meeting Dates: May 8, Oct 6, Dec 6.

Adjourned Meeting of Presbytery - Presbytery, meeting March 3, approved a motion to have an adjourned meeting of Presbytery on **Tuesday, May 8**, at a time and place to be determined. The May 8 meeting will be convened at **9:45 a.m.** and will take place at **Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church in Clinton**. All sessions are to have their usual representation at this meeting, either the elder commissioner who participated in the March 3 meeting, or if that person is not available another elder named by the session. All member ministers of Presbytery, and other elders as spelled out in Sec. 1.04 of the Manual of Admin. Operations are to be present as participants in the meeting. Presbytery Council, in a special Council meeting called for April 20 will develop the agenda for the May 8 meeting and will promptly distribute the packet of reports and recommendations via the usual electronic and mail means.

Nominations Needed For - Presbytery's Educator of the Year Award. This is an award to recognize the achievements and contributions of teachers and leaders of churches in our presbytery. A nomination should include a survey of contributions in Christian education and may have letters of support attached. Send nominations to the Presbytery office - 807 W. King St., Elizabethtown, NC

28337 - Fax: 910-862-3524 - Email: kayebledsoe@presbycc.org. *The recipient will be announced at the Sept. 15, 2007 Leadership School/Learning Fair in Lumberton*

Summer Staff Wanted: Camp Monroe and Kirkwood hire young people (mostly 18 and over) to work as counselors, lifeguards, wranglers, support staff, kitchen help, leadership staff, and other positions. A complete staff packet can be obtained by downloading it at www.presbycc-camps.org or by calling the Presbytery Office at 910-862-8300. Ask to speak with De Scott.

JOURNEY TO SCOTLAND - Rev. Jonathan Watson (Cape Fear, Wilmington) is leading a 9 day tour of Scotland, August 20-29. Come explore the Scottish roots of our Presbyterian Family Tree for only \$3046 (including roundtrip airfare from Raleigh-Durham, first class hotels, guided sightseeing, breakfast and dinner, and much more. - The price does not include taxes, tips, fees, etc.). For more information contact Jonathan at revwatson@capefearpres.org or visit http://www.eo.travelwithus.com/Default.aspx?tabid_=55&tourid=295&load=yes

Holy Land Classic Tour - Sept. 2 - 10 days of biblical discovery - cost - \$1998. Contact Chuck Nichols for more information. 910-734-2751.

May 19th - Presbytery's Annual Senior Adult Picnic - *A Celebration of Life Well-Lived* - 11:30AM - 2:00PM at Elizabethtown Presbyterian Church. Join us for a catered meal, fellowship and entertainment. **Register** by calling the Presbytery office 1-800-277-7479 or kayebledsoe@presbycc.org. Our nominee, Frances Cooke will be recognized along with other nominees from other churches in Coastal Carolina Presbytery. One of the nominees will be recognized as Region 6 Outstanding Older Adult. The event is open for anyone to attend and support their nominee.

Mexico Partnership Committee Needs Your Help –

1. The committee is looking for a volunteer artist who can design the committee's ideas into a special Partnership banner. Contact eduardomoreno@presbycc.org or call 1-800-277-7479.
2. Save your old or unwanted CDs for the Committee. They will be used to create promotional/advertising materials. Bring the CDs to the Presbytery office or mail them to Eduardo Moreno at 807 W. King St., Elizabethtown, NC 28337.

Resource of the Week - *Operation Inasmuch: Mobilizing Believers beyond the Walls of the Church* by David W. Crocker - A model for hands-on ministry; connecting faith with service; emphasizing spiritual gifts. *Contact Kaye in the Resource Center to borrow this resource.* A topical list of resources can be found at www.presbycc.org