

JOHN CALVIN NEWS

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Pastor's Note

Sonora Dodd, of Washington, first had the idea of a "father's day." She thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Sonora wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. Smart, who was a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife died while giving birth to 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. After Sonora became an adult she realized the selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent. It was her father that made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man. Sonora's father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington on the 19th of June, 1910.

In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day. Then in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day. President Richard Nixon signed the law which made it permanent in 1972. (From the internet)

And some quotes about fathers:

"None of you can ever be proud enough of being the child of SUCH a Father who has not his equal in this world-so great, so good, so faultless. Try, all of you, to follow in his footsteps and don't be discouraged, for to be really in everything like him none of you, I am sure, will ever be. Try, therefore, to be like him in some points, and you will have acquired a great deal."
 - Victoria, Queen of England

"It doesn't matter who my father was; it matters who I remember he was." - Anne Sexton

"To be a successful father . . . there's one absolute rule: when you have a kid, don't look at it for the first two years." - Ernest Hemingway

"I watched a small man with thick calluses on both hands work fifteen and sixteen hours a day. I saw him once literally bleed from the bottoms of his feet, a man who came here uneducated, alone, unable to speak the language, who taught me all I needed to know about faith and hard work by the simple eloquence of his example." - Mario Cuomo (Also from the internet)

And in Colossians and here in Ephesians 6:4, Paul exhorts fathers: "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Conversely, Proverbs 10:1a tells children, "A wise son brings joy to his father. And in John 15:12 Jesus says, "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." All of these are great words of wisdom to be listened to and acted upon, not just for fathers and sons, but also for the whole family. We instruct, love, play together, hug, give butterfly kisses, show genuine presence, and accept each other as children of God. We must remain constant in our love for God. That we do by heeding Jesus' command to love each other.

I hope your Father's Day is the happiest ever.

Peace and Blessings, Pastor Paul

SESSION NEWS-May 15, 2006

Caring and Fellowship Moderator Jean Beckman reported that Springfest was well attended and the activities were enjoyed. Regarding the Norwalk Virus episode, she underscored the need to provide hand sanitizers for use by anyone handling food at church functions, and that caterers for church functions be required to furnish proof of liability insurance. The Treasurer has referred at least one caterer to a local insurance agent who provides such insurance.

Session received Elder Albert Miller's resignation from Session (Class of 2006) with regret and thanksgiving for his faithful service.

All committees are requested to update the Church Calendar through the end of 2006. This is our primary tool for organizing the use of church facilities.

The quarterly meeting of committee moderators will be moved from June 4th to June 25th due to other schedule priorities.

Roger Hux reported on the May 9th Presbytery Meeting at Melina Church in Gable, SC.

Financial Information

	April	Year-to-Date
Envelopes	\$26,322	\$89,382
Other Income	\$3,438	\$11,948
Income Received	\$29,760	\$101,330
Operating Expenses	\$20,576	\$76,592
Benevolences	\$5,299	\$21,913
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$25,875	\$98,505



The Fifty-Sixth Stated Meeting, New Harmony Presbytery was held in historic Melina Presbyterian Church in Gable, S.C. on May 9th. The Fifty-Sixth Stated Meeting of the New Harmony Presbytery approved new pastors and a camp director and honored a retiring pastor. It also reported concerns over the finances of the Presbytery and the Thornwell Orphanage.

After an inspiring sermon by Moderator Rev. William Holmes on the need for unity among Presbyterians, the Presbytery commissioned five people to be representatives to the General Assembly in Birmingham, approved Erika Marie Rembert as a candidate for ministry, the Rev. Dr. Mark Durrett as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Sumter, and Peter Coffey as the new director of Camp Pee Dee.

The Presbytery also granted the status of honorably retired to our own Rev. James Clark, effective May 15, 2006. Rev. Dick Andrews was one of those who spoke in Jim's behalf. The Presbytery also presented a certificate of appreciation to Jason Steen, the supervisor of Camp Pee Dee, who has served most admirably while a new director was being chosen.

Byard Stone, Moderator of the Finance Committee, reported that the General Fund of the Presbytery has been operating with a deficit. He reported that the Committee will ask to visit church sessions to seek advice about how this might be addressed. Charles Elliot of Thornwell also reported a financial deficit and said it will close its school as a result. He asked for our support.

As a first-time attendee, I found the meeting both informative and inspirational.

Roger Hux
Elder Commissioner



THANK YOU!!

A big THANKS from the Caring and Fellowship Committee to all who lent hands, legs, voices, and minds to help make SpringFest an enjoyable afternoon for all who attended. And a special thank you to the Evangelism and Christian Ed Committees who worked “side by side” with us in an effort to include the community.



We regret that so many were exposed to what DHEC has tested for and identified as Norwalk virus, which was spread by hand to mouth contact.

We look forward to and challenge the Session to continue the tradition for the church family and invited guests to gather together through a blending of committee efforts.

PENTECOST OFFERING

The Pentecost Offering will be received on Sunday, June 6th. This offering provides a way for PCUSA to directly meet the needs of children at risk, youth, and young adults. Forty percent of the offering will be directed to the CHOICES program here in Florence, 10% percent supports General Assembly child advocacy ministries, 25% supports General Assembly ministries with youth and young adults, and 25% supports Young Adult Volunteer opportunities.

The CHOICES program in Florence is a charter school that provides an opportunity for students who have been expelled from public school to get back into school and continue their education. The General Assembly programs are advocating for children and providing leadership opportunities for youth and young adults. This offering is a way our church can invest in the future by empowering the next generation of leaders in the Presbyterian Church.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

PARTNERS in HARVEST/FRIENDS in HARVEST

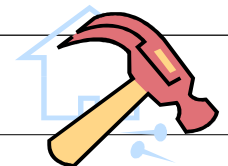
In May of 1988, John and Carol Arnott planned the Toronto Airport Vineyard Church and became the full-time pastors in July 1992. On January 20, 1994, Randy Clark arrived at the small church for a series of renewal meetings. God’s Spirit moved the people and the pastors, and a movement that would impact the world was born. Church leaders from around the world came to the Toronto church for conferences and returned home with fresh anointing. The renewal spread like wildfire.

The new movement provoked controversy that centered around the unusual manifestations that worshipers encountered at the meetings. In January 1996, the church disengaged from the Association of Vineyard Churches over the controversy and changed its name to Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship (TACF).

Also, in the early weeks of 1996, a number of pastors personally changed by the renewal decided to develop a venue for a family of churches and ministries “pursuing renewal and revival.” The new movement was named Partners in Harvest/Friends in Harvest. One foundational goal is “to bring renewal to the international body of Christ through the person and power of the Holy Spirit by giving the Holy Spirit freedom to move in both old and new ways.” (Web page: www.tacf.org.)

Habitat for Humanity

The local Habitat for Humanity is in the process of building two houses in Florence. Help is needed on the following Saturdays: June 3rd, 10th, and 17th, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. If you are interested in rolling up your sleeves and putting your faith in action, please consider helping build a house for a local needy family. Contact Tom Hawkins at 662-4682 if you are interested in joining a work team on one of these dates.



The family of Cecil Rasey wants to thank Pastor Paul, Dr. Richard Andrews, and Scot Carnell for arranging a beautiful memorial service.

To the friends and members of John Calvin, words cannot express how grateful we are for the prayers, love, visits, cards, and food during this time. To the Maidie Vaughan Circle, thank you for the funeral meal prepared for us. John Calvin is truly a caring, supportive, and compassionate congregation.

You will always have a special spot in my heart. Thank you for your continued love and support.

Bernice Rasey

Dear Pastor Paul,

When we moved to Florence, it was our intention to visit several churches in search of a church home. The first Sunday we were here, we visited John Calvin Presbyterian Church. That ended our search. Our Lord spoke to our hearts and said we should look no further.

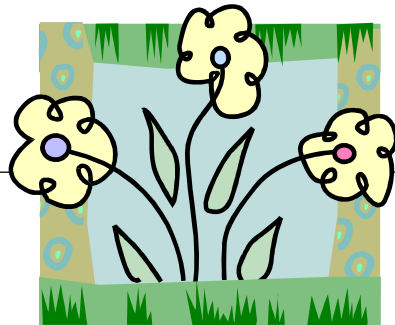
We thank you and the entire congregation for extending to us such a warm welcome. Everyone has expressed such a tremendous outpouring of love and concern.

Our worship experience at John Calvin has indeed been interesting and inspiring.

God bless you.

Sincerely,

Martha and Joe Caskey



A Reason To Rejoice!

A Program of Sacred Music by Allen Pote

The forty-five members of the Chapel Touring Choir from Shallowford Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia will present a dramatic musical titled *A Reason To Rejoice!* at John Calvin Presbyterian Church on June 7 at 7:30 p.m. The program is open to the public and appeals to audiences of all ages. Written by popular American composer Allen Pote, the presentation is a celebration of faith that expresses themes of joy in creation, love as experienced in Christ, and hope in the resurrection. Featuring beautiful vocal settings for the choral ensemble, the music includes dance and drama plus instrumental accompaniment, all performed with energy and enthusiasm by the choir members. The touring choir's membership includes 23 girls and 22 boys who have rehearsed and performed together at Shallowford Presbyterian for the past year under the direction of Robert Chambless, Director of Music Ministries. In his position at Shallowford for more than twenty years, Mr. Chambless especially enjoys his work with youth. Annually, he trains young singers in vocal skills, directs their efforts as they sing in worship, and grooms them for the summer choir tour. The group has toured in over 25 states and three Canadian provinces. They are now planning their third tour of Scotland in 2008.



Lucille Hunter Circle

The Lucille Hunter Circle will meet June 5th at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Betsey Johnson. This is a covered dish meal and any women of the church are invited to join us.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, June 11 – Wednesday, June 14 from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m. The class for adults is the Mayberry Bible Study which uses episodes from “The Andy Griffith Show” and scripture to focus on courage, patience, gossip, and discernment. Leading the class held in the Multi-Purpose Room will be Tim Dickerson and Paul Abell. The children will be using “Treasure Cove” by Concordia Publishing House. All four of their stories will be about Jesus: feeding the 5000, walking on water, washing the disciples’ feet, and the risen Jesus on the beach. They will participate in games, singing, crafts, and listening to stories while they search for treasure. In order to provide materials for all children attending, parents need to register no later than June 7. Child care will be provided for parents attending the adult class or helping with Bible school. This is a good time to invite your friends and neighbors to come to John Calvin. All offerings will go to Amagara House for Children, a ministry of The Outreach Foundation. This home is dedicated to the physical and spiritual needs of AIDS orphans in Uganda.

Registration for Vacation Bible School 2006 at John Calvin Presbyterian Church
6:30 – 8:00 PM Sunday, June 11 – Wednesday, June 14

Family name _____

Address _____

Telephone numbers where parent can be reached _____

Names of adults for Mayberry Bible Study _____

Names and (ages) of children who will attend

MEMORIALS

Cecil Rasey by
 Joyce Hyman
 Judy and Gwen Voss
 Jane and Tenny Moss
 Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bell
 Bobbie Smith
 Leona and Frank Tomlinson
 Melva and Robert Cheney
 Melissa and Mike Cheney
 Kevin, Marsha, and Julia Cheney
 Debbie Wyant
 Jane and Lenair Thrower
 Sue and Muncie Matthews
 Linda Neff and friends



Suk Sasser's father by
 Judy and Gwen Voss
 Sue and Muncie Matthews
 Jane and Lenair Thrower

Josephine Parker, Jo Ann Reaves' mother by
 Jane and Lenair Thrower

Jessie Mae Jeffords, Charles Carnell's sister by
 Jane and Lenair Thrower

Lavena Lane, Jessie Moss' sister by
 Joyce Hyman

Loretta Fitz, Elva Stay's mother, by
 Elva Stay

CHILDREN'S WORKERS FOR JUNE and JULY



If you are unable to meet your commitment, please contact the next person on the list. Parents, label your baby items. Thanks for your help.

INFANTS		2 and 3 Year Olds		Children's Church	
June 4	Bernice Rasey	June 4	Pam Bishop	June 4	Carol Broyhill and Lisa Ard
June 11	Dot Collins	June 11	Mary Howell	June 11	Phyllis Thomas
June 18	Marilyn Fleck	June 18	Diane Smith	June 18	Laurie and Kent Carpenter
June 25	Kay Garren	June 25	Henry Revell	June 25	Jane and Tenny Moss
July 2	Debbie Filyaw	July 2	Claire McNeill	July 2	Pam and Bob Barnett
July 9	Mike Robb	July 9	Betsey Johnson	July 9	Rebecca and Bill Barnett
July 16	Leona Tomlinson	July 16	Kelly Hewitt	July 16	Rhonda and Tim Dickerson
July 23	Judy Feimster	July 23	Jane Thrower	July 23	Karen Pattillo/Nola Marshall
July 30	Mary Gooden	July 30	Tom Hawkins	July 30	Annie and Bill Bigham

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

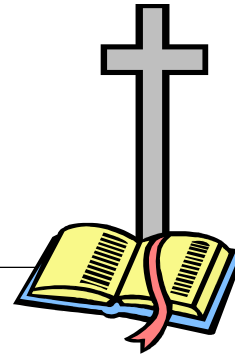
JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 4	Brooks and Steve Kight	June 1	Susan Burley	June 16	Fran Gootman
June 5	Allison and Chris Clark	June 4	Maxie McMillan		Beverly Harrell
June 6	Judy and Al Feimster	June 5	Elisabeth Caraker	June 17	Colin Enzor, Mary Holmes
	Virginia and Maxie McMillan		Joan Shortall	June 19	Betty Beck
June 8	Charlotte and Douglas McCormick	June 7	Tim Dickerson, Holly Reed	June 20	Elizabeth Denny
June 10	Betty and George Beck		Arden Gatchell, Sam Smith	June 21	Whitney Harris
June 12	Sue and Muncie Matthews		Douglass McCormick		Betsey Moore
June 15	Lisa and Eddie Ard	June 9	Carol Davis, Ernie Davis	June 24	Emma Voss, Randy West
June 18	Shirley and Wilda Gray	June 10	Sam Broughton, Danny Davis	June 25	Jessica Pendergraft
June 20	Pam and Bob Barnett		Scot Carnell, Robin Harris	June 26	Mike Lee, Dylan Nichols
June 22	Sandy and Jeff Lee		Ryan Hewitt	June 27	Jean Broughton
June 24	Kristi and Sean Austin	June 11	Virginia Jordan		Will Touchberry
June 26	Courtney and Joe Stukes	June 13	JoAnn Reaves	June 28	Brooks Kight
June 27	Laurie and Brian Nokland		Mary Frances York		
	Mike and Carl Robb	June 14	Faye Saine		
June 30	Doris and Joe Stubbs	June 15	Ben Sasser		



SUMMER WORSHIP TIME WILL CHANGE TO 10:30 A.M. BEGINNING SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR WORSHIP

June 11 Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17

June 18 – 1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17; Mark 4:26 -34

June 25 – 1 Samuel 17:32-49; Psalm 9:9-20 or 133; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

July 2 – 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

(This could also be a day we emphasize “Freedom.”) Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30; 22:15-22