

# JOHN CALVIN NEWS

## PASTOR NOTES

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May Day, Mother's Day. Springtime is here and we find the winds still somewhat chilly in the early mornings. The days are becoming warmer and our hearts are becoming warmer with thoughts of "Mom."

Scripture tells us, "Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck." (Proverbs 1:8-9) and "When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you. For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light, and the corrections of discipline are the way to life..."(Proverbs 6:22-23).

These words certainly are wisdom in this day of changing attitudes towards the world. A line from a movie tells us, "Fathers give us advice, but mothers are sensitive to us." (That is not to say that fathers aren't sensitive, too.)

We certainly owe a great deal to our parents, especially our moms. While we are growing up, they worry about us. While we are playing ball or dancing, they worry about us. When we leave home for college, they worry about us. They give us advice. They stay up late (even though they pretend to be asleep - boy, do they stay up late!). They were/are concerned about our welfare. As we leave home to be on our own, they worry about us. Their sensitive natures continue to keep us in their prayers. They pray to God to watch over and care for us each and every day. Even after death they are concerned about us.

They were/are always doing something special for us. I remember all of the cakes and cinnamon rolls and special meals Mom baked and cooked for me and Dad and Sis.

Do something special to remember your mother, grandmother today, tomorrow and certainly on Mother's Day. The reward you will receive will be written on your hearts.

Some of us can no longer take our mothers out to dinner or give a special gift to them. We can only thank them for all they were/are to us. Some of you can do more for your mothers now. Take advantage of this moment that you will not regret time lost with your mother.

With much Caring, Peace, and Blessings,  
 Pastor Paul



## SESSION NEWS-APRIL 17, 2006

Session received committee reports and routine communications. Caring and Fellowship asked for assistance to determine when members are absent from Morning Worship for three consecutive Sundays so that the committee can more easily follow up with our ministry.

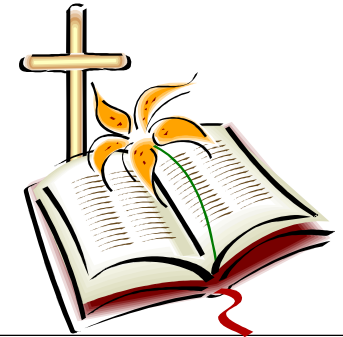
After hearing from the Treasurer that analysis of pledges and forecast income matched closely the forecast used to prepare the proposed budget for 2006, Session voted to finalize the 2006 budget as reported in the Annual Report.

Session authorized up to \$5,000 for expenses of the newly formed Pastor Nominating Committee.

Roger Hux was elected Elder Commissioner to Presbytery at Melina Presbyterian Church, Gable, SC on May 9th.

Pastor Paul will be on vacation April 26th through May 1st. Roger Hux and Steve McElveen will share the pager.

Chris and Allison Clarke were received into membership during a called Session meeting on April 2nd.



### Financial Information

	March	Year-to-Date
Envelopes	\$19,213	\$63,059
Other Income	\$3,084	\$8,511
Income Received	\$22,297	\$71,570
Operating Expenses	\$20,846	\$56,110
Benevolences	\$6,029	\$16,614
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$25,255	\$72,724

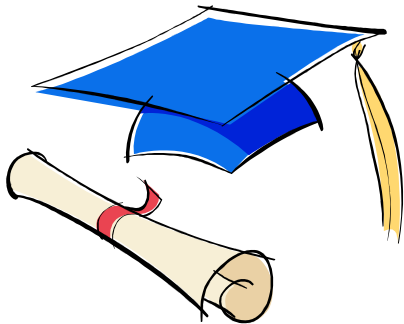
## PERFORMANCE AND RECEPTION

Please mark your calendar for May 7th. Mother's Morning Out children will be performing a few songs during the worship service. There will be a reception on the porch (or in the fellowship hall if it rains) immediately following the worship service. Try to attend both so you can see and meet all the children and their families. We are happy they are a part of our church.



## GRADUATION TIME!

If you have someone graduating from high school, college or above, we would like to recognize them on May 21<sup>st</sup> during the eleven o'clock service. Please contact Elizabeth Gatchell with his/her name and information. Her number is 665-7010.



**Several members have found various church doors unlocked over the past few weeks. If you have occasion to unlock a door, please check carefully before leaving and be sure all is secure.**

## MAY YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> – Meet at Church 4:30-6:00

Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day No Meeting

Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> – Meet at Church 4:30-6:00

Friday May 26<sup>th</sup>- Lock in at Houser house - We will start at 7:00 p.m. with dinner and swimming. Pick up Saturday morning 9:00 a.m.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Put June 11th-14th on your calendar to attend Vacation Bible School from 6:30 until 8:00 each evening. This four night event will be open to children and adults. The children will be going to Treasure Cove to discover God's grace in Jesus. Adults will use episodes from *The Andy Griffith* show to take a look at Biblical principles.

## RESURRECTION EGGS

On Easter Sunday each child attending church helped prepare a dozen Resurrection Eggs to take home. Each plastic egg contained an item to symbolize part of the story of Jesus' last week before the Resurrection. Scripture passages which tell about each one of the symbols were listed and pasted in the box. Parents are encouraged to continue using the eggs and Bible passages until the children are familiar with the story.

Christian Education Committee

## A Stewardship Thought

(From Cedric B. Johnson's *The Psychology of Biblical Interpretation*)

We cannot address the issue of the stewardship of Scripture, either historically or presently, without a profound appreciation for the diversity of positions on the issue of biblical interpretation.

According to Johnson, the Reformers spoke of clarity of Scripture. They meant that the Bible "is clear sufficiently in its basic message of salvation by grace through faith, and in setting forth the basic guidelines for living the Christian life," and that the message is clear sufficiently to "all who are Christians" (p. 19). And yet, there are some complicating factors.

Cedric B. Johnson points out that we all come to the Scriptures with the stuff of life, including our "personal uniqueness, bias, and the process of how we perceive the world around us" (p. 42), and that the bias we bring to Scripture influences what we see and with whom we agree or differ. All of us, without exception, bring the bias of environment, personality, and culture to task. An acceptance of this reality fosters a spirit of humility and self-reflection in the strength of our positions and in our responses to the other. We are able to monitor and compensate for such bias through a healthy "interdependence" in the church (pp. 99-102).

## TO THINK ABOUT....

The *Post and Courier* in Charleston, SC ran an interesting article in the Sunday, April 23rd edition. The article, titled "Small Churches Fight for Survival", provides the opportunity to reflect upon today's churches and their roles in society- the "left-behind" smaller churches, the "megachurches", and the "Walmart" churches.

The article is a review of the book *Left Behind in a Megachurch World: How God Works Through Ordinary Churches* by Ruth A. Tucker.

## MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

On Sunday, May 14th, you have a chance to make a difference in people's lives. At that time, you will have an opportunity to share in the Mother's Day Offering for Presbyterian Home. The six locations- Clinton, Frampton Hall, Foothills, Columbia, Florence, and Summer-ville- are top notch communities run by caring, knowledgeable, and dedicated people.

We invite you to be in prayer for the Mother's Day Offering. Parents, grandparents, former Sunday School teachers, ministers, and people from every walk of life, are the people who benefit from your support. Through your generosity, they are able to continue to live in the safe and familiar surroundings of the Presbyterian Home.



## MEMORIALS

*Suk Sasser's father* by  
Alice Baker

*Cecil Rasey* by  
Thelma and Harlan Hawkins  
Susan and Jerry Burley



## A MOTHER'S LOVE (Author Unknown)

A little boy came up to his mother in the kitchen one evening while she was fixing supper and handed her a piece of paper that he had been writing on. After his Mom dried her hands on an apron, she read it, and this is what it said:

For cutting the grass: **\$5.00**  
For cleaning up my room this week: **\$1.00**  
For going to the store for you: **\$.50**  
Baby-sitting my kid brother while you went shopping: **\$.25**  
Taking out the garbage: **\$1.00**  
For getting a good report card: **\$5.00**  
For cleaning up and raking the yard: **\$2.00**  
Total owed: **\$14.75**

Well, his mother looked at him standing there, and the boy could see the memories flashing through her mind. She picked up the pen, turned over the paper he'd written on, and this is what she wrote:

For the nine months I carried you while you were growing inside me:  
No Charge

For all the nights that I've sat up with you, doctored and prayed for you:  
No Charge

For all the trying times, and all the tears that you've caused through the years:  
No Charge

For all the nights that were filled with dread, and for the worries I knew were ahead:  
No Charge

For the toys, food, clothes, and even wiping your nose:  
No Charge

Son, when you add it up, the cost of my love is:  
No Charge.

When the boy finished reading what his mother had written, there were big tears in his eyes, and he looked straight at his mother and said, "Mom, I sure do love you." And then he took the pen and in great big letters he wrote: "**PAID IN FULL**".



**CHILDREN'S WORKERS FOR MAY and JUNE**

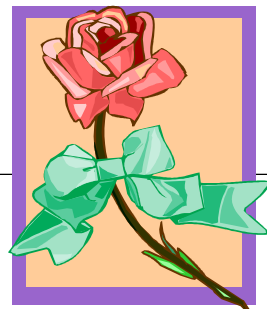


If you are unable to meet your commitment, please contact the next person on the list. Parents, label your baby items. Thanks for your help.

INFANTS		2 and 3 Year Olds		Children's Church	
May 7	Mary Gooden	May 7	Virginia McMillan	May 7	Martha and Ronnie Houser
May 14	Marilyn Chapman	May 14	Romona Smith	May 14	Mike Hawkins/Lee Carroll
May 21	Virginia Jordan	May 21	Alice Baker	May 21	Robin and Roger Harris
May 28	Liz Gatchell	May 28	Heather Gerrald	May 28	Ginger and James Odom
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



Claire Scott Stevens, daughter of Tamara and Daniel Stevens, was born on March 1, 2006. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 19 inches long. The proud grandmother is Betsey Moore.



**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

May 1	Martha and Ronnie Houser
May 2	Sylvia and Bob Perkins
May 9	Carol and Bob Broyhill
May 15	Paulette and David Fowler
May 15	Phyllis and Keith Thomas
May 24	Anne and Bill Witt
May 24	Maynie and Randal Voss
May 27	Thelma and Harlan Hawkins
May 30	Leona and Frank Tomlinson

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

May 1	Sylvia Lufkin	May 25	Lee Carroll
May 2	Dianne Smith	May 28	Rachel Rosser
May 4	Keith Chapman	May 31	Jerie Barrow
May 8	Margaret Summersett		Sherrelle Revell
May 9	David Bishop		Amy Touchberry
May 11	Phyllis Ewald		
	Peter Johnson		
May 14	Charlotte McCormick		
	Dan McNeill		
May 15	Aaron Stevens		
May 16	Rebecca Keasler		
May 17	Jacob Anderson		
	Mae Taylor		
May 19	Sandy Lee		
May 21	Josh Morris		
May 24	Elyse Horne		

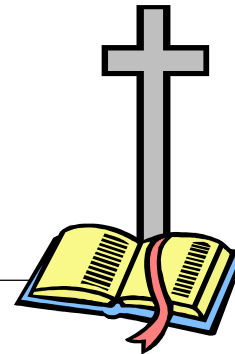


Thanks to our April newsletter folders:

Courtney Stukes	Bill Holmes
Claire McNeill	Frank Taylor
Leona Tomlinson	Betsey Johnson
Doris Stubbs	Mary Holmes
Mae Taylor	

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

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.**



**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR WORSHIP**

May 7 -Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

May 14 - (Also Mother's Day and Holy Communion) Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

May 21 -Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

May 28 - Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

June 4 -(Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday and Holy Communion)

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

**SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sunday, May 7 Morning's Morning Out Children sing during worship service- reception afterwards

Sunday, May 21 Church dinner following worship

Sunday, May 28 Bring a Friend Picnic