

## October 2008 Newsletter

# Fellowship Presbyterian Church

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### "Fall Retreat"

by Martin H. Martin



I shared recently, on a Sunday evening, a certain tension I have felt in preaching on the fruit of the Spirit. The tension is this – while Galatians 5:22-23 describes traits that should be characteristic of the Christian life, it is not a “to do” list; it is a description of the fruit which is born by the Spirit working in our lives. In other words, when I read, “The fruit of the Spirit is...”, I realize that the Apostle Paul is describing something that only the Holy Spirit can work in me, not something that I can do by any strength of my own. So what can we do? Does the fact that the Spirit of Christ does the work mean that I don’t do anything?

To explore the answer to that question, let me “put in a plug” for our **Fall Retreat coming up this first weekend in October**. It’s still not too late to sign up! I’m also excited about our speaker and theme because I believe it will address these exact issues. How do we grow spiritually as individuals and as a church? How can we be instrumental in one another’s spiritual growth and maturity? How can we be a body of believers who look increasingly like Christ?

Hitting on exactly those questions, this year’s retreat theme will be **Raising the Sails – The Means of Grace in the Spirit-Filled Church** and it will be an exploration of God’s work in His church in Acts 2:42-47. As I’ve just said, we see in that passage God’s hand and the work of His Spirit; but we also see certain things we can pursue in the life of the body that provide a climate for our growing in grace. I won’t ruin the anticipation by saying more than that (and our speaker will do a far better job anyway!), but I hope that whets your appetite for the retreat.

Our featured speaker this year is the man that I have to say was my first true pastor (having grown up in a non-Christian background), **Rev. David Sinclair**. David is a son of Greenville and graduate of Clemson University, where he returned to begin a

Reformed University Fellowship work in 1984. David served in Clemson RUF for thirteen years before going to serve as Senior Pastor of Lexington Presbyterian Church for ten years. He returned to Clemson as Senior Pastor of Clemson Presbyterian Church in 2007. David has a long and fruitful record of ministry in Calvary Presbytery and South Carolina and is a gifted preacher of God’s Word. If he graduated from both Clemson University and Covenant Seminary, he has to be good!

In all seriousness, praise the Lord that His work does not depend upon our will or strength, but also rejoice that He has given us means that we can use and by which we can see His work in our lives. I hope to see you all there on October 3<sup>rd</sup>!

~Pastor Marty

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

◆ The following were added to Fellowship’s membership roll:

Dolly Thorn	Member
Adam Richards	Member
Suzannah Way	Member

◆ The following were received as associate members:

Breno & Roberta Macedo

◆ The following were removed from Fellowship’s membership roll:

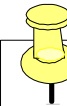
Kent Stubbs, Jr.	Transferred
Sherri Stubbs	Transferred
Cassidy Stubbs	Transferred
Ben Stubbs	Transferred
Chris Farmer	Removed per BCO 36-6

Calvary Presbytery WJC will hold their Annual Fall Retreat at Ridge Haven on Friday & Saturday, October 17-18. Jane Ross, from Christ Covenant in Charlotte, will speak on “The Hidden Person of the Heart”. Registration forms and details are available in the narthex.

### MEN’S FELLOWSHIP & PRAYER BREAKFAST:



Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>; 7:00—9:00 AM



## Church Notes:

The sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, during morning worship.

### WEDNESDAY SUPPER & ACTIVITIES:

5:30 PM: Supper (catered meal; cost: \$3.50/adult, \$2.50/child, \$10 max/family)

Oct. 01:	Ham, hash brown casserole, corn, rolls, tea & apple pie
Oct. 08:	Make your own taco salad, tea & strawberry shortcake
Oct. 15:	Hawaiian chicken, macaroni & cheese, broccoli casserole, rolls, tea & red velvet cake.
Oct. 22:	Beef tips in gravy, rice, green beans, rolls, tea & cheesecake with cherries
Oct. 29:	Lasagna, salad, French bread, tea & assorted pies.

6:00 PM: Choir Rehearsal

6:40 PM: Devotional & Prayer Time (adults); Catechism (children)

A Session meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM.

Ladies, you are invited to a Baby Shower Brunch in honor of Sarah Reynolds (& baby boy!)

Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM—12:00 NOON

at the home of Kathy Montongy  
(110 Farm Valley, Greer 29650)

Sarah is registered at Babies R Us.



Calvary Presbytery will meet on Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 AM at MRPC.

### It’s a girl!

And you are invited to a Baby Shower Dessert in honor of her mommy, Eudalia Brasil Sousa

Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-8:30 P.M.

at the home of Barbara Wilder  
(220 Wildlife Trail, Greer, 29650)

Eudalia is registered at Babies R Us.



The October edition of TABLETALK is available (free of charge) to all members and visitors; pick up your copy (in the narthex) today!

Ladies’ Precepts Bible Study (an inductive study of 2 Peter) meets Tuesdays, 9:30—11:30 AM (at the church; childcare provided).



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>th</sup>.

### SERVING IN OCTOBER:

Elder of the Month: Dave Lesley (877-5102); Deacon of the Month: Sam Stubbs (968-9555)

Greeters of the Month: Elizabeth Hill & Lillian McCumber; Ushers: Troy High & Bill Wilder.

# FELLOWSHIP LAY-LIBRARY –



## EDIFYING THE LAYMAN FOR GROWTH IN GRACE

*Who wrote the Westminster Confession of Faith? What were Martin Luther's 95 Theses? What are Calvin's Institutes?*

Unless you are a seminary student, these questions probably have not crossed your mind lately. You are probably asking questions like: *How do I develop a love for God in my toddler? How can my wife and I develop a deeper spiritual relationship with each other? How can I better shepherd/ equip my teenager? What am I going to teach this week in Sunday School? How can I get more out of my own personal Bible study?*

The first set of questions is important for understanding our spiritual heritage. The last set of questions is important to our daily lives and ongoing sanctification. Both sets are important in the life of our church. The goal of the Fellowship Lay Library will be to provide the resources to answer these and other questions that involve our growth in grace. Some more basic questions to ask at present are:

### **Why are we starting a Lay-Library?**

The Session of Fellowship Presbyterian Church has established a Library Committee for the purpose of encouraging growth in grace in our members by providing resources to aid that growth. The members of the Library Committee are Marty Martin, Breno Macedo, Wendy Richards, Susan Wayne, Carrie Dueck, and Jeff Wayne (Sr.). The committee has been given the job of overseeing the operation and content of the Fellowship Lay-Library.

### **What kind of resources will be available?**

Biographies, References Books, Children's Books, Christian Living/Discipleship books and studies, and some Christian Movies/Videos/Cartoons; all these types of materials will be available. There will even be an area for "borrowing" CDs of the last few weeks of sermons, in case you missed them or feel the need to hear them again. Some resources will be available to be used in the library only, the reference material for instance. Most will be available for borrowing for a specified period of time.

### **How soon can we check out resources?**

The best answer to that one is soon. We are assembling current resources, collecting new resources, and developing the process for borrowing from the library. More information on that will be coming out, soon.

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### **How can we contribute to additions to the library?**

The committee is in the process of drawing up a "list of desired materials". These materials will be acquired either by purchase or by donations. When the list is available, church members may contribute in one (or all) of three ways:

- ◆ **Donate the desired material** – You may have a copy of that book on the list of desired materials and are ready to give it away. Or you could buy it at a local book store and give it to the FLL.
- ◆ **Donate the money for a particular item** – From the list of desired materials, you may choose an item and donate the money needed to buy that specific item. Forms for that purpose will be available, soon.
- ◆ **Simply make a donation to the FLL** and let the committee use it to buy materials from the list of desired materials.

As you can see, there are more details to come. Please pray for the Library Committee. Pray for wisdom as we gather resources. Pray that God would provide what we need for our growth in grace. Pray that God would show you how you may be a part of the Fellowship Lay-Library.

Praying for your growth in grace,

~Jeff Wayne – RE

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### **MISSIONARY MISSIVE: Update on James & Bonnie Buckner**

*by Carolyn Root*

The Buckners returned to Hong Kong on Wednesday, September 10. Judy and Butch Spolini came to the rescue and transported them to the airport – no small task with 11 checked bags, 3 carry-ons, and 3 computer bags. James had been instructed by his doctor not to lift over 15 pounds for a few weeks.

Upon arrival in Hong Kong, they were met by their son Joseph and several friends and taken to the Horizon Suite Hotel in Ma On Shan. They are now seeking suitable housing in Fairview Park of the Yeun Long district of Hong Kong. Please pray for a good location with reasonable rent where many may come to know Christ and grow in Him.

They would also like us to intensify our prayers for Ruth during these days of change. She is really desirous to resume therapy. Please pray for suitable caregivers for her.

Their friend Sally Loo went to be with the Lord on Labor Day. Her memorial service was September 11. May the Lord comfort Sally's husband K.C. and two married children Brian and Jennifer, their mates and children. Sally and K.C. have been based in Sacramento for many years. They worked with the Buckners in Macau for three years after their retirement. Sally and K.C. together and separately were beautiful Spirit-filled servants.

**James and Bonnie Buckner**

Hong Kong

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