

The View

our vision is...

To identify and claim our God-given gifts and use them to: Reach the world with Christ's good news; Equip each other as disciples; Respond, "Here I am," when the Spirit calls.

February 1, 2012

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Message from Our Pastor

Silence

*"Listen to me in silence" (Isaiah 41:1)
"[Jesus] rose long before daybreak and went out alone into the wilderness to pray"
(Mark 1:35)*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the movies nominated for an Academy Award for "best picture" is "The Artist" – it is a silent movie. It is one hour and forty minutes. It does have music so it may not have the complete effect that the three-hour totally silent documentary, "Into Great Silence" does.

I grew up with rock and roll -- the "more cow bell" mentality. I have permanent ringing in my ears from playing in a rock band to show for it. These days we are surrounded by sounds and visuals - from home to shop to business. TV's, stereos, radios are on 24/7. It is possible for each of us to carry around our personal life

soundtracks (iPod), ears full of "buds" we can become lost in our world. And some folks project their world on others by driving around with the "thuds," those obnoxious, over-cranked, bass-blasting cars.

I want to suggest that you consider a radical practice for the Lenten season – silence. Think of it as giving up noise. Why silence? So we might listen more closely for what God is calling, guiding and urging us to be and do.

At the core of our Christian life, symbolized in our baptism, is a commitment to join with God's specific calling to each one of us. Periodically we should examine ourselves for how well we are keeping up our promise to be on the path with Christ.

Consider asking, and in silence listening for God's response to questions such as these:

"What was the earliest entry point of God into my life?"

"Is that passion still present in my life?"

"Am I living the life that Jesus invited me to?"

"How do my daily patterns give God glory in practical ways?"

Give yourself a break from the noise and rush of day-to-day living and embrace silence. In some monastic communities silence is the rule between 9 PM and 7 AM. If you are living in "extreme poverty of silence" then perhaps Lent will be a good time to enrich your soul.

Grace and peace,

Joe Blankenship

PRAYER CONCERNS...

In Our Church Prayers

Keith Silver; Charlene Berube; Martha Millard; Mac & Kathy Fairly, brother and sister-in-law of Cindy Salter; **Clarisse Coffey**, mother of Charlie Christian; **Kathy Sechrist and her sister Ann Long; Carolyn Mallard**, sister of Bobby Johnson; **Carrie Gayle & her mother; Mich Krull; Gretchen Braswell; Timothy Strickland**, father of Janice Grady; **Mary Parker; Gib White; Silvia White**, aunt of Krissa Schaaf; **Marjorie Coughenour**, mother of Cindy Salter; **Bob Winzeler**, brother of Dan Winzeler; **Nancy Blanchard; Peggy Cox**, mother of Teresa McGee; **Rachel & Raymond Taylor**, parents of Betsy Garber; **Bill Wrenn; Jodi Barlow; Randy Scoggins**, friend of the McKenna's; **Bobbye Jones; Ann Bencini; Alison Main**, friend of Jen Vandemeer; **Alana Gatewood** sister of Alan Gatewood; **Bailey Brenner**, granddaughter of Bob & Snow Brenner; **Randy Simmons; Bob Brenner; Pastora Beatriz Santana**, friend of Kim Schweizer's.

In Christian Sympathy

Join us in prayer for the family of Benny Phillips, uncle of Cathy Tate. He passed away on Wednesday, January 25, 2012.

Joyful Noise!

Wesleyan Christian Academy's Department of Performing Arts received a gift that will provide the foundation for a new music library named in memory of the donor. The John C. Massey Memorial Library will include John's collection of many different kinds of instruments, sheet music, books and cds. John's niece and nephew are students at Wesleyan.

Also, praise the Lord, the loan for the chiller we purchased in 2009 is PAID OFF!!

The Prayer Ministry Leader for February is Gay Wyche. To include or remove your prayer request or joyful noise, call the office at 336-883-4239 or email foresthills@northstate.net. If your prayer request is confidential in nature please note that in your email.

CELEBRATIONS!

If your birthday or anniversary is missing or listed incorrectly please contact the church office to have our database updated.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Bobby Johnson	Feb 2
Andon Simmons	Feb 2
Bill Wrenn	Feb 5
Sami Price	Feb 7
Andrea Renner	Feb 7
Chanthy Tagalk	Feb 7
Jessica Christian	Feb 10
Molly McKenna	Feb 11
Kay Silver	Feb 11
Hannah Utley	Feb 13
Mary Laura Kennedy	Feb 18
Diane Doorley	Feb 19
Dot Tate	Feb 21
Rhett Grady	Feb 23
Juanita McPherson	Feb 27

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Dick & Mary Anna Johnson	Feb 5
Bob & Betty Smith	Feb 11
Nelson & Vane Tagalk	Feb 12
Steve & Teddee Ashworth	Feb 14

COMING UP...

Click [here](#) for the full church calendar.

- 2/2 Community Clinic Meal @ 5:00 p.m.
- 2/5 Youth Sunday during Worship
- 2/5 Souper Bowl of Caring Luncheon following Worship
- 2/9 Women's Dinner Date @ 6:30 p.m. (RSVP by 2/5)
- 2/10 Mobile Meals @ 9:30 a.m.
- 2/21 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.
- 2/22 Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:30 p.m.
- 2/29 Mobile Meals @ 9:30 a.m.

FEBRUARY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

February 5

Acolyte: Gretchen Blankinship
Nursery Floaters: David & Linda Sasser
Ushers: Wayne & Teresa McGee, John Causey and Chris Hankins
Elders on Call/Greeters: Linda Sasser & Gay Wyche
Hospitality Elder: Linda Sasser
Children's Sermon: Youth
Flower Ministry: Mary Anna Johnson & Venda Whitney
Sanctuary Flowers: Gloria & John Causey
Chancel Guild: Sissie Burgess
Communion Servers: Linda Greene, Cindy Thomas, Missy Hill, Stan Bittner, Randy Simmons, Bob Brenner

February 12

Acolyte: Maura Drewry
Nursery Volunteer: Jamie & Gretchen Blankinship
Nursery Floaters: Chris Simmons & Drew Garber
Ushers: Wayne & Teresa McGee, John Causey and Chris Hankins
Elders on Call/Greeters: Linda Sasser & Gay Wyche
Hospitality Elder: Linda Sasser

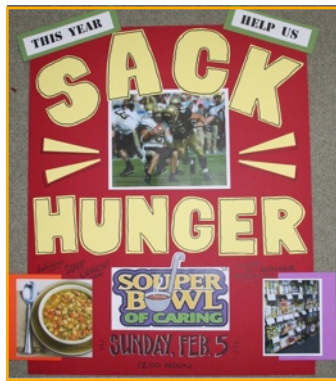
Children's Sermon: Staff
Flower Ministry: Janet Hutchens & Teresa McGee
Sanctuary Flowers: Nancy Kiers
Chancel Guild: Sissie Burgess

February 19

Acolyte: Drew Garber
Nursery Volunteer: Charlie & Martha Christian
Nursery Floaters: Pat & Randy Simmons
Ushers: Wayne & Teresa McGee, John Causey and Chris Hankins
Elders on Call/Greeters: Linda Sasser & Gay Wyche
Hospitality Elder: Missy Hill
Children's Sermon: Shannon Spencer
Flower Ministry: Linda Sasser & Pat Simmons
Sanctuary Flowers: Dan Winzeler
Chancel Guild: Sissie Burgess

February 26

Acolyte: Mary Laura Kennedy
Nursery Volunteer: David & Brenda Drewry
Nursery Floaters: Mark & Anna Troutman
Ushers: Wayne & Teresa McGee, John Causey and Chris Hankins
Elders on Call/Greeters: Linda Sasser & Gay Wyche
Hospitality Elder: Missy Hill
Children's Sermon: Tom Schaaf
Flower Ministry: Jackie Templeton
Sanctuary Flowers: Teddee & Steve Ashworth
Chancel Guild: Sissie Burgess



Youth Sunday

Worship led by our awesome youth

A tradition at Forest Hills, our youth lead us in their own style of worship - from the musical selections to the sermon, they handle all of it. Keep them in your prayers as they plan and prepare for this special day. And be sure to COME to support them on Sunday, February 5th.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Once again Souper Bowl Madness is about to raise it's delicious head at Forest Hills. As in years past Super Bowl Sunday will be celebrated with delectable soups, breads and desserts as the church family endeavors to make hunger a less threatening part of our local community and world.

Join with the Mission and Fellowship committees after church on Sunday, February 5th for a mixture of hope and dedication to helping others, who do not have access to a good meal as we know it. You can bring non-perishable food anytime before 2/5.

We can fill our bellies with great recipes from the past and perhaps a new soup or bread. But more importantly we can fill our coffers with both money and canned goods to make sure the unfortunate have a place to get food when needed.



Women's Dinner Date

Fun, Food & Fellowship

On Thursday, February 9th at 6:30 p.m. the women of FHPC will gather once again at the home of Beth Utley. All women of all ages are invited. Please RSVP no later than Sunday, 2/5 by calling Venda Whitney at 882-8730 or Bettie Massey at 841-3344. If you would like to carpool please meet at the church at 5:45.

Send Love to Our College Students

This year, as in years past, we are sending our college students a card & gift card to Subway. The entire congregation is asked to help with this mission by giving \$5.00 or more... We have 18 college students to care for this year. Please leave your donation (clearly marked) in the church office or give to Gay Wyche by Sunday, February 12th. Reach out to a college student and make them smile.

New Phone System

Praise the Lord for new technology!

The week of February 13th the office staff requests your patience as they learn the new phone system being installed. Phones may be down on Monday & Tuesday of that week. If so, please contact the office via email foresthills@northstate.net and your email will be returned promptly.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Feast before Lent begins

Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of shricing, when the faithful confessed their sins to the local priest and received forgiveness before the Lenten season began. As far back as 1,000 AD, "to shrive" meant to hear confessions. (Trivia note: the term survives today in the expression "short shrift" or giving little attention to anyone's explanations or excuses).

Historically, Shrove Tuesday also marked the beginning of the 40-day Lenten fasting period when the faithful were forbidden by the church to consume meat, butter, eggs or milk. However, if a family had a store of these foods they all would go bad by the time the fast ended on Easter Sunday. What to do? Solution: use up all the milk, butter and eggs no later than Shrove Tuesday. And so, with the addition of a little flour, the solution quickly presented itself in... pancakes! And lots of 'em!

So bring your appetites, friends & family to a pancake feast Tuesday, February 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday

Beginning of the Lenten season

Ash Wednesday Worship begins our celebration of the Lenten season. Many of us did not grow up with Ash Wednesday and Lent as a part of our discipleship practice, but participating in these events can bring a new focus to your faith. Join us this year at 6:30 p.m. on February 22nd for a family friendly Ash Wednesday service and imposition of ashes.

In Appreciation

Throughout the year Forest Hills receives many donations in honorarium and in memory of loved ones. We gratefully acknowledge gifts given in January 2012:

Courtyard Garden Fund

Groome & Ann Fulton,
in memory of Khacky Lambeth

Mission Fund

Master's Help Ministry

Memorial Fund

Eleanor & T. Cary Ilderton,
in memory of Khacky Lambeth

Parlor Fund

Wanna McAnally,
in memory of Khacky Lambeth

John Ramsey,
in memory of Khacky Lambeth

Elders & Committee Assignments

Joe Abernethy, Class of 2012
Moderator: Long Range Planning Cmte
Mbr: Property Cmte

Stan Bittner, Class of 2012
Moderator: Missions Cmte
Mbr: Endowment & Personnel Cmtes

Sissie Burgess, Class of 2012
Moderator: Pastoral Care
Mbr: Property & Memorials Cmtes

David Drewry, Class of 2012
Moderator: Property Cmte
Mbr: Youth Connection & Long Range Planning Cmtes

Linda Sasser, Class of 2012
Mbr: Pastoral Care & Missions Cmtes

Randy Simmons, Class of 2012
Moderator: Memorials Cmte
Mbr: Missions & Property Cmtes

Candace Gatewood, Class of 2013
Co-Moderator: Worship Cmte
Mbr: Evangelism & Youth Connection Cmtes

Sheila McKenna, Class of 2013
Moderator: Nominating Cmte
Mbr: Personnel & Worship Cmtes

Tom Schaaf, Class of 2013
Moderator: Personnel Cmte
Mbr: Evangelism Cmte

Hannah Utle, Class of 2013
Co-Moderator: Worship Cmte
Moderator: Youth Connection Cmte
Mbr: Nominating Cmte

Gay Wyche, Class of 2013
Mod: Christian Education Cmte
Mbr: Missions Cmte

Bill Bencini, Class of 2014
Mbr: Memorials & Personnel Cmtes

Bob Brenner, Class of 2014
Mbr: Fellowship & Property Cmtes

Groome Fulton, Class of 2014
Moderator: Endowment Cmte
Mbr: Stewardship Cmte

Linda Greene, Class of 2014
Moderator: Fellowship Cmte
Mbr: Property Cmte

Missy Hill, Class of 2014
Mbr: Christian Ed & Pastoral Care Cmtes

Cindy Thomas, Class of 2014
Mbr: Long Range Planning & Worship Cmtes

Carolyn Troutman, Youth Elder
Mbr: Missions & Youth Connections Cmtes

View Publication & Church Information

We welcome your input to this newsletter! If you, your committee or group have information or pictures you'd like published simply email or call the church office prior to the deadlines posted on the church calendar.

We encourage you to keep informed of the activities and events of Forest Hills by going to our online calendar at www.ForestHillsPres.com. We are also on Facebook - simply link from our website!

You are welcome to stop by our office during the week, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. except on Wednesday's we close at Noon. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and Worship Service begins at 11 a.m. on Sunday's; childcare is always provided. If you are interested in more information about anything you read in this newsletter or about our church in general, please do not hesitate to call us at 336-883-4239 or email ForestHills@northstate.net. We hope to see you soon!

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