



The Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends and Church Family,

For the last five years we have enjoyed the music of Stephen Kinsack. Stephen replaced Scott Turner in August of 2005 and has done an excellent job as our Music Director. Now the Lord is closing a chapter in our lives as he and Sharon are moving their family to Florida where Sharon has accepted a new job with *Sprint*. As I think back over the five years several thoughts come to mind.

Stephen had a wonderful audition and played enthusiastically, but when he started playing in worship his playing was a bit softer and didn't seem to have quite the energy. He had heard that some folks didn't appreciate "loud" music, so he was trying to be sensitive to his audience. A very good trait to have, by the way! When I found out about it, I suggested that he refer all complaints to me, and then let it all out, which he has done with great dignity.

Stephen has also grown in his understanding of the differences of our worship traditions and truly helped us have smooth and flowing worship in our sanctuary.

What I have appreciated personally about Stephen is his flexibility and willingness to work with me when at times I have changed my sermon theme requiring a change in what he or I may have already planned for the services.

Although it wasn't in his position description, Stephen was willing to work with the children's choir and assist in the special programs and the times they sang in worship.

A few years ago he came to me with the idea of starting a bell/chimes choir. I kept my mouth shut (for once in my life) and said, "Run with it!" thinking it would fly like a lead balloon and I am happy to say that I have eaten my words with a tad bit of salt. The chime choir has

enhanced our worship and been very much appreciated by our congregation.

And the choir that hovered around 4 to 6 singers for several years has grown significantly to 10 to fifteen singers regularly.

These last two accomplishments are a tribute to Stephen and to his giftedness and wonderful way with people. And I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the way in which he has become a very real member of our church family participating in the Adult Ed class and other events when he could. Given the distance he must drive to get here, these

were evidence of his commitment not only to the church but to the Lord.

I will miss Stephen's friendship and his musicianship as he now opens a new chapter in his life as he and Sharon and the kids move to their new home in Florida and pray Godspeed for them.

Join us on August 15th as we celebrate and say God be with you (aka Good-bye) to Stephen and his family.

In His Grip,

Stephen's new address will be:
Stephen and Sharon Kinsack
67 Pickering Dr.
Kissimmee FL 34746



Successful Vacation Bible School

WOW! God blessed us with 64 kids this year for VBS; that is amazing. We only planned on about 50, but He always exceeds our expectations. Monday night was a little crazy, but after we got over the shock of so many 1st-2nd graders and 3rd-4th graders, we got into our groove.

We just wanted to say a big THANK YOU to our musical director and loudest singer, all of our old, new and quick replacement teachers, craft coordinators, snack makers and bakers, skit players, youth helpers, registration crew, goodie bag makers & suppliers, photographer, Friday night cookout cooks, servers and cleaners! Whew! Without you all this could not happen and we truly appreciate the work and time you give for this week of VBS. We know these kids heard God’s words and truths this week and we pray that they keep these deep in their hearts.

Most of the kids that attended our VBS this year were from area churches with just a few families that don’t have a church home. We hope, and ask you to pray, that these families saw NPC living out the truths that we taught their kids this past week, and that they feel compelled to give us a chance to be their church home.

The mission project for this year was to pack backpacks for the new school year and did we ever! We don’t think we’ve ever seen that many supplies donated before. It was fantastic! Victory Baptist Church donated \$100.00 toward our school supplies mission and we are very appreciative of that wonderful donation that will buy even more school supplies. The Emergency Assistance Center will be very excited to see all the supplies that were collected from you and all the wonderful families who attended VBS.

Thank you again for all your work, time and desire to spread the good news about God and His Son, Jesus Christ. One kid (or family) at a time! Pictures will be posted to the website soon.

Sincerely, Debbie Brooks & Michele Galambos VBS Coordinators

Teachers:

Patti Maholm and Katie Kiggins	Amanda Helin and Patty Fenn	Joe and Rachelle Geshke
Kathy Moore and Amber Satola	Chris Fenn and Steve Brooks	

Teen Helpers and Skit Stars!

Amber Satola, Kenzie Tartaglione, Molly Fenn, Zack Miller, Will Turner, Emily and Gabby Fenn, Olivia Galambos, Cory and Connor Louis, Tanner Judd, Tre Dowdell, Rebekah Szczepanski, Tyler Fenn

Crafts: Sharon Oliver and Cheryl Tartaglione

Snacks: Chris and Kirk Louis, Rich and Pauline Enczur,

Registration: Jack and Margaret Stitt, Maribelle Rudin

Adult Helpers: Ellen & Keith Miller, Tim Maholm, Erin Enczur, Mike Enczur, Joe Kiggins, Valerie Proctor, Jessie Russo, Shirley Nowak, John Jackson, Brian Fenn, Dave Cavanaugh

Spiritual Advisor: Rev. Art Helin

Stewardship Report

We appreciate your continued faithfulness during the summer months.. Please contact a member of the committee if you have any questions.

July	INCOME:	\$ 16,905
	EXPENSES:	\$ 14,183

Combined Services Planned

We will worship with our friends from Victory Baptist Church for 2 services in August. On August 8th, VBC will join us at our 10:15 a.m. service.

In addition, VBC has invited us to join them for their August 29th service at 12:30 p.m. This will be a Youth Emphasis service with speaker David Williams from Campus Crusade. A reception will follow this special service. NPC will still have a 10:15 a.m. service that day.



NPC Golf Outing Saturday September 11, 2010



Astorhurst Golf Club, Walton Hills

The day will include golf in a fun scramble format and dinner. Foursomes will be a mix of experienced and “less” experienced golfers. Others may join for just the dinner and *tall tales* after the golfing. Full details and prices are still being determined. A sign-up and further information will be available mid-August in the Sunday Bulletin or check the website. So save the date and hit the driving range!

August Birthdays



Keith Miller	1-Aug
Shirley Griffith	2-Aug
Cherie White	2-Aug
Keri Ann Forsythe	3-Aug
Amber Satola	4-Aug
Lorraine Ellett	5-Aug
Maribelle Rudin	5-Aug
Dina Dusek	6-Aug
Donna Jackson	7-Aug
Owen Fox	8-Aug
Pat Spagnola	9-Aug
Karen Koenig	9-Aug
Steve Brooks	13-Aug
Jean Huyck	18-Aug
William Merryman III	23-Aug
Becky Aldhizer	29-Aug
Max Galambos	31-Aug

Simple Supper and Prayer August 12th, 6:30 pm at the Helin's Sign Up in Narthex.

Pantry Items Needed

The Women’s Association will continue to collect food items for the Macedonia Emergency Center. They need dry, boxed nonperishable food items such as:



Spaghetti noodles and all other types of pasta either in a box or bags as well as rice, instant potatoes, cereal, hamburger or tuna helper, crackers jellies and Jams.

There is a container in the narthex where church families can drop off their donations on Sundays or any other day they are in the building. We will continue to collect them as long as they are being donated.

THANK YOU!

*Senior High
Sunday School
Class to Study
Toward
Confirmation*

Confirmation Class



Sr. High teachers Steve and Debbie Brooks and Cassie Jackson will be leading the Sr. High students through an intense curriculum delving into the Christian faith entitled "*We Believe*". This curriculum, to be used during Sunday school sometime this fall, provides a foundational understanding of the Reformed-Presbyterian Faith. It presents the biblical foundations and theology of the Apostles Creed, the Ten Commandments and more! Videos about Spiritual Truths from the NOOMA series will also be a new component.

* If your teen has not received an email or information about the upcoming class, give the office a call and we'll make sure you hear about plans for the Fall class.

“New” Books
in the Library



We have recently processed many donated books and added them to our church library in the Family Area. The collection includes authors such as Charles Colson, Tony Evans, Rick Warren, Dr. James Dobson, Lee Strobel and more...

Be sure to check them out soon. Take advantage of our great library with your summer reading. There are books that are designed to be devotionals, biographies, fiction, prayer, Biblical teaching and entertainment.

Thank you to our many book donors. If you are thinking of donating books, please only donate those that are relatively recent, in good shape and those we don't already have. We have plenty of Bibles and Bible reference books. The local library will take donations of all others.

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