

From Steve Keller Fasting

The Session has called the entire church into a season of fasting beginning Wednesday, September 2. In Scripture, we find God's people fasting for a number of reasons. A few scriptural examples are for healing (Is 58:8), deliverance from evil and hardship (Mt 17:21) and seeking God for wisdom and direction (Ezra 8:21). Given the nature of the times we live in and the great need in so many lives around us, it is certainly a good time to earnestly seek God.

We're asking you to fast one day a week. We've targeted Wednesday but give you the freedom to choose the day that fits best with your personal schedule. We encourage you to set the day aside for seeking God and take as much time needed to get still and press into the Lord. Since we enter into his gates with thanksgiving, (Psalm 100:4), take time to praise and worship God for who he is and all that he's done. Take time to examine and consider what God calls a true fast (Is 58). And then simply listen to God and allow him to direct you as how

to best pray for our church, nation and the nations of the earth.

If you missed the service on August 16 the sermon was on fasting and can be accessed on the web:

<http://stgilesepc.org/>

A special thanks to all those who participated in the three day fast last month. Some results from this fast:

- Unity and love for each other in the body
- Some were lovingly convicted of sin
- Some experienced a new found intimacy with the Lord

In addition, The elders plan to have a retreat September 11-12. Our elders keenly feel the need to be in step with God as the primary leadership body in St Giles.

May the Lord bless, inspire and glorify Jesus as we look to him.

In Christ – Steve and the Session

Special thanks to all those who showed up on Saturday, August 15 to work on the church grounds. We had about 20 volunteers! Thank you, thank you, thank you. - The Deacons

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Remember in Prayer

Remember in prayer the following who are battling cancer:

Cornelia Robinson
Bob Sisk
Rick Watkins
Hal Uzzell

Our Expectant Mothers

Emma Tregidga, September 9
Andrea Myers, September 30
Leah Appleton, October 2
Joy Kaneklides Rogers, October 9
Meg Bowden, November 1
Penny Harrison, January 20
Ellen Westover, March 10

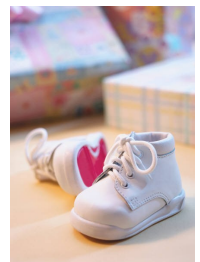
Announcements



Samuel Booher

Congratulations to the following couples who just had babies:
Samuel David Booher, born July 20 - Parents: Corey & Angelika
Avram Mark Tuggle, born July 31- Parents: Michael & Melanie
Ruth Elliot Carey, born August 7 - Parents: Tim & Jennifer
Ellie Rose Norman, born August 9 - Parents: Mark & Sarah

All ladies are invited to a baby shower brunch honoring Emma Tregidga Saturday morning, August 22, from 10:00-12:00 pm at the home of Sara Jo Burns, 3755 Brushy Lane. Please RSVP to Mimi Poole 704-541-0157. Also, if you would like to contribute to a group gift, contact Mimi Poole.



Psalm 127:3

Sons are a heritage from the LORD,
children a reward from him.

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In Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to:

- Cornelia Robinson on the loss of her sister, Nancy Markey on June 30.
- Robert & Gina Stasko on the loss of Gina's grandmother, Pearl N. Camara on July 3.
- Dale Farish and her family on the loss of Dale's sister, Carol Deck "Lynne" Shoener on July 26 in Rock Hill, SC.
- Elbert Crocker and his family on the loss of Janet Ziegler on August 9. Janet joined St. Giles in 1984 and remained a faithful member throughout all her years. She was preceded in death by her husband 45 years ago and both her children, Thresa Crocker and John Ziegler. Indeed, her family is together again. The Crocker and Simmons family thank you for your kindness and sympathy at this time.
- Karin Slate and her family on the loss of Karin's father, David Christianson of Camp Hill, PA on August 10.

Notes from our Church Body

Congratulations to the following couples who were married in August:

Andrew and Cristi (Hillis) Slate were married August 8. Their new address is 8024 Bronze Pike Drive, Charlotte, NC 28273.

Scotty and Sunshine (Leonard) Beshears were married August 1. Their address is 626 Cherokee Road, Charlotte, NC 28207.

Praise report from Sarah Dunning: "Last month I was in a car accident. A guy about my age had been in a right lane, but when he saw the work crew he merged into my lane to avoid hitting the crew. Unfortunately, he didn't realize I was stopped in the left lane, and he hit me at 45 or 50 mph. and then he was hit. In those short moments after I was hit, I saw in my rear view mirror an RV coming around the turn and swerving in order to not hit our cars, and then an 18-wheeler avoiding hitting us as well. We all walked away from the wreck. My boss' sister had called at 8:30 that morning to say she wasn't sure what had happened to us, but that she had been praying and getting another friend of hers to pray for us, for our protection. I thank the Lord so, so much and I am grateful for the obedience of faithful intercessors. I know St. Giles has many of these. And while I have the opportunity to say so, I want to mention how grateful and aware I am of praying people at St. Giles who cover us college students in prayer. Thank you, body of Christ--thank you, intercessors!"

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Small Groups

Small Groups are a place where you can get to know others and, in turn, be known. As we practice living the “one another’s” in our Small Groups, we have the opportunity to experience the rich community life that the New Testament portrays:

Small Groups are communities of 6-12 people that meet at the church or in people’s homes. Although Small Groups study the Bible, they aren’t just Bible studies – they are places for worship, prayer, service, body life, care, discipleship, and reaching out to our friends.

If you are interested in more information about our small groups, contact Scott Carney at (704) 560-8044 or scarney@mcguirewoods.com.

Young Adults Class (18 –35)

The Young Adults will have their Fellowship Dinner this Saturday, August 22, 5-9 pm, at the home of Daniel & Meredith Burns, 10104 Allyson Park Drive, Charlotte. Join us for an evening of fellowship, food, fun, a personal testimony and worship. On October 3 we will continue our outreach at the Center of Hope, a Homeless Shelter for Families/Women. You are invited to partner with us in sharing the gospel both by word and in deed to those in need.

St. Giles Men



Attention Men of all ages (youth and up): Join us for a cookout and games at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, August 26 at the home of Daniel Burns (10104 Allyson Park Drive) as we kickoff our Men of the Church season. Colin Branch (former Carolina Panther) will be our guest speaker. Be sure to RSVP to Pat@stgilesepc.org or 704-553-1977 by August 24 for an accurate head count on food. Please car pool.



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TELEILOS Summer Missions 2009

Praise God for the amazing trip that we were able to take to the Wade Center in West Virginia this Summer! We were in Bluefield from June 27 through July 3 and got to experience the joy of responding to God's call on our lives to live as Outwardly maturing Christ followers. Our days were full of loving kids, serving others, worshipping, playing, and growing in the Lord Jesus. It is our hope that those around us saw the Kingdom of God in our lives and got at least a glimpse of the amazing King that we serve!



Here are a few quotes from some of our youth who served in Bluefield:

- * "I think I was changed in the area of humility. Seeing the way these kids lived and what they went through every day made me look at myself and my own attitude, and refocus myself on Jesus and how He would treat them."
- * "I will be more aware of people all around me that are hurting, and that I don't have to go to any far off country to serve God, and help His people."
- * "I learned a lot about what it truly means to serve - that sometimes we won't see the fruit of our actions right away or at all, and that the Lord is our ultimate reward."
- * "Just to be with God and talk to him... I feel like I know him better. I saw His heart for the impoverished. I will have a heart for the poor and know I am closer to Him."
- * "I got to meet a girl named Mary. Mary was really a God send because I got to show her the love that God was showing me."

On behalf of the TELEILOS Summer Missions Team, we want to thank our Body at St. Giles for their love and support of our calling to move Outward with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

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Children's Ministries

Infants – Preschoolers...

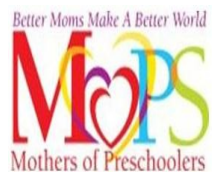
Pray for the preparation of the classrooms and hallway in the Administration Building which will allow all preschool and younger children to be in the same location during Sunday School and during the Worship Service! Our theme is the 7 days of Creation and painting of hallway has begun. We hope to have the dedication of this new area in September (watch for date in the bulletin and in the mail). At that time, all the children (Infants – 4 years) will move up to their new classes!

Kindergarten – 6th Grade...

New Sunday School classes will begin for this age group on August 30 in the gym at 9:30 am! Classes will be divided into 2 groups: Kindergarten – 2nd grade will be taught by Jeff & Mary-Stewart Barhite (and one other team) and the 3rd – 6th grade class will be taught by Daniel & Rebecca Fisher and Mark & Kirstin Jenkins

King's Kids (Ages 4 years – 6th grade)...

Our new year begins September 13 in the gym from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. (Leaders will be available for "Hang Out Time" at 5:30 pm if parents bring kids early for *TEΛΕΙΟΣ*.) We will continue to have Summer King's Kids on August 23 and 30.



MOPS begins Thursday, September 10 from 9:30 - 11:30 am! We are so excited about all the plans we have for this year on "Planet Mom!" If you are pregnant, or have a child ages birth through five years old, we'd love to have you join us at MOPS for fun, fellowship and encouragement! For more information contact Jane Burns burns1001@windstream.net or call 704-821-7323.

MOPS still needs willing volunteers to help with the nursery program. Please consider being a blessing to these moms by helping care for their children - you will be blessed in return! For more information, contact Jane Burns.

Ladies - With a mouthful of "M's" we are expanding the M.M.M Ministry! (**MOPS MENTOR MOMS!!!**). The purpose of this group of "seasoned" moms is to undergird the MOPS ministry (Mothers Of Preschoolers) and the young mothers who attend. As a mentor you would simply be available to occasionally share your life experiences, be a prayer partner or intercessor, share a life lesson or teaching, or develop new friendships. **If this tugs at your heart**, please contact Marlise Newman (704-367-1390) for details on being a part of this growing ministry.

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St. Giles Women

Thanks to our wonderful hostesses and the many ladies that assisted this summer to make our **"Summer Breeze Socials"** sensational! We "beat the heat" by connecting with friends and visiting in homes around the Charlotte area. In lieu of our previous monthly Wednesday night meetings, look for more opportunities this coming year for simple ways to fellowship and encourage one another as St. Giles Women.

Beginning Tuesday, October 6 at 9:30 am join St. Giles Women in the Fellowship Hall as we gather to study **Beth Moore's** newest Bible study, **Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman**. Leaders: Marty Barkey and Mel Boyd. Going up against heavyweights bent on her destruction, Esther trusted God and landed a blow that saved her people. The Old Testament story of Esther is a profile in courage and contains many modern parallels for today's woman. Esther's destiny can be yours as you know more deeply the God who is in your corner. This is a 10 part study scheduled for the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays throughout the fall. Childcare will be available.

And we haven't forgotten you **"night owls"**! An evening group is also forming

for this same study. Check upcoming bulletins for more information.

Do you desire to see women grow in their upward, inward and outward pursuit of God? Looking to activate your unique gifts to make women ready for service? Yearning for ways to grow in leadership? **Come join the women who make up our St. Giles Women's Council!** We are eager to engage anyone at any level of experience in any way you desire to serve. For more information, contact Missy Evans at missy.evans7@gmail.com

Calling all St. Giles Women!! No matter what your current station in life, MOPS needs you! This effective ministry needs childcare volunteers, teams to set up facilities, mentors, even financial donors to allow more women to be reached. Please continue to ask the Lord how He might have you serve in this "outward" arm of our mission. MOPS registration day is Sunday, August 23. Please plan to sign-up to volunteer on this date. Even a one time, small investment will benefit these young moms... and YOU!



Kitchen Crew Needed

We need a team of 2-3 who will be in charge of keeping the kitchens in the Gym and Fellowship Hall clean or organized. If this is one of your gifts, please contact Meg at meg@stgilesepc.org

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Ministry of Helps

This is a totally volunteer army and geared toward assisting those in our body in times of need. No specific training is needed, it is about using the gifts and abilities you have right now to assist others. If you choose to be a volunteer for a certain area, you may be called in the future to help out with a need. But, if it is not a good time for you to serve when you get called, just let us know that and we can call other people. No pressure. Our goal is to get as many people as possible for all the areas, so that we can spread out the service doers.

For more information, contact David Evans at davidevans@LTDKate.com

Comunidad de las Naciones (Hispanic Ministry)

Comunidad de las Naciones, our latino ministry church, is continuing to serve our latino community after Alejandro Ruz and his family returned to Chile to plant another church there. With Nick Bowen serving as pastor, Comunidad now has a children's ministry, a youth group, and people serving in different capacities such as operating the sound and multi-media equipment, serving as translators, leading prayer meetings, etc.

Our meetings are marked by the Presence of the Lord, and people joyfully enter into praise and worship. At the Sunday service on August 16, 11 visitors attended and 4 received Jesus as their Savior!

Thanks to the generosity of many at St. Giles who donated furniture and clothes. Families that didn't have beds don't have to sleep on the floor anymore, and people with limited wardrobes can now dress nicely and feel better about themselves. You have shown your love in practical ways and touched many hearts – thank you!

Comunidad meets in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 am on Sundays. We offer simultaneous translation to English and would love to have visitors; all are welcome to attend. (We are forming our worship teams and are in need of instrumentalists; if you feel called to help, please contact Nick at 704-553-1189 or by email at Nick@stgilesepc.org.) Our 7:30 pm Wednesday night meeting is a time of combined worship and prayer where the Spirit flows freely and people pray from the heart; we have seen people healed both in our midst and in other countries! For more information on Comunidad, please go to their website <http://www.comunidaddelasnaciones.org/>



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Loaves & Fishes



More Blessings with Loaves and Fishes...

Our food pantry continues to bless the unemployed, disabled, and others that come to us for help. Many are first-time visitors, others tell us they are thankful when the Loaves and Fishes headquarters assign them to pick up food at St. Giles. They frequently tell us, "Everyone at St. Giles is so friendly. The volunteers smile and really enjoy helping us." We keep hearing this over and over from our regular recipients.

A volunteer always asks each person that registers for food if they can pray with them and they usually say "yes." Their prayer requests are for improved housing situations, jobs, more hours at work, improved health, their families, and for a closer walk with the Lord.

We had a Jewish man in August angrily tell the volunteer not to pray for him, at first. He was bitter that he recently had twelve houses that he defaulted on because his renters could not pay him rent, he said. The volunteer talked to him about that problem and how his renters were not following God's ten commandments. He continued to talk with this man about the economical difficulties confronting Charlotte and the employment predicament, and about his family. Then he let that volunteer pray for him. "We worship the same God," he said. As he collected his food he added, "Thank you for praying for me."

Ministry to our Widows

VISION: James 1:27: "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." Our purpose is to minister to our widows in prayer, fellowship, and to be of assistance in and around their home when there is a need.

This past month we invited our widows over for a special catered lunch and time of fellowship. It was a blessing to see each one of them.

If you are a widow and would like to become a part of this group, please contact Margie or Steve Gladden at 704-841-8997 or Margie@stgilesepc.org

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Missionaries We Support

Alongside Ministries

Doni & Gail Lilo (Albania)

EPC

Paul & Elizabeth Branch (Argentina)
Jonathan & Fozia Young (India)

Exciting Word Ministries

Steve & Cornelia Robinson (India)

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminar Chaplaincy: Percy Burns

International Friendship Ministries

Raj & Cathy Aluri (South Carolina)

Mission to Unreached Peoples

Corey & Angelika Booher (Poland)
Rick & Lisa Watkins

The Obed Project

Franklin & Ree Linker (Israel)

Rooted, Inc.

Michael & Esther Franklin (Scotland)

Wycliffe

Ron & Marty Barkey
Bill & Sally Dyck
Rister & Esther Jenkins
Mark & Kirstin Jenkins
John & Bonnie Price
Mary Walker

YWAM, Tyler TX

Glenn & Carol Price

News from our Missionaries



Mark & Kirstin Jenkins

Here's a neat 4 minute YouTube video that explains a bit more about Wycliffe's Last Languages Project. It's exciting to think what God can do in our lifetime. To view this video just go to: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KsA2wqHG4oA>

Prayer and Praise Reports:

- Pray that the last languages of the world would receive the Scriptures.
- Dare to ask God for big things!
- Ask Him to provide every person in the world with His Word, just as He has already done for us!
- Continue to pray for Mark and the IT engineering team as they maintain the servers and network that so many of

our translators depend on.

- We praise God for providing wisdom about schooling. We decided to continue home schooling this year.
- We praise God for providing through many of you. Our average for the year has now come up to 97% of the goal Wycliffe has set for us.

Glenn & Carol Price

Glenn and Carol celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary August 12 and are excited to report that the courts in Ethiopia have officially named them as Favor's parents as of July 31. Pray for them as they undergo an exit interview

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News from our Missionaries (Cont.)

with the U.S. Embassy within the month and for them to obtain a U.S. passport and visa for Favor.

They report that MercyWorks has a medical team leaving for Zimbabwe the end of August and asks for prayer for this team.

Emily Watkins

Emily is one of 10 national first place winners of the Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation's 2009 Holocaust Remembrance Project Essay Contest. Emily grew up in Poland and just recently moved back to North Carolina. She plans to take classes at Central Piedmont and hopes to be admitted to the International Business Program at the University of South Carolina and later pursue International Development in graduate school. "We still have a voice; we still have the ability to change," she said. "It is very fulfilling to give back. It gets us out of being so self-centered."

Bill & Sally Dyck

We are slowly getting settled and productive in our new lives here in Texas. Sally has focused mostly on orienting herself to the role of Office Manager. I continue in the exciting task of providing more Scriptures on the web site for languages of the Americas.

- Pray for a quick adjustment and

great progress in Scripture production.

- Pray for Jonathan as he prepares for a CLEP exam for college credit in Math.
- Pray for wisdom and insight as I review the annual budget for the publications department.
- Pray for a good cooperative relationship with Hosanna Recordings as we develop the strategy of putting audio Scriptures on the Web.

Steve & Cornelia Robinson

Their Summer Outreach (April through June) has been fantastic. They are presently involved in baptizing Christian converts.

Corey & Angelika Booher

Angelika and baby Samuel are doing well and at home, thank you for your prayers on their behalf. We're busy getting new projects ready that will work to involve the churches here in reaching out to alcoholics and drug addicts. Also, we're enjoying creating projects that utilize the gifting in the local congregation we attend while also reaching out to the thousands of unsaved around us. We also continue to be blessed with the work of establishing and developing Derek Prince Ministries in Poland, and eagerly await the release of our first polish language DVD this month!!

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Robert Whitlow

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Chris Boyd

David Evans

Peter Brown

Paul Farish

Daniel Burns

Steve Seward

Ken White

St. Giles Website

Our new website is up and running. Check it out!

<http://stgilesepc.org/>

During the next few months we will be making minor changes and updating our website with more detailed information on some of the ministries.

We are presently checking into online giving and will let you know once this is established.