

A Note From Your Session (the Elders)

Thank you for your prayers as we have been planning for the interim period. In order to help this transition be as smooth and productive as possible, we have met with Steve Keller, the Staff, and plan to meet with the Deacons and our Ministry Leaders soon.

Rick Slate is functioning well as our Interim Chaplain. We are all enjoying the various speakers that have been filling the pulpit each Sunday. Each of our ministry leaders and staff have been assigned an elder to be their contact person. Each member has been assigned to an elder (for prayer and support). If you do not know who is your elder, you may call the church office. And Rev. Percy Burns is functioning well as Moderator of the Session (our wives thank him for getting us home before midnight).

Also, we want to keep the lines of communication open between the congregation and leadership during this interim period. Feel free to contact any active elder with any questions or input that you may have.

What is Your Part During this Interim Period:

(Following is an excerpt from Bud Carrier's sermon on May 23, 2010. You can listen to sermons on the web at <http://stgilesepc.org/media/>)

God has been speaking to us as a church recently about unity. We've heard that unity is experiencing life together. But it's more than just showing up at services. It includes unselfish loving, honest sharing, practical serving, sacrificial giving, and sympathetic comforting.

To walk in unity, we need to continue to 1) Focus on what we have in common; 2) Honor and value our differences; 3) Let the fruit of the spirit govern our relationships; and 4) Be an encourager.

Many of you have expressed excitement as you look ahead to what God might do through us during this interim period. But just being excited is not enough.

We are looking for ways to help us connect with each other more effectively, get to know each other more, and have fun together. So look out for these opportunities. We encourage you to reach out to new people and those you don't know, maybe invite them to lunch after church or call to check on them during the week.

Another part you can play is to volunteer to help in one of our church ministries. Perhaps God has shown you a need that is not being met and is calling you to volunteer to help meet that need. Or, just call the church office at 704-553-1977 and ask them to help you find an area that where you would enjoy working. Following are just a few of our ministries that would love to have new volunteers: Loaves & Fishes, Youth, Nursery, Children & Youth Ministry, Comunidad, Women's & Men's Ministry, Dance Ministry, Ministry of Helps, MOPS, and Small Groups. (Since Bud's sermon, several people have already stepped forward to volunteer in areas they are excited about.)

When our new pastor comes, we want him to say "I've come to a good place -- a place where there is Unity, Energy, Excitement, Commitment, and Love for One Another."

- Lifting up Word & Spirit in a life of whole-hearted worship

Devotional By Rick Slate, Interim Chaplain

Just Ask Moses

For the past 6 weeks Charlotte has experienced the changing of the seasons from winter to spring. The blooming of Bradford pear trees, dogwoods, azaleas, not to mention cool evenings and “just right” day time temperatures reminds us of one reason why we are grateful to live in the Charlotte area.

Although we celebrate change that occurs in nature, we do not typically welcome change when it comes into our personal lives. Change seems to be an intrusion, an unwelcomed guest, one more challenge or disappointment to add to our list.

Moses must have felt some of these same feelings when the Lord appeared to him “unannounced” in the Sinai wilderness. Approximately 80 yrs. old and a seasoned shepherd at this time, God revealed Himself to Moses as a holy God with a holy mission. “I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry” (Exodus 3:7).

“Sounds great so far,” Moses must have thought.

But then came the statement that would forever change Moses’ life and the nation of Israel. “Come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people out of Egypt” (Exodus 3:8). You recall the story. Moses spends the remainder of chapter 3 and half of chapter 4 trying to convince the Lord that he was not the man for the job. “The call, the task, the required change is too great, Lord!”

But God’s word to Moses was not a request. It was a statement of fact, “I will send you to Pharaoh “ (vs.10), with the promise, “Certainly I will be with you” (vs.12).

What lessons do we learn from this remarkable story?

- First, change normally comes with little or no warning. Exodus 3:3 “The Lord appeared to Moses ...”, the implication being for the first time in Moses’ life.
- Second, God is the one who initiates change. Vs. 10 “I will send you to Pharaoh”.
- Third, by nature we all initially resist change. Vs. 11 “Who am I that I should go?”
- Fourth, the God who initiates the change promises to walk with us through the process of change. Vs. 12 “Certainly I will be with you”.
- Fifth, there is no growth without change. Moses goes from being a shepherd (Exodus 3) to “the man of God” (title of Psalm 90) and Israel goes from being an enslaved nation to a nation through which One will come to “set the captives free” (Isaiah 61:1).

As St. Giles goes through this season of change, may we all embrace the Lord and thus embrace this period of change. God in His wisdom has initiated it; God in His grace promises to walk with us through the process of change; and, if we will allow Him, the Lord will produce growth in us both individually and corporately beyond our imagination.

Just ask Moses.

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Remember in Prayer Our Expectant Mothers

Elizabeth Brown, July 6

Gail Lilo, July 7

Sarah Hellems, December 11



Congratulations to Josh and Anna Hollingsworth on the birth of their daughter, Isabel Aviah Eden, born May 17. Anna is the daughter of Eric and Marlise Newman.

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Pastor Search Committee

Your Pastor Search Committee (PSC) has been working on the initial stages of the search process. We met with our liaison from the Ministerial Committee of the Presbytery to be trained in the steps and procedures involved in seeking and calling a Pastor. We elected Bud Carrier as Chairman, and Marlise Newman as Secretary.

The next step has been to work with the Session to fill out a very detailed 15 page Church Information Form. This has required a number of hours of work by both the elders and the search committee. This has been completed, and the form will be posted on the St. Giles website as well as the website of our denomination, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC). The search committee will have a retreat the weekend of June 12th, and will spend extended time in prayer and other activities, including establishing operational procedures for our work together. We also spent time with members of the previous search committee, listening to their very helpful advice gleaned from their experiences five years ago.

We are now ready to receive applications from prospective candidates, and would like to ask the congregation to suggest names of possible prospects. We are not limited to people who are now members of the EPC, but anyone we call must be able to be ordained by the EPC. If you know of anyone you would like us to consider, we ask that you ask them to submit a Personal Information Form (PIF). This form will be posted on our website and on the EPC website. (www.epc.org) We are requiring all candidates to complete this form, so that we will have the same information about each person. We will, of course, keep the names of all applicants confidential.

Our committee is very conscious of the fact that we represent the entire congregation. We are sincere and serious about listening to the Lord throughout the entire process, and we covet your prayers. We will try to keep the congregation informed about our efforts, and would be glad for you to contact any one of us with your questions, comments, and encouragement.

Please pray for each member of the PSC: Marty Barkey, Chris Boyd, Bud Carrier, Gerry Edwards, Missy Evans, Matt Franklin and Marlise Newman.

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Interim Speakers

Thank you for your prayers and support while your Session (Elders) plan and seek the Lord's will for our congregation during the interim period of searching for a pastor. During this time we will have the opportunity to bring in various people with recognized gifts of expository and, we hope, revelatory teaching and preaching. We also hope to draw on the support of those already present among us. Listed below are the dates and names of those who will be filling the pulpit during this time.

June 13 and June 20 - *Pastor Alejandro Ruz*: Ale and Ruth will visit us for a month from Chile after recently planting a new fellowship there. He will preach his first two weeks with us in the English-speaking church, and then have two weeks with Comunidad.

June 27 - *Pastor Mark Tucker*: Mark will visit us from St. Louis where he is an Associate Pastor at Old Orchard Presbyterian Church and plans to plant a church in inner city St. Louis. Mark was a former member of St. Giles.

July 4 - *Pastor Percy Burns*: Percy returns to the St. Giles' pulpit as Pastor Emeritus.



July 11 - *Reverend Nate Atwood*: Nate once served as our Associate Pastor and now serves as moderator of the entire General Assembly for the EPC. He also pastors Kempsville Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach, a spirit-filled, missional church.



July 18, 25 and August 1 - *Pastor Bogdan Olechnowicz*: Bogdan will visit us from Gorzow, Poland. Bogdan was Rick and Lisa Watkins' pastor, and has been deeply involved in some of the very dramatic events occurring in Poland now. Bogdan is an insightful teacher with prophetic insights.

August 8, 15, 22 and 29 - *Pastor Brent Detwiler*: Brent served many years as a pastor and a teacher of pastors, with oversight of many churches, both in this country and others. He is an excellent teacher and preacher drawing on his charismatic and reformed background.

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St. Giles Staff

Listed below you will find information on each of our staff members to help you to get to know them and their passion for their specific ministries within the body of believers at St. Giles. We have provided a brief biography of each staff member along with a short synopsis of their responsibilities, along with their work schedule and how to get in touch with them.



Interim Chaplain: Rick Slate

The primary duties of the interim chaplain as outlined by the session include advising, encouraging and supporting the Church Staff in carrying out their responsibilities. In addition, Rick will be visiting the sick and shut-ins, and counseling members and attendees as needed. He will preside over funerals and specials services as requested and provide leadership and support related to crisis situations.

Rick is an ordained minister in the EPC having served as a Senior Pastor for 21 yrs. in both the PCUS/PC(USA) as well as the EPC. In addition to receiving his Masters of Div. (Gordon-Conwell, Columbia Theological Seminary), he has completed a basic quarter and internship in Clinical Pastoral Education, serving on staff for one year at Georgia Regional, a Psychiatric Hospital. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Gaston Co. Crisis Pregnancy Center for five years as well as President of the Laurens Co. (SC) Right to Life.

Rick has served on various committees of Presbytery and his volunteer experience ranges from the TV Telephone Ministry of the Billy Graham Association to coaching teams from ages 5-15 in baseball and basketball.

His family consists of his lovely wife, Karin, four children and two daughters-in-law. He is a runner and avid sports fan. Did someone say Duke basketball...?

Rick's office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8:00 am- 4:00 pm. He is on call the remaining days of the week and on the weekend. You are welcome to drop by or call for an appointment whatever your need may be. You may reach him at 704-553-1977 or rslate@stgilesepc.org

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Sharon Seward: Children's Ministry Director

Sharon and Steve, very much enjoy working with the children and families of St. Giles. Sharon graduated from East Carolina University in 1986 with a Master's Degree in Speech & Language Pathology and worked as a speech pathologist for 7 years. She has always had a heart for missions and a great desire to share the gospel with children and in 1993 the Lord gave her the opportunity to move to Poland to work alongside Rick & Lisa Watkins. Sharon taught English in one of the Polish high schools, but was most excited about ministry to the children on Saturdays at the Kids Club. When she returned to Charlotte in 1995, she began working in the church office and eventually the Lord opened the door for her to become St. Giles' Children's Ministry Director. Sharon's heart is to see all the children the Lord brings to our church grow into godly young men and women who love Him and know Him intimately. She wants every child who enters the doors of our church to feel they are important and dearly loved by God.

Sharon is in the office Monday - Thursday from 8:30 - 5:00. You may reach her at 704-553-1977 or Sharon@stgilesepc.org



Nate Horne: Youth Director

Nate has been serving the youth at St. Giles since 2006 and has served as youth director since 2008. He has been married to his sweetheart Joni for 5 wonderful years. After graduating from Appalachian State University in 2004, Nate attended Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary for five years, graduating in 2010 with a Master of Divinity. He and Joni love hanging out with and serving the youth at St. Giles! Nate's passion is growing into and shepherding others into maturity, that is – Christlikeness. He and Joni are passionate about discipleship and reaching the lost with the message of the saving and transforming power of the Gospel. Nate and Joni also share a passion for the ongoing ministry of Camp Joy – a ministry that serves disadvantaged children in the Appalachian region.

Nate's current responsibilities are overseeing the youth ministry of St. Giles (Teleios) and shepherding the middle and high school youth at St. Giles. Serving alongside him are a wonderful team of youth group volunteers and a youth prayer team. The youth group meets weekly from 5:30 – 7:30 in the youth building for a time of games, worship and Biblical teaching. They also meet monthly for Body Life events and other designated times for small group discipleship. More information about the youth ministry can be found at www.stgilesepc.org/inward/youth.

Nate is in the office on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 - 5:00 and can be reached at 704-553-1977 or nate@stgilesepc.org.

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Meg Bowden: Ministry Director

Meg and her husband Paul joined St. Giles in Nov. 2006. Having grown up outside of Wilmington, NC and attended Myrtle Grove Presbyterian church along with a young Steve Keller, St. Giles has always felt like home. After graduating from college in 1995 with a BA in Communications at the University of NC at Chapel Hill (Go Heels!), Meg lived in the triangle area while working as an office manager in a furniture manufacturing company. Many years later Meg & Paul got married and moved to Nashville TN where Paul played guitar in a full time Christian band. While Paul was on the road touring Meg worked at a Volvo dealership selling Volvos, was an office manager at a day spa and processed orders at a medical supply company. Fun times indeed! The Lord then led them to Charlotte where Meg worked as a legal secretary until coming on staff at St. Giles in January of 2009. In Nov. 2009, the Lord gave Paul and Meg the most wonderful baby boy – sweet baby Asher. He is delight to them both! Meg loves being outside and enjoys working in the yard and being at the beach.

As Ministry Director, Meg enjoys working closely with the staff, ministry leaders, deacons and elders through her gift of communication and administration. She handles basic accounting tasks, manages the church calendar, oversees the operations of the church grounds, and is responsible for the preparation of the church bulletin and Sunday morning announcements.

Meg is in the office Monday - Friday from 8:30 - 4:00. You may reach her at meg@stgilesepc.org



Nick Bowen: Comunidad Pastor

Nick and his wife Pat have attended St. Giles for about 20 years. Nick retired from 40 years as a systems analyst in the financial services sector. He is currently the Pastor of Comunidad at St. Giles. Ministering at Comunidad has allowed him to use all his gifts and talents for the Lord – Spanish and the guitar (life-long passions begun in 10th grade) and his Bible School education. Nick and Pat attended Bible School and studied Spanish, which allows them to work together in the ministry.

Nick is in the office on Tuesday mornings and all day Wednesdays and Thursdays. You may reach him at 704-553-1189 or his cell phone 704-591-2643 or rslate@stgilesepc.org.

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Margie Gladden: Administrator Assistant

Margie has worked in the church office since 1988. She and her husband Steve have two married children, and seven grandchildren and soon will be celebrating their 41st wedding anniversary. Margie attended CPCC, taking secretarial, and college transfer courses. She has also taken numerous computer courses throughout the years.

During Steve and Margie's 36 years at St. Giles, they taught Sunday School, were youth leaders for 10 years, college leaders for 7 years and are currently enjoying ministering to widows & widowers, the Young at Heart Group (ages 55+) and single parents.

Margie's current responsibilities are overseeing computer technology maintenance for the church campus. She maintains the updating of our current website, handles the church finances, updates our membership data information, sends mass emails to the church body regarding upcoming events, and the newsletter.

Margie is in the office Mondays & Tuesdays from 8:30 - 4:30 and a half day on Wednesday. You can reach her at 704-553-1977 or Margie@stgilesepc.org.



Pat Andrews: Receptionist

Pat has worked in the church office since 2001. After attending two years of college, she moved to Charlotte and worked in the Register of Deeds Office for 5 years and for an attorney another 5 years. She also worked at Good Shepherd Pre-School for 6 ½ years. She and her husband Bruce met at St. Giles in 1972 after

receiving Christ as their Savior and were married in 1974. Pat and Bruce have two children, Meredith & Daniel Burns (and two grandchildren), and Scott who lives in Raleigh. She and Bruce have been co-leaders of a fellowship group for many years.

Pat is the office receptionist and handles incoming calls. She also organizes and sets the schedules for: ushers, persons assisting the pastor and the deacons & elders on call. She handles the intercessory prayer list, manages the elder & deacons minutes, orders supplies for the church and prints the bulletin. She also makes sure meals are covered for those who are sick and for new mothers.

Pat is in the office Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 - 4:30. You may reach her at 704-553-1977 or pat@stgilesepc.org.

Ron Hartman: Custodian

After 37 years of working at Hobart Corp, Ron retired in December of 2009 and began working at St. Giles on February 1. Ron's primary duty is cleaning the church campus but he also does set ups for meetings as well as taking care of simple maintenance issues.

Ron works Monday - Friday, 8:30—12:30

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Comunidad de las Naciones (Hispanic Ministry)

We have made the Presence of the Lord the priority in our meetings and He is answering in wonderful ways. Whether it is worship or prayer or Bible study, our main goal is to experience His Presence among us. People are hungry for more of God and this hunger reaches out to God's heart and draws His Presence into our midst.

Our worship meetings begin with a time of prayer where we call out to God to visit us and where each person is encouraged to enter in to worship and step into what God has for them at that time. Our prayer meetings begin with worship and fold prayer into that context, so that prayers arise out of the flow of the Spirit and are carried along in that stream of adoration and praise.

People's hearts are being touched by God's Presence and some are coming forth in the Spirit; the Spirit is moving people to rise up and speak forth in His Name. The transforming power of the Spirit has touched lives and brought unity that no man could create. We are anticipating the wonderful things that God has for us as we come together in His Name.

Nick and Pat Bowen's ministry to Comunidad consists primarily of leading worship and prayer, and preaching and teaching. They place a large emphasis on one-on-one personal ministry to draw people closer to the Lord and to encourage them to develop their spiritual giftings. Their focus has always been on the Presence of the Lord with us. They have seen lives transformed and people finding their places in the Kingdom of God.

All ministry is in Spanish with the exception of the children's ministry, which is in English, because there are some children that don't speak Spanish, and all the rest are bilingual. Volunteers take turns helping with the children's ministry and the nursery.

We initially helped with getting furniture to people who didn't have much of their own; we are also involved in counseling and visitation. We publish a monthly newsletter containing articles of encouragement in the Lord, birthdays, and the monthly calendar. We also publish a weekly calendar with a Bible-reading guide for each week.

- Nick Bowen, Comunidad Pastor

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Young Adults Class (Ages 18 –35)

The Young Adult Men had a rich and enjoyable weekend with the Lord and each other on May 14-16. Here are some of their comments following two days of personal time with the Lord, worship, studying Scripture, seasons of prayer, rafting and riding tubes.

- "Beautiful place, great time, fantastic fellowship, Awesome God!"
- "A quiet place with time for listening, time for deeper fellowship, and time for prayer where one can take time to sense God's presence."
- "Refreshing, Powerful, Fun with Friends."

We invite all Young Adults in their 20's & 30's to join us each Sunday morning at 9:30 as we continue the themes of "refreshing, fellowship, God's presence" through the study of 2 Samuel.

- Rick Slate

Upcoming Events

For specific details, please go to the appropriate section of the newsletter.

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| June 13 | St. Giles honors our 2010 college and high school graduates during the morning service. |
| June 14 - 21 | St. Giles provides Shelter for Women in Need |
| July 22 | Ministry Leader's Dinner |
| Sept. 18 & 19 | St. Giles Women's Retreat |
| October 1 | Small Group Leader's Retreat |

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Children's Ministry King's Kids End-of-the-Year Cookout



On Sunday, May 23rd, all the King's Kids and their families met together for a wonderful time of fellowship and food. (A special thank you to the Fishers, Jenkins, Gail Hartman & Mary-Stewart Barhite who kept things moving in the kitchen!) The focus of our time was to bless and honor the rising 7th graders who will be moving up to Teleios on June 27th. The boys, David Jenkins, Isaac Johnson (at the beach), and Ruslan Pepper, received a Mini Maglite which advertized "Engineered for Brilliance" and we encouraged them that the same was true for them! These young men were made to shine brightly for Jesus for His honor and glory and just like a flashlight needs batteries, they will need to be recharged by spending time with the Lord and in His Word. "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matt. 5:17 The girls, Ellie Farish, Emmie Farish, Elizabeth Fisher, and Briana Rameriz were given beach towels with their initials monogrammed on them. We encouraged them to never forget who they are and who they belong to. As daughters of the King, they have the privilege of knowing Him and the assurance that He will be with them as they face new opportunities and challenges in the years ahead. Psalm 45:13 says "The King's daughter is all glorious within..." We ended our time with some good old fashioned homemade ice cream (special thanks to Elbert Crocker, David Evans & Ron Hartman!).



St. Giles Kids Calendar

- June 14 – 20 No Wednesday or Sunday pm Kids Meetings due to Outreach to Homeless Women
- July 16 – 18 Camp Kidjam at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC
- August 2 – 6 SonQuest Rainforest VBS! Mark your calendars and save these dates. Check out the pictures from last year's VBS on our website (www.stgilesepc.org). We are looking forward to another exciting year of learning how to draw closer to Jesus! If you would like to volunteer to help with this outreach, please contact Sharon Seward in the church office.

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Teleios Update



Summer is a big time of transition. Transition brings about change which is always charged with opportunities for us to grow in Jesus! The past month, we celebrated 6 graduating high school seniors! Mary Johnson, Harrison Keller, Lucas Kovasckitz, Rachel Newbury, Megan Poole and Emily Watkins have officially graduated from high school and are stepping into new opportunities, schools, states, challenges, invitations, and joys!

This is a sad time as we recognize that some of our favorite faces will be absent at youth group. But it's also a joyful time as we see six amazing young men and women launched into new adventures with our awesome God!

It seems right then, that we reflect on the goodness and intentions of God for these six amazing seniors. In Romans 8:28, Paul writes that "in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Verse 29 tells us that "good purpose" that God is working things out for in their lives: "For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son." And so, with our seniors who have graduated, we rejoice that God is working all things out for *Christlikeness* in their lives... the joys, trials, new environments, educations, jobs, mission endeavors, and new friendships. It is with great confidence in our great, loving, all-powerful Shepherd that we rejoice in these six seniors and look with anticipation towards the road ahead!

Of course, with the joy of seeing six special seniors embrace a bright future, we also have the joy of welcoming new faces! On June 27th we will be welcoming all rising 7th graders into Teleios. Each one of you should be receiving a special welcome card in the coming days as we have been excitedly anticipating each one of you moving up to youth group!

In other news: a few months ago, Teleios committed to a special journey of committing to spend 40 days in the Word... one chapter a day, for 40 days! So many of our youth completed either the full 40 days or close to it! The fruit was amazing. Some of the following comments were so encouraging: "This is the first time I've felt like I really have a relationship with God..." "I've heard God speaking to me for the first time..." "God has been changing the way I live my life..." This was truly a sweet work of God and a good reminder that His Word does not return void in our lives (Is 55:11). In the past months, as a youth group family, we've journeyed through Judges, Jonah, Proverbs, John, Ephesians, 1 Peter, and some Psalms!

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LIVING STONES

St. Giles' Small Group Ministry



You also are like living stones. As you come to Him, you are being built into a house for worship. ~ 1 Peter 2:5

St. Giles' small group ministry is under construction, and God is using "living stones" like you to build it!

The purpose of Living Stones is to create opportunities for our church family to live in community as together, we pursue God's heart by moving "UPWARD, INWARD & OUTWARD."

Moving Outward

Under the leadership and encouragement of "Outward Coach," Deanne Smith, the Living Stones small groups are reaching outward into our community to join hands with MOPS and Rick Slate's young adult Sunday School class to provide meals and activities for 12 homeless women who will be our guests the week of June 14-21.

St. Giles has responded generously to this opportunity by contributing bedding and hygiene items; volunteering to spend the night with these new friends in the gym; providing dinners, breakfasts, and snacks; planning evening activities; and serving in many ways both big and small.

The Living Stones ministry has also joined hands with our Missions Committee and Comunidad to place all our missionaries in a small group. This will help to reinforce a home base from which they will receive intentional love, care, prayers, communications, and remembrances. In addition, many of our small groups have adopted local ministries in which they regularly serve the Lord with their time, talents, and treasures.

Deanne notes, "What a joy to see our church come together and reach outward to our neighbors and missionaries! Thank you, St. Giles, for your huge heart of love and service. As we see lives changed, may we also be changed, and may God be glorified as we prayerfully continue to move outward into the community and the world with His love."

Fall Retreat

Living Stone small group leaders, draw a big red circle around the weekend of October 1-3 on your calendars! Plans are underway for a fall retreat at Bonclarken in the beautiful North Carolina mountains. The purpose of the retreat will be to bless you with the Lord's encouragement, refreshment, and rest. We'll be in touch with more details in the coming weeks.

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St. Giles' Small Group Ministry

Prayer Request

We are blessed with a wonderful challenge! We have more people who want to be part of a Living Stone small group...but we need more small groups! If you have a shepherd's heart and enjoy helping people to strengthen their relationships with the Lord and with one another, I encourage you to pray about starting a small group.

Our small group leaders are loved and supported by the Living Stones leadership team and blessed by the richness of serving God and His people. If the Lord is stirring in your heart, I would love to explore the possibilities with you. Please call me at 803-802-0457.

Together, St. Giles is increasingly being built into a spiritual house that is wholeheartedly worshipping the Lord ... discovering who we are in Christ and who He is in us ... and being empowered to reach our world for Him.

Your Fellow Living Stone,
Karen White

Women's Ministry

September 18th & 19th: Igniting Hearts Women's Conference, hosted by St. Giles Women. Guest speaker, Kimber Britner. More to come on this pivotal event scheduled for the fall! GET READY!

If you have a stirring to facilitate any small groups in the fall, please let me know. We will also be looking for host homes for these groups. Feel free to pass along ideas for these groups. Missy Evans (704)543-9907.

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Loaves & Fishes

From Ron James: It is an honor to meet with people that visit our pantry for food and prayer. Each day is different, except it is always with hurting people. We give them groceries and hope for the future.

Mary requested prayer one Friday afternoon for a part-time job and acceptance into low-income housing. Diana asked for prayer for her three sons and more peace at home. Lester asked for prayer for reconciliation with his wife. Lisa needs a car to look for work and to then drive to work. Crystal said shed wants to get back closer to God.

Patrick needs a job and asked for prayer for his family. Emma is losing her eyesight. David has a seriously ill infant in his family and no medical insurance, and the list goes on... Nor work, little money, too many bills, and family crisis are confronting nearly all of our clients we bless with food.

Each person is special and they are all precious. We are serving our neighbors that appreciate what we do for them at Loaves and Fishes.

Reaching Outward to Serve Women in Need

In March, an article in the Charlotte News and Observer tugged the hearts of Tip & Pat Johnson. The article challenged houses of faith to house homeless women. Due to closing of some of Charlotte's major shelters, dozens of women were put back on the streets. The article stated that the Salvation Army is searching for churches to take a dozen women for up to a week at a time, starting in April when the Room in the Inn winter shelter program ends for the season.

Thankfully, Tip & Pat brought this need before the session and volunteered to lead this exciting ministry opportunity. St. Giles is privileged to house twelve women in the gym June 14 – 22. We will be feeding them dinner, breakfast and proving them a safe and comfortable place to sleep. Our small groups have all signed up to provide all the meals. Many folks have donated snacks, cots, sheets, blanket, pillows and toiletry bags.

Please continue to pray for our 12 guests who will be staying with us. Also, pray that our volunteers will show the love of Christ to each lady and that all will be faithful to do their part in a timely fashion.

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Paul & Elizabeth Branch (Argentina)

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Chaplaincy: Percy Burns

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Mission to Unreached Peoples

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YWAM, Tyler TX

Glenn & Carol Price

News from our Missionaries



From **Corey & Angelika Booher**: “Angelika and Corey and the family enjoyed a wonderful time with their family in Charlotte in May - both their extended family as well as their St. Giles church family! We were so blessed to have people from my brother's work provide all the baby equipment needed and even give us the stroller we used as a gift. Also, a huge word of thanks to mom and dad Booher for making the time as restful as we could ever have hoped!

We're looking for prayer cover as we continue to work with alcoholics, the poor and young people in this neighborhood. Big projects are in the works, as well as some ministry events this month (soccer tournament for young people from the neighborhood and workshops to be held in the church for the social services workers who handle our region). Personally, we also very much covet your prayers for our personal needs in all areas of life. God has been good to us! We want to be able to bear much fruit for Him.”

- Recognizing our spiritual gifts & using them to reach our world for Jesus

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News from our Missionaries...Cont.



From Doni & Gail Lilo: Doni and Gail request your intercession on behalf of our church in the wake of a recent tragedy. On a youth group day hike on May 28, a high school freshman, the daughter of one of our elders and founding members of the church, was hit by a falling boulder. She died within the hour from internal injuries. We ask your prayers for her family-- dad Niko, mom Kanina, and 6th-grade brother Johan; for the other youth who were on the mountain that day; for the church as it supports one another in their grief; and for the Christian community in Albania as it responds, understanding that this accident did not occur out of negligence as they prepare to send their own youth to our camps with its outdoor activities this summer. Pray for God, who raised Jesus from the dead, to be glorified. Thanks for standing with us as we are far away from those we love in this time.

From Rister & Esther Jenkins: We are trying to keep up with the rest of the senior population. The small group we meet with on Mondays keeps us in touch. The rest of the week we keep in touch by e-mail with, as of this week, 4 of our young colleagues who are undergoing cancer treatment. It is hard seeing these young ladies who are as young as our children, going through this. Pray that we will know how to pray for them and encourage them.

From Glenn & Carol Price: We enjoyed a wonderful family time in May celebrating Amy's graduation from *Abilene Christian University*. Afterwards, we spent Memorial Day weekend in Dallas with several hundred of our *YWAM*-Tyler staff and alumni at our annual staff conference where we celebrated our 40 year anniversary as a mission. On June 4th, Glenn left for South Africa to take part in the World Cup outreach. While there, the team will distribute "The Prize" DVD's to people on site at the stadium where World Cup matches will be played. To see a short preview of this exciting tool we will be freely distributing at Cape Town Stadium, [click here](#). Our team will also help build a safe place for children and teenagers in a squatter camp to play and meet for Bible study. Additionally, we are holding soccer clinics for children in townships and poor areas and leaving behind soccer balls and equipment for them.

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From the Young's: We are currently in the States for UWM board meetings and to be with our family members. Living overseas, we feel as if we've missed far too much time with family, particularly with nephews and nieces. The day after we arrived in Charlotte, we spent some time with the folks at St. Giles. That's a church that has been a real blessing to us over the years. We'll be in Denver until June 27 for a week long "reunion" of EPC's workers from around the world and then the General Assembly of the EPC. Continue to pray for safe travels over the next couple of months.

From Michael & Esther Franklin: As the summer arrives lots is happening! The cafe has been open on Saturday's for several months and has been going well. We have a special cafe event for a festival this Thursday. We continue to pray that God would provide someone to help run the cafe so please pray for the right person for this. The cafe is especially keeping Esther busy together with her other responsibilities! We continue to be active with church leadership responsibilities as well as our roles with the CLAN conference we help to lead July 24-30. Pray especially for Esther as she leads worship at a women's prayer conference June 14-16 as well as during the week of CLAN! Thanks for your friendship and prayer!