

## A Word From Your Session

### Report From The Elder's Retreat

Thank you for your prayers for our retreat September 11-12. Following are a few of the things we discussed and hope to implement. We will be meeting with our ministry leaders in the future to discuss these and other things so that we can begin to implement what the Lord has been showing us.

#### UPWARD:

- Provide and encourage more interaction between pastor and worship team members allowing greater sensitivity to what the Holy Spirit is doing and saying.
- Possibly add some intercessor/ prophetic people to join with the worship teams.
- Look into ways to make our sanctuary less restrictive allowing greater freedom in worship.

#### INWARD:

- Divide the members up so that each Deacon and Elder will be assigned people to keep in contact with to better shepherd our congregation.
- Form a team to help integrate our new members into the body.
- Form a team to plan fun things we can do together as a body.

#### OUTWARD:

- Find ways we can all better support our existing outreach programs.
- Train and encourage our small groups to reach out and make room for the lost.

#### Prayer:

Our thanks to those of you joining with us in setting aside one day each week to pray and fast for a season. We are providing a weekly devotion on our website to encourage you in this. Just click on this link to go there: <http://stgilesepc.org/category/devotions/>

We encourage you to pray for our nominating committee and those God is raising up to serve as Deacons and Elders next year.

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

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Our new Sunday evening prayer meetings are going very well. If you haven't come, we have a different prayer focus each week and meet in the sanctuary from 6 -7:30 pm. There is opportunity to pray both corporately and in small groups. If this is new to you we encourage you to come and learn as this is a training ground. We have nurseries and programs during this time for infants up to high school.

For now, we have discontinued our Wednesday noon prayer meetings but still have Sunday am prayer 8:30-9:15am to pray specifically for the Sunday Morning Worship Service and Ministries of the Church.

Pat Andrews keeps an updated prayer list in the office and we would encourage you to contact her ([pat@stgilesepc.org](mailto:pat@stgilesepc.org)) with any prayer needs. You may also request to be put on our e-intercessors list and receive a copy of this list so you

## Remember in Prayer Our Expectant Mothers

Meg Bowden, November 1  
Penny Harrison, January 20  
Ellen Westover, March 10

## Remember in prayer the following who are battling cancer:

Cornelia Robinson  
Bob Sisk  
Rick Watkins

## In Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to:

- Ginny Uzzell and her family on the loss of her husband, Hal Uzzell on September 4.
- John Clarke and his family on the loss of his step mom, Margaret Clarke (from Richmond, VA), on September 24.

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## Upcoming Events at St. Giles

October 10: Nathan and Abbi Johnson and the Johnson family invite the church family to a wedding reception at 3:00 pm in the Gym. Please bring a side dish and come join us as we rejoice in what God has done.

November 13-15: Marriage Enrichment Retreat at Bonclarken Conference Center, Flat Rock, NC. Leaders; Steve and Jane Keller. To pre-register for a wonderful two night retreat for married couples in the beautiful mountains near Asheville, email [meg@stgilesepc.org](mailto:meg@stgilesepc.org).

November 15: Sam Nadler will preach at St. Giles. Sam, President of Word of Messiah Ministries, is a Jewish believer in Jesus who has a passion to communicate the Good News to his people through developing leaders and outreach to make a world-wide impact for the gospel among the Jewish People. For more information about Sam's ministry, go to [http://www.wordofmessiah.org/sams\\_story.htm](http://www.wordofmessiah.org/sams_story.htm)

February 16-25, 2010: Israel Trip .... . Price \$2,850.00. Includes: Roundtrip Airfare from Charlotte, 8 nights in Israel, First Class Hotel Accommodations, Full Israeli breakfasts & dinners. Entrance Fees to sites, Tips. Deadline for Deposits & Registrations is November 14, 2009. Space is limited so let us know as soon as possible if you are interested. Contact John Brown, [jbrown@theobedproject.org](mailto:jbrown@theobedproject.org), 704-296-5400 ext 106.

## Small Groups

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

The Small Groups ministry at St. Giles is under construction, and God is using "living stones" to build it! The Small Group coaches and leaders will be gathering on Friday, October 9, at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Together, we'll enjoy a dessert buffet, encourage one another, and pray about God's vision for this vital ministry. Please bring a dessert to share and your answer to this question: "What does it mean for you to be a *living stone*?"

~ The Small Groups Leadership Team

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## ΤΕΛΕΙΟΣ RETREAT AT CAMP JOY

Our yearly retreat to Camp Joy in Hickory was amazing! God truly blessed our time with laughter, intimacy with Him, and growth in the Lord. We focused on being a “Worshipping Community” (the Upward part of our Mission Statement)!



Part of being a Community filled with the love and joy of Christ is learning the importance of *playing* together. And we did just that!!! We spent hours in the pool launching off the rope swing, playing ping pong, and paddle boating. Saturday, we did our annual “messy games” tournament. This year we had a special new game called “The Slippery Sumo Challenge!” This game involves two wrestlers with inner tubes around their waists, a greased tarp and a whole lot of laughter. As a Christ-like community, we played well and enjoyed the laughter and fun that our Father gave us!

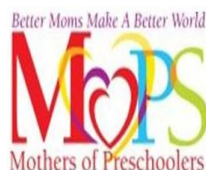
A Worshipping Community also knows what it means to dive into the presence of God together. We spent time worshipping in the woods at an outdoor amphitheatre, sat in the stillness of God’s presence and learned new ways to enjoy God’s presence and grow in His love and grace. John Clarke shared with us about the wonderful impact that journaling can have on our relationship with Jesus. Shari Adams talked with us about how to cultivate a 24 hour awareness of God’s presence and goodness. We also spent some time alone with the Lord out in God’s awesome creation!



We’d like to thank John Clarke, Shari Adams and Mary-Stewart Barhite for helping to make our retreat such a special time! We are excited to see all that God has planned for us this year as we continue to play and dive into His presence as a *Worshipping Community!*

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MOPS is off to a great start this fall! If you are pregnant or have any children ages birth through five years old we want you to join us. Come visit a meeting on the 2nd or 4th Thursday of the month from 9:30-11:30 am and see how MOPS can encourage you in your role as mom. Childcare is provided and nursing babies are welcome in our meetings! Contact Jane Burns for more information (burns1001@windstream.net or 704-821-7323).

**COSTUMES and DRESS-UP Clothes Needed:**

The MOPS group at St. Giles is having a costume exchange on October 8th for the MOPS moms. Fall Festivals are coming up and moms of young children need costumes for their little ones. If you have any gently used costumes or dress-up items that you would like to donate to our MOPS moms, see Jane Burns.

## Children's Ministries



Open House for our new Creation Kids (Infants – Preschoolers) area! The new classrooms and hallway are under construction in the Administration Building and everyone is welcomed to take a tour on Sunday, October 11 after the church service. We especially invite all preschoolers ages 3 and older and their families to walk through and take a look before the new rooms open on October 18. The 3 year old classroom will be located in Nick's/Ale's old office and the 4's & 5's will be relocated to the Dance Room.

**Fall Festival Fun!** All kids are invited to dress up (nothing scary please) and come ready for a great time at this year's Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 31, 5:00 – 7:30 pm in the gym. There will be lots of games, prizes, cotton candy and hot dogs for everyone to enjoy! A collection box will be in the sanctuary foyer each Sunday of October for bagged candy donations. Volunteers are needed to help set up and run game booths. If you are interested in helping, please call or email Sharon Seward at [Sharon@stgilesepc.org](mailto:Sharon@stgilesepc.org).

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## Comunidad de las Naciones (Hispanic Ministry)

In Comunidad we are seeing the power of God and the love of a family changing lives. Broken, hurting people are finding love and life and a new joy. The Spirit is moving in a wonderful way, and every meeting holds something meaningful and exciting as people are learning to be more free in worship. We have added a monthly Vigil, with praise, testimonies, a video, preaching and ministry; a monthly Prayer and Fasting meeting to call on the Lord to send the rain of His Spirit, and a weekly Bible study to ground people in the Word. Prayer needs include work for several people and healing in a difficult pregnancy for an expectant mother.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to the following couples who just had babies:

- Luke Jeffrey, September 14  
Parents: Michael & Emma Tregidga
- Ethan Matthew, September 19  
Parents: Matt & Andrea Myers
- Kara Lesley, September 25  
Parents: Mark & Leah Appleton
- Noah Christopher, September 30  
Parents: Chris & Joy Rogers

**Psalm 127:3**

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

### Young Adults Class (18 –35)

Oct. 17, 5:00-9:00 pm the Young Adults will have their Fellowship Dinner at the home of Peter and Roz Brown, 2005 Sandbox Circle, Indian Trail, NC 28079. Join us for a fun and inspiring evening of fellowship, worship and a personal testimony.

### Young at Heart (Ages 55+)

Thursday, October 8, all Young at Heart members are invited to attend a dinner and program at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Cost:\$3.00 per person. We plan to show a presentation of a new ministry for which we would appreciate your input. You should receive a letter in the mail with information on the presentation.

### 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.

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

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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



### Rick & Lisa Watkins

Just got back from a visit with our doctor. He has agreed to let me go

totally off all chemotherapy since I am feeling well and the cancer markers in my blood are so low. So, I am a free man again after 15 weeks of chemotherapy. I have a good bit of traveling before me in the next 7 weeks and it will be good to be off chemo.

I will leave for 3 days for Seattle for some mission Board meetings, in mid-October Lisa and I will take a week's vacation to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary and in early November I travel for two weeks to Europe (5 days in Gorzow, Poland) to visit some of our mission teams there. As soon as I return, I will get some blood work done to check my

cancer markers. If it is low, I will stay off chemo. If it has risen, then I will go on some pills. We are believing God for complete healing.

I have pretty much finished my book now - Lisa is doing some editing and I will have some rework but for the most part it is finished and I am ready to take on some new work for our mission.

Thanks for your prayers and support. It's nice to be on the other side of those chemo treatments. Hopefully I can regain some weight in the next month or two. The Lord's richest blessings on you all.

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### Glenn & Carol Price

Today we met our new daughter Favor. It was beyond amazing! As her new Mom and Dad it

surpassed our wildest dreams as she ran to us crying, and began calling us 'mommy and daddy' for the first time. We want you to share in our joy and so have updated our new blog with our latest news and photos. Please check out our blog

<http://priceperspective.org>. Thank you for loving us and being an integral part of our Price Adoption Team! God's blessings, Glenn and Carol.



### Jessica Tabler

I made it to Kathmandu on Friday September 18 without incident! Learning

is my theme for this phase of my internship: I will be spending the next several weeks focusing on learning as much of the language as I can (quite the feat!) and also learning about Nepal's history, culture, etc, as well as learning about UMN's education initiatives through local partners. I have met many kind and welcoming Nepali's as well as expatriates from around the world who are serving here in Nepal. There is a rich history of mission work here and I feel blessed to be a part of what God is doing in Nepal. I am resurrecting my blog from two years ago in an attempt to

keep my family and friends "in the know" about what is happening in my life while I am away. In case you do not have the blog bookmarked any longer, or you are a new friend, here's the address: <http://tabes-talk.blogspot.com/> Check out the blog for more details...Thanks for coming along with me on this next journey! Many blessings, Jessica



### Mark & Kirsten Jenkins

Thanks for your prayers, praise God with us that

the JAARS first Kodiak airplane left on its ferry flight to Papua New Guinea Saturday afternoon from Townsend Field here in Waxhaw! We would appreciate you remembering this flight in prayer and following updates as makes its way West to go East. The progress will be tracked online, and can be found at: [www.jaars.org/kodiak-updates](http://www.jaars.org/kodiak-updates)

### The Youngs

We are in the U.S. until October 12. You can reach us by phone at 734-578-5886. We are thankful for a good trip to the U.S. and good times with friends in the Detroit area. We especially enjoyed getting to know four of the college students who are scheduled to come spend two months with us. Pray for direction for Scott and Susan who are in the process of

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perhaps joining our team. Pray for follow up to doors that seem to have opened with Muslim friends/neighbors during Ramadhan.



**Bill and Sally Dyck**

We praise God for our adjustment to Texas. Pray for the layout of the Javanese Suriname New Testament.

Pray for a good plan for collaborating with *Hosanna, Faith comes By Hearing* for web

delivery of Scripture resources. Pray for our daughter, Laura and Tawa as they prepare for their wedding.

## St. Giles Website Update

<http://stgilesepc.org/>

We have made some updates on the website and added a Devotional section.

- Each week we have a different devotion, written by one of our elders.
- If you want to automatically receive a sermon onto your computer, go to the Media section, where you can subscribe via iTunes or RSS feed and follow the directions. Enjoy!
- To receive reminders of upcoming events you may subscribe to the calendar, but you will need Outlook (Windows) or iCal (Mac).

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