



DCPC Faith and Families Newsletter August 11, 2017

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Letter from Robert

The Long Ride

Dear Friends,

This past Sunday was my birthday. Thank you for your good wishes. It was a funday. My family asked me what I wanted to do for the day and they all indulged me in a long ride – a long bike ride! I had been wanting to go with everyone on some of the greenways around Cornelius and Davidson and so we pumped up the tires and filled our water bottles and off we went.

I noticed early on that we would have a challenge keeping everyone together. Not everyone rides at the same pace. We were not racing but some of us enjoyed the speed of the ride while others enjoyed a more leisurely pace that gave time to enjoy scenery. As the “leader of the ride” I thought it was my job to make sure we could all at least see each other even if we were not all able to be close enough to talk.

One of us had a schedule to keep which meant that I was pushing a little to make sure we were home by a certain time. While I would have preferred having no schedule to keep I understood the need not to drag the experience out too long. We have to respect one another and the various activities to which we are committed.

As I think about the ride, it has become a metaphor for our family and subsequently for the church family. The Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Rome, “love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.” (Romans 12:10, 11) Each of us has been well equipped to take this journey – and we are called to take it together. So let’s stick together, even if we aren’t always close enough to talk. Let’s encourage one another up the tough hills, and laugh together through the fun parts. Let’s respect the pace that

each one wants to take, and let's make sure we can wait long enough for folks to catch up. Let's stay in this together and make sure that everyone gets home safely!

To God be the Glory!

Robert

UPCOMING STUFF—SAVE THE DATE!

Back-to-School Celebration

August 19th from 10am – 1pm at Gethsemane Baptist Church in Davidson, several churches will join to celebrate going back to school with food, games, free shoes from Samaritan's Feet, free school supplies for hundreds of children, and lots more! WE NEED YOUR HELP. Can you and another family member come and give an hour of your time?? Look at the attached Sign-Up-Genius and find a place to serve!

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0a44adad2ba4fc1-2017> We really need all the help we can get. Hope to see you there!

AMIGOS BACK-PACK COLLECTION

Our AMIGOS tutoring ministry with Hispanic students at Huntersville Elementary is conducting its Back-Pack collection. We need backpacks collected by August 20th. Our Kick-Off event date has been changed to Wednesday - August 23rd at 5:45 pm at Huntersville Elementary School. Can you come help us?? Can you donate a backpack or some school supplies? Perhaps your family can help us out. Bring backpacks to the church in time for the 11 am worship service on August 20th. Please let me know if you can help out with the Kick-Off Event. We need help with backpack distribution, crafts, and helping distribute food.

K- 2 Backpack

- 1 PK 4pk Expo Low Odor Dry Erase Markers
- 1 Ea Spiral Notebook—1 subject 70 ct, red, blue, green
- 1 Dz #2 Ticonderoga "My First Pencil" w/ Eraser— KINDERGARTEN ONLY (wider pencil)
- 2 Dz Ticonderoga Pencils, Unsharpened, w/ Eraser— 1st and 2nd
- 2 Bx Crayola Crayons, 24 Ct.
- 1 Ea Plastic 2 Pocket Folders (blue, red, green, yellow, purple, orange)
- 1 Pk Wider Ruled Filler Paper
- 4 Ea Glue Sticks, washable, 1.4 oz
- 1 Ea 1" 3-Ring Binder, Heavy Duty, White
- 2 Ea Eraser, Large Pink
- 1 Bx Classic Markers, 8 ct, washable, thick
- 6 Ea Black & White Composition Notebook (2nd Grade Only)

1 Pr Scissors, pointed 5" (2nd Grade Only)

3-5 General Supply List—Larger Bookbag

1 Pk 4pk ExpoLow Odor Dry Erase Markers

2 Dz #2 Ticonderoga Pencils, Unsharpened, w/Eraser

1 Bx Crayola Crayons, 24 Ct.

1 Ea Plastic 2 Pocket Folders w/ Pockets and Prongs (blue, red, green, yellow)

2 Pk Wide Ruled Filler Paper

8 Ea Glue Sticks, washable, .77 oz

1 Ea 1" 3-Ring Binder, Heavy Duty, White (5th Grade Only)

1 Ea 1.5" 3-Ring Binder (3rd Grade Only)

1 Ea 1", 1.5" and 2" 3-Ring Binder (4th Grade Only)

1 Bx Classic Markers, 8ct, washable, thick

4 Ea Black & White Composition Notebook (marble cover type)

1 Pr Scissors, 5" BLUNT Tip

3 Ea 5 subject spiral notebook, 180ct (5th Grade Only)

Gleaning with Society of St. Andrews

Would your family be willing to join us for gleaning in the fields to help those who are hungry? We need a minimum of 20 people to help on the morning of September 23rd! It is about 2-3 hours of your time to work in a field (we do not yet know the crop). It is a family friendly event for all ages. Please contact Robert at ralexander@dcpc.org if you are interested and let him know how many people to expect. Thank you.



New Group for Parents of 5th Graders and Down!

Save the Date for the first Connections social gathering on September 23, 6pm. Dinner will be served. BYOB and join the fun! Children are welcome, but the party is focused on providing fun for the parents :) Childcare will not be provided at the social.

DCPC is creating a fellowship group focused on you, parents with children ages zero to fifth grade. The objective of the group is to provide both evening social events and Sunday morning educational outlets for parents to connect and share experiences with raising young families, hence the name "Connections"! During the first social on September 23, the Connections Steering Committee will be looking to find out what

YOU would like to get from the group.

Some of the items we've heard from parents include:

- ☐ Interest in a monthly social with fellow parents
- ☐ Interest in a Sunday School class at 9:45am for parents with children in Sunday School/nursery
- ☐ General topics that could be delved into on Sunday mornings might be similar to these:
 - ☐ How to navigate technology sharing with your 2 year old
 - ☐ How to motivate children to stay involved in church
 - ☐ How is the story of X in the Bible relevant to me today?

If this is interesting to you, please join us on September 23 @ The Dellingers' Home, 17015 Winged Thistle Court, Davidson, NC 28036. If you have interest in joining the Connections Steering Committee or just want to share ideas for the group before our Social, please reach out to Pastor John Ryan or Lacey Dellinger .



If there are concerns or joys that you would like to have listed here please email me at ralexander@dcpc.org so that we might keep one another in prayer.

Foster David Honeycutt We join Chris, Rosie, Ketcher, Hayden, and Tillie as they welcome their family's new addition Foster. He was born early in the morning on Wednesday, July 26th.

Family of Dr. James Hunter. Dr. Hunter is the father of Rebecca Kryshstalowych. He passed away on Sunday, July 30th. Please keep Rebecca, Greg, Andrew, James and their family in prayer.

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