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ADVENTURES IN FAITH WITH HEIKO BURKLIN - JANUARY 12TH!

VBS PLANNING FOR 2020 COMING UP SOON!

# MESSAGE FROM DAVE



**H**appy New Year! Exciting things are in store for January as we start out the year 2020. Our Adventures in Faith speaker is Heiko Burklin. He is my childhood youth pastor who now plays an influential role in missions through World Witness. Please mark your calendars for the event (1/12/20) and plan to join us for worship in the morning and a dinner program at 6pm in the evening. Also, please take note that our early service will be shifting to 8:30 am, beginning Sunday, January 5th. We hope this will allow us to be less rushed for Sunday school and give enough time to strengthen our fellowship and welcoming presence to visitors who may attend our contemporary service. Lastly, if all goes as planned, we should be able to launch our use of 134 Broad as our new home for worship and outreach by the middle of January. Praise be to God as He continues to bless our fellowship!

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Dave Rockness

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## 2020 TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND



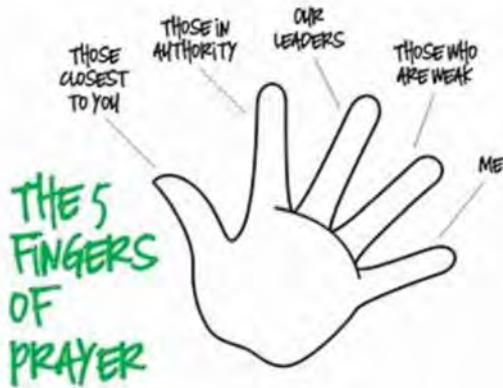
I want to invite you to join me on a trip to the Holy Land on October 10-19, 2020. This is a great opportunity to explore the land of the Bible with folks from our church and community. We will be joined by Pastor Farrar Griggs, of Second Presbyterian Church in Kannapolis and members of that congregation. This trip is open to any that want to join and is for all ages. Brochures for the trip are available in the church office, parlor, and fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please call or email me at [jason@mooresvillefpc.org](mailto:jason@mooresvillefpc.org). This will be a great adventure, and a wonderful opportunity to help the Bible come to life. I hope you can join us.

Jason Sentas

# STEWARDSHIP

“ Giving your time, your talents, and your tithes to God’s work... ”

PRAYER – Lord, open my eyes to those around me who need my compassion and love. Show me how I can help others today.



The Five Fingers of Prayer  
Let us make this a part of our lives...

1. Your THUMB is nearest you...So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty."
2. The next finger is the POINTING FINGER...Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the TALLEST FINGER...It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our RING FINGER...Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our LITTLE FINGER...the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

Message from your Stewardship Committee

# LOGOS / MSM      MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS)

Registration is underway for the second semester of our Logos/MSM program for children in first through eighth grades. Logos/MSM meets on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30-7:00 pm, and includes recreation, worship skills, Bible study and dinner. A fee is charged (annual registration of \$35 and \$55 per semester tuition fee). Scholarship help is available. If your child is already enrolled, please turn in the forms regarding your child's intent to return. If you are interested in joining for 2nd semester as a new participant, please contact Valerie Mauney (704-723-1531). Registration deadline is Sunday, January 5, 2020. A parent meeting (for new participants only) will be held Wednesday, January 8 at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall. 2nd semester Logos/MSM will begin on Wednesday, January 8.

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- Sunday, January 5 – 2nd semester registration deadline
- Wednesday, January 8 – 2nd semester begins – Ugly Sweater Night, 4:30 pm – Parent meeting (for new participants only)
- Wednesday, January 15 – Sports Night
- Wednesday, January 22 - Talent Show
- Sunday, January 26 – Logos choir sings at 11:00 am worship service
- Wednesday, January 29 – “Souper” Bowl \*\*\*

\*\*\*Participants are encouraged to bring canned goods to donate to Mooresville Christian Mission

Our MOPS group had a very active and successful fall, with approximately 15 participants. The group is part of an international ministry, dedicated to encouraging and equipping moms of young children “to realize their potential as mothers, women and leaders, in relationship with Jesus, and in partnership with the local church.”

MOPS participants meet every other week for Bible study, activities, and fellowship while their children are being cared for in a nearby room. There is a \$31.95 membership fee, and registration is essential. Please contact Laura Christman (704-677-4201; [lchristman@yahoo.com](mailto:lchristman@yahoo.com)) for more information.

2020 Dates are as follows (meetings are from 9:30 – 11:30 am):

- Wednesdays, January 15
- February 5, 19
- March 4, 18
- April 1, 15, 29

## THANKS

Your calls, cards, and visits are a blessing to me. I especially want to mention my appreciation for the loan of a wheelchair from the church. I have been home bound for eight weeks now. The chair has kept me mobile.

Joyce Johnson

Thank you to all of you for your kind and loving cards, visits, letters and phone calls. Love and miss you and wishing you the healthiest and happiest new year.

Love, Dorothy Nelson

## SAINTS ALIVE LUNCH

Join the Saints Alive group for lunch at Johnny's Farmhouse on Tuesday, January 21 at 12:30 pm. Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) if you need a ride.

# ADVENTURES IN FAITH WITH HEIKO BURKLIN

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH



Heiko Burklin is the Mission Developer at World Witness, the missions arm of the ARP denomination. He has served as the senior pastor at the Neely's Creek ARP Church in Rock Hill, SC, (2009-2015), as the team leader for a youth church-planting team in East Berlin (1995-2006), and as the Minister of Youth and Christian Education at the First Presbyterian Church in Lake Wales, FL, (1986-1995). He has been married to his wife Kay for 31 years and they have three boys, Stephan (married to Abigail), Yannick (married to Julia) and Micah. He is a graduate of Taylor University (B.A. History) and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (M.Div. and D.Min.) and has worked with Samaritan's Purse and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

He is a dual citizen (German and American) and enjoys all sorts of sports, especially tennis. Hanging with his family, however, is one of his most favorite activities.

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020

This year's VBS is scheduled for Monday, June 22 – Friday, June 26, from 9:30 am – noon each day. Be sure to add these dates to your brand new 2020 calendars!

### PLANNING

There will be a VBS Planning Committee meeting on Sunday, February 9 at 4:00 pm in Room 222.

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- PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP -

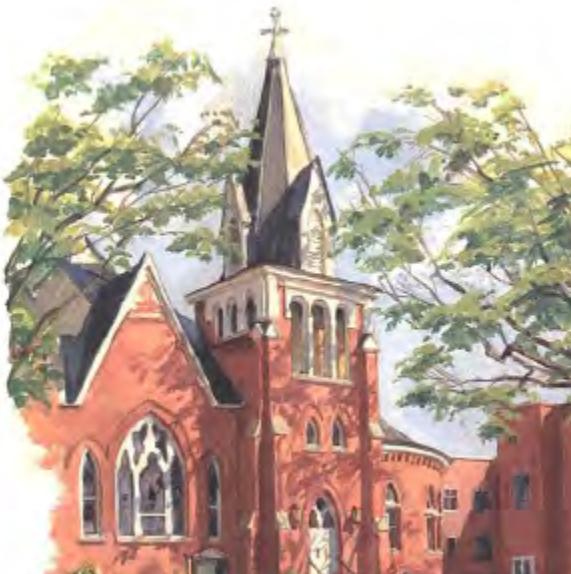
MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

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- Jan. 5 MS 4-5:30; HS 5:30-7
- Jan. 8 Supper Club 6:15
- Jan. 12 Adventures in Faith 6pm
- Jan. 15 Supper Club 6:15
- Jan. 19 MS 4-5:30; HS 5:30-7
- Jan. 22 Supper Club 6:15pm
- Jan. 26 MS 4-5:30; HS 5:30-7
- Jan. 29 Supper Club 6:15pm

Looking Ahead:

- No Supper Club on Feb. 5,
- Super Bowl Gathering, Feb. 2nd - 6:00 pm in the New Building on Feb. 2, 2020
- Winter Retreat Feb. 14-17, 2020



*Loving God,  
Loving People,  
Making Disciples*

# FIRST KIDS WORSHIP

First Kids Worship is an age-appropriate worship service for first through fifth graders, held during the 11:00 am worship service. Children begin the worship service with their families in the sanctuary, and are then dismissed to the fellowship hall, where family members pick them up after the worship service.

January's topics include:

- January 5 – Wise Men Worship Jesus
- January 12 – David and Goliath
- January 19 – Saul is Jealous of David
- January 26 – Jonathan and David – Unselfish Friends

# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP NURSERY LOCATION

As we begin to use the new building for the Contemporary Worship, there will be a change in location for the nursery for this service only. For parents of preschoolers and kindergarteners, here are a few details to facilitate the change to a new location:

- Nursery care will be provided in the new building – there will be directional signs and people available to help find the nursery room.
- Nursery care will be provided for infants through kindergarten age, beginning at 8:15 am.
- Parents should plan to pick up their child / children no later than 9:45 am. If families plan to attend Church School in the Education Building, they will need to escort their children to their correct classrooms. Please be aware that the nursery workers are often also serving as church school teachers or caregivers, and will need to get to their classrooms as soon as possible.

# P R E S C H O O L

## HAPPY NEW YEAR, PRESCHOOL FAMILIES!

We hope you made many wonderful memories with your little ones during the Christmas season. The teachers and I were so proud of your little ones' performance for our Christmas Programs. The children sang with all their hearts and got us all in the true spirit of Christmas! I hope you especially loved the children singing Silent Night in sign language!



## 2020-2021 ENROLLMENT

Enrollment Forms are coming home the week of January 7th, so be on the lookout for them. We have a checklist to help you keep track of your child's paperwork. Please complete these forms and include your Registration fee (\$75 for Church Members, \$85 for non-church members) by Friday, January 22nd). Specific class assignments will be sent to you in the mail in July.

## PRESCHOOL CLOSED

Just a quick reminder, Preschool is closed on January 20 in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr Holiday.



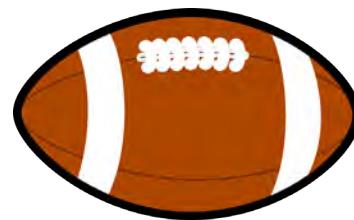
## PANCAKES & PJ DAY

We are excited to have Preschool-wide Pajama Days on January 16th and 17th. It's a fun day for all the children to dress in their PJ's and we'll have pancakes for a special snack (GF waffles will be available for those gluten allergies). Please send your child in tennis shoes or regular school shoes, as slippers can be a bit slippery. This is your easiest day to dress your child for preschool...just roll them out of bed!



## FOOTBALL FEVER DAYS

Mark your calendars for Football Fever Days on January 30th and 31st. Wear your favorite team jersey, team colors or a sports-themed shirt in honor of the upcoming Super Bowl! Let's get ready for some FOOTBALL! (And the crowd goes wild!)



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- January 7: Preschool Resumes
- January 7 & 8: Enrollment Forms Come Home
- January 7 & 8: Lunch Bunch Resumes
- January 16 & 17: Pancake and PJ Day
- January 20: Preschool Closed, Martin Luther King Jr
- January 30 & 31: Football Fever Days

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

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Logos Registration Deadline Officers Installation Sunday 8:30 am Contemporary Worship w/Communion 10:00 am Church School/ 11:00 am Worship w Communion 4:00 pm MS PYF 5:30 pm HS PYF	5 1:00 pm FPC Volunteers at Soup Kitchen 5:30 pm MCM Circles 6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal 7:00 pm Scouts BSA Troop 166-B & G 7:15 pm Christian Education Mtg.	6 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	7 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	8 1:00 pm Prayer Meeting 4:30 pm Logos/MSM Parent Meeting (new participants) 4:30 pm Logos/MSM Parent Begins 6:15 pm Supper Club 7:15 pm Chancel Choir
8:30 am Contemporary Worship 10:00 am Church School 11:00 am Worship/ Adventures In Faith 3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Group 4:00 pm MS PYF 5:30 pm Deacon Mtg. 5:30 pm HS PYF 6:00 pm Adventures in Faith Dinner & Worship 7:00 pm Committee Mtgs.	12 2:00 pm Circle 1 5:30 pm MCM Circles 6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal 7:00 pm Scouts BSA Troop 166-B & G 7:00 pm Personnel Committee Mtg.	13 10:00 am Circle 4 12:00 pm Circle 5 6:15 pm Circle 3 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	14 10:00 am Circle 4 12:00 pm Circle 5 6:15 pm Circle 3 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	15 Newsletter Deadline 9:30 am MOPs Group 1:00 pm Prayer Meeting 4:30 pm Logos/MSM 6:15 pm Supper Club 7:15 pm Chancel Choir
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# CALENDAR

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

10:00 am Women's Affinity Group 2:00 pm Stephen Minister Continuing Education 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00 pm Stephen Minister Continuing Education	6:00 pm Officer's Retreat	9:00 am Officer's Retreat Stated Session Mtg.
6:00 pm Fun and Fellowship— Johnny's Farmhouse 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal		
11:30 am Ladies Who Lunch— Johnny's Farmhouse 2:00 pm Stephen Ministers Continuing Education 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00 pm Stephen Ministers Continuing Education		
6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal		
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# BIRTHDAYS

IN JANUARY

1/1	Jen McNeely Winkie Powell Jan Stilwell Richard Stilwell Mary Beth Stutts
1/2	Dennis Winter
1/4	Amanda Garvin Ron Gragg Emily Meehan Caitlin Riefner Paul Trimble
1/7	Nick Smith Emerson Stutts Harry Weyer
1/8	Laura Christman Maria Heilman
1/9	Carolyn Morrow
1/10	Chris Creech Linda Ervin Rosemary LaBarre Maria Reid
1/11	Amanda Boone
1/12	Melissa Campbell Mark McNeely
1/13	C.P. Chappell Margie Gallman Tom Poteat
1/14	Chet Carpenter
1/15	Weston Mauney Claire Omohundro
1/17	Tom Trosuk
1/18	Abby Copeland Martha McDonnell Stacy Windsor
1/19	Steve Gallman Elizabeth Miller
1/22	Megan Lynch Thomas Miller Natalie White
1/23	Hazel Cole
1/24	Greg Fillnow
1/25	Pat Hunter
1/26	LuAnn Sledge
1/29	Ciarra Rockness Peggy Rogers
1/30	Bob Amon Charlie Heilman Ryan Trimble
1/31	Debbie Hyatt Bill Payne

# FUN & FELLOWSHIP

Fun & Fellowship will meet at 6:00 on January 9th at Johnny's Farmhouse Restaurant.

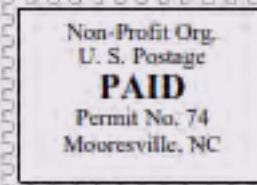
## PRAYER SHAWL

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on January 12 in the Parlor. Thelma Vaughan

## LOOKING FORWARD

### HAPPENINGS NEXT MONTH: FEBRUARY

- PYF Ski Retreat - Feb. 14-17
- "We Love Church School" Social - Feb. 16
- Chili Cook Off - Feb. 22



*Address Service Requested*

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8:30 am Contemporary Worship  
10:00 am Church School  
11:00 am Morning Worship

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