ECO Update

FPC is entering its second year with ECO. This has been an exciting year as we have been able to focus on the vision and mission of FPC instead of the ongoing denominational concerns that preoccupied our leadership for years. As you know, FPC was in the forefront of churches helping to form this new organization. ECO was officially organized in January of 2012 (many of our elders were at that meeting) and our congregation voted in June of 2012 to seek dismissal from the PCUSA and join ECO, making us the second Presbyterian church in S.C. to do so. We were officially dismissed from the PCUSA on Dec. 31, 2012 and became a member of ECO, Jan. 1, 2013. At that time there were about 50 churches in the country that had been dismissed; today, there are 108 churches with 179 pastors and many other churches in various phases of the dismissal process.

One of the dreams of the organizing pastors of ECO was for Presbyterian leaders and churches to reclaim a sense of covenanted community and find a new way for churches to connect, grow and multiply. Members of ECO are not just part of a denomination but engaged in a covenant community. We believe collaboration, shared commitments, and transparent relationships are crucial to flourishing ministry. As a member of ECO, our Session has covenanted to meet annually with 3-5 others church sessions, known as Mission Affinity Groups. In these groups we will share our visions for ministry, share best practices, and in short, help one another become strong viable churches building disciples (covenant partners) and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our Session is going to be meeting with the Westminster P.C. in Spartanburg (dismissed to ECO this past summer); Saxe Gotha P.C. in Lexington (dismissed this Jan. 2013); and the Lake Murray P.C. in Chapin (they have not been dismissed, but are part of the Fellowship of Presbyterians, adhering to the essential tenets of ECO). Our four churches share similar program and staffing arrangements as well as a common vision of ministry. As a part of our ECO covenant, Chris and I have joined Pastor Covenant Groups in which the pastors of each group will support one another in our spiritual journeys and will share ideas and best practices for ministry. ECO recognizes that for churches to be healthy, their pastors need to be healthy. These Covenant Groups are designed to help all of our pastors remain spiritually and relationally healthy.

ECO was organized with two presbyteries; the East Coast and West Coast Presbyteries (the Mississippi River being the dividing line). Since it is ECO’s desire to have no more than 10-20 churches in a presbytery, the East Coast Presbytery, of which we are a member, is now dividing into four new Presbyteries and the West Coast is dividing into five new presbyteries. We will be in the East Central Presbytery.

It is exciting to be part of the new thing God is doing in our Presbyterian and Reformed heritage. May God continue to bless ECO and the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian, Florence.

In HIS Service,
A Thought or Two  Challenging You Toward Discipleship
from the associate pastor

What Did You Decide?
Last month, I encouraged you to open yourself up to new growth in your heart toward God! What did you decide about how to grow your life with the Lord this year?

We are all given the opportunity to emphasize activities that stretch us (spiritual disciplines/soul training exercises) and engage in fellowship (small groups/Sunday Schools) and re-orient our lives around the grand story of redemption.

This month we will begin two studies that will bring you face to face with the grand story of redemption:

Beginning on Wednesday February 19th, Edith Hicks will take a group of participants through a book that she has loved called *The Unshakable Kingdom and the Unchanging Person* by E. Stanley Jones. This group will meet in the Scout Room.

On that same night, other small groups meeting in the CLC (some existing and some new groups) will enjoy a study called *Surprised by Hope* by N. T. Wright. N.T. Wright has said, “Most people, in my experience—including many Christians—don’t know what the ultimate Christian hope really is. Most people—again, sadly, including many Christians—don’t expect Christians to have much to say about hope within the present world. Most people don’t imagine that these two could have anything to do with each other. Hence the title of this study: hope comes as a surprise,…This study is [a] Christian reflection on the nature and task we face as we seek to bring God’s kingdom to bear on the real and painful world in which we live.

Certainly these are options for your growth.

Hope you will consider being a part that your spirit might be challenged to discipleship.

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Special Guest

Dr. Jim Singleton, a founding pastor of Fellowship of Presbyterians and ECO will be our guest preacher on Sunday, March 2 at both services.

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Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, February 9th, at 10:30 AM to:

2. Receive an update on the Capital Campaign.
3. Hear an update on Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.
4. Elect Congregational Representatives to the Officer Nominating Committee.
Welcome New Members

who joined our church family January 26, 2014

Yarrow & Michelle Babb
Jason & Jennifer Grimsley
Letty Hall
Steve & Debbie Heimbrook
Pat & JoAnn Patton
Amy Wood

Presbyterian Women's Mid Winter Gathering Review

A big “thank you” to all the ladies who attended this year's event. Well named as it certainly was a cold day outside, but inside we were cozy warm, and busy with projects and wonderful conversation. Many tote bags were completed, and will be given to women currently being serviced by A Choice 2 Make. 23 notes were hand written, and a gift card enclosed, to our college students.

We enjoyed lunch and more good fellowship. A love offering was taken to be given to the Emert's to support their missionary work in Zambia.

Susan Bankson, our speaker, briefly discussed FPC's recent successful "Pride for Parents" Christmas project, and presented information on "charitable giving" that stimulated thinking on how our giving can be most beneficial to those in need. We thank you, Susan.

If you know of a college student whose address we may not have, please contact PW. We want all our college students to know FPC is thinking of them.

Presbyterian Women’s Circles

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Save the Date!
Presbyterian Women’s Spring Celebration

Monday, April 7, 6:30-8:30 PM
Christian Life Center

Guest Speaker, Rev. Anna Kent,
You will not want to miss this fun evening!
Please bring a salad to share and a friend.
Nursery will be provided with RSVP to church office.
Haiti 2014

This year, we are taking more people to Haiti than we ever have! There are thirteen people on the team: Janet Brand, Tabatha Davis, Karen McBride, Kara Morgan and two of her sons- Patrick and Hunter, Ken Lowry, Erik and Laura Marechal and their two children- Matt and Ellen Grace, Dottie Handley and myself!

We will be taking letters to the children that our church sponsors again this year, so if you are a child sponsor for a child in Bayonnais Haiti, please write a letter and give it to me before the end of January.

We will be doing two things on our trip that you may consider joining in with us:

1) we will donate another gift to OFCB to enhance their library and
2) we will be collecting chewable children’s vitamins to distribute to some of the school children.

We are excited to continue building our relationship with our brothers and sisters in Bayonnais. Pray for us as we go.

Amazon 2014

June 7-15

We will travel the Amazon River visiting villages, sharing the gospel, baptizing, ministering, providing medical care, food and supplies.

Please contact Dr. Barry Jenkins if you have questions or are interested in going. Travel plans will be made soon!

Ambrotos Coffee

A Ministry at First Presbyterian Church

Ambrotos is a breakfast blend and is available in 1 lb bags, Whole Bean or Ground. Ambrotos is available in the Fellowship Hall on the coffee rack. Cost is $12.

Water of Life: All proceeds go to provide wells for villages in the Amazon. These wells provide clean, fresh water. Much of the sickness and diseases in these villages are caused by drinking the parasite-infected river water.

Please Support this Ministry

“...but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” John 4:14
John McCants is retiring after 18 years of faithful service to First Presbyterian Church. We will honor him on Wednesday evening, February 5th at 6:00 PM before our Wednesday night program.
New Wednesday Night Electives
Starting February 19th
After Family Dinner, 6:20-7:30 PM

Surprised by Hope by N. T. Wright.
“Most people, in my experience—including many Christians—don’t know what the ultimate Christian hope really is. Most people—again, sadly, including many Christians—don’t expect Christians to have much to say about hope within the present world. Most people don’t imagine that these two could have anything to do with each other. Hence the title of this study: hope comes as a surprise,...”
Small Groups meet in the CLC

Kingdom of God-Kingdom of Heaven
Now?
Jesus said His primary purpose was, “to preach the gospel of the Kingdom.”
Since it was so important to Him, we should learn all we can about the Kingdom.

We will discuss the why, when, where and how as the Scripture teaches in our session.
Leaders are Edith Hicks, Patti Hubbs and Martha Chastain and will meet in the Scout Room.

Family Dinner

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Supper begins at 5:30 PM in the Christian Life Center (CLC)
Adults $5  Youth $5  Children (under 12) $3  Family Max $15
### February Birthdays

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Did we miss your birthday? Please contact Teresa Stewart at 662-2583 or tstewart@florencefirst.org so we can correct our records.

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**New Birth**

**Samuel Jennings Stokes**

born January 6, 2014  
Son of Jake & Lori Stokes
## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, February 2, 2014
**COMMUNION SUNDAY**
- **8:30 AM** Contemporary Worship Service
- **9:45 AM** Sunday School
- **11:00 AM** Traditional Worship Service
- **3:00 PM** 14 & U Basketball Practice
- **4:30 PM** Volleyball: CLC
- **6:00 PM** Youth Super Bowl Party (Marechal’s)

### Monday, February 3, 2014
- **10:00 AM** PW Circle 3: LR Chapel
- **10:00 AM** Women’s Prayer Group
- **6:00 PM** 12B & U Basketball Practice
- **7:00 PM** Boy Scouts: Scout Room

### Tuesday, February 4, 2014
- **7:00 AM** Men’s Bible Study Breakfast: CLC
- **9:30 AM** Women’s Prayer Group
- **9:30 AM** PW Coordinating Team: LR Chapel
- **11:00 AM** PW Bible Moderators: LR Chapel
- **12:00 PM** Keenager’s Luncheon
- **1:00 PM** Ladies’ Ensemble: Choir Rm
- **4:00 PM** Girls’ Ensemble: Choir Rm
- **5:30 PM** 8 & U Basketball Practice

### Wednesday, February 5, 2014
**BUS: Children’s Ministry**
- **4:00 PM** Children’s Handbells (Grd. 3-6)
- **5:00 PM** Adult Handbells
- **5:30 PM** Elementary Choir Practice
- **5:30 PM** Family Dinner
- **6:20 PM** Children’s Program
- **6:30 PM** Adult Program
- **6:30 PM** 4:12 (Youth Program)
- **7:30 PM** Chancel Choir Practice
- **7:30 PM** 17 & U Basketball Practice

### Thursday, February 6, 2014
- **7:15 AM** Men’s Breakfast: Pres. Community
- **9:00 AM** Women’s Bible Study: LR Chapel
- **3:00 PM** BUS: Keenagers
- **5:30 PM** 12A & U Basketball Practice
- **6:30 PM** Praise Team Rehearsal

### Friday, February 7, 2014
- **4:00 PM** 10B & U Basketball Practice
- **5:30 PM** 8 & U Basketball Practice

### Saturday, February 8, 2014
- **6:00 AM** Parking Lot Mission: Hope Health Parking Lot
- **8:00 AM** Boy Scouts Merit Badge: Scout Rm
- **2:30 PM** Hanna: CLC

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### Sunday, February 9, 2014
**BOY SCOUT SUNDAY**
- **8:30 AM** Contemporary Worship Service
- **9:45 AM** Confirmation Breakfast: CLC
- **9:45 AM** Sunday School
- **10:30 AM** Congregational Meeting: Sanctuary
- **11:00 AM** Traditional Worship Service
- **3:00 PM** 14 & U Basketball Practice
- **4:30 PM** Volleyball: CLC
- **5:30 PM** MOVE (Youth)

### Monday, February 10, 2014
- **10:00 AM** PW Circle 3: LR Chapel
- **10:00 AM** Women’s Prayer Group
- **6:00 PM** 12B & U Basketball Practice
- **7:00 PM** Boy Scouts: Scout Room

### Tuesday, February 11, 2014
**Haiti Mission Team departs**
- **6:00 AM** Men’s Bible Study: LR Chapel
- **7:00 AM** Men’s Bible Study Breakfast: CLC
- **9:30 AM** Women’s Prayer Group
- **10:00 AM** PW Circle 1: TBA.
- **10:00 AM** PW Circle 2: Pres. Comm.
- **11:00 AM** PW Bible Moderators: LR Chapel
- **12:00 PM** Keenager’s Luncheon
- **1:00 PM** Ladies’ Ensemble: Choir Rm
- **3:00 PM** PW Circle 7: LR Chapel
- **3:00 PM** Girl Scouts: Scout Room
- **4:00 PM** Girls’ Ensemble: Choir Rm
- **5:30 PM** 8 & U Basketball Practice
- **6:30 PM** PW Circle 8: LR Chapel

### Wednesday, February 12, 2014
**BUS: Children’s Ministry**
- **4:00 PM** Children’s Handbells (Grd. 3-6)
- **5:00 PM** Adult Handbells
- **5:30 PM** Elementary Choir Practice
- **5:30 PM** Family Dinner
- **6:20 PM** Children’s Program
- **6:30 PM** Adult Program
- **6:30 PM** 4:12 (Youth Program)
- **7:30 PM** Chancel Choir Practice
- **7:30 PM** 17 & U Basketball Practice

### Thursday, February 13, 2014
- **7:15 AM** Men’s Breakfast: Pres. Community
- **9:00 AM** Women’s Bible Study: LR Chapel
- **5:30 PM** 12A & U Basketball Practice
- **6:30 PM** Praise Team Rehearsal
- **6:30 PM** PW Circle 4: 442 Thomas Rd.

### Friday, February 14, 2014
**VALENTINE’S DAY**
- **4:00 PM** 10B & U Basketball Practice
- **5:30 PM** 8 & U Basketball Practice

### Saturday, February 15, 2014
**BUS: Boy Scouts**
Sunday, February 16, 2014
8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
3:00 PM 14 & U Basketball Practice
4:30 PM Volleyball: CLC
5:30 PM MOVE (Youth)

Monday, February 17, 2014  PRESIDENT’S DAY
10:00 AM  PW Circle 3: LR Chapel
10:00 AM  Women’s Prayer Group
6:00 PM  12B & U Basketball Practice

Tuesday, February 18, 2014
6:00 AM  Men’s Bible Study: LR Chapel
7:00 AM  Men’s Bible Study Breakfast: CLC
9:30 AM  Women’s Prayer Group
12:00 PM  Men’s Lunch: LR Chapel
1:00 PM  Ladies’ Ensemble: Choir Rm
4:00 PM  Girls’ Ensemble: Choir Rm
5:30 PM  8 & U Basketball Practice
6:30 PM  Board of Deacon’s: LR

Wednesday, February 19, 2014
4:00 PM  Children’s Handbells (Grd. 3-6)
5:00 PM  Adult Handbells
5:30 PM  Family Dinner
6:20 PM  Children’s Program
6:30 PM  Adult Program
6:30 PM  4:12 (Youth Program)
7:30 PM  Chancel Choir Practice
7:30 PM  17 & U Basketball Practice

Thursday, February 20, 2014
7:15 AM  Men’s Breakfast: Pres. Community
9:00 AM  Women’s Bible Study: LR Chapel
5:30 PM  12A & U Basketball Practice
6:30 PM  Praise Team Rehearsal

Friday, February 21, 2014  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
4:00 PM  10B & U Basketball Practice
5:30 PM  8 & U Basketball Practice

Saturday, February 22, 2014
8:00 AM  Boy Scouts Merit Badge: Scout Rm

Sunday, February 23, 2014
8:30 AM  Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 AM  Sunday School
11:00 AM  Traditional Worship Service
3:00 PM  14 & U Basketball Practice
4:30 PM  Volleyball: CLC
5:30 PM  MOVE (Youth)

Monday, February 24, 2014
10:00 AM  PW Circle 3: LR Chapel
10:00 AM  Women’s Prayer Group
6:00 PM  12B & U Basketball Practice
6:30 PM  Florentine Society: LR
7:00 PM  Boy Scouts: Scout Room

Tuesday, February 25, 2014
6:00 AM  Men’s Bible Study: LR Chapel
7:00 AM  Men’s Bible Study Breakfast: CLC
9:30 AM  Women’s Prayer Group
1:00 PM  Ladies’ Ensemble: Choir Rm
3:00 PM  Girl Scouts: Scout Room
4:00 PM  Girls’ Ensemble: Choir Rm
5:30 PM  8 & U Basketball Practice
7:00 PM  Session: LR Chapel

Wednesday, February 26, 2014
4:00 PM  Children’s Handbells (Grd. 3-6)
5:00 PM  Adult Handbells
5:30 PM  BUS: Children’s Ministry
5:30 PM  Family Dinner
6:20 PM  Children’s Program
6:30 PM  Adult Program
6:30 PM  4:12 (Youth Program)
7:30 PM  Chancel Choir Practice
7:30 PM  17 & U Basketball Practice
7:30 PM  FCA Set up: CLC

Thursday, February 27, 2014
7:15 AM  Men’s Breakfast: Pres. Community
9:00 AM  Women’s Bible Study: LR Chapel
5:30 PM  12A & U Basketball Practice
6:30 PM  Praise Team Rehearsal
6:30 PM  Fellowship of Christian Athletes Banquet: CLC

Friday, February 28, 2014
4:00 PM  10B & U Basketball Practice
5:30 PM  8 & U Basketball Practice
**Hospitals**

**MCLEOD**
Mary Kirkpatrick

*Due to confidentiality rules, our pastors do not receive information regarding a patient’s hospitalization. Please call the church office if you or a fellow member is admitted to the hospital.*

**Extended Care**

**ELMCROFT**
Alfred Hopkins

**PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY**
Adelaide Moss
Bob & Pat Carroll
Lucy Thomas
Sadie Brockington
Shirley Cruickshank

**LAUREL GARDENS**
Joy Tedder

**Pee Dee Gardens**
Rosa Lee Gregg

**Special Requests**

Alice Nickles
Genie Lee
Amanda Herndon
Malcolm Rogers
Sherrie Barrett

**Homebound**

Alice Lee Bryan
Betty Knapp
Cora Long
Linnie Myers

**Recovering/Sick**

Chris Baker
Delores Galloway
John Hofler
Ruth Montgomery
Sarah Wheeler
Tom Rogers

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**Remember In Prayer This Month**

**ELDERS**
Alice Caldwell/Paul Davis

**DEACONS**
Christy Wallace/Tabatha Davis

**MISSIONARIES**
Caleb & Louise King: Rwanda
Choon Shik & Yen Hee: Taiwan

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**
Jan Green
Julie Thomas

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**
Michael & Irene Sivalee
Al & Ellen Smith

**STAFF**
Ann Rodgers Chandler
Alexis Morris

**HOUSEHOLDS**
- Mr. Joe Eason
- Mr. Kitt Ellington
- Drs. Gary & Mary Allyson Emerson, Mary Anna, Wyatt, Hale & Franklin
- Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy & Courtney Emert, Jude, Olivia & Lincoln
- Mr. & Mrs. David & Tammy Epps
- Mr. Van Ervin, Hugh

**FAMILIES EXPECTING**
Jack & Laura Ann Hofler: July

**FAMILY MEMBERS SERVING IN THE MIDDLE EAST**
Hunter Wilson (Afghanistan) - Martha Dusenbury’s grandson

**Memorials**
Blanche Grace
Ruby McKay Hudson
Elinor Richardson
Jay Roessler

*If you would like to place memorial flowers in the sanctuary, please contact Judy Fuller at 662-0506.*
KeenAger's Luncheon
Tuesday, February 4th

Come enjoy a comforting warm meal and hear Ann Rodgers Chandler perform on the Harpsichord. Please bring washing powder or bleach for House of Hope.

Keenagers is a luncheon gathering of retired men and women that meets on the first Tuesday of every month in the CLC to enjoy a $7 lunch and program.

What a winter! Here at the community it sure is nice to “hunker down” and not have the responsibility to go out in the cold for anything. It didn’t slow down our picture puzzle club one bit. One week they put together three 1000 piece puzzles instead of the usual one.

Our flowing fountain (Lady Godiva) froze up and was covered for the first time all year with a beautiful coat of ice. She was as pretty as Adele Kassab’s fountain that was pictured on the front page of the Florence Morning News.

Our big event of the month was our annual oyster roast. Our food department buys about 7 bushels of oysters shipped in from Louisiana. Our staff “shucks” them and serves them any way you like them- raw-fried-steamed. You pre-order oysters on what you think you will eat. I ordered 35.

Of course not all things go well all the time. About every 3 weeks, Ineeda Mann jumps the tracks. She comes from a very athletic family. In fact her older brother “Fatso” was recruited by Clemson football recruiters when he finally graduated from the 4th grade. On one of our coldest mornings the 911 dispatcher called to say it was reported that a resident was trying to escape our security fence. When asked man or women the caller couldn’t tell because it could be other kind. They were wearing long “drawers” with a 28-28-28 figure. Sure enough, it was Ineeda. Asked what she was doing she said, “I am all fired up about the winter Olympics and my Christmas weight gain so I thought I would get in shape again. Our administrator gave her no demerits because her intentions were good.

But remember the old song of years ago: Baby its Cold Song Outside?

It was. It is. And it will be cold.

Wow.

-Men’s Lunch
Tuesday, February 18th Noon

Break up your workday!

Enjoy a light sandwich lunch ($5) and inspiring guest speakers every third Tuesday of the month in the Lawson-Rain Chapel.

Don’t forget to invite a co-worker! See you there!
**Children's Ministry**

**Wednesday F.A.S.T.**

**Fun, Active, Spiritual Training**

**Elementary Children’s Schedule**

6-6:20 pm  Dinner– Eat with family or friends
6:20-7:30  Lesson & Recreation & Choir

Choir is now part of the regular Wednesday night activities and begins at 7 pm. Pick up your children either in the Scout Room or outside– depending on the weather.

We do have some special events planned for the kids who come to F.A.S.T. On February 12th, we are going to the Presbyterian Community to share some love. On March 5, OM Ships missionaries are coming to us. Last, we are going bowling on March 26th. Be sure to get a permission form to travel off campus with us. They will be handed out on Wednesdays.

**Preschool Children’s Schedule**

6:00 pm  Playtime Outside or in Preschool room. Sign in with childcare providers.
6:20-7:30 pm  Lesson & Choir in preschool room.

Choir is now part of the regular Wednesday night activities and begins at 7 pm.

**Great Beginnings Breakfast for Confirmands, Parents & Mentors.**

February 9th at 9:45 am in the CLC.

Please pray for these young people as they begin and exciting and challenging part of their faith journey.

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What do a lock–in and the parking lot mission have in common? A bunch! Kids stayed up to the wee hours of the morning making 100 lunches, sorting over 250 coats and assembling 55 personal hygiene kits. After just 5 hours of sleep, everyone got up and served up a great breakfast. Well done!
Scouting Update

February 9, 2014 is Scout Sunday when boys in our scouting ministry will worship together to celebrate Scouting’s 104th birthday.

The scouts will travel to Florida over Presidents Day weekend to camp at Disney’s Fort Wilderness campground, visit Disney and then travel to Crystal River to swim with the manatee.

Community service projects at Maple park and Esab soccer fields along with merit badge days are all part of an exciting February for our scouts.

Florence County Disabilities Foundation Annual BBQ
at Rogers’ BBQ
Plates $7 and include BBQ, Rice with Red Gravy, Sweet Potatoes, Slaw and Bread.
Plates can be picked up anytime between 11:00AM-8:00PM on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 from Roger’s BBQ
Contact Randolph Tiller with questions– 621-2340

Youth Basketball League

Come Support our Players!
All games are played at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Parking Lot Ministry
Saturday, February 8th
First Presbyterian will be serving the Parking Lot Ministry Breakfast the 2nd Saturday of each month. If you would like to help, please contact Donnie Wheeler at jwheeler007@sc.rr.com.

TAPS

It is such a surprise that many people do not know the words to “Taps”. They are very beautiful and here they are:

*Day is done,*
*Gone the sun,*
*From the lake,*
*From the hill,*
*From the sky,*
*All is well,*
*Safely rest,*
*God is nigh.*

Taps is played often at funerals. However, it is played on military bases at the end of each day.

-Edith Hicks
First Pres Youth

The high school and middle school ministry of First Presbyterian Church, Florence, SC

Dates To Remember
February 2  Super Bowl Party at the Marechals (1394 Lazar Place), 6pm-10pm
March 2  $75 due for Spring Getaway (April 4-6)

MOVE
Sundays 5:30-7:30pm

Sunday School
9:45-10:45am

412
Wednesdays 6:30-7:30

SPRING GETAWAY 2014
When  April 4th-6th
Where  Garden City Chapel at
      Garden City Beach, SC
Who  High School/Middle School

BIBLE READING PLAN
We are reading through the book of Matthew this semester in Sunday School. I am encouraging our students to also read through it on their own during the week. If your family is looking for something to read together, Matthew would be a great choice. I will be emailing some comments after our Sunday morning lesson that can help with family discussion.

PRAYER FOR OUR STUDENTS
Please join our youth leaders in praying the following from Colossians 1:9-10 for our First Pres youth: “...that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”
Faith is like the wind, you can’t see it but you know it is there.