

happenings

@ FIRST PRES

July 27 - August 2, 2008

Bless the Habitat Home

TODAY, Bless the Habitat home with Scripture from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. on site at Sorpresa Lane. Please join us as we fill the framing with written Scriptures in the Grant home. It will be a blessing to you and to the Grants. For directions call 884-6112 or visit the web at www.first-pres.org/habitat.

Communion for Shut-Ins

On Sunday August 3, our Deacons will take communion to those in our congregation who are homebound and unable to physically join us in worship that day. If you know of one of our members in such circumstances, please: 1) Ask if they'd like to receive communion early in the afternoon that day; and 2) Notify our Help, Hope & Healing Office of them by no later than Tuesday, July 29, so that we can arrange a visit.

Children's Ministries Sunday School

Ready, Set, Go! Next week, Sunday, August 3, all our kids aged preschool to 5th grade get started for the 2008 - 2009 Sunday School year. Check out the Web site at www.first-pres.org/children and watch your mail box for information. New to First Pres? Stop by the registration table on the 3rd floor by the Children's Ministries Offices to register your children and get more information. Questions? Call Children's Ministries at 884-6125.

The Lazarus Life Mini-Retreat

Steve Smith, member of First Pres and founder and spiritual director of Potter's Inn near Divide, will be speaking on his book, "The Lazarus Life," on Friday, September 5, 6:00-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, September 6, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon in Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$35 per person which includes dinner, continental breakfast and Steve's book. Brochures will be available soon.

Annual Father-Daughter Rafting Day

We've extended the deadline to sign up for the Father-Daughter Rafting Day to Monday, July 28! Come join others from First Pres on August 2 as we head off for a great time of rafting at Noah's Ark Whitewater Rafting near Buena Vista. Cost is \$45 per person and includes lunch.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

11:00 a.m., August 10, 2008 - Fellowship Hall

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 10, 2008, in Fellowship Hall. At this meeting the congregation will be asked to elect a Senior Associate Pastor Search Committee. Copies of the Senior Associate Pastor Job Description and the nominees for the search committee are available at the Narthex reception desks and the Plaza reception desk.

On behalf of the Session,
Stuart Lark, Clerk of Session

TODAY

SCRIPTURE WRITING
AT HABITAT HOME

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

EVENING WORSHIP

5:30 p.m.

CAMP THIS WEEK
CANDU CREATIVITY
DAY CAMP

MONDAY, JULY 28

SILENT NO MORE

MEN'S STUDY - 7:00 p.m.

•••

TUESDAY, JULY 29

MEN ON TARGET

6:15 a.m.

WOMEN'S SUMMERTIME

6:30 & 9:00 a.m.; 6:30 p.m.

AL-ANON SUPPORT - Noon

READER'S THEATER

PRESENTATION - 7:30 p.m.

•••

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

LUNCH BREAK PLUS - Noon

FLYING HORSE BIBLE STUDY

7:00 p.m.

•••

THURSDAY, JULY 31

PRIME TIME STUDY

9:00 a.m.

FAB FIVE FRIDAY

5:00 P.m.

•••

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

FATHER/DAUGHTER

RAFTING DAY

7:00 a.m.

•••

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

Jim Singleton,
Preaching

219 East Bijou Street • Colorado Springs, CO • 80903

www.first-pres.org • 719-884-6100

Worship Services 8:30, 9:50, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

MISSION EMPHASIS
MARIAN HOUSE SOUP KITCHEN

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES

Call 884-6190.

NEEDED: People with willing hearts to pray during the stewardship season this fall. Your prayers are important. If God is calling you to be on the stewardship prayer team please call Carole at 884-6190 or email cschafer@first-pres.org.

Good \$ense Financial Management Course — Are gas and food prices impacting your life? A six-hour investment will provide you with biblical, creative and practical financial input to put you on solid ground both in these challenging times and into the future. August 14 and 15, 6:00-9:00 p.m., room 435. Facilitators: Mary Frieg/Phil Shober. Cost \$5, prework requested. Call 884-6190 to register.

PARENTING MINISTRIES

Call 884-6140.

SummerMOPS — Capture the Moment! Thursday, August 7. Join other expectant moms and mothers of young children for a time of fun, food and fellowship. Registration forms are available in the brochure racks or call 884-6144.

MARRIAGE MINISTRIES

Call 884-6117.

MARRIAGE CONFERENCE — Please join us for the "Colorado Healthy Marriage Project," Saturday, August 9. This is a secular, federally funded initiative providing relationship enhancement tools to help all marriages. Plan to invite your non-churched friends and neighbors to attend this non-threatening marriage workshop.

DRAMA

First Pres Presents a reader's theater event called "**The Bible in 30 Minutes or Less**" (actually I think it takes us a little longer than 30 minutes). Come to a short, fun little theater piece presented by our own adult drama group. Aspen Room, Weber Street Center, 7:30 p.m., July 29 and it's FREE!

CARING MINISTRIES

Call 884-6145.

Save the Date: Beyond Abuse – Addressing the Realities of Childhood Sexual Abuse. September 19, 7:00 p.m., Marilyn Van Derbur, former Miss America and award-winning speaker, will share her story of abuse, her journey to recovery, and the huge toll childhood sexual abuse inflicts on individuals and society. September 20, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Sallie Culbreth, founder of Committed to Freedom, will present a workshop offering practical Christian tools to bring hope and recovery for those dealing with childhood sexual abuse as well as those close to them. Call 884-6114.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Call 884-6125.

Get-Set Preschool is a mission of our church that reaches out to low-income families in the downtown area. Preschool will be starting in September and we are excited to invite your partnership as we minister to these children! Call Delma at 884-6130 to find out about volunteer opportunities.

God's Gifts Preschool — There are still a few openings for 3, 4 and 5-year-old children. Call 884-6133 for information.

MISSIONS

Call 884-6108.

Back-2-School Fair — There is still time to be involved in helping families of school age children in the community with free physicals and sports exams, school supplies, dental screenings and more as we partner with Solid Rock Church! Volunteers needed for Saturday, August 9; mandatory training is Friday, August 8, at 1:00 p.m. Health Fair and training location is Panorama Middle School at 2145 Chelton Drive.

Attention Compassion sponsors (especially of children from India)! Come on the Compassion-First Pres trip to India during Spring break in March, 2009. There is an informational meeting for this trip on August 3 in room 205 at 12:45 p.m. What a wonderful opportunity this can be to meet your sponsored child and to better understand India!

Congregational Concerns

As of Thursday, the following members were listed as patients in local hospitals:

Penrose Hospital
 Mr. Bob McAllister
 Mrs. Joanne Deck
 Mr. Eugene Berry

Memorial North
 Mrs. Mary Beth Lannigan
 Mrs. Andrea Tepley

Memorial Hospital
 Baby Aiden McKechnie
 Dr. William "Al" Munson
 Mr. Charles "Gene" Ireland

Center at Centennial
 Mrs. Virginia Allen
 Mrs. Alta Nappi

Pikes Peak Care Center
 Mr. Ray Potts

Gifts to the Sanctuary Flower Fund

In loving memory of:

Robert Harper by Eileen Harper

Jim Maffett by his children, Susan Stevens and Steve Maffett and their families