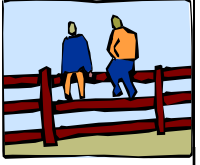


# The Gate Post

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## Pastor's Corner

Friends of Indian Trail Presbyterian Church,



How can anyone think about February without thinking about Valentines Day? If Christians can't celebrate the gift of love—Who can? At Indian Trail Presbyterian Church, we have a legacy of making Valentines Day special with a unique celebration that includes fun, food, and prizes. Each year we bring out the card tables and decorate the fellowship hall in order to highlight a particular theme. This year we're going to do a "South of the Border," theme. We'll have a lovely dinner featuring Mexican cuisine, entertainment hosted by our own game show host extraordinaire, Scott Stinson, and lots of door prizes to be given away. New this year will be a 50/50 raffle guaranteed to make one or two of our folks really happy. Baby sitting and children's activities will be provided. OK— end of advertisement, but it really should be a great evening of fun and the proceeds go toward helping to fund our Christian Education programs.

Someone asked me if our Latino brothers and sisters celebrate Valentines Day? I told them I didn't have a clue. However, I think everyone should celebrate one day out of the year devoted to love. We usually think of Valentines Day in terms of romantic love, a special love reserved for our spouse or sweetheart. This is a gift from God and one we should never neglect or take for

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granted. But the Bible speaks of another word for love that in the opinion of most scholars and philosophers was considered a higher form of love. In the Greek language, the word is “Agape.” Agape love is an unconditional love that is given without regard to any qualifications and asks for nothing in return. It is the kind of love we have received from God in Jesus Christ and is the essence of the Gospel. It is the same word the author of John’s gospel uses in the familiar verse, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” (John 3:16).

Likewise, the author of John uses the word “agape” to illustrate the love we should have for others. He writes, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” (John 13: 34) In gratitude for the love God has given us through the saving death of our Lord Jesus Christ, so too should we show our love in active and meaningful ways towards others. As Christians, we’re all about love or at least should be. We have been blessed by a love that transcends our understanding. Why anyone would suffer and die for my salvation is definitely a sign of God’s amazing grace. But than again, we belong to an amazing Savior. Have a wonderful February and an extraordinary Valentines Day.

Shalom,

Jim



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

04	Miley Cook	19	Doris Mitchell
09	Arianna Picard	19	Athena Herold
11	Odell Rogers	20	Marlene Wiltshire
12	Butch White	20	Kathleen Rodgers
16	Kathy Wiltshire	27	Darian Killough

*If you would like to have you and/or your family added to the birthday list, please contact the church office, 704-821-8751*

## FEBRUARY NURSERY SCHEDULE

- 06 SS - Sharon Carnes**  
**W - Linda Armes & Kathleen Rodgers**
- 13 SS - Shirley Europa**  
**W - Joyce & Katie Younts**
- 20 SS - Heath Ferguson**  
**W - Jan Birchall & Elke Rogers**
- 27 SS - Jeff Carnes**  
**W - Erica Brown & Alexis Torgersen**



## MEN OF THE CHURCH NEWS

This month we had one of our largest gatherings with 19 men in attendance. Thanks to Fred and Frank for preparing a great breakfast and making sure that there was plenty to go around. President Floyd commended on our outgoing President Odell for his leadership in 2010. During his term, over \$1,200 was raised and dispersed towards worthwhile projects and to help those in need.

Treasurer Richard gave the treasurer's report. At present, there is a balance in the checking account of \$1,021.86. A motion was made and approved to give the Presbyterian Women \$200.00 to help defray the cost of bereavement meals. It was acknowledged that the Presbyterian Women do an outstanding job in seeing that families who are going through a time of loss receive this wonderful ministry of care and love.

In other business, President Floyd asked for volunteers for the mowing schedule and spoke about plans for landscaping projects for the future enhancement of the church's property and grounds. Thanks was given to Alan Lindley for the recovery and donation of two bicycles that were left abandoned in a field. Also thanks to President Floyd for fixing up the bicycles so they could be given away. They truly looked like they had just come out of the store.

Next month (February) the cooking responsibilities go to Chef Kevin and Chef Odell with Chaplain Floyd bringing us a word of hope, encouragement, and God's grace. Please join us on the second Saturday of every month for good food, great fellowship, and a word of spiritual renewal. All men are invited and encouraged to bring a friend.

## MONTH OF FEBRUARY

02	Bible Study 10 AM & 7 PM; Choir 8 PM
03	Aikido Youth 6-7 PM
06	Communion Sunday, Crisis offering
07	Circle #1 – Fellowship Hall @ 11:00 AM
07	Circle #2 – Elaine Helms' home @ 7:00 PM
09	Bible Study 10 AM & 7 PM; Choir 8 PM
10	Aikido Youth 6-7 PM
12	Men's Breakfast; 8:30 AM
13	Session Meeting 12:30 PM
13	Christian Ed Mtg. 3:00 PM
13	Youth 4:00 PM, To Save A Life
14	Valentine's Day
16	Bible Study 10 AM & 7 PM; Choir 8 PM
17	Aikido Youth 6 - 7 PM
19	Valentines Dinner; 5:30 PM
20	No Youth activities
22	Nurture & Care Comm. 6:30 PM
23	Bible Study 10 AM & 7 PM; Choir 8 PM
24	Aikido Youth 6-7 PM
27	Youth 5:00 PM; Cont. Rev. of Bulletin Boards

## AIKIDO YOUTH CLASSES

The Aikido youth classes will be held on Thursdays, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. These classes are for youth ages 6 through 12. We welcome new students. If you have questions, or need further information, please call Scott Skeen at 704-701-1968.

## Presbyterian Women's News

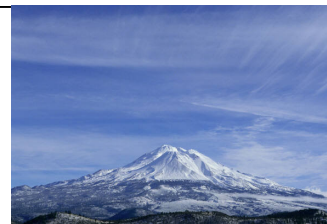
Thanks to all the ladies who were able to attend our January circle meetings. They were postponed due to snow, but we were glad to have all that came. The morning circle enjoyed lunch at Johnny K's after their meeting, and the night circle enjoyed pizza after their meeting. Thanks to Millie Mumpower and Elaine Helms, decorations were already off the trees and the trees were taken down by Odell Rogers, Floyd Halberg and Fred Keziah.

Our next circle meetings will be held on Monday, February 7th. Circle #1 will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM for Bible study and lunch. Lunch will be soup, sandwiches and dessert prepared by some of the ladies. Circle #2 will meet at 7:00 PM with Elaine Helms. Call Elaine at 704-821-9140 for directions to her home.

Please continue saving your items for Turning Point (shelter for abused women) and bring them to our May meeting,

Our sympathy goes to Gene Houser in the death of her husband, Harold. Also, remember to continue sending cards, calling and visiting our shut ins. They love to hear from you.

**Sandy Troutman**



## **ITPC 2011 Spiritual Retreat** **Celebrate Spiritual Fellowship & Worship in the North Carolina Mountains**

**Date:** May 13th-15th, 2011

**Where:** Montreat Conference Center - Reynolds House Montreat, NC

**Cost:** \$105.00 per person

### **Registration Form**

Please fill out the application below and mail your completed form to the Church along with a \$25.00 deposit. Checks are to be written in care of Indian Trail Presbyterian Church, Attention: Retreat Fund.

Final Payments need to be received by April 30, 2011.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Elder of the Month**

Fred Keziah

### **Attendance Coordinator**

Patty Ferguson

### **Ushers**

Odell Rogers

Bill Herron

Michael White

Elaine Helms

### **Greeters**

Odell Rogers

Alice Hilton

### **Sound System**

Fred Keziah



## **NURTURE AND CARE COMMITTEE**

**Christian sympathy is extended to the families of Tommy Rogers, Harold Houser and Tony Martin who passed away during the month of January, 2011.**

**Lane Vickery had brain surgery in mid-January to remove a tumor on the left side of her brain. She was released from the hospital three days later and will have radiation treatments. Lane's doctor was very pleased with the outcome of the surgery.**

**Rueben Tomberlin has left Lake Park Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and is now at the home of Martine (his niece) and Danny Smith, 3607 Austin Road, Monroe, NC 28112.**

**Please continue to keep in your prayers Pauline White, Polly Kinard, Willene Maness and Ney Killough.**

**The next meeting of the Nurture and Care Committee will be on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

## **Please Remember our Special Members**

**Oscar Wentz**—4848 Old Monroe Rd., Indian Trail, NC 28079 (704) 821-8059

**Dot Killough**—1219 Anniston Place, Indian Trail, NC 28079 (704) 234-0324

**Helen Tracy**—Regency Retirement Village, 9120 Willow Ridge Rd., Charlotte, NC 28210 (704) 541-8768

**Polly Kinard**—1213 NW 21st Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73106 (405) 528-0947

**Willene Maness**—20 Exeter Dr., Chandler, NC 28715

**Stacie Houser**—733 Plantation Estates Rd., OBT 206, Matthews, NC 28105 (704) 849-7780

**Alice Hester**—733 Plantation Estates Dr., Matthews, NC 28105 (704) 708-5230

**Frances Vickery**—209 Chestnut Ln., Matthews, NC 28104 (704) 893-0786

**Ney Killough**—Weddington Park Assisted Living, 2404 Plantation Center Dr., Matthews, NC 28105 (704) 847-9477 (main), 980-475-2586 (Ney direct)

**Reuben Tomberlin**—3607 Austin Road, Monroe, NC 28112 (his niece)

**Paul & Bobbie Stinson**—14851 Rexford Chase Ct., Matthews, NC 28104 (704) 893-0786

**Gene Houser**—718 Deese Rd., Monroe, NC 28110 (704) 283-9191

**Lane Vickery**—PO Box 208, Indian Trail, NC 28079 (704) 821-9973

**Pauline White**—8012 Fairview Rd., Indian Trail, NC 28079 (704) 882-2521

**Sarah Brown**—4831 McAlpine Lane, Charlotte, NC 28212 (704) 536-4823

**Lucille Sheaff**—1609 Waxhaw-Indian Trail Rd., Indian Trail, NC 28079 (704) 821-7498

**Doug Keller**—P. O. Box 1522, Matthews, NC 28106 (704) 882-3829

## SOUTH OF THE BORDER Valentine Dinner

Hola, Buenos Dias,

February 19<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual Valentines dinner. This year our dinner theme will be "South of the Border." Dinner will catered by Rigas Diner. There will be TWO, yes TWO 50/50 raffles, plus door prizes and entertainment!

We will also have FREE babysitting (with movies and crafts) for all children (just pay \$5.00 per child for dinner only). It promises to be a fun filled night of excitement!

The cost of dinner is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children (pizza dinner). The raffle tickets will be sold by the ITPC YOUTH at a cost of \$1.00 per ticket for the first raffle and \$5.00 a ticket for the second raffle. Buy tickets for both and have a chance to win both! All proceeds will go towards Christian Education for the Easter Egg Hunt, VBS, 2011 Mission Trip and many youth and family events.

Hope to see you there. Vaya con dios.



Christian Education needs card tables for the Valentines dinner. Please bring your card table to the fellowship Hall before February 18<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to have your name somewhere on the bottom of the table. Tables maybe picked up after the dinner Saturday night.



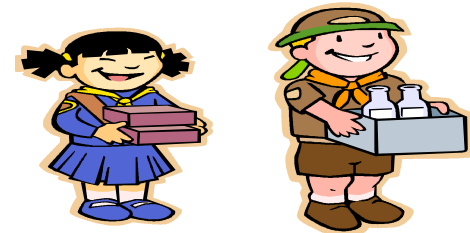
## YOUTH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

**FEBRUARY 6—Youth will take collection for “Souper Bowl” Sunday in the vestibules directly after the church service. There will be no Youth Group at 5:00 P.M. ENJOY THE GAME!!!!**

**FEBRUARY 13—”To Save A Life” Bible study with Jennifer Weiveris at 5:00 P.M.**

**FEBRUARY 19 (Saturday) Youth will serve dinner at the Valentines Dinner at 5:30 P.M. Please arrive by 5 P.M. There will be no Youth Group on Sunday the 20th.**

**FEBRUARY 27—Continue updating bulletin boards and youth photo books at 5:00 P.M.**



# *\$1.00 Per Week For Christmas*

This past Christmas we were able to raise over \$1,200.00 to support three families at Christmas. What if we start giving right now and give all year? If 50 people give \$1.00 each and every week for the next 49 weeks, we could raise twice the amount we raised last Christmas. Just put your dollar in one of the pew envelopes on Sunday and write Christmas on the envelope, or you can add it to your regular offering. If you write a check, just add \$1.00 to the amount and notate in the memo section, \$1.00 for Christmas.

One dollar per week is the goal. Give more or less as you feel inclined. Give it all at once, or all year long. I know if we all work together, Christmas 2011 will be fantastic!



## Theme of 2011 Retreat

**WHEN THE GAME IS OVER,  
IT ALL GOES BACK IN THE BOX**

I can't make myself love God, but I can come to know him better. I can choose to be with him. I learn to see His goodness in creation and beauty. I take time to ask for his help as we work together. I see Him in the people with whom I meet. I hear His voice in what I read.

I ask His forgiveness for the many times I mess up. I thank Him at the end of the day for his presence in it. I can spend this day loving God, and tomorrow I can seek to love Him a little more.

This is a life "rich toward God."



## TREASURERS REPORT DECEMBER 2010

	MTD	YTD
<b>General Operating</b>		
General Fund Income	7,566.63	115,902.10
Rental Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>670.00</u>
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<u>7,566.63</u>	<u>116,572.10</u>
General Fund Expenses	10,688.24	117,132.07
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<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<u>10,688.24</u>	<u>121,507.07</u>
<b>Net General Fund Difference</b>	<u>-3,121.61</u>	<u>-4,934.97</u>
<b>Building Fund</b>		
Building Fund Deposits	<u>79.19</u>	<u>3,249.07</u>
<b>Total Building Fund Income</b>	<u>79.19</u>	<u>3,249.07</u>
Building Fund Expenses	<u>.00</u>	<u>1,934.93</u>
<b>Total Building Fund Expenses</b>	<u>.00</u>	<u>1,934.93</u>
<b>Net Building Fund Difference</b>	<u>79.19</u>	<u>1,314.14</u>
Special & Designated Fund Deposits	<u>1,510.60</u>	<u>11,827.71</u>
<b>Total Spec. &amp; Desig. Funds Income</b>	<u>1,510.60</u>	<u>11,827.71</u>
Spec. & Desig. Fund Expenses	<u>1,955.92</u>	<u>13,595.47</u>
<b>Net Spec.&amp;Desig.Funds Difference</b>	<u>-445.32</u>	<u>-1,767.76</u>
Total Deposits	9,156.42	131,648.88
Total Expenses	<u>12,644.16</u>	<u>137,037.47</u>
<b>TOTAL FUND DIFFERENCES</b>	<u>-3,487.74</u>	<u>-5,388.59</u>

# February 2011

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1

2 Bible Study  
10 AM & 7 PM  
Choir 8 PM

3 Aikido  
Children & Youth  
6-7 PM

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*Miley Cook*

6 Communion  
Crisis Offering  
  
No Youth Activities

7 Circle #1-11:00 AM  
Fellowship Hall  
Circle #2—7:00 PM  
Elaine Helms' home

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9 Bible Study  
10 AM & 7 PM  
Choir 8 PM

10 Aikido  
Children & Youth  
6-7 PM

11

12 Men's Breakfast  
8:30am

*Arianna Picard*

*Odell Rogers*

*Butch White*

13 12:30 Session Mtg.  
3:00 Christian Ed  
5:00 Youth-To Save  
A Life Bible Study

14 Valentines  
Day



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16 Bible Study  
10 AM & 7 PM  
Choir 8 PM

17 Aikido  
Children & Youth  
6-7 PM

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19 Valentine Dinner &  
Raffle—5:30 PM  
Youth will arrive at 5:00  
PM to serve dinner

*Kathy Wiltshire*

*Athena Herold  
Doris Mitchell*

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Nurture & Care  
Committee  
6:30 PM

23 Bible Study  
10 AM & 7 PM  
Choir 8 PM

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Aikido  
Children & Youth  
6-7 PM

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*Kathleen Rodgers  
Marlene Wiltshire*

27 5:00 Youth-  
Continue updating  
bulletin boards &  
youth photo books

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*Darian Killough*