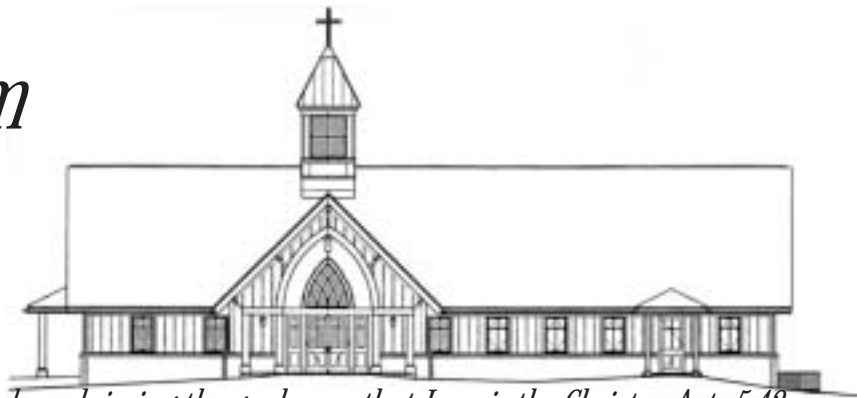


Good News from Good Hope!



Day after day... they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ. ❖ Acts 5:42
Good Hope Presbyterian Church ❖ The Presbyterian Church in America ❖ July 2008



Thank you to all who supported Vacation Bible School 2008 in any way and especially to the Lord for His provision of safety, good weather, and about 53 children each day to learn about His Word. Special thanks to director Cheryl Dudek, Kim Monroe and her team of puppeteers, emcees Susan Bryan and Caleb Waller, and all of the captains, first mates, crew leaders, and ship mates, as well as many others who prayed and worked behind the scenes!

Daily Schedule of Bible Readings in July

July 1 - Hebrews 1-2	July 16 - Jude 1
July 2 - Hebrews 3-5	July 17 - Revelation 1-2
July 3 - Hebrews 6-8	July 18 - Revelation 3-4
July 4 - Hebrews 9-10	July 19 - Revelation 5-6
July 5 - Hebrews 11	July 20 - Revelation 7-9
July 6 - Hebrews 12-13	July 21 - Revelation 10-12
July 7 - James 1-2	July 22 - Revelation 13-14
July 8 - James 3-5	July 23 - Revelation 15-17
July 9 - I Peter 1-2	July 24 - Revelation 18-19
July 10 - I Peter 3-5	July 25 - Revelation 20-22
July 11 - II Peter 1-2	July 26 - Genesis 1-2
July 12 - II Peter 3	July 27 - Genesis 3-4
July 13 - I John 1-2	July 28 - Genesis 5-6
July 14 - I John 3-5	July 29 - Genesis 7-8
July 15 - II & III John	July 30 - Genesis 9-10
	July 31 - Genesis 11-12

Communion Schedule

Take time to prepare your heart as we will celebrate communion with our Lord on **Sunday, July 13th**.

Focus on Our Missionaries: *The Showalter Family, Burkina Faso, West Africa*

On April 22nd, Good Hope's own **Ian Macdonald** and **Stuart Showalter** flew to Burkina Faso to begin a campaign to distribute long-lasting insecticide-treated mosquito nets and curtains in all of the villages of the Loropéni health district. This is part of a global campaign to dramatically reduce the incidence of malaria in tropical regions. The malaria parasite, carried by a mosquito, needs a human host for its lifecycle. When everyone in a region is protected by bed nets or curtains, the cycle is interrupted, and malaria can be eliminated from the entire region. This will be a year-long project, starting with the village of Obiré, where the Showalters lived among the Kaan people for 10 years.

On April 29th, Stuart and Mac held an opening ceremony in central Obiré with the Kaan King and his village ministers in attendance. The Provincial Chief Doctor also attended, along with about 30 local government, traditional, and religious leaders and a crowd of village people. In spite of an initial glitch with the sound system, the campaign got off to a very good start. Over the next 4 days, more than 1600 nets and curtains were distributed in Obiré and the surrounding smaller villages. Here are some highlights of the campaign:

- This is the first time that written Kaansa has been used to gather scientific data in a public health project. The people helping with distribution and follow-up wore t-shirts printed in Kaansa, and a series of picture posters with Kaansa captions was used to explain how malaria is transmitted and how using nets and curtains protects people from the disease. Exposing people to print media in their own language was a tremendous side-benefit of the campaign.
- The Kaan King whole-heartedly supported and endorsed this effort, accompanying the distribution team during each village visit. His support helped ensure that people will actually use the nets.
- Christians among the Kaan were key to this project's success. They were chosen to manage the project, collect data, and serve as village liaison agents to help with follow-up research. Five months after the big conflict in January, where the King and his council of village rulers insulted and berated the Christians for their refusal to participate in traditional funeral rites, the King and his ministers were choosing these same people for important roles in carrying out this distribution campaign.



After Mac spoke at the opening ceremony, the Kaan King extended his hand to shake Mac's hand in friendship. This was the first time that Stuart had ever seen the Kaan King shake someone's hand. In contrast to the general custom in West Africa of frequent handshaking, the King and his closest ministers do not shake people's hands. Not shaking hands is a sign of their special status among the people. Thus, for the King to extend his hand to Mac in a public meeting is extraordinary and shows his deep appreciation for what Mac and the Somerled Foundation are doing among the Kaan.

This was just the first stage of the net distribution campaign. A second distribution in three more villages was accomplished by our colleague Raphael, the King, and the rest of the team on their own after Mac and Stuart left the village. The third stage will be to distribute nets to the entire town of Loropéni (population 15,000).

The Showalters praise God that He has brought about this opportunity to give the Kaan Christians a prominent role in a campaign that has the potential to vastly improve the public health profile of the Kaan community. It also serves as a way to promote literacy in the Kaansa language and gives a special role to those in the community who have worked hard over the last 15 years to promote Kaansa literacy. Please pray that this will also help heal the rift between the Christians and the royal family and provide opportunities for greater witness among the Kaan.

Thank you for your prayers and support,
Stuart and Cathie

Join us for Sunday School at 9:45am and Worship at 11:00am each Sunday.
Evening Worship is held each Sunday at 6:30pm.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Sunday School - 9:45am Worship Service - 11:00am Evening Worship and VBS Preparation - 6:30pm	30 Vacation Bible School 9:00am -12:30pm daily	1 Session Meeting at the church - 7:30pm	2	3	4 VBS Closing Picnic 10:30am - 12:30pm	5 July Deacons of the Month: Bill Davis Ron Goodrich
6 Sunday School - 9:45am Worship Service - 11:00am Friends & Family Luncheon Evening Worship - 6:30pm High School Youth Group at the Higgins' - 8:00-9:30pm	7	8	9 Bible Study at the Bryans' House 7:00pm	10	11 Ladies' Night Out at Susan Bryan's 6:30pm	12
13 Sunday School - 9:45am Worship Service - 11:00am Communion To Be Served Church Picnic - 5:00pm	14	15	16 Bible Study at the Bryans' House 7:00pm	17	18	19
20 Sunday School - 9:45am Worship Service - 11:00am Middle School at church - 5pm Evening Worship - 6:30pm High School Youth Group at the Higgins' - 8:00-9:30pm	21	22	23 Bible Study at the Bryans' House 7:00pm	24	25	26
27 Sunday School - 9:45am Worship Service - 11:00am Middle School at church - 5pm Evening Worship - 6:30pm High School Youth Group at the Higgins' - 8:00-9:30pm	28 Info for August newsletter due to Kate Haber today!	29	30 Bible Study at the Bryans' House 7:00pm	31	1	2

Are You Interested in Going Forward?

Going forward... I googled this phrase and read from www.whatis.com that this expression "means enough to be useful while also being suitably vague." At a recent worship service, I briefly mentioned ten items that I would like to see us accomplish as a church. I would like to cast before you four of those items to see if anyone among us is interested in "going forward" with any of them. My method will be to state each succinctly, enough to be useful, yet vague enough to communicate that the details have not been comprehensively developed. Here are four of the ten ideas that I currently have in mind:

ESL: This is short for teaching "English as a second language." We have a wonderful opportunity to reach out and help others in our community who are from a foreign country. To be involved in an ESL ministry you do not have to be able to speak a foreign language! I recently went through a 2-day seminar in Dallas, Texas on teaching ESL. That same seminar will be held locally on August 15th and 16th. From what I learned, the ESL environment is not intimidating, but your adult students are eager to learn, appreciative, and have fun. Are there any interested in "going forward" with an ESL ministry?

Men's Group: I recognize that everyone has limited time, and what we invest in, we want to count. I envision a group of men meeting for fellowship, encouragement, and study of issues that relate to them. We would meet early, provide breakfast, and have a punctual ending time. A few of you have indicated an interest. Are there any more of you? Speak to me if you are interested in "going forward" with this men's group.

Mother's Morning Out: It would be nice to provide for our mothers with young children to get together (or run an errand) while we look after their children at the church. We are thinking of morning hours with the length and frequency to be determined. Could you help care for these children? Speak to me if you would help "go forward" with this opportunity.

Small Group Leaders: We have long benefited from small groups in our church. Would you be interested in becoming a leader of one of these groups? I would like to train some leaders each week during the Sunday School hour. We would prepare the leaders to teach their small group for that coming week. The groups would meet from September to mid-November. Are you interested in "going forward" as a leader?

Can we "go forward?" Only if the Lord wills. By faith I lay these things before you. His glory is our highest aim. ❖

