

First Press

First Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Our Newest Faith Promise Missionaries: Terry and Francine Clarke

We are delighted that Dr. Terry and Francine Clarke arrived in Brisbane, Australia on January 19th. Dr. Clarke is teaching three Old Testament courses this semester which began February 12th. Two of the courses are taught at the main campus of Westminster Theological College and Seminary in Brisbane and one course is taught in Toowoomba, a town located two hours west of Brisbane. There are 52 students enrolled this semester in the seminary.

They are renting a home in Brisbane and anticipating the arrival of the shipping container with all their household and clothes in early March. In the meantime they are “camping out” on air mattresses with a few basic necessities. Francine reports, “Driving on the opposite side of the road is a completely different story! There have been a few nerve-racking incidents, the details of which I won’t go into, but let’s just say that God has been watching over us. Numerous times we have turned on the windshield wipers instead of the turn signal. Old habits die hard. It seems nothing is quite like it is in North America. We spend hours just trying to figure out how to get basic telephone service or how to get a driver’s license. But by God’s grace we are moving forward.”

On February 11 and 12 they participated in a student/faculty retreat for the college. The retreat was held at a camp in the nearby mountains of Queensland. They had a wonderful time getting to know the students, faculty, and their wives. The weekend was also a very spiritually enriching time for them.

Please remember them in your prayers, specifically for the following: the arrival of the container with their household goods with no delays through customs; adjustment to life in Australia; safety as they learn to drive on the other side of the road; and for the students of the college - their spiritual growth, an increase of enrollment each semester, for more of them to enter into church-planting ministry.

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COMING EVENTS

MARCH 9 - 11
Missions Conference

MARCH 20
7:00 p.m.
Session Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

APRIL 8
Easter Sunday

JUNE 25 - 29
*Vacation Bible School
Summer Sea Quest*



*Let everything
that has
breath praise
the LORD.*

Psalm 150:6

Missions Focus: James and Bonnie Buckner (Hong Kong)

The Buckner's have been serving in Hong Kong since 1984. They serve jointly under MTW and China Missions (formerly Overseas Missionary Fellowship). Their focus from 1987-1997 was on new immigrants from China who lived in squatter huts and later in government high rises. James assisted an existing church to plant Christ Joy Church among these people. Then he served as field director for the Hong Kong/Macau team for several years. Upon his return from HMA in 2005 he was called to be pastor of the Emmanuel English Church. He preaches on Sundays; teaches Gospel Transformation on Wednesdays; pre-marital counseling on Thursdays; Ignite Youth Group on Fridays and various fellowship on Sundays including the new members class. Emmanuel English Church has planted five Chinese congregations, two Chinese primary schools and one medical clinic. Another major part of his job has been the Summer English Adventure which is held each year. Nine local churches and a leadership team work with him. They have teachers come from the US and many other countries to run this program. It is a 2 week English camp followed by a 3 day Gospel camp for Hong Kong teenagers with English reading skills but poor conversational skills. Every year more than 100 teens make confessions of faith. Buckners' daughter, Ruth, is a junior at Covenant College. She spent last summer in Hong Kong working with her father. Their son, David, spent the summer attending Asheville Christian School in Asheville, NC and is now in his senior year.

Pray for: wisdom in the use of their time for both Emmanuel Church and the Summer English Adventure, David as he selects colleges to apply, their decision regarding the timing of their next Home Ministry Assignment.

March Birthdays

1	Bob Agate Madeleine Berlin Jim Crawford Alice Cervi	16	Salah Burton
		17	Lucille Agate Isabell West
2	Jessica Mattson Brendan McGuire	18	Joel Master
		19	Bruce Airgood Dorothy Master
4	Becky Lozenski		
5	Annika Oh	21	Mary Catherine Malek Michael Manna Jeff Taylor Matt Shepler
6	Duane Agate Ellen Bowlin April Crawford Lydia Musser	23	Patrick Bennett Bob Crawford
9	Rachel Dutton Kaylin Probst	24	Virginia Isherwood Janet McGuire
10	Susan Dietz Joshua Schofield	25	Rodger Cahill
11	Nancy Cadwallader Martha Dizak	27	Debbie Anthony Holly Vizino
12	Beth Campbell Elaine Dutton	28	William Smoak
		29	Nathan Bremmer
14	Alanna Master Martha Mbandi Lynn Miller	31	Jim Lozenski Steven Patterson



Congratulations to
J.J. and Katie Anderson
who were married
at First Reformed
on February 16, 2007

Financial Summary January 1 - January 31, 2007

Operating Account:

Receipts \$ 24,908
Disbursements \$ 32,656

Account Balances -

Operating Checking \$ 6,013
Operating Saving \$ 84,175

Benevolence Account:

Income \$ 6,577
Disbursements \$ 6,849

Deacons' Fund:

Income \$ 1,000
Disbursements \$ 1,412

Account Balances - (as of 2/23/07)

Deacons' Checking \$ 10,175
Deacons' Money Mkt. \$ 10,730

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

<p>Each Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship 5:30 p.m. Promises 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship</p>				<p>1 9:30 a.m. WIC Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Pioneer Girls, First Boys Club</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 10:45 a.m. Lord's Supper</p> <p>4:45 p.m. Joint Youth Group</p> <p>5:45 p.m. Missions Conf. Prayer</p>	<p>5 6:45 p.m. Bowling</p>	<p>6 7:00 p.m. Plum Covenant Group</p>	<p>7 6:45 p.m. College & Career Bible Study</p>	<p>8 9:30 a.m. MOPS</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Pioneer Girls, First Boys Club</p>	<p>9 6:15 p.m. Missions Conference</p>	<p>10 8:30 a.m. Missions Conference</p>
<p>11 Missions Conference</p> <p>4:45 p.m. Joint Youth Group</p> <p><i>No Promises</i></p> <p><i>Daylight Savings: set clocks ahead</i></p>	<p>12 6:45 p.m. Bowling</p>	<p>13 7:00 p.m. McLane Covenant Group</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Murrysville Covenant Group</p>	<p>14 6:45 p.m. College & Career Bible Study</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Crawford Covenant Group</p>	<p>15 9:30 a.m. WIC Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Pioneer Girls, First Boys Club</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 9:00 a.m. Trailblazers Spa Day</p> <p>5:00 p.m. MOPS/POPS night</p>
<p>18 4:45 p.m. Joint Youth Group</p>	<p>19 6:45 p.m. Bowling</p>	<p>20 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting</p>	<p>21  6:45 p.m. College & Career Bible Study</p>	<p>22 9:30 a.m. MOPS</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Pioneer Girls, First Boys Club, Ministry to Single Mothers</p>	<p>23 7:00 p.m. MOPS Scrapbooking</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 4:45 p.m. Joint Youth Group</p>	<p>26 6:45 p.m. Bowling</p>	<p>27 7:00 p.m. McLane Cov. Grp.</p> <p>7:15 p.m. Master Cov. Grp.</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Murrysville Cov. Grp.</p> <p>7:30 p.m. WIC Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>28 6:45 p.m. College & Career Bible Study</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Crawford Covenant Group</p>	<p>29 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Girls, First Boys Club</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>



***World Missions:
A Mission of
Faith and Wisdom***

March 9 - 11, 2007

Please register at the
Welcome Center or
call the church office.

Friday, March 9	
6:15 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	Shirley Woodson , Testimony; Natee Tanchanpongs , preaching
7:00 - 8:30 pm	Children's Program
Saturday, March 10	
8:30 - 9:00 am	Coffee, Light Refreshments
9:15 - 11:40 am	Natee Tanchanpongs, Bob & Shirley Woodson, Carla Stevens, Dale & Linda McLane: Module Presentations
11:45 am	Lunch - a chance to meet with missionaries informally (<i>please register if you wish to attend</i>)
9:00 - 11:45 am	Children's Program
Sunday, March 11	
9:30 - 10:30 am	Missionary Panel Discussion
10:45 am	Morning Worship Service: Natee Tanchanpongs <i>preaching</i>
6:30 pm	Evening Worship Service