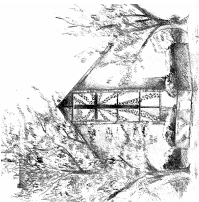


St. Giles is committed to pursuing the **Heart of God** together by moving...  
 ...**Upward** – Lifting up Word & Spirit in a life of whole-hearted worship  
 ...**Inward** – Discovering who we are in Christ and who Christ is in us  
 ...**Outward** – Recognizing our spiritual gifts & using them to reach our world for Jesus



## STEVE KELLER

Hey everyone,

We're back after 2 weeks of vacation in literally the wilderness of Canada and it was awesome - even though we didn't see a moose or bear this time. It's been 4 days and Jane and I are still recovering from the 20+ hour drive. On our way back we stopped at Niagara Falls for a short while. This was one of the places I had always wanted to see in my lifetime.

In all honesty I have to admit I was a bit disappointed. There was nothing wrong with the Falls themselves (they were amazing) but there was something terribly wrong with their surroundings, with what mankind had done to the immediate area around the Falls. It was like a mini Las Vegas crammed into 4 city blocks...lights, noise, freak shows, dozens of vendors selling trinkets, bars and parking for \$20 a car. It was like we had to wade through a slimy swamp to reach our destination. It was so strange and sickening that Jane and I wondered if we ought to turn around and forget about seeing Niagara Falls. I'm still troubled that all the glory of one of the world's natural wonders is surrounded by so much garbage.

It got me thinking about how often we do the same thing with God. Not just overtly by sin and rebellion – but through the pomp and circumstance of religion in the Church.... through so many things that really are not from God or by God or even for God.

In the end - God in all of His glory is what we need. He alone is a breath-taking event every time we get anywhere near Him. Religion on the other hand isn't really any better than what I saw at Niagara Falls – a lot of noise, competing smells and visual overload that eventually turns the stomach and turns us away from God.

## KING'S KIDS INFORMATION

Beginning August 12<sup>th</sup>, Summer King's Kids will be taking a little break for the rest of the summer. All kids ages 4 years – 4<sup>th</sup> grade, get ready for a better than ever year as King's Kids kicks off it's new year on Sunday night, September 9 with a Pizza Dinner and Game night. (Parents are invited too!) Mark XII (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade) will also begin it's new year on September 9<sup>th</sup>! More details to follow.

## WOMEN'S NEWS

### ENGAGE CONNECTION GROUPS

This coming September we will re-launch our small group sessions. If you have a desire to lead, host, or suggest a topic, we want to hear from you. Suggestions so far are SOZO (a training DVD series), Weight Loss, Bible Study, Parenting, Battlefield of the Mind by Joyce Meyer, Beth Moore Study, Prophetic Gifting, Women in Ministry. Contact! Marlise Newman for details (367-1390 or Marlise@mindspring.com)

## FURY UPDATE

# FURY

TRUST...If you read across the pages of Scripture you see that there is an anthem throughout that is lifted to "TRUST in the Lord". Trust seems to be something that is so hard to obtain but on the flip side is so easily lost. Proverbs 3:5-6 speaks to how we need to trust, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight". In these verses we are called to do three things: trust, lean not on our own thoughts or agendas, and to acknowledge Him by our actions. God's promise to us is one that each of us long for; guidance in the journey of life. Where the struggle lies for so many of us is the Lord's timing and this is an area we will probably never be able to wrap our minds around.

Try  
Really  
Understanding  
Sovereign  
Timing

If you find yourself anxious with some aspects of trust today, search His Word for WHY you should trust. We see throughout the pages that the timing of the Lord is always perfect. His faithfulness in the past & present is the foundation that we must base our trust for the future!

### August

15, 22, 29: NO Joshua Project (FURY Summer Break)

19, 26: NO Sunday Night FURY (Summer Break)

24-26: 1<sup>st</sup> EVER FURY Kickoff Retreat @ Valley Haven Retreat Center, Hickory, NC

### September

2: NO Sunday Night FURY (Labor Day)

5: Joshua Project Kickoff

9: Parent's Night for King's Kids & FURY

### October

12-14: FURY Family Camping trip (Tentative dates)

### August Birthdays:

4: Lydia Stevens

11: Austin Palmer

14: Laura Dyck (FURY alumni)

23: Taylor Dressing & Megan Poole

**Pastor**  
Steve Keller  
**Director of Hispanic Outreach:**  
Alejandro Ruz  
**Administrator:** John Brown  
**Youth Director:** Chris Houston  
**Children's Director:** Sharon Seward  
**Administrative Associate:**  
Margie Gladden  
**Receptionist:**  
Pat Andrews

**Elders**

Jeff Barhite	Steve Gladden
Tim Burns	Bob Poole
Jerry Dunning	Robert Whitlow

**Deacons**

Mitch Barbato	Mark Jenkins
Daniel Burns	Paul Farish
Ron Hartman	Rusty Medders
Ken White	

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Church Phone Number: 553-1977  
Web site: <http://www.stgilesepc.org>. Hispanic website: <http://www.comunidaddelasnaciones.org>  
Newsletters, sermons and other teachings are available on the web site.

## 55 AND OLDER GROUP

**August 10**

Dinner & Knights Baseball Game. Meet at Captain Steve's Fish Camp at 1975 Highway 21 BYP, Fort Mill, SC (803-547-2340) at 5:00 p.m. for dinner and then we will head to the game afterwards. Tickets are \$7.00 general admission (just pay when we arrive at the gate) Anyone interested in carpooling from the church at 4:15 p.m. must let us know (please note time change). Otherwise we will just plan on seeing you there!  
***You may attend only the dinner if you wish, just call Margie at the church office if you need a ride to dinner and back to the church.***

**August 11, 2:50 p.m.**

Special showing of Robert Whitlow's book, The List, which has been made into a movie. Cost: \$5.00 for tickets bought through the church. See more information about this in the upcoming dates section.

**October 20**

Mountain trip to see the fall colors and take a boat tour on Lake Lure. Cost will be between \$20.00 - \$35.00 per person (depending on whether we use a tour bus or use vans to get to Lake Lure) This amount will include lunch and Lake Lure boat trip) Scholarships are available. Please sign up by paying a \$20.00 deposit by **August 20**. Checks can be made out to St. Giles and mailed to the church or given to Carol DuPont to reserve a space.

**November 6**

7:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) Learn about Identity theft. All of St Giles, our neighbors, friends and family are invited to attend. Coffee and dessert will be served. RSVP by emailing Carol DuPont at [carolcwd@carolina.rr.com](mailto:carolcwd@carolina.rr.com), margie at [margie@stgilesepc.org](mailto:margie@stgilesepc.org) or by calling Margie 553-1977.

**December 1**

Mark your calendars for our Christmas party. Check the newsletters for more information

## OTHER NEWS

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL:**  
Reid Satterfield is teaching on Ephesians.

**LIBRARY (Life Matters)**  
Coordinators: Ken & Karen White  
Biblical based teaching with practical application and thought provoking discussion. Adults of all ages are invited to join us.

**UPCOMING DATES**

August 11 Matinee showing of The List. Time: 2:50 p.m. St. Giles has reserved one of the theaters at Ballantyne Village Theater (off of Johnston Road) for a private showing of Robert Whitlow's first book which has been made into a feature length movie. Tickets are \$5.00 each; you can get your tickets after any of the Sunday morning services or by calling the church office.

October 7 Missions Conference. David Dolan will be the keynote speaker.

Interested in joining St. Giles? We are planning a New Members Class in the fall, you can call the church office to sign up.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Congratulations to the following parents:**

<u>Parents</u>	<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Born</u>
Chris and Jenn Houston,	<i>Kayna Joy</i>	July 2
Peter and Roz Brown	<i>Isaac Evan</i>	July 5
Ted and Denise Castano	<i>Ryan Matthew</i>	July 24
David and Penny Harrison	<i>Hope Elizabeth</i>	July 26

**PRAY FOR OUR EXPECTING MOMS:**

Erin Chalfant, August 10  
Missy Evans, August 23  
Ardyth Philyaw, October 10  
Angelika Booher, Dec. 23