

THE PROVIDENCE HERALD

ISAIAH 40:9 ...LIFT UP YOUR VOICE WITH STRENGTH, O JERUSALEM, HERALD OF GOOD NEWS...

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From the Desk of John Reeves

The Pastor's Post



Faithful Wounds

Jeremiah 23:29 gives this question about the Word of God, "Is not my word like fire," declares the Lord, "and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?" Have you been convicted by God's Word lately, in areas other than where you already want some change?

One reason we need Sunday School, small groups and sermons is to expose ourselves

to what we might not want to hear from God's Word. Instead of withdrawing because someone hurt our feelings or wasn't sensitive enough, maybe we ought to have the attitude of Psalm 141:5, "Let a righteous man strike me - it is a kindness; let him rebuke me - it is oil for my head; let my head not refuse it." A hammer may not have sensitivity or nuance, but the Lord himself says that his word is sometimes like a hammer.

Are you thankful for the people who can bring conviction from God's Word or do you avoid the hammer? It may be that the one who confronts you, convicts you, challenges you, even hurts you is the most faithful friend.

"Faithful are the wounds of a friend," says Proverbs 27:6. They are wounds, but wounds that God means for our good.

WELCOME

Good News

The session has called the Rev. Matt Giesman to be the next Assistant Pastor at Providence Presbyterian Church. Matt has been examined and approved by the Credentials Committee and will be examined by Presbytery in February, but will be able to move before then. Matt received his seminary training at R. T. S. here in Jackson. We look forward to having Matt and Liz come to serve in our church. They are currently living in Fort Worth, Texas.

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a congregational meeting for January 16, 2011, for the election of additional deacons. Jason Bullock, Nathaniel Inman, Reuben Oates, and David Reeves are eligible for election.

Communicant Class

The Pastor will offer a communicants class beginning in January. If your child is interested in preparing to come before the Session for communicant membership, please speak to the pastor. The class will be held during the Sunday School hour.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

More Announcements

Sunday School Offering - If you wonder about the purpose of the Sunday School offering, it helps support the Center for Pregnancy Choices.

Buy a Chair - If you haven't bought a chair for the Fellowship Hall, we still need you to. We are eager to shop and get the best deal we can. You may place your check to Providence (\$25 per chair) in the offering and mark it "chair".



Windows Into WIC

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. *Is. 62:1.*

WIC January Newsletter

The starting of the new year brings many chances to fellowship with other ladies and grow in the Lord together. Some of the opportunities are:

Circle 1 meets at Providence on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Betty Mosal will be leading a study on the women of the Bible.

Please see Opal Hall for more information. If you need child care for this, please contact Amy Carter.

Circle 2 meets at Providence on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. They will be studying from the book *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* by Joanna Weaver.

Please contact Melanie Clyatt or Linda Estes if you have any questions.

Circle 3 meets every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Paula Rodriguez. They will be continuing their study of Paula's second book on the Ten Commandments. Please see Paula or Linda Elliott for more information.

There will also be a **Thursday morning Bible study** offered this spring. Fokjelina Medeiros will be leading a study from the book *Psalms: Songs Along the Way* by Kathleen Buswell Nielson. There will be a nursery offered for this too. Sign up sheets and start dates will be available soon!

Please consider joining in on

one of these studies! It's an excellent way to grow in our faith together and get plugged in to our church!

Ladies Salad Luncheon

On Saturday, January 22nd at 11:30 a.m. all the ladies in the church are invited to this exciting and informative time and pot-luck salad luncheon to find out about the WIC's plans for the year. You will hear about fun and interesting ways to build up our church that you can get involved in during the coming year. We need YOU and the gifts that God has blessed you with! Look for sign up sheets and more information coming soon!



Joyful News

Congratulations to

Jeremy and Kim Cheezum on the birth of Lydia Kate Cheezum on December 12, 2010. She weighed 7 lbs 9 ozs. Siblings Fletcher, Bailey and Logan are excited to have a new sister.

Jon and Erin Fults on the birth of Nolan Clifford Fults on December 16, 2010. He was 8 lbs 13 oz, 20 in long. Happy grandparents are Chris and Mary Lewis Govero.

Spiritual Growth

John Grant, Communications Assistant at RTS, has announced that Dr. Derek Thomas will teach a class entitled "Jesus: God and Man" at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church. The class will meet at 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday nights, beginning on February 8 through May 3. This course on the Person and Work of Christ is a regular seminary class in systematic theology, but is open to the general public for an audit fee of \$50.00.

Dr. Thomas is on the staff of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson and the author of numerous books, in-

cluding *Feed My Sheep: A Passionate Plea for Preaching*.

A flyer with more detail is on our bulletin board. For questions or registration, contact Kim Lee at klee@rts.edu or 601-923-1681.



Relive the Christmas Concert - If you would like a CD or DVD of the Candlelight Choir Service, you can order one by filling out the order form that is available in the narthex or speak to Betty Robinson or Patrick Davis. They are \$8 each.



Adult Sunday School

January 2, 2011

Combined Adult through Junior High School Class – taught by John Grant, College & Young Adult Intern.

Beginning January 8, 2011

Genesis, The Foundation of New Testament Christianity – taught by Paul Byrd. We will seek to understand the world around us (it often seems crazy), better know the God who made it all (there's a lot of confusion out there), find our place in this world (it's easy to lose our way), and see Christ as the firstborn of Creation (what does that mean?). Come join us.

Book of Judges – taught by Randy Reed. The period of Judges is often referred to as Israel's "dark ages." Indeed, the book itself seems difficult to understand. Yet, "heroes of the faith" are within its pages, but more importantly the LORD reveals His faithfulness to His covenant people and points them and us toward Jesus Christ. Join us as we explore this not often studied OT book using an inductive Bible study approach.



In Sympathy

Christiian sympathy is extended to the family of

Steven Scott on the passing of his father on November 30, 2010.

"Neither death nor life ... nor anything else in all creation will ... separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 8:38-39)

Pros Luncheon

The Pros will not meet in January.

Missions Greetings

Check the Missions bulletin boards to see Christmas pictures and greetings from missionaries.

An article in the current issue of *By-Faith Magazine* spotlights Grace Bateman, a graduate of Mississippi College and a member of First Presbyterian Church in Jackson. She has organized the Peru Paper Company to sell greeting cards designed and produced by Peruvian women she met while on a mission trip there. It has proved to be both a means to spread the Gospel and an opportunity to assist economically Peruvian church women.

Birthdays

- 1 - Joseph Cole, Ivy Foster
- 2 - Jo Patterson
- 3 - Julie Day
- 5 - Bonnie Bennet
- 8 - Karen Freeman
- 9 - Rex Robinson
- 11 - Daniel Crabb
- 12 - Meredith Reeves Nunnari
- 17 - Daniel Hall, Hal Martin
- 20 - Jan Thomae
- 21 - Opal Hall, Brenda Herren
- 22 - George Ewing
- 23 - Denease Bishop
- 24 - Ann Craven
- 25 - Libby Alday
- 28 - Steven Hammond
- 29 - Matthew Govero
- 31 - Gloria Coxwell, Josh Ireland, Tim Ireland, Gene Russ

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Baby Watch



Amanda (Robinson)
Davis

2/18/11

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TLC January

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TLC– *noun*: A Providence ministry which provides meals to those grieving, giving birth, hospitalized, or in need.

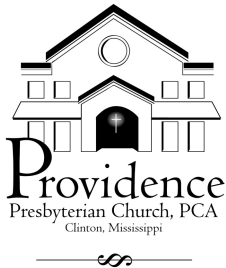


Providence Gatherings

Art Group – Mon. @9:00 a.m.
Circle 1 – 2nd Wed. @9:30 a.m.
Circle 2 – 2nd Tues. @7:00 p.m.
Circle 3/Ladies Bible Study -
 Thurs. @ 6:30 p.m. (Paula
 Rodriguez's home)
Clinton Healthcare Center Minis-
try - 3rd Wed. @2:30 p.m.
College Group - Fri. @ 6:30 p.m.
Harrison's Small Group - Thurs.
 @ 7:00 p.m.
Scrapbooking Group - 4th Tues @
 6:30 p.m.
Thursday Bible Studies - @ 9:00
 a.m.

Wednesday Nights
Family Night Supper - 3rd Wed. @
 6:00 p.m.
Pioneer Clubs - @6:30 p.m.
Small Groups - @6:30 p.m.
Youth Groups - @6:30 p.m.
Prayer Groups
Japan I – 1st Sun @5:00 p.m.
Japan II – 3rd Sun @5:00 p.m.
Men's – Tues. @6:45 a.m.
Men's Prayer Breakfast – 2nd Sat
 @8:00 a.m.
Preschool and Enrichment School
 - 1st Fri. @8:30 a.m.
Scott's – 1st Sun @5:00 p.m.
West Virginia – 2nd Sun @7:05
 p.m..

Women's – Thurs @8:30 a.m.
Administration
Christian Education Committee –
 3rd Sun @5:00 p.m.
Deacons – 2nd Sun @4:45 p.m.
Missions Committee – 4th Sun
 @4:45 p.m.
Nursery Committee - 3rd Friday @
 12:00 p.m.
Outreach Committee – 1st Sun
 @5:00 p.m.
Preschool Committee – 1st Sun
 @5:00 p.m.
Session – 3rd Tues @6:30 p.m.
WIC Council – 4th Sun @4:30
 p.m.



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