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The Pastor's Post

From the desk of John Reeves



Stimulus Package

We have heard a lot recently about stimulus packages for our economy. This past week I read a paragraph in a book of devotions by William Still that stimulated my thinking. Every sentence in this one paragraph set my mind to thinking about some Scripture or some challenging impli-

cation for my attitudes toward life and responses to circumstances. I hope it serves as a spiritual stimulus for you.

"Because we are never our own or on our own, our every thought, word and deed must reflect that we belong to Another. This, paradoxically, is a kind of

'bondage' which delivers us from selfish considerations and is ultimately true liberation. After all, love in the end is always the surrender of personal freedom! Thus, we do not bear final responsibility for ourselves, because we are indeed the 'property' of Another."

John Reeves

Mission Conference Speakers

Dr. Elias Medeiros chairs the Missions Department at RTS where he has taught since 1993. He had been a missionary in the Amazon jungle, an urban church planter, and Academic Dean at the Evangelical Missions center in South Brazil. He has preached and taught Sunday School at Providence.

Fokjelina Trijntje Schalkwijk Medeiros married Elias 33 years

ago; they have 3 children, 4 grandchildren, and expect an additional grandchild soon. Born in the Netherlands and trained as a nurse, she met Elias at the seminary where her father taught. She has led many Bible studies at Providence and continues to do so.

Dr. Wiley Smith is a family physician at Presbyterian Medical Clinic in Belize. Beginning this summer, he will lead medical teams for MTW to difficult to reach locations worldwide. He will also work with Grace Presbyterian Church in Dalton, GA, in reaching out to carpet factory workers affected by the current recession.

Deanna Smith, Wiley and Karon's daughter, studies drama at Belhaven. She hopes to use drama in Christian missions and to be an in-

tern with MTW this summer. She has led her classmates on a mission trip to Belize.

Keith and Debbie Kanavel have served as missionaries to Niger and Senegal in West Africa. Presently, Keith leads the Church Planting Network Team seeking to facilitate church planting in Muslim West Africa. Debbie helps develop resources for leadership and church planting training.



Wesley Switzer became a member of Providence on January 25. He recently moved here from Metairie, Louisiana. We heartily welcome him to our fellowship.



Newsletter Info

Submit info to Bess Malin:
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danielvogt@bellsouth.net

Submittal deadline: Mar. 20th

General editor: Dan Vogt.
The Herald staff welcomes your
input, opinions, and articles!



Opportunities for Service and Study

The **Missions Conference** is right around the corner. Plans are being made now to bring you a rich blend of opportunities to hear how God is working around the world. With these opportunities comes a great need for volunteers/workers so things run smoothly. Sign-up sheets for the Ladies Salad Luncheon (Sat, March 14) and Sunday Fellowship Feast (Sun, March 15) will be posted. Please consider giving of your time and ability to minister to the church body during the Missions Conference.

Save these dates! On Saturday,

April 4 will be a very special event for ladies of all ages. Details will be announced soon. Saturday, April 25 at 10:00 am is the Mississippi Valley PresWIC meeting at First Presbyterian in Belzoni. A group will carpool from Providence. Sign up will be available. The Ladies Fall Retreat at Camp Garraywa falls on October 9 & 10. Don't miss it!

Spiritual Growth & Bible Study Opportunities:

Weekly Morning Study:

Answers for Today's Problems (on Proverbs) taught by Fokjelina

Medeiros, Thursdays, 9:00 am.
Nursery available.

Weekly Evening Study / Circle 3: on *Deuteronomy* (at Paula Rodriguez' house) Thursdays, 6:30 pm.

Monthly Circle 1 Study: on *Romans 2nd* Wednesdays, 9:30 am, Nursery available.

Monthly Circle 2 Study: *Becoming a Woman of Faith, 2nd* Tuesdays, 7:00 pm.

Stephanie Gault



WITH SYMPATHY

The Providence family extends its sympathies to

Prissy Williams on the passing of her mother, Joyce Ellis, on February 10, 2009.

The family of Stewart Valadie, who passed away on February 23, 2009.

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. I Corinthians 15:22.

TLC March:

Denease Bishop
601-278-6790



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

Don Malin, National Guard Chaplain, has made it safely to Sharana, Afghanistan, where he is chaplain to the 168th Engineer Brigade until December 2009. ***Thanks to all for your prayers for his safety!***

Don wanted me to specifically thank the Russes, Bishop Prince and our undershepherd group for the donations we mailed for his troops. He's already gotten some of them, and is planning to set up a "table of grace" in the chapel for soldiers to take what they want "for free" just like God's grace!

Circle 2 is collecting money to purchase Bibles for Don to give to the troops. The Army doesn't provide Bibles like they used to. These Bibles are pocketsize NIV with the digital-camo cover the soldiers like. If you would like to help with that, please see me or Betty Robinson.

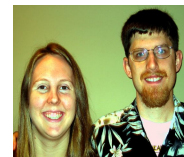
I also have a list of items for Don's unit if you wish to donate something. You can bring them to the church office or mail them yourself.
Bess

Photo Gallery

New Members

Jessica and Daniel Inman

Wesley Switzer



Congratulations

John and Rachel Reed welcomed the birth of their son, Caleb Curtis Reed, on February 13. Proud grandparents Randy and Helen Reed have pictures and details.



Baby Watch

Adriana Heindl 3/09
Summer Wright 5/22/09
Amy Prince Flynn 7/8/09



PROVIDENCE GATHERINGS



Mission Conference Schedule

Sunday, March 8

Sunday School @ 9:45 - Dr. and Mrs. Medeiros
Muffins and Juice @ 10:30.
Morning Worship Service @ 11:00 - Dr. Medeiros
Evening Worship Service @ 6:00 - Dr. Medeiros

Saturday, March 14

Men's Prayer Breakfast @ 8:00
Ladies Luncheon @ 11:30 - Deanna Smith

Sunday, March 15

Sunday School @ 9:45 - Dr. Smith and Deanna Smith
Muffins and Juice @ 10:30

Morning Worship Service @

11:00 - Dr. Smith
Congregational Potluck Lunch @ 12:15
Evening Worship Service @ 6:00 - Keith Kanavel

Pros (60+)

The next Pros luncheon is Tuesday, March 3, in the Fellowship Hall. Eddie Spencer, author of the book *Inmate: 46857*, will speak. Bring a dish and enjoy the food, fellowship, and hear what Mr. Spencer has to share with everyone. A love offering will be taken for Mr. Spencer's traveling expenses.

The Fellowship

The Fellowship (30s-40s) will have a picnic at Brighton Park on Saturday, March 28th at 11:00. Please bring a main dish (i.e. sandwiches, chicken) and a side or dessert. For questions, call Amy Carter (601-925-4821).

Staying In Touch

The Ward's new phone number in South Carolina is 803-385-6667.
Don Malin's address in Afghanistan is
 Chaplain Don Malin
 HHC 168th EN BDE
 FOB Sharana
 APO AE 09311

CALENDAR



Art Group – Mondays @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 – Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m. (Paula Rodriguez's home)
Fellowship Picnic - Sat Mar. 28 @ 11:00
Ladies Weekly Morning Study - Thursdays @9:00 a.m.
Pros Luncheon – Tues Mar. 3 @11:30 a.m.
Trinity Hymn Sing – 3rd Mon @2:30 p.m.

Wednesday Nights

Wednesday Suppers @5:30 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 – Tuesdays @6:45 a.m.
Men's Prayer Breakfast – Sat Mar. 14 @8:00 a.m.
Philippines – 1st Sun @5:00 p.m.
West Virginia – 2nd Sun @7:05 p.m..
Women's – Thurs @8:15 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.
Outreach Committee – 1st Sun @5:00 p.m.
Preschool Committee – 1st Sun @5:00 p.m.
Session – 3rd Tues @7:00 p.m.
WIC Council – 4th Sun @4:30 p.m.

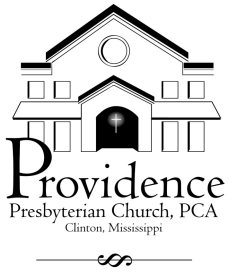
BIRTHDAYS



1 - Don Regan
 3 - Irene Waibel
 5 - Janie Melton, Rachel Upton
 7 - Joseph Craven
 9 - Brent Day
 11 - Stacey Bennett, Brent Perkins, Renee Wilson
 12 - David Zetterholm

13 - Anne Ward, Sam West
 14 - Tom Bennet, Marianne Kerut, Jody Pierce
 15 - Jessica Inman
 16 - Carol Spears
 20 - John Perry, Matt Zetterholm
 21 - Kevin Albritton,

22 - Greyson Raney, Stephen Spears
 23 - Paul Martin, Kim McCardle
 26 - David Freeman
 27 - Paul Long, Jr.
 29 - Crystal West
 31 - Amy Carter, Alice Fulghum



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