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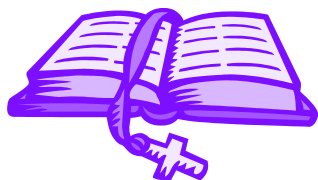
ISAIAH 40:9 ...LIFT UP YOUR VOICE WITH STRENGTH, O JERUSALEM, HERALD OF GOOD NEWS...

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From the Desk of John Reeves

The Pastor's Post



I want to use this opportunity to make a proposal for you to read through the whole Bible in a year. In addition, it is my intention to preach a sermon each week from one of the readings done during the previous week. That would mean that a person using this plan would not only read the particular text preached, but also know the broader context through the readings from that week. There would be readings from different parts of the Bible every day to give variety and even flexibility of choosing just one of the reading tracks rather than all for a certain period of time. You might also find opportunity to discuss the readings with other members who are using the plan. Of course, I have had my own systematic Bible reading plan that I have used for many years like many of you, but I am looking forward to changing things around a bit this year. I hope that you will consider joining me. Further details will be forthcoming, but I wanted to introduce the plan to you.

Outreach

Remembering Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood

When we were moving into our house several years ago, I was alone in the house installing some cabinets. I was surprised by an elderly lady coming in with a bucket of Kentucky fried chicken. She said she wanted to welcome us to the neighborhood and knew we would not have a way to cook with the kitchen stuff packed up. I thanked her, made some small talk and said we were looking forward to living in the neighborhood, etc. I found out later that she was Mrs. King (Ann Kelly's aunt).

What she did not only made us feel welcome in the neighborhood but had a significant impression on me. So much so that I was determined to follow her example. Although we live in an old settled neighborhood there have been four families move in since that day and

Carol and I have been able to deliver chicken and cookies to two of them. The others I'm afraid we only met several weeks or months after they had moved in.

I relay this story to make a point. In the fast pace and busyness of life we have to make a concerted effort to meet our neighbors. The outreach committee (actually Bess) has prepared some door hangers with information about our church; they can be found by the sign in sheets in the foyer. Please take as many as you need and use them. As you see someone moving into your neighborhood make them feel welcome and if they don't have a church home tell them that they can have one at PPC.

John Spears

What Were the Sheep Thinking?

The Children's Choir rehearsal on Wednesday night will be temporarily

replaced by the Children's Pageant rehearsal each week @ 7:00 p.m. until the presentation on Dec. 2nd. There will be choir and speaking parts in the pageant, so there will be something for everyone. We would love to have all 2nd-6th graders who would like to participate.

"Mary Had a Little Lamb" is the story of the animals and how they might have seen the nativity. The music is simple and entertaining. Mt. Salus is having the same presentation, so some children will already be familiar with it.

Diane Pleasant

Newsletter Info

Submit info to Bess Malin: 924-4747, bess@ppcpca.com. or danielvogt@bellsouth.net

Submittal deadline: October 20th

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



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.*

October is **PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH**. Be sure to let our pastor and his wife know how much you appreciate them! Look for more details soon!

Come and Savor the Fellowship! Ladies, our retreat at Camp Garaywa is only days away (October 9 & 10)! There will be **one** more opportunity this Sunday to sign up. You

can come to portions of the retreat or spend the night and stay for all of it! You don't want to miss it! (NOTE: There will be no registration on-site.)

A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION, Wed., Dec. 2

This year, we will be trying something new. We are calling it "A Christmas Celebration." It will be Wednesday evening, December 2. The children will

present a Christmas Pageant in the sanctuary, then we will go to the Fellowship Hall for heavy hors d'oeuvres (instead of dinner) and singing of Christmas carols. We will also have an Angel Tree project this year. Look for more details to follow and mark your calendars for an evening of Christmas celebration and family fellowship!

College Age Group

Due to the response of college age students, our Sunday evening fellowship meetings in homes will be changed to the first Sunday evening of each month. On October 4th, the meeting will be after evening church in the home of Jim and Erin Kate Goode at 507 Berkshire Street, Clinton, MS 39056. The November 1st meeting will be at Lou and Martha Lavallee's home at 5508 Queen Elizabeth Lane, Jackson, MS 39209.

Singing the Oldies

On the third Thursday of the month we have an opportunity to bring a bit of joy to the residents of the Clinton Care Center by singing hymns with them. They are very enthusiastic and love to sing so you can count on being blessed. Come help us find page numbers AND make a

new friend. We sing at 3PM in the main dining area.

Does anyone play an instrument to help us stay on tune? Please speak to Martha Lavallee if you have any questions (601-922-6805) Clinton Care Center is located on Pinehaven Drive.



Fall Festival

Everyone is invited to a Fall Festival on Saturday, October 31, 2009 for fun and fellowship from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the home of Lester and Joanne Harrison, 5519 Seven Springs Road, Raymond, MS 39154. There will be games, crafts, hayrides, a space jump, a bonfire, singing, face painting, and much more. Dress-up costumes are welcome. Bring something to go with hamburgers and hot dogs and blankets or chairs to sit on.

Congratulations

Lela Anderson is happy to announce that her grandson, Bryan Oliver Anderson, age 16, won both first place and the hymn playing prize in the high school division at the recent Albert Schweitzer Pipe Organ Competition in Connecticut. This award is his second in nation-wide pipe organ competitions in 2009. He has also been named a National Merit Semifinalist in Georgia. Bryan plans to continue his organ and piano studies to prepare for a career in performance and church music. *Soli Deo Gloria.*

****Breaking News****

Martin Luther has just posted 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Saxony!!

Well, actually, he did this on Oct. 31, 1517, thus setting the stage for the Reformation.

With Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Bob Thayer who passed away on September 18th. He was a member of Providence until he moved to Indiana several years ago. Please keep the family in prayer.

Rom 8:38-39 – "For I am sure that neither death nor life . . . will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Youth Groups

The Senior High youth continue to meet for Large Group Wednesdays 7-8pm. The Jr. High and Sr. High groups will be meeting together the second Wednesday of every month for a joint time of worship and Bible study.

Fall Bible studies have kicked off. The Girls meet at 5pm on Sunday in the Sr. High room and are going through the book *A Young Woman After God's Own Heart* by Elizabeth George. The Guys meet at 5pm in the Jr. High room and are going through the book *Knowing God* by J. I. Packer.

For updated information on all youth events see the Sr. High page on the church website.

(www.ppcpc.com)



Baby Watch

Jen Holbert 11/14/09
Kathleen Foster 11/21/09
Kim Hill 1/31/10

Showers

October 3: Jane Kelly Howard and Daniel Miller, 10-12 noon at the church. If you would like to help, please contact Mary Lewis Govero. The couple is registered at Belk, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Target, The Cupboard, and Batte Furniture. Please note they have requested this to be a **linen shower**.

November 14: Shower for Jill Dent and Andrew Reed, 10-12 at the church. If you would like to help, please contact Martha Lavallee. The couple is registered at Belk, Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target.

English Conversations

English Conversations began Wednesday, September 30 at 7PM. Please invite those who would like to practice English conversation skills. For more information, call Karen Freeman (601-519-2883) or Kathy Johnson (601-926-2050).

Primetimers

The Primetimers will have a progressive dinner on October 17th. Look for details and the sign-up sheet that will be coming soon.

Pro's Luncheon

The Pros are pleased to have Gary Walters as the speaker at their next meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 6, @ 11:30 a.m. In addition to speaking about how his faith influences his work as an artist, Gary will have his new book, *Delta Dreaming*, available at a special price for all attending. Bring a covered dish to share.

Welcome

Providence welcomes Nick Bullock as the new Junior High Intern. He is a Biblical Studies major at Mississippi College.

Birthdays

- 2 – Lauren P. Hulett, Jane Russ
- 4 – Margaret McArthur
- 8 – Barb Martin
- 9 – Pete Bishop
- 12 – Gene Coxwell, Elizabeth Thornton
- 14 – Kelly Hall
- 16 – Paul Byrd, Robin Elliott, Daniel Inman, Martha Kilbourn
- 17 – Don Malin, Elizabeth Peacock, Laura Pitts
- 18 – Michael Estes
- 19 – Rilla Pride
- 22 – Paige Atkinson
- 23 – Austin Berry, David Estes, Charles Perkins
- 24 – Kathy Lucas
- 26 – Henry Herren
- 27 – Theo Bennet, Matthew Bishop, Kathy Johnson
- 29 – T Clyatt
- 30 – Allan Ewing, Dene Shedd

TLC October:
Kathleen Foster
601-613-6652



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



Providence Gatherings

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)

Clinton Care Center Ministry - 3rd Thur. @3:00 p.m.

Family Night Supper - 3rd Wed @ 6:00 p.m.

Pro's Luncheon - 1st Tues. @ 11:30 a.m.

Scrapbooking Group - 4th Tues @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Nights

Small Groups - @ 7:00 p.m.

Youth Groups - @7:00 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 – 2nd Sat @8:00 a.m.

Preschool and Enrichment School - 1st Friday @ 8:30 a.m.

Scott's – 1st Sun @5:00 p.m

West Virginia – 2nd Sun @7:05 p.m..

Women's – Thurs @8:00 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.

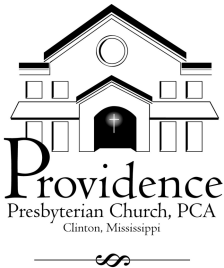
Nursery Committee - 3rd Friday @ 12:00 p.m.

Outreach Committee – 1st Sun @5:00 p.m.

Preschool Committee – 1st Sun @5:00 p.m.

Session – 3rd Tues @7:00 p.m.

WIC Council – 4th Sun @4:30 p.m.



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