

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

A Way To View Relationships

I came across an idea from William Still on relationships that I thought was most interesting. He suggested that we look upon relationships as gifts God gives to us. His idea is that only when we see through God's eyes, we avoid looking at people as potential idols or as adversaries. Rather they are by God's grace those who may be a blessing to us or to whom we may be a blessing. Seeing others though Jesus, "will prove a wonderful corrective of either inordinate affection or carnal dislike." If I may add my own summary, by regarding others through the eyes of Christ we will not regard them too highly or love them too little.

Baptism

On August 16, 2009, Reverend Joey Wright baptized his son, Murray Jonathon Wright, as mother Summer and brothers Grady and Owen observed.

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Missions

The New Mexico Mission Team would first of all like to thank each of you who prayed and/or gave of your time and money in support of our efforts in spreading the Gospel to the Navajo Nation. This was the sixth consecutive year that you, the Church, has seen fit to send a team to the Navajos. It certainly couldn't have happened without your help. Thank you!

We will be giving a full report on this year's trip on Sunday, September 13 at the evening worship hour. Please make plans to attend! Some consider this as "finishing up" for this year's trip while others view it as the "kick-off" for the 2010 trip. Either way, this is a chance for you to see what goes on in Crystal, New Mexico for 10 days every summer.

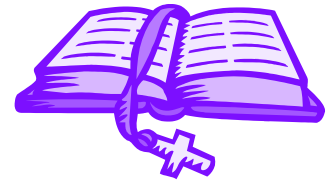
I would like to mention a couple of the highlights from this year's trip.

Joyful News

The Pleasants' are proud to announce the birth on August 4 of their granddaughter, Haven Arleen Gregory. She weighed 7.5 pounds, 19" long, and has blond hair and blue eyes. Mother, baby and grandmother are doing fine.

College Students

Come meet on Sunday evenings after church. Schedule and locations – Sept. 6 – at the Millers; Sept. 13 – at the Freemans; Sept. 20 – at the Goodes; Sept. 27 – at the Lavalles.



As you probably know, Al and Jeremy Ward joined us from the Zion Church in South Carolina. They brought two teen-aged girls and an older lady with them, who fit with our group like we had been together all the time. They certainly were a welcome addition and blessing to our team. Are we seeing any evidence of the fruits of our labors? When you get a chance, look at the bulletin board in the hallway near the fellowship hall, and read the letter one of the Navajo children sent. Enough said, see you on the 13th.

Bill Pleasant for the entire team

New Member



Reuben Oates became a member of Providence on August 16, 2009. Reuben grew up in Brookhaven and is a 2006 graduate of Mississippi College with a degree in Business Administration. While at MC, he was active in Reformed University Fellowship. Reuben is currently a Constituent Service Representative in the Jackson office of U.S. Senator Thad Cochran.



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 UPCOMING EVENTS

There are quite a few activities coming up in the life of our church. Hope you will read over these and mark your calendars accordingly.

September 3, two morning ladies studies will begin at 9:00 – 10:30. *The Excellent Wife*, will be led by Joanne Harrison and Mary McDonald, and *The God Who Cares and Knows You*, led by Fokjelina Medeiros. Beginning **September 10**, an evening ladies study on Deuteronomy will be at the home of Paula Rodriguez at 6:30 p.m. Sign up in the narthex for these studies.

September 13: Sunday Fellowship Feast after the morning worship service. This is a well-attended and

much-enjoyed congregational luncheon, but it takes much work. Look for sign up sheet in narthex for helpers.

October 3: Shower for 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**.

Also on **October 3**, The Mississippi Valley PresWIC Fall Meeting will be held at North Park Presbyterian Church, beginning at 9:30 a.m. through lunch. The program is "Housekeeping" with speaker Kathy Wargo. Reservations must be made

by Sat., Sept. 26. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex, or you may contact Martha Vance at 601-362-2886 or north-park_pca@comcast.net.

October 9 & 10: Mark your calendars for the Ladies Retreat, October 9 & 10! See the enclosed flyer for details. Post it on your refrigerator!

October 31: Reformation party at the home of Lester and Joanne Harrison. This will be for the whole family, beginning early that afternoon. Look for details to follow.

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

Wednesday Night Small Groups

Meetings will be @ 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Colin Foster - *Safe Haven Marriage* - beginning September 9.

This study is for couples who are married, planning to be married, engaged... We often see what many of the problems are that perpetuate the hurts and emotional distance in our marriages, but is it safe to do what it takes to change things or will I only be hurt more? Do I know how to

address the issues I see? Do I really see them clearly?

We need to see the other in a different light and understand each other so that we may change the patterns that keep us stuck, frustrated, and feeling isolated. You do not have to have a marriage "on the rocks" to benefit from this study - you simply need to want to make your marriage stronger and better - a safe haven that shelters both you and your spouse as well as your children.

Hal and Barb Martin - *Knowing God* by J. I. Packer - beginning Septem-

ber 23.

This classic book explores the wonder, the glory and the joy of knowing God. Although the study began this past spring, you did not have to attend then to begin with this group this fall. Come study and learn with other believers how to understand and apply the truths of *Knowing God*.

Lester and Joanne Harrison - I and II Thessalonians

Join us for a study of Paul's letters to the church in Thessalonica.

Note the new prayer group for the Preschool and the Enrichment School listed on page 4.

With Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Jason Bullock and family in the death of his grandmother during the week of August 2, 2009.

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."

Pro's Luncheon

The Pros will meet Tuesday, September 1, at 11:30, for a covered dish luncheon. The program will be by Garland McKee. Garland is a humorist who specializes in dialects of the Mississippi Delta. Bring a dish of food and join us. A love gift will be taken.

The Fellowship

The Fellowship will have an outing to the Petrified Forest in Flora on Saturday, Sept. 26. Meet at the church @ 9:30, and we will caravan there. Bring a picnic lunch for your family. Cost is \$4.00/person for a group of 15 or more. Sign up in the narthex. Call Amy Carter for questions – 601-925-4821.

Adult Sunday School

Hal Martin - Galatians. The letter to the Galatians is about the Gospel and those in the church that taught a different gospel, a false gospel. Even today this same thinking is prevalent in our minds. This study will help us understand that the Gospel is not just for conversion but foundational to all that we do. Tim Keller from Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York created this study, which is a group study, not a lecture, with material to read before class each week. If you plan to participate you may pick up the reading material for the first class in the church office, Sunday, August 29th.

Dan Vogt – Niebuhr's Christ and Culture - Following Christ while living in this world is a struggle, which has lasted 2000 years and will end only with the return of Christ in glory. H. Richard Niebuhr identified five patterns in the ways Christians have engaged in this struggle over the centuries. Join us for a study of these patterns and discussions of what we can learn from them.

English Conversations

This is an outreach ministry to those in our community who desire to improve their English. We plan to meet on Wednesday evenings at the church for about 10 weeks this fall. No special training needed. If you would like to join us, please speak to Kathy Johnson(601-926-2050) or Karen Freeman (601-519-2883).

Birthdays

- 2 – Tina Herring
- 3 – Heather Barnes
- 4 – Brinkley Branch, Karen Cade
- 5 – Paul Lavallee, Buck Mosal, Rod McDonald, Tim Palmer, Butch Withers
- 6 – Lindsey Burns
- 10 – Summer Wright
- 11 – Gary Walters
- 12 – Ken Elliott, Janice Pounders, Jimmy Raney, Paula Rodriguez
- 13 – Charlene Yount
- 16 – Pam Miller
- 19 – Tyler Rosamond
- 20 – Bill Cade, Kay Harrell
- 23 – Sandy Ireland, Grady Porch
- 25 – Fokjelina Medeiros, Alan Peacock
- 26 – Kenneth Benson
- 29 – David Hamby, Carolyn Withers
- 30 – Jenny Y. Sanders



Baby Watch

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

Newsletter Info

Submit info to Bess Malin: 924-4747, bess@ppcpca.com. or danielvogt@bellsouth.net
Submittal deadline: September 20th

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

TLC September:

**Elizabeth Peacock
 601-966-2312**



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 @8:15 a.m.

Administration

Christian Education Committee – 3rd Sun @5:00 p.m.

Deacons – 2nd Sun @4:45 p.m.

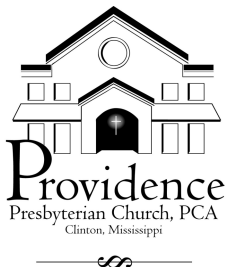
Missions Committee – 4th Sun @4:45 p.m.

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.



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