

August 2010

The Chimes



C O M M U N I T Y P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H



REFLECTIONS FROM PASTOR DENNIS

This past Sunday, I preached about the importance of our keeping daily spiritual disciplines. The disciplines I lifted up were daily reading of God's word, prayer and fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ.

Here are some specific suggestions for each.

Daily reading of God's word:

You could follow the readings listed in this newsletter. These are the readings I'll be following in the devotional blog posted on the church website and emailed to some members and friends on a daily basis.

Or you could read the four suggested readings for the day which come from the Reformed Common Daily Lectionary. You can find these readings posted different places. One such place is the Presbyterian Church Website – www.pcusa.org/devotion.

Another option is reading through the bible from beginning to end. If you read four chapters a day, you'll be able to read all of the scripture in one year. Whatever method you use, read the word. Find a portion you want to pay special attention to and just sit with it for a while, letting it speak to your heart, soul and mind.

Prayer:

What I suggest is finding a quiet space and setting aside a specific time to be in prayer. Many have a list of things they share with God, others pray just what comes to mind. You can use the ACTS method; Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication. God wants to hear our joy and concerns, but what's also important is building in a time simply to listen for God's word to us. So build in a time to be silent before God. In the area of prayer, also consider joining the prayer group that meets at 10 am on Tuesday morning. It usually meets at the Brush's, but sometimes has to be changed to the church. So, you might check with the church office to make sure where we're meeting. This is simply a time for praying with one another. For those who have participated this has been a real blessing.

Lastly – Fellowship:

This may not occur on a daily basis, but really needs to on a weekly basis. This can include Sunday School or small group bible study. In the future I'm hoping we'll have more short term small group studies around different topics.

May we each grow in our faith and faithfulness.
Dennis

Session Digest of Stated Meeting
Thursday, July 22nd, 6:30 pm

The meeting opened with a devotional focused upon John 7:37-39 – “Out of believers hearts will flow rivers of living water”, the theme of this year’s General Assembly meeting.

The elders received and reviewed information regarding this year’s meeting of the General Assembly, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota:

One was a letter from the newly elected moderator of the General Assembly, Elder Cynthia Bolbach; The Rev. Landon Whitsitt *Vice Moderator, 219th General Assembly*, The Rev. Gradye Parsons *Stated Clerk of the General Assembly*, Elder Linda Bryant *Valentine Executive Director, General Assembly Mission Council* Elder.

The other was the Assembly in brief an 8 page document sharing what took place at this year’s General Assembly.

All this is available through the denominational website at <http://ga219.pcusa.org/>

The pastor reviewed his upcoming vacation schedule with the elders. He’ll be away for a couple of family weddings, one in August the other in September.

The baptism of Esther Hall’s great-grandchild, Aston Van Harrison Hall, son of Scott & Cam Hall and grandson of Joe & Sandy Hall, will be held on August 22nd, 2010. The Rev. Mary Newbern-Williams, General Presbyter of John Calvin Presbytery, will be preaching and performing the sacrament of baptism.

The elders heard a report on the mission trip to Cedar Rapids. Members who went were Ralph Taylor, Cindy Werner, Phyllis Winzenried and Pastor Dennis. Along with 7 members of Ozark Presbyterian Church – five houses were worked on in five days. See a detailed report on page 5 in this newsletter.

A Potluck dinner date was set for September 19th following worship.

Committee reports included a report from Building and Grounds on recent work being done and plans for the future.

- a. Cry Room/Nursery update
- b. Sign for back of the church
- c. Park Bench for in front of the church. Lady in Senior Housing willing to donate full cost up to \$200.
- d. Office painting and redecorating in preparation of installation of new desk for secretary, made and given in memory of Chet Hardin.

A meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee will be held in early August to visit about the following:

- a. Consecration Stewardship Program for 2010
- b. McConkey Manse money funds
- c. Financial reports
- d. Special gifts & funds carryover.
- e. Estimate about income in 2011.

Personnel Committee – Pastor Evaluation forms were given to all elders, for them to fill out and give back to members of the personnel committee who will collate the different responses and share with the pastor the collated responses. He’ll also fill one out on himself to share with the committee. Members of the personnel committee are Clayton Cooper, Barbara Graham, and Howard Gathman. If any member has something they’d like to share with members of the committee you are welcome to contact them and visit with them.

Next session meeting will be September 16th, 2010.



TREASURER'S REPORT

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Receipts	Jun-10		Year to Date		Expenses	Jun-10		Year to Date			
	Sunday Offerings	\$ 6,707.30	\$ 50,094.30	Missions & Per Capita		\$ 835.34	\$ 5,213.70	Reg. Interest	\$ 99.00	\$ 954.61	Ministerial Services
Mc/cor/mns int	\$ -	\$ -	Staff Services	\$ 1,745.14	\$ 9,523.45	Rental	\$ 165.60	\$ 1,562.60	Care of Property	\$ 2,348.89	\$ 5,926.22
Non-Budget	\$ 987.50	\$ 7,227.23	Office	\$ 140.33	\$ 1,544.53	Elect. Re-fund	\$ -	\$ -	Christian Ed.	\$ -	\$ -
Church dinners	\$ -	\$ -	Worship	\$ 141.00	\$ 363.00	Month Income	\$ 7,959.40	\$ 59,838.74	Un-Planned Exp.	\$ -	\$ -
On Hand 1st of Mo.	\$ 19,844.43	\$ 16,572.11	Congregational Life	\$ -	\$ 60.96	Ending Balance	\$ 19,844.43	\$ 19,844.43	Mentor Program		\$ 448.43
Total	\$ 27,803.83	\$ 76,410.85	Evangelism	\$ -	\$ -	Paid out	\$ 9,839.23	\$ 28,785.87	Dues/Assessment	\$ -	\$ 50.00
			Adult Studies	\$ 31.63	\$ 944.11	Youth			Camp/Conference	\$ -	\$ -
			Transfer to Build. Fd.	\$ -	\$ -	Non-Budget			Non-Budget	\$ 1,312.00	\$ 2,387.06
			Mugs	\$ -	\$ -	Advertising			Advertising	\$ -	\$ 525.00
			Camp/Conference	\$ -	\$ -	Total Expenses			Total Expenses	\$ 12,141.77	\$ 60,837.89

I guess a couple comments on the above are in order this month. 1st, we paid one quarter of our annual insurance bill this month, that came to \$1,272.00, and our annual payment to Mr. Bug Killer, for termite control etc. in the amount of \$530.00 also came due this month, so these two items ran our Care of Property expenses a little high. We also purchased the new shopping bags, that were charged off under non budget for \$605.00 that was unusual, and then we sent a check into Camp Mound Ridge for \$707.00, for camp fees. Much of these last two items, were paid for by earlier donation, ear marked for the special expenditures. I think that just about covers it for this month. JOHN

Benevolence Fund Report

During July we helped 1 family with rent and we received 2 donations to the fund. If you would like to make a donation to the Benevolent Fund, please do so by marking your check "special gift - benevolent fund". Those who receive our assistance appreciate your gift!

Prayer for guidance through the day and night

Dear Lord, please come and stay within me all day. Inspire all my imaginations and suggest all my decisions. Stay within my soul, and be in charge of all I say and do, in silence and in actions, throughout my day, whether I'm with others or alone. Help me to rejoice in life, knowing that you're with me at all times. And as I lay my head down to sleep and am fully open to you, O Lord, may my soul realize how connected we can really be so I may awaken refreshed for another day with you. Amen.

The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself:

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something worthwhile in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful expression at all times and give a smile to every living creature you meet.

To give so much time to improving yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

To think well of yourself and to proclaim this fact to the world, not in loud word, but in great deeds.

To live in the faith that the whole world is on your side, so long as you are true to the best that is in you.

-Christian D. Larson, 1912



Did you know...

..that there are lots of free software programs available online that can help you in working with documents on your computer, or even help in opening files that were created in a program that you don't have? One of the best places to look is the Microsoft website. I ran into this recently when I upgraded to the newest version of Office at home and needed to be able to read and use documents that were created in earlier versions of Office. If you go to the <http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/downloads/office-online-file-converters-and-viewers-HA001044981.aspx> page you can download many different programs that will help with Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access, to name a few.

The viewers that are available can be downloaded and used, even if you don't have any Office programs installed! They will simply allow you to view a document created in one of these programs - although you won't be able to alter the document - but you may be able to save it in another program to work with it that way. I hope this helps!

(FYI - Most of the programs are available for PC's, with just a few for Macs)

A report on the recent General Assembly meeting is available through the denomination's website - <http://ga219.pcusa.org/> or you can pick a copy of the Assembly in Brief booklet. It's available as you leave the sanctuary or you can pick up a copy in the church office. The booklet contains lots of helpful information on the actions and worship at the most recent meeting of the General Assembly.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa Mission Trip Summary

We came, we saw, we conquered! Some famous person in history said that and that's exactly what we did during our visit to Cedar Rapids. I believe we all had different expectations but whatever they were, I am confident that the trip to Iowa met and exceeded all of our expectations.

We started off our trip by driving through 2 thunderstorms on our way to Iowa, which were headed south with extreme wind and rain. By the time we reached K.C. the storms had passed and the highway construction began and was spotty all the way to Des Moines, Iowa. It was a long trip and took us a little over 10 hours to get to Cedar Rapids.

Our accommodations at Westminster Presbyterian Church were nearly 5 star! We had a great place to sleep on air mattresses and a beautiful fellowship hall and full kitchen with all the accessories where we had breakfast and evening devotions and after glow sessions.

Day one started off with group orientation at the recovery center. We viewed a brief video about the flood which really set the stage as to why we were there. Just to give you some statistics: over 25,000 people were displaced by the flood waters; the De Moines River was 2 miles wide; the river crested at 31 feet above flood stage; the flood has be called a Millennium Flood or 1000 year flood; over 1600 homes have been demolished to date; 70% of the downtown area is still unoccupied; the downtown area water reached a height of over 7 feet; and a total of 8 billion dollars have been spent to date on the recovery effort.

Following orientation, the entire group of 75 people split up into their individual smaller groups to receive their weekly work orders. Our group, consisting of 11 volunteers, was assigned miscellaneous work on 5 homes, 1 vacant and 4 occupied. We painted foundations, doors and ceilings, repaired ceilings, installed dryer and exhaust fan vents, repaired door and gate locks and latches, installed hand rails, ripped up sub-floor sheathing, installed new sub-floor sheathing, installed new windows, framed walls, installed exterior wall sheathing, caulked counter tops and windows, repaired moldings, piped a sump pump, did minor landscaping, a lot of clean up and sweat gallons and gallons! Planning and scheduling our work was a daily requirement during the week, as was running here and there to pick up the needed materials. There were times when we were working on 3 houses at the same time with 2 or 3 people here and there and usually 2 people running around for materials.

We finally completed our 5th house at 4:30 PM on Friday, July 16th.

We had the opportunity to meet all the home owners and wish them our best and even had the privilege of blessing 2 of the homes and presenting the owners with a framed "Welcome Home" certificate. It was a very touching moment with hugs and tears of joy.

Each night we had devotions and we studied Faith, Peace, Kindness, Joy and Love and discussed the role these things played in our lives during the week and how they affected the construction of our personal spiritual lives. We prayed each night for our congregations at home, for individual concerns, as well as those we were serving who had touched our lives during the week.

(Mission Trip Summary, cont.)

First Presbyterian Church provided all of the volunteers with a hot lunch Monday through Thursday. At the beginning of the recovery effort, a couple of the gals from 1st Presbyterian decided they needed to do something to help with the recovery effort. They applied and received a couple of grants to purchase all of the food. As of Friday, July 16th, they had served over 50,000 free meals. Just another example of the kindness and love that we all received during the week.

We left Cedar Rapids on Saturday morning and were back to Ozark and Forsyth by early evening.

Many people have asked us, "Would you do it again?" The answer is absolutely! In fact, we have already been in touch with PDA (Presbytery Disaster Assistance) and are looking at going to Nashville, Tennessee next summer where the flood of 2010 covered 43 counties. So it's on the agenda and we hope you will make the commitment and join us next year. Believe me, you will be a better person from the experience.

Thanks go to all of you for your prayers, your support, your time and talents and your financial donations. Without each of you, the trip would not have been possible.

God bless each and every one of you and remember, "With God, ALL things are possible".

JC Construction Company (an unlimited partnership)

Denny, Buz, Phyllis, Galin, Barbara, Irnie, Mary Lou, Steve, Cindy, Ralph and Dennis



2nd Annual

"Junk in the Trunk" Fair

*****Forsyth's FABULOUS Indoor Garage Sale***
Gently used items, crafts, vendors and so much more!!!**

Saturday, August 14th, 2010

7 am - 2 pm

**Forsyth Boys & Girls Club
501 Panther Rd
(just behind Forsyth Schools)**

*Vendors are needed for this event.

If you would like more information on becoming a vendor,
we can email you a vendor application,
or you can contact Nathaniel Leech at the Boys & Girls Club at 417-546-6299.

**August
Devotional Readings**

Colossians

August 1 – Colossians 1:1-14
August 2 – Colossians 1:15-25
August 3 – Colossians 1:26-2:5
August 4 – Colossians 2:6-15
August 5 – Colossians 2:16-23
August 6 – Colossians 3:1-11
August 7 – Colossians 3:12-4:1
August 8 – Colossians 4:2-11
August 9 – Colossians 4:12-18

Ecclesiastes

August 10 - Ecclesiastes 1:1-11
August 11 - Ecclesiastes 1:12-18
August 12 - Ecclesiastes 2:1-10
August 13 - Ecclesiastes 2:11-17
August 14 - Ecclesiastes 2:18-26
August 15 - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
August 16 - Ecclesiastes 3:9-15
August 17 - Ecclesiastes 3:16-22
August 18 - Ecclesiastes 4:1-6
August 19 - Ecclesiastes 4:7-16
August 20 - Ecclesiastes 5:1-7
August 21 - Ecclesiastes 5:8-17
August 22- Ecclesiastes 5:18-20
August 23 - Ecclesiastes 6:1-12
August 24 - Ecclesiastes 7:1-8
August 25 - Ecclesiastes 7:9-14
August 26 - Ecclesiastes 7:15-22
August 27 - Ecclesiastes 7:23-29
August 28 - Ecclesiastes 8:1-9
August 29 - Ecclesiastes 8:10-17
August 30 - Ecclesiastes 9:1-3
August 31 - Ecclesiastes 9:4-12

Grabbing the Rock of Ages as you are about to be swept over the falls is a poor substitute for building your life on Him.

-Phillip Collier



REMINDER:

Mission-N-A-Weekend

An exciting and challenging opportunity to make a difference for

**The Regional Girls Shelter
Springfield, Missouri**

Friday, Saturday & Sunday,
October 1-3, 2010

This project is sponsored by Presbyterian
Women of Mid
America Synod, and John Calvin
Presbytery

**Financial Assistance for
Mission-N-A-Weekend
also needed and appreciated.**

**If you're able to contribute financially to this
worthwhile cause, please see
Gerri DeBres**

Al-anon meetings begin in Forsyth

Starting the first Tuesday in August, the 3rd at 7:00 p.m., Al-anon will begin meeting in the Sunday School Classroom downstairs. Al-anon Meetings will then be held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Al-anon meetings are for the families of people dealing with alcohol addiction.

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS!



ANNIVERSARIES!

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|----|-----------------------|------|
| 5 | Sonny & Kim Reece | 1992 |
| 8 | Sam & CJ Gailey | 1951 |
| 16 | Rod & Marilyn Parsons | 1964 |
| 23 | John & Gretchen Keith | 1959 |

If you have a birthday or anniversary this month but you don't see it listed, we probably don't have it in the computer.

We want to celebrate with you so please let us know if we've missed your special day!


In our thoughts...

If you haven't already heard, Alma Reeve passed away earlier this month.




If you'd like to send a card to the family, her daughter's address is:

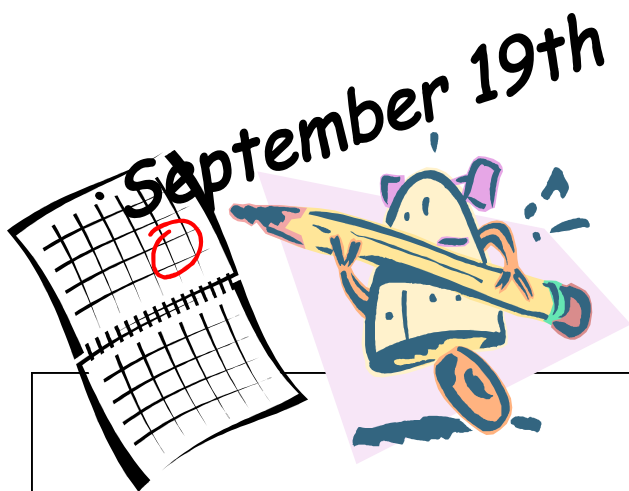
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BIRTHDAYS!

- 1 Carly Doolin
- 4 Betty Fick-Cavner
- 5 Margaret Cooper
- 11 Sonny Reece
- 15 Marilyn Parsons
- 16 Bonnie Schanda
- 21 Ron Schroder
- 22 Evie Cleveringa
- 25 Helen Clotworthy
- 26 Jack Kinkade
- 28 Donna Lakey, Marjorie Simpson,
Arliss Stillings
- 30 Ralph Taylor





MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

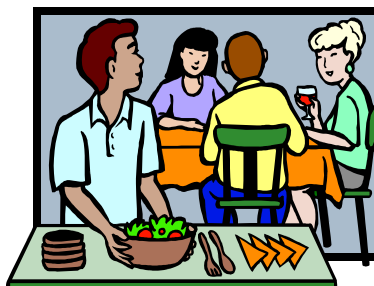
Church Potluck Dinner
Following Worship Service
September 19th

A true "potluck" dinner —

Service & Dessert Will Be Provided

More information next month

See you then if not before



Ushers/Greetings

John Gregg & Lera Warren

Leonard & Ginger Clifford

Liturgist

Mary Parr



AUGUST 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Every Sunday Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am	2	3 Prayer Group 10:00 am AA 7 pm Al-Anon 7 pm	4 Men's Breakfast 8:30am Choir 7 pm	5 Co-op Delivery 8:00 am Bar Assoc Lunch 11:30 am	6	7 AA 7 pm
8	9	10 Prayer Group 10:00 am AA 7 pm Al-Anon 7 pm	11 Men's Breakfast 8:30am Calico Cutups 10:00 am Chamber Lunch 11:30 am Choir 7 pm	12	13	14 AA 7 pm
15	16	17 Prayer Group 10:00 am AA 7 pm Al-Anon 7 pm	18 Men's Breakfast 8:30am Choir 7 pm	19	20 "Chimes" Deadline	21 AA 7 pm
22	23	24 Prayer Group 10:00 am AA 7 pm Al-Anon 7 pm	25 Men's Breakfast 8:30am Choir 7 pm	26	27	28 AA 7 pm
29	30	31 Prayer Group 10:00 am AA 7 pm Al-Anon 7 pm				

All the long August afternoon, the little drowsy stream whispers a melancholy tune as if it dreamed of June and whispered in its dream.

-William Dean Howells


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Sunday School 9:00 am
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am