

Christ Presbyterian Church

April 2010 Newsletter

Jesus Is Risen, Therefore . . .

Jesus is risen from the dead, physically, really and truly, never to die again. He reigns in glory awaiting the Father's signal for His return, at which time He will judge all that is evil and usher in the fullness of His Kingdom as He powerfully renews the face of the earth! Read Revelation 20-22 if you find that hard to believe. These are stunning truths for us who believe to seriously give our attention to. But, what are we to do while we await His return? We often feel so weak and our walk with God seems so flat. Is this all there is?

Well, if Jesus is truly risen, the answer is No! We are His kingdom ambassadors who live and love differently from the world. We know that Jesus has been raised for us, that we might reflect something of the glory of His resurrection life here and now to a world looking on. But how might we do that? Put simply, we need to dare to draw near to the beauty and the fire of our Living God! Because He is risen, we are not to be passive but active in seeking to know Him and make Him known. Below are some practical disciplines sketched out to help you grow in blessing, humility and grace. Take them seriously and you will, in time, meet God. All you need is mustard seed-sized faith.

1. When you get up on Sunday morning, let your first thought be a prayer asking God to help you worship Him in spirit and in truth. Tell Him you want to meet Him as you gather with God's people to worship.
2. When you come to worship, worship God! Don't be a spectator, be a participant. The pastor leads, we worship and God watches. He is our audience. So, sing the words to the songs and think about them. Enter into prayer as we pray. Hear the preaching as God's Word to you. And bring your Bible! (The pew Bibles are for visitors.)
3. Read one chapter of the Bible every day. Read it slowly and ask the Holy Spirit to help you think about it. Read through one book at a time, but don't start with Ezekiel! Start with Mark or Romans or Ephesians. You get the idea.

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Budget Report

General Fund — Thru March 31, 2010

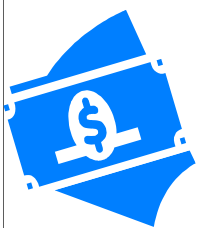
Income		\$ 26,963.00
Needed		\$ 30,157.50
Difference	(Deficit)	\$ 3,194.50

Faith Promise — Thru March 31, 2010

Faith Promise Income		\$ 3,585.00
Needed		\$ 3,986.40
Difference	(deficit)	\$ 401.40

Our total annual commitment to missionaries: \$ 15,945.60

Faith Promise Checking Account Balance as of March 31: \$ 12,714.48



God entrusts us with money as a test; for like a toy to the child, it is training for handling things of more value.

.....Fred Smith



Praise & Prayer Request For The Boyds in Malaysia

In February, the Festive Season converged with Chinese, Hindu, & Muslim people returning to their hometowns to visit their families. There have been no more incidents of violence involving churches or places of worship, but there is still underlying tensions.

Praise God for the provision of excellent pastors for the two new churches, the completions of worship halls, & prayer partners for Muslim work.

Pray for two new churches launched in March, for Roy & Kristy's long term visa to enable them to stay in the country for longer periods of time, for those working with indigenous peoples (especially Muslims) and the availability of Christian publications in the national language.

Praise & Prayer Request for The Clarkes in Australia

Praise for increased enrollment at Westminster Theological College for this semester, and praise that Terry and Richard had a successful trip to the U.S.



Pray for Westminster Presbyterian Church synod meeting in April (this is the denomination that the Clarkes are working with in Australia), the need for lectures who can teach on an ongoing basis, and someone who can assume responsibility for the college while the Clarkes are in the states for six months. Also pray for someone to house sit while they are in the states.



Update from the Lesondaks In Slovakia

We last heard from the Lesondaks on March 9, 2010 and it was 7 degrees in Slovakia.

They are thankful and grateful that they are able to remain in the field because of the faithfulness of ordinary people and churches like us. They are humbled by the faithfulness of our support.

Prayer request include:

Friends who have recently passed and gone to be with Jesus. Also for friends who have contracted cancer or who have it returning.

Covenant children from the mission field and from families in America who have wandered from faith.

More time to invest in the study of Slovak.

Church planting sites and new ministries; the opening and closing of doors.

Pray that God would plant this team in Slovakia with all His heart and soul.

John also tells us he is a certified DNA Slovak, and that means that he would no longer have to get a permit to be in Slovakia. If he could speak better Slovak he could apply for dual citizenship. Also, if he spoke better Slovak he would be able to be better prepared to serve the Lord.

They have submitted the book, "When Helping Hurts" for publication in Slovak, and if it does get published, could be an important tool for missions committees. It is now before the editing board. Pray for God's plan for this book.

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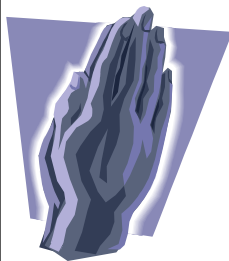
4. Pray at least three minutes every day. In minute one pray for yourself. In minute two pray for those under your roof or your nearest relatives. Minute three is for someone not related to you, maybe someone at church going through a hard time, or a co-worker. Pray once a week for your pastor and church leaders. Remember to give thanks for the small blessings that serendipitously land in your lap.
5. Love. Show love, care and concern for your wife and kids, or those in your nearest circle. It begins in the home. It begins with listening to the other. Turn the noise off so you can hear them better. Put yourself under them to serve them, not over them to use them. Go for a walk together. Husbands, help without being asked.
6. Work. When you go to work, don't witness — work! Do your work to the glory of God and to serve others. (Think of the pay as an added extra.) If you are a student, study and do your best as unto the Lord. Enjoy your studies because it is a blessing to learn. When asked, tell why you are such a good worker — it's one way to genuinely serve your Father in heaven.
7. Be engaged with God's people. If at all possible, be a part of some weekly event or program with God's people in your local church family. Don't isolate yourself, be engaged with God's people. You are part of a body.
8. When you fail, believe the gospel. The love of Christ brings forgiveness of sins and renewal to life. Underneath are the everlasting arms, and you are loved with an everlasting love! Don't do these things in hopes of God loving you more, and know that your failures and lapses don't make Him love you less! It's not how you play the game, it's that you seek to stay in the game.

Jesus is risen! These are practical disciplines to help you and me to know Him better, to taste and help others taste His resurrection life. Jesus is risen! What are you waiting for?



April 8th & 9th, Linda Jenkins and Bobbie Nicholson are heading up a “Yard Sale” to help Woody and Sarah Woodruff raise funds to attend the Cornelia de Lange Conference in Dallas Texas in June. This conference will help them learn more and better understand Kathryn. Donations of yard sale items are being accepted. If you have some items that you would like to donate just let Bobbie or Linda know. If you need help getting those items to the church let us know and we will get them for you. Your love and support over the last three years have just been tremendous.

Prayer Concerns



Shut Ins & Their Caregivers: Quincy Jones; Emmett & Dorothy Skaggs; Ruth Williams; Nancy Barton’s husband, Tom; Marty McCampbell’s dad, Clyde Stuntz (now in assisted living); Betty Lou Turpin’s mother, Leon Holder; Bobbie & Fred Nicholson’s son-in-law who has been diagnosed with the early stages of Parkinson’s Disease; & Wes’ mother, Nancy Alford.

Health Concerns: Bill & Sarah Stemen, Jewell & Suzy Wicker; Griff Harsh; Nomon & Nancy Kennedy; Reba & John Wolfe; Kathleen Schultz; Pray for our missionaries, that their needs be met.

Pray for our church and its people, & our officers.

“Relay for Life”

April 23 at 6:00 PM will start the final events for the “Relay for Life” campaign. The opening ceremony will have special music and honor survivors. All different types of activities will take place at this event. All night competitions consist of Yo-Yo competitions, jump rope, scavenger hunts and more. Kid’s activities will be from 6:00 — 9:45 PM and include face & hair painting, balloons, obstacle course, and a variety of sports. There will be no children’s activities after 9:45 PM in respect of the Luminary Ceremony. This is a fun time and during this campaign last year, Monroe County contributed more than Knox County. Join in and help the American Cancer Society fight this dreadful disease.

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

3 — Brian Maxie

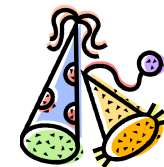
29 — Mike Jenkins

4 — Suzy Wicker

13 — Hug & Marty McCampbell

7 — John Fuqua

7 — Sarah Stemen



10 — Tommy Miller

14 — Marty McCampbell

27 — Elizabeth Reagon

Wednesday Host

7 — Maxie

14 — Kennedy

21 — McCampbell

28 — Alford



Nursery

4 — Davis

11 — Alford

18 — Chastain

25 — Maxie

