

Christ Presbyterian Church

August 2010 Newsletter

God's Gentle Kingdom

from the hymn Lead On, O King Eternal

For not with swords loud clashing, Nor roll of stirring drums,

With deeds of love and mercy The heav'nly kingdom comes.

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As we have been going through the Lord's Prayer this summer (Matthew 6:9-13) we have spent two weeks looking at the petition "Thy kingdom come". God's kingdom is a major driving force for our individual Christian lives and for the life of the Church. There is lightening and thunder all over the topic! But, we also need to know that it's not all lightening and thunder. There are also the many quiet expressions of a heart made gentle by the gospel of Christ's kingdom.

Think about someone like Amy Carmicheal and her Dohnavur Fellowship in India, a refuge for abandoned and orphaned children, either sold to the temple or left all alone. Her life was one of quiet and deep fellowship with God as well as ministry to the least of these. She was so good and kind to these children that they called her "Amma". (I bet you know what that means!) God's kingdom is one of ever deepening kindness and compassion, finding expression in humility and mercy.

You and I may never be missionaries or do "big" things for Jesus that are lauded by many. But if Jesus has captured our gaze with His grace (the very essence of His kingdom) then we may give expression to that with the people we routinely see and interact with every day. Family, neighbors, people around town. God's kingdom is a new motive rooted within, planted by love—the love of Calvary. I like one of Mother Theresa's kingdom statements: "It is not great deeds God regards, but small deeds done with great love." Let it be so.

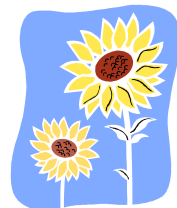
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Budget Report

General Fund — Thru July 25, 2010

Income	\$		62,183.02
Needed	\$		69,594.23
Difference		(Deficit)	\$ 7,411.21

Faith Promise — Thru July 25, 2010

Faith Promise Income	\$		7,975.01
Needed	\$		9,129.38
Difference		(Deficit)	\$ 1,224.37

Our total annual commitment to missionaries:	\$	15,945.60
Faith Promise Checking Account Balance as of July 27, 2010	\$	9,724.88



“O God, help us to be masters of ourselves that we may
be servants of others.”

....Sir Alec Patterson

August Birthdays



2—Issac Maxie
2—Kathryn Woodruff
6—Dorothy Skaggs
13—Betty Lou Turpin
22—Nomon Kennedy
23—Edythe
McCollister
28—Donna Jenkins

August Anniversaries

4—Tom & Nancy Barton
15—Wayne & Denise Sorensen



Vacation Bible School

The kids had a blast and so did all who helped. We learned that “Jesus is My Super Hero” and that He is Awesome! (Yea!!!)

Many thanks to all you who made Vacation Bible School a **success!!!!** No matter what your part you made a difference. Whether you cut out fish from paper, or colored loaves of bread, talked about fishing, baking, being a mad scientist, or a cup bearer to the pharaoh, your part was so appreciated. To those who provided the food and ice cream sandwiches each week, we appreciate you.



Sandy thank you for organizing, planning,
and loving our children enough to volunteer.

Prayer Concerns

I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Psalm 121: 1 & 2



Shut Ins & Their Caregivers: Quincy Jones; Emmett & Dorothy Skaggs; Ruth Williams; Nancy Barton and her husband, Tom; Marty McCampbell's dad, Clyde Stuntz (in a nursing home); Betty Lou Turpin's mother, Leon Holder; Wes' mother, Nancy Alford; Bobbie & Fred Nicholson's son-in-law in the early stages of Parkinson's Disease; Dot Snyder's son, Tony, taking cancer treatments; Jesse Shinn.

Health Concerns: Bill & Sarah Stemen; Jewell & Suzy Wicker; Griff Harsh; Nomon & Nancy Kennedy; Reba & John Wolfe; Kathleen Schultz; Randy Scott.

Missionaries, that their needs be met.

PCP and its people, & our church leaders.



Back to School

August 6th is the first day of the school year. This year we will be gathering school supplies for the kids over at Brown Intermediate School. We will collect these for 2 — 3 weeks. Some of the things needed are: pencils, 3 prong folders, highlighters, crayons, markers, notebook paper, construction paper, pencil pouches, poster boards, glue sticks, pens, folders, hand sanitizer, boxes of Kleenex, etc. There are a couple of list on the bulletin board and there will be a tub in the foyer. Please place the items in the tub. Remember to pray for these kids and teachers throughout the school year.



Wedding Bells

Wedding Bells will be ringing on August 7th in Lakeland, Florida for Julie VanderGriend and Bobby Walrath. For those of you who don't know, Julie is the daughter of Howard & Sandy VanderGriend. We wish them the best as they leave for Honduras on August 17th to make their home and work in an orphanage for a year.

Wednesday Services.

Please note, there will not be any Wednesday evening services for the month of August. Our first meeting will be on September 7th at 6:30. If you are interested in hosting let Frankie know.



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Our Teacher Dr. Pat Morley/Founder of Man in the

Mirror

When Every Tuesday from 7—8 PM Sharp

Where Christ Presbyterian Church Fellowship

Hall

(on Starrett St. across from Brown School"

Who You & a friend (if necessary also and enemy)

Cost Free like Jesus gave it

For more information please call Mr. Nomon Kennedy at 423-253-5655 or
Pastor Wes Alford at 423-337-5058

The Hebrew Calendar

The Hebrew Calendar began in the middle of the month on our calendar today. Crops are planted in November and December and harvested in April and May.

Month	Today's Calendar	Israel's Holidays
1. Nisan (Abib)	March — April	Passover Unleavened Bread Firstfruits
2. Iyyar (Ziv)	April — May	Second Passover
3. Sivan	May — June	Pentecost
4. Tammuz	June — July	
5. Ab	July — August	
6. Elul	August — September	
7. Tishri (Ethaniam)	September — October	Trumpets Day of Atonement Tabernacles Booths
8. Marchesvan (Bul)	October — November	
9. Kislev	November — December	Dedication
10. Tebeth	December — January	
11. Shebat	January — February	
12. Adar	February — March	Purim