

# Christ Presbyterian Church

## January 2010 Newsletter

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### 2010 Is Upon Us!

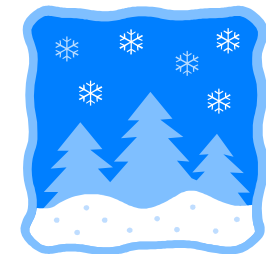
Can you believe it is the year 2010? That truly amazes me. I remember when I was about ten years old thinking with my friends about what things would be like in the year 2000. We concluded life would be much like one of our favorite cartoons, *The Jetsons*. Well, now we know better.

What is striking is how much things do not change. We had a struggling economy in the 70's, and we have the same today. We had terrorists then, we have quite a few more now. Wars and rumors of war is still the stuff of the daily news.

But most of all what amazes me (but doesn't surprise me) is that God is still God, the gracious Sovereign of the whole cosmos, Who rules all things for His own glory and the good of His people, the Church. Jesus is still Lord and Savior of sinners like us and He, by His Word and Spirit, is perfecting us through all the crazy stuff that we go through in life for His eternal kingdom. By the gift of faith we are ever secure in the Father's love, whatever changes may come!

On Him we may surely rely! I hope that truth amazes you but doesn't surprise you. Blessings to you and yours in this new year.

Pastor Wes



A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

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Sorry the budget information is not available for publishing at this time. Look for this information in the bulletin soon.



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

## Prayer Concerns



Shut Ins & Their Caregivers: Quincy Jones; Emmett & Dorothy Skaggs; Ruth Williams; Nancy Barton's husband, Tom; Marty McCampbell's dad, Clyde Stuntz; Betty Lou Turpin's mother, Leon Holder; Bobbie Nicholson's mother, Leila Horton; & Wes' mother, Nancy Alford.

Health Concerns: Bill & Sarah Stemen, Jewell & Suzy Wicker; Griff Harsh; Nomon & Nancy Kennedy; Reba & John Wolfe; Kathleen Schultz; Pray that all of our young babies & children will stay healthy this winter.

Pray for our missionaries, that their needs be met.

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

## Ordination & Installation

New officers for the years 2010 and 2011 will be installed and ordained on January 10th during the worship service. Those men elected are:

### Elders

Butch Jenkins

Fred Nicholson

Joe Sellers

Howard VanderGriend

### Deacons

Don Chastain

Rob Nelson

Randy Scott

Mike Turpin

David "Woody" Woodruff

Please note, Joe, Howard and "Woody" will be ordained and the others will be installed.

## Praise & Prayer Requests from the Clarkes in Australia

We received Christmas greetings from the Clarkes in Australia. They asked us to pray as follows:

1. Praise for the success of their first year on the Sunshine Coast.
2. Pray that God will provide all of the resources needed to apply for accreditation.
3. Pray for safe travel and success in the ministry as Terry makes three trips to the States in 2010 & Francine joins him on one of those trips.
4. Pray for new students who will also become candidates for ministry.

## Birthdays



1 — Susan Turpin  
9 — Griff Harsh  
10 — Fen McCahill  
16 — Sierra Cook  
18 — Mike Turpin  
24 — Bill Stemen  
29 — Millie Sellers  
31 — Kathleen Schulz  
31 — Caleb Shinn

## Men's Bible Study

Starting Tuesday evening, January 19th from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, the men will have a weekly Bible Study led by Nomon Kennedy. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.

## Anniversaries

17 — Butch & Linda Jenkins  
22 — John & Reba Wolfe



## Sunday School News

This month Wes will teach from Ephesians. Everyone will meet upstairs for assembly at 9:45 and then the children will proceed to their perspective classes. Marty McCampbell is teaching the little ones this quarter. Stephanie Maxie teaches the older elementary group and the adults will meet upstairs. Please be in prayer for our Sunday School teachers.

## Judith's Japan Journal—Dec. '09

Judith reports that while she has been on home assignment, that the Grace City Church Tokyo has continued to move forward in launching public worship. She has asked us to pray for God to pour out His grace on this multi-cultural team led by Japanese pastor, Rev. Fukuda, and on the city of Tokyo. Especially pray for a meeting place for public worship.

Judith's Home Ministry Assignment has consisted of a spiritual journey, much physical travel, and a reminder that God's work is not dependent on her. She has been humbled over and over, in churches all over the Southeast, as she heard many say, "We are praying for you." Judith is very thankful for our ministry to her for the sake of Christ's glory among the nations. She covets our prayers.

Prayer needs:

God's leading and direction during her HMA.

Faith to pace well and not overdo it, as she plans her schedule.

The Spirit's work, bring life to the seeds of gospel planted in so many Japanese hearts over the years.

*The Jesus Storybook Bible*, which was released in Japanese last month to point many hearts to Christ.

Judith has had surgery while on HMA, and ask for prayers for complete recovery.

## Update on the Warrens in Ethiopia

Andy & Bev are true “empty nesters” now. They have taken Kit to school at Mississippi State and have moved from their house to an apartment. This allows them to be close to the community in which they work, save money on rent and travel, and reduces a lot of the hassles and headaches that go with renting a house. They have a view of rusting tin roofs and hills that surround Addis Ababa, as well as the smog that often blankets the city.

Andy says that living closer to work allows him to get a lot more done. He enjoys walking more and driving less.

Bev spends most of her time toiling over the project accounts, but still provides lots of hospitality to coworkers, both missionary and Ethiopian.

## News from the Stoddards in Germany

The Stoddards are planning on a two year stay in the states. This stay will be a combination of Home Ministry Assignment & ministry-related work and study. They still need our prayers and financial support for this. Their support account has not done very well and they have had a \$2000 deficit per month over the last two months. If this trend persists they will have to return to the States early. They would like to finish their term in Germany and leave as planned in July. They are asking us to continue supporting them in prayer as well as financially with the goal of getting them back into a new ministry in Berlin in two years.

## Communitywide Service

*What: Special Service*

*Where: Christ Presbyterian Church, PCA*

*When: January 12, 2010 @ 6:00 PM*

*Topic: “Our Oneness in Christ”*

*Guest Speaker: Randy Nabors from New City Fellowship, PCA (Chattanooga)*  
*Special by Music: James Ward and Praise Team from New City Fellowship, PCA*

## Wednesday Host



6 — McCampbell

13 — Nelson

20 — Maxie

27 — VanderGriend

## Nursery

3—Nelson

10— Davis

17 — Alford

24 — Chastain

31 — Maxie

