

# CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July Newsletter

## The PCA Is Not The PC (USA)

In these summer months we Presbyterians have our General Assemblies. A great gathering of ministers and church leaders meet to discuss and decide upon policies and procedures - the business of God's Church. It can be a solemn time of worship, instruction and being built up in one's faith.

Recently the largest Presbyterian denomination, the Presbyterian Church (USA) met in their General Assembly. One of the key items they decided upon was to allow, bless and to otherwise be in favor of the ordination of a monogamous, but practicing, homosexual into the Christian ministry. No one was very much surprised, given that denomination's very liberal majority. But this was terribly unfortunate, to say the least. We should be sure to weep over this because God's name is being openly blasphemed in a gross misunderstanding of what it means to "love".

Now, the denomination Christ Presbyterian Church is a member of, the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) does not countenance or endorse the practice of, nor the ordination of, a practicing, openly homosexual person. There exist fine ministries that our denomination is in partnership with, such as Harvest USA, that minister the grace of God in Jesus Christ to sexually broken people. We want to love sinners of all kinds, but we need to name what is sin, sin. We will not ordain it!

So, please tell your friends and acquaintances that you are part of the PCA and not the PC (USA). We do not hate the PC (USA)! There is a strong minority of evangelical churches in her midst and they simply lost the vote. Let us pray for them to be faithful in these trying times and not to capitulate.

Pray that we would be faithful to speak the truth, but to do so with great love (Ephesians 4:15; but see also 5:11ff). Firmness, faithfulness and a winsome spirit is what is needed in the struggle for what is good, true and beautiful, all that which is honoring to the Living God and good for people.

"Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. BUT, you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."

I Corinthians 6:9-11

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## Budget Report

### General Fund — Thru June 26, 2011

Income	\$	60,180.99
Needed	\$	60,953.00
Difference*	\$	(- 772.01)

### Faith Promise — Thru June 26, 2011

Faith Promise Income	\$	4,680.00
Needed	\$	5,979.60
Difference*	\$	(-1,299.60)

\*() indicate deficit

Our total annual commitment to missionaries: \$ 11,959.20

Faith Promise Checking Account Balance as of June 26, 2011 \$ 8,959.60



In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work, we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

.....Acts 20: 35

## Nursery

5-Nelson  
12-Davis  
19-Alford  
26-Woodruff



## Wednesday Host

July 13 — Alford  
July 20 — Maxie  
July 27 — Nelson



### From A Child’s Perspective



A little girl was sitting on her grandfather’s lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek and then his again.

Finally, she spoke up, “Grandpa, did God make you?”

“Yes, sweetheart,” he answered, “God made me a long time ago.”

“Oh,” she paused, “Grandpa, did God make me too?”

“Yes, indeed, honey,” he said, “God made you just a little while ago.”

Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, “God’s getting better at it, isn’t He?”

## Prayer Concerns



*I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His Word  
I do hope..*

*Psalm 130:5*

Shut Ins & Their Caregivers: Emmett Skaggs; Dorothy Skaggs;  
Nancy Barton (having surgery to remove all the lymph nodes in her throat & neck on  
June 9th) and her husband, Tom; Betty Turpin's mother, Leon Holder (assisted  
living); Wes' mother, Nancy Alford.

Health Concerns: Bill & Sarah Stemen; Jewell & Suzy Wicker; Griff Harsh;  
Nomon & Nancy Kennedy; Reba & John Wolfe; Kathleen Schultz ; Randy Scott;  
Jesse Shinn; Bobbie & Fred Nicholson's son-in-law, Mark, Parkinson's disease and  
unspoken concerns for their son Ricky; Kathleen Schultz's sister, Betty Fisher, diag  
nosed with and taking treatments for throat cancer.

CPC: Our pastor, our people, & our church leaders.

Most of you know that "Miss" Edythe McCollister passed away on July 2nd.

Please keep her family in your prayers/

**Communion  
July 24th**



## Congratulations!!!!

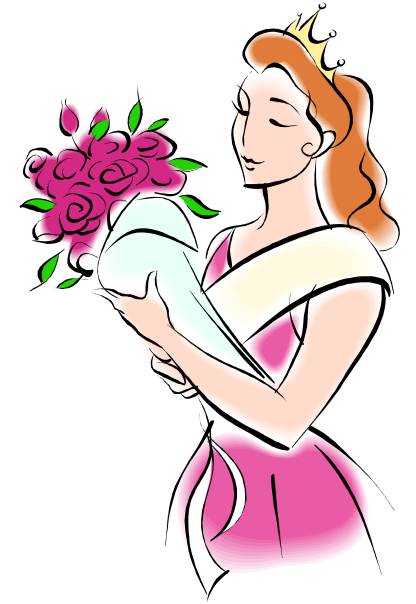
Miss Laura Leigh Houser

Winner

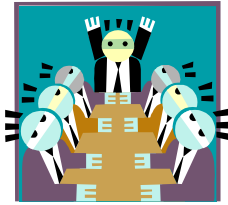
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Second Annual

Ms. Fourth of July Pageant



Men's Community Bible Study  
@ Willow Creek Community Center  
Saturday Mornings from 9:00 —10:00  
Led by Wes Alford



## Session Meeting

July 18th

6:30 PM

@ CPC

## July Anniversary



27th - Brian & Stephanie Maxie

## July Birthdays

7-Reba Wolfe

15-Fred Nicholson

15-Hugh McCampbell

16-Wes Alford

21-Sarah Phillips

23-Randy Scott



## 2011 Women in the Church International Conference

October 7 — 9, 2011

Atlanta, Georgia

The theme for conference is a grand glorious look at the full orbed grace of God in our lives — **Amazing Grace 360!** Be sure to stay connected to the conference by using the CEP website — [www.AmazingGrace360.com](http://www.AmazingGrace360.com) to see the full faculty of gifted men and women whom God is raising up to lead and teach us. Girls 13 years and up are encouraged to attend.

Nancy Guthrie, a gifted teacher, writer, and conference speaker will serve as the conference teacher. Worship and music will be led by Kevin Twit of Indelible Grace and Laura Story. The preacher for this year's event will be Brain Habig, pastor of the Downtown Presbyterian Church in Greenville, South Carolina and a former Reformed University Minister.

Now is the time to rehearse the scope and surety of God's grace in our lives, to come together as this portion of His body to worship, learn, celebrate, anticipate, and focus on His eternal grace to and in us.