

# Christ Presbyterian Church

March 2010 Newsletter

## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

As we head toward Easter and the arrival of spring, we can expect good things, like warmer weather! Won't it be good to spend more time outside and feel some sunshine on our faces instead of the cold winter wind? It will be good to see flowers in bloom and trees & grass turning green once again.

But before we get to that good place, which reminds us of Christ's resurrection, we will go through the events of Passion Week. Beginning with Palm Sunday, we are reminded of Christ's passion and sufferings on our behalf in the events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and then Easter Sunday.

Our schedule will be a little bit different for this year to help us better prepare for Easter. Please note below:

March 28th, Palm Sunday Evening, 6:00 PM: We'll have a time of prayer led by Pastor Wes to help us prepare our hearts for Easter.

April 1st, Maundy Thursday (not April Fool's Day): We'll help pack food boxes from Second Harvest at Sweetwater Area Ministries (SAM). More information to follow.

April 2nd, Good Friday Service at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. This will be the same kind of service as our usual Maundy Thursday Service.

Also, please note that there will be no meetings on the Wednesday night of Passion Week (March 31st).

Please note these events on your calendar and come to prepare yourself for Easter.

Pastor Wes



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## Budget Report

### General Fund — Thru February 28, 2010

Income		\$ 16,330.00
Needed		\$ 20,878.27
Difference	(Deficit)	\$ 4,548.00

### Faith Promise — Thru February 28, 2010

Faith Promise Income		\$ 2,480.00
Needed		\$ 2,759.82
Difference	(deficit)	\$ 279.82

Our total annual commitment to missionaries:	\$ 15,945.60
Faith Promise Checking Account Balance as of February 28:	\$ 11,609.48



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

## Sally Dangler's Prayer Request for Japan



Praise God for so many blessings and a joy filled start to the New Year. Sunday worship has been particularly “worshipful” these few weeks and many people seem to be responding to God’s work in their hearts.

Also, praise God that many in Sally’s Bible studies and prayer groups are reading through the Bible in three months. It challenging to read around sixteen day, but reading through large quantities of scripture at a time has given new and deeper perspectives. The others that Sally talks with confirm that God is using these reading greatly in their lives also. Pray that God will help them in this discipline and that His Word will revive their heart in every part.

## Update on McMahans in Peru



The McMahans helped and encouraged the planting of a garden in the community of Quichua. This community garden produced radishes (the biggest ever seen) as well as cilantro, and Swiss chard. Pray that the garden will continue to produce an abundant harvest and pray that there would be a spiritual harvest as well.

In August, they started a Savings & Loan Group through the Sembradores (Sowers of Christ) church and this continues to go well. There are fifteen women in the group who had been saving \$2.50 per week and last week they increased that to \$5.00 and gave out their first loans. They gave out \$700 in loans to six different members of this church. Pray that these members would be faithful in repaying these loans and remain loyal to saving. Pray also, that the businesses of these women would be blessed as most of them sell fruit on the street. Pray that the church would be a light for the gospel in it community.

Mike continues to have back pain. In December he had a spinal block done to try to get some relief from the pain. Pray that he will have relief. Pray also that both, Mike & Robin, can improve their health by losing weight and a regular exercise program.

## Warren's Report on Ethiopia



Every February Andy's brother, Paul takes a team to Ethiopia to work in the AIDS project. Paul recruits members from his church in Baltimore, and churches in Brooklyn, New York. Paul always finds doctors and nurses, so that there is a good mix of medical people and then fill the team with a variety of people with other skills and interests. This year there were four doctors, two nurses, and audiologist, four pastors, two builders/engineers, and artist, a musician, a pastor's wife, and high school soccer star. They had people doing medical clinics, house renovations, children's programs and pastor training. Andy's parents, Arch & Joyce Warren also joined the team this year.

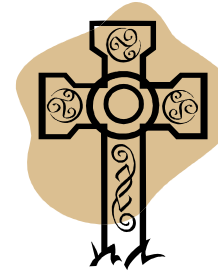
As they care for people with HIV/AIDS, and partner with local churches through the medical clinics they have the opportunity to demonstrate and share God's grace, and sometimes as with this team, they have the opportunity to do some focused teaching.

In April, they will hold a three-day seminar on church planting with experts from Mission to the World. They are asking us to pray that out of all these different activities that they will be able to find men with a calling and a gift to pastor churches in Ethiopia and that churches with a focus on the gospel of grace planted. Pray for a real impact through this team's ministry and for the on going work of the project.

Andy & Bev wanted to share some numbers from their project for 2009. They are so grateful to God for all He is doing for how He has provided and blessed in many different ways.

Families supported in 2009 — 483	Families supported since 2003 — 706
Families graduated (now self supporting) — 124	
Beneficiary deaths since 2003 — 99	Orphans (both parents deceased) — 42
Children supported — 700	HIV + Children — 90
preschool — 97	Support Groups — 49
completed high school — 12	Ethiopian Staff Members — 73
attending college — 6	Missionary Staff — 6
Medial Teams — 8	Patients counseled in government health system — 12,000+
2009 Project Expenditures — \$335,700.	

## 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.

## Men's Bible Study

Tuesday evenings, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, the men continue with a weekly Bible Study facilitated by Nomon Kennedy. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.

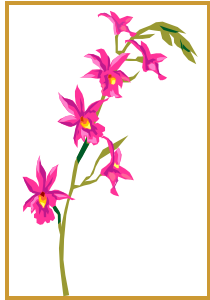


## Women's Study

Women's Bible Study group continues to meet on Saturdays at 10:00 AM at the home Beth Alford. They are currently studying a book on "Feminine Appeal" based on the book of Titus.



## Women in the Church



Pres WIC Spring Meeting  
Gospel Driven Discipleship  
A Gleaning of Leadership Training

Saturday, March 20th

10:30 AM — 12:30 PM

@ Christ Covenant PCA in Farragut (Knoxville)

There will be a special time for pastor's wives lead by Carol Willborn wife of Dr. Nick Willborn Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Oak Ridge.

Registration: \$6.00 for lunch. If interested contact Dottie Ness by March 15 at 865-548-7651 or email at dotnesstn@charter.net.

All women are invited, if you are interested see Beth Alford or Frankie Houser.

## Relay for Life

Linda Jenkins is accepting donations in memory of or in honor of a friend, family member, or loved one, who has or has not had cancer. Linda makes a Christ Presbyterian Church poster of decals with the names on them and displays it at the "Relay for Life" on April 23rd at Hiwassee College.



## Birthdays



- 4 — Nancy Kennedy
- 8 — Sarah Woodruff
- 10 — Nancy Barton
- 22 — Elizabeth Alford
- 28 — "Woody" Woodruff
- 29 — Sue Novikoff

## Anniversaries

- 15 — Mike & Susan Turpin
- 17 — "Woody" & Sarah Woodruff



Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 AM at the Sweetwater Memory Chapel and breakfast will follow at Christ Presbyterian Church. Mr. Cleveland's crew will cook.

## Wedding Bells



Most of you have heard the name Judith Newland. Judith is a missionary to Japan and we have helped support her for several years. Judith has been on home assignment since June 2009. While here, she met Jim Birkey, an Illinois farmer and they are planning a July 2010 wedding. She will go from serving as a missionary to Japan to serving as a wife and homemaker.

## Wednesday Host

No one signed up for the months of March or April. If you would host sometime during these two months, please let Frankie know.



## Nursery

- 7 — Chastain
- 14 — Maxie
- 21 — Snyder
- 28 — Nelson

