

Christ Presbyterian Church

March 2011 Newsletter



Come To The SHOP (Sweet Hour Of Prayer)

Sunday March 6 & 20, 6-7 p.m.

To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul . . . Psalm 25:1

The verse mentioned above is from one of my favorite psalms. It is the cry from a desperate man for more of his God. The psalm is a prayer, both passionate and pointed in its aim. Psalm 25 is a good psalm in which to soak your soul for a season, to adopt its words as the cry of your own heart.

But verse one is what I'd like us to consider for a moment.

"To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul . . ." Does not this verse get right to the heart of honest prayer that reaches the ear of the Father? It is at once both needy and sacrificial. He lifts himself up before the Lord in simultaneous supplication and self offering. His need is both for God and unto God. Such are the heart motions of God's redeemed children.

Next, notice the word "soul". It also means "life". But the word "soul" is better and it is a word we desperately need to recover. Your soul is your essential self, your basic you. It is the spiritual heart from which you and I think, feel, choose and worship. Our soul is vitally linked to our mind and body. It is the deep well of the human person, and when deep calls unto deep, it has everything to do with God and the human soul.

Where are we going with this? Well, here: Prayer is the communion of the soul *with* God, and the offering of our soul *to* God in and through Jesus Christ. It is at once quite mystical and the most practical pursuit a Christian should invest time in. The lifting up to God of our soul and life (whatever our situation might be) is the basic effort of prayer. It is the posture of our heart in the pursuit of faithfulness to our God. We will live better for the glory of God if we learn to pray well, to "lift up our soul" to the LORD. Ours will also be the experience of greater fellowship and friendship with the Lover of our souls.

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Budget Report

General Fund — Thru February 28, 2011

Income	\$	18,413.00
Needed	\$	21,099.12
Difference	(Deficit)	\$ 2,686.12

Faith Promise — Thru February 28, 2011

Faith Promise Income	\$	2,069.86
Needed	\$	955.00
Difference	(Deficit)	\$ 1,114.86

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

Faith Promise Checking Account Balance as of February 28, 2010 \$ 10,699.91



“Money is a marvelous servant but a terrible master; and only a disciplined devotion to God can enable us to keep Mammon in its rightful place.

.....Warren Wiersbe

Nursery



6-
Maxie
13-Nelson
20-Davis
27-Alford

Wednesday Host

2-Houser
9-McCa,pbell
16-VanderGriend

23-Alford
30-McCallie



Bible Study



On Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM we are studying the book of John. Everyone is invited.

Communion

March 27th



Prayer Concerns



Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

I Thessalonians 5:16

Shut Ins & Their Caregivers: Emmett Skaggs, Ruth Williams (in a nursing home); Dorothy Skaggs; Nancy Barton and her husband, Tom; Betty Lou 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, in the early stages of Parkinson's Disease and unspoken concerns for their son Ricky; Denise Sorensen's sister, Gina has cancer; Tony Snyder (Dot Snyder's son), having test to see if cancer treatments are helping (seem to be).

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

Our Sunday Morning Sermon Series is on I John.

*Give me the strength to meet
each day with quiet will.*

*Give me the faith to know
Thou art my Shepherd still.*

*Give me the light to find my way
when shadows fall.*

*Be Thou my steady, guiding star;
Father of all*

Hebrew Union Prayer Book

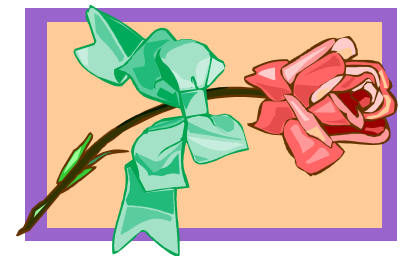
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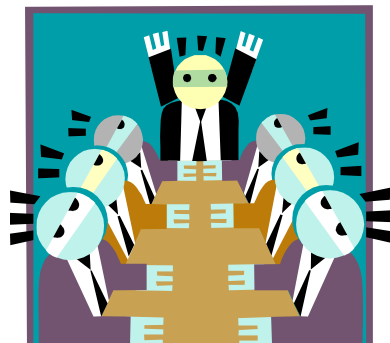


3-Nancy Barton
4-Nancy Kennedy
8-Sarah Woodruff
22-Elizabeth Alford
28-Woody Woodruff
29-Sue Novikoff

Anniversaries

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





Session Meeting

March 21, 2011

@ 6:30 PM

@

church

“Visiting” Missionaries

Wednesday March 16th at 6:15 PM, MTW Missionaries Jeff & Christa Mullins will be with us to share about God’s call to minister to street children in Acapulco, Mexico.



Sunday April 2nd, Roy & Kristy Boyd will be with us, along with their newly adopted little boy, Matthew. with us on April 3rd. Roy will be preaching during the worship hour.

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If you feel a greater need for prayer in your life, may I humbly invite you to “Come To The SHOP”. (See the heading of this article.) This is an opportunity for us to learn to pray together, to be better equipped to lift our soul up unto the Lord. We will meet two Sunday evenings per month (March 6 and 20) from 6 to 7 p.m. The format is very simple. We’ll begin with 20 minutes of teaching on the topic of prayer and then we will pray for 40 minutes around our circle, in which we will be seated. The only thing that is asked is that you come with a readiness to participate. If you are shy and not quite sure how to pray, you may simply read a favorite passage of Scripture or something from your devotions. Just come in a spirit of prayer. “O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.” (Psalm 51:15 ESV)



“I desire to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart”

Psalm 40: 8

Daylight Savings Time

Don’t Forget!!!

Spring Forward one hour on March 13th

@ 2:00 AM (or bedtime on 12th)

