

# CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September, 2011 Newsletter



## A New Church Year Begins

Focus Word: Discipleship

I know it's only September of 2011, but this month is when we practically begin our church year. I guess we sort of follow a school calendar from fall through spring. I find myself eager to jump back into things. Is it the same for you?

There is a word that has been coursing through my thoughts since hearing a wonderful sermon at a sister church while on vacation. That word is DISCIPLESHIP. After His resurrection, Jesus told His disciples to go and . . . make disciples (see Matthew 28:16-20). So the implication would be that we are both disciples and seeking to partner with our Lord in making disciples of others.

A disciple is a grower and learner through, not just studying, but following Jesus in the company of other disciples. Discipleship is the willing process of being shaped and formed by the Word of God, Who is Jesus! Since the Word is a Person, discipleship is being shaped and formed through a relationship in which we are not the lead person, but He is.

So when you come to Sunday School or a Wednesday night study or Sunday morning worship, do you see it as a key aspect of your discipleship? Are you intentional about it or just attending out of habit? Make it your purpose to be a disciple. For, you see, Christ Presbyterian Church was never intended to be a place for our programmed religious entertainment, but rather a people who more than anything else want to be faithful disciples (followers) of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Messiah.

Yours for Faithful Following,

Pastor Wes

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## Budget Report

### General Fund — Thru August 28, 2011

Income	\$	78,952.91
Needed	\$	82,050.12
Difference*	\$	(-3,099.21)

### Faith Promise — Thru August 28, 2011

Faith Promise Income	\$	6,880.00
Needed	\$	8,049.46
Difference*	\$	(-11,169.46)

\*() indicate deficit

Our total annual commitment to missionaries:	\$	11,959.20
Faith Promise Checking Account Balance as of August 28, 2011	\$	11,106.60



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



4-Scott  
11-Alford  
18-Woodruff  
25-VanderGriend

Nursery workers are needed.  
Please let Frankie know if you can help.

## Wednesday Evenings

We will begin Wednesday Evening Service again on September 7th, We will start at 6:15 PM with Bible Study and Children’s Ministry. Our monthly “potluck” supper will be on September 28th at 6:15 PM.

Potluck Supper will be on Wednesday, September 21st at 6:16 PM



## Fall Bible Study

We will start a Fall Bible Study on Tuesday afternoon, September 6th, from 1:00—2:00 PM in the fellowship. Come and have coffee and we’ll look at the word. We’ll begin John 14.

### Something to Think About

A young couple moves into a new neighborhood. The next morning they are eating breakfast. The young woman sees her neighbor hand the wash on the clothesline. “That laundry is not very clean.” she said.

“Perhaps she needs better laundry soap.” The husband looked on but remained silent.

Every time her neighbor would hand her wash out to dry, the young wife would make the same comments.

About a month later, the wife was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband, “Look, she has learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this.”

The husband said, “I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows.”

And so it is with life. What we see when watching others depends on the purity of the window through which we look.

# Prayer Concerns



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

*Psalm 130:5*

Shut Ins & Their Caregivers: Judy Gibby as she care for her parents Emmett & Dorothy Skaggs; Nancy Barton 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, diagnosed with throat cancer and taking treatments.

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

**Communion  
September 25th**



Sunday School Teaching Seminar

Saturday, September 10th

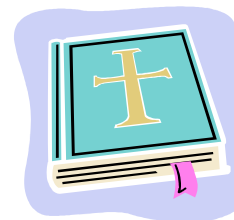
9:00 — 10:30 AM

Led by Sue Novikoff, member of CPC and a teacher at CAK, For staff training the teachers at CAK read the book Teaching to Changes Lives by Howard Hendricks. If you teach a Sunday School Class or work with young people here at CPC, please come to this training session and learn how to teach effectively and have a positive Christian impact on those entrusted to our care. There are a couple of books left, pick one up in Wes' office. If you read the book before you'll get more out of Sue's seminar.

**Pioneer Club**

**Wednesday**

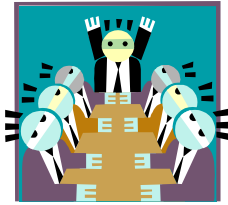
**September 7 @ 6:15 PM**



Women's Bible Study on the book of Hebrews!!!

Meets on Mondays at 7:00 PM

At the home of Marty McCampbell



## Session Meeting

September 19th

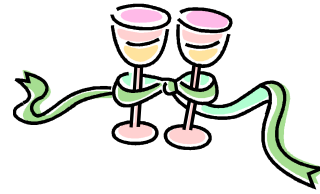
6:30 PM

@ CPC

## September Anniversaries

20-Griff & Craig Harsh

28-Rob & Charlene Nelson



## September Birthdays

7-Jerry Rogers

8-Hanna Shinn

13-Gibson Alford

24-Walt Novikoff

26- Peggy Burgess

28-Tom Barton



## ESL

### English as a Second Language

Plans for beginning English as a Second Language are coming along. Many thanks for all the prayers, interest, donations, and help. There will an orientation and training meeting at the church on Sunday, September 11th from 5:00 — 7:00 PM for ALL volunteers.

Registration for ESL students will be the following Sunday, September 18th at 5:00 PM.

Please continue to invite folks and hand out fliers. If you have questions, please call Marty McCampbell @ 423-337-3433 or Alice Wigden @ 423-337-3117.

Thank you!