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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



My Dear Friends,

Some of you may know the old children's song called "I Am the Church":

I am the church,
 You are the church,
 We are the church together.
 All who follow Jesus,
 All around the world,
 Yes we're the church together.
 The church is not a building.
 The church is not a steeple.
 The church is not a resting place.
 The church is the people!

This song has had a great influence on how I view the church. The church is the people! It's you, me, us.

With the recent trend of "house churches" where followers of Christ bypass the expense of a building by meeting in people's homes, I have begun to think more and more about why the building is important (or if it is at all!).

The song says the church is not a building, steeple, or resting place. But let me reflect on why I believe each of these aspects of the church is important:

1) The building

Our building provides the local body of Christians a regular meeting place for worship, weddings, funerals, and fellowship. Our congregation is relatively small, but I doubt any of us has a house that could accommodate even a low attendance Sunday.

Our building allows us to do several ministries that we could not do otherwise: Vacation Bible School, Project Joy (my garage could never fit all those clothes!), Summer Hoops, CareS, Labor Day BBQ, space for worship for Iglesia Apostolica, and the list goes on.

2) The steeple

Now we don't have a grand steeple, but it is a visible sign for our neighborhood that a church exists here. No other buildings have steeples; schools, business, houses. When you see a steeple, you have no doubt that people of God worship there.

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Lectionary Schedule for August

Aug 1, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hos. 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43

Col. 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

Aug 8, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isa. 1:1-10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

Heb. 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

Aug 15, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isa. 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

Heb. 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

Aug 22, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer. 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6

Heb. 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

Aug 29, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer. 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1,10-16

Heb. 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1,7-14

Sep 5, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer. 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Philem. 1-21; Luke 14:25-33



GOD

I asked God for a flower, and he gave
me a bouquet.

I asked him for a minute, and he gave me a day.

I asked God for an angel, and he gave me you.

I asked God for true love, and he gave me that too.

But the bouquet is dying, and the day is gone,
the true love is passing, and my angel moved on.



STATE PRIMARY AND COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION

AUGUST 5, 2010

Voting begins at 6:00 A.M.

(from the Pastor's Desk)

This visible reminder is its own kind of proclamation. It says that God is here, nearby. It says that people who care are here. It says that there is an alternative to a worldly way of life.

Perhaps for some it is a reminder of a time in their life when they used to go to church and provides hope that they may again someday go. It's not too late.

It reminds you of your wedding, your father's funeral, your child's baptism, your own baptism. Perhaps it gives hope for a better world that is to come.

3) A resting place

A pastor friend of mine whose church supports a ministry for homeless families posted this as his Face book status: I asked the gathered kids at Sunday worship what it means to "rest in God." A 6-year-old boy responded: "When I was at home I had to lay on cement at night, but I couldn't rest. Here I have my own bed and pillow and people take care of me so I am able to rest with God."

The church can literally provide a resting place. But I am also reminded of Jesus words, "Come to me, all who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Our sanctuary serves as a place where burdens can be release. For some, just stepping into the sacred space that was lovingly and carefully built and preserved can provide healing, forgiveness, and hope.

My friends, having said all this, the Church is still indeed the people. Our building and all it's uses mean nothing without your support and your faith. On behalf of the session, thank you for supporting this church's efforts in bringing a piece of the Kingdom of Heaven to our little corner of Earth.

Lovingly,
Pastor Paul



WALK through August
~ Crystal Caviness ~

Wondering what you and the women of the Bible have in common? Join our WALK group to find out that the featured females of the Bible really aren't that different from you and me after all!

Following is the August WALK schedule:

- August 1: Woman of Samaria,
led by Jennifer Burns
- August 8: Deborah, the Prophetess,
led by Crystal Caviness
- August 15: The Widow's Offering,
led by Linda Anders
- August 22: Hannah, the Praying Mother,
led by Carole Brady
- August 29: Mary Magdalene,
led by Rudy Woodberry

WALK (Women are Love Keepers) is a women's ministry at PLPC. WALK meets **Sundays from 4:30-6:00 P.M** in the high school Sunday School room. All women of the church and the community are invited to join us at any time for fellowship, encouragement and learning.



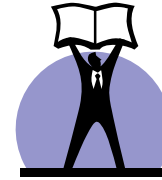
“God Happens” – Praise and Worship Service
~ Nancy Diana ~

Every Sunday at 6:30 P.M., PLPC opens its sanctuary for a "come as you are" fellowship to share contemporary musical praise and worship about the way God happens in our lives. PLPC invites believers and non-believers alike. All ages are welcome.



Pastor Paul has an Adult Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 9:15 A.M.

The group meets in the conference room. Bible study is as essential to the life of a Christian Community as breathing. Come join us and together we will “Breathe in the Word.”



Youth Sunday school
~Andi Mosley ~

Our combined youth Summer Sunday School class has been going great! We've had more in attendance this summer than we've ever have!!! For the past few Sundays we've had between 6-10 kids in attendance, which for the summer months is amazing! For July, we were supposed to cover “Bible Jeopardy” but since have moved that to August as the class is covering the bible facts now, which we'll recap later in August in our Bible Jeopardy game/study. We are meeting every Sunday morning in the Middle School room from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. So come, bring a friend, and join us for a challenging yet fun bible study called “Bible Jeopardy” which is like the game show “Jeopardy”, but with a Christian twist.



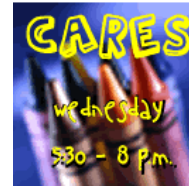
Young Adults Bible Study
~ Andi Mosley ~

Anyone who has recently graduated high school to 24 years are welcome to attend our young adults bible study group designed for college-agers. Our first meeting was July 28th. We will meet every Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. A light dinner will be provided. The last meeting for the year will be August 25th. Friends within this age group are welcome to attend. Come grow with us!!!

**Treasurer's Report
August 2010**



~ **Jim Gracy** ~
Treasurer



~ **Michele Witten** ~

The income for the month of July was \$13,305.00 with expenses of \$13,242.00. A break even for the month. We are still a negative of \$3,015.00 for the first seven months of 2010. We are so close, we need an additional \$500.00 a month. A little more in the collection plate would be appreciated.

THE LORD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER
2 Corinthians 9:7

**Revenues and Expenses for the
Period Jan 1 – July 31, 2010**
(Operating accounts only)

Revenues:	
Pledge Contributions	\$66,175.00
Loose Offerings	14,068.49
Other	<u>21,600.85</u>
Total Revenues	\$101,844.34
Expenses:	
Personnel	\$54,029.42
General (includes mortgage)	18,006.75
Properties	18,890.37
Committees	1,468.02
Other	<u>10,703.54</u>
Total Expenses	\$103,098.10
Net Loss	(\$ 1,253.76)



*When giving to special offerings,
please try to make them above your
regular giving, as they do not go
toward our budget items.*

CareS is in the air! Calling all youth at PLPC and the community! CareS officially kicks off Wednesday, September 9 for its new year and for its brand new weekly schedule!

Following are dates for the first semester, followed by the nightly schedule:

Wednesday, September 8 - First CareS
September 15, 22, 29
October 6, 13 and 27 (no CareS Oct. 20 due to MNPS' Fall Break)
November 3, 10, 17 (no CareS Nov. 24 due to Thanksgiving)
December 1, 8, 15 (no CareS Dec. 22 and 29 due to Christmas holidays)

5:30 P.M. - Arrival
5:45 P.M. - Chime Choir rehearsal weekly until further notice
6:30 P.M. - Gathering Time for all CareS with Pastor Paul
6:45-7:15 P.M. - Dinner
7:15-8:00 P.M. - Class time; Dismissal from classes

Suggested cost: \$3.00 per session or \$39.00 per semester. No one will be turned away due to nonpayment.

We look forward to seeing all youth ages Kindergarten through 12th grade on September 8 because Children Are Special!!



August Schedule for Worship Leaders, Ushers, Greeters and Acolytes

Aug 1 Communion	Worship Leader	Bob Ware
	Prepare/Usher/ Serve	Nancy Diana
	Greet/Usher/ Serve	Phil Hereford Casey Walsh
	Usher/Serve/ Cleanup	Valerie Barton
	Serve Choir	Elena Buwalda
Aug 8	Worship Leader	Stuart Smothers
	Greeters	Fred Dahlman Belle Dahlman
	Ushers	Raymond Anders Linda Anders
Aug 15	Worship Leader	Jon Loudermilk
	Greeters	Leonard Saddler Carolyn Saddler
	Ushers	Leesa Fields Rachel Fields
Aug 22	Worship Leader	Dave Smith
	Greeters	Wendy Yarnall Crystal Caviness
	Ushers	Dori Hutchison Kristy Greene
Aug 29	Worship Leader	Mike Mosley
	Greeters	Casey Walsh Nancy Walsh
	Ushers	Jim Gracy Catherine Gracy
Sep 5 Communion	Worship Leader	Kathy Ware
	Prepare/Usher/ Serve	Stuart Smothers
	Greet/Usher/Serve	Bill Allen Maggie Wright
	Usher/Serve/ Cleanup	Joyce Hanson
	Serve Choir	Joyce Hereford

ACOLYTES

Aug 1	Michaela Mosley	Brooke Stuteville
Aug 8	Mayerli Garcia	Faye Garcia
Aug 15	Brooke Stuteville	Lauren Stuteville
Aug 22	Lauren Stuteville	Michaela Mosley
Aug 29	Faye Garcia	Mayerli Garcia
Sep 5	Brooke Stuteville	Michaela Mosley

August Calendar of Activities, Birthdays and Anniversaries	
2	Mr. & Mrs. David Carter
4	Bible Study – 9:15 AM
	Summer Hoops – 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM
	College Age Bible Study Group – 7:00 P.M.
	No Choir Practice
	Mr. & Mrs. Dave Smith
5	State Primary and County General Election – polls open @ 6:00 AM
	Denton Allen
7	Maggie Wright
8	Lectionary Class – 9:00 AM – Library
	Seekers Class – 9:00 AM – Sunday school room
	Youth Summer Sunday School – 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – all youth
	Choir Off
	WALK – 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
	“God Happens – Praise and Worship Fellowship” - 6:30 PM
11	Bible Study – 9:15 AM
	Summer Hoops 3 on 3 Throw down Tournament – 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM
	College Age Bible Study Group – 7:00 P.M.
	Susie DeBerry
12	Mr. & Mrs. Dale Fields
	Darla Horton
15	Lectionary Class – 9:00 AM – Library
	Seekers Class – 9:00 AM – Sunday school room
	Youth Summer Sunday School – 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – all youth
	WALK – 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
	“God Happens – Praise and Worship Fellowship” - 6:30 PM
	Mr. & Mrs. Joel Hutchison
16	Session Meeting – 7:00 PM
17	Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Saddler
18	Bible Study – 9:15 AM
	College Age Bible Study Group – 7:00 P.M.
	Hana Fagan
19	Ladies Lunch Bunch – 10:00 AM
	Shakespeare in the Park – PJ fundraiser – 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM
	Kristy Greene
20	Shakespeare in the Park – PJ fundraiser – 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM
21	Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Kimbro
	Crystal Caviness
	Shakespeare in the Park – PJ fundraiser – 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM
22	Lectionary Class – 9:00 AM – Library
	Seekers Class – 9:00 AM – Sunday school room
	Youth Summer Sunday School – 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – all youth
	Congregation Meeting – following Worship
	WALK – 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
	Shakespeare in the Park – PJ fundraiser – 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM
	“God Happens – Praise and Worship Fellowship” - 6:30 PM
24	Beth Triplett
	Diane Hansel
	Trey Allison
25	Bible Study – 9:15 AM
	College Age Bible Study Group – 7:00 P.M.
	Telse Saunders
26	Shakespeare in the Park – PJ fundraiser – 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM
27	Shakespeare in the Park – PJ fundraiser – 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM
28	Chime Camp – 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
	Shakespeare in the Park – PJ fundraiser – 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM
29	Lectionary Class – 9:00 AM – Library
	Seekers Class – 9:00 AM – Sunday school room
	Youth Summer Sunday School – 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – all youth
	WALK – 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
	Shakespeare in the Park – PJ fundraiser – 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM
	“God Happens – Praise and Worship Fellowship” - 6:30 PM
	Mr. & Mrs. Mark Tidwell
30	Susan Rowell



~ Gloria Kimbro ~

Our newest member is Rebecca Carroll who comes to us by letter of transfer from Donelson Presbyterian where she attended for the past three years with her grandparents, Larry and Judy Holzmeyer. She grew up in Orange Park, FL and helped raise her two siblings, Hannah age 15 and Spencer age 13. She now works for Vanderbilt Childrens Hospital Emergency Room as a registration specialist as she continued her education at Volunteer State for her Elementary Education degree where she can teach. She is very active with youth, music and community outreach. She enjoys picnics by the lake and moonlight walks on the beach.

Please extend your hand and give her a warm welcome.



PLPC Fundraiser
~ Maggie Wright ~

As a fundraiser, PLPC is publishing our own cookbook. The deadline for submitting your favorite recipes, or recipes of your friends and family is no later than August 15. If you would like to add your own recipe or recipes of your friends, you may do so by going to website: www.typensave.com then click on login. A window will appear. Type your name on the Contributor line, Under Group login, type chelsea20, then Contributor's password: eeu98. Click submit, then click: add recipe, Type Recipe Title in the appropriate space. Select category, then type ingredients, for additional space, click add ingredient, in the large box type mixing instruction, spell check, click preview and save. If you wish to add another recipe, click add recipe. Should you have difficulty, please call Maggie at 300-2613. You may also fax them to Maggie at 882-0801, email them to mwrightphd@comcast.net or you may leave them with Susan at the church office.



Elementary and Middle School Fundraising...

~ Andi Mosley ~

For the next few months the Elementary and Middle School groups will be doing some fundraising to raise funds for Project JOY expenses and for future youth events. For the months of July and August they will be selling the t-shirts (shown above) and after that they will be selling bracelets (shown above) with neat Christian phrases on them. The front of the t-shirt is the Presbyterian logo and the back of the t-shirt says, "When life knocks you down to your knees just remember, you're in the perfect position to pray". If you would like to purchase a shirt or bracelet, please email Andi Mosley at amosley@genesco.com, or fill out an order form on Sunday mornings. For sizes and pricing information, please see Andi.

We want to say thank you for your continued support of our youth programs. Money will need to be collected prior to receiving your shirts and is due by August 15th so that we can have your shirts back by September 6th.

We couldn't be as successful in our Youth ministry without your continued support. God Bless You!!!



Walkers Wanted

~ Gloria Kimbro ~

You are welcome to join us in the gym Mon. - Fri. 8:30 till we run out of steam or conversation. You never know whether there will be 1, 2 or 14 to walk with. What you do know is that even though we are walking in circles either our metabolism or our spirits will get a boost. If you know of friends or neighbors that would enjoy this, please call me at 668-4693 or tell them to just show up. Everyone is welcomed.



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Project J.O.Y. 2010
~ Sue Handisides ~

Shakespeare in the Park 2010 This is the big fundraiser for Project J.O.Y. and it starts on August 19th. The production this year is "Loves Labor's Lost" which is a witty romantic comedy and will be a fun evening under the stars at the Band shell in Centennial Park. **The performances run Thursday through Sunday August 19th through September 12th plus Labor Day Monday.** Per-show entertainment starts at 6:30 and the show begins at 7:30. Project J.O.Y. will be serving BBQ Pork Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, nachos, soft drinks and our giant brownies. This is a fun evening for those who volunteer to work in the concession stand. If you would like to volunteer to work one evening please let us know. This is a very fun and inexpensive evening out for your family in Centennial Park. So bring the family buy a hotdog and enjoy the evening.

Dates for your Calendar

Kick off Sunday – September 12th (Donated items can be dropped off at the Church anytime after Labor Day Monday)

Project J.O.Y. Mission Trip to Harlan - October 23rd(We will travel and setup on Friday Oct 22nd)

School Learning Bags This year after discussions with several teachers here and in Harlan we have revised the School Learning Bags to focus them more on education. That is our goal to keep kids in school and they have to have the supplies to do that job. Please remember that our TAX FREE WEEKEND is coming up Aug 6th, 7th and 8th. If you and you family would like to fill a learning bags or just donate school supplies to Project J.O.Y. the new list will be available in the Narthex along with the plastic bags. If you have any questions please contact Belle Dahlman.

The Big Blue Bin Thanks to your donations to the Goodwill Bin we have been able to purchase 151 pairs of boy's jeans. If you are getting ready for fall or just cleaning out the garage, remember you can drop off anything you would like to donate next Sunday on your way to Church.



Project JOY
"Panty Project"
~ Leesa Fields ~

As we begin work on this year's trip to Harlan, KY for Project JOY, we are asking for your help on a new area of need...new underwear.

Although we have all had hand-me-down clothes at some time in our lives, none of us would relish the idea of hand-me-down underwear. And the people in Harlan are no different. So we are launching "The Panty Project", an effort to provide new underwear for men, women and children. We will take any size and any color, but we ask they be conservative in style.

You can put your donation in the washtub in the hall at church or if you prefer, you can drop your change in the jug and we'll do the shopping.

Check out the great prices at Dollar General or Big Lots. We'll keep you posted on sales as they happen. Thanks and don't forget your undies!



Attention ALL Youth Chimers!!
August 28
~ Michele Witten ~

Get ready for a good ole time!
Mark your calendars for chime day camp!
August 28, 2010 at 8:00 A.M. Yes in the morning!
It's an all day event 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

What's the plan?? Here it is!
8:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M. - Chime practice
11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. - Lunch! (It will be provided)
12:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M. - More chime practice!!
1:30 P.M. –5:00 P.M. - An amazingly fun trip to a secret location! Details to come!
GET EXCITED!! YOU WILL HAVE A BLAST!!
Contact the M&M's if any questions and to RSVP:
Michele @ 615-554-9811 or
Mike @ 615-557-8832



Ladies Lunch Bunch
~ Florence Sass ~

All the ladies of the church and friends are invited to our next gathering. We will meet at the church on Thursday, August 19th at 10:00 A.M. to car-pool to the restaurant. We plan to go to the "Blackjack Cove" at 2001 Lakeshore Drive in Old Hickory, by the lake. If you have a need to call for menu options or pricing, the phone number is 847-5144.

If you plan to attend, please let Florence know either by phone at 220-4538 or email at dsass68553@aol.com to "RSVP" no later than the Tuesday before. All women of the church and friends are welcome to join us for this get-together.

At the last luncheon it was generally agreed that, unless compelling reasons dictate otherwise, the Ladies Lunch Bunch will be held on the third Thursday of each month. Moving the date makes it difficult for those who plan ahead to make the regular time available so that they can attend.

We are always looking for new ideas for our next month's outing after trying it out and making sure that they take group reservations. Hope to see you at the next gathering.



SUMMER HOOPS TOURNAMENT
"3 on 3 Throw down"
~ Susan Rowell ~

With summer drawing to an end, our Summer Hoops program will finish the season with an End-of-the-Summer Tournament on August 11th. A cookout for the players will follow the tournament.

The Hoops program has been a tremendously successful community program, with over 50 kids now on the roster. The Hoops program will continue in the fall with play moving to Tuesday afternoons to allow more of the players to attend CareS on Wednesday night.

Thanks to Pastor Paul, Jon Loudermilk and Teena Smith. A special "thank you" goes to generous donors for making this a success.



With Special Thanks
~ Nancy Loudermilk ~

Dear Church Family --

Thanks for all of the love and support you have shown my family and me over the past weeks. We received beautiful flowers at the funeral home, cards galore, food that has been delicious, phone calls, visits and emails. I have literally been blown away by the love that I have felt from you all. I know there will be hard days ahead for all of us, especially my Dad, missing Mom, but I also celebrate that she is no longer suffering and that she is completely healed. Most of all, I am thankful for Easter because I know I will see her again. Thanks so much for carrying us through these sad days. You are truly family to all of the Loudermilk's.

With Love, Nancy



Labor Day BBQ
~ Stuart Smothers ~

"Thus saith the Lord, 'The Priests of the Lake shall put fire on the altar and arrange wood on the fire. They shall arrange the parts of pig, chicken, and of the holy cow on the wood that is on the fire on the altar, Then the Priests of the Lake shall turn the offerings of the herd upon the smoke producing fire that it shall not produce a burnt offering, but one that is tender and pleasing to the Lord.'" 2nd Leviticus 1:7-8

Come one, come all to our annual community Labor Day BBQ September 6th, 4:00-6:00 P.M.! Come enjoy live music, tender smoked meat and fixins! For tickets contact Stuart Smothers at 496-7769. Tickets are \$11.00 for adults, \$8.00 for children between 6-12, children 5 and under eat free. All you can possibly eat!

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