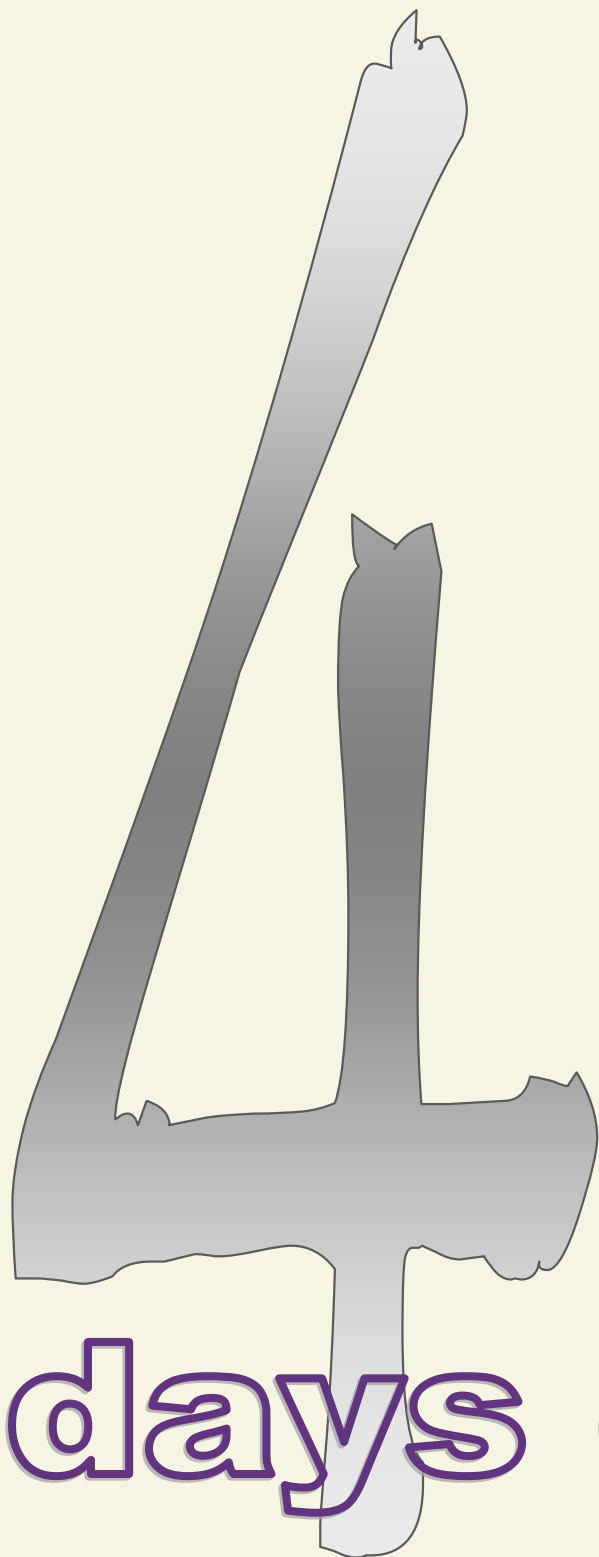


# PPC POST

FEBRUARY  
2012



I turned to the Lord God and  
pleaded with him in prayer  
and petition, in fasting,  
and in sackcloth and ashes.



Daniel 9:3

## days of lent

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# THE PALMETTO PALM READER

## Lenten Disciplines

Many good and faithful Christians think of the Lenten season as a time to “give up” something: the easy things being chocolate, soft drinks, or some other indulgence that makes us “stop and think” before satisfying some urge. But Lent is also a time to “add something,” to take on some spiritual discipline.

Several churches in our presbytery, including Palmetto, are involved in a spiritual initiative called Acts 16:5 (“So the churches were strengthened in their faith and grew daily in numbers.”) where we place great emphasis on meeting the spiritual needs of our congregations. For instance, before some of our team meetings or session meetings begin, we spend time in word-share-prayer, reading scripture, sharing our personal concerns, and then praying for each other and the church. We (Palmetto) also have a vision team made up of six lay people that meet to discuss our local ministry and how we can help our members move forward on their faith journeys.

One possibility for our summer study in 2012 is looking at “The 7 Habits of the Burning Heart.” I share these with you now as a possibility for *your* Lenten disciplines. Here are seven areas you might “work on” during Lent:

- the *habit of devotion*
- the *habit of building relationships*
- the *habit of ministry and mission*
- the *habit of work*
- the *habit of stewardship*
- the *habit of well-being* (physical, emotional, spiritual)
- the *habit of fellowship*

Lent begins with our Ash Wednesday service on February 22nd. I encourage you to attend this moving service of worship and repentance.

Please know there is much prayer and meditation behind the exciting ministry taking place at Palmetto.

It’s a joy to be your pastor,

*Mike*

F R O M T H E P A S T O R

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# FEBRUARY WORSHIP

**FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**SCOUT SUNDAY**

*"Hope in the Lord"*  
Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147:1-11

**FEBRUARY 12<sup>th</sup>**  
*"Be Clean"*

II Kings 5:1-14, Mark 1:40-46  
Communion

**FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup>**  
*"The Light of Christ"*

Mark 9:2-9, II Corinthians 4:3-6

**FEBRUARY 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**  
7:00 PM

**FEBRUARY 26<sup>th</sup>**  
*"Then God Said . . ."*  
Genesis 9:8-17, Mark 1:9-15

## MUSIC NOTES

As I write this, Christmas was less than a month ago. However, Easter and Lent music is in the air. We usher in the season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service February 22. If you have never attended this special service at Palmetto, I urge you to consider it this year. This is a very contemplative service, with music that leads us to a time of Lenten reflection.

When Holy Week arrives, you will definitely want to make plans to observe this special time in our Christian walk by joining us in worship on Maundy Thursday, April 5. The choir is already hard at work on a cantata for Holy Week entitled "Tapestry of Darkness." You will certainly want to hear this moving music, but beyond that, you will definitely want to be a part of this Tenebrae service of darkness. Easter can be celebrated in its fullness, only after taking the time to worship and reflect upon the darkness, agony and grief of our Savior's death. "Tapestry of Darkness" will lead us into that meaningful worship experience that reflects upon our Savior's last hours on this earth.

As always, we would gladly welcome anyone who would like to join us for this special music during Holy Week. We rehearse Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00, with our cantata rehearsal beginning at 7:15. Come join us!

With a song in my heart,  
Crystal



## OUR NEW MEMBERS

Margaret Amerson  
Jack & Cindy Folley  
Michael & Mary Hand  
Eric Billings  
Corinne Gooden  
Rebecca Gooden  
David & Anne Underkofler  
Pat & Jill McClure



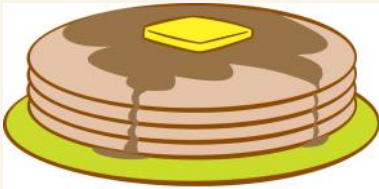
### Ash Wednesday Service February 22<sup>nd</sup>

There will be a meditative Ash Wednesday service beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The service will include a brief homily, choir music, and the opportunity for anointing with ashes to mark the beginning of forty days of remembrance and personal rededication.

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# CELEBRATING LIFE

## SHROVE TUESDAY



### PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 21st

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Join us in the *Great Hall* for "Fat Tuesday" pancakes. The men of the church will be "manning the griddles," making pancakes along with sausage and bacon! We will put a basket out for "donations" (*where can you feed the whole family supper for a few dollars?*). Come eat with your church family as we prepare for the Season of Lent.



#### KAIROS PRISON MINISTRIES

*is a world-wide, interdenominational, lay led ministry that takes Christianity inside prisons.*

*A team of 40 men from Charleston area churches will present the Kairos weekend to 36 inmates inside Lieber Correctional Institution March 1-4. Rick Goldmeyer will serve on that team. A key attraction for inmates is cookies. The team will bring in about 7,000 dozen cookies. Many will be made by the team, but congregational support is critical to making the cookies required and sending the message of Christian love to all 1500 inmates.*

#### Looking to spread the mission of Palmetto Presbyterian?

Here's an opportunity. *Can't make cookies? Like to pray?*

There is also a desire that "outsiders" pray for the weekend and the participants in half hour increments throughout the weekend. Contact Rick at (843) 388-5979 or [Rick.Goldmeyer@comcast.net](mailto:Rick.Goldmeyer@comcast.net). He will arrange for cookie pick up and putting your name on the weekend prayer banner.



**We will need all cookie donations  
prior to February 29th**

## AMAZING GRASS

### Love, Love, Love

Mystery Meeting???

Tuesday, February 14

12 Noon at PPC

Think **Red**!!!

Call Buck Smyre 693-8177

### Worship Participation

Corporate worship is led by our Pastor and Director of Music, but reflects the combined effort of more than two dozen volunteers each week. Half of those wear robes and sing in the choir, but the other half are folks who volunteer on a weekly basis to support the worship service. These include acolytes, communion preparation, greeters, liturgists, Time with Children, flower donation and preparation, sound room operation, social hour refreshments, and ushers. Without any of them, worship will be lacking. None of the jobs, including singing in the choir, are difficult. Most involve only few minutes on a Sunday morning and all are rewarding. Shortly the Worship Team will publish a one page summary of job requirements and make that available in the Great Hall, the newsletter, and new member packets. Training and assistance are available on request. Signup sheets are already available every Sunday in the Great Hall. In addition, we send out an email to the entire congregation each week seeking participation for future Sundays and will be button-holing you in the Great Hall before and after worship.

Please say yes when asked.

Even better – volunteer without being asked!



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# IN COMMUNITY

## What is your fried chicken?

Remember getting to know a little boy named James Robert Martin last year? He graced us with his presence for only a short time, but he left a mark on a lot of us who followed his mom and dad's Caring Bridge blog. After James passed away, his dad, JJ, wrote one of the most beautiful blogs I have ever read, and in that blog he asked a simple question:

**"What is your fried chicken?"**

Intrigued by the question, I gobbled up JJ's words. Basically, JJ was asking what we were on this Earth for? What are we passionate about? How can we serve God and others? His wife's grandmother was put on this Earth to make the best fried chicken ever and was passionate about it. His son James was put on this Earth to bring people together who didn't even know each other but cared so much about what happened to him.



### What were you put on this Earth to do?

One of the things I was put on this Earth to do was Outreach. That is definitely part of my spiritual meal. If you are finding that helping others is YOUR fried chicken, then please join us for an Outreach Team meeting

**Wednesday, February, 15 @ PPC at 7:00 p.m.**

Bring empty stomachs (we are serving up some pizza) and minds full of creative ideas!

If you have any questions or would like to receive Team Outreach emails from me, please email me at [reasterling@arcadiapublishing.com](mailto:reasterling@arcadiapublishing.com). I look forward to seeing you in February!

### Prayer Walking

**Tuesday Mornings—8:15-9:00 (Rain Cancels)**  
Come join us for a walk and a prayer each Tuesday.

## THE NURTURE TEAM IS "COOKING UP" A PLAN!



- N** Nurture is looking to form a "food group for 2012"
- U** Ultimate goal: to maintain a surplus of freezer meals that are taken to our PPC family members in the event of a birth, surgery or illness.
- R** Recipe and pan are given to each volunteer. All you do is prepare the meal and bring it to the church freezer at your convenience.
- T** Time involved is minimal. You may be asked a few times a year to make something, and it would only be a year commitment.
- U** United group may also be asked, in the event of a bereavement, to make a side dish.
- R** Rally with NURTURE and join the team.
- E** Email Amy Gravino at [urage@aol.com](mailto:urage@aol.com)

## SOUND SYSTEM VOLUNTEERS

Palmetto Presbyterian is blessed with excellent acoustics, but is dependent on the proper operation of the audio equipment to ensure all in the congregation hear every word and every



note of every service. Since moving into the building we have depended heavily on a few dedicated members to operate that equipment for every sanctuary event. Additional sound room volunteers are needed to share the load. If you can push buttons and move slides, you have the essential skills already. Don't worry, we will teach you which buttons to push and which slides to slide and will mentor you until you "get it." If you're interested, stop by the sound booth after the service and volunteer.

## A WORD ABOUT GIVING —

### Notes from the Finance Team

Again through careful monitoring and judicious spending the Operating Fund has ended the year 2011 under budget while the congregational ministries and outreach missions of the church continued to grow, touching more lives within the church family and community beyond.

Though Palmetto Presbyterian Church has many carefully thought out financial procedures, the finance team in anticipation of the audit report has already begun the process of looking at our financial processes to make them as secure as possible. One member of the team is researching financial “Best Practices” for comparison and our use. This will be an ongoing process this year.

Did you know you can use Web Bill Pay when needed to send your tithe to Palmetto? We are Palmetto Presbyterian Church, 1720 Carolina Park Blvd, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466-7521, phone 843-884-1504. Your account number is your first and last name. The church is here 366 days in 2012; please don't take your gifts on vacation with you.

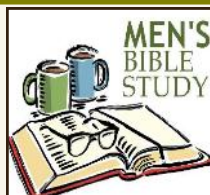
Everything we have comes from God. Your gifts support Palmetto's ability to change lives and hearts, beginning here with our church family and reaching out to the rest of the world. Your generosity makes a difference.



### UPCOMING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

With the season of Lent beginning February 22, the Worship Team has planned a full schedule of worship opportunities beginning with Ash Wednesday and concluding with Easter morning. Look for details in the weekly bulletin and e-POST.

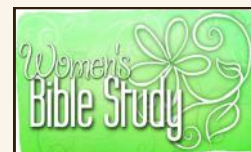
*Beyond Lent and Easter*, the Worship Team is planning a dedication service for the wonderful outdoor worship area recently completed under the leadership of Eric van Overeem and is considering alternative worship services including hymn sings, Taize services, additional outdoor worship services, and a future second weekly worship service. More on these as plans develop. If you have ideas for these and other worship opportunities, please contact either Anne Smyre ([absmyre@comcast.net](mailto:absmyre@comcast.net)) or Rick Goldmeyer ([rick.goldmeyer@comcast.net](mailto:rick.goldmeyer@comcast.net)), co-chairs of the Worship Team.



**Friday Mornings**  
**7:00 a.m. at PPC**  
Contact Gary Mullaney  
[gemulla2713@gmail.com](mailto:gemulla2713@gmail.com)

**Thursday Mornings**  
**10:00 a.m. at PPC**

Contact Sallie Aldrich 284-8261,  
Nancye Mullaney 412-1800 or Dottie Kelley 856-8918



### Confirmation Class 2012

Confirmation Class 2012 continues February 1, February 8, February 15, and February 29—5:30-7:30 p.m. at the church. Please continue to pray for and support this great group of confirmands as they grow and learn together.



### WINGS OF FAITH—

*Women's Christian Book Club*  
**February 21st—9:30 a.m.**

*Waiting for Daybreak*  
by Kathryn Cushman

Join us as we share a good book, friendship and fellowship. Contact Angela Redden at [aredden@palmettopreschurch.org](mailto:aredden@palmettopreschurch.org) or Lori Russ at [loriruss@bellsouth.net](mailto:loriruss@bellsouth.net).



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## WHAT IS LOVE?

When we think of love, we tend to think of romantic love with our own desires and inclinations.

More songs and poems have been written about love than most any other topic. God's kind of love is unselfish, giving love without expecting anything in return.

Paul chose a Greek word for his passage on love in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. It is agape love, which describes a love that is based on the deliberate choice of the one who loves rather than the worthiness of the one who is loved.

**LOVE** Love is *patient,*  
love is *kind.*  
It does not *envy,*  
it does not *boast,*  
it is not *proud.*  
1 Corinthians 13:4

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*

**Love is patient and kind.** We tend to put aside or avoid people in our lives who are difficult to get along with or don't agree with us, whether they are friends, family, or acquaintances. Yet according to Paul, true love puts up with people who would be easier to give up on.

**Love does not envy or boast.** When our love is directed toward others, we will rejoice in the blessings they receive rather than in the blessings for ourselves. The selfless love that God calls us to does not involve pride, glory or acknowledgment. This requires us to set aside our own plans and agendas for the good of others.

**Love is not easily angered.** Love is not easily angered. When we truly love others, we do not overanalyze or critique other people's words or actions towards us.

**Love does not keep record of wrongs or evils, but rejoices in the truth.** With agape love, we believe all things and hope all things knowing that God can change lives. We may recognize problems and failures in people, but we do not lose faith in the possibilities of what people might become or how the relationship can grow.

**Finally, love endures all things.** Love accepts any hardship and continues to build up and encourage others. This is the kind of love that God shows to us through His protection and guidance.

*1 Corinthians 13:4-7 remind us of God's love for us, and the commandment to love our neighbors. By reflecting on God's love, we may be inspired to love our friends and family more, and maybe even learn to love our enemies.*

**NEXT CE TEAM MEETING**  
February 14th—6:30PM @ PPC

## Presbytery Children's Retreat at Bethelwoods March 10-11th



5K-5th Grade

All are invited to join us for our annual children's retreat. Join children and adults from around our presbytery. Hope to see you there!

Register online at [www.capresbytery.org](http://www.capresbytery.org)  
by February 15th

## Livin' On the EDGE Faith in 3D RECAP

Faith in 3D, as expected, was full of magic and excitement. The mix of worship and music with roller coasters and rides proved to be not only exhausting, but full of action and fun. Our group explored what it means to be Creative with and through God, how to use our Imagination to better the world around us, and how to Animate those plans into action. The conference taught all of us how important it is as God's people to reach outside of "our world" and bring magic and wonder to people all over the world. Faith in 3D made a huge impact on our lives as Christians and we all hope to use that magic and excitement in our everyday lives! *Alex*



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**PALMETTO SESSION**

Natalie Doss (2014)  
Karen Driggers (2013)  
Herb Ellis (2014)  
Kerry Goldmeyer (2013)  
John Ledbetter (2014)  
Leonard Lindstrom (2012)  
Gary Mullaney (2012)  
Melissa Peyton (2012)  
Buck Smyre (2013)  
Bill Sullivan (2012)  
Chuck Turner (2014)  
Matt Turner (2014)  
Ralph Wetherell (2012)  
Lara Lyn Yarborough (2013)  
  
Clerk of Session—Melissa Peyton

**NEW MEMBER CLASS**

The Session meets in Mike's office each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. to receive new members. Please speak to Mike or one of the Elders (*wearing the gold name tags*) about joining PALMETTO.

**SUNDAY MORNING**

Sunday School—9:00 a.m.  
Fellowship—10:00-10:30 a.m.  
Worship—10:30 a.m.

Children's Church with a planned lesson for K4-2nd grade is offered weekly following "Time with Children" (during the worship service). FUEL for 3rd-5th grades is offered on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month.



**PPC CARES**  
**Elder of the Week**  
**Phone: (843) 991-3534**



*Have a prayer request?*

Email prayer concerns to:  
[ppeprayers@comcast.net](mailto:ppeprayers@comcast.net)



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