

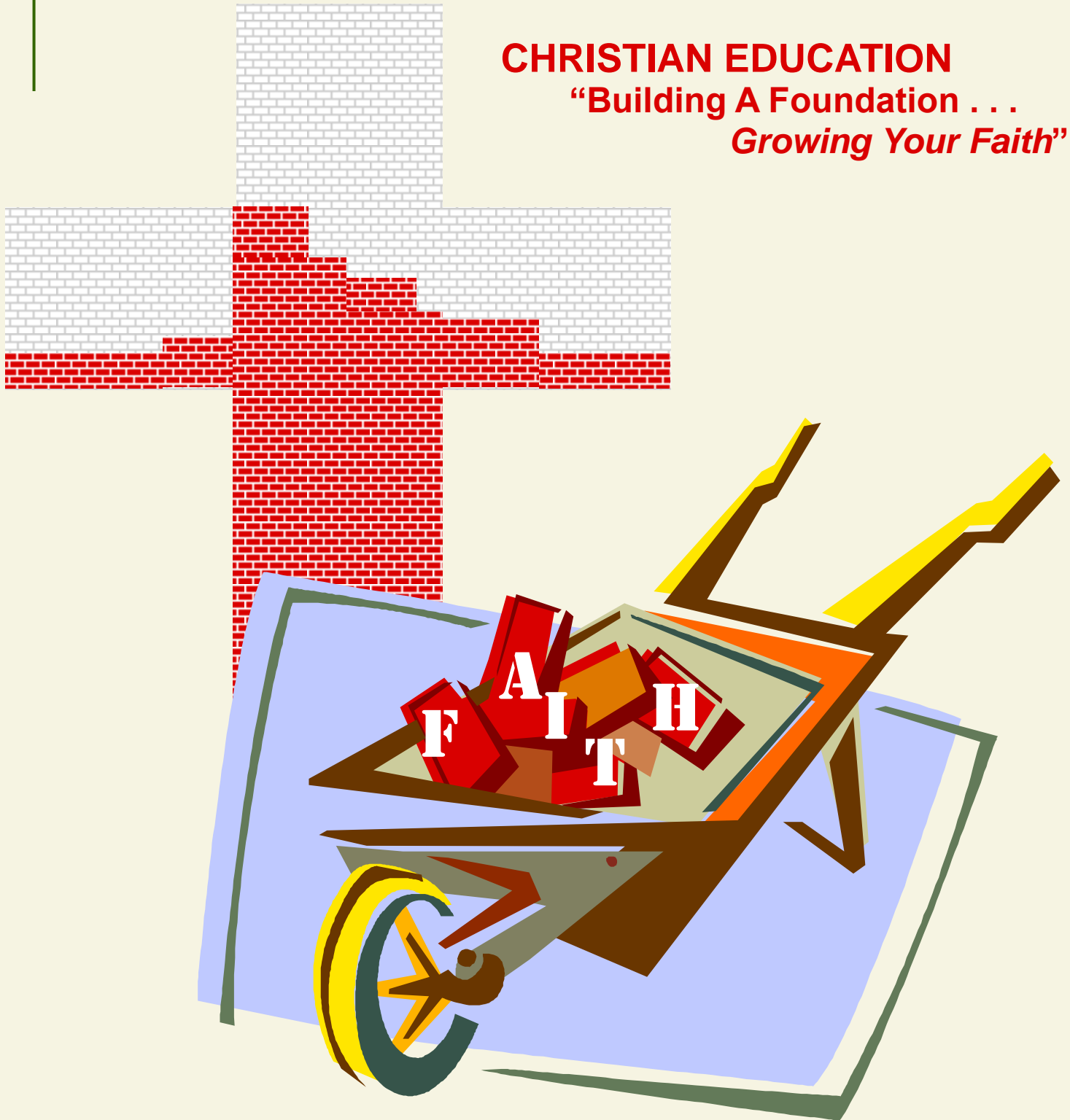
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
“Building A Foundation . . .
Growing Your Faith”



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THE PALMETTO PALM READER

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION THIS FALL

FROM THE PASTOR

Last Saturday morning, a large group of PALMETTO “worker bees” met at Laing at 7:30 to transform our “old school” into a new “Christian Education Space.” We pressure-washed the bathrooms, cleaned out classrooms, moved trash and junk, and cleaned, cleaned, cleaned.

We now have the space to offer a number of Christian Education opportunities this fall. Our CE Team and teachers have been working hard in anticipation of our best education offerings yet. Please bring your family and invite your friends to Sunday school this fall—beginning Sunday, September 20th at 9:15 a.m.

Several PALMETTO folks attended the presbytery S.T.E.P.S. training on August 29th at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian, and then we held our own teacher training at PALMETTO on the 30th.

In addition to Sunday school, we have our Men’s Bible Study, Presbyterian Women, Women’s Bible Study, book clubs, youth group, new member classes, confirmation, elder training, and more. There is a place for you to learn and grow in your faith here at PALMETTO.

Our session has just approved the job description for our new Christian educator position, and we will begin the search in September. We hope to have our new educator start work in January when we are in our new building.

Our visitors keep commenting on the large number of children that come forward for our Time With Children. We are blessed to have so many, which makes our Christian education efforts that much more important and necessary.

Let’s have a great fall.

See you in Sunday school,

“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.” Proverbs 22:6

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SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 6TH

"A Chasing After the Wind"

Ecclesiastes 2:17-26

SEPTEMBER 13TH—RALLY DAY

"A Light Shining in a Dark Place"

II Peter 1:19-21

Communion

SEPTEMBER 20TH

"Lessons from Childhood"

James 3:13-4:3,7-8

Mark 9:30-37

SEPTEMBER 27TH

"Pleading Our Case Before God"

Job 38:1-11,16-18

*Pearls, gold metals, & sequins,
fringe, beads & braids—Oh, my!
All to make beautiful Chrismons
to hang this Christmastide.*

Join us to make ornaments for
PPC's first ever Chrismon tree!

When: Tuesday, September 1 - 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 9 - 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Where: The home of Joye Davis
1132 Oak Overhang Street
Daniel Island

Watch the bulletin and PPC e-Post for additional dates and times. If you would like to help with this project, contact Joye Davis at davisjoye@gmail.com or 856-8432.



MUSIC NOTES

**Christmas is coming . . .
and the choir needs YOU !**

I know there are some of you who have been interested in singing in the choir, but for various reasons have been unable to commit to it on a full time basis. We have a Christmas gift for YOU! We are opening up the choir to anyone who would like to join us to sing for the Christmas music *only*. We will rehearse on Thursdays at 6:30 at Laing Middle School. The first part of choir rehearsal will be dedicated to our Christmas music. You would then be free to leave after that, and the choir will then rehearse Sunday service music. Of course, you would also be more than welcome to stay for the entire rehearsal and join us on Sundays as well. I hope that some of you will be enticed to join us on this temporary, no long term obligation basis.

Also, we will be doing a Choral Workshop/Choir Retreat the weekend of September 25-26. I have a vocal and choral specialist coming in to conduct this workshop. He is an excellent clinician with vast experience in private vocals and choral work. I would invite any of you who want to join us for the Christmas music to also be involved in this Choir Retreat. Please feel free to email or phone me for more details and information on this.

What are the requirements to join us? Only attendance at the Thursday rehearsals and a willingness to make a joyful noise and sing unto the Lord a new song(s)! You certainly do not have to be a trained vocalist. In fact, the Choral Workshop Retreat will take care of any vocal insecurities you may feel.

I look forward to a glorious musical presentation to celebrate the birth of our Lord, and hope that many of you will desire to participate in this.

With a song in my heart,
Crystal



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RALLY DAY

What *is* Rally Day?

Rally Day is the start of a new year of teaching and learning for many congregations. Most often it is a day in late August or early September that signifies the end of summer vacation and the return to Sunday School. It is an essential part of life and mission of many congregations.

Rally Day is the time to recognize and honor both those who teach and those who learn; all who nurture faith in others. It provides a unique opportunity to acknowledge the partnership of parents and teachers and other congregational members in affirming a lifestyle that is Christ's style. It is a time for our entire congregation to *rally* behind God's intention that all Christians—children, youth, and adults—grow and learn; a day for our congregation at PALMETTO to celebrate our ministry of Christian education! Please join us **Sunday, September 13**, for our 10:30 a.m. worship service. Plan to stay for lunch and our special Rally Day events. There will be something for everyone! Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors, too!

ADULTS, YOUTH, CHILDREN:

Did you know your Sunday School classes at PALMETTO . . .

- Provide wonderful opportunities for evangelism
- Nurture personal relationships
- Connect biblical and theological insights to life
- Appeal to a wide spectrum of people
- Minister to the entire family regardless of size
- Offer valuable training for discipleship

There will be Sunday School classes available for everyone aged 0-110 at PALMETTO beginning this fall!

September 2009-May 2010 Christian Educators

THE ARK (0-4 years old)

Lead: *Robin Beckner*
Heather Spann
Amy Inabinet
Jenna Strange

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Lead: *Lara Lyn Yarborough*
Eddie Haddock
Pam Loesch
Beth Taylor

K-2nd GRADE

Lead: *Kathryn Cavan*
Anne Smyre
Tami Dennis
Julie Lutz
Shelly van Overeem

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Lead: *Heather Martel*
Amanda Sisk
Shelley Hadden
Lisa Ledbetter
Melinda Turner

3rd-5th GRADE

Lead: *Caroline McKinney*
Jeff Doss
Matt Collier
Leslie Collier

FUEL

Lead: *Beth Taylor*
Michell Weil
Steve Weil
Emily Carter

6th-9th GRADE

Lead: *group decision!*
Elaine Kloos
Nancy Mann
Creig Belvin
Chris Hulsey

PPC YOUTH

Lead: *group decision!*
Ryan Easterling
Steve Weil
Steve Aldrich

ADULT CLASSES

Lead: *Gary Mullaney*
Buck Smyre
Mark McKinney

VBS for Summer 2010

Chair: *Lori Russ*
Co-chair: *Ryan Easterling*

September 13th

Come Rally with us as we kick off our fall CE schedule.



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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION— “Building A Foundation . . . Growing Your Faith”

Sunday School

classes for everyone aged 0-110

THE ARK (0-4 years old)

God Loves Me Curriculum

All children in The Ark will be introduced to God's love. Babies are cuddled while toddlers are gently encouraged to join the "circle." The *God Loves Me* curriculum provides a short age-appropriate story followed by a simple prayer. The children learn to fold their little hands and bow their heads in prayer. Learning through play, the children will participate in a movement/art/music activity about the story heard. Never underestimate the mind of a two-year-old!

K-2nd GRADE

We Believe Curriculum

The children will study Old Testament stories of God's people as they encounter God in creation, the law, and covenant relationship. Each lesson is comprised of 4 parts: Assemble (God calls us together), Bible Study (we hear God's Word), Claim (we respond to God's Word), and Depart (God sends us into the world). This is our "crafty" bunch! The teachers keep them busy with arts and crafts, movement and drama, and songs and music; all related to the lesson taught. Let the fun begin!

3rd-5th GRADE

We Believe Curriculum

Using the same curriculum as the k-2nd class (see above), but for older children, this group follows a similar format. Each child is encouraged to bring his/her own Bible to class each Sunday. The teachers will begin to teach the children how to locate the scriptures being taught.

6th-12th GRADE

Instant Bible Studies by Burns and DeVries

Consisting of detailed outline formats, each study lists a topic, the aim, the key verse and the biblical basis of the study. Our youth will discuss daily living topics such as attitude, family, seeking God, and influence. Discussions will be facilitated by adult teachers. The children in this group are also encouraged to bring their own Bibles each week. Building Christian friendships through fellowship is a primary focus.

ADULTS

1. **Peacemaking:** Join us each Sunday to learn the basic principles of personal peacemaking in a small group setting. This is a study for everyone which teaches biblical peacemaking principles and how to apply these principles to your own life and relationships. Participants will learn the four Gs: Glorify God, Get the log out of your eye, Gently restore, and Go and be reconciled. This study will include short videos, Bible verses, and discussion. A study guide will also be provided.

2. **Parenting By The Book:** Join us each Sunday as we study to become more familiar with God's Word, to understand how we can apply God's Word to parenting our children, and to enjoy fellowship with others seeking to do the same. Led by a facilitator, we will study the book of Matthew, as well as other readings. As preparation for each week's discussion, each participant is expected to study the assigned passage(s) and prepare written responses to three questions.

& other offerings

- **Men's Bible Study** *Friday mornings at 7:00*
- **Women's Bible Study** *Thursday mornings at 9:30*
- **Wings of Faith Book Club** *3rd Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.*

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TEAM PALMETTO & SESSION NEWS

FROM FINANCE TEAM

A WORD ABOUT GIVING—

There is always a lull in the summer months. If you were away and fell behind, please try to catch up on your pledged giving. Hope everyone had a great summer.

—Sandra Powell, Finance Chair

Nominating Committee

On Sunday, October 25th, there will be a congregational meeting immediately following worship to elect 5 elders to serve on the session in the class of 2012.

At PALMETTO we have 3 classes of 5 elders who serve three-year terms. The Nominating Committee will begin meeting in September to begin the search process.

The session has recommended that the Nominating Committee find persons who have been previously ordained as elders or deacons, so that we have experienced leaders during these early years as a new congregation.

If you have an interest in serving, please contact either John Loesch at john.loesch@basf.com or Albert van Overeem at avanovereem@danryanbuilders.com

FROM EVANGELISM TEAM

MEMBERSHIP AT PALMETTO—

During the summer we didn't focus on membership, so we have planned a "fall focus" on membership. The Evangelism Team will be calling those visitors who have been worshipping with us for several months to talk about membership. We will receive new members Sunday, September 13.

New members are received by transfer of letter, by re-affirmation of faith (*for those who have been baptized*), or by profession of faith and baptism.

At PALMETTO, membership is a 4 step process:

1. Meet with the pastor to talk about the church *or* attend one of our Inquirers Desserts.
2. Fill out paperwork.
3. Meet with the session at the slated time to be introduced to our elders.
4. Be introduced to the congregation during the announcements in Sunday worship.

If you have been worshipping with us and are ready to join, know there is a place for you at PALMETTO. If you wish to continue being involved at PALMETTO but *not* join, we feel blessed to have so many "friends of the church."

Our next Inquirers Dessert will be held at the home of Mike and Rosemary Fitze Sunday, October 18, at 4:00 p.m.



VISIT US ON THE WEB

If you haven't looked at our church web site recently, please do. We've made lots of changes—thank you to Gary Mullaney for all his hard work. Now, you can see

pictures of our new sanctuary as progress continues, you can read sermons, read the PPC POST, see pictures of recent church happenings, sign up for our weekly email with the latest events, and much more. So, check us out at:

www.palmettopreschurch.org

Outreach Opportunity

PPC OUTREACH TEAM is looking for 4 or 5 new members to join our team, seeking to make our community a better place!

If you would like to be a part of this ministry team, please contact Lynn Cobb at 224-4811 or lynnkobbstudios@mac.com

FROM FELLOWSHIP TEAM

RALLY DAY POTLUCK LUNCH

There will be a potluck lunch hosted by Fellowship following worship on Sunday September 13th as we kick off our fall programming with Rally Day.



The church will provide fried chicken and lemonade. Please bring additional food to share as follows:

Last Names beginning with **A-Q: Side dish**
R-Z: Desserts



Calling PPC "PRE-YOUTH"—
that's K thru 5th

GET READY
... SET
... JUMP!!!

All K-5th and parents are invited to join us at Ready-Set-Jump (Clements Ferry Road) on Sunday, September 20th, from 2:30 'til 4:30 p.m. We'll **JUMP**, have pizza and cupcakes, **JUMP**, get reacquainted now that school has started, and **JUMP** some more! Cost is \$10 per child or \$15 per family. Please come out and join us for this wonderfully fun fellowship event.

We are limited to 25 jumpers so sign up **TODAY!!!**

Parents, please note: This is NOT A DROP-OFF EVENT. Parents will need to stay to supervise their child/children. SOCKS ARE REQUIRED!

SAVE THE DATES

OCTOBER 4th: GOD'S **GRAFFITI!**

Bring your Sharpie Marker to the church property and enjoy cookies and a drink while we write Bible verses on the studs of the new church building. Join us at 3:00 p.m. at the church property. Come get your first walk-through of the education wing of our new church!

OCTOBER 11th: **CONNECTIONS** Appetizer Club

OCTOBER 30th: TRUNK -OR-TREAT has returned! Mark your calendar now to spend Friday, October 30th, at the back parking lot of Laing. Get your costumes, treats, and tailgate decorations and get ready for a fun time. We will have costume and pumpkin carving contests, so start planning!!!

WINGS OF FAITH

Women's Christian Fiction Book Club

Tuesday, September 15th

9:30 a.m.

at the home of Lori Russ

Book selection:

The Red Tent by Anita Diamant

For more information, contact Angela Redden at 881-9782 or angelaredden@hughes.net or Lori Russ at 388-9341 or loriruss@bellsouth.net



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

If you want to strengthen your faith journey and enjoy great fellowship too, join us this fall as we look at the lives of some extraordinary women in scripture.

Why did Eve take that bite of the apple?
How did it feel to be the Mother of God?
What made these women so extraordinary?
How do the lives of these women speak to us today?

Meet with us on Thursday mornings beginning September 17 from 9:30-11:00 as we explore the lives and contributions of 10 memorable women of the Bible.

We plan to meet for 10 consecutive weeks. However, we will be discussing one woman each week, so if you miss a week, you can pick up the next week.

We will be using the book *Twelve Extraordinary Women* by John MacArthur, together with Scripture. Books will be available for purchase.

If you have any questions, please contact Dottie Kelley (856-8918), Nancye Mullaney (352-4969) or Sallie Aldrich (284-8261). On September 17 we will meet at the home of Dottie Kelley. Going forward, the location of the study will be printed each week in the bulletin.

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SUNDAY MORNING

9:15-10:00 a.m. — Sunday School

10:00-10:30 a.m. — Fellowship

10:30-11:30 a.m. — Worship

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

PALMETTO SESSION

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Dottie Kelley
Elaine Kloos
John Loesch
Julie Martin
Nancye Mullaney
Angela Redden
Dick Redden
Buck Rogers
Lori Russ
Anne Smyre
Beth Taylor
Albert van Overeem**

NEW MEMBER CLASS

The Session meets in the cafeteria 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.

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September 13th

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September 20th at 9:15 a.m.

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