

PPC



JUNE  
2010

**coming together . . .**



**this summer at PPC**





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# THE PALMETTO PALM READER

## THE PIECES ARE COMING TOGETHER

To *some* regular church-goers it's no puzzle as to what makes a good church great. Ask 10 people, you will get 10 answers:

-  a good youth program . . .
-  a good choir . . .
-  a good preacher . . .
-  good giving . . .

FROM THE PASTOR

You get the idea . . . and certainly these are *good* answers. I believe with all my heart PALMETTO is and will be a *great* church, but that greatness has nothing to do with anyone's list of good stuff.

A GREAT CHURCH is the result of God's grace and the commitment of God's people. To be honest, commitment is a challenge in Mt. Pleasant. It's not that we *aren't* committed—most folks are *over*-committed. So what does the church do . . . we take whatever we can get; we don't try to raise the bar or challenge our congregations enough. At PALMETTO we have said we want to be a *missional* church not a *program* church . . . so this week at the church, we are building steps for elderly, poor people. Then we will go to their homes Saturday, June 5, and install them. In March, we collected soup and delivered it to those who needed it. Last month we began collecting clothes and school supplies for Hands of Christ.

You see how many children we have at PALMETTO, and yet like most new churches we will have to *develop* a youth ministry. *So*, the appropriate response when someone wants to know if we have a youth *program* might be: "Would you be willing to join us and help develop one?"

Look around PALMETTO and you will see that the pieces are coming together. If you have been worshipping with us, let me remind you of the old "saw": What's missing from our CH\_\_CH...UR!

Is Palmetto a great church? Can we become one? With God's grace, we can!

See you Sunday,

*Mike*



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## JUNE WORSHIP

JUNE 6th

*"Why Me Lord?"*

Philippians 4:4-6

William Robson Baptism

JUNE 13th

*"The Bread of Heaven"*

Exodus 16:1-35

John 6:45-58

Communion

JUNE 20th

*"Scenes from a Marriage"*

John 2:1-11

William Vissage Baptism

JUNE 27th

*"Dumb & Dumber:*

*The Story of Ananias & Sapphira"*

Acts 4:33-5:1

## COMING IN JUNE

This summer we will "experiment" by offering an early service at 8:15 a.m. for those who have plans on Sunday afternoons and need an early start. The 8:15 service will be shorter, with less music, and no TIME WITH CHILDREN. But we will celebrate the sacrament of The Lord's Supper at *every* early service, and baptisms will be administered only in the 10:30 service. We hope this will encourage you to attend worship as often as possible.

## MUSIC NOTES

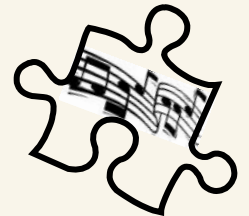
Did you know that June is national "Join a Choir Month"? Ok, so not really, but I would like to make it PPC "Join a Choir Month". Our choir is hosting a party on Friday, June 25, 6:00PM at the home of Pam and John Loesch, 1926 Kiln Court in Dunes West.

This party is for YOU:

1. If you have ever had a glancing thought about joining the choir
2. If you have ever wondered what it would be like to be in the choir
3. If you have ever wondered how hard the choir works
4. If you have ever wondered what the "re-choir-ments" of choir membership are
5. If you have ever wondered what it would be like to make beautiful music with a group
6. If you have ever wanted to minister to people through music
7. If you have ever wanted to plug in to a small group setting at PPC
8. If you have ever wished our choir was larger
9. If you have ever wondered what you could meaningfully do on a Thursday evening
10. If you have ever thought, "I wish I could sing," (because you probably can!)

Please join us, and know that attendance at the party, does NOT commit you to choir membership. You are simply welcome to come and gather information! The choir hopes to see you there!

With a song in my heart,  
Crystal



### A WORD ABOUT GIVING—

**REMINDER:** Monday, May 31st, was the end of the second year of our Capital Campaign. Please make sure your pledge is current, and thank you for your support of PPC.

—Sandra Powell, Finance Chair

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# CELEBRATING LIFE

## PALMETTO RECEIVES WALTON AWARD

PALMETTO is one of four Presbyterian NCD churches in the nation to receive the Walton Award for 2010. The award and a \$50,000 grant were presented at the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery Spring Meeting held here Saturday, May 15th.

The award is hanging in the Education Wing hallway, and the funds from the grant will be used to reduce our church mortgage.

## INQUIRER'S DESSERT



Sunday, June 13th  
5:00 in the afternoon  
at the home of  
Mike & Rosemary Fitze

1835 S. James Gregarie Road (Tennyson, Park West)

*If you have been worshipping with us and want to learn more about Palmetto, join other "new" folks for an Inquirer's Dessert. Meet new friends, enjoy good dessert and hear about the vision of Palmetto. Invitations will be mailed to our visitors who have been attending for a while.*

## PALMETTO WELCOMES CHARLESTON ATLANTIC PRESBYTERY *for their* ANNUAL SPRING MEETING



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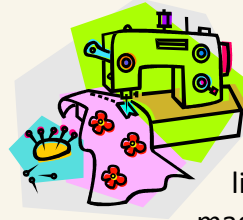
# IN COMMUNITY

## get connected . . .

*with bulletin inserts*

Our *Great Hall* is such a wonderful meeting spot for fellowship that we all “forget” about signing up for various activities and church events at the WELCOME TABLE. So . . . we are going to use bulletin inserts for special events. During announcements just fill out the signup form (*if you are planning on participating*), tear off the bottom portion and drop it in the offering basket—keep the top portion as your “reminder.”

## HELP FOR THE WOMEN OF HAITI—



I will be going back to Haiti on June 13 and would like to take a few sewing machines with me. If anyone has a lightweight, *portable* sewing machine in good working order they would like to donate to the women of Haiti, please contact me at 843-856-8918. Thanks.

—Dottie Kelley

## get connected

# C2C

## CHURCH TO CHURCH

Join the PPC Outreach Ministry Team & other volunteers for our C2C Event!

Event Day: Saturday, June 5th  
Preparation Days: June 2-4

### Step Up to the Task!

In preparation for our C2C Event we are asking for volunteers to meet at PPC Wednesday, Thursday & Friday evenings, June 2, 3, 4, from 5:00 to 7:00 to build steps. There are a number of residents in Huger who need new steps and railings on their homes. On Saturday, June 5, we'll meet at PPC at 8:00 a.m. to go to the individual residences and install the steps, as well as make some other needed minor repairs. If you have power tools, bring them along.

Call Dennis Kelley at 856-8918, if you have questions.

*Any time that you can give will be greatly appreciated!*



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 11-14, 2010  
5:30 – 8pm

(5:30 – 6pm Dinner/6 – 8pm Bible School)

To register please contact:  
Lori Russ ([loriruss@bellsouth.net](mailto:loriruss@bellsouth.net))  
or Ryan Easterling  
([reasterling@arcadiapublishing.com](mailto:reasterling@arcadiapublishing.com))



## CONNECTIONS

### Appetizer Club

Sunday  
June 13<sup>th</sup>  
6-8pm

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## WINGS OF FAITH

*Women's Christian Fiction  
Book Club*



Tuesday, June 15th—9:30 a.m.  
at **Atlanta Bread** to pick book  
selections for the fall and to fellowship together.

For more information contact:  
Lori ([loriruss@bellsouth.net](mailto:loriruss@bellsouth.net)) or  
Angela ([aredden@palmettopreschurch.org](mailto:aredden@palmettopreschurch.org))

# coming soon...

Night Time Book Club coming soon. If  
you are interested please contact Julie  
Martin at [juliemartin727@gmail.com](mailto:juliemartin727@gmail.com)



*With so many new families and  
faces at PPC, it's time to update  
our church pictorial directory.*

If you have an interest in help-  
ing organize this project so we  
can begin taking pictures in the  
fall, please contact the church  
office.



### Ministry Team Co-Chairs

We are looking for co-chairs to help  
with:

*Building & Grounds  
Worship  
Fellowship*

Call the church office for more info.

## Where are the stewardship bricks?

To all the families who pledged in 2010 for our  
"How Firm A Foundation" stewardship cam-  
paign, the bricks are being engraved and will be  
used in the proposed flower garden in the front  
of the church. Anyone interested in helping  
with the design, please call the church office.



PPC POST on Pilgrimage to the Dead Sea  
with Preacher Mike.

### USHER IN THE SUMMER



We are going to 2 services for  
June, July and August and need  
some folks to sign up to usher.  
No experience is necessary and on-  
the-job training is provided. Ushers are especially  
needed for the 8:15 AM service.

Please contact John Loesch at [john.loesch@basf.com](mailto:john.loesch@basf.com)  
to "**get connected**" to usher this summer.

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# DCE CORNER

## Angela's Angels



A great big THANK YOU to Robin Beckner and Gracie Young for taking care of our "littlest" angels in the Ark.

### Happy Summer Time!!!

Here are some suggestions to help you have quiet time with God during the busy time of summer. They are taken from the book: *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* by Joanna Weaver



Take God out for coffee: Find a quiet corner of a café and meet with God. Take your Bible and notebook and grab a cup of coffee.



Add a spiritual classic to your devotional diet: Nothing should replace the Word of God, but a Christian book provides an enriching side dish.



Put feet to your faith: Take a walk with God and listen to the Bible or a sermon on tape. Your body and spirit will thank you.



Journal your journey: Keep a spiritual diary by recording your thoughts as you meditate on Scripture and write down any prayer requests.



Come before Him with singing: Add music to your devotion with a praise tape or hymn.



Let faith come by hearing: Order tapes from favorite speakers or listen to a sermon.



Dig a little deeper: Participate in a Bible study with a group or individually and then apply what you learn.



All the King's versions: Find a Bible translation you understand and then occasionally read from other versions to get a fresh perspective.



Hide the Word: Memorizing Scripture plants the Word of God in your heart. Write down the verses on index cards or sticky notes and take them with you to practice.



Spend a half-day in prayer: Set aside a large portion of time to spend with the Lord in a place that is free of distractions.



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# ON THE GO

Members of PPC are always on the go and we have a fun way to help the children stay "Connected" while they are away. It is a fun activity booklet to help them stay busy while they are traveling. Pick up the PPC booklet from the CE office. Enjoy your summer and safe travels!



## S.T.E.P.S.

- Studying
- Teaching
- Equipping
- Praying
- Serving

### AUGUST 28<sup>th</sup> at Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian

This Presbytery event is a great opportunity for all educators, parents, committee members, session members — really *anyone* who is interested in cultivating one's own faith or involved in cultivating the faith of others. It is an opportunity for personal growth, for learning new ideas, and for preparing to take the next steps in your walk and within our congregation.

Full details of each workshop are listed in the STEPS brochure, found on the CE table along with signup sheets. Info is also available online at [www.chas-atlpresbytery.org](http://www.chas-atlpresbytery.org).

PPC will pay the \$25 registration fee for our congregation members who sign up by July 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact Angela at [aredden@palmettopreschurch.org](mailto:aredden@palmettopreschurch.org) with questions.

***Come Live, Learn, Grow, and Cultivate Your Faith!***

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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.

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**SUNDAY MORNING**

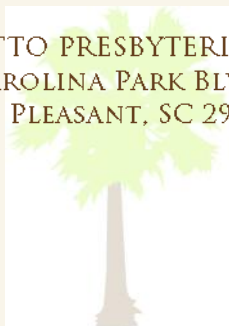
9:15-10:00 a.m. — Sunday School

10:00-10:30 a.m. — Fellowship

8:15 & 10:30 a.m. — Worship

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.

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