

PPC POST

**MARCH
2010**



Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

—Philippians 3:12-14

Photo: "Eye on the Prize" by G. Squires, Tamaya, Bernalillo, NM

God's Grace, My Gratitude, OUR GROWTH



THE PALMETTO PALM READER

PRESSING ON TOWARD THE GOAL

I don't know about you but I'm a list maker. Every day I feel like I have moved closer to my goal if I can mark several things off my "to do" list.

We are goal-oriented people who live in a goal-oriented community. We have personal goals, financial goals, professional and relationship goals, but how often do we measure how far we are in our faith goals? Many of us have been "card-carrying Christians" for years now, and yet we really haven't grown that much in our faith.

In Philippians, Paul writes that he presses on—keeping his eye on the prize.

Certainly we have set goals for our church since we first started meeting on Pentecost Sunday in 2007. We wanted to grow the church's membership, build a church home (*our new sanctuary*), study together through Christian education opportunities, serve the community . . . and the list goes on and on.

These are good, general goals, not different from goals of other Christians. But there is a *particularity* to our faith. Each of us is a unique and beloved child of God and there are "particular" goals we press on toward.

For example, I am a busy, action-oriented person, so my goal is to find ways to be more contemplative. In April I will go on a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land, spending time "being."

I don't know your goals, but my prayer is that our individual members (*who together make up our unique, particular community of faith*) will make a faith list and then prayerfully begin moving toward our goals.

*"Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached my goal;
but I press on to make it my own, because Christ has made me his own."*

During this Lenten season, let us all set our eye on the prize—and press on.

Grace and peace,

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MARCH WORSHIP

MARCH 7th

"What Do You Really Want?"

I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

Baptism of Anna Margaret Lee

MARCH 14th

"On Speaking Terms with Jesus"

John 4:5-26

Communion

MARCH 21st

"The Power to Forgive"

Matthew 16:13-20

Baptism of Laine Preston Easterling

MARCH 28th—PALM SUNDAY

"Stepping Off the Curb"

John 12:12-19



MUSIC NOTES

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. Ps. 47:6

The book of psalms is full of references to singing praises to God. In fact, each Psalm is a song, intended to be sung. With almost 70 uses of the word sing in the book of Psalm, I believe God is definitely making a point to us. While me may not all be called to sing in the choir, we are *all* called to sing! When we meet in corporate worship, it is through song that we as individual Christians lift our hearts to praise our Holy God. God does not require that we all sing skillfully. Rather, there are several references in the Psalms to making a joyful noise.

We are now in a beautiful building with phenomenal acoustics. I encourage you to test the acoustics of this building. Sing out in praise to the God who has redeemed you! What a glorious sound we will hear when we all sing as though we are indeed praising the God who made us and has blessed us with every good thing in our lives! I am eagerly anticipating the sound of all of our voices on March 7th when we indeed sing our praise for all God has done at Palmetto. Hoping to see you and hear you at the dedication service.

With a song in my heart,
Crystal



OUR NEW MEMBERS

Jeff, Becky & JJ Eglén

Herb & Julia Ellis

Cade & Tiffany Henderson

Marshall & Holly Horsman

Jim & Carolyn Morris

Kristen Singleton

Parker & Meredith Smith



PALMETTO DEDICATION SERVICE

Sunday, March 7th—4:00 p.m.

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CELEBRATING LIFE

Inquirer's Dessert

SUNDAY, MARCH 21st
4:00 p.m.
At Palmetto



Our visitors, friends of the church and "prospects for membership" are invited to meet other new folks at Palmetto, hear the vision for the church, meet someone from the session and our Evangelism Team, and learn how you can become a member at Palmetto . . . and enjoy some good desserts. Please join us!

Please call the church office (884-1504) to RSVP and also to let us know if you need child care.

CALLING ALL 6th-12th GRADERS **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

for THESE FUN-FILLED
UPCOMING EVENTS



March 21: 5-6:30 p.m.
at PPC

A lesson and corresponding games

April 18: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Bonfire, dinner, games, singing—
Keep your eyes peeled for the location!

May 16: 12:30-3:30 p.m.

End of the Year Beach Day
EDGE members and their families
Station 18 1/2 on Sullivans Island

For more information contact Ryan Easterling at reasterling@arcadiapublishing.com or Kim Hulseley at baha2004@comcast.net



SAVE THE DATE! *Saturday, April 17, 2010*

All women of PALMETTO are invited to join other women in our Presbytery for our annual Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women which will be held here at

PALMETTO PRESBYTERIAN.

Come enjoy a beautiful worship service and hear our church wide PW vice-moderator of missions, Alice Wyatt, give an inspiring message—then stay for a delicious lunch in our beautiful *Great Hall*. You will enjoy great fellowship and meet other women in our Presbytery. Hope to see you there! Registration forms will be available. If you have any questions, please contact:

Dottie Kelley (856-8918) or
Nancye Mullaney (412-1800)

Presbyterian Women meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

WEDNESDAY, March 17th
10:30 a.m. at THE PALMS
937 Bowman Road



WINGS OF FAITH

Women's Christian Fiction
Book Club

March 16th—9:30 a.m. at the Church

Leaving Church by Barbara Brown Taylor

For more information contact:
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Angela (aredden@palmettopreschurch.org)

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IN COMMUNITY

It was a cold and stormy night . . .
Bring A Friend Blitz and Roundup Event



. . . but we had a **GREAT** time
and met a lot of new friends!



YOUTH DESSERT CHALLENGE

Grand Prize

Forrest Redden (R)

Runners Up

Eric van Overeem (L)

Talina van Overeem

Jackson Lee



Easter Egg Hunt

& Covered Dish Luncheon



JOIN US FOR THIS ANNUAL CHURCH-WIDE EVENT

Palm Sunday, March 28th

following the worship service

There will be thousands of treat-filled eggs and a **GOLDEN EGG** prize! For the Easter Egg Hunt, children will be divided into groups by age (*same as SS*)—ages 6th grade and up will be helpers.

For the covered dish luncheon, the church will provide ham and beverages. Please bring a dish to share (*based on last name*).

A-F Cold Side G-Q Warm Side R-Z Desserts

Easter Lily Fund

*Envelopes
will be
Available
March 7th-21st*



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FROM FINANCE TEAM

WANTED

LAPTOP COMPUTER with Windows XP needed for bookkeeping. If you have one to donate, please contact the church office.

HELP NEEDED!

If you have experience with Human Resource/Personnel Management and are willing to help, WE NEED YOU. Contact Sandra Powell, Finance Team Leader, 884-6654.



OUR MAILING ADDRESS HAS CHANGED

Please address correspondence to:

**Palmetto Presbyterian Church
1720 Carolina Park Blvd.
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466-7521**

take note . . .

There will be *two* services
EASTER SUNDAY

April 4th

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

NO Sunday School or Children's Church

Nursery for Birth-3K will be available.

SESSION REPORT—Julie Martin, Clerk

SESSION Highlights for February 22, 2010 Meeting

SAVE THE DATE

- We have scheduled baptisms on the following days:
- 3/7 – Anna Lee
- 3/21 – Laine Easterling
- The Dedication Service will be on 3/7 at 4:00 p.m.
- We will examine the confirmands on 3/21
- There will be a covered dish/Easter egg hunt on 3/28
- The Maundy Thursday service will be on 4/1 at 7:00 p.m.
- Easter Services will be held on 4/4 at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

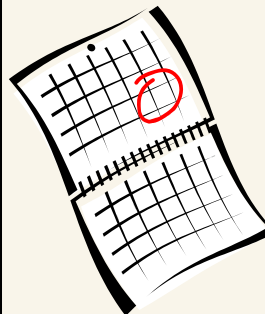
REMINDERS/REQUESTS

- We need volunteers to help with the children's Classes and Vacation Bible School
- The Soup Challenge is going well – don't forget to bring in your soup

ACTIONS TAKEN BY SESSION

- Retained Legal Counsel to resolve building issues
- Approved Corporate Bylaws
- Approved combining the Adult Sunday School Classes on 4/18 for a presentation from the representative for the Hands of Christ ministry
- Approved the purchase of a refrigerator for the kitchen
- Approved a communion service for the Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering being held at PPC on 4/17

CHURCH CALENDAR—



To schedule your event/meeting on the **CHURCH CALENDAR**, please contact the church office for availability.

The calendar is located in the Workroom.

Angela's Angels



Welcoming Angels (*children*) into Worship

The CE Team acknowledges the joys and frustrations of worshipping beside a young child. We have lots of children of varying ages and the following are offered as helpful hints to adults bringing children to worship as well as those adults that are truly privileged enough to sit near a child. It is part of our baptismal vows to help children come to know the love of God. Let us be a part of their wonderful experience by opening up our heart and minds to the angels "children" of PPC!

- Make sure the child has a Children's Bulletin and that you have a bulletin.
- Sit where the child can see what is going on and feel more involved.
- When you first arrive, look together at the order of worship in the bulletin.
- Have the child find the hymns in the hymnal.
- Show the child when they will participate in the Time with Children.
- Greet the children as well as adults, and be as intentional about knowing children's names as you are about adults' names.
- Children learn about worship by participating. Have the child stand for the opening hymn and follow along with the liturgy (This is the built in time to wiggle. If children sit and stand with the congregation, they will be more likely to sit still longer during the sermon!) Use your finger to help follow the words.
- Be sure the child can see or hold the hymnal and follow along with the words with your finger.
- Hand the children the offering plate rather than passing it over their heads. Have children bring their own offering to church and/or let them place your offering in the plate.
- Touch is very calming to a child. During the sermon, put your arm around the child. Give a gentle back rub or hold their hand. They will feel loved in the place of worship as well as they may sit still!
- Plan ahead! Talk to the child about worship before you attend. Discuss why worship is important to you. Ask the child what they know about worship. Pack a bag of quiet tricks. A small pad of paper, crayons or pencils are appropriate. Talk about when these items can be used. Remember to let the child participate during the first part of the

- service so that when it comes time for everyone to sit quietly the child will have something new to do. Often children listen better when their hands are busy. They can color and hear the message at the same time!
- Encourage walking when leaving the sanctuary to attend Children's Church or FUEL.
 - Talk about worship at home. Explain words or practices such as doxology, baptism, Holy Communion.
 - Be patient with the learning process; we are all children of God!

SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES For All Ages

Sunday School

The Ark: Birth – 3K
4K-5K
1st-2nd Grades
3rd-5th Grades
6th Grade and Up

Adult: "Parenting"

Adult :

(casual Christian conversation—topics will vary each week and will range from our faith walks, our reformed tradition, Bible study and current events)

During Worship

The Ark: Birth – 18 months
19 months- 3K
Children's Church 4K- 5K
Children's Church 1st -2nd

FUEL will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month for 3rd - 5th grades. On the 2nd Sunday, 4K and up will join the congregation for communion.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!

Thank you for all of the generous donations to help set up our Christian Education classrooms. The children are enjoying the toys, and the volunteers love having options of things to do during the classes.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH—CAN YOU HELP?

- Assist with Children's Church (*rotation*)
 - Team teach with 1st – 2nd grade (*one teacher needed*)
- Please see Natalie Doss – Angela Redden to volunteer.

Board Games for All Ages & Craft Supplies Are Needed. Please drop off

in the Christian Education room or contact Angela Redden if you have larger items.



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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 K4-2nd grade is offered weekly following "Time with Children" (during the worship service). FUEL for 3rd-5th grade is offered on the 2nd & 4th Sundays.

PALMETTO SESSION

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Leonard Lindstrom
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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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