





*Dear NPC Family,*

*Thank you so much for supporting our families during the past month while we dealt with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. As you may know, a childhood friend of Norma's (from New Orleans) evacuated to Duluth to stay for a few days until the danger of the hurricane passed. Peggy, Larry, and their two sons, Chad and Cliff, arrived safely ahead of the storm. As the devastation in Louisiana started to dawn, we reached out to our church community for help and you delivered in more ways than we could have imagined.*

*We thank you for your generosity in all areas: money anonymously given, grocery and retail gift cards, food, clothes, hot meals delivered for over a week, and many other necessary items. At that time, it was a personal tragedy, not yet recognized on the national level that it is now. You knew what we needed more than we did, and for that we are very grateful for the outpouring of help.*

*Your immediate response was a true witness of God's love and it shone bright through those first dark days. We are still "recovering" and everyday brings its new challenges. Thank you for your kindness, prayers and devotion to living as Christ teaches us to do.*

*In His Name,*

*The Adams Family and The Badeaux Family*

# LIFE & NURTURE

## Praise Kids Report:

We're meeting Sunday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00 and we've really got the "joyful noise" part of praise down. Just ask anyone who's been in the building at the time! We're exploring many ways to learn about God. We hope to share a song with you during the worship service sometime soon. We're exploring the



church property and crafting note cards to sell as a benefit for hurricane relief efforts. We're going to be part of the live nativity service in December. And, if you are in the 5th grade or younger, we'd love to have you join us. If you have any questions, ask Laura Lankford or Sandra Murray.

**Food and Fellowship** continue on Wednesday nights. After nourishing our bodies with a delicious meal, we continue our nourishment with some soul food in our intergenerational Bible study and discussion group based on the Joan of Arcadia series. See Matt's Musings for more on this subject!

Upcoming teams and their menus for our Wednesday night dinners for the month of October are as follows:

October 5—the Lankfords and Linda Smith will be serving up smoked beef brisket (Texas style!).

October 12—the Helmstetters and Cochrans will offer Cajun cooking .

October 19—the Valentines, Diane Lewis and Larry Fluehr will prepare chili.

October 26—the Badeaux's will provide Barbecue.

## ANNUAL BBQ & BAZAAR—October 22, 2005

The NPC Annual BBQ & Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, October 22, 2005. The yard sale will begin at 8am and end at 3pm. Please bring all donations for the Bazaar to the church any time during the week beginning Sunday, October 16th and be sure to label it for the NPC Bazaar. There have been so many donations coming and out for Hurricane Katrina relief, as well as the ongoing needs of the Norcross Cooperative Ministry, that the Life and Nurture Committee wants to be sure of what is really a donation for the Bazaar. Please contact Linda Smith, Norma Badeaux or Larry Fluehr if you can help with organizing and working the Bazaar. Remember the Pumpkin Patch will be going on at the same time!

There is still time to let Norma Badeaux know if you would like a “booth” to sell particular items (crafts, jewelry, books, paintings). Proceeds this year will go to help rebuild the Clifton Night Shelter, as well as to other community charities.

The BBQ will be cooked by the Men of the Church—you know who you are—and if you are not sure, then become one! It is a great tradition for the guys to spend the night before the BBQ/Bazaar cooking. “There is no age limit!” Please contact Marc Karasek or Van Badeaux for more details. Also NEEDED are cooks, choppers and servers on Saturday.

Lunch will be served from 11:00-2:00. Tickets will go on sale early in October. Please buy them ahead of time to make food purchase planning easier. Last year we had too many leftovers, and would like to be more precise this year due to budgetary concerns. You can buy tickets in the narthex in early October, or send your reservation through the NPC website, the link for which Ken Birmingham will be setting up shortly.

The menu: BBQ pork/buns, cole slaw, baked beans, chips. Tickets are \$7.00 a plate, children under 5 are \$4.00, with a \$25.00 family limit. Drinks will be \$1.00.

Tools, small appliances, toys, furniture, linens, and clothes (and anything else that you may think is junk—can be another’s treasure). Please make sure all electronic donations are in good working condition. Your donations are tax deductible

We need help moving and pricing items after they start coming into the church. All items will be out for the early birds by 8:00am on Saturday. Please considering helping in this task—many hands make light work. There will be a sign up sheet October 2 for areas you think you can help!

At newsletter press time, the other activities, such as games, rides, etc., have not been finalized. We do know, however, that the Boy Scouts will be having a “Show and Do” all day long, Jill Swenson will be offering her delicious BBQ sauce for sale and there will be an NPC member-composed jazz band to entertain us during a portion of the day.

Please contact Norma Badeaux or look for the sign up sheets as this day will need to be tightly structured as we coordinate our volunteers with the Pumpkin Patch which will be in full swing.

# Presbyterian Women

by  
Carol MacGregor



You are invited to the 11th Annual Presbyterian Village Auxiliary Fashion Show, Buffet Luncheon and Silent Auction which will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2005 at 11:30 a.m. at Peachtree Presbyterian Church, 3434 Roswell Road, Atlanta. Fashions by Coldwater Creek will be featured and there will be door prizes awarded. Tickets are \$30 each and all proceeds benefit the 2005 Caring Hands Fund which provides a life-long home for those residents of Presbyterian Homes who have exhausted their financial resources. For tickets or more information, contact Peggy McLendon at 770-487-7418.

Also please **SAVE THE DATE** of **Saturday, Nov. 19th** for a brunch here for all our NPC Presbyterian Women.

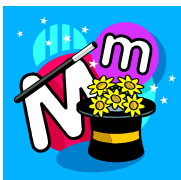


Melissa would like to invite all members of NPC to drop by any time, but you may especially enjoy the following upcoming events:

Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> - FIRE TRUCK VISIT! 12:00PM

Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> - MAGIC MAN IS COMING!! 12:00PM

Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> - HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL! KIDS WILL BE WEARING THEIR COSTUMES! 11:00AM



**BEST WISHES TO OUR  
OCTOBER  
BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS**



- 3 Lindsay Badeaux
- 3 Tom Birmingham
- 3 Joseph Crymes
- 4 David Bartlett
- 5 Cassie Smith
- 17 B.J. Steele
- 19 Matthew Helmstetter
- 19 Jan Putnam
- 24 Maryann Peterson
- 26 Skip Putnam
- 27 Sandra Murray
- 29 Craig Harris