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Matt's Musings

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, beginning in late August, we are going to have sermons about what the church is according to Paul from his letter to the Philippians. Then, on Wednesday nights, instead of Bible Study, we will have discussion. This discussion will be partly about the sermon, but mostly about things such as **WHO WE ARE, WHO WE WANT TO BE, WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE, WHAT IS OUR MISSION, and WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO TO GET WHERE WE FEEL THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADING US.**

Remember, you don't have to have come in the past to start now. Also, I'm not asking you to come from now until an unforeseeable future, just 6 weeks. 6 weeks to discuss the future and what we think we can do and who we should be.

If your issue is childcare, we will have childcare. If your issue is something else, and you want to participate (and understand that I want everyone who wants to give input to have a way to give input) then we will either come up with another time, or I will give you a notebook with questions for you to answer, and you can do it on your own.

Please know that I will not be cramming any preconceived ideas or agendas down the church's throat. I think our definition of who we are and who we can become will be much stronger if we all listen to the Holy Spirit together, and come up with the answers and action plan together.

Our First Sunday sermon on this will be on **26 AUGUST**, and the text will be **PHILIPPIANS 1.1-6**. The first Wednesday where we will discuss will be the following **WEDNESDAY, 29 AUGUST** (that is the Wednesday before regular Wednesday night activities start, and we will have a casserole supper that will start at 5.30, discussion at 6.30). The next sermon will be on **2 SEPTEMBER, PHILIPPIANS 2.5-11** and the discussion on **WEDNESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER** (with the Plyler/Bartlett team cooking). And then we will continue throughout September, the last sermon to be on **30 SEPTEMBER, PHILIPPIANS 4.8-9**, and the discussion on **WEDNESDAY, 3 OCTOBER** (when the Helmstetters will be bringing the food).

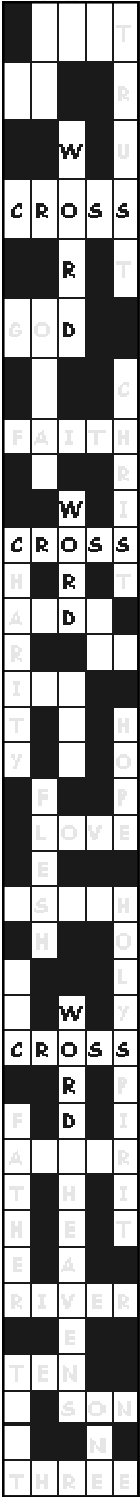
I'm looking forward to this. I hope you will join in, and that Wednesday night dinner teams will have to cook extra to make room for all the people who can't make a long term commitment to Wednesday night, but who can see the end at 6 weeks away, and can do that short term sprint. Come one, come all.

As I am always,
Yours in Christ,



NORCROSS
Presbyterian Church

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus.
- I Corinthians 1:4 (NRSV)



VBS FUN-FILLED SUCCESS!

NPC provided a wonderful VBS for approximately 35 children per evening during the week of July 15-19. The Son Force Kids curriculum was one everyone could enjoy. The Christian Education Committee wishes to thank the Men of the Church for funding this year's VBS. Special thanks are also due to the following adults and youth who provided of their time and talents to make our program a very special one:

Co-Directors: Amanda Helmstetter and Linda Smith

Assembly Director: Jason Bernardo

Music Leaders: Laura Lankford and Melissa Plyler

Robot Voice: Jonathan Bartlett

Decorations: Kelly Bartlett

Dinners: Sandy and Chip Plyler

Nursery: Julie Kaul and Anne Fuller

Preschool class: Kerrie and Audrey Bernardo, Victoria Watkins

Snacks & Mission Project: Diane Lewis and Sandra Murray

Arts & Crafts: Mundy Rado and Melissa Plyler

Bible Story Time: Chris McCurdy and Jessica Lankford

Recreation Games: Amanda Helmstetter and Katie Badeaux

Shepherds of the Children: Tim and Becca Rado, David and Pam Bartlett,

Tom and Lyn Ferraiolo, Mitchell Bernardo,

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Christian Education & Development

Church Nursery Volunteers Needed

A new schedule for youth and adult nursery volunteers is in the process of being put together for Sept '07 to Aug '08. If you have not yet been contacted to help with this church service and would like to be included, please contact Linda Smith.

Sunday School Rally Day

To "jumpstart" our new Sunday School year, we will have a gathering on **Sunday, August 26th** during the Sunday School time of 9:15 to 10:00am. We will use this time to promote students, discuss adult classes and introduce teachers. Please come join the fun.

NPC Men's Group

By
Tim Rado

I apologize for not submitting an article for the past couple of newsletters but I truly have been swamped with my new job responsibilities. Just know that the Men's Group is going strong and I will have a full update for the September newsletter including the results of our upcoming Texas Hold 'Em championship which will be held at the home of Chip Plyler on Friday, August 3rd! I will also detail the group's donation to VBS this year so stay tuned!

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Rado

Presbyterian Women

By Carol MacGregor

Thornwell Home for Children

On the Thornwell campus in Clinton, South Carolina, the children in the care of our South Atlantic Synod are getting ready for a new school year, even as they continue to enjoy the varied activities of summer. Beginning this month, our Thornwell children will attend area public schools, since the Home's private schools closed in May.

To help with the transition, the children had the opportunity to tour their new schools, meet the principals and other faculty, ask questions and generally ease some of their anxieties. In addition, Thornwell's faculty assisted the school district with new class assignments and schedules for the residents.

Our Family Teachers (house parents) are all preparing to be the best advocates possible for Thornwell's children as they attend public school. In addition, Norman Dover, Thornwell's elementary school principal, is remaining to head up an Academic Support Team that will include a team of tutors for the children. The Thornwell school libraries and Accelerated Reader programs will stay in operation as well as the campus computer lab. Because of the support systems in place, Thornwell students will make the transition and be successful in Clinton's public schools.

Thornwell has a continuing charter school committee working on a possible charter school on its campus for the 2008-09 academic year. From Thornwell's staff is this message from its Spring 2007 newsletter to Presbyterian Women:

The campus theme is "Yet will we trust Him." Through all of the restructuring, we know that God's hand is upon this ministry and that we will grow through this change. We take heart in the prospect of being faithful stewards throughout our local community. We covet your continuing prayers and faithful support as together we offer hope and healing to the children entrusted in our care."

Lionheart Theatre Company
Presents:

God's Man in Texas
By David Rambo

Directed by Debbie McLaughlin

With gentle humor and great respect, *God's Man in Texas* brings to light issues common to any corporate or religious environment—power struggles, different styles of leadership, and a reluctance to retire. A pointed look at the dangers of pride and ambition, the battles for power between generations, and the redemptive power of faith.

There is a sacrifice, a resurrection, and finally, salvation as God whispers to a listening heart.

Performances:

Friday, August 17, 24, 31
Saturday, August 18, 25, Sept 1
Sunday, August 19, 26, Sept 2

Ticket prices:

\$15 for Adults, \$12 for Seniors and Students
Groups of 10 or more \$10 each
All ticket prices include dessert and beverages.

Make Reservations Now!

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**BEST WISHES TO OUR
AUGUST
BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS**



- 6 Charlene Villalobos
- 7 Chico Villalobos
- 7 Lisa Knowles
- 10 Vanessa Currier
- 17 Van Badeaux
- 21 Kerrie Bernardo
- 21 Christina Peterson
- 21 Jeff Putnam
- 24 Doug Fuller
- 27 Wayne Goring
- 31 Mary Greenway
- 31 Melissa Steele

August 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir 8:30 Praise Team 8:30 KYC Worship	2 <i>Carpet Cleaning - Building closed</i>	3 <i>Carpet Cleaning - Building closed</i> 9:00 KYC Prayer Meeting	4
5 9:15 SS/NPC 10:30 Worship NPC 11:30 SS/KYC 1:00 Worship KYC 2:00 KYC Fellowship 4:00 CE Meeting 6:00 Youth Group	6 Preschool teachers report 6:30 Boy Scouts	7 6:00 Praise Team 7-9:30 District BSA Commissioners' Mtg	8 6:15 Bell Choir 8:30 KYC Worship	9	10 Meet Your Teacher Day 10:00am-noon 9:00 KYC Prayer Meeting	11
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