

# CrossWord

*the newsletter of*



*Norcross, Georgia*

## September 2010

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At the first Wednesday night supper of the new school year, we sat around and talked about my Sabbatical. I did most of the talking (you all took another Wednesday to talk about your experience of that time). Someone asked the question of what new vision did I see, if any, for NPC in the future. My answer was that the one thing I saw above anything else was a deepening desire for NPC to have a more sustainable way of dealing with finances. This is similar to what I spoke about in my second sermon back (8 August). But not all of you were there that Sunday, and I hold no illusions that those who were have committed that sermon to memory.

My great hope for NPC is to find a financial standing that allows us to deal with money, but to focus on ministry. Our current standing is that we have to be focused on money. On Sunday, 29 August, we held a special hour long session meeting to talk about one and only one thing: money.

I'm not saying money isn't important, or that the church shouldn't pay close attention to it. I'm certainly not saying that the church shouldn't approach money in a Biblical and Theological manner. Jesus talked about money more than almost anything else.

Almost. He talked about the Kingdom of God more. Which seems important to me. I believe that the church should talk about money, and often. Jesus did. But I think the church should talk about the Kingdom of God just a little bit more. Jesus did.

So, we head to our Capital Campaign, with one of the main goals being a financial standing that is more sustainable than the one we have now. The Campaign is titled "Find Great Hope." I believe that at Norcross Presbyterian Church, we can.

Be Well,

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)



# Christian Education

## By Linda Smith

### September Christian Education Activities:

September 5 — Labor Day Weekend  
Sunday School *will* be offered

September 12 — Worship in the Park  
No Sunday School  
Christian Education & Development Meeting at 4:30pm

September 19 — Sunday School 2010-11 Kick Off  
All classes will meet in the Sanctuary at 9:30am

### **PRAISE KIDS STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 12TH FROM 3:30-5:00!!** **Volunteers needed!**

I know September 12th will be a busy day with the service in the park that morning; however, I could use your help! If you are able to volunteer, please let me know! I will have a sign up sheet for every Sunday we have Praise Kids! I will especially need help with Music as Val will not be available to help during the program hours.

If you are able to help in any way (purchasing snacks, help with music, etc.), please let me know!  
We are very excited about the upcoming year of Praise Kids!!

Melissa Fry

### **WANTED :**

*Congregation members to serve on the Christian Education & Development Committee! We are a committee of 5 planning for Sunday School for all ages, Praise Kids, Youth Group, VBS, Wednesday nights, and the church library. We are looking for new ideas and fresh outlooks! **Please join us for a planning meeting on September 12th at 4:30pm in the Covenant Room.***

*Thank you!*

# September/October 2010 announcements for *The NPC Ringers*

*Handbells are open to all musicians*



**Hello! Check us out! The handbells will be playing at the September 26 service! We are expanding. Welcome back Carol MacGregor!**

**Fall 2010 Programs:** We are preparing for September, October, Thanksgiving, and Advent.

If you are interested in ringing, and if you have **ever** played an instrument or sung in a chorus for a year or so:

***You can do it!***

The NPC Ringers are open to all musicians Middle School age and up. You do *not* have to be a member of NPC to play. We have a position available for a treble clef ringer. So, join the handbell choir — it is an integral part of our Ministry of Music. Our current ringers will help you get started. Ringing handbells is a community effort, and all we volunteers happily support each other.

- Ken Birmingham, Volunteer Director



## Handbell Calendar for September/October 2010\*

Date	Ringers' Activities	Comments
September 5	Rehearsal at 1:30 PM	<i>Regular Rehearsal</i>
September 12	NO REHEARSAL	<i>Service in the Park</i>
September 19	Rehearsal at 1:30 PM	<i>Regular Rehearsal</i>
September 26, 8:45 set up	Playing at the Service	<i>Pealing the Hour at 11:00</i>
September 26	REHEARSAL, depending*	<i>Played at morning service</i>
October 3	NO REHEARSAL*	<i>Pumpkin Patch Unloading Day</i>
October 10, 17	Rehearsals at 1:30 PM	<i>Regular Rehearsal(s)</i>
October 24, 8:45 set up	Playing at the Service	<i>Pealing the Hour at 11:00</i>
October 24	NO REHEARSAL	<i>Played at morning service</i>
October 31	Rehearsal at 1:30 PM	<i>Regular Rehearsal</i>

\*Revised as of 8/30/2010, rehearsal 9/26 if needed

# Prayer Shawl Ministry

by Lyn Ferraiolo



It is headed into the cooler time of the year (finally!) and there are people who we would like to help keep warm this fall and winter. (Thank you to those of you who have been knitting throughout the summer. If anyone else would like the hat or scarf pattern, just ask Lyn Ferraiolo and it will be given to you so that you may make the

item for those who work in the cold.) Our items are sent to the residents of the Clifton House, which our church supports. Those who need instructions on how to knit or crochet, just let me know and we can meet at church on Sunday mornings starting at 9:30.

In addition to the hats and scarves that we knit for the Clifton House residents, we also knit prayer shawls. If you have a person in mind that you would like to receive a shawl, let us know. Shawls are given to people for a myriad of reasons...new baby, illness, grieving, thinking of you, or let us know why. The person or persons who make the shawl have the recipient in constant prayer as it is being made. Many people across the country participate in this form of caring for others, and you can too. Even if you can not knit, you can donate yarn — 3 or 4 hanks of any color — for a special person to receive a shawl, or just for one to be made. The need is made clear to us by the time the shawl is done.

Thank you for your participation and support of this ministry.

Lyn

770-246-0255 or [lynferraiolo@bellsouth.net](mailto:lynferraiolo@bellsouth.net)



## ***PUMPKINS!***

*We have received notification that **pumpkins will be delivered at 12:30 PM on Sunday, October 3rd.** Please mark your calendars and join us for an afternoon of pumpkin unloading. More information will be available soon regarding pumpkin patch setup dates, staffing, and preschool visits.*

*In 2010 we will continue with shortened hours for the first two weeks and 2 hour shifts for all shifts except weekday mornings. There has been some discussion regarding the best opening/closing time for the NPC Patch for both weekdays and weekends. If you have any suggestions or questions about staffing and logistics for the 2010 NPC Pumpkin Patch, please contact Diane via email at [diane@roddiane.com](mailto:diane@roddiane.com).*

*Diane Lewis*

*NPC Pumpkin Patch Coordinator*

# Witness & Evangelism

By B.J. Steele and Kate Steele

## GWINNETT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Norcross Presbyterian has been invited to join Habitat for Humanity again for a Fall Faith Build in Tucker. Last fall seven of us assisted on a town-home in Tucker, which was the 100<sup>th</sup> house Habitat had built in Gwinnett. We all had a blast joining with others and the future homeowner to make progress on the new home.

If you would like to participate this year on building for Habitat, please contact B.J. Steele ([bjkmsteele@yahoo.com](mailto:bjkmsteele@yahoo.com), or 770-840-0399). And, choose your 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice of a Saturday date from: 9/11/10, 9/25/10, or 10/2/10. Hope to see you there!

### *Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering*

The Peacemaking Offering was created in 1980 to support the efforts of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking as part of our faithfulness to God. It is one of four special offerings designated by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s General Assembly.

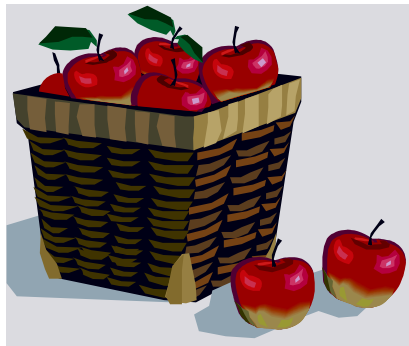
Most churches receive the Offering on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October. The church agreed that World Communion Sunday, when Christians of all nations and peoples celebrate their unity in Christ, was an ideal time to receive the offering that would be used for peace work in the name of Christ. **NPC will receive the Offering on World Communion Sunday, October 3rd.**

Each congregation is encouraged to retain 25 percent of the Offering it receives to use for local ministries of peacemaking within the church and its community. Twenty-five percent is used by presbyteries and synods, and 50 percent is used by the General Assembly ministries through the [Presbyterian Peacemaking Program](#).

We have chosen to give 25% of our offering to the local ministry, Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services of Atlanta. [RRISA](#)'s mission is to heal and rebuild the lives of displaced and uprooted people, answering the humanitarian call to serve those fleeing from persecution, war, famine, and extreme poverty.

Since NPC has recently committed to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, we are giving special emphasis to the Peacemaking offering. We are committing to work for peace individually and as a church, both in the structure and finance of the church so it can be translated into action. Join us as we work for peace amidst the violence in our world.

**BEST WISHES TO OUR  
SEPTEMBER  
BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS**



- 2 Laura Lankford
- 4 Daniel Karasek
- 7 Becca Rado
- 16 Melissa Fry
- 19 Sarah Goring
- 24 Kathy Smith
- 25 Carla Johnstone
- 25 Pae Norman
- 28 Murphy Fry
- 30 Tim Rado

**\*\*For the latest scheduling additions and updates, view our online calendar at\*\***

<http://calendar.yahoo.com/norcrosspres>

# September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  6:00 WND- Plyler/Bartlett 6:30 Discussion 7:30 Chancel Choir 8:30 KYC Worship	2  6:30 Girl Scouts	3  9:00 KYC Prayer Meeting	4  1:30 KYC Bible Study
5 9:15 SS/NPC 9:15 Praise Team 9:30 Prayer Shawl 10:30 NPC Worship 12:00 SS/KYC 1:00 KYC Worship 1:30 NPC Ringers 2:30 KYC Fellowship	6 Labor Day Holiday - Office and Preschool Closed	7  4-7:30 Piano lessons	8  6:00 WND 6:30 Discussion 7:30 Chancel Choir 8:30 KYC Worship	9	10  9:00 KYC Prayer Meeting	11  1:30 KYC Bible Study
12 10:30 NPC Worship and Picnic at Jones Bridge Park 12:00 SS/KYC 1:00 KYC Worship 2:30 KYC Fellowship 3:30 Praise Kids 4:30 CE Meeting 6:00 Youth Group	13  6:30 Boy Scouts	14  4-7:30 Piano lessons	15  6:00 WND-Lankford 6:30 Discussion 7:30 Chancel Choir 8:30 KYC Worship	16  6:30 Girl Scouts	17  9:00 KYC Prayer Meeting	18  1:30 KYC Bible Study
19 9:15 SS/NPC 9:15 Praise Team 9:30 Prayer Shawl 10:30 NPC Worship 12:00 SS/KYC 1:00 KYC Worship 1:30 NPC Ringers 2:30 KYC Fellowship 3:00 Session Mtg	20  6:30 Boy Scouts	21  4-7:30 Piano lessons	22  6:00 WND-Fry 6:30 Discussion 7:30 Chancel Choir 8:30 KYC Worship	23	24  9:00 KYC Prayer Meeting	25  1:30 KYC Bible Study
26 9:15 SS/NPC 9:15 Praise Team 9:30 Prayer Shawl 10:30 NPC Worship 12:00 SS/KYC 1:00 KYC Worship 1:30 NPC Ringers 2:30 KYC Fellowship 3:30 Praise Kids 6:00 Youth Group	27  6:30 Boy Scouts	28  4-7:30 Piano lessons	29  6:00 WND-Lewis 6:30 Discussion 7:30 Chancel Choir 8:30 KYC Worship	30		

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