

# The Shining Light

Rose Hill Presbyterian Church (PCA) Newsletter  
January 2009

**Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works,  
and glorify your Father which is in heaven. ~ Matthew 5:16**

## From the Pastor

. . . For I find my delight in your commandments, which I love. (Psalm 119:47)

George Mueller lived in 19th century England and was famous for caring for thousands of orphans and for seeing God answer daily prayers for their provision. When he was fifty-nine years old, Mueller gave a message at a New Year's service. It is a powerful call to be in the Word of God everyday.

'We have through the goodness of the Lord, been permitted to enter upon another year - and the minds of many among us will no doubt be occupied with plans for the future, and the various fears of our work and service for the Lord. If our life is spared we shall be engaged in those: the welfare of our families, the prosperity of our business, our work and service for Christ may be considered the most important matters to be attended to; but according to my judgement the most important point to be attended to is this: above all things see to it that your souls are happy in the Lord. Other things may press upon you, the Lord's work may even have urgent claims upon your attention, but I deliberately repeat, it is of supreme and paramount importance that you should seek above all things to have your souls truly happy in God himself. Day by day seek to make this the most important business of life.

But in what way shall we attain to this settled happiness? How shall we learn to enjoy God? How shall we obtain such an

all-sufficient soul-satisfying portion in him as shall enable us to let go the things of this world as vain and worthless in comparison? I answer, this happiness is to be obtained through the study of the Holy Scriptures. God has therein revealed Himself unto us in the face of Jesus Christ.

In the Scriptures, by the power of the Holy Ghost, He makes Himself known unto our souls . . . [Therefore] the very earliest portion of the day we can command should be devoted to the meditation on Scriptures. Our souls should feed upon the Word. . . This intimate experimental acquaintance with Him will make us truly happy. . . Nothing else will . . . In God our Father, and the blessed Jesus, our souls have a rich, divine, imperishable, eternal treasure. Let us enter into practical possession of these true riches; yea, let the remaining days of our earthly pilgrimage be spent in an ever increasing, devoted, earnest consecration of our souls to God." (George Mueller, A Narrative of Some of the Lord's Dealings with George Mueller, Written by Himself [Muskegon, Mich.: Dust and Ashes Publications, 2003], pp.730-732).

May 2009 be a faithful year of reading, meditating, and memorizing the Word of God for all of us at Rose Hill. And may we find our souls happy in God.

Your pastor and friend,

Drew

## Updates from the Session

Mark your calendar for **January 11, 2009** for Rose Hill's traditional **New Year's Dinner prepared by the men of the church**. There will be black-eyed peas, collards, ham, cornbread, sweet potato soufflé and other delicious specialties.

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Men, get your recipes and special fixings together. Remember, this is not like the new army -- IF YOU DO NOT VOLUNTEER, YOU WILL BE DRAFTED! Also, a few good men are needed for K.P. to lay out the feast and to clean up the remains. Contact Gene Klugh to get your special dish on the menu and to volunteer your services.

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The **Palmetto Presbytery** has been invited to hold its **October 22, 2009** meeting at Rose Hill.

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Because of financial difficulties being encountered by many of the missionaries supported by Rose Hill, funds from the Rosalie Cassels Mission Endowment Fund as additional support for budgeted missionaries was approved as follows: Tom and Ann Austin \$250; Jim Hatch \$500; John and Susan Shane \$250; Charles and Bonita Davidson \$500; Tim and Nicole Mares \$250; Neal and Debbie Williams \$250; HeartWorks \$650 (\$250 from Missions Discretionary Fund). From the Missions Discretionary Fund \$250 was sent to the PCA Chaplains Fund.

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### "Rejoice, Muslims are Coming to Faith"

Dr Dave Cashin, head of the Muslim Studies Department at Columbia International University, will teach a study series entitled "Rejoice, Muslims are Coming to Faith" to a combined adult Sunday school class on February 22 and March 1, 8 and 15. Make plans now to attend.

## Updates from WIC

**New officers** for 2009 are :  
President - Ginger Swanson;  
Vice President - Bettie Cozart;  
Secretary - Sharon Weber;  
Treasurer - Lib McCrary;  
Historian - Gladys Moyer;  
Morning Circle Chairman - Joy Barker;  
Evening Circle Chair - Renate Creech.

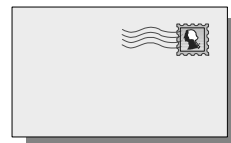


Plans for the **Women's Discipling Event** in February. Details will be posted when available.

If you have not received your **2009 WIC Roster**, please notify Ginger Swanson at 794-6725.

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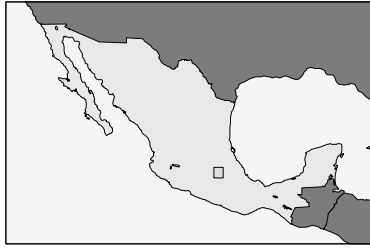


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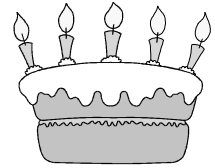
**MISSIONS  
SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY  
1ST**

**BEAMM  
Border Evangelism  
& Mercy Ministries**

**Charles and Bonita Davidson** have recently relocated from Peru to the U.S.\Mexico Border to work with **BEAMM**. We will have a Missions **Sunday on February 1st**. Charles Davidson will report on his new ministry at a joint adult Sunday School class and preach at the morning worship service. We will have a dinner following the Worship Service with an opportunity for questions concerning the ministry.

David White, who had worked on the border with BEAMM for eight years and is now in the Mission To The World office, explained it this way: "People come to the border, especially from the interior parts of Mexico, because they seek a change, caused by either a call from God or a desire for money. Statistics show that during the average seven years that a person spends on the border, he is able to find productive employment and is able to attain a Mexican upper middle class level of living. He might even be able to travel into the United States as far north as Colorado, Nevada, or California. He tends to be more open to hearing the Gospel and receiving Christ as Savior and Lord. We believe a man reached on the border may be able to return to his community in the interior, and may minister to that community more effectively than a missionary."

**Rose Hill Birthdays**



- Jan 2: Margaret Gay, Doug Weber
- Jan 3: Carolyn Stone
- Jan 5: Margaret Hare
- Jan 6: Kay Farmer
- Jan 12: Elliot Darby
- Jan 14: Wincey Busch, Joy Smith, Toby Kornreich
- Jan 17: Gene Klugh
- Jan 23: Judy Taber
- Jan 26: Betty Fowler
- Jan 30: Sarah Thomas
- Feb 3: Willis Moyer
- Feb 10: Tom Cozart, Mary Davis
- Feb 11: Cole Parks
- Feb 19: Jessica Lindsey
- Feb 25: Sharon Weber

*If your birthday is missing please notify the church office.*

**Rose Hill  
Anniversaries**



- Jan 13: Charles Taber's
- Feb 12: Corley's

*If your anniversary is missing, please notify the church office.*



**February 1st, 2009**

**\$1 Suggested Donation Will Be Collected at the Close of the Worship Service. Proceeds will go to Harvest Hope Food Bank.**

## This month at Rose Hill

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### December 28 - January 3, 2009

**Sunday, Dec 28:** Sunday School: 9:30 am, Prayer Time 10:15 am; Sunday Worship 10:30 am; WIC Council: 11:40 am, Room 11; Sermon Discussion & Prayer: 5:00 pm, Room 8

**January 1:** Church Office Closed. **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**January 2:** Men's Fellowship Lunch: WILL NOT MEET

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### January 4 - 10, 2009

**Sunday, Jan 4:** Sunday School: 9:30 am, Prayer Time 10:15 am; Sunday Worship 10:30 am; Sermon Discussion & Prayer: 5:00 pm, Room 8

**Jan 7:** Beth Moore Bible Study of Esther Begins 6:30 pm, Room 4

**Jan 9:** Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30 am, Room 4

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### January 11 - 17, 2009

**Sunday, Jan 11:** Sunday School: 9:30 am, Prayer Time 10:15 am; Sunday Worship with Communion 10:30 am; New Year's Men's Dinner 11:40 am; Sermon Discussion & Prayer: 5:00 pm, Room 8

**Jan 13:** Morning Circle: 10:30 am, Room 4; Evening Circle: 7:00 pm, Room 4

**Jan 14:** Beth Moore Bible Study of Esther 6:30 pm, Room 4

**Jan 16:** Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30 am, Room 4

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### January 18 - 24, 2009

**Sunday, Jan 18:** Sunday School: 9:30 am, Prayer Time 10:15 am; Sunday Worship 10:30 am; Sermon Discussion & Prayer: 5:00 pm, Room 8

**Jan 21:** Precepts Study of Revelation Begins 11:30 am, Room 4; Beth Moore Bible Study of Esther 6:30 pm, Room 4

**Jan 23:** Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30 am, Room 4

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### January 25 - 31, 2009

**Sunday, Jan 25:** Sunday School: 9:30 am, Prayer Time 10:15 am; Sunday Worship 10:30 am; WIC Council: 11:40 am, Room 11; Hollywood-Rose Hill Neighborhood Assoc.

**Annual Meeting:** 3:00 pm, Room 4; **Sermon Discussion & Prayer:** 5:00 pm, Room 8

**January 28:** Precepts Study of Revelation 11:30 am, Room 4; Beth Moore Bible Study of Esther 6:30 pm, Room 4

**Jan 29:** Good News Club at S. Kilbourne Elementary 2:15 pm

**Jan 30:** Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30 am, Room 4

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## Updates from the Diaconate



- The Diaconate is hiring a contractor to refurbish the nursery to include painting, and replacing ceiling tiles and light lenses. Refurbishing the men's and ladies' restrooms will include painting, replacing exhaust fans, handles and light fixtures as needed.
- New mats have been ordered and placed around the building as needed.
- Many thanks to Mickie Bradley, Bettie Cozart, Jessica Lindsey, Carolyn Stone, Ginger Swanson, and others who decorated the sanctuary for Christmas.

Offerings for the month of November **\$17,691.**