



The Shining Light

Rose Hill Presbyterian Church (PCA) Newsletter
March 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

God's Economy

One of my favorite Bible verses is Romans 8:28.

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Notice how the verse says that all things work together for the good of God's people, not that all things that happen to us are good or pleasant! The Lord uses all of our circumstances for our ultimate good, which is, of course, to make us more like the Lord Jesus.

When we think about the economic difficulties we are facing as a nation we might ask, "How is God using this recession for the good of His church?" In a recent sermon by John Piper, Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Minnesota, he mentioned what he believed to be some of God's purposes in this recession:

- 1) He intends for this recession to expose hidden sin and do bring us to repentance and cleansing.
- 2) He intends to wake us up to the constant and desperate condition of the developing world where there is always and only recession of worst kind.

- 3) He intends to relocate the roots of our joy in His grace rather than in our goods, in His mercy rather than in our money, in His worth rather than in our wealth.

- 4) He intends to advance His saving mission in the world - the spread of the gospel and the growth of His church - precisely at a time when human resources are least able to support it. This is how He guards His glory.

- 5) He intends for the church to care for its hurting members and to grow in the gift of love.

How is God using this financially challenging time in your life and in our life as a church? How might the Lord be using this adversity to bring us back to Himself? As we pray and think through the answers to these questions, remember that as those who love God, He is working even these things out for our good.

Your pastor and friend,

Drew

CEF Update

The Good News Club at S. Kilbourne Elementary School has 22 students enrolled with 20 adults assisting in various capacities. If YOU would like to be involved, contact Barbara Hamilton at 779-2849 or hamiltonbj@sc.rr.com

Updates from the Session

- The next Stated Session Meeting will be Thursday, March 12 at 10:00 am.
- There will be an evening Worship Service with the celebration of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, April 9th. A fellowship supper will follow the service.
- A gift of a 'digital frame' for photographs from Charles and David Taber was accepted by the Session.

How much did Rose Hill donate on February 1st for the



\$139 !

To God Be the Glory!

Our Children



Our Nursery Coordinator Diana Myers has recruited 11 volunteers so far to assist Patricia in the nursery on Sunday mornings. If you would like to share in this ministry opportunity and serve quarterly on a rotational basis, please see Diana or call her at 251-4533.

"Rejoice, Muslims are Coming to Faith"

Dr Dave Cashin, head of the Muslim Studies Department at Columbia International University, will continue his study series entitled "Rejoice, Muslims are Coming to Faith" to a combined adult Sunday school class on March 1, 8 and 15. Last Sunday's presentation was outstanding. Come learn more about Islam and how to more effectively witness to Muslims.

Rose Hill Birthdays



- Mar 3:** Carol Morris
- Mar 14:** Lara Rogland
- Mar 26:** June Tomlinson
- Mar 28:** Jan Kauric
- Apr 2:** Swede Swanson
- Apr 5:** Frances Daniels
- Apr 13:** Dewey Daniels
Mary Douglass
- Apr 14:** Gwen Dewar
- Apr 23:** Don Creech
- Apr 26:** Bobbi Hawks

If your birthday is missing please notify the church office.

Rose Hill Anniversaries



- Mar 10:** Dickson's
- Mar 20:** Foster's
- Mar 25:** David Taber's
- Apr 5:** Robeson's

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



On Sunday, January 25th, we began recording our Worship Service. If you are interested in a CD copy of a Worship Service, contact the church office.

This month at Rose Hill

March 1 - 7, 2009

Sunday, Mar 1: Joint Sunday School with Dave Cashin: 9:30 am, Prayer Time 10:15 am; Sunday Worship 10:30 am; WIC Council: 11:40 am, Room 11; Diaconate Stated Meeting: 11:40, Room 8; Sermon Discussion & Prayer: 5:00 pm, Room 8

Mar 4: Precepts Study of Revelation: Noon, Room 4; Beth Moore Bible Study of Esther 6:30 pm, Room 4

Mar 5: Good News Club at S. Kilbourne Elementary 2:30 pm

Mar 6: Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30 am, Room 4

March 8 - 14, 2009

Sunday, Mar 8: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS - SPRING FORWARD; Joint Sunday School with Dave Cashin: 9:30 am, Prayer Time 10:15 am; Sunday Worship with Communion 10:30 am; Hollywood-Rose Hill Neighborhood Assoc Meeting: 3:00 - 5:00 pm; Sermon Discussion & Prayer: 5:00 pm, Room 8

Mar 10: Morning Circle: 10:30 am, Room 4; Evening Circle: 7:00 pm, Room 4

Mar 11: Precepts Study of Revelation: Noon, Room 4; Beth Moore Bible Study of Esther 6:30 pm, Room 4

Mar 12: Session Stated Meeting: 10:00 am, Room 11; Good News Club at S. Kilbourne Elementary 2:30 pm

Mar 13: Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30 am, Room 4

March 15 - 21, 2009

Sunday, Mar 15: Joint Sunday School with Dave Cashin: 9:30 am, Prayer Time 10:15 am; Sunday Worship 10:30 am; Sermon Discussion & Prayer: 5:00 pm, Room 8

Mar 18: Precepts Study of Revelation: Noon, Room 4; Beth Moore Bible Study of Esther: 6:30 pm, Room 4

Mar 19: Good News Club at S. Kilbourne Elementary 2:30 pm

Mar 20: Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30 am, Room 4

March 22 - 28, 2009

Sunday, Mar 22: Sunday School with Dave Cashin: 9:30 am, Prayer Time 10:15 am; Sunday Worship 10:30 am; Sermon Discussion & Prayer: 5:00 pm, Room 8

Mar 25: Precepts Study of Revelation: Noon, Room 4; Beth Moore Bible Study of Esther 6:30 pm, Room 4

Mar 26: Good News Club at S. Kilbourne Elementary 2:30 pm

Mar 27: Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30 am, Room 4

March 29 - April 4, 2009

Sunday, Mar 29: Sunday School: 9:30 am, Prayer Time 10:15 am; Sunday Worship 10:30 am; WIC Council: 11:40, Room 11; Sermon Discussion & Prayer: 5:00 pm, Room 8

Apr 1: Precepts Study of Revelation: Noon, Room 4; Beth Moore Bible Study of Esther: 6:30 pm, Room 4

Apr 2: Good News Club at S. Kilbourne Elementary 2:30 pm

Apr 3: Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30 am, Room 4

Updates from the Diaconate



The second floor two bedroom two bath oceanfront timeshare unit at Peppertree by the Sea is being offered for sale by the church. The building is one block south of Main Street in the Ocean Drive Section of North Myrtle Beach. The timeshare is for week 16 which this year is April 19-26. The listing price with the timeshare sales company is \$3,000. It can be purchased directly from the church at a substantial discount. The proceeds from the sale of the property will be used toward the church renovation project. The timeshare is also available for rent for the week of April 19th. If you or someone you know is interested in purchasing or renting the property, please contact a member of the Session or Diaconate.

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January 2009

Dear Friends,

We hope that 2009 has started off well for you and that you are seeing God's grace and glory in your life. We celebrated Christmas with both of our children. The weather was warm and windy with only a little rain to make their visit to the beautiful Cape Town area nearly perfect. We are so thankful for the joy and blessing God has given us in Nat and Lindsey. **Thank you for all your prayers for them now and over the years.**

On the 2nd of December Susan helped give a Christmas party for the girls in the Bible club. One lady told a gospel story about a street boy in Brazil who responded to the love of God by believing in Jesus. These girls could identify with many of the circumstances in the story. Later they made crowns, decorating them as they wanted. One girl wrote "Jesus is King" on crowns of those who wanted it. They were each given cupcakes and candy and finally a huge parcel. They seemed overwhelmed but opened their gifts to find stationery packs, toiletries, and a Bible. The Bibles were selected for each girl's age and preferred language, most of them in Afrikaans. Another highlight for the girls was having their pictures taken. They were very excited, and some smiled whom we hadn't often seen smile before. The best reaction came from a usually sullen girl who, when saying good-bye to Susan, broke into a big grin and gave a thumbs up! **Pray with us that these girls will read their Bibles and share them with their families. Pray that they will come to know Jesus in**

2009 and walk with Him the rest of their lives.

Dec. 9-13 John was involved in two retreats. He gave the opening address to the Theological Educators Conference for missionaries in the southern Africa region. He has been leading this conference in previous years, but this year turned it over to Bruce Wannemacher. He also organized and led the first LEAD Africa Conference. Through LEAD Africa and other means John desires to cultivate missionary leadership in both the southern and eastern Africa regions for which he is responsible. **Pray that all the missionaries who came will continue building the relationships begun at the conference and will grow in understanding and vision for ministry.**

Jan. 10-23, 2009 found John traveling in Sudan, Kenya, and Ethiopia. He both assessed new possibilities for ministry and encouraged personnel already established in ministry. He spent part of his time in Nairobi reconnecting with Kenyan church leaders we worked with previously and rebuilding bridges for relationships between them and MTW. **Please pray for our missionaries in southern and eastern Africa and for John as he works to keep everything running smoothly.**

We thank God for you, knowing that your faithful prayers and support for us are essential to our ministry in Africa. We are grateful to God who graciously answers and upholds us in His will. "Blessed be the Lord, my rock" (Ps. 144:1) !

Abiding in Him,

John and Susan Shane