



The Shining Light

Rose Hill Presbyterian Church (PCA) Newsletter
April 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

"So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become so dear to us."

~ 1 Thessalonians 2:8

One of the best ways we can share the good news of Jesus Christ with unbelievers is by becoming involved in their lives first. Getting to know people is a wonderful way to demonstrate the love of God to them by our words and lives. Here are four words to remember as we develop relationships with people in the hope of telling them about the Lord:

- 1) **Care:** Show concern for the person, and concern for your life before them.
- 2) **Share:** If you want to make a lasting impression, share yourself with the person. Get involved in his interests, get your shoulder under his burden, be genuinely glad when he has a success.
- 3) **Dare:** It takes courage to tell others about the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 4) **Prayer:** Pray that God would strengthen your relationships with people, prepare you to speak the gospel truth in love, and pray that He would bear fruit through your effort to present Jesus clearly.

(Adapted from Stuart Briscoe, Getting Into God)

May the Lord bless you as you share with people not only the gospel of God but your lives as well.

Your pastor and friend,

Drew

HARVEST HOPE

We collected 146 lbs last month.

Most needed food items include:

- canned meat and fish
- peanut butter (in plastic jars)
- canned vegetables and fruits
- breakfast cereal
- personal care items (soap, shampoo, etc.)
- any nutritionally dense foods
- frozen turkeys for the holiday boxes

Urgent Needs

Plastic bags are urgently needed!

With the opening of our Lexington Food Bank in Cayce, we are feeding more people than ever before. If you have visited us lately, you have noticed that we use plastic shopping bags like you get from Wal-Mart, BI-LO, Food, Lion, Publix, etc.

WE NEED THESE BAGS!

And we need these on a consistent basis. Let me give you some numbers so that you understand what we are up against. At the Shop Rd location, we average about 200 families (not individuals) in a day. If the average size of the family is 4 people the minimum number of bags used to hand out the food is 10. This is 2,000 bags. If you were here the Monday before Thanksgiving, we served over 500 people. That is a minimum of 5,000 bags. At the Cayce location they are averaging about 100 families a day. This is a minimum of 1,000 bags used in a day. So in one day, we can use over 3,000 bags!

Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated so that we can make sure that money received goes towards food and not purchasing bags.

NEW HOPE FOR CHILDREN MINISTRY



New Hope for Children Ministry is a ministry focused on collecting donations for children living in impoverished cities throughout the world. The name of this ministry was chosen to serve as a constant reminder to us all that in Christ every day is new, filled with hope for everyone in the world. It was started in the early summer of 2008 resulting from the increased awareness and deep concern for the children living in poverty stricken countries around the world.

Moved by the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit and convinced they could make a difference, Tory and Toby Kornreich, Chalmers, Elias and Latimer Rogland began a ministry in which Rose Hill would be given an opportunity to directly contribute funds for this purpose. When extra change was found around the home or in piggy banks it was put into the money jar at the end of the Sunday School hall designated for New Hope for Children Ministry. These children's hearts were filled with compassion and love to reach out and minister in the name of Christ to those who could not help themselves.

A wonderful opportunity emerged in October 2008 when Dr. and Mrs. Hamilton were planning to visit a Day Care facility during their trip to Durban, South Africa. Just prior to their departure the amount of \$100.00 was present in the money jar, donated by the loving Christians in our church community. This money jar was presented to Dr Hamilton at the Sunday morning Worship Service. Dr and Mrs Hamilton in turn delivered the money directly to the Day Care facility benefiting the children living under these conditions. Upon returning, Dr Hamilton presented

a deeply touching photograph of a child receiving the jar full of money. It was an extremely moving moment and a cherished gift for us all.

New Hope for Children Ministry will continue to collect funds for future donations to children in need living in South Africa and other countries around the world. Please keep us in mind as you are praying and considering ways to bless others monetarily who need to see the love of Jesus in very tangible and concrete ways. "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news."

Updates from the Diaconate



10/1/2008 - 2/28/2009

OFFERINGS: \$75,137

10/1/2007 - 2/28/2008

OFFERINGS: \$84,431

Updates from the Session

The Session received a letter from Frances Clarke resigning as leader of Keenagers. The resignation was accepted with regret. The Session expresses its great appreciation to Frances for her many years of devoted serves as Keenagers leader.

The Session is seeking volunteers to lead Keenagers.



Thanks to the generosity of the Women In the Church, the Evening Circle collected 122 pairs of new socks and 55 pairs of used socks for the Cooperative Ministry.

LADIES



WHAT: The PresWIC Spring Retreat

WHEN: Saturday, April 25, 2009
9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Registration Begins 8:30 am

WHERE: Westminster Presbyterian
Church
230 Alice Drive
Sumter, SC 29150

PRICE: \$15.00 (includes lunch)

SPEAKERS:
Alice Tomlinson
Virginia Sanders

MUSIC: Barn Praise Team
(from Erskine College)

WHO: Women in the Church
(including daughters (13+))

DEADLINE:
April 5, 2009

**CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR
DETAILS AND THE SIGN-UP SHEET!!**

HEARTWORKS

The Evening Circle will collect low-sugar or no sugar added fruit cups for HeartWorks Ministry during the month of April. All are invited to participate. Please put your donations in the white basket located under the table in the Sunday School hall.

Rose Hill Birthdays

Apr 2: Swede Swanson

Apr 5: Frances Daniels

Apr 13: Dewey Daniels,
Mary Douglass

Apr 23: Don Creech

Apr 26: Bobbi Hawks

May 3: Billy Peters

May 7: Barbara Hollis

May 8: Stuart Hamilton, Jane Stegenga

May 14: Frances Clarke, Drew Kornreich

May 16: Billie Derrick

May 23: Myrtle Prim

May 25: Gloyce Howell



If your birthday is missing please notify the church office.

Rose Hill Anniversaries



Apr 5: Robeson's

May 6: Craig Park's

May 24: Lindsey's

May 30: Kornreich's

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

Please contact the church office if you know of a member having surgery or a procedure, staying in the hospital, having outpatient surgery, or very ill at home. Call even if you think someone else has or should have. Better to hear it twice than miss it.



Thanks to volunteers Wincey Busch, Frances Clarke, Bettie Cozart, Carolyn Stone and Ginger Swanson for assembling the Caring Bags, which will be distributed by the men of the church. Pray for this ministry in the neighborhood and the opportunities it will open up to share God's love.

This month at Rose Hill

March 29 - April 4, 2009

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

Apr 1: Precepts Study of Revelation: Noon, Room 4

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

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

April 5 - 11, 2009

Palm Sunday, Apr 5: Sunday School: 9:30 am, Prayer Time 10:15 am, Room 11; **Sunday Worship:** 10:30 am; **WIC Council:** 11:40, Room 11; **Diaconate Stated Meeting:** 11:40 am, Room 4; **Sermon Discussion & Prayer:** 5:00 pm, Rm 8

Apr 8: Precepts Study of Revelation: Noon, Room 4

Apr 9: Session Stated Meeting: 10:00 am, Room 11; **Maundy Thursday Service with Communion, Supper Following:** 6:00 pm.

Apr 10, Good Friday: Men's Fellowship Lunch: WILL NOT MEET; CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

April 12 - 18, 2009

Easter Sunday, Apr 12: Sunday School: 9:30 am, Prayer Time 10:15 am, Room 11; **Easter Sunday Worship with Communion** 10:30 am; **Sermon Discussion & Prayer:** 5:00 pm, Room 8

Apr 14: Morning Circle: 10:30 am, Room 4; **Evening Circle:** 7:00 pm, Home of Barbara Hamilton, 3804 Kilbourne Hill Road

Apr 15: Precepts Study of Revelation: Noon, Room 4

Apr 16: Good News Club at S. Kilbourne Elementary 2:30 pm

Apr 17: Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30 am, Room 4

April 19 - 25, 2009

Sunday, Apr 19: Sunday School: 9:30 am, Prayer Time 10:15 am, Room 11; **Sunday Worship** 10:30 am; **Sermon Discussion & Prayer:** 5:00 pm, Room 8

Apr 22: Precepts Study of Revelation: Noon, Room 4

Apr 23: Good News Club at S. Kilbourne Elementary 2:30 pm

Apr 24: Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30 am, Room 4

April 26 - May 2, 2009

Sunday, Apr 26: Sunday School: 9:30 am, Prayer Time 10:15 am, Room 11; **Sunday**

Worship 10:30 am; **Sermon Discussion & Prayer:** 5:00 pm, Room 8

Apr 29: Good News Club at S. Kilbourne Elementary 2:30 pm

May 1: Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30 am, Room 4

From Rev and Mrs Tom Austin Tokai, South Africa ~ March 2009

Dear Co-Laborers,

It's been months since we've written. Summer has come and it's on its way out. But it's still hot and the fires have been burning for days over the mountain and across the bay. Every breath has the smell of smoke, and we wipe ash from the windscreen before getting in the car. This morning we were told that they are finally under control. We pray so.

We have been busy these past months. By the end of November I had visited all of our missionaries in theological education at their respective sites save one. These are all very special servants who are doing wonderful kingdom work. Please pray for their spiritual and physical health and stamina.

After two back-to-back conferences here (Theological Educator's Conference and LEAD-Africa Conference), we were ready for a break. The Lord truly blessed us with a good visit from Rebecca during her Christmas break from Covenant College. I have to admit, we kicked back and enjoyed her and the time together with family and friends. We took in some of the familiar sites, but they never get old. They are as beautiful as ever. God's creation here is good, very good.

Thank you very much for praying for us:

- For Ann as she begins another year of leading a women's Bible study and starts the evangelism ministry at Pollsmoor Prison.
- For me, that the Lord would give wisdom and discernment as I work alongside our theological educators in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- For Jeff Borden, Pastor Walter, and Bruce Wannemacher as we develop a new Bible college for training pastors in Guguletu township outside of Cape Town.
- For Anna and David during this incredibly busy time for them. Pray that their walk with the Lord would be strong, consistent, and vibrant through the hectic pace of their lives.

We greatly appreciate your investment with us in this ministry. Thank you for your faithfulness to Him. May you continue to be 'strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might'

Yours in Christ, *Tom and Ann*