



The Shining Light

Rose Hill Presbyterian Church (PCA) Newsletter
May 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

Worship Service Outreach

"After this I looked and behold, a great Multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb clothed in white robes. . ."
~ Revelation 7:9

On Saturday, May 9th at 6:00 pm in our Fellowship Hall we will begin an evening Worship Service designed as a worship opportunity for Rose Hill members and as an outreach to our community. This Saturday service will be held every week throughout the summer and a nursery will be provided. Here are some important points to remember as you consider participating in this service/outreach:

1. The purpose of this service is to worship the Lord with His people who are from different nations and backgrounds. As the verse above mentions, people from every nation, etc. will be present before Christ's throne in Glory and we want to begin worshipping with them now.
2. Since this is an outreach service, I encourage you to view these Saturday services as something you do in addition to participating in Sunday morning worship. (Our Sunday evening discussion group will not meet over the summer.)
3. This outreach could very well be an entranceway into Rose Hill for some people who will be worshipping with us. After the service food will be served (sandwiches and soup) providing us with a wonderful time for fellowship with our Christian brothers and sisters and unbelievers who might attend.

4. Pray that the Lord would work through this service for His glory. It is our desire to see all kinds of people come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and worship together. This is a wonderful setting for both of those things to happen.

I am extremely excited about what God could do through this ministry, and my heart's desire is for you to share my excitement! I look forward to seeing you there on May 9!

Your pastor and friend,

Drew

Updates from the Diaconate



10/1/2008 - 3/31/2009

OFFERINGS: \$ 95,936

10/1/2007 - 3/31/2008

OFFERINGS: \$102,861



In an effort to reduce production and mailing costs of the newsletter, if you prefer to receive the The Shining Light electronically, please notify the church office. Your e-mail address will remain confidential.



WIC News

The 2009 WIC Love Gift will go to the PCA Administration Committee (AC). Their primary role is serving PCA people, churches and ministries, by helping to get the job done through resourcing, coordinating, managing, planning, overseeing, organizing evaluations and helping. Some examples would be: Helping congregations and pastors through the Pastoral Search Process; giving counsel to Pastors and Sessions in practical matters of church policy and doctrine; publishing by Faith magazine; maintaining the PCA Historical Center; etc. Administration is a Gift of God (1 Cor 12:28). Rose Hill's recognition program will be a **joint Circle meeting on May 12th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All** are invited.

A thank you note was received from the Dewar family. It said, "Dear WIC, Thank you so very much for the donation given to the WIC Educational Fund in memory of Gwen. We appreciate the care, concern, visits, cards and prayers! Thanks again. Love in Christ, The Dewar Family."

With the help of many at church, the Evening Circle collected 100 fruit cups for HeartWorks Ministry during the month of April. All donations were greatly appreciated.



Missionary Newsletter

Here's a bit of an update on our lives and my work. We appreciate the involvement of the Rose Hill congregation in praying and loving us so well!

Some folks function best with the same routine in their life, day in and day out. Some prefer variety. What about you? Me? I love the incredible variety of the work the Lord's called me to do. For example

- One day I'm emailing and then on the phone with George, a Baptist, in S.C. who's doing his doctorate at Reformed Theological Seminary but moving toward the PCA and church planting.
- Or conducting a Church Planter Readiness Seminar at Covenant Seminary. Seven seminary couples and a single go through a packed weekend of training and evaluation to give

them some indication as to whether the evaluators feel they should move ahead toward church planting.

- And then back at the desk planning the same kind of seminar for this fall at Reformed Seminary in Charlotte. Then an hour-long phone prescreening interview of Roger, an associate pastor in North Carolina who I've been in touch with for several years. He's now ready to move ahead toward church planting.
- Preaching in a small church in another state and then spending 4 hours with the pastor who is very discouraged. Helping him think through how to make it there without drowning. Or another weekend, working with the leaders of another congregation who are interested in their church mothering a daughter church.
- Days on five seminary campuses this winter/spring provide their own astonishing variety. Ralph, beginning his seminary training knows nothing about church planting and is all ears. Joe desperately wants to be a church planter but it seems clear to me that's not at all the best use of his gifts. Carson graduates this spring and wonders which option would best prepare him to start a church. Alex thinks we're only looking for 'top gun' guys who can start churches of 3000. He begins to realize maybe he could start a church after all. Rhonda, deeply wounded by churches in the past, wonders why even worry about church; why not just work in a parachurch ministry. Joel, a seminary staffer, wants to move into pastoral ministry. My first visit to Reformed Seminary-Atlanta leads to invitations to return.

Incredible variety. As a result, we see a variety of God's workings. I'm encouraged by the continued growing interest in church planting! God continues to be faithful! But we also desperately need a variety of God's continued help! So thank the Lord with us; and keep on praying for us.

As you pray, remember our continued efforts to see the Lord close the gap between the funding we've raised and our full support and ministry needs. Thanks again for how well Rose Hill supports our ministry!

Yours for kingdom extension,

Jim Hatch

"Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field." ~ Luke 10:2

Rose Hill Birthdays



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
Jun 4: Penny Kornreich
Jun 5: Tory Kornreich
Jun 22: Elma Goddard
Jun 27: Margaret Zeigler

If your birthday is missing please notify the church office.

Rose Hill Anniversaries



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.



KEENAGERS

Carolyn Stone is throwing a luau on Tuesday, May 19th at Wood Lake Recreation Center. Sign-up sheet will be in the bulletin.

This month at Rose Hill

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

May 3 - 9, 2009

Sunday, May 3: 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
Tuesday, May 5: Women's Bible Study: 6:30 pm, Room 11
Friday, May 8: Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30 am, Room 4
Saturday, May 9: Saturday Evening Worship Service: 6:00 pm, Room 4

May 10 - 16, 2009

Sunday, May 10: HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY - Sunday School: 9:30 am, Prayer Time 10:15 am, Room 11; **Sunday Worship with Communion** 10:30 am
Tuesday, May 13: WIC Love Gift: 7:00 pm, Rm 4
Friday, May 15: Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30 am, Room 4
Saturday, May 16: Saturday Evening Worship Service: 6:00 pm, Room 4

May 17 - 23, 2009

Sunday, May 17: Sunday School: 9:30 am, Prayer Time 10:15 am, Room 11; **Sunday Worship** 10:30 am; **Catered Dinner** given by the Clarke family honoring Frances' 90th Birthday Noon
Tuesday, May 19: Keenagers, 11:30 am to Woodlake Recreation Center; **Women's Bible Study:** 6:30 pm, Room 11
Thursday, May 21: Session Stated Meeting: 10:00 am, Room 11
Friday, May 22: Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30 am, Room 4
Saturday, May 23: Saturday Evening Worship Service: 6:00 pm, Room 4

May 24 - 30, 2009

Sunday, May 24: Sunday School: 9:30 am, Prayer Time 10:15 am, Room 11; **Sunday Worship** 10:30 am
Monday, May 25 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED for Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 5: Women's Bible Study: 6:30 pm, Room 11
Friday, May 29: Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30 am, Room 4
Saturday, May 30: Saturday Evening Worship Service: 6:00 pm, Room 4

Missionary Newsletter



Dear praying friends,
Just a quick update on what is happening there on the west Texas border region.

TRAVELS:

Thank you for praying for my trip from Jan18-March 9. The visits I made to different churches went well. It was hard being away from Bonita for so long and I hope that I won't have as many extended trips again anytime soon. My next trip is being planned for April 25 to May 5. I will be visiting two different church - Arcadia Presbyterian in Kingsport, Tennessee and Northside Presbyterian in Burlington, N.C.

US / MEXICAN BORDER:

The situation along the US/Mexico border has been in the news a lot in the past couple of months. I am sure that you have seen at least one news report about the wave of violence that has been affecting Mexico - and in particular the city of Juarez. Recently the Mexican government sent in several thousand more military troops and federal agents to beef up the Juarez police dept. At this time the number of deaths has abated due to their presence. Most of the violence has been between the drug cartels members and hasn't been directed against common people - unless they have happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. So please continue to pray for God's intervening hand to keep the violence from returning.

CLASS AT THE SEMINARY:

Upon my return to El Paso in March, I taught a class on Homiletics at the small Presbyterian Seminary in Juarez. The classes met on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights from 7 - 10 pm for 3 weeks. Little by little I have seen the 4 students grasp some of the concepts that I have tried to transmit to them. You can pray that they will take these things away with them as they minister in different churches. Pray that God will use it in their lives to deepen the ministry of His Word in their lives and the lives of the church members.

BEAMM PLANNING, VISION TRIP AND PARTNERSHIP MEETING ON MAY 14 - 18:

On my return to El Paso in May, I will be taking off to go with the team members on a vision trip to see the beginning work in Nogales, Mexico as well as to do some key strategizing on the future of BEAMM's training model to help prepare future church planters and pastors. Please pray that God would give us wisdom and unity in the plans that we make. Above all that He will give fruit to those who are laboring along the border region. We need His provision of giving spiritual gifts to His children that will enable us to be highly effective in training others.

UPDATE FROM PERU:

I just learned via email that Abel Cordelier, the elder candidate that I have asked people to pray for will be

ordained and installed soon as an elder at the Surco Presbyterian Church in Lima, Peru. This is a sure answer to prayer.

OUR SUPPORT NEEDS:

Since January, I have been contacting new churches in order to seek to raise new pledged support. We are in need of an additional \$1750/month in pledges. At this point I have not identified any definite openings among churches for support, although there have been quite a few negative responses. So I would ask that you continue to pray for God to open doors where he pleases to provide for our support needs. He is our Heavenly Father who provides for His children.

In Christ,

Charles Davidson



Updates from Missionaries We Support

John & Susan Shane - South Africa

Pray that the girls in the Bible club will read the Bibles they were given at Christmas and share them with their families. Pray for John as he works to keep everything running smoothly with the new MTW missionaries in southern and eastern Africa.

Neal & Debbie Williams - Central Asia

Continue to pray as they press on learning not just the art of piecing words together, but also learn a different mentality from which people there view the world; for the group of believers there; and for Neal as he teaches and discusses some of the basic tenets of our faith.

James & Bonnie Buckner - Church Planting in Hong Kong and China

Rose Hill contributed money for a church plant through the Rosalie Cassels Mission Endowment Fund. The Buckners are presently meeting with a small group of believers, studying the book "Living In The Light Of The Gospel Story". Dr. James Hudson Taylor III, a seventh generation missionary to China and Hong Kong has gone to be with the Lord. Pray for comfort for those he left behind.

Tim & Nicole Mares - Muslims in Europe

Please pray for the witness of a Christian from a Muslim background - he may be deported back to Pakistan soon. Pray for God's wisdom in how he can serve the Lord. Tim teaches a men's Bible study on Luke and Nicole helps with a Moms and Tots play group. Pray that all these activities will lead to Muslims seeking to know the one who offers a spiritual home.
