



PresbyPress

"Everyday...is the day the Lord has made—
Rejoice! and be glad in it!"

November 2009

Every Day is an Opportunity

*"and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea,
in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth!" Acts 1.8*

Jesus gave this assignment to every believer. Every believer is to be a part of the Body of Christ and is asked to share time, talent, and financial resources to ensure that the gospel is proclaimed not only in our community but also to the ends of the earth.

Please accept my personal expression of deep gratitude for your faithfulness to Jesus Christ and for your generosity. You have made it possible for us to have a dynamic church. Indeed, our church is truly a place of much love and compassion.

Soon you shall receive in the mail our 2010 brochure and you will see that our church is a place of opportunity: full of wonderful care, mission projects, and preaching the gospel. Along with our worship services, vibrant choir, youth programs, Bible Study, Prayer Fellowship, Bluestone retreats, and women's fellowship, we have a number of successful outreach activities underway, such as Habitat, Haiti Medical Mission, Youth Mission Trip, Furniture, Shoebox, Child Development Center. Of course, there is much, much more

As we have been blessed, we have this chance to share our blessings with others. Please pray about your commitment to Jesus Christ and His Church, and make an estimate of giving to the Church for 2010.

By increasing your giving in 2010, we can achieve even greater goals. Your gift, every gift, large or small, does make a difference.

from the Stewardship Committee

Special Concert in the Sanctuary!

Brothers in the Cross

Unique Gospel Music

7:00 pm, Monday, November 2



6:00 pm
Young at Heart Dinner
Fellowship Hall

On the Menu

baked ham
macaroni & cheese
green beans
Waldorf salad
pumpkin pie
rolls and drinks



all for the low, low price
\$6^{.00} for adults
\$3^{.00} for children 12 and under

Then come upstairs to the sanctuary for our very special program. Our program will feature a local gospel group, the *Brothers in the Cross*, which does their own accompaniment and performs mostly original music.

Come and join us as enjoy some wonderful gospel singing, good Presbyterian food, and great fellowship. And please invite a friend. Do not miss this one.

Flowers



Bob & Barbara Cruickshank placed flowers in the sanctuary to the glory of God, and in celebration of their wedding anniversary

A Rose was placed on the Organ to celebrate the birth of **Zoe Isabel Melton**, daughter of Brian & Emily Melton and granddaughter of John & Sandy Melton

The Mark Nelson family placed flowers in the sanctuary to the glory of God, and in sincere appreciation of our pastor and friend, **Gary McGrew**, on the fourth anniversary of his calling to the First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston

Barbara Peggs placed flowers in the sanctuary to the glory of God, and memory of her daughter, **Becky Patton**

Gene & Carol Anderson placed flowers in the sanctuary to the glory of God, and in honor of their mothers, **Jackie Anderson & Mary Parsons**

Ray & Annabelle Hoppe placed flowers in the sanctuary to the glory of God, and in celebration of their wedding anniversary

George & Hersha Brown placed flowers in the sanctuary to the glory of God, and in celebration of their wedding anniversary

News from the Pews



Our Christian Sympathy and Support to
The Bright family at the loss of **Barney Bright**
The Spessard family at the loss of **Mae Spessard**
The Burnette family at the loss of **Mary Fran Burnette**

Celebration!

Jan & John Powel
who were married here on October 10

Thank You

I wish to thank my very thoughtful church family for all the sincere prayers, beautiful cards, warm e-mails, encouraging calls, lovely flowers, and uplifting visits following my recent surgery. Your continued support was greatly appreciated! Ann Wilburn



Wednesdays, 6:35 pm
Mizpah Room

Ten Great Prayers of the Old Testament
For Those of Us Who Are Learning How to Pray

Nov 4	Psalmist	Psalm 22
Nov 11	Ezra	Ezra 9
Nov 18	Nehemiah	Nehemiah 1

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The power of a simple gift to a child living in poverty, war torn countries, and orphanages or living on the streets is amazing. You can provide that simple gift by filling a shoebox with toys, books, stuffed animals, toiletries, etc. and letting that child know that someone cares, putting a big smile on their face. We have a lot of shoeboxes to fill, and you can help by buying gifts, paying for the postage, filling a shoebox yourself, or giving money for someone to do the shopping.

We have begun collecting donations for the shoeboxes. There is a box for donations located in the Mizpah Room marked **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love.

If you fill a box yourself, please include a Christmas card, and tell the child a little bit about yourself, which will make it special. When YOU receive a gift, there's a card with it, so please add one to your shoebox. It makes the gift so much more personal and the child loves receiving the card.

The following is a list of the items needed:

- Cars, trucks, soft balls, stuffed animals
- Legos, baby dolls
- Socks, caps, t-shirts, hairbrush, combs
- Coloring books, crayons, notepads, story books
- Yo-yo's, hackey-sacks, action figures, puzzles
- Purses, barrettes, jewelry, wallets
- Journals, pens, pencils, calculators
- Tooth brushes, tooth paste
- Soap, wash cloths



Luncheon for All
Sunday, November 8th
following worship

Please join us for lunch after worship
Sunday, November 8, in the Fellowship Hall

We'll share a meal that will delight your taste buds:
baked steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls,
bread pudding, and peanutbutter sheet cake.

There is no charge for the luncheon, but donations
will be accepted to help provide Christmas Baskets
for less fortunate families within our community.
Last year we provided 52 baskets at a total cost of
\$3,700.



CHRISTMAS! It will soon be time to make family Christmas plans at your home. This year as you make your plans, please put down the Christmas Eve Worship Service for 7:00 pm. Please note that this is a time change from last year. We are looking to the earlier hour so that most families will be able to attend. The Choir will perform a Cantata; and there will be much hymn singing, and the ever popular Festival of Lights.

Haiti Medical Mission Trip Needs

The following is a list of items that are needed for the Haiti Medical Mission Trip scheduled for February:

Acetaminophen	Ibuprophen
Antifungal Cream	Infant Motrin Drops
Aspirin	Infant Tylenol Drops
Children's vitamins	Miconazole Vaginal Cream
Cough Drops	Tums

Music Ministry or Poinsettia Memorials

You may make a contribution to our music ministry or purchase a poinsettia during the Christmas season. Gifts can be made in honor or memory of a loved one and those names will be included in the bulletin at Christmas time (the amount of the contribution will remain confidential and not be published). The cost of a poinsettia is \$10.00. The following is a wish list and their approximate cost:

<u>Music Ministry Options</u>	<u>Approximate Cost</u>
Choral Music per Selection	\$ 2.50 X 30 = \$ 50
Bell Music per Selection	\$ 4.00 X 14 = \$ 50
New Octave of Bells	7 Bells x \$ 700 = \$ 5,000
Organ Repair	Estimated at = \$ 750
Guest Vocalist/Musician	Per guest = \$ 100
Sound Board/Music Mixer	Estimated at = \$ 10,000
Undesignated	Any amount beginning at \$ 50

I would like to contribute to the following memorial:

_____ Poinsettia (\$10.00 per poinsettia)

I would like to contribute to the following:

_____ Choral Music

_____ Bell Music

_____ New Octave of Bells

_____ Organ Repair

_____ Undesignated

Given in memory of _____

Given in honor of _____

Given by _____

Amount \$ _____

Enclosed \$ _____



Presbyterian Women

Coordinating Team Thursday, Nov. 5, 6:30 pm, Mizpah

Circle of Love Tuesday, Nov 10, 7:30 pm, Parlor

It's November and that crisp fall weather is here. Let's gather for some warm indoor fellowship and Bible study at 7:30 pm on November 11. We love to have visitors who are looking for Christian fellowship, so if you haven't come to Circle before, come and join us!!

Circle of Faith Thursday, Nov. 12, at 12:00 pm, Mizpah

Ring-of-the-Bells for Heart & Hand will occur on Friday, December 4, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Please consider volunteering to help with this; two volunteers are needed to fill each 30-minute slot

The Mitten Tree will again be placed at the top of the steps at the "B" Street entrance. Items for the tree include mittens/gloves, scarves, and hats. Stocking stuffers for Heart & Hand will be collected on Sunday, December 6 and Sunday, December 13. These are small, unwrapped items that are to be placed under the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary.

Presbyterian Women Missions

Christmas Gifts for Davis-Stuart School

The Presbyterian Women are doing Christmas gift bags again this year for the girls at Davis-Stuart, located in Lewisburg, WV. Davis-Stuart is a Presbytery supported home for troubled children. Below is a list of items the girls would love for Christmas. We are making gift bags for 17 girls this year.

Make-up	Colored pencils, pens
Jewelry	Perfume
Nail polish	Stationery
Stuffed animals	Purses
Craft Kits	Hats, gloves, mittens, socks
Barrettes, head bands	Scarves

There is a box in the Mitzpah Room for your donations. The girls are so excited with each gift from the nail polish to their stuffed animals and cozy blankets. Please know the girls appreciate your gifts of love during this difficult time when they are away from their families for Christmas. If you wish to donate money, someone will be happy to do the shopping.

DEADLINE for the donations is Sunday, December 6th
Gift bags will be put together Wednesday, December 9th after dinner in the fellowship hall (and taken to Davis-Stuart Saturday, December 12th). If you would like to help, please join us on the 9th at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

A reception will be held in the administration building in appreciation of our generous giving and the girls would like to meet the ladies from our church. If you would like to go to Davis-Stuart on December 12th please let Judy Lowe know, so arrangements can be made.



Wednesday Nights For the Entire Family

Dinner

5:45 pm in Fellowship Hall

MAD Wednesday (music & drama)

6:30 pm in the Choir Room

Adult Bible Study

6:30 pm in Mizpah Room

Chancel Choir

7:30 pm in the Choir Room

Cost

\$6 teens/adults
\$3 ages 11 & under

**Join us
each Wednesday
for family fellowship**

Youth Group Schedule

Wed, November 4

6:30 pm Music & Drama

Sun, November 8

4:30 pm Youth Group

Wed, November 11

6:30 pm Music & Drama

Sun, November 15

4:30 pm Youth Group

Wed, November 18

6:30 pm Music & Drama



Nov 1	Corene Bryant
Nov 2	Zack Long
Nov 4	Stephen N. Smith
Nov 7	Ann Wilburn
Nov 8	Shirley White
Nov 9	Jack Jones
Nov 10	Sarah Miller
Nov 26	Lisa Calderwood



During the winter of 1621, half of the 102 Mayflower voyagers who settled in Plymouth died. The following spring, with help from natives, they learned how to plant corn and barley. Their fall harvest was a success, and the colony gave thanks. In 1630 a public Thanksgiving Day was declared for “friend-bringing and food-bearing ships.”

So easy to give thanks. So easy to share.
Sunday is our day to give thanks and honor and worship.
Count your many blessings. Name them one by one.
Friends. Family. Salvation. Forgiveness. Eternal life.
And as we have been given, so we have opportunities to share.
The good life. Giving thanks. Thankful giving.

Night of Music
George Washington High School Chorus



Family Christmas Dinner
Monday, December 7, 6:00 PM

It is time to start thinking of our holiday activities. Our annual Family Christmas Dinner will be held on Monday, December 7, at 6:00 pm.

Lora Hayes and the Presbyterian Women will be the hosts. Mark Hornbaker will bring his choir from George Washington High School. We hope to have a great turnout for this event. Please call in your reservation to the church office (744-2333) by December 1.

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