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Evangelism

When you see the word “evangelism” what do you think? Do you immediately have a visceral reaction and avoid any part of the discussion? Ask anyone and you may get the same reaction. Much of this, I am sure, is the effect of the tele-evangelists, mega-churches and possibly the Saturday morning visits from the Jehovah Witness members. Although we never discuss the subject directly, we all evangelize and we all must continue to evangelize for the Church, and more specifically PHUMC, to achieve the mission set out by Jesus in Matthew 28:19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...”

The word “evangelism” is translated from the Greek to mean “good news.” We are to spread the good news of Jesus Christ each and everyday of our lives. Whether in our work, at school or even at Wal Mart, my favorite place to “evangelize,” our actions speak for our church and Christianity. Did you know that the Bible has many verses regarding evangelism? Some of these may be your favorites. One of my favorites is from the New Testament, where Jesus was asked about the greatest commandment. He repeated the text from Deuteronomy 4:6 and added the second part, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22: 37-39)

So with the New Year upon us, how do we do this? Simply put, it is best done by our actions in the world. We, as Christians are all evangelists and must truly believe and practice the love of God and love of neighbor and begin our ministry with these basics of evangelism. If we do so, then the mission of our congregations will be clear to all we meet of spreading the gospel of Jesus motivated and guided by love. With love of God and neighbor as our basics, evangelism becomes a core value that all Christians should consider, understand and take into their everyday lives.

Evangelism starts with you and me. Invite someone to church on Sunday. Invite someone near you in the service to come on Wednesday night for dinner and fellowship. Sit with someone else this Sunday or sit on the other side of the Sanctuary and greet those around you. Invite someone to Sunday school. Be a greeter some Sunday morning and give a smile and a bulletin. Welcome the new neighbor who just moved in with a plate of hot brownies. Let someone else have that closer parking space at the store. Open the door for someone at church, at the Mall or at work. And my favorite, come to choir! Evangelism is simple and easy but has great impact. In one of my Theology classes the professor, without fail, worked into the daily discussion the phrase “**Love God, Love neighbor.**” Consider this phrase as you start each morning this New Year ahead.

See you and your new guest Sunday!

Philip

PARKWAY HILLS WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 10, 2010

8:30 am Blue Jean Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:45 am Morning Worship Service
4:00 pm SpringFest Meeting
4:00 pm Cub Scouts Meeting
5:00 pm Sunday Night Youth
5:00 pm Board of Trustees Committee Meeting
6:30 pm SPRC Meeting

Monday, January 11, 2010

9:00 am Women’s Bible Study
12:00 pm Prayer Quilt Ministry
4:00 pm SYNAGO
6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

11:30 am Staff Serves at Our Daily Bread
5:30 pm Wednesday Night Dinner & Activities
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 14, 2010

4:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Women’s Bible Study

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday thru Thursday — 8:30 to 4:30

Friday — 8:30 to 12:00

RICHARD ROBBINS, SENIOR PASTOR
DAVID MORRIS, YOUTH MINISTER/ASSOCIATE PASTOR
PHILIP MESSNER, MINISTER OF MUSIC
CYNTHIA GIBBS, DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY
TINA OATES, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
CATHY ROBERTSON, FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

CORE VALUES OF PARKWAY HILLS
WELCOME—GROW—SERVE—CELEBRATE

Women's News

*Women's Bible Studies —
 Monday & Thursday*

JOIN US FOR WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study will begin
 Beth Moore's revised study
 "Breaking Free" on Monday, January 11 at 9:00 a.m.
 and on Thursday, January 14 at 6 p.m.

This is a wonderful study and a great time for
 fellowship. Hope to see you there!

*Ladies BookGroup —
 January 19th at 6 pm in the Parlor
 The Help by Kathryn Stockett*

Blood Drive
Wednesday, January 20
4:00-7:30 p.m.
In the Media Center



Mississippi Blood Services invites you to take
 this opportunity to join your church family in
 giving the gift of life on Wednesday, January 20.
 Know that your donation will help people in
 your community and all across the state. The
 sign-up table is in the church foyer.

*It's time to coordinate the calendar
 for flowers to be placed in our worship
 services during 2010. The cost is \$50/
 payable to PHUMC. The church will
 take care of the arrangements with
 the florist.*



*Please call the church office
 or sign-up in foyer.*

Sign-up sheets are in the foyer or you may
 call the church office.

**Residence in Ministry
 (RIM)**

Commissioned candidates for ordained ministry participate in
 the Residence in Ministry program as part of their individual
 ordination preparation. This program is designed by the
 Conference Committee of Ministry to provide resident
 members with the support and guidance that will nourish
 continued theological development, spiritual formation and
 skill acquisition. Each member participates in a Peer Group,
 works with a Mentor and has an on-site visit each year to
 name a few of the ordination requirements.

On January 17th, there will be an on-site visit by 2 Lay People
 from the Conference Committee to assess my skills for
 ministry and help foster growth and development in the prac-
 tice of servant leadership. This program will provide
 feedback from a cross section of members from the
 congregation. I ask your prayers and continued support in my
 spiritual growth and growth in ministry in 2010 continuing
 through the RIM process toward ordination.

Philip Messner

MEETING NOTICE

SpringFest Committee - Sun, Jan. 10th - 4:00 pm
 Board of Trustees - Sun, Jan. 10th - 5:00 pm
 SPRC - Sun, Jan. 10th - 6:30 pm
 Finance Committee - Mon, Jan. 11th - 6:30 pm
 Youth Council - Sun, Jan. 17th - 3:30 pm
 Church Council - Mon, Jan. 18th - 6:30 pm



Stewardship Report

As of January 4th, we have received 109 pledge
 cards totaling \$554,394. Thanks for your
 response. If you have not yet turned in your
 pledge card, it is not too late.
 Please bring your card on Sunday or drop it in the
 mail.

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**Record of Our Faithfulness
 Sunday, January 03, 2010**

Attendance: 10:45 am – 163 SS – 134
 Amount Received: \$6,104.85

Year-to-date – November 2009
 Income \$700,718.09
 Expenses \$713,485.77

**This Sunday's Worship Services
 Sunday, January 10, 2010**

*Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17;
 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

Acolytes 8:30.....Corban Woodward
Acolytes 10:45.....Mary Reid Dixon, Josette Hill
Nursery Volunteer.....Cari Brown
Extended Session.....Chris & Cynthia Gibbs
Greeters 8:30.....Horace & Betsy Yarbrough
Greeters 10:45.....Justyn & Leslie Dixon, Paul & Amie Harris
Welcome Team.....Britt Fugler, Ben & Melissa Williams
Ushers 8:30.....Gary Connor, Rick Dallas, Johnny Fanning,
Horace Yarbrough, John Yeager
Ushers 10:45.....Henry Agent, Ron Farris, Chris Gibbs, Paul Long
Offering Counters.....Chris Gibbs, Wayne Johnson
Youth Snack.....Chris & Dionna Howard

Prayer Concerns

Elisha Adcox
 Betsy Yarbrough's daughter
Jay Alexander
 Kevin & Tiffni's friend
Patrick Anderson (Iraq)
 Henry & Ann Weissenborn's friend
Jim & Ruby Atwell
 Terri Cribb's friends
Mary Lou Ballard
 Marilyn Collins' friend
Eric Baumgartner (Iraq)
 Kermit & Julie Baumgartner's son
Bruce Bohne
 David & Margo Bowers' friend
Gordon Brown
 Terri Cribb's friend
Jean Burson
 Elkanah Burson's mother
Brian & Alison Chapman
 Bob & Kay Abney's friends
Betsy Clarke
 Nita Miller's co-worker
Marjorie Coker
 Paul Hegwood's mother
Ronnie Coleman
 Horace & Betsy Yarbrough's nephew
Bill Cook
 Bob & Kay Abney's friend
Mary Dent Deaton
 Paul Nader's aunt
Lisa Dirx
 Dionna Howard's friend
Nell Dismuke
 Lisa McLain's mother
Judd Drewry
 Jan Brister's father
Linda Fancher
Libby Fain
 Terri Cribb's friend
Bill Farris
 Ron Farris' brother
Sherry Felder
 Sarah Watts' mother
Al & Carol Felder
 Gene & Barbara Kreuz's friend
Ann Fornet
 Gene & Barbara Kreuz's friend
Henry Fox
 Scotty Irby's friend
Larry Franck
 Bob & Kay Abney's friend
Robert & Emogene Fudge
 Cathy Robertson's parents
Claudia Fugler
J. O. Gibbs
 Chris Gibbs' grandfather
Demetris Gibson
 Janet & Alan Leach's brother-in-law
Will Graves
 Mark & Lisa McLain's friend
Tara Griffith
 Chere Peel's friend
Tom Guest
 Lucy Slaughter's father
Melinda Haddad's Family
 Rick Kolar's co-worker
Betsy Hardy
 Beth Duff's mother
Alice Harvell
 Terri Cribb's aunt
Rexine Henry
 Rick & Sherry Dallas' friend
The Horne Family
 Lucy Slaughter's sister
Linda Carol Hudson
 Bruce Kirkland's sister
Merilyn Kagelmacher
 Lynn Dean's mother
Madeline Kelly
 Susan Taylor's co-worker's daughter
Tammy Lass
 Rick Moore's friend

Joyce Leonard
 Wayne Johnson's sister
Georgi Marlowe
 Lisa Sanderfur's brother
Bill Martin
 Boyce Christopher's son
Sabrina Martin
 Marilyn Collins' friend
Jo Ann MaxLiner
 Wayne Jones' sister
Mitch McCaskill
 Nita Miller's nephew
Melinda McClinton
 Debbie Burson's friend
Don McConnell
 Jim & Cathy's Robertson's
 brother-in-law
Bo McLeod (Iraq)
 Angie Williams' brother
Bill McMonus
 Paul Nader's brother-in-law
Laura Moon
 Casey & Corey Allen's friend
Evelyn Moore
 Ron Farris' relative
Tim Moore
 Ann Moore's brother
Manita Morgan & Family
 Debbie Case's friends
Johnny Peet
 Pat Franklin's friend
Jewel Pettus
 Terri Cribb's friend
Roxann Reidel
 Tina White's cousin
Roy & Pat Ryals
 Angie Ryals' parents
Cynthia Sherman
 Susan Taylor's friend
Debra Shultz
 Bob & Darlene Roberts' neighbor
Lucy Slaughter
 Wayne & Louise Johnson's daughter-in-law
Geneva Smith
 Boyce Christopher's friend
Sid Spiro
Dorothy Stegura
 Margo Bowers' mother
Harry & Kathleen Stroud
 Terri Cribb's friends
Dot Taylor
 Jeana Taylor's mother
Peggy Taylor
 Lisa Agent's aunt
Susan Taylor (Bruce & Susan)
Paula Ticcio
 Dave Cannimore's friend
Michelle Villarrubia
 Savannah McDonald's friend
Julie Walker
 Rick & Connie Moore's step sister-in-law
Gene Wardlaw
 Beth Taylor's friend
Martha Weatherall
 Mark McLain's aunt
Andrew White
Evelyn White
 Thomas White's mother
Bob Wilkinson
 Henry & Lisa Agent's friend

Family & Friends of Dr. Jack Ross

**For our nation, our leaders, our service men/women and their families and the
 conflicts in Iraq and around the world. For those in nursing homes or
 homebound. For our church. For each other. For ourselves.*

**Wednesday Nights will
 resume January 13th, 2010**

**Wednesday Night Menu
 for January 2010**

*All meals are served with drink, roll, salad and dessert

01/13 Jambalaya
 01/20 Taco Stew
 01/27 Chicken Enchilada Casserole

Adult Meal - \$6.00 Child Meal- \$4.00
Pizza Plate - \$4.00 Additional Slices - \$1 each**

For standing reservations for the month, take a form from the
 posters or print one off of the church website, and return it
 with your check. Standing reservations must be paid in advance!

**Additional slices of pizza can only be bought
AFTER the purchase of a plate!

Let's us know if you are getting a to go plate.

Deadline for making weekly reservations is NOON on Monday!