

Prince of Peace in Print

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Remember therefore what you have received
and heard . . . (Revelation 3:3a)

FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings in the wonderful promise of our faithful God to be constantly present with His children.

Today, Friday, February 20, I had the privilege of visiting the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, North Carolina. The experience was something more than inspirational! I have often wondered what one person was capable of achieving. To put that more precisely, what one person, truly committed to God and allowing God total control over his or her life would be able to do. Today, without any doubt, I learned the clear and amazing answer to my personal curiosity. It is truly astonishing how God has used one man to touch the lives of so many millions. Billy Graham was born on a dairy

farm in Charlotte and grew-up milking cows. Yet, he has been a confidant to 11 different American Presidents, traveled to almost every country on the globe, and preached God's message of salvation to more people than anyone else in history. In over 60 years of ministry, Billy Graham has shared the good news of Christ on radio, television, film, and through numerous crusades and books. And through it all, he relies on the prayers of God's people, the power of God's Word, and the presence of God's Spirit. Billy Graham has always demonstrated himself to be a man of high moral integrity living according to his simple, yet deep, and abiding faith in God.

Why am I sharing this with you? Not only have I wondered what one person is capable of, but I have often wondered what one church is capable of achieving. Have

you ever considered what Prince of Peace might be able to accomplish for God and His kingdom? What kind of impact could we make in and on Southaven if we were totally committed to God? What kind of effect could we have on the state of Mississippi if we truly allowed God total control? Have you ever thought that Prince of Peace could impact the world? Why or

why not? These questions are meant as encouragement not criticism. With God's Spirit strengthening our faith, deepening our commitment, empowering our surrender, and guiding our actions, we can and we will make a difference in our community, in our state, and in our world.

I truly and firmly believe that God is at work in our midst. Love between members is growing. Fellowship and

Thank You!

A very big and a very special Thank You to Debra Romine for all her hard work on the Valentine's Banquet. Debra, you did a fantastic job. And a great big Thank You to Debra's wonderful co-workers who made her job so much easier and more fun: Mary Wanda Wack, Deborah Bailey, Liz Fairbanks, Kalinda Leise, and Rhonda Childs.

An extra Thank You goes out to Alex Leise, our maitre'd, and our waitresses—Lauren and Lynette Gale and McKenzie Aversch. You all did a great job.

A Thank You to everyone who left tips for the waitresses. The Confirmands raised \$188 to help redo their new confirmation room. And this amount was matched by the Women of Peace.

A special Thank You to LaVerne Falk for our new coat rack. LaVerne has created another work of art!

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Communion Schedule
Saturday - 1st & 3rd
Early (8:00 a.m.) - 1st
& 3rd
Late (10:30 a.m.) -
2nd, 4th, & 5th

friendship are increasing. Excitement and enthusiasm are becoming clearly apparent. Prayers are being answered. (We have had visitors on every Sunday of the year thus far.) God's word is being read. I hope you will join me in seeing the exciting time that God is blessing Prince of Peace with; and I pray that you will catch the Spirit as it moves amongst us.

The Valentine's Banquet was truly a wonderful evening of food and fellowship. Over 40 people turned out to celebrate "love." The confirmands did a great job as waitresses and Alex was a fantastic maitre'd. Almost everyone left with a door prize. Special thanks goes to Debra Romine, Mary Wanda Wack, Deborah Bailey, and Liz Fairbanks for all their hard work planning and preparing for the wonderful evening. And a big thank you to Kalinda Leise for taking pictures and Rhonda Childs for helping out in the kitchen.

Two very special evenings are planned in March. On Tuesday, March 17, we are meeting at El Charro (on Goodman just west of Bullfrog Corner) for Mexican night. Come and spice up your life with some "hot" food. And on Friday, March 27, we are holding a game night at church. Bring your favorite board game or just come to play.

Keep in mind our church motto for this year: "Remember therefore what you have received and heard . . ." (Revelation 3:3a). We will return to our discussion on our motto next month.

May God's love fill your life as you recall all that He has given you.

Love and Prayers,
Warren R. Pellom
Pastor

Council Secretary Report

As the Secretary I am in a unique position where I can sit back and watch as things unfold. I'm not buried in the conception and implementation of most events. And I am a watcher of people, so I kind of like where I am. As my grandson Aiden would say, "Want to know what I've been watching?"

OMG—does everyone know what that means in text messaging language? OMG= "Oh My God." And I don't mean it disrespectfully. I mean it like "Oh My God" Thank You. Thank You for the Council that we have this year. Thank you for the membership we have this year. Thank you for the leadership and love we have in our Pastor. Thank You for letting me be part of our congregational family. I have not felt the positive emotions ever like I do now. There is an excitement in the air that is almost palpable. I will make everyone a list of the events we have planned for the year, so you will be able to plan in advance. It started with the "Potato Dinner." Was that not a great change? When you are doing the right things and moving in the right direction, you just know it, you feel it.

But—and you know there had to be a "but," right. Stay focused on the big picture. The devil doesn't like it when things are going good.

Through Christ our Lord,
Deborah Bailey
Council Secretary

Newsletter Deadline

The next church newsletter will be published on Friday, March 20. All materials (articles, pictures, etc.) should be turned in to Liz Fairbanks no later than noon on Tuesday, March 17.

From the Desk of the Treasurer

Year-to-Date Funds Received as of January 31, 2009:

2009 Year-to-Date	YTD Received	YTD Expenses	Ending Balances
General/Operating Funds Received:	11,660.07	(10,902.12)	757.95
Kids Club Funds Received:	50.00	0.00	50.00
Building Funds Received:	300.00	0.00	300.00
Elders Benevolence Funds Received:	50.00	(50.00)	0.00
Memorial Fund-Ed Childs Received:	25.00	0.00	25.00
	12,085.07	(10,952.12)	1,132.95

Law of the Garbage Truck

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his breaks, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly.

So I asked, "Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!" This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, "The Law of the Garbage Truck."

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day.

Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so . . . "Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't."

Many Blessings,
Richelle Smith
Church Treasurer

Fellowship Committee

Words cannot express the support you have shown but actions speak louder than words or so they say. Our Valentine Banquet was wonderful thanks to all of you, I'm so thrilled to be a part of what is happening at Prince of Peace and grateful for the chance that I have been given in being the fellowship chair. My goal is to try and provide events that not only give us a chance to party (so to speak), but to get together in love and fellowship as a church family. I'm so very proud of Lynette, Lauren & McKenzie for waiting on our tables and Alex for being our host. Thank you Rhonda for helping us in the kitchen and to Kalinda for taking our pictures. A very special thank you to **Mary Wanda and Debra Bailey** you both have been right there to help me all the way. We dined on fried fish, baked potato, mixed vegetables, slaw, salad, bread, several different kinds of pie and a delicious cake made by Mike and Jo Lampley, ice tea & cold drinks. We played games sang a few songs and watched Allen Brewer surprise his lovely wife Joyce with a Valentine Gift. Liz thinks Rusty is Jerry (ask Liz) and we had some wonderful door prizes. I enjoyed so much putting this event together for your enjoyment thanks again to everyone.

On Tuesday March 17th we are going to El Charro's in Horn Lake to eat

Church Council Members 2009

Chair

Rusty Vollmer

Vice-Chair

Rick Kresge

Secretary

Deborah Bailey

Treasurer

Richelle Smith

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Al Peimann (Head)

Jim Bodenstab

Tom Wack

Discipleship

Tammy Heidrick

Evangelism
(vacant)

Fellowship
Debra Romine

Stewardship
Doug McGee

Worship

Mary Wanda Wack
(—Non-Voting)

Monthly Statistics

January

Average Attendance

Saturday Service
13

Sunday Early Service
17

Sunday Late Service
53

and on Friday March 27th we are having a games night at the church. So bring your favorite game no matter what kind (i.e., “Monopoly, Chutes & Ladders, Cards etc”). We’re planning to have a relaxing evening of fun for the whole family. So mark your calendars and make plans to attend.

Gifts: to your enemy—forgiveness . . . to your opponent—tolerance . . . to your friend—your heart . . . to your customer—service . . . to all men—charity . . . to every child—a good example . . .to yourself—respect.

May we continue to grow in love and fellowship with one another.
Look what God has done!!!

God’s Peace
Debra Romine
Fellowship Chair

Worship Committee

Dear friends,

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in our church! I love our fellowship and the feeling I feel when I worship with you. The love you’ve shown me; the times you’ve cheered me on. Wow! Thank you so much. I can’t wait to see you each service. I can feel the love.

Let’s support the young people February the 22nd. They will be in charge of everything except the sermon. The young people are our future, as you know.

March the 8th is “SUPPORT your Church Sunday.” Let’s show how proud we are of our church, Pastor and Ellen and our programs. After our service, we will be eating at the Chinese Restaurant next to Target and Home Depot in Horn Lake. The cost is \$10. It’s not just Chinese food, it’s a buffet with American food too. We will have the room in the back of the restaurant so we can fellowship.

Do not forget choir practice on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Let’s make a joyful noise to the Lord.

And let’s keep on, keeping on!

“Sing”cerely,
Mary Wanda
Worship Person

NEWS ABOUT WOMEN OF THE CHURCH . . .

March 7 will be a big get-together!

First Saturday, 9 a.m. at the church. We will open the prayer envelopes and spend some really heart-felt time praying for the petitioners and discussing the issues involved.

EVERYONE is invited to this get-together. It should be a really meaningful time for everybody, expanding our prayer life and praying for others.

PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!!

“Son”Shine Sale

Think Spring!!! Think Cleaning!!! Think Rummage!!!

Think “Son”Shine Sale!!!” — Saturday, May 2, 2009.

This is a big event for Prince of Peace, let’s come together and make it happen!!!

Together for Christ,
Mary and Bettye
Head Women



Women of Peace Hope Tree decorated with Valentines for everyone in the church.



Another LaVerne Falk creation! Our beautiful new coat rack.

From Curtis & Rhonda Childs

As you all are aware, we have recently suffered a great loss with the passing of Ed Childs. On behalf of the entire Childs family, I would like to thank each of you for your support and care during this most difficult of times. Many of you responded with gifts of flowers or food for the family. It was very comforting just to have someone come up to one of us and share stories about Ed and to tell us what a great man he was. Words cannot express our gratitude to all of you. We are very blessed to be members of such a loving and caring congregation. Thank you all very much.

Love,
The Childs Family

From Rose Klimek

A limited number of tickets are available for HEIST AT HEAVENLY HOST, a comedy/mystery play in two acts, presented by the Christ the King Players with performances Saturday, February 28, 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 1, 3:00 p.m. All proceeds will go to Church Health Center and MIFA with matching funds from Thrivent Financial. For tickets, call Christ the King church office at 901-682-8404.



Alex Leise—our handsome, well-dressed, and gracious maitre'd for the evening.



A most efficient wait staff! From left to right: Lynette Gale, McKenzie Averagesch, and Lauren Gale.

Valentine's Banquet Pictures



Door prizes all lined up and just waiting to be won!



Another delicious cake from Mike and Jo Lampley.

**This Year's Lenten Services
Wednesday Nights
Soup and Sandwich Supper at 6:00 p.m.
Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.
This Year's Theme:
Lessons from the Kings**

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Saturday Night Worship Service 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Early Worship Service 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Late Worship Service 10:30 a.m.