

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 creating power of God the Father, the redeeming purpose of God the Son, and the guiding presence of God the Holy Spirit.

History was made this past week with the inauguration of our 44th President. As President Barak Obama takes his seat in the Oval Office, I call upon the congregation of Prince of Peace to pray diligently for him. Regardless of your political views on the situation, I remind you that the Bible instructs us to be persistent in our prayers for those in positions of authority.

I hope you enjoyed the Christmas season as much as I did. It seemed to go by so fast this year. Inside you will find pictures from our Christmas Party and a thank you note from Laura McCawley for all the love that she experienced during the Christmas season. Also note the picture of Robert and Janice Johnson from Praise Life Ministries receiving our gift of blankets and coats to help them in their efforts to minister to the homeless and needy of our area.

Ellen and I wish to express our continued thankfulness for the love and support that we feel from the congregation. We thank you very much for all the generous Christmas gifts we received. You all are wonderful.



I am encouraged by all who have expressed an excitement and a willingness to read through the Bible this year. The Bible reading book marks are available on the table in the sanctuary and it is not too late to join in the challenge. Let us grow to be God's people and God's church as we study God's word.

The Church Council is hard at work on plans for 2009. It promises to be an exciting and enjoyable year. There will be a Congregational Meeting on February 8 following the late service. During this meeting, church council members will be presenting their plans and goals for 2009 and remodeling of the restrooms will continue to be discussed. There is a suggestion box in the sanctuary if you would like to make any comments or financial commitments concerning the proposed restroom remodel.

The Fellowship Committee is planning a very special Valentine's Banquet on Friday, February 13. Arrangements for the food are being made. Door prizes will be given. Tickets will be sold. The price for the evening is \$5/person.

Our Lenten Services begin on Ash Wednesday, February 25. Rev. Michael Johnson has accepted a call in the Baltimore area and is leaving Cross of Calvary. Therefore, I believe (at this time) that we will be going solo this year and all Lenten Services will be held at Prince of Peace.

Our motto for 2009 is from the letter to the church of Sardis in Revelation. This is the fifth letter out of seven.

Thank You!

A very big thank you to Debra Romine and her helpers for the wonderful Christmas Party. It was a time of wonderful fellowship and a delightful event.

A special word of thanks to all the women who put our Christmas decorations in the attic for another year. It was a big job and you all did it with love. Our thanks and appreciation to one and all.

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Communion Schedule

Saturday - 1st & 3rd

Early (8:00 a.m.) - 1st
& 3rd

Late (10:30 a.m.) -

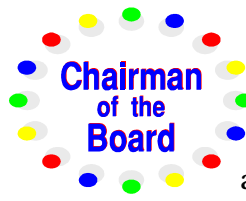
2nd, 4th, & 5th

The angel instructs John to write: "Remember therefore what you have received and heard . . ." (Revelation 3:3a). It is always good to "remember" what God has given us and what He has told us. To help us better understand this verse we will examine the condition of the church as the Lord reveals it. In Revelation 3:1 the Lord states: "I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead." The church in Sardis was living on "past glory" with no plans or purpose for the future. The members of the congregation sat around playing "remember when" and not doing anything to further God's kingdom in the present. It is always a danger for us to grow weary in doing well and rest on past victories instead of pushing forward to the work that is in front of us. May we learn from the church of Sardis to take joy in past achievements but continue to strive diligently for the sake of God's mission in the present.

May God's word richly dwell in your heart and guide your life for His glory.

Love and Prayers,
Warren R. Pellom, Pastor

From the Chair



Evangelist and author Chuck Swindoll once wrote that he has become convinced as he has gotten older that nothing is more important than a person's attitude with respect to the problems we face daily in this life. I think Chuck is right, and mention it because it is obvious to the members on the church council that the attitude here at Prince of Peace—the attitude of cooperation and enthusiasm—is quite remarkable. I would just like to thank everyone in the congregation for making it a pleasure to serve. With Christ, we can make a difference in our church and community in 2009.

In Christ's Service
Rusty Vollmer, Council Chair

Elders Report

Dear Friends In Christ,

Let me start off by welcoming all of our church family and friends into the new year. This year our Pastor has challenged all of our members to read the entire Bible. There are monthly bookmarks available to us that if we follow the readings listed we can accomplish this goal. In order to better understand and relate to what we read, Pastor has informed us that he is going to structure his weekly sermons on the past week's readings. With these guidelines, we feel our entire congregation can continue to grow in the knowledge of God's word.

Let us be ever mindful of the goals Pastor put before us last year by continuing to pray at least 10 minutes per day. Pray Until Something Happens. **PUSH**, this does work. Let us also remember the goal of at least one new visitor to our church each week. We all have family members or friends we can invite to join us in worship. So far this year we have accomplished this goal. My question here is, "Did you greet these visitors and invite them to return?" We want all of our new guests to feel welcome while they worship with us.

In God's Name,
Al Peimann, Head Elder



Voters Meeting

Sunday, February 8, 2009
11:45 a.m.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. Events, activities, and plans for 2009 to be discussed.

Vice-Chair's Word

The walkway in the attic is complete. New weather stripping was installed on church windows. The hole in the end roof vent was closed to prevent squirrel entry. Plans are in the works to start repairs on Kids Club in March.

Love in Christ,
Rick Kresge
Vice-Chair

From the Desk of the Treasurer

Happy New Year!

I still can't believe it's 2009. But I have such a good feeling about this year. I just know it's going to bring happiness and prosperity to even those questioning it the most.

With God's help and your joyful hearts, we managed to meet all of our 2008 expenses without borrowing from other funds.

2008 General Operating Funds Received:	\$134,629.63
2008 Expenses Paid:	(\$133,563.01)
Net 2008 Operating Activity:	\$1,066.62

As you will see from the fund balances below, we continue to have a deficit in the General Operating Funds account from previous years. However, with the extra \$1,066.62 from 2008, we have decreased that deficit quite a bit. And if we continue to keep a close eye on our spending and giving, hopefully we can bring the church out of the negative for this fund very soon.

Our final fund balances as of December 31, 2008 are the following:

General/Operating Fund:	(2,654.37)
Elders Benevolence Fund:	312.31
Give Bibles Fund:	20.00
Kids Club - Sunday School Fund:	595.29
Memorial Fund: Marie Kodetsky:	10.00
Mission Fund:	174.64
Women of Peace Fund:	401.30
Puppet Team Fund:	75.00
Stewardship Fund:	19.84
Youth Group Fund:	256.11
Youth Building Fund:	125.79
Youth Group-National Gathering Fund:	3,288.86
J Cooper Memorial Building Fund:	200.00
Pastor's Fund:	1,075.24
New Building Fund:	34,208.42
Total Funds as of December 31, 2008:	38,108.43

We had an awesome council meeting on Sunday evening. We have a lot of activities planned for 2009. Please keep your eyes and ears open for upcoming events.

Offering envelopes have been distributed. If you want offering envelopes

Church Council Members 2009

Chair
Rusty Vollmer

Vice-Chair
Rick Kresge

Secretary
Deborah Bailey

Treasurer
Richelle Smith

Board of Elders
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

December

Average Attendance

Saturday Service
17

Sunday Early Service
18

Sunday Late Service
57

and did not receive a box of them in your church mail box, please let Liz know and we'll make sure you receive a box.

Please look for your 2008 Contribution Statement in your church mail box. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Many Blessings,
Richelle Smith
Church Treasurer

Fellowship Committee

Oh my gosh, the Christmas Party was a blast. We sang Christmas Carols, listened to Christmas Music, had wonderful finger food and the night was just magical. Pastor read T'was the Night Before Christmas and T'was the Night Before Jesus Came by candlelight.

Friday, February the 13th will be our Valentine Banquet. Be sure and make plans to attend, this is going to be another first at Prince of Peace. Food will be provided. There will be decorations and music, door prizes will be given out and pictures will be made of each couple or person for you to take home. There will be a charge of \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per couple. So mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

This was sent to me so I'm passing it on.

We have a new president, but ISN'T IT GREAT TO KNOW WHO IS REALLY IN CHARGE.

10 PREDICTIONS

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still work.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still inhabit the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointing preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.

God's Peace,
Debra Romine
Fellowship Chair

Discipleship Update

From the "Kids Club" Clubhouse

Hello again — Good News! We are getting some new books. Also the clubhouse is going to be getting some needed repairs. I think this year is going to be great.

The kids and I would like to thank everyone for their support and love.

God's Blessings To All,
Tammy Heidrick
Discipleship Chair

Newsletter Deadline

The next church newsletter will be published on Friday, February 13. All materials (articles, pictures, etc.) should be turned in to Liz Fairbanks no later than noon on Tuesday, February 10.

Worship Report

Dear Family of God,

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in

brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Romans 12:9-11

February is the month we think about LOVE. I certainly can feel the LOVE at church and I appreciate you and LOVE serving you. I can feel the excitement about reading our Bible. I have never read the Bible in its entirety. Shame on me! This does motivate me to get my act together and learn the mind of Christ. It's wonderful that we have a pastor who cares and wants us to get excited about being Christians and applying the scriptures to our own lives. We will learn to live in harmony and LOVE each other if we apply what we are reading.

I want to express to you a sincere invitation to join our choir. Yes, you have to give up some of your time. I believe once you come and get in the habit of choosing to sing; you will look forward to Wednesday night's rehearsal. I know it's a sacrifice and I appreciate each choir member. Set a goal for yourself and join us. When you give, you get it back a hundredfold.

We will be learning an opening song for the month of February. We will be singing "Surely the Presence of the Lord Is In This Place." This will be sung by the choir and congregation. A new opening song for each month will be exciting to learn together. We hope you will enjoy this new addition.

Jesus knows me—this I Love! God's Grace is Amazing—He LOVES us no matter what! Wow!

"Sing" cerely,
Mary Wanda Wack
Worship Chair

NEWS FOR THE WOMEN OF PEACE

First Saturday in February! We are having a "**Heart to Heart**" and we will be making Valentines. Everybody is welcome. We have the art supplies. This is a really fun thing to do!

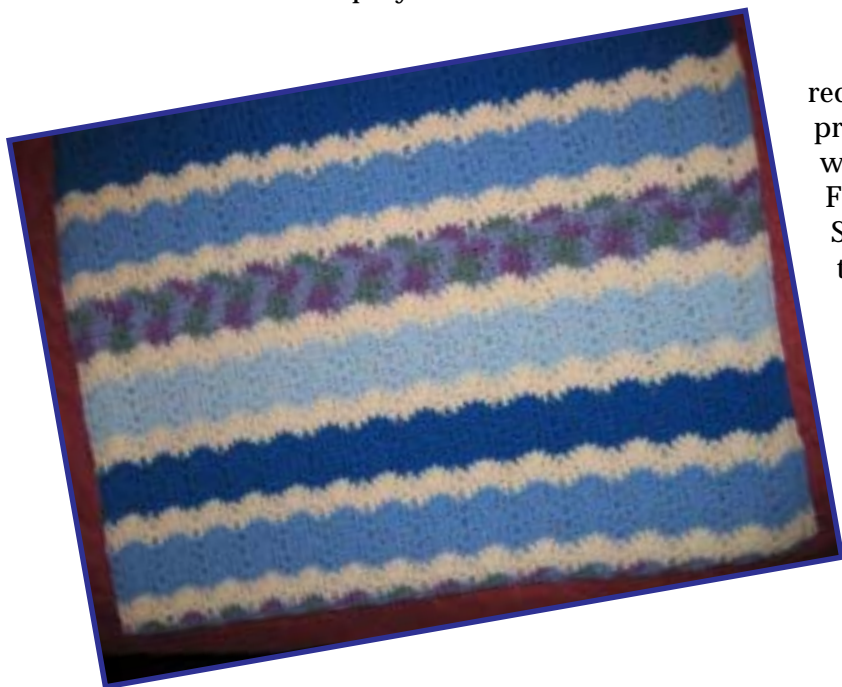
Remember! 9 a.m. at the church . . . coffee and goodies for nibbling!!! Don't miss it!

MORE NEWS . . .

New projects are starting! The big tree in the fellowship hall will remain! What for???

It's going to be "The 2009 Tree of Hope." Thanks to Vicki who came up with the great "slogan." We will be decorating the tree each month with a theme that matches the church activities. The theme for January is WINTER, with snowflakes and ribbons of snow. Watch all year long for new ideas!

The PRAYER TREE in the sanctuary has a new schedule! We will continue to add your prayers until the beginning of Lent. At the March, meeting we will open each envelope, and pray about the petition enclosed and see just how many prayers have already been answered. Let's pray that each person at Prince of Peace has a prayer attached!!!



Exciting News!

The Women of Peace will soon begin receiving donations for a beautiful afghan! This project will be "off the ground" in February, with donations received from the first of February at the Sunday services and on Saturday services beginning February 7th and throughout the month. We will award the afghan to some lucky person the first Sunday in March at the second service. Thanks to Eleanor Pavlik for her beautiful handiwork! Donations requested are \$1.00 for each receipt or 6 for \$5.00. At this point, the money donated will go to the building and remodeling fund.

Blessings,
Mary and Bettye
Head Women



Left: Lorene Caden joyfully receives the pajamas and sleepwear collected for House of Grace. Pictured (left to right): Donna Koehler, Bettye Van Vulpen, and Lorene Caden.

Right: Robert and Janice Johnson, ministers of Praise Life Ministries gratefully receive our collection of coats and blankets to assist in their ministry to the homeless and need during the cold weather. Pictured (left to right): Janice Johnson, our member—Laura McCawley, and Robert Johnson.



Left: Our members enjoying the delicious food at the Christmas Party.

Christmas Party Pictures



Diane and Rick Kresge trying to figure out what to eat.



A memorable event in the making.



A wonderful time being had by all.



Mary Wanda Wack leads everyone in some Christmas Carols.

Laura L. McCawley

Another Note From Laura McCawley

I want to say a lovingly huge "Thank You" to the fine people of "Prince of Peace." I received the most beautiful Christmas gifts from so many of you! I received candles, cookies, bracelets, clothes, crochet towels, and a gorgeous home-made quilt in my favorite colors. People took me out to eat and I received money gifts from some of you. And there was a very special anonymous gift. The love at this church is so overwhelming and, indeed, very "beautiful" to me. It's like none I've seen at any church in my past. The warm hugs, smiles, and caring words from each and everyone of you is so precious.

You are "all" so loved and appreciated!
Thank You.

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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.