

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 compassionate love of the Cross, the eternal life of the Resurrection, and the future hope of the Ascension.

I have not given proper attention to this year's motto in the past couple of newsletters. So let us begin by considering it: "Remember therefore what you have received and heard . . ." from Revelation 3:3a. We find this verse in the letter to the church of Sardis. This was a church living on past glory. The church had been a dynamic force within its community and had made a name for itself. But, as the letter is written, it is resting on its past successes and achievements. In point of fact, its present condition is

described as "dead" and all indications are that it is asleep. As a "dead" church, it is a church that believes it is alive but is making no impact on the community.

The community is aware of its past reputation but can point to no significant affect that the church is having at this time. As a sleeping church, it is a church that is blind to the dangers that surround it. The community is making a bigger impact on the church than the church is on the community. This church is in a sorry state and can be a powerful warning to us. What impact is Prince of Peace having on our community? Is Southaven a different place because of our congregation? The remedy for the Sardis church was to remember not only what God had done but to recognize what God was doing. The same is important for us. Let us rejoice in the memory of the progress that God has brought about at Prince of Peace. Let us allow these memories to propel us forward as we move with faith because of what we have received and what we have heard.

The past month has certainly been a busy one. Even though I was away for a great deal of the time you were constantly on my mind and in my prayers. My yearly 50+ hockey tournament in Tampa was scheduled the week after Easter. As most of you are aware I finally broke my losing string. The team I played on won its final game

Thank You!

A Very Big, Extra Special Thank You to Eleanor Pavlik! Eleanor did an incredible job planning for, setting up, and running this year's Rummage/"Son" Shine Sale. And not only did she give up one Saturday; but because of the rain, she worked two Saturdays and brought in over \$1500. Thank you, Eleanor.

A Big Thank You to all of Eleanor's helpers. To everyone who helped organize, prepare, set up, and work the Saturdays a very big thank you. A special word of thanks to Deborah Bailey who ran the refreshment/lunch stand this year. And a special word of thanks to Bobby Brewer for cooking his wonderful "butts" again.

Thank you to all who have given their time and effort to mowing and keeping up the grounds. Thank you to Rick Kresge for all his hard work and diligent efforts.

A Special Word of thanks to Mike and Jo Lampley for making the cakes for our recent receptions. And an extra word of thanks to Jo for making the beautiful flowers for Confirmation Sunday and helping our confirmands with their banners.

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

and I scored a goal. It was great. After dropping Ellen off at home, I headed to San Antonio for the yearly Pastoral Leadership Institute gathering. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and encouragement. This year's classes focused on team work and team building. I hope to put to use shortly some of the wonderful things I learned.

Returning home from Texas I came down with a head cold. I truly am sorry that I missed out on the evening at the Como Steakhouse. All reports were that the evening was wonderful. (Pictures inside.) The next week it was off to Hattiesburg and the Southern District Pastors' Conference. It was a wonderful time of learning and bonding. Dr. Kieschnick, our Synodical President, was able to be with us. He preached at the opening service and spent time with the circuit counselors discussing synodical issues. After all the traveling, it was nice to get home and to stay for awhile.

The past two weeks have truly been exciting. The attendance has been great and the spirit has been wonderful. It was a joy to welcome Christopher David Nicholson into God's kingdom through the waters of baptism on Mother's Day. Craig and Chesney are certainly proud parents. And then to confirm two wonderful young women this past week was a great blessing. Let us all welcome our newest members: Kaitlin Harvin and Lauren Gale.

The Adult Confirmation Class continues on Monday nights. We can look forward to adding five more members (all women) at the end of June. Summer BBQ's will commence the first Wednesday of June. The Choir is moving their practice time to Thursday throughout the summer. As always the Choir is continually looking for additional members.

A final word of congratulations. We applaud this year's graduates: Whitney Schilling, Krystal Smith, and Chris Andrews. Congratulations on your graduation and keep up the fine work!

Now may God's presence fill your life with love, joy, peace, and hope.
Love and Prayers,
Warren R. Pellom
Pastor

From the Vice-Chair

The Lawn Mowing Sign-up Sheets for June and July are on the wall near the kitchen in the fellowship hall waiting for your signatures. I would like to thank everyone that signed up for the May mowing and appreciate your help. Volunteers are still needed on the Property Committee sign-up sheet which includes a space for your God given talents.

Your Friend In Christ,
Rick Kresge
Vice-Chair

From the Council Secretary

Thanksgiving—

All too often we rely on the traditional "Thanksgiving Holiday" to be our time to show how thankful we are for the many blessings we all receive. But today I challenge each of you to stop and look around for what we have. The work of the Holy Spirit has been so evident lately in the uniting of the members of our congregation. And for this we should be thankful. The team that has been brought together as the

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Pray
Until
Something
Happens

Church Council is a strong, dynamic, group striving to serve. And for this we should be thankful. The group of men that have stepped up to the responsibility of being our Elders are active, caring, and eager in their ministry to us as individuals and to Prince of Peace. And for this we should be thankful. We have a Pastor truly dedicated to ensuring our spiritual growth and enlightenment. And for this we should be thankful.

As the record keeper, I am fortunate to see things from a slightly different perspective than most. What I see is a Church trying its best to move in the direction of our Father. And for this I am so thankful. Look around today and find a reason to give praise.

Your Friend,
Deborah Bailey
Council Secretary

From the Desk of the Treasurer

The funds listed below are strictly based on 2009 Offerings and Expenses. The Elders, Pastor, and Youth Fund balances (negative) are covered by fund balances from a prior year. The General/Operating Fund is the fund that should be focused on. From January 1 through April 30, 2009, the expenses have exceeded the amount of offerings received by \$7,441.75.

This probably isn't shocking. The economy is tough right now. It appears that our events this year have fallen under budget, and/or were completely covered by funds donated specifically for the event. However, our council members will review the situation to see if there are any areas that can be reduced.

In the meantime, please keep our church, Pastor Pellom, our Council Members and our Elders in your prayers. With our Dear Lord by our side, He will get us through the tough times and keep us on the right track.

	2009 Year-to-Date		
	YTD Received	YTD Expenses	Ending Balance
General/Operating Fund:	43,028.23	(50,469.98)	(7,441.75)
Kids Club Fund:	200.00	0.00	200.00
Building Fund:	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
Elders Benevolence Fund:	427.69	(690.00)	(262.31)
Pastor's Fund:	0	(425.00)	(425.00)
Confirmand's Remodeling Room Fund:			
	376.00	0.00	376.00
Bathroom Remodeling Fund:	167.00	0.00	167.00
Valentine's Day/Fellowship Fund:	196.00	(196.00)	0.00
Youth Fund:	0.00	(85.22)	(85.22)
Memorial Fund-Ed Childs Received:			
	50.00	0.00	50.00
	45,644.92	(51,866.20)	(6,221.28)

Many Blessings,
Richelle Smith
Treasurer

Fellowship Reports

We had a great time at Como Steak House. I think we had 22. What a great turn out for a cloudy rainy night. Thank you for all your support.

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

April

Average Attendance

Saturday Service
12

Sunday Early Service
29

Sunday Late Service
71

A big **Thank You** to **Jo and Mike Lampley** for the beautiful cakes they make for all our special events (and the flowers).

We appreciate what people do. We affirm who they are. When we say thank you to someone, we are expressing our appreciation. But when we acknowledge and express our gratitude for what others are—in character, in motive, in heart—we are affirming them personally. A mark of maturity is the ability to affirm, not just appreciate.

Wisdom is in
the presence of the one who
has understanding.
— Proverbs 17:24

God's Peace
Debra Romine
Fellowship Chair

Worship Writes

Dear Prince of Peace Family,

This was sent to me by e-mail and I agree with these statements:

Live Simply
Love Generously
Care Deeply
Speak Kindly

Our kindness will be shown by you bringing flowers for the nursing home May 31st. We will deliver them and tell them of the love found on the hill at PoP. Their families could be reached by this show of love. (i.e., Community Outreach)

Father's Day is June 21st. Please enter in the contest for the craziest, most outstanding and most colorful tie. The winners will be presented with a prize! Just a fun time for our guys!

July 12th is our Friend and Relative Day. We will call it "Friendship Sunday." Don't you just love Fellowship with your fellow Christians? Hopefully, you do.

Take time to laugh—it is the music of the soul.

Our choir will be meeting on Thursday nights during the months of July and August at 6:30 p.m. We would LOVE to have you.

"Sing"cerely,
Mary Wanda
Acting Worship Chair

GOOD NEWS FOR WOMEN OF PEACE . . .

The sun didn't shine on the annual "Sonshine" sale, but the Son certainly did!

Thanks to weeks of hard work and preparation and two big weekends of sale days, the annual "Sonshine" rummage sale was a huge success! It will be exciting to see the final results! Matching funds will be coming from Thrivent as a result of the sale being a Community Project.

Special thanks go to Eleanor Plavik and Deborah Bailey who headed the sale and food departments. Eleanor did a monumental job of getting the sale organized, not for one day, but for two, for the rain date! Thanks, too, to the many people, guys and gals, who helped make this fund-raiser and fellowship project a success.

The residue from the "inventory" was given to the House of Grace once again. They said "Thank you so very much!"

NOW! The schedule for the year calls for the June meeting to be elections and play day. **STAY TUNED . . . YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!**

Helping Out,
Bettye VanVulpen

Fellowship Night at Como's Steakhouse



Enjoying some good conversation.
Left to right: Ingrid Cooper, Liz and Jerry Fairbanks.



Enjoying a night out.
Left to right: Laura McCawley, Sandy and Ron Snedden.



A night of fun and fellowship.
Left to right: Vonnie Brake, Larry and Karen Andrews.



Enjoying a night out.
Left to right: Betty Harris, Wanda and LaVerne Falk.



Good company and good food, can anyone ask for more?
Left to right: Debbie Payne's brother, Mary Wanda's Mother-Maw Dean Simmons, Debra and Lee Romine.

Fellowship Night at Como's Steakhouse (continued)



Relaxing with a little conversation after a good meal.
Left to right: Mary Wanda Wack, Debbie and Phil Payne.



Happy together.
Left to right: A.J. and P.J., mother and son enjoying some time together.

Confirmation May 17, 2009



Pastor Pellom with this year's confirmands—Kaitlin Harvin (left) and Lauren Gale.



Top: This year's confirmation cake by Mike and Jo Lampley. (Fantastic Job!)

Right: The Scripture on the confirmation cake.





Pastor Pellom with Kaitlin Harvin and her beautiful confirmation banner.

**Confirmation
May 17, 2009
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Lauren's Flowers.



Kaitlin's Flowers.

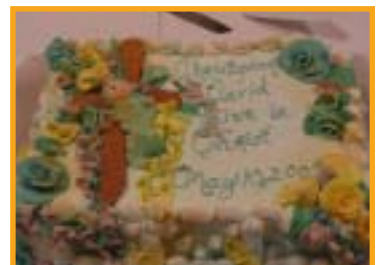


Pastor Pellom with Lauren Gale and her great confirmation banner.



The newly baptized child of God.
Left to Right: Pastor Pellom, glowing mother Chesney Nicholson holding Christopher David Nicholson, and proud father Craig Nicholson.

**Baptism
May 10, 2009**



Christopher's Baptismal Cake.

Summer BBQs
 Our traditional summer time barbeques will begin on Wednesday, June 3. This is a special time of food and fellowship. Everyone is welcome. Bring a dish to share and some meat to put on the grill.

Newsletter Deadline
 The next church newsletter will be published on Friday, June 26. All materials (articles, pictures, etc.) should be turned in to Liz Fairbanks no later than noon on Tuesday, June 23.

A Very Big Congratulations to this Year's Graduates! Whitney Schilling, Krystle Smith, and Chris Andrews we are proud of your accomplishments.



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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.