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JANUARY WORSHIP INFORMATION

Sermon Series: "Bearing Fruit..."

JANUARY 4, 2015

Romans 15:1-7

"Radical Hospitality"

JANUARY 18, 2015

Acts 2:37-42

"Intentional Faith Development"

JANUARY 11, 2015

Psalms 84

"Passionate Worship"

JANUARY 25, 2015

Matthew 25:31-46

"Risk-taking Missions"

CD's of the worship service are available on the table outside the office, or by contacting the church office.

From the Pastor's Desk...

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

One of the traditions many people partake in this time of year is the making of New Year's resolutions. I read recently that some of the most popular resolutions are: spending more time with families; exercise regularly; lose weight; help others; and get better organized. But as many of us know all too well, as the days turn into weeks and the weeks turn into months, those resolutions that we were once so excited about can become burdens. But as the above scripture passage from 2 Corinthians reminds us, it is Christ who is ultimately able to bring us new life—and this new life is not so much dependent upon us but is wholly dependent upon Him!

In Christ we are indeed made a new creation. Our old life—defined by sin and rebellion; but this new life is defined by forgiveness and grace. And that is something we ought to lean on not just in the opening days of the year, but throughout the whole year. So let us celebrate Christmas—the birth of our savior—by continuing to open our lives to His life-changing presence so His love and grace can transform us and recreate us.

Worship CD's: Did you know that we make CD recordings of our 11:00 worship services and that the audio versions of the sermon are posted on line? If you miss a Sunday, be sure to pick up a CD from the table outside the church office. If you do not find the CD for the particular Sunday you are looking for please feel free to contact the church office. You may also go to www.timewithpj.blogspot.com and listen to the sermons as well. This is also a great way to share a particular sermon with someone you think it might help.

Recharge Bible Study: As we start settling into 2015 I want to invite you to join us for mid-week Bible study. Recharge Bible study meets every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great time to engage in some fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ, to lift our voices in praise through a couple of songs, and to strengthen and deepen our faith in Jesus Christ through the exploration of scripture and theological doctrines.

Recharge will resume on Wednesday, January 21 at 6:00. We will undertake a study of the book of Genesis. We look forward to seeing you at Recharge Bible Study...and as always, invite someone to join you!

Newsletter Format: We realize that many people prefer to do their reading electronically...via their computer or smart phone. If you are one of those people and would prefer to receive your newsletter electronically please contact the church office (910-295-6685) and we will be happy to send you your newsletter as a PDF attachment in an e-mail rather than through the postal service.

Pastor Joe

MUSIC DIRECTOR SEARCH

As you may know, December 28 was Gail Meeks' last Sunday with us as our Director of Music. For 12 years she committed her time, energy, and gifts to strengthening our worship and service to the Kingdom of God...and for that we are thankful. There is never a good time for changes in staffing of a church, but when those times come we must trust in the presence and leading of God.

Soon after Gail informed us of her leaving, the Worship Ministry Team immediately began the process of leading us as a church through this time of transition. While there are many things/items they are handling, two things in particular need to be mentioned here.

First, the Worship Ministry Team is working hard in working with the pastor in the planning of Sunday morning worship. Thanks to several gifted people within the congregation the music portions of the service are in good hands.

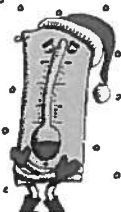
Second, the Worship Ministry Team quickly began setting up a Music Director Search Committee. The committee spent some time reviewing and updating the job description for the Music Director and then set about getting word out about our open position. Many of the Music/Choir Directors and accompanists in the surrounding communities have been contacted and given information about our needs. Ads were placed in several local newspapers as well as some job posting boards at colleges/universities in the area.

We have begun receiving resumes from interested individuals and are in the process of setting up interviews. Throughout this whole process we ask that you keep the search committee in your prayers as we seek not only to fill the position but, more importantly, to fill the position with the person that God has already chosen.

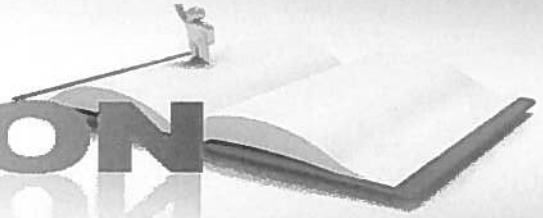
Members of the Music Director Search Committee are: Danny Aldridge (congregation member); Lisa Prince Campbell (choir member); Beverly Furr (congregation member); Donna Parsons (choir member); Tim Bailey (Worship Ministry Team); Johnie Marion (Worship Ministry Team); and Pastor Joe.



Thermostats: As you have probably noticed, we have new thermostats in the church. Ok, so they are not new, they were put in this past spring. These thermostats are programmable and computer controlled. If you have an event, meeting, or gathering at the church, please be sure that we know about it so we can be sure to have everything set correctly for your comfort. Please contact the church office at 295-6685.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



As we enter 2015 we want to encourage you to join us for Sunday School at 9:45 each Sunday morning. This year all of our children's classes, and the New Experience Adult class which meets in the Fellowship Hall, are using "The Story" curriculum. This curriculum is an overview of the Bible...from Genesis through Revelation. If you have children, or grand children, this curriculum allows you to study, with age appropriate lessons, the same scripture lessons each week.

We also have two other adult classes...one meets in the Children's Church room and one meets in the Session room. Both of these classes use a curriculum that is based on the International Sunday School Lesson. Student books are available that lead the student in scripture reading and discussion for each Sunday.

REMEMBER...FELLOWSHIP BEGINS AT 9:30 AND SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45 A.M.



Look forward to seeing you there!
The Education Committee

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

The *Doris Moore Scholarship applications* are available for pick up on the table outside the office door. This scholarship has been established in memory of our own Doris Moore who was a missionary in Zaire for 20 years as an educational Evangelistic Missionary. A picture of "Dot" hangs in the narthex. These applications are for active members of Culdee, or for dependent children of active members. More about Doris can be read on a page attached to the application. **Please have these back to the office by April 30, 2015.**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: If you have items you would like to submit for the Newsletter, please have them into the office by January 22. You may drop items off in the office or submit them electronically via e-mail at Culdee@embarqmail.com. Thank you.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dan Johnson	03
Virginia Elder	04
Crystal Cox	04
Cody Thompson	05
Nelson Pusser	07
James McKenzie	08
Tony Cox	09
Edmund Valitutto	11
Josh Halverstadt	12
Hal Meeks	13
Dianne VanWinkle	14
Catherine Sears	14
Clara Bailey	16
Jason Cole	17
John Blue	18
Randy Cox	18
Tori Lea	19
Cole Lea	19
Tyler Prince	20
Phillip Marion	21
Caleb Marion	22
Mason Cox	24
Caitlin Blue	24
Ronnie Blue	25
Derek Stewart	26
Breese Lilly	26
Florence Clapp	27
Matthew Clayton	29
Gretchen Carlyle	30

CULDEE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Our committee would like to update the OLD Cemetery records. Please let Wade Garner know at 910-295-6990 if you know of any family members, or anyone else who are buried elsewhere and no longer need their reserved plots in the old Section.

CULDEE PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S NEWS

The first meeting of the New Year will be on January 22, 2015 at 7 pm. All men and young men make plans to start the new year off by coming out for food, fellowship and getting involved in the work of the Presbyterian Men.

- Wade Garner, President

Sermons & Bible Studies

Visit www.timewithpj.blogspot.com for recordings of sermons, and Bible Studies, that you can listen to on-line or download to your computer to listen to later.

PASTOR APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

The second Sunday in January has become the day that Culdee celebrates as Pastor Appreciation Day. Previously, we had celebrated this occasion in October, but changed it to correspond with Pastor Joe's first Sunday with us on January 8, 2012.

On January 11, we will have a covered dish dinner following the 11:00 worship service. This will be an opportunity for us to fellowship together and take a few moments to thank Pastor Joe for all he has done and is doing for Culdee.

A basket will be available to place cards and notes for Pastor Joe, and blank cards will also be provided. We look forward to seeing everyone there.



January 2015

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 28	29	30	31	Jan 1, 15 9:00am Quilting	2	3
4 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Worship Ministry Meeting	5 9:00am Knitting	6 7:00pm Circle 1 7:00pm Circle 3 --C. Bailey's	7 10:00am Day Circle 6:00pm Choir Practice	8 9:00am Quilting 7:00pm Circle 2 - Kathryn Fields	9	10
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