

The Peace Press

JANUARY 2010

Prayer and
Preparation
8:30-9:00 AM

Bible Study Hour
9:00-10:00 AM

Sunday Worship
10:00-11:15 AM

January 3:

† Communion

Sunday

† Home Communion

Sunday

January 10:

† Chapel Service at

Sunrise 2:00 pm

January 14:

† 4 F's Luncheon

11:30 am

January 25:

† Session Meeting

7:00 pm

Pastor's Page

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ACTION!

As we enter a New Year, we will begin a new Sunday schedule, Bible Study and sermon series together. We will be studying the Book of Acts, focusing on how the Holy Spirit powerfully moved in and filled the early church and how the Holy Spirit wants to do the same in and with us today.

As I have been praying for us as a church family, the Lord has repeatedly brought me back to the book of Acts and to what He did in the life of the early church. Although God does not do things in a cookie cutter fashion, we know that both human nature and God's character remain the same. The life and witness of the first generation church allows us to examine our own hearts and to prayerfully ponder how we too can be filled with His Holy Spirit.

I have been especially been thinking about the beginning of Acts recently. The disciples have just experienced a whirlwind of events, emotions and experiences. Jesus has revealed His resurrected self to them, showing them His hands and feet (Luke 24:40). They also saw and witnessed Him being raised up to heaven (24:51). They respond by praising God and worshipping with joy (24:52). Jesus gave them specific instructions, telling them in Acts 1:4, "*Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.*" Jesus had promised them before that He would give them or send them the Holy Spirit (John 14:17). Now, He is reminding them of the promise. Now, not only will God be with them (in Jesus, Emmanuel, which means God with us. Now, God will be in them and with them in a new and powerful way through the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is a gift that is given to each of us believers, as disciples and followers of Jesus. It is very important that we seek to make the Holy Spirit welcome in our hearts and lives. The first



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generation of disciples show us how to do this. As Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22, "*Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not put out the Spirit's fire; do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil.*" As we are given the Holy Spirit, we are called to seek the holiness of God, to do and to be in the center of God's will for us. We are to put our relationship with God first and foremost in our lives.

Part of following Jesus and being led by the Holy Spirit is actively seeking and waiting on Him, for direction, guidance, empowerment and leading. Jesus commanded them to wait. There are still many times today that we are called to wait. God often invites us to wait on Him, so that we will learn to deeply and truly trust in Him, to listen for Him, to become more patient and to learn that we need God more than He needs us. Our culture today particularly fosters and encourages busyness and distraction, so waiting on God, waiting to hear from God is counter cultural and also a real challenge, something that takes us out of our comfort zones.

This is what the disciples did. They waited on God. The key is how they waited. They actively waited by praying together, worshipping, praising God and readying their hearts for what He will do. What is interesting is that they were still not quite understanding everything. The disciples asked Him when He will restore the kingdom to Israel. Their vision and expectations were still too limited. Jesus responds, saying in Acts 1:7-8, "*It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*"

As we begin the New Year, like the early church, we will actively wait on the Lord. We will joyfully praise Him, we will focus on worshipping Him, we will focus on being people who enjoy and cultivate a lifestyle of worship and we will pray together for His will to be done and for His kingdom to come in our lives and in our midst, as we actively seek Him and as we actively seek to be led by Him in sharing and witnessing to His Good News.

Happy New Year! I look forward to experiencing more of His kingdom with you this year. Jesus loves you and so do I!

Love in Christ,

Pastor Brian

Worship News

SERMONS FOR JANUARY 2010

- January 3, 2010: "Waiting to Receive"
Psalm 27:1-14; Acts 1:1-11
Communion Sunday
- January 10, 2010: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Acts 1:12-26
"Being Witnesses"
- January 17, 2010: Leviticus 23:15-22; Acts 2:1-13
"God's New Harvest"
- January 24, 2010: Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:14-21
"A Spirit for Everyone"
- January 31, 2010: Psalm 16:5-11, 110:1; Acts 2:22-36
"Greater Even than David"

During January, we will begin our new sermon series on Acts, looking at the early church and how they were empowered and equipped by the power and person of the Holy Spirit. As we do so, we will prayerfully ponder how we too can be filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be His body and His witness to a dark and dying world today.

When provided, please read and reflect on the Scriptures ahead of time in preparation for hearing and responding to God's Word as it is read and proclaimed.

PEACE WORSHIP NIGHT CONTINUES IN JANUARY

Our Peace Worship Night will begin on **Tuesday, January, 12th**, with a focus on how we can grow in our worship of God. Times of worship, activities, Bible Study and fellowship will be provided for children, youth and adults.



PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS PEACE PRAISES

PRAISES and THANKS TO GOD for:

Praise for our January birthdays: 12-Lauren Anders; 13-Rebekah; 20-Alan Eversole; 23 Hardy Pelham; 28-Tracy Freeman; 29-Allen Griffin.

Pastor Jerry Bieker's sister Betty being in remission from stage IV cancer, and for his missionary friend, Kim, turning 90, who still serves the Lord wholeheartedly.

Paul Clement visiting his family this week; Shelby Field being home from college for the break; Pastor Vigen and Marie Galustian being back with us; Allen Griffin gives praise for the travel mercies they had while visiting family for his uncle's funeral; Praise for Frances Peverley being with us.

Thank you, LORD. You are awesome and holy and good!

PEACE PRAYERS

LORD, we ask:

Comfort for the grieving: "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints." **Psalms 116:15** Allen Griffin's family in the loss of his Uncle, thanks for his life, and service to God and country. Prayers of comfort and grace to be with Traci McCarley and her mother Connie and family, in the death of her father Lyle. Cindy Martin requests prayers for the family and friends of Roberto Jiminez, tortured and murdered recently in his home in Venezuela.

Strength and healing for those with surgery or injury: "Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise."

Jeremiah 17:14

Mike Gonzales dad, Reuben, recovering from colon surgery ; Tracy Freeman's step grandmother, Bertha, with a bowel obstruction, and for her great uncle, Claude, who has terminal cancer; Phyllis Mendenhall's co-worker Tim's wife who is in the hospital after her water broke at 28 weeks and who will be on bed rest. Colleen's brother-in-law Shawn, as he recuperates from back surgery, and for her sister Janine, as she helps him in his recovery. Pray that he has successful physical therapy regaining the use of his arms. Sherry Kirton asks prayers of healing for Grandmother Ruby from diabetes. Jenny McHenry's sister-in-law Juana, in the hospital; Rebecca Smith's sister Lea, with abnormal multiple sclerosis, for pain relief and for healing from the three surgeries she recently had to help the nerves in her hand.

Healing For those with health concerns: "O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me." **Psalms 30:2**

Heather Ander's co-worker who sister has stage 3 breast cancer and a child with cerebral palsy. Also prayers for Chuck Anders co-worker Gemma Angeles whose father has been diagnosed with brain tumors, and has opted for hospice care.

Prayers for Cindy Martin's family friend, Jack, who has liver cancer, and a prognosis of 4-6 months to live; Deb P. requests prayers for a friend in San Diego, Teresa, who has cancer, and for the healing of her mother-in-law Fran; Prayers for her Rebecca S. sister Rachel, praise that she is in a safe place, and continued prayers for healing. Prayers for a student of Rachel's with a staph infection

Continued prayers: “Then He spoke a parable unto them, that men always ought to pray, and not lose heart,” Luke 18:1

Mark Angeja: The Anders for a safe healthy baby and mom: Rosemary Brooks: Ralph Clement: Tracy Freeman's friend, Gayle: Pastor Jerry's sister Betty, in stage 4 cancer; Liz Iron's son Matt, and niece and nephew Sophie and Trent Keene; Ron Juneau, at home and in ill health: Pastor Brian's father Doug; Alice Moses, her daughter Irys, and granddaughter. Judy Ratcliff: Pastor Vigen

For provision, direction and guidance and blessings: “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.” Psalms 32:8 For Chicks in Crisis, Order of St. Luke, City Hope, Love, INC, and Courage House Alice Moses two great grandsons and guidance for their parents.

For mercies and protection: “You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance.” Psalms 32:7

For Liz Field's nephew Thomas in Afghanistan, his wife Cassandra and 3 baby girls
For Pastor Bryce and Miss Phyllis Little while in Spain and Portugal on missions
Jenny McHenry –continued prayers for Liz and Luna with their custody battle
For protection for our church members, all schools, and those in group settings.
Prayers for the persecuted church, for Burma and for our military.

The Family of Peace's Prayer: We pray that when you walk through our doors you would feel surrounded by the love of God, have a fresh hope for your future, and be granted a faith that comes by hearing the WORD. We pray that our lives would be transformed by the renewing of our minds through the WORD. We pray that we would be emboldened to share our faith with our neighbors, family, friends and community through the power of the HOLY SPIRIT. We pray that we would be in agreement, of one accord, and unified in purpose and love. We praise you LORD, for your goodness, your love, your mercy, your blessings, and healing in our lives. We pray for the healing and deliverance of our brothers and sisters who are suffering, grieving, cast down, or afraid. We pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in the church worldwide, that they would be sustained, protected, encouraged and comforted and bring many to CHRIST.

In the name of our wonderful LORD and savior JESUS Amen. So be it. Romans 10:17, Eph. 3:19, 12:2, John 14:13 Psalms 133:1-3.

**NEW YEAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:
PRAYER AND PREPARATION 8:30-9:00
BIBLE STUDY HOUR 9:00-10:00
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00-11:15 (OR SO)
FELLOWSHIP AFTERWARDS**

After prayer and discussion, the Session has heard the Lord calling us to enjoy this new Sunday morning schedule in the New Year. This schedule will begin on Sunday January 3, 2010.

During our Bible Study Hour, we will be studying the book of Acts, examining how the Holy Spirit empowered and formed the first generation of the church, as we seek to be empowered and formed by the Holy Spirit as a church today. This Bible Study will be coordinated with our Youth and Children's Bible Studies for this time. The Bible Study Hour will be a time for intensive Bible study for all ages of our church.

During our Worship Service, we will incorporate worship elements led by our youth and children and reflecting our African and Asian members. We will seek to be more open to and to be led by the Holy Spirit in our worship together

Nursery care each Sunday morning will begin at 9 a.m. and our Toddler's Class and Children's Church will continue during the worship service as well.

On Sunday, January 3, we will begin our new Sunday time with a pot luck brunch and time of fellowship at 9:00 a.m. During that time, we will discuss and begin our new Bible Study together.

If you have any questions about this, please contact any of the Elders.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

On **Sundays, January 3rd and February 7, 2010**, we will celebrate together during our worship service, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. During 2010, we will normally celebrate this Sacrament on the first Sunday of each month

CHAPEL SERVICE AT SUNRISE

We provide a chapel service at Sunrise Living Center on every second Sunday every other month at 2:00 p.m. (next door to Taco Bell on Laguna Park Dr.). Please contact Pastor Jerry Bieker to find out how you can help with singing, reading Scripture or visiting with residents when we are there. Our next time for this will be this month, **on Sunday January 10, 2010.**



FRIENDS IN FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, FUN & SERVICE

Our January luncheon on Thursday, January 14th. We'll meet at Denny's Restaurant on Elk Grove Boulevard at 11:30 AM. If you have any questions, please call Rosemary Brooks, 684-7090. Hope to see you there!

PRAYER CHAIN



Did you know our church has an active prayer chain, that prays weekly for requests? If you would like to be a part of this special ministry of our church, please email Pastor Brian or let any of our Deacons know. Also, whenever you have requests for the prayer chain, you can send them to Pastor Brian at brispangler@sbcglobal.net or Tracy Freeman, tracyfree@aol.com.

CARE PACKAGES

The Deacons are planning to put together care packages for Brandon Wilkinson and Shayla Carter in the coming month. Please be on the look out for more information.

SMALL GROUPS CONTINUE

One of the aspects of the City Hope campaign that will continue is that of small groups. Right now, the small groups that will continue will be a weekly weekday women's group, a weekly or bi-monthly men's group on Saturdays, a weekly adult study as well as weekly children's and youth studies on Tuesdays during our Family Night.

Also, there will be a weekly Wednesday small group at the Bieker's home from 7:00 -9:00 p.m. and a monthly women's group on Thursday nights, on the third Thursday. Please contact the church office for more information.



WOMENS' WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

We'll meet on Friday, January 22th at 10:00 a.m. to kick off our new Beth Moore Bible Study. Join us at Rachel Spangler's house 5626 Anchor Bay Way, Elk Grove. Contact Rachel at 427-3820 or rachelspangler@sbcglobal.net for more information.

SPECIAL TIMES OF PRAYER



Everyone is invited to join Pastor Brian and Pastor Jerry each Sunday as we meet at 8:30 AM in the sanctuary to pray: to pray for the Sunday service and to pray for all of those involved in serving that day; to pray for God's Spirit to be poured out in our midst; to pray that we will become the church family God wants and wills us to be.

The Deacons invite you to join them in weekly prayer for our church and for our church leaders each Saturday at 8:30 AM in your homes (or wherever else you may be). Please join with your church family in setting aside time weekly to pray in this way.

THE CHURCH IN ELK GROVE

As a participating church in The Church at Elk Grove:

We may have many voices and many campuses, but we are all the Body of Christ with ONE message to our beloved community: CHRIST, HIM crucified and resurrected. It is our mission to reach the city of Elk Grove with the Hope of God's love.

Please see this website for more information: www.theChurchatElkGrove.org. We are so excited to be one of 15 Elk Grove churches working together to share God's love with all of Elk Grove.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

We collected the **Christmas Joy** offering in December during our worship services. Your generous giving allowed us to collect: \$555.00.

Thanks for blessing those who have served Christ's church and who are now in need in this special way.

DECEMBER SESSION MEETINGS

At our December meetings, the Session addressed a variety of issues, including:

Approval-- Pastor's Use of Upcoming Continuing Education days to attend a Family Systems Training seminar; plans for upcoming Pastor's Sabbatical next year; welcomed new members; approved call for a special congregational meeting in January to elect new officers and for the annual congregational meeting for January as well.

Discussion-- plans for upcoming congregational meeting to elect new church officers.

TWO CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS IN JANUARY

The Session has called for two congregational meetings in **January**.

The Session has called for a **special congregational meeting**, for the congregation to receive and to act upon the report from the Nominating Committee and for the congregation to elect four members to serve as church officers on the Session and Deacon Boards, immediately after our worship service on **Sunday January 10**.

The Session has called for us to have our **annual congregational meeting** immediately after our worship service on **Sunday January 24**. Items for the docket will include: financial review for 2009 and review of 2010 budget; reports on different areas of the church life; review and approval of changes to the Pastor's Terms of Call; consideration of some small changes to the church by-laws.

COURAGE HOUSE

Another important cooperative project each church in the Church in Elk Grove is working together on is to sponsor **Courage House**, a new ministry designed to care for, to provide hope for and a home for young women and young girls who have been abused and forced into sexual slavery and prostitution.

Also, you may check out their website at www.couragetobeyou.org.

Thank you for your generosity in giving thus far to this special ministry, we have collected \$360.00.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM THE LITTLES

Pastor Bryce and Phyllis Little have requested our prayers in the following ways for their ongoing missions work in Spain and Portugal:

1. Pray for Bob and Keiko Butterfield as they travel to Portugal this weekend to explore working under the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Portugal. They are being considered for a three point Presbyterian parish one hour northeast of Lisbon. They will be in Portugal for 10 days while they visit their target community of service (Abrantes) and meet with the Presbyterian leaders of the Portuguese church.

2. Also pray for the newly ordained pastors of the Presbyterian Church in Portugal (two men and two women). At the end of November an additional pastor was ordained. This makes five new pastors. These are all young Portuguese trained people. Praise God for them.

3. Pray for Dr. David Valente as he leads of the Presbyterian Church of Portugal. He is a tentmaker. He is a full time lawyer and also the General Secretary leader of the Presbyterian Church. Pray for Sonia, his wife, as she is supportive of the mission work.

4. Pray for the United Evangelical Seminary in Spain. Pray for Dr. Jonathan Rowe the new Director of the Seminary

5. The Spanish Evangelical Church (Presbyterian and Methodist) in background elected new leaders in October. Pray that they may serve the needs of the local Spanish Evangelical churches throughout Spain.

6. Pray for Rev. Melanie Mitchell of Madrid. She is a PC(USA) Pastor who is serving the Spanish Evangelical Church, teaching in a Catholic University and working with her husband as they raise two young children.





LADIES...



What are you doing on Wednesday mornings?

Looking for a way to connect with other women and grow in your relationship with God? Come join us! We are a group of women who live in the Elk Grove area. Each week, we come together for an in-depth study of God's Word. This year, we will be studying the book of Luke. All women are welcome, no matter what church they attend or if they are between churches.

We offer a full children's program (birth through 4th grade) with crafts, snacks, songs, Bible stories, and a kid-friendly Bible study.

Wednesdays, Sept 16, 2009 – May 19, 2010

9:00 – 11:00 AM

3109 Dwight Road, Elk Grove, CA 95758

www.elkgrovecbs.org

Community Bible Study (CBS) is an interdenominational Bible study for the community that welcomes people from all backgrounds, churches and levels of Bible knowledge.

For more information, including registration fees and how to register, please contact Katie Meyer at (916) 343-2735 or cbselkgrove@gmail.com.

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

The Session endorsed Youth @ Peace to read through the Bible in one year and encourages you to join them in this special goal.

Start now and end next year in December (see schedule on next page), or use an online version of your choice, (see info below). **Before you read**, ask the Holy Spirit to inspire, direct and correct you (2 Tim. 3:16). Then just read with a grateful heart. After reading you can jot a few notes.

Online favorites:

www.youversion.com (+ a Bible app. for mobile use);

www.gnpccb.org/esv/share/rss2.0/

www.biblegateway.com/resources/readingplans/

www.ewordtoday.com/year/

Bible Gateway and E Word have 5 plans in over 50 languages incl. ESV, KJV and mobile versions.

Try: **Beginning to End** - Genesis through Revelation.

Chronological - read as the events occurred in real time (Job is merged into Genesis).

Historical - read according to the estimated dates of their writings.

New then Old - read through the New then the Old Testaments.

Old and New - each day includes a passage from both Testaments.



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Read my
 Bible in-a-Year Project
 start here

Before you read, ask the Holy Spirit to inspire, direct and correct you,
 2Tim. 3:16. Then just read and thank God for His promises.

Day	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms	Proverb
1	Gen 1:1-2:25	Matt 1:1-2:12	1:1-6	1:1-6
2	Gen 3:1-4:26	Matt 2:13-3:6	2:1-12	1:7-9
3	Gen 5:1-7:24	Matt 3:7-4:11	3:1-8	1:10-19
4	Gen 8:1-10:32	Matt 4:12-25	4:1-8	1:20-23
5	Gen 11:1-13:4	Matt 5:1-26	5:1-12	1:24-28
6	Gen 13:5-15:21	Matt 5:27-48	6:1-10	1:29-33
7	Gen 16:1-18:19	Matt 6:1-24	7:1-17	2:1-5
8	Gen 18:20-19:38	Matt 6:25-7:14	8:1-9	2:6-15
9	Gen 20:1-22:24	Matt 7:15-29	9:1-12	2:16-22
10	Gen 23:1-24:51	Matt 8:1-17	9:13-20	3:1-6
11	Gen 24:52-26:16	Matt 8:18-34	10:1-5	3:7-8
12	Gen 26:17-27:46	Matt 9:1-17	10:6-18	3:9-10
13	Gen 28:1-29:35	Matt 9:18-38	11:1-7	3:11-12
14	Gen 30:1-31:16	Matt 10:1-26	12:1-8	3:13-15
15	Gen 31:17-32:12	Matt 10:27-11:6	13:1-6	3:16-18
16	Gen 32:13-34:31	Matt 11:7-30	14:1-7	3:19-20
17	Gen 35:1-36:43	Matt 12:1-21	15:1-5	3:21-26
18	Gen 37:1-38:30	Matt 12:22-45	16:1-11	3:27-32
19	Gen 39:1-41:16	Matt 12:46-13:23	17:1-15	3:33-35
20	Gen 41:17-42:17	Matt 13:24-46	18:1-15	4:1-6
21	Gen 42:18-43:34	Matt 13:47-14:13	18:16-34	4:7-10
22	Gen 44:1-45:28	Matt 14:14-36	18:35-50	4:11-13
23	Gen 46:1-47:31	Matt 15:1-28	19:1-14	4:14-19
24	Gen 48:1-49:33	Matt 15:29-16:12	20:1-9	4:20-27
25	Gen 50:1-Ex 2:10	Matt 16:13-17:9	21:1-13	5:1-6
26	Ex 2:11-3:22	Matt 17:10-27	22:1-18	5:7-14
27	Ex 4:1-5:21	Matt 18:1-22	22:19-31	5:15-21
28	Ex 5:22-7:24	Matt 18:23-19:12	23:1-6	5:22-23
29	Ex 7:25-9:35	Matt 19:13-30	24:1-10	6:1-5
30	Ex 10:1-12:13	Matt 20:1-28	25:1-11	6:6-11
31	Ex 12:14-13:17a	Matt 20:29-21:22	25:12-22	6:12-15

LOVE, INC. OF SACRAMENTO

Love In the Name of Christ brings Christian churches together, across denominational lines, to help some of our community's most-in-need. Love INC Sacramento is one of 140 affiliates nationwide.

Their unique local vision is to see 52 Congregations equipped with all the resources they need to serve Sacramento's most in need. To assist in achieving that vision Love INC Sacramento operates a Gift-In-Kind warehouse. Each Year they process and distribute thousands of dollars in corporate and individually donated goods through the Sacramento area churches, and ministry partners.

Please visit their website for more information, www.loveinc.us.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for your faithfulness in giving to Peace. As of December 27th, we have received \$40,188.87 in General Offering and \$57,058.00 in Pledges in 2009. The Session thanks you for your faithful, loving and selfless giving to the life of our church. Thanks to your faithfulness, our giving is up from this point last year. Please continue to pray over your giving, to give as the Lord leads you and to give with joy and with trust.

If you have any questions about your giving records at any time, please call or email Cindy Martin.

PER CAPITA FOR 2010

This year, the per capita payment is \$22.00 per member. Per capita is a voluntary payment which congregations make to help support the larger Presbyterian Church in our denomination. Besides supporting the administration of the PCUSA, a large portion of per capita goes to our denominational missions budget in order to help fund congregational, national and worldwide missions.

Peace will not be submitting payments beyond what is given for this. The Session will collect all per capita payments and then submit them at the same time. Please review www.pcusa.org/percapita/index.htm for more information.

Giving Thanks to God by Giving Back to Him

As we enter the Fall season, we are reminded of how good and faithful God is in providing all that we need and even more, for each of our families and also for us as a church family. We are thankful for each of you and for your faithfulness in contributing to the life of our church family. In a season of stress, anxiety and fear when it comes to finances and to the economy, we remain daily grateful and thankful for your faithfulness in giving and contributing to making our church family such a special place to be, to worship in and to be a part of.

As we have reviewed our church's financial year through the first three quarters of 2009, we are down in our projected income by around 5% and up in our projected expenses by around 4%. Our giving through the first half of the year was on target. Due to falling behind in the summer and early fall months, we are now seeking to get caught up. We are committed to keeping our expenses for the rest of 2009 as limited as possible. We will need your help in addressing the need to get caught up with our income.

As we have prayed about this, we have been reassured that God is aware of our need, that God has a plan to meet our need and that God will use each of you to be a part of meeting this need. We affirm what God promises in Malachi 3:10, *"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing."* We invite each of you to pray about increasing your giving for the rest of the year. We know that for some of you, that you cannot give any more than you are doing now. If that is the case, we want you to feel released to continue to give as you are able and to participate in the life of the church as you are able.

As we move into 2010, we plan to make our budget as lean as possible. For example, one way we plan to save money is by handling our custodial service in house. Another goal we have will be to limit most program expenses, but to encourage people to give to them as the need arises. Our commitment of providing \$160.00 monthly for the Elk Grove Food Bank will continue and we invite you to commit to giving to that regularly. Another goal for next year will be to take the fundraising out of our General Income category and to apply all of our fundraising next year towards refurbishing the sanctuary, by getting new chairs and new carpet as well as by upgrading our projector system.

We encourage each family to pray about ways to be involved in the life of the church both as we finish 2009 and as we begin 2010. See the attached form for how you can do this. We feel that God is calling us to be a church family where each person contributes and is involved in the shared life and ministry of the church. For 2010, we will be practicing a true faith budget. As a result, we will not be asking for pledges. We believe that as we prayerfully trust God to meet the needs of the church, that He will use each of us to meet those needs. If you, however, would still like to submit one in order to help you in keeping track of your giving, you may do so. We affirm the joy of giving to God's work in our midst as we trust in His faithful provision to us. As Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 9:7-8, *"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."*

As we end this year and as we move into 2010, we plan to regularly report to you the basic operating expenses of the church as well as special opportunities to give. We are seeking ways to simplify our accounting and our internal record keeping to make such reports more timely and informative. Thank you for being a blessing in the life our church family. If you have any questions about any of this, please contact or speak to any of the Elders.

In Christ's Service,

Your Session

PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2010 COMMITMENT SHEET

NAME (S):

ADDRESS:

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL:

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FINANCIAL GIVING

Regular Financial Giving— ongoing giving provides for the expenses of running the Church and maintaining the property, including the salaries for our pastor and other employees, as well as any community outreach and mission programs that PPC decides to provide or participate in.

My (Our) financial giving to Peace Presbyterian Church for 2010 will be:

_____ per week X 52 = _____ year total; or

_____ per month X 12 = _____ year total

PPC has made a 3-year commitment to support the Elk Grove Food Bank based on a minimum pledge of \$1 per month per person in each family.

My (Our) financial commitment to giving to the Elk Grove Food Bank will be:

_____ per month X 12 = _____ year total

NAME (S): _____

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVING WITH TIME AND TALENT

I am interested in giving my time to support the following ministries of Peace Presbyterian Church:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

- Teach Sunday school
- Music with children/youth
- Drama with children/youth
- Art projects with children/youth
- Work with youth group
- Peace Family Night/LOGOS program
- Help in nursery
- Help with Toddler Class
- Lead or participate in adult small group (Bible study)

MISSION & EVANGELISM MINISTRY

- Help with Alpha
- Help plan service projects for agencies such as Food Bank, Love Inc. or Chicks in Crises
- Deliver collected items to agencies
- Deliver gifts to first time visitors
- Help with Sunrise Senior home chapel service
- Help with web site maintenance

PROPERTY MINISTRY

- Plant & care for outdoor flowers
- Have a pickup/van that could be used for projects
- Maintenance, painting, & general repair
- Participate in a work day at the church
- Help with custodial or lawn care

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

- Help Count Offering
- Help audit and review church finances
- Serve on a Stewardship Team

WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY

- Worship Assistant
- Sing in worship (Joy Singers)
- Play a musical instrument (_____)
- Operation of sanctuary sound system
- Help lead in worship
- Pray for others before or during church

CHURCH OFFICE & DAILY MINISTRIES

- Assemble mailings/newsletter/bulletin
- Decorate or Update Bulletin Boards
- Photograph church events
- Help maintain church scrapbook
- Assist office manager with special projects

SUNDAY MORNING & DEACON'S MINISTRY

- Be a greeter on Sunday mornings
- Sunday hospitality (bring/serve refreshments)
- Help organize potluck dinners & other church meals
- Be a part of the prayer ministry or prayer chain
- Make meals for those in need

ADDITIONAL TALENTS I AM WILLING TO SHARE

Thank you for prayerfully considering how God will use you at Peace in 2010.

SPECIAL CHURCH WIDE COMMITMENT TO ELK GROVE FOOD BANK

One of the commitments that each of the churches that are involved with the Church in Elk Grove have made is to **financially pledge money** towards a new facility for the Elk Grove Food Bank for the next three years. Our Session has approved pledging a minimum of \$2,000.00 a year for this.

The Session encourages each family to commit a **minimum of \$1.00 per person in your family per month** to give to the Food Bank (including youth, kids and babies). We estimate that we have around 160 people in our church family, which multiplied by \$1.00 a month for 12 months equals \$1980.00, which we then rounded up to \$2,000.00. To date we have collected \$406.00. We would also like to encourage you to see this as a minimum giving for the month.

A **spare change glass case** is in the sanctuary for you to bring your spare change in to be given to the food closet. We deposited \$85.00 from the case right before Christmas. Isn't it amazing how small change can add up to something so large?

Also our **monthly food collection** for the Elk Grove Food Closet will be on **Sunday, January 3rd and on the first Sunday of each month in 2010.**

Please contact the Elders if you have any questions about this special commitment we are making as a church family.



RECYCLE



The Joy Singers collect recyclable beverage containers to help offset the costs of piano tuning and annual fees for music license for the use of songs that we sing and play.

Beverage containers only; the container must have CA redemption symbol on it to be eligible for us to get money for it. The symbol is generally on the side of the container: CA CRV is what to look for. Please remove the caps from all bottles, because the caps break the machine.

Eligible examples are: Aluminum soda cans; Beer cans; Plastic water bottles; some hard liquor bottles; bottles that are not 100% juice or milk, like ice tea, Snapple.

Not eligible: Milk cartons; many 100% juice that do not have CA symbol on them; Wine bottles.

You can either bring your bottles and cans to church, or bring them to the recycling center yourself and turn in the money to the church marked "music recycling". The closest center to the church is behind Bel-Air. This location is closed Sun and Mon. After you turn in your items, the attendant give you a slip and then proceed to a Bel-Air cashier where they will give you cash.

If you prefer for us to pick up your items, please contact Liz Irons at home: 916-393-1310. The Joy singers thank you.

VISION, MISSION AND CORE VALUES

VISION

Peace Presbyterian Church will be a unified body of believers where all are transformed by the Holy Spirit into people of joyful worship, students of the Holy Bible and bold disciples of Jesus Christ, proclaiming the Gospel while serving our community.

MISSION

Our mission as disciples of Jesus the Christ at Peace Presbyterian Church is to reach out to our community by sharing the message of God's love and grace, by inviting each person we meet to follow Jesus.

CORE VALUES

We will prioritize our relationships with God and with one another by being faithful stewards, by loving God and loving one another through prayer and fellowship, by lovingly serving our church family creatively and compassionately.

We will seek to inspire each person to actively encounter God's presence through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We will encourage one another to worship and learn about the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit through the study of the Holy Bible and education opportunities that teach us how to be disciples of Jesus the Christ.

We will provide an encouraging and challenging environment that empowers and equips each of us to go out into the world rejoicing and serving Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

We will seek to create mutually uplifting relationships with fellow believers, near and far, to further the work of God's kingdom.

PEACE CHURCH WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS...



Colleen Truden



Helen Box



Cliff, Sandy &
Quentin Tillman



Deb Pierce



January Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 12 Lauren Anders

January 13 Rebekah

January 20 Alan Eversole

January 23 Hardy Pelham

January 28 Tracy Freeman

January 29 Allen Griffin

COMMUNICATION REMINDERS

An updated Church members and friends phone directory is now available in the fellowship hall. Also, if your name tag has gone missing, please let the church office know. Are you receiving our emails? If not, it is because we don't have your email. Please email the church office to have us add your email address to our list.

WEB-SITE, NEWSLETTER OR BULLETIN ADDITIONS

Wanted to give a flyer to a friend but didn't have one handy? You can download, print and email invitations for upcoming events, or church forms from our own church web-site. You can even get a copy of the just the monthly calendar or the church brochure to print or send by email someone who has asked about your favorite studies. These are made for you to use as God leads you in sharing with others the reason for the hope you have. Do you have information to include in the Church Newsletter, Sunday bulletin, or an update for a ministry here at Peace?

Please email the church office at info@peacechurch.net and CC a copy to sherryk@peacechurch.net



The last day for submissions for the February Peace Press is: Monday, January 18th. Items received after January 18th may not be included. All items need to be "print ready" which means written in a format that can simply be cut and pasted into the newsletter as is. Please use Arial 14. Please do not submit just facts or dates; write a little something. Items may be edited for space. Thank you!

PLEASE SIGNUP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL TO BE PART OF OUR WORSHIP TEAM!

WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Welcome new and old friends as the Greeter on Sunday morning, gather offering during Worship and assist Pastor Brian with the Prayer of Confession and Scripture readings. No experience necessary! Sign up with Pastor Vigen.

FLOWERS: Honor the memory of a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, rejoice in what the Lord has done -- bring flowers for Sunday morning. We can arrange them in a vase or purchase them for you. After Worship they will go home with you or to someone who needs cheering.

COUNTERS: Count offering after Worship as a member of the Counting Team – training will be provided.

HOSPITALITY: Share your favorite treat with us during our time of Fellowship after Worship – we will be happy to set it out for you.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITALITY: Share your favorite healthy treat with the children attending 9AM Sunday School - the Deacons will be happy to set it out for you.

January 2010

-YOUTH -



Come to our **Sunday Morning Bible study @ 9 am** in the Youth Modular and our **Worship Night Tuesday 6-8:30 pm.**

03 - Sun. Brunch (yeah, we eat together) AND Your Life.

05 - Youth @ Peace - Worship Night (skit 1 & 2)

10 - Bible Study - Growth Hour.

and a Congregational Meeting after Worship.

may also present skits for Sunrise Assisted Living Chapel @ 2pm.

12 - Youth @ Peace - Worship Night

17 - Bible Study - Growth Hour

19 - Youth @ Peace - Worship Night

23 - **Saturday African Village Trip** - Meet @ First Baptist Church 3:30 pm.

24 - Bible Study - Growth Hour

and a Congregational Meeting after Worship.

26 - Youth @ Peace - Worship Night

31 - Bible Study - Growth Hour

Each week bring \$2.00 for our Acquire the Fire tickets: ATF comes really soon!
Don't forget to download and return your Permission Slip for the African Village trip:
www.peacechurch.net/programs/youthcalendar.html

"step into Africa" by hearing, seeing and walking through an African village to personally experience the lives of children affected by AIDS. The stirring audio tour and captivating photography will transport you into the life of an African child and give you a new perspective on the greatest humanitarian crisis of our time... AIDS.'

- **PARENTS / GUARDIANS** -

we would love for you to attend any of our trips:

the African Village tour (**FREE**)

Acquire the Fire youth event from TeenMania April 16-17 (about **\$30.00**/ticket).

Snow Glow - we'd like to see the snow this year... who'd like to trek to say, Apple Hill?
(**Gas/lunch**)

Please send a quick email to

sherryk@peacechurch.net

with the names of those who want to attend.

Look to the Cross, He displayed His love in the heavens,

IJN~

Sherry Kirton

lay-youth minister

Peace Preschool

January Preschool Notes

Happy New Year! After a wonderful (and much needed) break, we are back in session at Peace Preschool. It is certainly nice to be welcoming back our wonderful families! It was also so kind of our families to remember the staff at Peace this Christmas with cards, gifts and other tokens of appreciation. We are all very thankful to have such thoughtful families here! We are enjoying the cool weather and learning much this month about winter and the magical changes that God provides during this time. It is certainly nice to get back into our "routine" as well and take a breather from all the bustling that comes with the holiday season.

We are starting to think about registration for the upcoming school year as well. Packets for returning families will be available after the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (Monday, January 18th), and packets for church members who have never enrolled before will be available Sunday, January 30th. New families (neither church members nor previously enrolled at Peace) are encouraged to pick up a packet on Friday, February 12th or after.

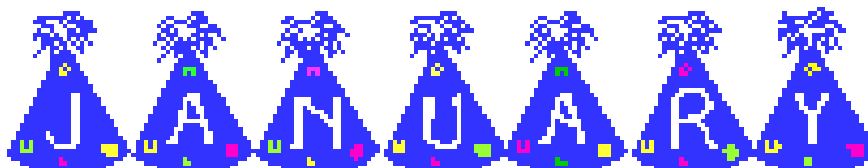
Dates to remember:

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, Monday, January 18th - preschool is closed.

I wish you all a joyous and blessed New Years!

In His service,

Miss Shannon



Who To Contact in the Church

If Pastor Brian Spangler is not in the church office, he can be reached at:

Home: 5626 Anchor Bay Way, EG 95758 916-427-3820

E-mail: pastorbrian@digitalpath.net (Church)

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Elders on Session

Share your ideas, suggestions, joys, concerns, questions...

Sarah Annan	Congregational Life / Mission & Evangelism	670-1163
Sally Eversole	Administration / Congregational Life	683-8733
Keith Field	Congregational Life / Mission & Outreach	525-3460
Allen Griffin	Property / Mission & Evangelism	525-1854
Cindy Martin	Congregational Life / Finance	691-6423
Derek McHenry	Mission & Evangelism / Congregational Life	388-1309

Clerk of Session

James Eslabon 683-6822

Deacons

Annaliza Angeja	684-3023	Elizabeth Field	525-3460
Joe Gombos	684-3691	Phyllis Mendenhall	685-1608
Lorna Uno	691-0566	Stanley Kuma	583-0720

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Rev. Brian Spangler

Preschool Director:

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Christian Education:

Tracy Freeman

Finance:

Chuck Anders, Cindy Martin & Rebecca Smith

Fundraising:

Session

Mission & Evangelism:

Session

Nursery Attendant:

Shyanne Edadiz & Megan Eversole

Personnel:

Session

Pianist:

Esther Bieker

Prayer Chain:

Deacons

Preschool Board President:

Cindy Martin

Property:

Mark Angeja - Lifetime Position!!!

Website:

Sherry Kirton

Worship/Joy Singers:

Diane Boggess

Youth:

Sherry Kirton

JANUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:00 -9:00 WIC	2 6:45 -8:30 AM - WIC
3 8:30-9:00 Prayer 9:00- Bible Study 10:00- Worship 12:30 - 4:00 WIC	4 6:00 - 7:00 AA 6:00 - 7:00 NA 6:00 - 8:00 BSA 7:00 - 8:30 SLAA 7:00 - 9:00 WIC	5 6:00-8:30 pm Worship Night	6 11:45-2:30 CBS 6:00 - 9:00 WIC	7 7:00 AweMoms 7:15 - 8:45 Joy Singers	8 6:00 - 9:00 WIC	9
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