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Women's Ministries

Reflective Retreat

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POPC MISSIONS FESTIVAL, 2012 *THAT THE NATIONS WILL WORSHIP HIM*

JANUARY 22 - JANUARY 29, 2012

The 2012 missions Festival is just around the corner and we are really excited about this year's line-up. Our theme is *THAT THE NATIONS WILL WORSHIP HIM*, and our goal is that all of us will become better acquainted with the missionaries we support, and more aware of their specific missions and needs. We will hear five great sermons, reports from the local, national, and global fields, and have the opportunity to get up close and personal with these faithful servants.

This year's festival preachers are Rev. Allen Smith, currently serving Christ in Peru, Rev. Josh Kines of Madison Heights Church who will soon be serving in Costa Rica, and pastor, seminary professor and author Dr. Ligon Duncan of First Presbyterian, Jackson. Additional reports will be given by Rev. Ed Hartman (Romania), Val Vickery (Educating Africans for Christ), Mark Connally (Middle East), as well as several RUF campus ministers and local missionaries.

Ladies, please mark your calendars for the special Missions Luncheon featuring representatives for Educating Africans for Christ on Friday, January 27, 2012 at the Colonial Country Club of Jackson from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. There will be childcare provided at POPC if you make reservations. Drop-off begins at 11:00 a.m. Please remember to bring a lunch for your child.

Take advantage of the various home meetings which has the missionaries you would most like to hear, and please go to one or more of these relaxed times of fellowship. Please keep in mind, these precious servants of our Lord are not support-raising, rather they are thanking us for our support and reporting about the great things God is doing through their ministries.

You and your family have numerous opportunities to participate and interact with these precious brothers and sisters that you support!

Reservations are required for some events, so please turn in your forms to the church office as soon as possible. Nursery services are available for most events, but you must reserve your spots. You will receive the festival brochure, schedule, registration info and a pledge card in mid January. Please begin praying now for a God-honoring festival!

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Special points of interest:

- 1/6 - 6:30 p.m. - *Sonbeams Night Out*
- 1/7 - Welcome Home Shower for Betsy Perkins
- 1/9 - 5:30 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting
- 1/10 - 10:00 a.m. - *Tabitha* Circle - parlor
- 1/10 - 6:30 p.m. - *Ruth* Circle - home of Jennifer Kimbrough
- 1/16 - 6:30 p.m. - Session Meeting
- 1/22 - 1/29 - Missions Festival

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11/30 Financial Highlights:

Through November, actual general fund contributions were \$63,723 less than budgeted general fund contributions. Actual total expenses were \$60,367 less than budgeted total \$2,400 more than the budgeted net loss. Here are the details:

	Eleven Months Ended 11/30/11		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
General Fund Contributions	1,154,139	1,217,862	(63,723)
Reimbursement from CCS	118,960	118,374	586
Other	3,120	2,750	370
Total Revenues	1,276,219	1,338,986	(62,767)
Staff Expense	766,695	820,691	(53,996)
General Expense	95,820	103,501	(7,681)
Building Expense	284,797	261,716	23,081
Ministries Expense	58,628	58,872	(244)
Benevolence Expense	142,884	164,411	(21,527)
Total Expenses	1,348,824	1,409,191	(60,367)
Net Income (Loss)	(72,605)	(70,205)	(2,400)
Sanctuary Renov. Fund Receipts	146,057		
Education Bldg Loan Payable	1,275,495		
Reserve Fund Balance	203,660		
Reserve Fund Requirement	240,775		
Reserve Fund Excess (Deficit)	(37,115)		

Items of Note

by Margaret Sprow

Grand Piano Update: Our beautiful grand piano for the stage in the Multi-Purpose Building has been completely paid for. Thank you to all who participated by buying a key, a chord, or an octave. This piano will be a wonderful tool that will bless the church and the school for many years to come.

The Time is Now: If you've been thinking of visiting or joining the Sanctuary Choir, we have a folder full of new music and lots of supportive fellow singers waiting for you! Please join us on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:30 in the choir room, No. 138 in the Education Building.

Thank You, Musicians: Many thanks to all our musicians who led us so beautifully to God's throne this Christmas season. Children's Choirs, Instrumental Ensemble, Sanctuary Choir, Worship Team, leaders, directors, volunteers, sound technicians and supportive parents, your love for Christ and your desire to glorify and worship Him is a great blessing to POPC and stirs us all to worship our Lord more fully.

Dates for Your Calendar:

January 8, 2012 - Cherub Choir, Praise Troop and Covenant resume
 January 11, 2012 - Sanctuary Choir resumes regular rehearsals

LADIES MONTHLY BIBLE STUDIES FOR JANUARY:

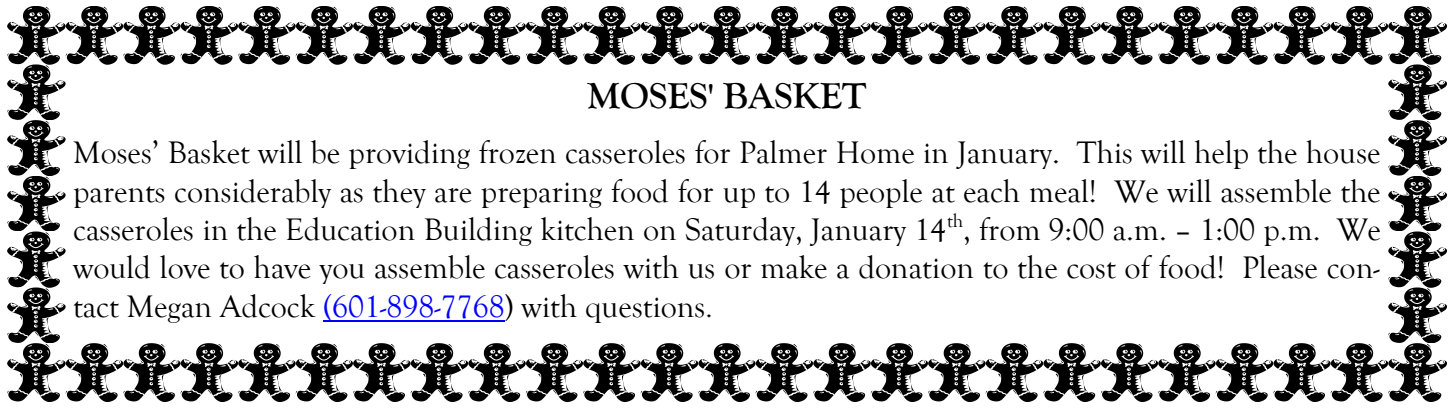
Lydia Circle will not meet in January. *Tabitha Circle* will meet on Tuesday, January 10th at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor. *Ruth Circle* will meet that same evening at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Jennifer Kimbrough. Jennifer's address is 402 Bedford Place in Brandon. Please contact Julie at 601-853-4032 or email pjdurfield@bellsouth.net with questions or for directions. Women's Weekly *Trusting God* Study will resume Wednesday, January 11, 2012.

POPC Youth Update

The youth have a lot going on in January! Some of our guest speakers for Rendezvous will be Martie Kwasny, Michelle Mally, and more. Don't miss out!

Lock-In 2011

Students will not want to miss one our favorite events of the year! On January 13th we will have a lock-in for grades 7-12. We will go all night with games, retro activities, and midnight craziness! Meet in the multipurpose building at 7 p.m. Friday night and get picked up at 7a.m. on Saturday, January 14. Bring \$15, extra change if you want a midnight snack, and a pillow if you can't keep your eyes open all night. Breakfast will be provided but please eat dinner before you come.



MOSES' BASKET

Moses' Basket will be providing frozen casseroles for Palmer Home in January. This will help the house parents considerably as they are preparing food for up to 14 people at each meal! We will assemble the casseroles in the Education Building kitchen on Saturday, January 14th, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. We would love to have you assemble casseroles with us or make a donation to the cost of food! Please contact Megan Adcock ([601-898-7768](tel:601-898-7768)) with questions.

CCS Corner

A report from one of our Middle School Students:

This year, Bible class has a new teacher, Mr. Nate Carroll. With his help we've been learning about everything from our worldviews to how to defend Christianity. At the beginning of the school year, we started with lectures on worldviews and then later on discussed naturalism and transcendentalism. We have also learned about Darwinism and creationism. Throughout this semester, we have mainly focused how to defend Christianity and what it represents. During this first semester in Bible class, I have learned that school is not all fun, but that there is plenty of hard work, too. After getting slammed with a 12 paragraph report early on in the year, I sighed and thought, "What a year this is going to be." Turns out, Mr. Carroll's class was a lot more fun than I expected. And as we went back over the entire semester's curriculum for exams, I realized just how much Mr. Carroll has taught us since the end of August.

~ Rose Iacono, 7th grader ~

Priority Enrollment for the 2011-2012 year continues through February 1, 2012.

Nursery Schedule

January 1			Daniel Ford	10:15	Cruisers
Michael & Julia Box	8:00	3 & 4 yrs	Mike Eady	10:15	Toddlers
Nathan Carroll	8:00	Toddlers	Jason & Allison Miller	10:15	2 yrs
Meredith Johnson	9:15	Infants	Laurie Alvis	10:15	2's helper
Joy Brewer	9:15	Crawlers	Rusty & Evie Clark	10:15	3 yrs
Sara Fox	9:15	Cruisers	Barry & Alice Biggers	10:15	4 yrs
Howard Graylin	9:15	Toddlers	January 22		
Christie Davis	10:15	Infants	Reed & Jo Hubbard	8:00	3 & 4 yrs
Gisele Hansbrough	10:15	Crawlers	Maggie Hubbard	8:00	Toddlers
Kelley Hansbrough	10:15	Cruisers	Lanelle Fincher	9:15	Infants
Brad Davis	10:15	Toddlers	Wendy Glover	9:15	Crawlers
Andy & Kristi Clark	10:15	2 yrs	Lanny Glover	9:15	Cruisers
Gracie Clark	10:15	2's helper	Mack Heidelberg	9:15	Toddlers
Michael & Angela Morrison	10:15	3 yrs	Amy Brown	10:15	Infants
Jason & Mary Kelly Branning	10:15	4 yrs	Grace Greene	10:15	Crawlers
January 8			Mason Greene	10:15	Cruisers
Peter & Laura Boswell	8:00	3 & 4 yrs	Jill Moran	10:15	Toddlers
Alex Kwasny	8:00	Toddlers	Charlie & Mary Elizabeth Upton	10:15	2 yrs
Julie Durfield	9:15	Infants	Carl Upton	10:15	2's helper
Libby Farris	9:15	Crawlers	Allan & Heatherly Edgar	10:15	3 yrs
Mary Beth Barnard	9:15	Cruisers	Matt & Caroline Grenfell	10:15	4 yrs
Paul Durfield	9:15	Toddlers	January 29		
Kathryn Burkhalter	10:15	Infants	Denny & Pam Britt	8:00	3 & 4 yrs
Bethany Hembree	10:15	Crawlers	Haley Britt	8:00	Toddlers
Rob Hembree	10:15	Cruisers	Tammie Haynes	9:15	Infants
Neal Burkhalter	10:15	Toddlers	Cathy Haynie	9:15	Crawlers
John & Margaret Harvey	10:15	2 yrs	Ken Haynes	9:15	Cruisers
Mary Glover	10:15	2's helper	Grant Fox	9:15	Toddlers
Phil & Maggie Ethridge	10:15	3 yrs	Rachel Hatcliff	10:15	Infants
Michael & Renee Harper	10:15	4 yrs	Linda Morris	10:15	Crawlers
January 15			Laura Montgomery	10:15	Cruisers
Lee & Jenny Atkins	8:00	3 & 4 yrs	Bill Hatcliff	10:15	Toddlers
Daniel Atkins	8:00	Toddlers	Matt & Morgan Vitart	10:15	2 yrs
Frances Fair	9:15	Infants	Anna Claire Haynie	10:15	2's helper
Debbie Barnes	9:15	Crawlers	Brad & Maggie Ingram	10:15	3 yrs
Neil Barnes	9:15	Cruisers	Chad & Celeste Adams	10:15	4 yrs
Frank Fair	9:15	Toddlers			
Suzanne Eady	10:15	Infants			
Susan Ford	10:15	Crawlers			

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Brandi Bryant	1/1	Jay Hassell	1/13
Mary Nell Odom	1/1	Wade Dryden	1/14
Allen Bryant	1/2	Adam Adcock	1/14
Lynn Bland	1/2	Tony Franklin	1/14
Lindsey Mashburn	1/3	Lydia Glover	1/14
Jason McNeel	1/3	John McCullouch	1/15
Carl Upton	1/3	Avery Fairly	1/16
Jamie Murphy	1/3	Daniel Clarke	1/16
Kacie Van Pelt	1/4	Tom Young	1/17
Carrie Ann Eatherly	1/4	Melitta Laird	1/17
Sarah Percy	1/5	Virgil Baggett	1/18
Mary Elizabeth Upton	1/6	Matt Vitart	1/18
Miller Ethridge	1/7	Wendy Wilkinson	1/20
Caleb Harper	1/8	Jackson Wells	1/21
Christy Adcock	1/8	Sam Hubbard	1/22
Scott Roberts	1/8	Cameron Reece	1/22
Ben Futvoye	1/8	Chad Biggs	1/23
Tom Dickson	1/9	John Ryan	1/24
Timothy Barnes	1/8	Thomas Lamar	1/24
Hailey Swalley	1/10	Piero Bracamonte	1/24
Randy Bolen	1/10	Natalie Fehrenbacher	1/25
Rachel Roberts	1/10	Savannah Swalley	1/25
Eliza Grace Ethridge	1/10	Rebecca Kiewit	1/25
Jaime Lamar	1/11	Emerson Johnson	1/25
Harris Williams	1/11	Krisan White	1/26
David Sprow	1/12	Andy Clark	1/26
Chad Johnson	1/12	Lucy Tyne Sones	1/26
Rick Autrey	1/12	Wes Fowler	1/27
Chris Woods	1/12	Allison Miller	1/27
Frances Moseley	1/13	Bliss Hatcliff	1/28
		Griffin Hatcliff	1/28

Birthdays cont.....

Jennifer White	1/28
Ben Sones	1/28
Benjamin Branning	1/30
Maggie Hubbard	1/31



WELCOME HOME SHOWER

A *Welcome Home Shower* will be held for Betsy Perkins on Saturday, January 7th from 10-12 noon in the cafeteria. Please join us to celebrate God's goodness to the Perkins' family in the adoption of Betsy from Russia. All families are invited!



POPC'S SONBEAMS MINISTRY is offering a *Sonbeams Night Out* for parents of special needs children and their siblings, as well as adults with special needs on Friday, January 6th from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Contact Nancy Hulseley at 898-0668 if you would like to volunteer to help with this wonderful ministry.

