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Pear Orchard News

Pursuing Christ's Sheep

February 12-19, 2017
**POPC
Missions Festival**

In 2016, POPC participated in a wide variety of mission opportunities both domestically and around the world. We went to St. Louis, Zambia and Alabama to bring the good news to the lost and encourage the faithful. Praise the Lord, and thank you for your faithfulness! This year, our Missions Festival focus will be vigorously pursuing all of Christ's sheep from all peoples and nations. Whether through praying, giving, or going, God has given each of us gifts that are to be used in our everyday life to "make disciples of all the nations." We will hear great sermons from our preaching staff, Dr. Bill Bradford and Rev. Kenny Foster, as well as testimonies from our local, national and global missionaries that will challenge us to live out God's call.

Please notice two changes from prior years. The Festival date has been moved to mid-February from January. The very successful Family Missions Showcase has been moved to Wednesday night, February 15, 2017. These changes should minimize conflicts with other activities and improve participation.

This year's Festival continues the in-home events that provide an opportunity to meet and fellowship with the missionary of your choice. We know that the missionaries really enjoy these events and are greatly encouraged by your participation. Also, the popular Ladies Luncheon will be held again at the Country Club of Jackson. There will be childcare provided at POPC if you make reservations. The Family Missions Showcase will provide activities for the kids and our normal Wednesday night meal for everyone. Missionaries will be available to give you an up-close and personal view of their work for the Lord.

Please be on the lookout in late January for a Festival brochure that will include a sign-up card for activities as well a pledge card. Reservations are required for some events, so please turn in the sign-up cards to the church office as early as possible after you receive them. Copies of the mailing will also be in the foyer of the Sanctuary.

Now, have a family meeting and put the Missions Festival on your master calendar on the cellphone, on the cloud calendar, or on the old-fashioned calendar on the refrigerator. Please add the Missions Festival to your daily prayers with your family. Pray that God would be glorified by the testimony and the response of His people!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Please join us Sunday, January 8, at the evening service as John Perritt shares information about his transition to Reformed Youth Ministries. There will be a brief homily and time of prayer focused on this ministry opportunity for the Perritts and POPC.

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LADIES' MONTHLY BIBLE STUDIES FOR JANUARY:

Lydia Circle will meet Tuesday, January 3 at 9 a.m. in the parlor. They will be making birthday cards for *Sonbeams*. *Tabitha* Circle will meet Tuesday, January 10 at 10 a.m. in the home of Mary Frances Smith (104 Sandalwood Dr., Madison; 898-3523). *Ruth* Circle will meet Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Micki Smith (724 Wood Gate Dr., Madison, 672-2513). Please contact Amy Hatchett (832-4041; amy@hatchettfamily.com) for directions.

11/30 Financial Highlights

Through November, actual general fund contributions were \$23,850 more than budgeted general fund contributions. Actual total expenses were \$4,717 less than budgeted total expenses, and actual net loss was \$27,691 less than the budgeted net loss. Here are the details:

	Eleven Months Ended 11/30/16		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
General Fund Contributions	1,308,351	1,284,501	23,850
Reimbursement from CCS	218,522	218,522	0
Other	2,057	2,933	(876)
Total Revenues	1,528,930	1,505,956	22,974
Staff Expense	849,652	856,602	(6,950)
General Expense	96,329	115,035	(18,706)
Building Expense	469,248	443,653	25,595
Ministries Expense	65,968	73,010	(7,042)
Benevolence Expense	149,168	146,782	2,386
Total Expenses	1,630,365	1,635,082	(4,717)
Net Income (Loss)	(101,435)	(129,126)	27,691
Sanctuary Renov. Fund Receipts	226,226		
Education Bldg Loan Payable	689,509		
Sanctuary Renov. Costs Payable	220,325		
Reserve Fund Balance	78,840		
Reserve Fund Requirement	155,535		
Reserve Fund Excess (Deficit)	(76,695)		

Music Notes
 by Margaret Sprow

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 p.m. in the choir room, No. 138 in the Education Building. We begin on January 11.

Thank You, Musicians: Many thanks to all our musicians who led us so beautifully to God's throne this Christmas season. Children's Choirs, 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.

JANUARY 15 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

On Sunday morning, January 15, during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday School hour, we will hold our annual congregational meeting to review and endorse the general church and mission budgets and to elect new officers from a slate of nominees. Around the new year you will receive a letter with all preparatory details.

POPC Youth Update

New Spring Study: "A spiritual and saving knowledge of God is the greatest need of every human creature," wrote Arthur Pink in his classic book *The Attributes of God*. In this day, "the greatest need" is also one of our greatest lacks. We live in an age when head knowledge is little and heart knowledge is hardly existent when it comes to who God actually is. With the help of Pink's study of Scripture, we will be teaching the perfections of our God, what they mean, how they affect us, and how we can apply them today. Join us as we start our Wednesday night study on January 18.

Shazam and Vittles will start back January 29. Prayer breakfast will resume January 31.

RYM: All rising 7th-current 12th graders, mark your calendars for RYM! Middle School RYM (rising 7th-9th grade) is June 26-30, and High School RYM is July 10-15. Registration will begin in February.

SHOWERS IN THE FORECAST! Join us January 14, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor for a bridal shower honoring Susannah Walden. Susannah's fiancé is Mark Hertenstein. They are registered at Belk, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Everyday Gourmet. On Saturday, January 28, there will be a baby shower for Allison Morris from 10:00 a.m. -12 noon in the parlor. Allison is the wife of Blake. They are registered at Babies R Us, Target and Wal-Mart. On February 4, there will be a bridal shower for Alex Kwasny at 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. Alex's fiancé is Austin McCann. They are registered at Belk, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Macy's, Everyday Gourmet and Inside Out.

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 13 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Please contact Nancy Hulsey at 601-898-0668 if you would like to volunteer to help with this wonderful ministry.

CCS Corner

PRIORITY REENROLLMENT FOR CHRIST COVENANT SCHOOL families has begun, with reduced fees through the priority closing date of February 1, 2017. Our reenrollment process is completely online. Applications for new students and reenrollment can be completed on the [CCS website](#). POPC funds a scholarship that is available to members who desire a Christ-centered education but need financial assistance. Please contact our Admissions Director, [Martha Maxey](#), or call [601-978-2272](#) with questions.

January Nursery Schedule

January 1

Andy & Kristi Clark	8:15	2 & 3 yrs
Ben & Estelle Sones	8:15	4 yrs
Melissa Borden	8:15	Crawlers
Cindy Cochran	8:15	Cruisers
Bobby Cochran	8:15	Toddlers
Debbie Barnes	9:50	Infants
Christy Walker	9:50	Crawlers
Matt Walker	9:50	Cruisers
Neil Barnes	9:50	Toddlers
Brenda Alvis	10:45	Crawlers
Bill Alvis	10:45	Cruisers
Michael & Betsy Denny	10:45	2 & 3 yrs
Kyle & Leslie Cunningham	10:45	4 yrs

January 8

Steve & Natalie Tackitt	8:15	2 & 3 yrs
Peter & Laura Boswell	8:15	4 yrs
Joy Brewer	8:15	Crawlers
Brinkley Boswell	8:15	Cruisers
Maggie Boswell	8:15	Toddlers
Lela Carter	9:50	Infants
Alice Biggers	9:50	Crawlers
Barry Biggers	9:50	Cruisers
Alan Carter	9:50	Toddlers
Kacky Damall	10:45	Crawlers
Savannah Swalley	10:45	Cruisers
Scott & Alyson Swalley	10:45	2 & 3 yrs
Guy & Karla Collins	10:45	4 yrs

January 15

Michael & Julia Box	8:15	2 & 3 yrs
Rob & Jen Austin	8:15	4 yrs
Suzanne Eady	8:15	Crawlers
Bethany Austin	8:15	Cruisers
Mike Eady	8:15	Toddlers
Abby Browne	9:50	Infants
Cindy Fox	9:50	Crawlers

Amanda Eaton	9:50	Cruisers
Daniel Browne	9:50	Toddlers
Allison Miller	10:45	Crawlers
Julia Miller	10:45	Toddlers
John & Anna Clemmer	10:45	2 & 3 yrs
Joe & Jamie Austin	10:45	4 yrs

January 22

Mark & Elizabeth Franklin	8:15	2 & 3 yrs
Walt & Angela Dallas	8:15	4 yrs
Cheri Creel	8:15	Crawlers
Bill Creel	8:15	Cruisers
Aidan Creel	8:15	Toddlers
Lanelle Fincher	9:50	Infants
Doreen Slater	9:50	Crawlers
Rachel Bickerstaff	9:50	Cruisers
John Slater	9:50	Toddlers
Sara Fox	10:45	Crawlers
Matthew Bickerstaff	10:45	Cruisers
Wilson & Carrie Ann Eatherly	10:45	2 & 3 yrs
Jay & Katie Files	10:45	4 yrs

January 29

Justin & Chelsea Aldred	8:15	2 & 3 yrs
Brad & Amy Hatchett	8:15	4 yrs
Jo Hubbard	8:15	Crawlers
Duke Kimbrough	8:15	Cruisers
Cameron Fowler	8:15	Toddlers
Parke Fowler	9:50	Infants
Margaret Harvey	9:50	Crawlers
John Harvey	9:50	Cruisers
Bob Fowler	9:50	Toddlers
Anne Clark Harvey	10:45	Crawlers
Jack Harvey	10:45	Toddlers
Lanny & Wendy Glover	10:45	2 & 3 yrs
Hance & Betsy Green	10:45	4 yrs

January Birthdays

Mary Nell Odom	1/1	Rivers Wikle	1/19
Lynn Bland	1/2	Luke Wikle	1/19
Carl Upton	1/3	Jackson Wells	1/21
Jamie Murphy	1/3	Addie Clemmer	1/21
Carrie Ann Eatherly	1/4	Cameron Reece	1/22
Mary Elizabeth Upton	1/6	Joshua Richardson	1/23
Miller Ethridge	1/7	Charlie Schmitz	1/23
Kris Swenson	1/7	John Ryan	1/24
Christy Adcock	1/8	Thomas Lamar	1/24
Ben Futvoye	1/8	Piero Bracamonte	1/24
Tom Dickson	1/9	Natalie Fehrenbacher	1/25
Hailey Swalley	1/10	Savannah Swalley	1/25
Randy Bolen	1/10	Emerson Johnson	1/25
Eliza Grace Ethridge	1/10	Krisan White	1/26
Matthew Hatchett	1/10	Caleb White	1/26
Jaime Lamar	1/11	Andy Clark	1/26
Riley Katherine Brown	1/11	Jerry Ornelas	1/26
David Sprow	1/12	Lucy Sones	1/26
Caleb Cangelosi	1/12	Wes Fowler	1/27
Chad Johnson	1/12	Allison Miller	1/27
Rick Autrey	1/12	Jennifer White	1/28
Chris Woods	1/12	Ben Sones	1/28
Frances Moseley	1/13	Angie Smith	1/29
Michael Bryant	1/13	Amanda Green	1/30
Adam Adcock	1/14	Maggie Hubbard	1/31
Tony Franklin	1/14		
Lydia Glover	1/14		
Mary Love Ulrich	1/16		
Tom Young	1/17		
Matt Vitart	1/18		



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WEEKLY LADIES' BIBLE STUDIES FOR SPRING

- **Weekly Studies**
- **Monday Evening Study -**
- *Seeing Jesus in the Prophets*, by Nancy Guthrie
- Led by Jackie Shelt at her home, 1407 Belle Glade St, Jackson, 39211
- Begins January 9, at 7 p.m. To sign up or for more info, email Jackie at jackieleeshelt@gmail.com
- **Wednesday Morning Study -**
- *Knowing God*, by J.I. Packer,
- Led by Jeanie Kalberkamp, 9:30 - 11 a.m. in parlor
- January 11 - May 10. To register or for more info, contact Doreen Slater at doreen@theslaterhouse.net
- Nursery registration is required by emailing Mary Lou Heaney at marylou@pearorchard.org. Include names and ages of children infant through 4 yrs old
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Study -**
- *I and II Peter*, using Jen Wilkins study guide. led by Tammie Haynes
- Jan. 25 - April 26, at 6:30 p.m. - parlor; Registration for meals, childcare and Bible study is required at www.pearorchard.org/get-involved/wed-nitefellowship