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Pear Orchard News

Pointing the World to the Hope of the Gospel

February 9-16, 2020

Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church Missions Festival

In 2019, POPC short term missionaries participated in both weeks of JAF Summer Camp to proclaim the good news and encourage the downtrodden as well as the faithful. Praise the Lord and thank you for your faithfulness. This year, in addition to the JAF Camps, we will have a team going to Peru. Therefore, in 2020 we want to make our missionary focus on vigorously *Pointing the World to the Hope of the Gospel* locally, nationally and internationally. Whether through praying, giving, or going, God has given each of us gifts that are to be used in our everyday lives to proclaim the gospel. We will hear great sermons from our preaching staff, **Rev. Nate Bonham, Dr. John Snyder, and Dr. David Garner** as well as testimonies from our local, national and global missionaries that will challenge us to live out God's call. Nate and Nikki Bonham will update us on the church in South America and Ellie Honea will update us on the church in Japan.

This year's festival continues two home events that provide a close-up opportunity to meet and have 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. Missionaries will be available for an up front 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 *Registration Card* for activities as well as 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.

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 spouse and kids. Pray that God would be glorified by the testimony and the response of His people.

Keep a sharp eye out for the January mailing. Copies of the mailing will also be in the foyer of the Sanctuary.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- 1/7- 9:45 a.m. - **Lydia** Circle - Parlor
- 1/10 - 6:30 p.m. - **Sonbeams** Night Out
- 1/12 - Congregational Meeting during Sunday School hour
- 1/13 - 5:30 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting
- 1/14 - 6:30 p.m. - **Ruth** Circle - Home of Micki Smith
- 1/20 - 6:30 p.m. - Session Meeting
- 1/26 ~ 25th Anniversary Celebration for Pastor Carl ~ Family Night Supper

JANUARY USHERS (EARLY)

Lee Atkins (Will)
Pepper Crutcher
Stephen Shelt
John Slater (Head)
Matt Vitart

JANUARY USHERS (LATE)

Bobby Bullock (Head)
John Clemmer
Walt Dallas
John Long
Phil Wilson
Seth Winchester

11/30 Financial Highlights

Through November, actual general fund contributions were \$57,111 more than budgeted general fund contributions. Actual total expenses were \$29,661 less than budgeted total expenses, and actual net loss was \$85,679 less than the budgeted net loss. Here are the details:

	Eleven Months Ended 11/30/19		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
General Fund Contributions	1,447,912	1,390,801	57,111
Reimburse from Christ Covenant Sch	229,515	229,515	0
Reimburse from Staff Escrow Funds	101,670	101,670	0
Other	1,840	2,934	(1,093)
Total Revenues	1,780,937	1,724,919	56,018
Staff Expense	1,030,942	1,060,975	(30,033)
General Expense	112,303	119,161	(6,858)
Building Expense	489,791	485,538	4,253
Ministries Expense	82,212	84,948	(2,736)
Benevolence Expense	163,125	157,412	5,713
Total Expenses	1,878,373	1,908,034	(29,661)

Net Income (Loss)	(97,436)	(183,115)	85,679
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Education Bldg Loan Payable	249,267
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Reserve Fund Balance	97,312
Reserve Fund Requirement	172,685
Reserve Fund Excess (Deficit)	(75,373)

WORK TRUCK NEEDED!

The POPC Maintenance Department is in urgent need of a new work truck! Our current vehicle has served us well but is no longer worth the cost to continue repairing. Our preferences include 2-wheel drive, automatic transmission, and less than 150,000 miles with little to no fluid leaks or body damage. An extended (or crew) cab and a long wheel base would be beneficial as well. Fancy bells and whistles are not necessary. If you are interested in selling or donating a truck that fits this description, please contact Edwin Lewis at 601-519-5283. A donated vehicle would be eligible for a tax deduction.

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 in the Choir Room, No. 138 in the Education Building. We begin on January 15.

Children's Choirs resume on January 5 and new singers are welcome to join us. Children are dismissed to choir from the evening service. Cherub Choir, age 4 - first grade, meets in the Outback Room in the Multi-Purpose Building, Praise Troop, 2nd - 4th grade, meets in the Choir Room 138 in the Ed. Building, and Covenant, 5th - 8th grade, meets in Room 238 in the Ed. 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, 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.

LADIES' MONTHLY BIBLE STUDIES FOR JANUARY:

Lydia Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 7, at 9:45 a.m. in the parlor. *Ruth* Circle will meet Tuesday, January 14, 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.

JANUARY 12 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

On Sunday morning, January 12, 2020 during the 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

Shazam and Vittles will start back on January 12, 2020.

RYM: All rising 7th- current 12 graders, mark your calendars for RYM! Middle School Florida is June 22-26, 2020 and High School Florida is July 6-11, 2020. Please stay tuned for more information on registration!

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 10 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Please contact Daphne Clark at 601-594-3743 if you would like to volunteer to help with this wonderful ministry.

CCS CORNER

PRIORITY ENROLLMENT FOR CCS FAMILIES continues through February 1, 2020. Our enrollment process is completely online. Campus tours and applications for new students 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 any questions.

Nursery Schedule

January 5

Adam & Megan Adcock	8:15	2 & 3 yrs
Boyd McCullouch	8:15	2's helper
Michael & Mary Hope Bryant	8:15	4 yrs
Julia Whitton	8:15	Infants
Linda Morris	8:15	Crawlers
Steve Morris	8:15	Cruisers
Landon Whitton	8:15	Toddlers
Jeanne Russ	9:50	Infants
Amy Brown	9:50	Crawlers
Janet Shearer	9:50	Cruisers
Rod Russ	9:50	Toddlers
John & Susan Ryan	10:45	2 & 3 yrs
Parker Ryan	10:45	2's helper
Kyle & Leslie Cunningham	10:45	4 yrs
Evie Clark	10:45	Infants/Crawlers
Cyndi Randall/ Pam Eubanks	10:45	Cruisers
Anna Grace Randall	10:45	Toddlers

January 12

Matt & Christy Walker	8:15	2 & 3 yrs
Mary Tristan Walker	8:15	2's helper
Robin & Alice Harrigill	8:15	4 yrs
Kathy Beard	8:15	Infants
Julia Stradinger	8:15	Crawlers
Allison Brenner	8:15	Cruisers
Greg Brenner	8:15	Toddlers
Susan Spencer	9:50	Infants
Livie McMaster	9:50	Crawlers
Ava Lucas	9:50	Cruisers
Clark Spencer	9:50	Toddlers
Barry & Alice Biggers	10:45	2 & 3 yrs
Brady Biggers	10:45	2's helper
Bobby & Sara Bullock	10:45	4 yrs
Robin Byrd	10:45	Infants/Crawlers
Beth Ann Cangelosi	10:45	Cruisers
Ron Byrd	10:45	Toddlers

January 19

Jay & Chasity Thames	8:15	2 & 3 yrs
Will Upton	8:15	2's helper
Chad & Meredith Johnson	8:15	4 yrs
Mary Elizabeth Upton	8:15	Infants
Sydney Richardson	8:15	Crawlers
Emmie Beck	8:15	Cruisers
Josh Beck	8:15	Toddlers
Ashley Burke	9:50	Infants
Ella Johnson	9:50	Crawlers
Liz Austin	9:50	Cruisers
Bob Austin	9:50	Toddlers
Jamie & Jenny Murphy	10:45	2 & 3 yrs
Mills Murphy	10:45	2's helper
Clinton & Amanda Carraway	10:45	4 yrs
Lela Carter	10:45	Infants/Crawlers
Alan Carter	10:45	Cruisers
Lila Murphy	10:45	Toddlers

January 26

Jason & Mary Kelly Branning	8:15	2 & 3 yrs
Charlie Branning	8:15	2's helper
Joe & Catherine Stradinger	8:15	4 yrs
Jennifer White	8:15	Infants
Sarah Peritt	8:15	Crawlers
Ellie White	8:15	Cruisers
Meg Branning	8:15	Toddlers
Amanda Shelt	9:50	Infants
Allison Morris	9:50	Crawlers
Brenda Alvis	9:50	Cruisers
Stephen Shelt	9:50	Toddlers
Michael & Betsy Denny	10:45	2 & 3 yrs
Miles Denny	10:45	2's helper
Jaime & Miriam Lamar	10:45	4 yrs
Stacy Marie	10:45	Infants/Crawlers
Charlotte Lamar	10:45	Cruisers
Mathias Lamar	10:45	Toddlers

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January Birthdays

Carl Upton	1/3	Joshua Richardson	1/20
Jamie Murphy	1/3	Addie Clemmer	1/21
Carrie Ann Eatherly	1/4	Cameron Reece	1/22
Roger Qi	1/5	Joshua Richardson	1/23
Mary Elizabeth Upton	1/6	Charlie Schmitz	1/23
George Rozina	1/6	John Ryan	1/24
Miller Ethridge	1/7	Thomas Lamar	1/24
Kris Swenson	1/7	Piero Bracamonte	1/24
Christy Adcock	1/8	Natalie Fehrenbacher	1/25
Ben Futvoye	1/8	Savannah Swalley	1/25
Timothy Barnes	1/8	Emerson Johnson	1/25
Robert Steiskal	1/8	Krisan White	1/26
Tom Dickson	1/9	Caleb White	1/26
Hailey Swalley	1/10	Andy Clark	1/26
Randy Bolen	1/10	Lucy Sones	1/26
Eliza Grace Ethridge	1/10	Wes Fowler	1/27
Matthew Hatchett	1/10	Allison Miller	1/27
Rachel Watts	1/10	Jennifer White	1/28
Jaime Lamar	1/11	Ben Sones	1/28
Riley Brown	1/11	Angie Smith	1/29
David Sprow	1/12	Maggie Hubbard	1/31
Caleb Cangelosi	1/12		
Chad Johnson	1/12		
Chris Woods	1/12		
Allison Morris	1/13		
Frances Moseley	1/13		
Michael Bryant	1/13		
Adam Adcock	1/14		
Tony Franklin	1/14		
Lydia Glover	1/14		
Mary Love Ulrich	1/16		
Tom Young	1/17		
Matt Vitart	1/18		
Rivers Wickle	1/19		
Luke Wickle	1/19		

WEEKLY LADIES' BIBLE STUDIES FOR SPRING

Weekly Studies

Monday Evening Study:

The Prodigal Prophet: Jonah and the Mystery of God's Mercy by Tim Keller - Books are available on Amazon.com.

Led by Jackie Shelt at her home, 1407 Belle Glade St, Jackson, 39211 - Begins January 20, at 7 p.m.

To sign up or for more info, email Jackie at jackieleeshelt@gmail.com.

Wednesday Morning Study:

Beginning January 8:

Women will meet in the parlor at 9:15 a.m. for fellowship and to study the book, *Idols of the Heart*, by Elyse Fitzpatrick

To register or for more information, contact Doreen Slater at doreen@theslaterhouse.net.

Nursery registration and homeschool study hall is required by emailing Serena Lucas at slucas@ccs.ms. Please include names and ages of children infant through 4 years old.