

March 2018

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME REMINDER:**

Please don't forget to
"spring" clocks for-
ward before going to
bed on Saturday
night, March 10!

PEAR ORCHARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Pear Orchard News

*A new commandment I give you, that you
love one another. John 13:34*

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday

Communion Service

A communion service of worship featuring
The Sanctuary Choir and String Quintet

March 29, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday Services

April 1, 2018

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

A nursery is provided for children ages 2 and under.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR MARCH:

- 3/6 - 9:45 a.m. - **Lydia** Circle - Parlor
- 3/12 - 16 - Spring Break
- 3/12 - 5:30 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting
- 3/13 - 10:00 a.m. - **Tabitha** Circle - home of Mary Frances Smith
- 3/13 - 6:30 p.m. - **Ruth** Circle - home of Micki Smith
- 3/19 - 6:30 p.m. - Session Meeting
- 3/29 - 6:30 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Communion Service

USHERS FOR MARCH

EARLY SERVICE - 8:30 a.m.

Walt Lucas (Head)

James Clark

Rusty Clark

Duke Kimbrough

John Perritt

Charlie Upton (Joseph)

LATE SERVICE - 11:00 a.m.

Thomas Maley (Head)

Tom Milam (William/Thomas)

Bruce Payne

Parker Reece

Billy White

Will White

Thank you for your service!

1/31 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Through January, actual general fund contributions were \$7,713 more than budgeted general fund contributions. Actual total expenses were \$8,874 less than budgeted total expenses, and actual net loss was \$17,341 less than the budgeted net loss. Here are the details:

	One Month Ended 1/31/18		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
General Fund Contributions	103,387	95,674	7,713
Reimbursement from CCS	20,865	20,865	0
Reimbursement from Staff Escrow Funds	6,833	6,025	807
Other	213	267	(53)
Total Revenues	131,298	122,831	8,467
Staff Expense	89,634	92,460	(2,826)
General Expense	14,947	16,406	(1,459)
Building Expense	36,721	45,098	(8,377)
Ministries Expense	9,598	6,581	3,017
Benevolence Expense	12,005	11,234	771
Total Expenses	162,905	171,779	(8,874)
Net Income (Loss)	(31,607)	(48,948)	17,341
Education Bldg Loan Payable	516,843		
Reserve Fund Balance	164,218		
Reserve Fund Requirement	169,299		
Reserve Fund Excess (Deficit)	(5,081)		

THANK YOU, MARTIE!

Thanks be to the Lord for how generously He has gifted Martie Kwasny and used her as a minister in my personal life and as a faithful servant to our congregation. For the past twelve years, the Lord has used Martie and the rest of the Kwasny clan (and there are enough of them to qualify as a "clan") at Pear Orchard to establish His Kingdom by, among many other things, spreading His Gospel of love to the marginalized and oft forgotten community of those affected by disability. Through her passionate efforts in founding and leading the Sonbeams Ministry, the Gospel has been made accessible for many, who because of physical or mental barriers, rarely have the opportunity to be immersed in corporate worship or the community of believers. I would be seriously remiss if I stepped into this role without properly recognizing her dedication to establishing and nurturing the Sonbeams Ministry at Pear Orchard.

Michael Beates, author of *Disability and the Gospel* said the following:

We live in a culture that avoids, rejects, and hides weakness and brokenness. Disability reminds us of what we wish (and try desperately) to deny—that we are all disabled in some sense, whether it is spiritual, emotional, relational, or physical. Our friends who live with outward physical disability cannot hide their brokenness as easily or as successfully as the "normal" population. I tell people that the gift my daughter brings to the church is her presence. Her simply being among God's people reminds us that before God we are all deeply and profoundly needy people and God's grace is rich for us when we embrace this truth. This is her gift to the church.

Martie truly gets this, and the Lord has made it her mission to spread this understanding in the church. She understands what a gift these families, touched by disability, are for the church, and what a gift the church should be for them. I'm certain at times she felt like Mt. Everest was in front of her. Disability ministry can be disheartening, exhausting, discouraging, and isolating. Yet she persevered. The Lord used Martie to build Sonbeams from the ground up, which was no simple feat. Starting from a need being presented 12 years ago by an elder who had a child with special needs, Sonbeams has matured into a robust ministry that now provides many respite events a year, a VBS serving adults and inclusion children, a system that ensures all are hearing the Word of God on Sundays, a Wednesday night bible study, Christmas deliveries to our families touched by disability, and many other opportunities. Please join me in thanking Martie for her 12 years of dedication to establishing this ministry and her continued service to the Kingdom as the full-time Director of Joni and Friends Jackson.

Morgan Vitart, Sonbeams Director

POPC YOUTH MINISTRY

AGAINST THE FLOW: Our annual youth spring retreat Against the Flow is March 23-25. All 7th-12th grade students are invited to join us with several other churches at Twin Lakes for fun, fellowship, and the preaching of God's Word brought to us by Delta State's RUF campus minister Ro Taylor. Register by filling out the form on the weekly Youth Update and turning in \$120 to the youth staff by Wednesday, February 28.

SPRING BREAK

JR. HIGH MOVIE NIGHT: All Jr. High students are invited to a movie night on Sunday, March 11 after evening worship in the Refuge. The youth staff will provide pizza. Bring a bag of candy to share as your entrance fee! We will announce the movie and exact pick up time when we get closer to the event.

SR. HIGH GUYS: All Sr. High guys are invited to the spring break camping trip! Date: TBD. We will stop at Kroger to let everyone pick out their own food that they can cook over a fire. Bring however much money you think you'll need for dinner and breakfast. Bring bedding.

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, March 2, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Please contact Morgan Vitart at 601-717-4058 if you would like to volunteer to help with this ministry.

MOTHER'S MORNING OUT REGISTRATION:

You may register your child for MMO for our Summer Session which will be Tuesdays and Thursdays June 5 - July 12 or the school year session which begins September 4. The summer session accepts children 6 months - 4 years and the school year accepts children 6 months - 2 years. This is the age they are September 1. For more information, please contact Mary Lou Heaney at marylou@pearorchard.org or visit the website at www.pearorchard.org.

SAVE THE DATE ! JULY 16-20, 2018

POPC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

NURSERY SCHEDULE

March 4

Greg & Angie Smith	8:15	2 & 3 yrs
Noah Smith	8:15	2's helper
Ben & Estelle Sones	8:15	4 yrs
Jo Hubbard	8:15	Infants
Emma Smith	8:15	Crawlers
Nora Beth Smith	8:15	Cruisers
John Murry McCullough	8:15	Toddlers
Lanelle Fincher	9:50	Infants
Debbie Barnes	9:50	Crawlers
Joy Lurate	9:50	Cruisers
Neil Barnes	9:50	Toddlers
Rebecca Franklin	10:45	Infants
Anne Clark Harvey	10:45	Crawlers
John Harvey	10:45	Cruisers
Jack Harvey	10:45	Toddlers
Justin & Chelsea Aldred	10:45	2 & 3 yrs
Daniel Cangelosi	10:45	2's helper
Wilson & Carrie Ann Eatherly	10:45	4 yrs

March 11

Mark & Elizabeth Franklin	8:15	2 & 3 yrs
Katie Ann Long	8:15	2's helper
Chris & Susan Woods	8:15	4 yrs
Suzanne Eady	8:15	Infants
Mike Eady	8:15	Crawlers
Andrew Beard	8:15	Cruisers
Clark Beard	8:15	Toddlers
Parke Fowler	9:50	Infants
Serena Lucas	9:50	Crawlers
Walt Lucas	9:50	Cruisers
Bob Fowler	9:50	Toddlers
Lela Carter	10:45	Infants
Rinku Bhanat	10:45	Crawlers
Eldrin Bhanat	10:45	Cruisers
Alan Carter	10:45	Toddlers
Michael & Betsy Denny	10:45	2 & 3 yrs
Miles Denny	10:45	2's helper
Kevin & Emily Wright	10:45	4 yrs

March 18

Andy & Kristi Clark	8:15	2 & 3 yrs
Aiden Creel	8:15	2's helper
Jay & Chasity Thames	8:15	4 yrs
Rachel Bickerstaff	8:15	Infants
Cheri Creel	8:15	Crawlers
Bill Creel	8:15	Cruisers
Matthew Bickerstaff	8:15	Toddlers
Leigh Wilson	9:50	Infants
Mary Hope Bryant	9:50	Crawlers
Michael Bryant	9:50	Cruisers
Duke Kimbrough	9:50	Toddlers
Kacky Darnall	10:45	Infants
Molly Barnes	10:45	Crawlers
Meg Branning	10:45	Cruisers
Grace Alvis	10:45	Toddlers
Jason & Mary Kelly Branning	10:45	2 & 3 yrs
Charlie Branning	10:45	2's helper
Wilson & Grace Van Hooser	10:45	4 yrs

March 25

Barry & Alice Biggers	8:15	2 & 3 yrs
Brady Biggers	8:15	2's helper
Jonathan & Jamie Werne	8:15	4 yrs
Angela Dallas	8:15	Infants
Jenny Atkins	8:15	Crawlers
Lee Atkins	8:15	Cruisers
Walt Dallas	8:15	Toddlers
Liz Austin	9:50	Infants
Krisan White	9:50	Crawlers
Will White	9:50	Cruisers
Bob Austin	9:50	Toddlers
Robin Byrd	10:45	Infants
Emily Guo	10:45	Crawlers
Graham Guo	10:45	Cruisers
Ron Byrd	10:45	Toddlers
John & Anna Clemmer	10:45	2 & 3 yrs
Christian Franklin	10:45	2's helper
Landon & Julia Whitton	10:45	4 yrs

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March Birthdays

Sam Shearer	3/1	Kinsley Morris	3/21
Jillian Perritt	3/1	Joe Stradinger	3/22
Elliott Bickerstaff	3/2	Lewis Todd	3/23
Jonathan Werne	3/2	Meg Branning	3/23
Meredith Johnson	3/2	Brad Hatchett	3/23
Wes Hulsey	3/2	Carlisle Winchester	3/24
Kate Cunningham	3/3	Wendy Herring	3/25
Emily Cunningham	3/3	Noah Smith	3/25
Jeanne Russ	3/4	Billye Dallas	3/26
Jean Powers	3/5	Benjamin Gamblin	3/26
Mary Glover	3/5	Elizabeth Spell	3/26
Emily Wright	3/5	Shirley Grace	3/28
Debbie Kimbrough	3/6	Andy Haynes	3/28
Lee Atkins	3/6	Marybrett Green	3/28
Chad Johnson	3/7	Peter Primos	3/29
Jeremiah Kelley	3/7	Michael Taylor	3/29
Susie Cook	3/8	Stacy Maris	3/29
Joe Austin	3/8	McKee Sones	3/31
Josh Franklin	3/8	Tanya Steiskal	3/31
Edwin Lewis	3/10		
Livie McMaster	3/11		
Dianne Trautzsch	3/12		
Cheri Creel	3/13		
Kacky Darnall	3/13		
Seth Winchester	3/14		
Carl Kalberkamp	3/15		
Grazyna Rajkowska	3/15		
Justin Matheny	3/16		
Tommy Payne	3/17		
Rod Russ, III	3/18		
Kathy Beard	3/18		
Russ Upton	3/19		
Sloan Warrington	3/19		
Alyson Swalley	3/19		
Rob Waltzer	3/19		
Sparks Grenfell	3/20		
Terri Wells	3/20		
Martie Kwasny	3/20		
Tracy Wimberley	3/20		
Mathias Lamar	3/21		

LADIES' MONTHLY BIBLE STUDIES

Lydia Circle will meet Tuesday, March 6 at 9:45 a.m. in the parlor. *Tabitha* Circle will meet Tuesday, March 13, at 10:00 a.m. in the home of Mary Frances Smith (104 Sandalwood Drive, Madison; 898-3523). *Ruth* Circle will also meet Tuesday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Micki Smith (724 Wood Gate Drive, Madison; 672-2513). Please contact Amy Hatchett (832-4041; amy@hatchettfamily.com) for directions.

CCS CORNER

CCS is pleased to announce the completion and dedication of the Jack Laws Memorial Pavilion. It is located to the right of the Multi-Purpose Building. This wonderful Pavilion will serve many purposes for both the school and the church and will be a fitting tribute to the spiritual legacy Jack left to all of us. We are proud of our students who have performed well academically and in extracurricular activities. Our Warrior and Lady Warrior basketball teams won their District Championships, 65% of the 7th grade class qualified for the Duke TIP program, POPC member, Walker Price, placed 2nd in the CCS GeoBee. POPC members and CCS graduates were also recently recognized for their accomplishments. Hayden Perkins was selected for the MAIS All-Star Soccer Team as well as the MAIS All Conference Team. Aidan Creel was named National Merit Finalist. Congratulations to these students and their families.