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Our Mission: **TLC**  
**T**rust God, **L**ove People, and **C**arry Christ into the World

**FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY:**

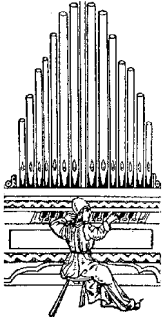
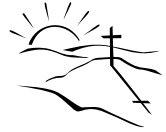
If you've been sleepwalking through winter, or feeling a little blah, or eager to say "good-bye" to Lent and "hello" to Easter lilies, I bring you good news. Wake up! Rise from the dead. And Christ will shine on you! That's in the Bible. Tucked away in the fifth chapter of Ephesians is an amazing Easter message: "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light . . . Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Sleeper, awake! *Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.*" (Ephesians 5:8-10, 14b).

As we prepare to live in the springtime of new life in south Mississippi, let nature's sermon penetrate your spirit and call forth a grateful "Amen!" You and I may feel discouraged at times, or dismayed at the challenges we face, BUT we are not defined by our circumstances. We are "light in the Lord, children of light, alive in Christ." And Jesus' light is shining on us and in us so that we are light bearers. So, Easter People, Wake up! Take heart. Rise and Shine!

It is a privilege being your partner in ministry.

## WORSHIP NEWS:

In addition to the 11 am worship service, on April 12 at 6:30 am, we will have a brief, informal, joyful **Easter Sunrise Service** in the outdoor chapel. If you come at 6 am, you can help us make coffee and set up chairs. The outdoor chapel is a perfect place to remind us that the tomb is empty and Jesus is alive! Join us. During Holy Week there will be **no Wednesday night supper or service**. There will be a **Maundy Thursday** service at 6 pm on April 9, and we will have an informal **Stations of the Cross** service at noon on Good Friday.



One year ago, our newsletter carried this item: “Part of our Long Range Plan is to upgrade our Zimmer organ . . . If you discover a bag of gold coins in your closet or inherit a bundle from your rich uncle, please consider the **Yetta Alexander Organ Fund**.” Last fall the session made a bid to purchase a magnificent organ currently residing at First Baptist Church, which is relocating to the suburbs. If our bid is accepted, we will have the best organ in south Mississippi. All we have to do is pay for it. God has blessed us with so many wonderful people and resources. Please pray about this and prepare to help us receive this opportunity to give God our best.

We have added some new voices to the **Chancel Choir** this year. Singing with us now are **Mac Forsyth, Beverly Grice Bethany Ingram, and Tom McKegney**. Our choir hopes to expand. If you can carry a tune and enjoy singing God’s praises, this might be your calling. Please see **Connie Roberts**.



Many thanks to **Pam Dossett** for arranging the flowers during Lent and then helping us experience the explosion of joy at Easter.

March **attendance** average (to date): **107**

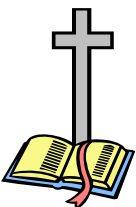
March 1 - 135

March 15 - 95

March 29 - TBD

March 8 - 100

March 22 - 95



The **New Revised Standard Version Pew Bibles** are here. We are working on putting the dedications in them and when this is accomplished (thank you **Kay Salter** and **Beverly Dennis**) we will put them in the pews and dedicate them on Easter Sunday. If you would like to purchase one of the current pew Bibles (RSV), you may do so for \$5.00. Just mark “RSV pew Bible” on your check. A complete list of the dedications is given later in the newsletter.

## WORSHIP NEWS: (continued)

### Wedding Bells Are Ringing In 2009!

On May 16, **Jill Ferguson** and **Gray Weinacker** will be married at Westminster. They are students at USM.

On May 23, **Lisa Mayatt** and **Ben Ross** will be married at Westminster. Dr. Ramp will officiate. Lisa and Ben are students at USM. The reception will be held in our fellowship hall.

On May 30, **Elizabeth Ann Hillman** (Theresa Setze's granddaughter) and **Michael Wayne Strahan** will be married at Westminster. **Dr. John Dudley** will officiate.

**Charlie Ramp** and **Greer Garraway** (Jimmy and Joy's granddaughter) will be married at Main Street United Methodist Church on May 30. Please pray for Charlie's parents. Westminster will host a **Tool Shower** for Charlie on May 6 during the Wednesday night fellowship. He is registered at Lowe's and Home Depot.

On June 6, **Kathryn Smith** and **Jay Rivers** will be married at Westminster. **Dr. Ramp** will officiate. The **PW** is planning a shower for Kathryn, so watch your bulletin and future newsletters for details.

**Robert Cummings, Jr.** and **Audra Saunders** (new member) are engaged and plan to marry at Westminster on November 7. Congratulations! Plans to celebrate this happy event are still unfolding.

## BELONGING:

**Men of the Church** will gather together for breakfast at 8 am on Saturday, April 11. After breakfast, we'll dole out a few duties and "spruce up" the church a little bit in time for Easter Sunday.



We will have an **Easter Brunch** at 9:45 am on Easter morning. The **Generations Class**, the **Younger Adult Class**, and the **Diaconate** are responsible for the great food. Please participate. A sign-up sheet will be in the Sunday School rooms.

The Westminster **adult co-ed softball team**, under coach **Jeff Haydel**, is gearing up for another winning season. Fun-filled practices are on Sunday afternoons. If you own a glove and can run 90 feet without pulling a muscle, we need you! Call Coach Haydel at 467-1091 if you have questions.



## **BELONGING: (continued)**

**Bread Breakers is fun.** One group wrote this:

Well, another successful Breadbreakers season! We had the **Dossetts, Potins, Kathryn Smith, Kenny and Glenda, Tom McKegney, Larry Royals, and Mary Clare Shaw.** We were consistent in our dinners. We met in homes twice, went out to eat several times and bowling plus dinner another time. A little variety and great fellowship. Please encourage others to sign up next time for Breadbreakers. It's a great way to expand your circle of friends in the church.

We want to include ALL members' birthdays. If you know of one we missed, let us know ASAP!



### **April birthdays:**

1	Gregg Graham	27	Gene Fair
2	Emily Hindrichs	27	Robert Cummings, Jr.
6	Emma Bryant	29	Lucas Davis
7	Steve Ramp	29	Wally Gregg
20	Delores Milling	30	Amy Ruff
22	Sandy Jordan		

**Sunday Greeters:** Please help us greet visitors and members at the front entrance on Sunday mornings. Please **switch** with someone if you cannot serve on a specific date, and notify Kay at 601-584-7574 of the change for the bulletin announcement.

April 5	Gene & Brenda Owens	May 3	Lola Norris & Helen Short
12	Sandra McLaurin & Marsha Taylor	10	Kathryn & Robert Cummings, Jr.
19	H. A. Moore & Chuck Brown	17	Gene & Stella Fair
26	Richard & Sharon Potin	24	Ed & Glenda Brown
		31	Grayson & Jane Rayborn

### **On the *MOVE***

**Bea McRae** has recently moved from Windham House. She is enjoying her new home at **Provision Living**, behind Wesley Medical Center. Her new address is Provision Living, 217 Methodist Blvd., #141, Hattiesburg, MS 39402. The phone number is 601-329-2030. Give her a call!

**Peter Bauer** has relocated to Georgia and wants to stay in touch. His new address is: Fort McPherson/Gillem Army Lodging, 1496 Walker Avenue, Bldg. T-22 (Chateau), Residence Bldg. 27, Quarters No. 1, Fort McPherson, GA 30330-1001. His cell numbers are 830-456-1283 and 404- 291-1588, and his email is peter.e.bauer@usar.army.mil.

## GROWING SPIRITUALLY:



Westminster plays a leading role in the cursillo movement in Mississippi. Cursillo is a Spanish term that means “short course.” It is a spiritual renewal movement that began in the Roman Catholic church after WWII and has spread to Episcopal, Methodist, and Presbyterian communions. The Presbytery of South Alabama introduced this retreat concept to beleaguered churches struggling to regain their breath after Hurricane Katrina. The Presbytery of Mississippi has embraced the concept and Mississippi now has its own Cursillo Council. Sixteen members of Westminster have attended and five more will be attending MPC #3 which will be April 30 – May 3. Attending as pilgrims will be **Stella Fair, Lola Norris, Jean Lincoln, Amy Ruff, and Alison Buehler** (Steve and Ellen’s daughter). Serving on staff are **Kathryn Smith, Moderator, Steve Ramp, Mary Cromartie, Althea Jerome, Butch Nobles, Larry Royals, and Gene Owens**. If you are interested in attending the next retreat (fall 2009), please let us know. It will change your spiritual life profoundly.

## INVITING:

### *Westminster - Feel the Spirit*

submitted by “Mystery Writer”

Have you been to Westminster recently?

There’s something going on there!

There’s a special SPIRIT in the place.

You feel it everywhere!

There’s a new out-pouring of LOVE;

And I’ve seen JOY and PEACE there too!

The fruits of the spirit are ripening!

Come on in! It might be the place for you!

Westminster is fortunate to have many visitors. Please greet them warmly and invite them to return. Studies indicate that 88% of people join a church because a friend invited them to attend.

**Relationships grow churches.** We have a wonderful church family that is welcoming and inviting. Share this good news with your friends.

## SERVING CHRIST IN MISSION:



Westminster will fill **BreadBasket applications** the week of April 20-24. It takes only about 1 ½ hours of your time and is a great way to help those less fortunate in our community. Please see **Margaret Lochhead** to volunteer.

The Youth and interested adults will lead worship at **Boswell Regional Center** on **April 26**. We will leave the church at 2 pm and be home by 5 pm. Come join us.

## SERVING CHRIST IN MISSION: (continued)

In March, the Wright House became home to **Eve's House**. The ladies participate with us on Wednesday nights and occasionally on Sunday morning. One of the challenges women in recovery face is finding employment. If you can be helpful in this regard, please contact **Barbara Stallcup, Jean Lincoln, or Steve Ramp**.

Steve Ramp now serves on the **Pinebelt Christian Women's Job Corps**, which has roots in the Southern Baptist Convention. In Hattiesburg it is an ecumenical outreach to help women prepare for the job market. They are looking for female **Coffee Buddies** to mentor women in the 10-week educational program. Volunteers will meet with a woman once a week to discuss life and faith and to encourage her as she moves towards finding a job and making good choices. Call the **Christian Women's Job Corps** office (544-4855) or Lynn Houston (297-6889) for more info.



In March, the local **TOPS** chapter started meeting at Westminster. They will meet in the parlor at noon every Wednesday. TOPS stands for **Taking Off Pounds Sensibly**. If you need some encouragement in a proven way to drop some pounds, you are invited to participate. This non-profit group, led by **Marilyn Stewart**, is open to anyone. This group is meeting at Westminster because of **Ann Johnson's** friendship with one of the members, **Cathy Sampson**, a Presbyterian transplanted to Hattiesburg from the coast.

## ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP:

To avoid a conflict with Easter Sunday, the Diaconate and Session will meet at their regular times on **April 5**.

Orders for **Easter lilies**, in honor and memory of loved ones, are being taken by the Youth as a fundraiser for \$12 each. The lilies will be arranged at the front of the sanctuary on Easter morning and can be taken home following the service. The honorees will be listed in the bulletin. Signup sheets are in the narthex on the table next to the office.



One of the marks of a healthy church is **strong financial stewardship**. We are fortunate in that regard. Many organizations that we support are hurting. Please keep your pledge as current as possible so we can handle our commitments in a timely fashion.

Thank you. The Session

## PEW BIBLE DEDICATIONS

### GIVEN IN HONOR OF:

Franklin & Dutchie Bryant  
John & Margaret Buckley  
Janet Burke  
Sunny Davis  
Rachel & Brian Ferraro, Sawyer & Ivy Ferraro  
Bradley Kenamond Graham  
Gregg Joseph Graham  
Lee & Georgia Graham  
Parker Guy Graham  
Mary Dayne & Wally Gregg  
Judy Harrell  
Hallie Jeanne Herring  
Jeanne Herring  
Dr. Lee Herring  
Carol & Harry Hickman  
Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe  
Ann Johnson  
Holley Elizabeth Johnson  
James T. (J. T.) Johnson  
Jeanne Little  
Jeanne Little  
George E. Nicholas "Nick"  
Sandra M. Nicholas "Sandy"  
Gene, Brenda & David Owens  
Dr. William B. Pearson  
Rev. Stephen W. Ramp  
Jane & Grayson Rayborn  
Tim & Shannon Roberson  
Connie Roberts  
Michelle & J. J. Rosen, Jake & Max Rosen  
Barbara Stallcup  
Loved Ones

### BY:

Richard & Sharon Potin  
Pamela E. Love  
Grayson & Jane Rayborn  
Janet Burke  
Althea & Raoul Jerome  
Wally & Mary Dayne Gregg  
Wally & Mary Dayne Gregg  
Pamela E. Love  
Wally & Mary Dayne Gregg  
Janet Burke  
Janet Burke  
Brian & Laurie Herring  
Janet Burke  
Mrs. Hallie Jeanne Herring  
Janet Burke  
Janet Burke  
Richard & Sharon Potin  
Nancy & J. T. Johnson  
Nancy & Holley Johnson  
Janet Burke  
Margaret Pearson  
Sandra M. Nicholas  
George E. Nicholas  
Wesley & Rachel Owens  
Lola & Don Norris  
Franklin & Dutchie Bryant  
Janet Burke  
Pamela E. Love  
Pamela E. Love  
Althea & Raoul Jerome  
Janet Burke  
Floyd & Iola Cannedy

## PEW BIBLE DEDICATIONS (continued)

### GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

Miss Bessie Anderson  
Mr. & Mrs. Mal Anderson  
Susan Larsen Boerwinkle  
Margaret Boyd  
Margaret Boyd  
Margaret Woolfolk Boyd  
Amanda Parrish Brown  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles M. Brown  
Mirneal C. Brown  
Alma Jeanette (Monkey) Burns  
Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Compton  
Jane & Bill Cook  
Ruth Ferguson Cummings  
Florence Day  
Pauline Sessler Dennis  
Kevin Dodge  
Barbara Richison Donelson  
Dorothy Jean Eastburn  
Doyle Benjamin Galloway  
Estella Whitbey Galloway  
Florence Gooch  
Luther Cowen Gooch, Jr.  
Dr. David F. Gruchy  
Charles E. Guice, Jr., M.D.  
Charles E. Guice, Jr., M.D.  
Matthew Bryan Guice-Freeman  
Emmett M. Herring  
Roy A. Hogrefe  
Mrs. Roy A. (Sarah) Hogrefe  
Lita Gayle & Olney H. Jerome  
Dr. Ed Johnson  
Mary & Pope Johnson  
Edward A. Larsen  
T. B. Little  
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T. B. Little

### BY:

Beth Richmond  
Beth Richmond  
Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe  
Janet Burke  
Franklin & Dutchie Bryant  
Steve & Ellen Ramp  
Rich & Doris Harnist  
Charles A. Brown  
Charles A. Brown  
Nancy, J. T. & Holley Johnson  
Charles A. Brown  
Nancy, J. T. & Holley Johnson  
Robert & Kathryn Cummings  
Connie Day Roberts  
Charles & Beverly Dennis  
The Cummings Family  
Kathryn Richison Cummings  
Steve & Ellen Ramp  
Estella Galloway Fair  
Estella Galloway Fair  
Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe  
Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe  
Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe  
Jean Guice Lincoln  
Steve & Ellen Ramp  
Jean Guice-Freeman Lincoln  
Brian & Laurie Herring  
Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe  
Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe  
Raoul & Althea Jerome  
His Family  
Nancy, J. T. & Holley Johnson  
Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe  
Franklin & Dutchie Bryant  
Martha Ann & Charles Hogrefe  
Jeanne Little  
Margaret Pearson

**PEW BIBLE DEDICATIONS (continued)**

**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:**

Rodney Alford Little, Sr.  
Rodney Little  
Rodney Little  
Mark & Dorothy McLarnan  
Jean Mennell  
Donald E. Norris, Sr. & Rose B. Norris  
David & Mary Reid  
Theo & Olive Richison  
Rev. Alton L. Roberts  
Jacob W. Ruff  
June & Wilson Ruff  
General Claude S. Sanders  
James C. Whalen & Macie L. Whalen Sartain  
Theresa Setze  
Charles Dana Short  
John C. & Dosha L. Stallcup  
Ralph Stallcup  
Ralph H. Stallcup

Louis U. Thompson III  
Kenneth & Althea Travis  
Lela Roberta Walker  
Margaret Young  
Loved Ones

**BY:**

Steve & Ellen Ramp  
Jeanne Little  
Margaret Little  
Keith & Carolyn McLarnan  
Dorothy Mennell Salge  
Lola & Don Norris  
Keith & Carolyn McLarnan  
Kathryn Richison Cummings  
Robin Roberts  
Wilson & Amy Ruff  
Wilson & Amy Ruff  
Claude G. Sanders  
The Stallcup Family  
Grayson & Jane Rayborn  
Helen B. Short  
The Stallcup Family  
Franklin & Dutchie Bryant  
His Loving Wife Barbara &  
Children Karen & John  
Harry & Carol Hickman  
Raoul & Althea Jerome  
Susan Walker Sanders  
Mary Clare Shaw  
Rich & Doris Harnist

**OTHERS:**

In memory and honor of Mirneal Compton Brown & Charles A. Brown  
by Steve & Ellen Ramp  
In memory and honor of T. B. Little & Jeanne S. Little  
by Steve & Ellen Ramp  
In memory and honor of Charles Dana Short & Helen B. Short  
by Steve & Ellen Ramp  
In memory and honor of Ralph H. Stallcup & Barbara W. Stallcup  
by Steve & Ellen Ramp

**If you see a name on these lists that is incorrect in any way,  
please contact Kay Salter ASAP!!!**

## ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP: (continued)



The Youth need your *stuff* for a **Garage Sale** on Saturday, April 18. They will need plenty of time to sort everything, so you can begin bringing items now to be stored in the Jones House. Clothes and shoes are welcome but no t-shirts, please. Hardware items and appliances should be clean and in working order. We appreciate your donations and encourage you to come shop the bargains starting at 7 am on the 18<sup>th</sup>!

Other upcoming **Youth** activities include:


April 5	Fellowship/supper @ 5 pm	April 19	Fellowship/supper @ 5 pm
April 12	Youth will not meet (Easter)	April 26	Boswell worship @ 3 pm
April 17-18	Youth Lock-in & Garage Sale	May 3	Youth will not meet

*On behalf of the Pine Belt Christian Women's Job Corps, I want to express our sincere appreciation for the contribution that you made to our cause. We are so grateful for people like you who are interested in investing in a ministry that touches the lives of women who are so in need of a helping hand. Please know that we will strive to be good stewards with your money. Pray for us as we seek to follow God's leadership in this work in our community. The need is there and the need is great. Thank you for having an open heart and hand. Most sincerely, Edwina Wills, Financial Coordinator*

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# APRIL

			1 6 pm Potluck followed by Vespers at 6:40	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday NO Communion  Diaconate 12:00 Session 1:30  Youth 5 pm	6	7 PW Co-ord. Team 9:30 am	8  NO Potluck Supper or Service	9 Maundy Thursday service 6 pm	10 <i>Good Friday</i>  Stations of the Cross noon	11 Men's Breakfast 8 am
12  One Great Hour of Sharing No Youth mtg	13	14 PW Circle meetings 9:30 / 7:00	15  Potluck Supper 6 pm	16 ShareCare potluck noon	17  <b>- Youth Lock-In -</b>	18  Garage Sale 7 am
19  Youth 5 pm	20	21 PW Prayer Group 9 am	22  Potluck Supper 6 pm	23	24	25
- B R E A D B A S K E T -						
26  Boswell worship 3 pm	27	28	29  Potluck Supper 6 pm	30	MAY 1	MAY 2
- C U R S I L L O -						
MAY 3 Communion Sunday  Cursillo ends No Youth mtg	MAY 4	MAY 5 PW Co-ord. Team 9:30 am Birthday Offering & Luncheon 11 am	MAY 6  Potluck Supper 6 pm	MAY 7 National Day of Prayer	MAY 8	MAY 9 Men's Breakfast 8 am
10 Diaconate 8:30 Session 1:30  Youth 5 pm	11	12 PW Circle meetings 9:30 / 7:00	13  Potluck Supper 6 pm	14 ShareCare potluck noon	15	16  Ferguson / Weinacker wedding 6 pm
17  Youth 5 pm	18	19 PW Prayer Group 9 am	20  Potluck Supper 6 pm	21	22	23  Mayatt / Ross wedding 2 pm
24 / 31	25	26	27  Potluck Supper 6 pm	28	29	30  Hillman / Strahan wedding 6 pm

