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Community of
Disciples through
Worship and Service

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Good Tidings

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Spring Fling
For Seniors

May 5th

10:00 AM until noon

PRBC Community Center

Games, Crafts, Bingo, Ladder
Ball, Prizes, Snacks

No need to RSVP
— just come and enjoy!

From the Pastors' heart & soul

It had been 20 years since I had been back. How can a place look the same and yet feel so different? Last week I attended the Alliance of Baptists Annual Convocation in Louisville, Kentucky. (This is the event that PRBC hosted 2 years ago. Remember the fun? Remember the tables and chairs and food and coffee? The **Polaskis** were there with me and trust me, Tom and I had flashbacks!!!) Anyway, the Convocation was held in Louisville at the church where Russ and I were members “back in the day.” Crescent Hill Baptist Church is a beautiful church just blocks from the seminary. These 20 years later, I walked in and the first person I saw was Bill Johnson, the Minister of Education, still there moving tables and chairs and hosting us with his steady, consistent, faithful way. And he remembered us. I still can’t believe that – though Russ and I were among the last of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary students who would think of attending Crescent Hill Baptist Church. And then I saw Louie Bailey – still the Minister of Music. Russ and I sang in one of his ensembles. And he seemed to remember me, though he may have just been being nice! And then I ran into my Clinical Pastoral Education supervisor from my time serving as a Hospital Chaplain. As you can imagine, memories flooded back.

On Saturday afternoon I had a couple of free hours, so I walked the few blocks to the seminary campus — a place that changed my life in every way imaginable. And I walked around and knew no one and recognized nothing but the bricks and mortar. I walked through the buildings and just felt odd. You see, just as Russ and I were graduating, the seminary’s leadership took a drastic turn toward the fundamentalist Southern Baptist Convention persuasion, and no sooner than we were gone, the whole place changed. A place where I, as a woman in ministry, was nurtured and encouraged and inspired and challenged, is now a place I do not even recognize. It was simply sad.

Then I set out to walk the couple of miles to Seminary Village — the apartment housing where we lived. I made my way to T-6 and didn’t get reported for snooping or stalking — though I was dying to go inside to see if it was actually as small as I remember it. The friendships, the laughter, the cook-outs, the movies, the Papa John’s pizza orders, the late night papers, the bike rides – those three years in that tiny apartment were some of the best of my life for I made friendships that I still lean on and learn from today. Twenty years is a long time, and yet it was just yesterday. Walking those steps reminded me to savor every piece of the journey and create memories everywhere I go.

A note about this Sunday: I have chosen not to write this article about events that have happened in our world from this last week. As I work on Sunday’s sermon and worship service, I am focusing my thoughts around Peace. Mother’s Day was originally created as a day to encourage peace-making. As we watch the news and speak of the events surrounding Osama bin Laden’s death, I hope you will remember the title of my sermon “How We Respond Really, Really Matters.” Hope to see you Sunday.



Remember in Prayer

Vonetta Abraham—
recovering at home
Hugh Thomas—Mercy Rehab

Remembering Our Friends at Home

Mary Rossiter
335 Hammond Drive, NE, Apt 604
Atlanta, Georgia 30328

Remember to make
your reservations
for Wednesday Night Dinner



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and on facebook as well



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Worship

May 8, 2011

Amy Jacks Dean Preaching

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

How We Respond Really, Really Matters

Assisting with Worship for May 8 —

Acolyte: Evan Davis

Extended Hour Staff— *Infants:* Sharon and Colin Clode ✕ *Toddlers:* Leslie Blum

Pre-Ks: Matt and Martha Kinney and Phillicia Gibson

Superintendent: Melinda Smith

Mission for May Founded in 1973, LIFESPAN transforms the lives of children and adults with developmental disabilities by providing education, employment and enrichment programs that promote inclusion, choice and family support. LIFESPAN's services support individuals with developmental disabilities whose ages range from infant to adult. Currently it serves over 1,200 children and adults. During the month of May, all donations marked "mission" will go to the LIFESPAN program.

Service

Many Thanks to Our Family Promise Workers!

We are grateful to all of these PRBC members for their help.

Crystal Smyth, our breakfast and lunch team leader, did the planning for breakfast and lunches for our guests. Since many of our guests are working at jobs, it is nice for them to pack their lunches each day so that they do not have to purchase them. Those participating were **Linda Hefner, Marinn Bengel, Christine Kellett, Margie Keith, Erin Pettit, Sandra Richardson, LeDayne Polaski, Janet Ratchford and Kelly Burton.**

Kudos to **Tammy and Anna King**, our overnight host team leaders, for arranging for overnight hosts, (Who could say "no" to Anna?), and special thanks go to **Izzy Colon, Chris Gabriel, Russ Dean, Casey Starnes, Jonathan Eidson, Alan Eakes, and Phil Sterling** for filling those nights. We are grateful for the dedication of our overnight hosts. Some of them have done this job many times.

On Saturday, the families were ready for a day of rest and relaxation and were "right at home" in our youth building for the day. Those coming to stay with our families in 2 hour shifts were **Beth Heaton, Jan Burelson, Peggy**

McIntyre, Sally Silden and Jean Gialenios. These hostesses serve as real ambassadors for our church!

During the week, we had PRBC members who brought an evening meal for the families. Wonderful homemade meals were provided and we thank the hands that prepared them.

The **Greg Garrett** family, visiting from Raleigh, helped set up for the families arrival in the youth building after church, and **Jim Neill, Paul Garrett, Greg and Beth Heaton** helped the families move into our building in the afternoon. This same group along with **Craig Zello** helped the families move to St. John's Episcopal Church on May 1 where the Family Promise group will stay for a week. **Beth Heaton, Sally Silden** and several other folks divided up the laundry from the week.

As you can see, *many volunteers are needed* to support this ministry which helps transition homeless families off the streets. The families meet strict criteria to be in the program. For all of them, being in this program is a new "beginning." If you have not volunteered to help in this ministry that our church has supported for 4 years, please consider doing so. Be a part of helping to stamp out homelessness in Charlotte. Contact **Sylvia Garrett** at 704-366-8166, and let her know where

Meeting our Neighbors

Dr. Casey Kimbrough, pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church will be our pulpit guest on Sunday, May 15th, completing our pulpit exchange this year. Several weeks ago Amy preached at Mt. Carmel, and **Lori Gabriel** provided special music. Friday of that week, members of our congregations met together to participate in a "race exchange" program in conjunction with the showing of the Race Exhibit at the Discovery Place Museum. When Dr. Kimbrough preaches for us our youth will sing in worship, their soulful rendition of "The Storm is Passing Over," and we will host a few members of his congregation in fellowship following worship. We're grateful to have this chance to get to know some of our neighbors better. Welcome, Casey!

Senior Trip this Summer?

We are working on a possible day trip for the summer – maybe to the cooler climes of the NC mountains? If you have any suggestions, please let Anne Neal know. And stay tuned, because it's been a while since we traveled together, and we're feeling the itch to get out again!

Additional Wedding Directors Needed

Many people are unaware how much our church facility is used – but it's a hopping place, all day, every day! Among other activities, we host several weddings a year for church members (and non-church members). Providing our facilities is a ministry to this community, and a means of rental income, which aids our budget. A wedding director from PRBC is required for every wedding, and we would like to add a couple of names to this list. Directors are paid for their time. If you would be interested in serving in this capacity (which may mean directing one or two weddings a year), please contact the church office.

Patterson Scholarship Awards Announced

We congratulate **Lindsay Launey**, **Clay Niell**, and **Allie Blum** who are the recipients of the Patterson Scholarship for the 2011-2012 year. Lindsay will be a senior at Wake Forest University and Allie will be a Wake freshman. Clay will be a junior at Campbell University. Each student received \$7,600 toward their tuition.

We thank God for the generosity of John and Ola Patterson!

A One-Day Volunteer Opportunity at Hyaets

Can you provide a few hours to help make a holiday fun for the children in the neighborhood served by Hyaets? We've been asked to provide a "camp day" at the Hyaets House on Memorial Day, May 30. **LeDayne McLeese Polaski** is willing to plan and coordinate the day, but she needs some youth and/or adult volunteers to help. The camp will run from noon to 3:00 PM, and we need volunteers from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM. You can meet LeDayne there, or, if you let her know ahead of time, you can carpool from the PRBC parking lot.

Even just one or two people would be a big help!

If you cannot volunteer but would still like to help, we also need 25 bag lunches for the day.

To volunteer, please contact LeDayne at 704.523.8279.

Recycling Responsibilities

This Week: Charlotte Fletcher
Week of May 9:
Bob and Brucie Clare

May 11

HYMN SING following Wednesday Night Dinner

Join us as we travel down memory lane to sing oldie-goldies as well as current favorites. Your hymn requests will fill most of the evening, so come with your favorites in mind! Children (four years old and older) will join us to sing and celebrate this important part of our heritage. See you there!

Summer Singers

Last summer, the Sanctuary Choir enjoyed the company of quite a few PRBC singers who can't join us year round, but can add their joyful noise during the summer months. If this sounds like a great plan to you, please join us when in town this summer! Summer Singers will begin rehearsing with us on Wednesday, June 15, at 7:30 PM in the Choir Room. Please contact Anne to reserve your spot!



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THIS WEEK AT PRBC

Sunday, May 8, 2011

9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship
7:00 PM FH reserved for Basketball
5-7:30 PM Informal Youth

Monday, May 9, 2011

9:00-10:00 AM Sr. Ex. Class-FH
6:30 PM Ministry Council—CC505

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

10:00 AM Needlers—LIB
6:15 PM Web ACTION TEAM—CFR

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

10:00 AM Staff Meeting—LIB
Wednesday Night Fellowship or Activities
5:30-7:30 PM
5:30-6:15 PM DINNER
6:15-7:30 PM - HYMN SING
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—CR

Thursday, May 12, 2011

9:00-10:00 AM Sr. Ex. Class-FH
6:30 PM Companions in Christ—Huskey
Classroom

Friday, May 13, 2011

7:30 AM Men's Bible Study—Tryon House

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM—4:30 PM
Friday 8:30 AM—3:00 PM

CHURCH STAFF

Carolyn Boone
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Russ and Amy Jacks Dean
PASTORS

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