



March 19, 2010

The Catfishian

A newsletter for Providence United Methodist Church

OUR MISSION

Providence Church is a community of faith whose purpose is to make committed disciples of Jesus Christ and to share God's love in the community.

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Upcoming Events

March 19
Cardboard City
Oak Hollow Farm
details in Youth News

April 24
1st Annual PUMC
Catfish Chase

March 28
Buy Chicken Salad from
the Youth after the
Service to support the
Youth

April 3
PUMC Easter Egg Hunt
10:00 a.m.

Youth News

Cardboard City- March 19th

Join us as we become "homeless" for a night @ Oak Hollow Farm in Fairhope in the 2nd Annual Cardboard City in Baldwin County. More info and a sign up sheet is in the Gathering Area.

CHICKEN SALAD ANYONE????

In Support of the Youth Mission Trip this summer, we will be selling pints of chicken salad for \$5/pint in the fellowship hall on **Sunday, March 28**, immediately following the service. To ensure you get your chicken salad and to get an idea for how much we need to make, you can pre-order your chicken salad. There is a sign up sheet beside the Wednesday Dinner sign up sheet in the fellowship hall.

Mission Camp/Summer Camp

The last day to sign up for Mission Camp (rising 9+ grade) or Summer Camp (rising 6-8 grade) and be guaranteed a spot is **March 28th**. Sign up sheet is in the Gathering Area.

MISSIONS

EASTER BASKETS DUE THIS SUNDAY

For all of you who so lovingly volunteered to provide a basket for kids in need of one, this Sunday is the final day for bringing it in. Thanks so much for your abundant giving!

REMEMBER THE **CATFISH CHASE** (April 24) AND THE RELAY FOR LIFE (the following weekend)

And now, for something completely different...

A BRIEF BUT EXCITING FOOD DRIVE FOR ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES

As in recent years past, we have requested a list of items that are immediate needs for their pantry, as well as ongoing needs. At the same time, we are using any contacts we can think of to get quantities of needed food for less than we'd otherwise pay. Your help is needed to provide more of the remaining items as you are blessed to give. A sheet with the list of ongoing and immediate needs should be included in your bulletin this Sunday. Of course, whether it is requested or not, you may certainly use this as an excuse to clean out your family pantries and donate those items that have been accumulating over the eons without consumption. No doubt this could be a time of personal wonder and amazement ("what was I thinking?") as well as entertainment. The drive will end April 18.

My family and I will be absent this Sunday, but you will be in our thoughts and prayers. As always, thanks for your giving in every way.

Love and peace,
Clark

You're Invited...

A RELATIVELY QUICK REVIEW OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

You are invited to attend a study reviewing the entire Old Testament, specifically in light of the believers listed in Hebrews 11. It will begin on April 11 (the week after Easter) and probably run about 3 months. The class, entitled "Old Testament Believers" includes a booklet (put together by Julie), audio sessions online, and class discussions. Increase or refresh your knowledge of the Old Testament! Learn from the examples of believers throughout the ages how to believe God for help and deliverance in your life! All for a low, low price of... nothing (but your attendance). We'll be meeting in room 2 during Sunday school.

See ya there,
Clark

THANK YOU

We thank everyone so much for your prayers, visits, food, emails, phone calls and cards. We both appreciate your love and support during our illnesses.

Joanne and Russ Bailey

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Plan to fill your spiritual needs, share your concerns & receive Christian fellowship at one of the following groups:

Monthly Mornings:

Leader: Liz Byrne

Monthly Evenings: The Women's Evening Bible Study Group will meet this Sunday, March 21st, from 6:00-7:30 in Room 2 of the church. We will be comparing the Gospel accounts from the Lord's Supper thru Jesus's burial.

Leader: Mary Harris

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Once again, PUMC will host our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 3 at 10:00 a.m.
Each child should be a dozen candy or treat-filled eggs.



Wednesday Night Supper

April 7 at 6:00 is our next Wednesday night meal and the menu is:

Fried chicken
Macaroni and Cheese
Coleslaw
Biscuits
Dirt Cake

ALL THINGS RELAY!

April 24: PUMC's 1st Annual Catfish Chase 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Fun Run! This is something everyone of us can get involved with. You and/or you business can support the team by sponsoring the race, running in the race (entry forms are on the Relay table in the fellowship area and available on the church's website) or volunteering your time in helping set up/clean up. AND SPREAD THE WORD.

April 30: RELAY FOR LIFE

To donate to the team visit:

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY10MS?team_id=568357&pg=team&fr_id=22445&fl=en_US&s_tafld=433522

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY TO...



March:

- 21 Kay Myers, Zach Seamon
- 22 Jackson Tunks
- 23 Earl & Maureen Gentry's Anniversary, Orenda Ramsey
- 25 Stan Cotton, Susan Percy
- 26 Brenda Gibson
- 29 Rick Davis, Sara Neal

WHOM TO CONTACT

Prayer Ministry:

Send your prayer requests to Joanne Wermuth 625-0053 or wermuthr@bellsouth.net

Flowers for the church:

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Donate to Relay for Life
http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY10MS?team_id=568357&pg=team&fr_id=22445&fl=en_US&s_tafld=433522

PUMC WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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| Sunday Night MYF | 6:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday Night for Kids | 6:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday Night Adult/Youth Choir Practice | 7:00 p.m. |

Is there a Graduate in your household?

Graduation will be here soon. If you have a graduate in your household please contact Cheryl Pischek by e-mail, drrvp@gulftel.com or call (251) 945-5007. Graduation Sunday will be May 16, 2010. We will recognize all graduates from high school and college, so let us know the name of your graduate!

Christian Education

Clark Ratcliffe' adult class will continue their study on "Prayer" until April 11th. A new study entitled "Old Testament Believers" will begin on this date. Based on a seminar by Bruce Mahone, the study will include a relatively quick and easy review of the entire Old Testament with a special emphasis on the Believers listed in Hebrews 11. The study will last approximately three months. All are welcome to attend..

The Young Adult Sunday School class is for those in their 20's and 30's and meets in Room 1. A study of favorite Psalms will begin on March 21st. All are welcome for study and fellowship. A nursery and Sunday School are provided for all children.

WOW!!! Study: New Year's Revolution.

He tackles virtually every life situation that Christians encounter day-to-day (even the ones that make us uncomfortable). He knows the importance of encouraging each other, and of staying true to our faith. He doesn't mince words, but he does speak in love. He is the Apostle Paul, and when studied and applied, his teachings will revolutionize your walk of faith in this New Year. Drexel Gilbert leads The WOW!!! Sunday School class to seek Godly solutions to everyday real-life situations in this study of the letters from Paul.

The Prime Timers led by Rev. Bob Sweet are studying the Sermon on the Mount.

The Senior High and Middle School Youth continue the study of Character based on Old Testament figures. The study of Samuel continues on March 21st in the lesson Hearing God's Voice. Samuel, a Prophet of Israel, does what God commands even if it makes him uncomfortable. On March 28th they will study Israel's first human king, Saul. The people rejected Yahweh as King and asked to be like the other nations. They forgot the source of their strength the One and Only God. The Easter lesson on April 4th is the Truth of the Resurrection is the hope for all believers. Students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades are invited to the Middle School class and all students in the 9th, 10th and 12th grades to the Senior High Class.

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Christian Education

I have been asked by several people to put the items that are still needed in the kitchen. I will put 10 items with varying price ranges on the list. If you would like to donate money for any of these items, then write kitchen on the bottom of your check, and please email orendar@bellsouth.net with the item that you would like to be purchased:

1. Digital Scale- \$123.44
2. 60 quart stockpot - \$ 86.40
3. 14" nonstick fry pans- \$39.91 (2 needed)
4. 20 quart stock pot - \$32.74 lid- \$7.00 (2 needed)
5. 10" knife- \$26.66 (2 needed)
6. 10 quart sauce pan \$24.64
7. 10" nonstick fry pans- \$22.76 (2 needed)
8. Steam pan lids- \$11.80 (15 needed)
9. Bowls of varying sizes \$5.71 (10 needed)
10. Whisks- \$4.28 (3 needed)

As items are purchased, I will update the lists in the future Catfishian newsletter.

KITCHEN CLEANING

Hopefully, everyone has had a chance to see our beautiful church kitchen. We are so proud of the way it turned out! Since the church and many donors have spent thousands of dollars to complete the kitchen, we want to take care of it so that everything will last for years to come. That being said, our cleaning company DOES NOT clean the kitchen because it would cost almost as much as we pay to clean the rest of the church. So, if you use anything in the kitchen or even just dump something down the sink, please be sure to clean up after yourself.

We are looking for volunteers to help us clean the kitchen at least every couple of weeks. This includes sweeping, wiping down the tables, and cleaning the floors. If you feel that you can help in any way, even if it's just once a month or less, please contact:

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Our Vision

Trusting in God's faithfulness, Providence Church is called to be a Christ-centered congregation committed to spiritual growth through traditional worship and Christian education. As disciples of Christ, we serve through missions, outreach and evangelism.