



# First Presbyterian Church of Hemet

## FIRST WORD

October 1, 2009

Sundays, come join us for...

- 9:00 am  
The Heritage Service in the Chapel — Old time hymns and verse by verse Bible Study
- 10:00—10:30 am  
Fellowship on the Patio
- 10:30 am  
The Sanctuary Service

### Pastor's Column



Pastor Larry Thorson

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## Bible Studies

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The Wednesday morning Bible class, led by James Nuoffer, has resumed meeting on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am in the Fireside Room. This group is studying the Book of Romans. The only things you need to bring are you and your Bible—we'll supply the rest. Join us in looking at St. Paul's masterpiece of Christian thought, Romans.

We will meet on the first, third, and fifth Wednesdays of the month.

Everyone is welcome!

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## Library News

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Bernice Cole  
Church Librarian

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## CIRCLE NEWS

There are now five PW circles which are meeting regularly.

Lydia, Martha and Rebekah circles meet on the 4th Fridays at the church during the day.

Esther and Sarah circles meet in the evenings in the homes of members.

For more information, please call Joyce Emery at 658-2549.

## Announcements

### Fall Sale

The Fall Sale will be held on November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> this year. Donations are being accepted each Monday and Thursday from 9:30 am - 11:30am in the Family Center. Please no clothes or jewelry. We need household items only. For questions contact Darlene Clark at (951) 325-7173 or Susan Gray at (951) 652-3838.

BIRTHDAYS	September 2	Wilma Newton
	September 3	Linda McMorran Douglas Pumphrey
	September 4	Shirley Ross
	September 7	Jean Burritt
	September 9	Tanya Crull
	September 10	John Kolasz
	September 11	Mildred Emmel
	September 12	Earl Enger
	September 13	Dean Baker Patricia Brunson
	September 14	Irma Carter
	September 16	Alta Brandow
	September 22	Gerald Lyman Bernard "Buzz" Sprague Ron VanOstenbridge Patricia Whitworth
	September 23	Frances Cline
	September 24	Anita Brown
	September 25	Muriel Kennedy Peggy Wales
	September 26	Zona Crowl
	September 30	Martha Thorson

## ANNIVERSARIES

September 8, 1944	Albert and Edna (Kit) Perry	65
September 13, 1947	John and Bernice Irwin	62



CELEBRATE



## Presbyterian Women

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### Greetings from your Presbyterian Women:

We are back in full action after enjoying (?) summer. (It was way too hot!). We are ready to start another great year of fellowship together.

Our circles have had their first meetings and have dove into the study of the Book of Joshua. We hope to have an enjoyable time together learning about this man, Joshua. It will be a great year of fellowship together.

Now for the fun! We are getting ready for our annual Fall Festival Sale on Friday and Saturday, November 6th and 7th. We invite everyone to help in any of the following ways: (1) Donate household items - no clothing or jewelry, please; (2) Come to the Family Center on any Monday or Thursday from 9:30 am—11:30 am to help; (3) Help out on the days of the sale; (4) Donate baked goods, homemade jams, candy, homegrown fruit, etc, or donate craft items; (5) Contribute toward the cost of food items for the lunch; (6) Donate craft items; (7) Come have lunch at the sale. It is good! And a big one... (8) Come to the sale and buy the "stuff" you donated last year, as Dr. Owens used to say. Just please come. We want you to have a great day with friends. There is also going to be a raffle for a beautiful handsewn quilt that we donated by Pat Zanders.

Thank you to everyone who contributed the 300 recipes for our 100th Anniversary Church Cookbook. It is at the publishers now and will be available in time for you to give as Christmas gifts to all your friends and family. We have had a wonderful response and are expected to sell the 300 books ordered, easily, as 150 have already been reserved. You can reserve yours by sending a check for \$12.00 per book + \$2.00 shipping to: Joyce Emery, 2958 Cypress St., Hemet 92545. If you have already paid \$14.00 and will be picking up your book(s) up at the church, you will be refunded \$2.00 at that time. It is such a bargain and a keepsake, with a photo of our church on the cover of the 3 -ring binder. The recipes are absolutely wonderful! Thanks to all of you great cooks!

Our first luncheon is on Friday, October 9th at 11:30 am. Esther Circle is "cooking up" something good they say. Make your reservations by calling the church office at 658-7153 by Tuesday, October 6th. The cost is \$7.00, which includes more than just lunch. If you have never been to one of our luncheons, we invite you to be our guest (free). But you still need to make a reservation. Just let the office know that you are coming as our guest.

Church Women United (an organization comprised of members of all faiths from within the community) is planning a fathering at Winchester United Methodist Church on Thursday, October 8th at 10:00 am. It is a potluck lunch, so bring a dish to serve 6 - 8 and join in on the day in celebration of World Community Day. No reservations required. The first 25 persons in attendance will receive a free "Save the Earth" cloth grocery bag. Please contact Mary Adams at 925-6108 for further information.

Hope to see you soon!

Patty Werley & Joyce Emery

Co-Moderators, Presbyterian Women

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## Small Groups Now Forming for 2009

### ANNUAL CHURCH AUDIT

The first two sessions of our year-long Small Group Series were very successful! Everyone in attendance agreed the church is required to conduct an annual audit of its financial records. We need a few volunteers who have previous auditing or bookkeeping experience to serve on the audit team. For more information, please contact our church treasurer, Dave Weakley, at 928-2599. The wrap-up pot luck lunch will be Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity to make new friends, grow in your faith and experience God's glory! Study material, dates and time will be announced at a later date. Watch for sign-up sheets in Sunday bulletins.

## Pastor's Column (Continued from page 1)

### Bible Study

#### Bible Quiz

Here's another chance to test your knowledge of the Bible (we had our first quiz a few months ago). The answers are at the bottom of the page (don't peek).



1. What is the Alpha and Omega?
  - A. A fraternity house on the USC campus.
  - B. A law firm specializing in Greek immigration law.
  - C. A description of Jesus found in the book of Revelation.
  - D. Another name for the Old and New Testaments.
  
2. Before the Apostle Paul was converted on the Damascus road, he was:
  - A. a Republican.
  - B. a Pharisee.
  - C. a professor of systematic theology.
  - D. On his way to take a Mediterranean cruise.
  
3. The four Gospels are: Matthew, Mark, Luke and
  - A. James.
  - B. Jonah.
  - C. Joshua.
  - D. John.
  
4. Who was the only woman to be a Judge over Israel?
  - A. Ruth.
  - B. Miriam.
  - C. Deborah.
  - D. Sarah.
  
5. The last book of the Christian Bible is Revelation. The last book of the Jewish Bible is Chronicles. True or False.

1. C. Revelation 1:8 - 2. B. Acts 26:5 - 3. D. - 4. C. Judges 4 and 5  
 5. True. The order of books in the Jewish Bible is different than the Christian versions. Chronicles is last.

## Music Notes

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From Mary Ellen

It is terrific to have the Chancel Choir back in the loft on Sunday mornings. I hope you have enjoyed their original "commercials" and that they might encourage some of you to come Wednesday evenings (6:30-8:30) and try us out.



The following quote is attributed to Sir Thomas Beecham who was a guest conductor with the New York Philharmonic from 1928, founder of the London Philharmonic Orchestra (1932), artistic director of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden and influential in promoting classical music for U. S. and British audiences:

"Great music is that which penetrates the ear with facility and leaves the memory with difficulty.

Magical music never leaves the memory."

May the music that we sing at First Presbyterian of Hemet be Godly magical music that will inspire, encourage and uplift us as we seek to please Him who gave us the glorious gift of music!

### MUSICAL DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Sunday morning, October 18th – Grant Crowl - (Zona and Glenn Crowl's grandson)

Special music from the Chancel Choir for Reformation Sunday, October 25th

November 15th, 3:00 p.m. – New Song Ladies Choir from California Baptist University

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## Announcements

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Sunday, December 6th – Chancel Choir Christmas concert, followed by an all church cookie fellowship. More detailed information will be announced in the future as to time.



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## Crafty People Of FPC

It's time to pull out those UFO's (unfinished objects) and get them finished in time for the fall sale! As in the spring, we will be collecting "hand crafted items" for the craft table at the sale. We have a new location this year – next to the jewelry table, which we hope will give us more exposure. We expect Christmas items to be a best seller in the fall. If you have any questions call Lynn Browning, (951) 926-6382.

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## For I Was Hungry

Mt 25:35

for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me (NRSV)

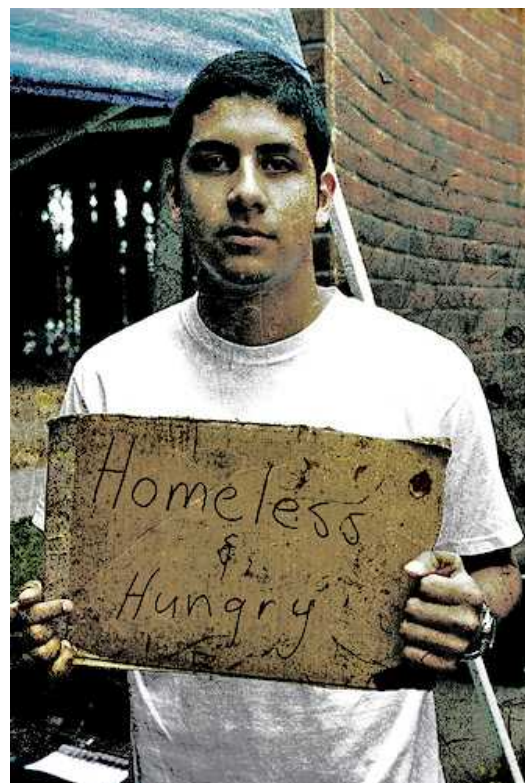
Many thanks to all of you who so generously provided food or donated money toward the sack lunch program for the homeless and hungry. The need is so great but thanks to all of you there has been a meal waiting for each person five days a week! As more people are using the program the need for food grows by leaps and bounds. Here are some interesting statistics: In January when the program started we gave out 227 lunches, in February 234, March 352, April 337, May 346, June 458 and July 585.

We provide pop-top cans of Vienna sausage or pork and beans, applesauce or other fruit cups, individual packets of napkins, spoons and individual wrapped hard candies. When money is provided, we buy in quantity to keep the price down as much as possible.

So a special thanks to all of you generous givers, those who help financially and those who so willingly give their time to hand out lunches. Besides our own dear congregation, members of six other churches assist as volunteers and the Berean Baptist Church provides their own meals on Tuesdays. The Old Mission Thrift Shop provides vouchers for clothing and another source makes sure that Bibles are always available for everyone.

God continues to rain down His blessings on this hunger program. Isn't it great!

Thanks again and God bless you all.



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