

THE BRIDGE

May 2012

Our Core Values

and Definition

1. Follow Jesus

To follow Jesus is to accept the gifts of salvation and grace and to demonstrate the love of God through service to our community and the world by witnessing to the abundant life shared by the children of God.

(Reference scripture: Mark 12: 29-31)

2. Grow Spiritually

To grow spiritually is to be receptive to the Holy Spirit working in us and transforming the Body of Christ through the renewing gifts of prayer, study, and Christian fellowship

(Reference scripture: Romans 12: 1-2)

Our

Vision Statement

We are a community of believers welcoming all to worship, pray, grow spiritually and to passionately pursue God's work.

Our

Mission Statement

Spreading God's way of life through spiritual growth and passionate service.

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Pastor's Corner

Pentecost is the celebration of the day the Holy Spirit came to the disciples. Before the empowerment by the Spirit, the disciples were timid. They were unable to reach out with the good news of God's salvation, which came through Jesus' death and resurrection. After the Spirit came to them, they had power and courage to tell others the wonderful news of God's salvation. They had power to heal. This year Pentecost is celebrated on Sunday, May 27. Our celebration of Pentecost is a powerful reminder that the Holy Spirit has never left this congregation. Because of the empowerment of the Spirit, we can be confident about our strength in God and our ability to do ministry. Now is the time to re-dedicate our congregation to our Mission statement, which is "Spreading God's way of life through spiritual growth and passionate service." Now is the time to refocus on our shared ministries, and to listen to God as he calls us to follow him. The power of the Spirit brings excitement and new vitality to the church. This month, we will receive the Holy Spirit who will empower us to follow God in his direction.

Peace,

Edgar



Mother's Day Offering

In Luke 2:19 we read "But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart," NKJ. Mothers tuck treasured memories away in their hearts and think about them all through the years as they watch a child grow and move in to a life of their own.

At Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina we are privileged to experience many treasured moments in our special relationship with residents and their families. Moments that come to mind often and give us pause as we go about our ministry.

The moment we read a note from a family member who says that God provided for her mother in many ways, one being the care she received at Presbyterian Communities. The moment experienced by a family member who came for a visit and heard a hymn being sung to their loved one by a nursing assistant.

Presbyterian Communities continues to expand its services and has created vibrant, caring retirement communities across our state. The five locations - Clinton, Columbia, Florence, Easley and Summerville - are active senior living communities with dedicated, skilled staff who count it a privilege to serve residents in safe, comfortable, loving surroundings.

In 2011, with our church's help, PCSC provided charitable care for over 50 residents, members of Presbyterian Church (U.S. A.) churches who qualified for assistance. Our cost was nearly \$1.5 million. In 2012 the cost of charitable care is expected to be approximately the same amount. In the past 20 years Presbyterian Communities has given over \$30 million in charitable care.

Now, we have an opportunity to make a difference. We will be joining with others in honoring and celebrating mothers, grandmothers, aunts - women who have helped us grow and remembered our treasured moments.

On Sunday, May 13th, we will have an opportunity to share in the Mother's Day Offering for Presbyterian Communities. Please give generously—they are counting on us!



Potluck Lunch

May 6

following worship (1st Sunday this month)



Doby's Ladies

Tea Luncheon

with a glimpse of Fashion

Saturday, May 19, 2012

Tickets are on sale through May 6th for the Annual Ladies Luncheon.

Tickets are \$14.00.

Please contact Kathy Kirby to purchase tickets.
(547-4665)

This year we will host a tea luncheon with a glimpse of fashion. The luncheon will be catered by Savannah's Tea Room. Hostesses for the Ladies Luncheon are asked to meet on May 6 following worship for a brief meeting.

Special Services Committee Meeting

Sunday, May 6 at 5:00 pm

Your Help is Needed!

Each summer the church needs volunteers to help with Children's Church during worship. We are looking for helpers for the months of June, July, and August. You may sign up for one, two, or more Sundays. Please sign up in the Narthex or by calling or e-mailing the church office.



SUMMER CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Going By Faith

Sunday, July 8th to Thursday, July 12th

Mark your calendars now!!

VBS



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Classes and activities for all ages.

Snack supper at 6:00 pm. Activities from 6:30-8:00 pm

For more information or volunteer to help, please contact Sis Silvers.

Financial Update



Gifts Received

January - March 2012

\$31,931

Budgeted Ministry Needs

January - March 2012

\$39,675

Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to respond to his faithfulness.



Graduate Recognition

If you know of anyone in the church family graduating from high school or college, please let Edgar know as soon as possible. You can email him at edgar@dobysbridge.org or call the church office (547-5240).



Sunday May 6, 2012 2-5pm

Come enjoy an afternoon at camp canoeing, making s'mores, arts and crafts, archery, cabin tours, snacks and more. Bring the whole family for a fun day at camp!

SUMMER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER! HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR CAMP YET?

With the summer fast approaching, camp is just around the corner! Plans are well underway for another great summer at Bethelwoods, and we want you to be a part of the fun. The programs this summer have something for everyone- outrageous games, creative worship, fun in the pool, new friends, cook-outs, campfires, and conversations that will help you discover what God has done and is doing in your life. For the more adventurous camper, Bethelwoods offers several programs that emphasize having fun in the outdoors. Adventure camps this summer include Riverwalkers and Woodwise as well as special programs such as Wet 'N' Wild, Rock Hike and Raft, and Mission Adventure. Many camps fill early so register today! Camp brochures are available at the church or go online at www.bethelwoods.org. You can also contact Bethelwoods at info@bethelwoods.org or (803) 366-3722 for additional information.