

December 2015

# Providence Ponderings

## Recap of November Revival Series

Our November Revival Series was a huge success! More than 60 people attended each service to be encouraged and inspired to keep the faith during challenging times.

The first night of the Revival Series started off with a chili supper. The service began with praise singing led by Brad and Deb Reed. The PCC choir inspired us to think about Jesus' second coming with the song *What a Day That Will Be*. The Crute family sang with Julie Burton at the piano and acapella. Then Pastor Kris Sorensen discussed the dash in our lives. He asked us to consider how we are living the dash between our birth and death dates on our tombstones.



Before the second revival service, attendees enjoyed refreshments provided by Christian Women's Fellowship. This service featured special music from several PCC children, including praise singing with the children's choir, a piano special by Lila Miles and a flute duet by Kaylee Hoagland and her friend Olivia Edens. Rev. Tracy M. Ross preached another powerful

message, this one based on Isaiah 53:4-5.

After enjoying refreshments together, attendees at the final service were treated with praise singing and special music by Reconciled. Pastor Dean Combs encouraged attendees through the altar call song *I Am* to hold on to God in the storm and let Him "set our hearts on fire." With the choir's special music – *Where Could I Go?* – they inspired us to seek refuge with God. Reconciled closed our Revival Series with *I Am*.

Thank you to everyone who attended our revival services. We pray that the services showed you that the Savior is waiting to receive you!

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# Christmas events at PCC



*Christian Women's  
Fellowship  
Christmas Tea*

*Friday, Dec. 4  
6:30 p.m.*

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## Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec. 6  
3 p.m.

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## Christmas Sunday Worship Service

Sunday, Dec. 20  
10 a.m.

*Featuring a cantata by the PCC Choir  
and a children's Christmas presentation*

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## Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, Dec. 24  
11 p.m.

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## CHILDREN'S NEW YEAR'S PARTY

SUNDAY, JAN. 3  
3 P.M.

Providence Christian Church



*The staff of PCC*

*wishes you a*

*Merry Christmas*

*and a*

*Happy New Year!*

# 2016 PCC board officers

In November, the church congregation voted to approve the 2016 slate of officers:

**Board President** – Jamie Zeilinga

**Board Vice President** – Sandy Hoagland

**Board Secretary** – Teresa Clark

## **Elders**

Connie Clark

Mike Clark

Judy Eldridge

Bruce Findley

Barry Lutzke

Susan Lutzke

Alice Sutton

Katrina Vollmer

## **Deacons**

Kye Baker

Annette Barr

Vince Barr

Kimberly Briskey

Michael Briskey

Hartlee Chadwell

Roxane Chadwell

Andy Findley

Steve Love

Mike Miles

Roger Plummer

Jennifer Stearns

## **Deaconesses**

Julie Burton

Linda Sandlin

Sharon Silcox

Deb Wise

## **Trustees**

George Burton (1 year)

Karen Morrison (3 years)

Zach Vaught (1 year)

John Zeilinga (2 years)

# 2016 budget

In November, the church congregation voted to approve the 2016 budget.

Next year's budget is set for \$149,827.

The 2015 budget was \$143,047.

# Board reports

Board reports are available on the bulletin board outside the administrative assistant's office.

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# Missions - PCC is Serving His World

## Dr. Mary Ruth Wise

Mary Ruth recently spent some time in Lima, assisting co-workers with grammar and a dictionary. She also met with five of the Yanasha' who participated in a course on translation principles sponsored by the Peruvian Bible Society. She talked with them about how to start translating the Old Testament. For several years, some churches have requested help with translating the Old Testament or at least parts of it. Please pray that the details will come together for them to start the translation project in early 2016.

## Yon Chesy Suarez Chavez

Starting this month, the Outreach Committee will begin raising support for our new Church Multiplication Network church planter. We have selected to sponsor the education of and the Scripture support for Yon Chesy Suarez Chavez.

Yon Chesy ministers in San Rafael, Peru. He said the people in this area initially were against the Gospel message. Yon Chesy decided to begin his ministry here because he



recognized the great spiritual need in this area. He already is working to establish a congregation and has ministered to more than 100 people, led 50 to conversion, baptized 22, and leads a small Bible study group.

The total cost for his education and Scripture resources is \$1,500. If you would like to help fund Yon Chesy's work in Peru, you may make checks payable to "Providence Christian Church" and include "Church Planter" in the memo line.

## Johnson County Thanksgiving Banquet

Members of the Preteen Youth Group volunteered at this year's Johnson County Thanksgiving Banquet held at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. Thanks to Preteen Youth Group Directors Barry and Susan Lutzke for organizing our students' participation!

## Providence Christian Church Mission Partners

Silvia Balcazar - Ecuador  
Samuel Chung - China  
Mike Ginter - CSI  
Krista Goff - Greece  
Marggy Hensley - CSI  
Sovann Keo - Cambodia  
Ricardo Marquez - Ecuador

Duyen Nguyen - Vietnam  
Elva Novillo Quito - Ecuador  
Elizabeth Nyakudanga - Zimbabwe  
Leonor Solis - Ecuador  
Yon Chesy Suarez Chavez - Peru  
Dr. Mary Ruth Wise - Peru  
Florentino Zarate - Peru

Interchurch Food Pantry  
of Johnson County  
KIC-IT  
Multiplication Network  
Ministries  
St. Thomas Free Clinic

# News from the congregation

## Preteen Youth Group

For its December service project, the Preteen Youth Group will prepare shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. The youth are seeking donations of shoeboxes, hygiene items, and small nonperishable snacks. Donations can be given to Susan Lutzke.

## Bible study

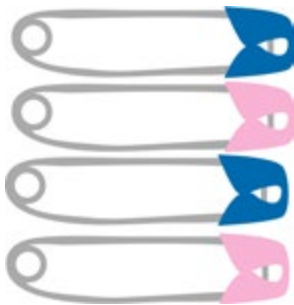
Our weekly Bible study meets on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. The Bible is our main source of study,



but the outline for study comes from Arno Froese's book *119 Most Frequently Asked Questions About Prophecy*. New members are welcome any time throughout the series! Pastor Steve leads the study.

## Births

Congratulations to Jeff, Holly, Jacob, and Rylan Spicer who welcomed Samantha Kay into their family. She was born on Nov. 9 and weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz. Samantha's great-grandmother is Louise Spicer, and her aunt is Carma Kipfer.



## Marriages

Congratulations to Scott Setser and Shelley Reid who were married on Nov. 7 at Providence Christian Church. Dr. Steve Sorensen officiated the ceremony. Scott and Shelley reside in Greenwood.



## Sympathy

PCC extends our sympathy to the family of Tina Bolin who went to be with our Lord on Oct. 20.

PCC also extends our sympathy to the family of Donald Davison who went home to be with our Lord.

## A note of thanks

Dear friends in Christ,

Thank you for your continued prayers for our dad. He misses being with you on Sundays and greatly appreciates the cards and visits. Currently, Dad is not "losing ground" but also is not making much progress according to medical benchmarks. He will be moving from therapy into the nursing home section some time in December.

We do want to thank the "Good Samaritan" who mowed Dad's yard a couple of times this fall. Your kindness was greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Pastor Steve, for your visits with Dad. He is in good hands, and we will continue to keep in contact with our favorite church family.

Thank you again and again for keeping Dad in your prayers.

Sincerely,  
Roy, Glenn, and Carol Deer

# Memorial contributions

## Stanley Shuler Memorial Gifts

In addition to the donors listed in our last newsletter, these individuals also contributed to this fund:

Cathy Sledge  
Katrina Vollmer

## Gene Thompson Memorial Fund Gifts

In addition to the donors listed in our last newsletter, these individuals also contributed to this fund:

Mike and Connie Clark  
Jason and Carol Gehrs  
Darrell and Melanie Hall

Chris and Angie Ludwig  
and Family  
Roger and Mary Plummer  
Cathy Sledge  
Michael and Andi Webb  
and Family



# Prayer concerns

- Maggie (Michaela Smith's teammate) – Car accident
- Laura Beck – Leukemia
- Heather Boyle – Cancer remission
- Kim Briskey's mother, Jackie – Hip, perforated bowel
- Kaleb Buck – Cancer
- Courtney Burton – Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Pauline Clem – Neurological
- Linda Coller – Home
- David Deer – Recuperation
- Noble Deer – Pneumonia
- Ed Denman – Cancer
- Brad Dillion – Cancer
- Christopher Eldridge – Heart
- Gary Frances – Residing with the Barrs
- Pat Gillett – Masonic Home
- Bob Hoagland – Cancer, stroke
- Jimmy Jones
- Donald Julian – Stroke rehab
- Doris Leslie – Recuperation
- Frank Marshall – Heart
- Lois Middleton – Eyes
- Michael Parkhurst – Cancer
- Julie Pottorff – Seizures
- Cindy Quevdo – Dialysis, kidney infection
- Nicole Richards – Cancer
- Jeff Rollings – New kidney
- Natasha Rollings – Kidney donation
- Rhonda Rund – New heart
- Betty Sedam – Recuperation
- Cole Setser – Motorcycle accident
- Melissa Shaw – Cancer
- Susan Sloop – Cancer remission
- Josh Speidel – Brain injury
- Tim Stearns – Vision
- Judy Stewart – Esophageal surgery
- Emma Stumpf – Brain tumor
- Bill Thompson – Treatment
- Max Wise – Juvenile diabetes

# Happy birthday!

**December 2**

Mariam Jones  
Susan Lutzke

**December 4**

Kegan Jochim

**December 5**

Ken Potter  
Alice Sutton  
Emma Taylor

**December 7**

Mark Hunter

**December 10**

Betty Combs Sedam  
Monica Short

**December 12**

Hannah Fox

**December 14**

Travis Bishop  
Alysha Hartwell

**December 16**

Brook Findley

**December 18**

Seth Brown  
Hartlee Chadwell  
Shelly Smith  
Steve Wentzell

**December 19**

Gracie Bradley

**December 20**

Ryan Byrd  
Tegan Oren

**December 24**

Clint Taylor

**December 25**

Jennifer Ort

**December 26**

Jeff Abercrombie  
Barb Mickler

**January 1**

Tristan Oren

**January 2**

Linda Chadwell

**January 3**

Mallory Abercrombie

**January 5**

Sarah Brown  
Madison Stearns

**January 8**

Noah Lane Gallagher  
Mike Massey

**January 9**

Dana Christianson

**January 12**

Maria Boyd  
Mike Naylor  
Cody Stubbeman

**January 13**

Dr. Doug Bullington

**January 14**

Angela Stark

**January 16**

Abbye Eastham  
Charlene Legan

**January 18**

Andrew Neutzmann  
Blake Shaul

**January 20**

Andy Findley

**January 21**

Deanna Burton

**January 23**

Ashlee Eastham

**January 24**

Kenny Eldridge

**January 26**

Crystal Glendy

**January 27**

Rosemary Deer Torrance

**January 28**

Michael J. Parkhurst



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## *Providence Christian Church calendar*

### **Friday, Dec. 4**

Christian Women's Fellowship  
Christmas Tea at 6:30 p.m.

### **Sunday, Dec. 6**

Children's Christmas Party at 3 p.m.

### **Sunday, Dec. 13**

Preteen Youth Group Meeting  
at 3 p.m.

### **Friday, Dec. 18**

Pinterest Craft Night at 6:30 p.m.

### **Thursday, Dec. 24**

Christmas Eve Service at 11 p.m.

### **Sunday, Dec. 27**

Preteen Youth Group Pizza  
and Bowling at 11:30 a.m.

### **Sunday, Jan. 3**

Children's New Year's Party at 3 p.m.

**Keep track  
of upcoming events  
with our online  
church calendar at  
[www.pccbargersville.org/  
calendar!](http://www.pccbargersville.org/calendar)**

### **Sundays**

**9 a.m. – Sunday School**

**10 a.m. – Worship**

### **Tuesdays**

**6 p.m. – Zumba**

### **Wednesdays**

**3:30 p.m. – Bible study**