



The Chimes

Sunday Worship Services 8:30 & 10:15 am

April, 2009

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Easter Schedule

APRIL 5

Palm Sunday

APRIL 9

Maundy Thursday
Service at 7:00 pm

APRIL 11

Easter Celebration
and Egg Hunt
10:00 to 12:00

APRIL 12

Easter Sunday
Worship Services
6:00 am (sunrise service)
7:30 am, 9:15 am, 11:00 am
(traditional services)

Sunday School is offered for children at the 9:15 am and 11:00 am services. Nursery care for infants to 3 yrs of age is available at the 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 am services.



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Missions Corner

Reaching Muslims

The news media will not tell you that there are significant numbers of conversions to Christianity in the Muslim world. Our missionary Georges Houssey, Director of Horizons International, was our speaker last March at

Georges has just returned from a trip to North Africa where Muslim Arabs are flocking into both the recognized church and into underground home fellowships. He reports that despite increasing fanaticism, North Africa is open



Georges Houssey with wife, Joy

our missions conference. He talked about how God has opened doors for Muslims to come to Christ just as God did among the Greeks in the days of Apostle Paul.

to the gospel and the church is experiencing unprecedented growth.

Horizons works to reach Muslims both personally and via the internet.

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From Pastor Doug

He is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!

"...suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen! Remember how He told you, while He was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' Then they remembered His words."

Luke 24:4-8

"...just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

Romans 6:4

The resurrection is the cornerstone of the Christian faith and upon this faith and event in history: the Church has been established. The resurrection of Jesus is unique among the world religions. The other religions of the world offer ethical principles and ideas of an afterlife or paradise. Only the Christian Faith communicates that God became a man, died for our forgiveness because of His great love, and is raised to new life. The reality of the resurrection makes it possible for us, by faith, to enjoy a personal and eternal relationship with the one, true and living God. The resurrection establishes the credibility and the veracity of Jesus' personal claims, His ministry and teaching. The resurrection confirms that Jesus is the one and only Son of God and our Lord and Savior. The resurrection means that Jesus has authority and power over sin and death. The resurrection assures us that Jesus is present with us now and we are united with Him forever. The resurrection gives us the assurance that Jesus is one day going to return and that we will live with Him and be like Him forever. The resurrection confirms that the love of God is certain and personal. It is the truth of this love and resurrection that allows us to live without fear and to have hope for the future. The resurrection means that we can live each day with the knowledge that the Kingdom of God has entered the world and that Jesus has authority and rule over heaven and earth. This resurrection power of God that brought Jesus from death to life is the same power that enables us to live new lives for God each day. The resurrection event continues to be a source of wonderful comfort and extraordinary encouragement. Because Jesus lives forever, we can live life with purpose and meaning. Our actions and our lives have divine and eternal significance. I challenge each of us to consider the depth of meaning of this capstone of our faith. I continue to marvel and wonder at the significance of Easter morning. As Handel so beautifully and worshipfully expressed the truth, "and He shall reign forever and ever."

Plan to be with us at the following worship services:

Maundy Thursday, April 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 12th at

6:00 am (Sunrise Service), 7:30 am, 9:15 am and 11:00 am.

My Love to All of You!

Pastor Doug Garrard

Workers in the Vineyard

APRIL IS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

April is the month we recognize all the many volunteer "Workers in the Vineyard" as we call you here at PDCPC. National Volunteer week is April 19-25. The theme this year is "Celebrating People in Action." During this week we honor and celebrate the ordinary people who accomplish extraordinary things through their service to our church. On Sunday, April 19th, we will honor each and every Worker in the Vineyard of the Lord at our two worship services. You are all special people making extraordinary things possible at PDCPC. Many thanks to **Woody Hulseberg**, who wrote the script for this day of honoring you.

There are so many groups in our church who give of their time and talents. Each month I try to pick out a new group or groups to recognize. This month the two groups that come to mind are the ladies who collate the Sunday Magazine and the volunteers that assemble *The Chimes* newsletter. **Joyce Pennington** is the coordinator for both of these groups which have many

members who do both jobs. Every Thursday you will find **Joyce Pennington, Glenda Neerman, and Jo Ann Verhey**, along with **Robyn Fleming, Ruth Cohee** and others, who fill in when needed, in the church library where they assemble the Sunday Magazine. During the winter season, this is a big job as the magazine is large, listing all the many activities that are available at the church and in the community.

On the last Tuesday of the month, Joyce Pennington and others (too many to name) gather in Miller Hall to collate, fold, tape and apply mailing labels to the newsletters as well as separate by zip code. Just think of the hours put in by

these two groups and what their time and service means to the church. They are truly special "Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord"!

"I am the vine and you are the branches. Remain in me and you will bear much fruit."

John 15:5

Kudos to all who helped at the Annual Women's Sale. This is an important one-day event in the life of the church and takes many hours to put together. It takes a whole week of preparation, sorting, pricing and getting items ready that have been donated for the sale. From the report, this year's sale was a big success. Spe-

cial thanks to **Millie Voll** for her faithful leadership for this event.

On a personal note, Larry & I will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary on April 4th. Even though that is Palm Sunday weekend, Pastor Doug has graciously given me the weekend off to celebrate with our family. We are blessed to have most of our family here to help us celebrate the fifty years God has given us together.

Easter is such a special time at church! I hope & pray that you will have a blessed Easter!

Love & Prayers,
Shirley Darrow
Volunteer & Event Coordinator





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Happenings

Ministries to Support

Stephen Ministry: Compassion

Compassion: Deeply sharing the suffering of another, together with the inclination to give aid or support.

As we look at Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection, we observe the ultimate example of compassion. He now calls us to follow His example and to be deeply concerned for one another.

Stephen Ministry is a ministry filled with compassion. It provides compassionate Christians with a way they can use their gifts in ministry as a Stephen Minister. It also provides a haven where those in need of compassion can receive it in a confidential relationship with a Stephen Minister.

Come join this wonderful caring ministry and learn how to be of support to someone who is trying to cope with the losses and difficulties of life. The training will benefit you throughout your life—one of the members of last year's class said, "I wish I'd learned these skills earlier in my life. They are so helpful! They've helped me to listen and communicate better with my family. I use the training daily."



Our 5 new Stephen Ministers from left to right: Lily Glosser, Dereth Pendleton, Toni Smith, Leilani Vail and Vicki Graves.

If you are struggling with a loss or difficulty in your life and are interested in having a Stephen Minister, please contact Patti Hartley.

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Patti Hartley at 328-5805 or email her at: pattihartley@gmail.com

We are the Church, the body of Christ—when one member suffers we all share in that suffering. (1 Corinthians 12:26-7).

Events to Enjoy

MARCH 1 – MAY 24

Exciting new Sunday Study
EXPERIENCING GOD
8:30 am Sunday Mornings in FLC
Room 109 - led by Elder Jack Miller

APRIL 16 AND MAY 9

New Members Class
Thursday - 12:30 -3:30 pm
Saturday - 8:30 -11:30 am
Register with the church office
at 346-8195

APRIL 19TH

Pancake Breakfast - 7:30 -Noon
Donations help the youth with summer
camp and mission trip fees.

APRIL 19TH

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday
Volunteers will be honored during each
worship service.

Eighteenth Annual

Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH - 10:00 TO 12:00

Bring the whole family and friends!

It's fun! It's free!

- * Hunt for over 2500 eggs!
 - * Enjoy 2 bounce houses
 - * Paint Easter Pictures
 - * Create a "spin-art"
 - * Play carnival games
 - * Face Painting
 - * Create a Badge Button
 - * Ride Ponies
- Enjoy a free lunch!**
Have fun with all the other families!



- Don't forget to bring
- * an Easter Basket for each child
 - Cameras and Camcorders * A picnic blanket * Sunscreen
 - * A sun hat * and your Friends and Family!

MONEY TROUBLE?

Do you know someone who:

- > is losing their house?
- > has lost their job?
- > is in major financial stress?

WE CARE.

We'll help them figure out what
to do— ALL IN CONFIDENCE.

CALL!

Contact Elder Frank Christian at 360
-7946, leave a phone number and a
time when he can call back.

SAMARITANS PURSE

Workers with moderate to exten-
sive skills in construction are
needed to work at the following
projects:

- Chapel at the Angola Prison in
Louisiana, March – May 2009
- Alaska, July – August 2009

Please contact Floyd Vail at:
(760) 346-8195 ext 18 or email
him at
FJVAIL@MSN.COM

A REQUEST FROM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We need small, individually-
wrapped candy (no chocolate or
candy with nuts) for our plastic
eggs which will be hidden at our
Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt
on Saturday, April 11th.

Hint: Costco and Walmart have
large bags of hard candy!

Please bring to the church office.
THANK YOU.

Meet Your Scholarship Recipients

INTRODUCING KYLE AVISE

Because PDCPC's Scholarship program has a zero-based budget, our Christian Student Scholarship Committee can only allocate funds already received. Thanks to your generosity, this year we were able to help ten of our members to further their education.

This month we'd like to share with you a letter we received from Kyle Avise last summer. Kyle continues his studies in theatre arts at Cal State University, Long Beach. He is hoping to graduate in 2010.

Scholarship applications for the 2009-2010 school year are due May 1st. If you have any questions regarding our scholarships or if you would like to donate, please contact Susan Avise at 564-0405.



Greetings Congregation!

It's me, Avise again, keeping you current on my trek through my upper division studies here at CSU, Long Beach. What a year it has been! Since the beginning of '08 I have harnessed the burden of supporting myself entirely; well, not entirely, exactly. Thanks to Mom and Dad and, of course, YOU, my fellow members of my family at Palm Desert Community Presbyterian. Without the support and prayers from the lot of you, I would not be writing to you on this Sunday. Due to the generous contributions by so many, I have been able to stay afloat and continue my studies here at Cal State. With a job bussing at a Brazilian steak house in Long Beach during the school year and now commercial Salmon fishing all summer long (literally floating up on the Lynx, here in Kodiak, Alaska) I am able to continue to grind out life — quite a step away from Hollywood but progress in my eyes. With your support and that of my friends from the sea, 08/09 looks optimistic. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to further myself as a young adult. I'll do you proud.

God Bless,
Avise

April 2009 Prayer Calendar



“...and pray for each other so that you may be healed.
The prayer of a righteous man is powerful....” James 5:16



Sun **Mon** **Tue** **Wed** **Thu** **Fri** **Sat**

5	Please Pray For Carol Ferrari And Edwin Anderson And Nancy Buchanan	6	Please Pray For Frank Pokorny And Nancy Ragnaw And Mary Jo Plumbtree	7	Please Pray For Polly Gray And Eddie Hernandez And Nicholas De Roo	8	Please Pray For Phoebe McFarland And Joseph Devere And Susie Moore	9	Please Pray For Joe Dorsey And Fran Lovin And Jill Ashenhurst	10	Please Pray For Lynda Samen And Carolyn Cooper Cook And James Scott	11	Please Pray For Jason & Gable Darrow And Judith Paul And Russ Marshall
12	<i>Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!</i>	13	Please Pray For Frank DePasquale And Michelle Green And Diane Morris	14	Please Pray For Lewis & Dorothy Stroh And Karina (Eide) And Barbara Price	15	Please Pray For Mitchell Collins And Samara Lefson And Ann Driver	16	Please Pray For Susan Reed And Rosette Agacanian And Joe & Leoma Sisel	17	Please Pray For Heinz Seck And Laura Baugh And Marlene Fischer	18	Please Pray For Cae Willis And Harold Moore And Trey Temple
19	Please Pray For Jane Phillips And Roberta Ernst And Tom Mulcahey	20	Please Pray For Virginia Collins And Barbara Maccarillo And Betty Smith	21	Please Pray For Carroll Bennett And Lori McRoberts And Ross Kincaid	22	Please Pray For Judy Cameron And Dorothy Hansen And Eleanor Hill	23	Please Pray For Katharine Taylor And Michael Lunn And Dorothy Baker	24	Please Pray For Dr./Mrs. William Jamison And Bob & Dianne Zerner And Vahe Apelian	25	Please Pray For Dorothy/Dan Thompson And Tracie Teague And Shirley Friesen
26	Please Pray For Ballitz Family And Charlene Hancock And Geoffrey Schaaf	27	Please Pray For Robert Grier And Joe Buckalew And Denise Attebery	28	PLEASE REMEMBER Gregory L. Bosworth, USN Jennifer Cankas—USN Casey Cardenas, USA Iraq Pvt. Alex Crampton Loren Drivdahl—in Iraq Capt. Matthew Egan USMC	29	THOSE IN MILITARY: SSG Jason E. Fincher Major Tim Frambes, USA Iraq Austin Genereaux—USMC Sgt. Dabian Harris, USA Nathan Johnson, USMC Ray Kleit, USN	30	Drew Kohler, USA Capt. Nathan Marshall, USAF Michael Moritz, USMC Keith Myers, USA EO3 Christopher Payne, USN Sgt. Jon Phillips LCpl Michael Pedro Major Rick Purinton S.P.C. Ronald Spencer, Jr. Marine Wes Wentz LCpl George White, USMC				

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Christ-centered church family rooted in Biblical truth. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are passionately committed to love God through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. As believers, we support one another, serve people in need and proclaim the Gospel message to our community and throughout the world.



Horizons Reaches Muslims

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Horizons supports humanitarian projects such as orphanages, schools and micro-economic projects, and trains missionaries for service in many Muslim countries. Horizons equips workers to understand Islam, do evangelism and discipleship, and provides ongoing coaching and continuing education through conferences and seminars in Africa, Asia, East Europe and Middle East.

On campuses, Horizons reaches out to international students and scholars who come to study in

America from all over the world. Horizons has campus ministries in Colorado, New York, Nebraska, Ohio, Kentucky and Minneapolis. Their programs include cultural orientation, teaching English as a second language (ESL), recreational activities, evangelism and discipleship.

Pray for the Housneys as the work of their three family units and their two single units is often on the front lines of danger.

Submitted by Joyce Stein

Church Staff

- Pastor - Doug Garrard
- Associate Pastor - Denn Denning
- Associate Pastor - Julie Hodges
- Interim Church Administrator - Floyd Vail
- Youth Director - Kathy Aposhian
- Director of Children's Ministries - Diana Miller
- Volunteer & Event Coordinator - Shirley Darrow