



# The Chimes

Traditional Services 8:30 & 10:15 am - Praise Service: 11:15 am in the Speck Center

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## Church Staff

- Pastor - Doug Garrard
- Associate Pastor - Denn Denning
- Transitional Associate Pastor - Julie Hodges
- Interim Church Administrator - Floyd Vail
- Director, Youth Ministries- Jonathan Brown
- Asst. Director of Youth Ministries - Kathy Aposhian
- Director of Children's Ministries - Diana Miller
- Volunteer Coordinator - Shirley Darrow

## Missions Report: World Impact

World Impact is a Christian mission organization dedicated to ministering God's love in American inner cities. As part of their goal to plant churches in urban America, WORLD IMPACT has established two schools in Los Angeles dedicated to facilitating discipleship. The schools support urban families by equipping students for a life of discipleship and by helping them to develop academic competence, Christian character and self confidence. Priority admission is given to children who attend World Impact Bible clubs or whose families are involved with a World Impact church or other urban churches affiliated with World Impact.

Most of the teachers are missionaries who have been called by God to serve the inner city. They are required to raise their own financial support prior to joining the staff.

The curriculum stresses both the academic and spiritual development of the students. The academic curriculum meets all of the California state requirements. Language, arts, math, social studies, science, health and physical education are taught at each grade level. Extra programs include music, art, computers, and technology education. An integrated curriculum puts emphasis on literary development along



World Impact's Tim and Janet Goddu and their four children are part of our PDCPC mission family.

Classes are limited to 16 students. All of the

teachers have teaching certificates or credentials.

The Los Angeles Christian School, founded in 1982 by World Impact, serves 140 students on two campuses—the elementary school with grades K-5 and the middle school with grades 6-8.

with stressing the importance of critical thinking skills.

Bible is taught at all grade levels and Biblical truth is integrated into the curriculum when appropriate. All students memorize Bible verses and re-

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From Pastor Doug

*"Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. "* Proverbs 3: 3,5,6

Bob Buford is an entrepreneur and the author of four books, including the best-seller "Halftime: Changing Your Game Plan from Success to Significance" and most recently, "Finishing Well: What People Who Really Live Do Differently." Buford wrote a recent article that was published in the newsletter, Leader to Leader. The article was addressing his view of life. Here is a bit of what he had to say. "You are probably going to live a whole adult lifetime that wasn't available to your parents and grandparents. Their life expectancy at birth was 50 years. We have two lifetimes now. Life I is what occurs before halftime, and Life II comes afterwards. Most people have a pretty good plan for Life I, but few can see their way forward into Life II. Halftime is the in-between season that occurs at about age 45, plus or minus a few years. It's the time I described in my first book, Halftime--the season of "now what?" In our time, halftime really marks the end of Life I and the beginning of this whole new second adult season that I've identified as Life II. Halftime used to be the beginning of the end. Now it is the beginning of a whole new beginning: a season that for me and many others has turned out to be the richest and most meaning-filled season of all."

Buford in this same article writes of a few interviews that he had with Peter Drucker. Buford asked for Peter Drucker's perspective on finishing well. Here are a few of the principles that Drucker shared. "Find out who you are. One of the lessons Peter taught me, wrote Buford, through our long-term personal relationship is to find out what my strengths are and put them to work. "Whenever people are on the road to success," he said, "they tend to think of repositioning as something they do if they're a failure. But I would say that you ought to reposition when you're a success, because that's when you can afford it." Repositioning for significance makes more sense when you know who you are and where you belong. Reposition yourself for full effectiveness and fulfillment in life's second half. It's only with this knowledge of ourselves, Peter said, that you can reposition yourself for full effectiveness and fulfillment in the second half. Find your existential core. The most important thing, Peter said, is "to have faith as your existential core." What faith does, he said, is to provide the framework for your work, your job, your value system, your personal relationships, and all the other things that make you who you are. "There's a strong correlation between high achievement and the ability to come to terms with life's basic questions." And he added, "I think the most successful people are those who have a strong faith. They're people who all their lives have believed in faith, hope, and charity, and who believe that the greatest of these is charity." If they have faith and hope, he said, "now they're ready to move to charity, and there is a very substantial correlation between religious faith, religious commitment, and success as doers in the community." ... The goal, Peter said, is not just a long life or even a prosperous one: it's to make a meaningful life out of an ordinary one. At some point everybody wonders, "What's it all about, anyway?" Life is often perplexing, and merely chasing "the dream" may not be enough. The answer is to set your sights on achievements that really matter, that will make a difference in the world. And set them far enough ahead of where you are today that the journey will be demanding but worth the effort. " Obviously, the majority of our congregation is in the Life II stage. I thank God for the wonderful examples that you are in utilizing your gifts and skills for the ongoing work of the Church and for the ongoing activities of so many outstanding organizations. Thank you for your investment of time, talent and treasure that lifts so many individuals to experience faith, hope and charity.

With my love and prayers,

# *PDCPC's Long Range Strategic Plan*

*Strategic Plan—Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church  
January 2007 – December 2010*

The Session of PDCPC began work on this Strategic Plan in 2005. We have continued our process of discussion and review and now present to the congregation the highlights of our work.

## 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.

## CORE VALUES

### **Christ-centered**

We confess and believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and we are members of His body. We are called and gifted to worship, serve and witness to Christ's saving work and to the reality that He is Lord of heaven and earth. Whatever we do, we are to do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. (Matthew 28:18-20; Colossians 3:17; Philippians 2:9-11; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 3:16)

### **Biblical Truth**

The word of God is pure, eternal and just. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the people of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. God chose to give us new birth through the word of truth, and we became, as it were, the first children in his new family. (Psalm 19:7-9; James 1:18; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

### **Trinitarian Conviction**

The God we love exists in three coequal persons. Jesus commands us in Matthew 28:19 to go into the world and make disciples of all persons in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Scripture affirms the Trinity (Isaiah 61:1-3; Ezekiel 37:14; John 1:1-3; 2 Corinthians 13:14). Our confessions also affirm our belief in the holy Trinity (Nicene Creed, Part II; Heidelberg Catechism, Part II, Q. 25; Second Helvetic Confession, Chapter III; Westminster Confession, Chapter II).

### **Passionate Commitment to Love God through Christ**

We believe God is the foundation of all wisdom and knowledge. Through Christ we find merciful forgiveness and an invitation to a daily, personal walk empowered by the Holy Spirit. We are led by Christ in our search for truth. Reaching the world for Christ is motivated by a true love for God, a concern for neighbors and a passionate commitment to the Spirit and the Word of God. (1 Corinthians 3:11; John 14:23; 1 John 4:7-8; Ephesians 3:17-19; John 14:6; John 14:21)

### **Empowered by the Holy Spirit**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, the giver and renewer of life. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives. (A Brief Statement of Faith PC (USA). (Psalm 139: 1-12;1:8; 13:52; Romans 7: 4-6; 12: 1-3; 15:13;8: 1-11; I Corinthians 3:16-17; 13; Ephesians 1:3- 2:21; I Thessalonians 1:4-8; 5: 16-18; I Peter 1: 13-16)

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### **Support One Another**

The Love of Christ is expressed to his children through the support we give to one another. In I John 4: 7 we read, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God. "We are asked to care for each other tenderly. In John 21:17 Christ asks Peter, "Do you love me?" and then tells him, "Tend my sheep." Christ created the church as an earthly expression of his support, as Paul wrote, "Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7. (Ephesians 4:32; Galatians 6:1-2; 1 Peter 5:2-4)

### **Serve Those in Need**

God requires us to give Christian service that encompasses physical, spiritual and financial needs. This Spirit-led ministry addresses the needs of the hungry and oppressed within the world, the family of faith and the world family of God. (Isaiah 58:10; 1 Timothy 6:18; 1 Peter 4:10; 1 John 3:17-18; James 2:15-17)

### **Proclaim the Gospel**

God has called us to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ by word and deed. We proclaim that we know God by how we live, love and serve. Jesus said, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and earth, therefore go and make disciples of all nations." We are ambassadors for Christ sent to speak the message of reconciliation to God. (Mark 16:15; 1 Corinthians 15:34; 1 Corinthians 1:21; John 13:34-35; II Corinthians 5:21; Romans 10:14; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8)

### **VISION STATEMENT**

Our vision is for a congregation that is experiencing spiritual renewal that results in a deeper sense of belonging, a greater connectedness to other members of the congregation and increased giving.

Our vision is for a congregation that includes more families, participates in ministering to our local community, and is involved in missions outreach.

Our vision is to build for our future according to a well coordinated campus master plan.

### **GOALS FOR 2009**

Goal #1 – By December 2009, PDCPC members will have an increased and sustained sense of belonging, ownership, and participation as a result of ongoing personal and congregational spiritual renewal.

Goal #2 – By December, 2009, PDCPC will have significantly more families worshiping together.

Goal #3 – By December, 2009, PDCPC average giving will increase significantly as a result of a growing awareness and response to God's grace and blessings.

Goal #4 – By December, 2009, PDCPC will have a more effective evangelistic outreach ministry resulting in growth and a greater witness in the community.

Goal #5 – By December, 2009, awareness, participation and support for local and worldwide Missions will have increased measurably.

Goal # 6 – By December, 2010, Phase II of the campus master plan will be in the advanced planning stages with construction to commence by Dec 2013.

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# Scholarship Recipients for 2007-2008

The Christian Education Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the participants in the 2007-2008 scholarship program. All have met the requirements specified in the guidelines provided by Session. Scholarships are based upon student needs, academic achievement, activities and goals. Those pursuing careers in Christian related fields are given priority. Financial commitments are made on a one year basis.

The scholarship recipients are outstanding representatives of Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church. Not only are they recognized for their high academic achievement and school activities, but more importantly they have demonstrated their strong commitment to God, family, church, and to the service of others. They openly express their appreciation for the solid foundation and support that PDCPC has provided them spiritually and emotionally.

The Christian Education Scholarship Fund is not endowed. It is a "zero based" initiative with virtually all funds being

Memorial Committee, Women's Ministries, and Session. Individual donors provide the remaining funds. Only funds that are

are anticipating a much greater need for scholarship funds when the young people in our youth program reach college age. Financial contributions can be directed to the Christian Education Scholarship Fund.

Students tell us how much of a challenge it is to meet the financial requirements for higher education. Some are experiencing cost increases that exceed 50%. One key theme in their communications with us is how the scholarship fund has allowed them to focus and commit more time to their education by reducing the hours of outside employment.

Their scholarship commitments are one way the students stay in contact to our church. All of them thank you for your support.

Submitted by  
Gene Nicholas, Chairman  
Christian Education  
Scholarship Committee

- SCHOLARSHIP PARTICIPANTS**
- > Kyle Avise—Cal State Long Beach majoring in Theatre Arts
  - > Lauren Christian—Colorado Christian University majoring in Youth Ministry
  - > Nicholle Corwin—Vanguard University majoring in Music and Ministry
  - > Melinda Emerson—Azusa Pacific majoring in Teacher Education
  - > Justin Hernandez—Cal State Fullerton majoring in Television and Film Production
  - > Christy Horning—Vanguard University majoring in Sports Medicine or Biblical Studies
  - > Erika McQuillen—Oregon State University majoring in Civil Engineering
  - > Natasha Opfell—Academy of Art University majoring in Photography and Film Studies
  - > Corey Shepardson—UCLA majoring in Business Economics and Communications
  - > Kristen Van Dorn—Boston College majoring in Management

awarded each year. About half the funding comes from the generous support of our Deacons, Mariners, "on hand" are committed. The total amount committed for 2007-2008 academic year is \$22,000. We

ALL CHURCH  
CHRISTMAS DINNER  
Sunday, December 2, 4:00 PM  
Woodhaven Country Club  
\$35.00 per person  
*A Christmas Feast in Song*  
Featuring Gail Beckman  
Ticket Sales begin  
Sunday, October 7th.

**To the Pastors, Staff and Congregation:**  
**Thank you so much for your prayers, love and concern over these past several months. Your prayers meant a lot to both Elmer and I.**  
**He is with the Lord now and rejoicing with the Angels. Elmer loved his Church and church family. I miss him**  
**My love,**  
**Betty Hyde**

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cite them at the weekly chapels. Classes begin each day with prayer and devotions. Christian values are taught, emphasized and modeled by all of the school staff. Middle school students may participate in discipleship programs.

The Watts Christian School is not open this year due to a critical need for Christian missionary teachers and a principal. This school has been serving K-5 children in Watts since 1994 when it was opened in order to eliminate the 75-minute one-way bus ride to the Los Angeles Christian School and to provide the Watts youth club children with a Christian school in their neighborhood. Although this school is temporarily closed, great things are happening in the area for the Lord. Please pray specifically for missionary teachers for the Watts Christian School.

The Goddus have served with World Impact for thirty years. They live in the Los Angeles inner city and are praying and planning for several more ministry thrusts which are in the process. Please ask God specifically for indigenous leaders for the next church plants. This is no small request but we serve a great GOD. He is able to do more than we can ask or think.

Log on to the Missions page of the PDCPC Website, [www.pdpresby.org/Missions.htm](http://www.pdpresby.org/Missions.htm) for more details.



## Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord

Summer is here and Vacation Bible School 07' was a great success. Diana had such a good response from volunteers this year. Praise the Lord! Thank you to all of you who volunteered to be a Worker in the Vineyard for that week. The week before VBS, one of my former pastors used to say, "Better watch out because next week we will have a thousand ankle-biters swarming the campus"! Every time I think of VBS, it reminds me of this saying. God bless the volunteers and all the ankle-biters!

This month I would like to give "Kudos" to the ladies who come in faithfully every Thursday to collate the Sunday magazine and to the ladies who count and put the Sunday magazine inside the Sunday bulletins on Fridays. On Thursdays, they are

**Joyce Pennington, Jo Ann Verhey, Glenda Neerman and Sharon Wright.** On Fridays, they are **Betty Squier, Ann Glaser, and Arlene Parsons.** This may not sound like a big job but in the season, it is very big. Some of

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

*John 15:5*

these ladies have been doing this work for more than 10 years. This is true dedication from true Workers in the Vineyard! Thank you and God bless you for your work.

With summer here, the ushers have given up their jackets and the pastors have put away their robes. Ushers continue to be a very spe-

cial part of the Sunday morning worship service. You may have noticed, if you go to the 10:15 service, that we have added another usher to the list, **Woody Hulseberg.** Woody is special because after being in the hospital for days, he appeared the next Sunday to usher. Woody also collects the pew pad slips each Sunday along with **Stephen Landes.** Thank you to yet two more faithful Workers in the Vineyard!

Here's hoping the summer will be good to all! There won't be a Chimes issue in August so see you all in September.

Love & Prayers,  
Shirley Darrow  
Volunteer Coordinator

### Mariner's Update

The VALENTINE CRUISE TO MEXICO FEB. 10-18, 2008 has been cancelled. For more information about our activities, go to the Mariner's page of the PDCPC web site at: <http://www.pdpresby.org/Mariners.htm> or contact Glen or Carleen Presley at 760-272-5804.

# July 2007 Prayer Calendar

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.” Psalm 33:12

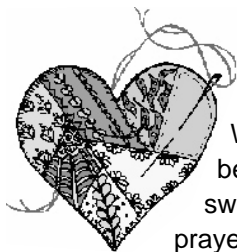
1	Please Pray For Bud Weason And John Hayden And	2	Please Pray For Wilma Williams And Kenneth Wilhelmsson And	3	Please Pray For Glen Trulock And Patricia Hammond And	4	Prayers For All Those Who Have Made Sacrifices for Our Country and Our Freedom on This	5	Please Pray For Toni Vee And Penny Haire And	6	Please Pray For Deb & Stephen Walker And Diann Haslett And	7	Please Pray For Wilma Wishon And Sharon Herting And
8	Please Pray For Tom Beck And Carl Matthews And	9	Please Pray For Helen Whitaker And Don Hastings And	10	Please Pray For Maldon Swaim And Calvin Hallock And	11	Please Pray For Sherry Van Dorn- Fischer as She Be- gins The Stem Cell Transplant at City of Hope	12	Please Pray For Mary Beth Wilson And Tonny Hekkert And	13	Please Pray For Juanita Snook And Colleen Giovanne And	14	Please Pray For Stella And Dean German And
15	Please Pray For Dorothy & Lewis Stroh And Greco Family And	16	Please Pray For Toni Smith And Joseph Devere And	17	Please Pray For Lydia Agajanian And Bill Bitner And	18	Please Pray For Heather MacLean And Carl Meade And Christopher Olsen	19	Please Pray For Janice Schultz And Lucas Carter And	20	Please Pray For James Scott And Tommie Cater And	21	Please Pray For Bill Carlson And Sharon Kite And
22	Please Pray For Mary Seawell And Mary Cole And	23	Please Pray For Francis Sonett And Bill Hardt And	24	Please Pray For Jose Santillanes And Lois Bylund And	25	Please Pray For Lynda Samen And Norma Buckalew And	26	Please Pray For Stan Roberson And Len Buchanan And	27	Please Pray For Ardie Perkins And Jim Zvorak And	28	Please Pray For Nelson Rasmuson And Jeanne Blair And
29	Please Pray For Ruth Pipal And Bob & Dottie Baker And	30	Please Pray For Matthew Hudson And Erin Quinn And	31	Please Pray For Susan Moore And Frances Lovin And	PLEASE REMEMBER E03 Christopher Payne, USN LCpl Michael Piedro Major Rick Purinton Capt. Travis Cole		THOSE IN MILITARY: Capt. Todd Masifon Marine Wes Wentz LCpl Tyler Breeze Capt. Nathan Marshall USAF		Ray Klett, USN Michael Moritz, USMC Loren Drivdahl ~ in Iraq Keith Myers—USA LCpl Jeremy Newman S.P.C. Ronald Spencer,			

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## *Mending Hearts*

*by Maureen Mulcahey—360-1922*

We have begun to answer the prayers of the Mercy Ship patients and the staff who attend them. As you know from our previous articles, many women are in critical condition, trying to recuperate from operations which require 4 – 5 weeks for complete healing if the patients stay on board, or if the problem recurs. We are trying to respond to the need for cot-sized blankets for these patients. There are 120 beds and we hope to supply as many blankets as your generosity will allow.

We also want to give the patients a movie night – Want to donate \$10.00? Think of the peace-of-mind you will have knowing you have helped one of His own.

On May 27, Pastor Denning said "Pentecost is getting the good news out." The good news is that we have heard their need. The better news is that we are responding. Have you responded yet? Please write a check to PDCPC with Mending Hearts on the memo line or give a cash donation to Maureen Mulcahey or Pastor MariLou Booth. The money will be spent to supply

the needs of these precious patients. May you feel the warmth of God as you provide for one of His own.

If you are here or away for the summer and belong to a quilting group, please consider passing our need for cot-size blankets onto your group. Aren't we doing as God asked, if we are doing something for one of His in need.

I believe the MERCY SHIP project is God calling. We can respond one stitch at a time. So sew w w w w and sew w w w and sew w w w w. AMEN. AMEN.