



# The Chimes

Traditional Services 8:30 & 10:15 am - Praise Service: 11:15 am

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## EASTER SERVICES

- Sunrise Service  
Fellowship Square 6AM
- Sanctuary Services  
7:30, 9:15, & 11:00 AM

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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 & Event  
Coordinator -Shirley Darrow

## Stephen Ministry Training Class in Home Stretch

There is just one month to go until training is through and our new Stephen Ministers are commissioned on Sunday, April 6th.

Our twelve Stephen Ministers have been working hard and their dedication is paying off. They have especially appreciated the spirit of love and friendship which has developed within the group, as together they tackle the issues of life.

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## What We Believe Creeds and Confessions in a Post-Modern World

Following the class on Islam and Christian Faith, Pastor Dennis Denning is bringing us a 4-week series entitled "What We Believe." During these four weeks, we are looking at key historic statements of the Christian faith in our age when many regard truth as optional or "one's preference" only.

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## Quiet Reflections A Book of Poetry

Willie Blosser has written and published a book of poetry, however it is more than just poetry. She enlightens you and takes you on an adventure into an enchanting sphere of love, inspiration and courage for the joys in life as well as guidance for coping with life's difficulties. Quiet Reflections or "The call to life" will warm your heart, lift your spirit and embrace you with love, giving hope, courage, strength and direction for the miracles and mysteries of life. Intwoven throughout the book are inspiring statements from renowned individuals and life experiences based on the author's adventures through her life challenges as well as blessings.

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From Pastor Doug

### **Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen, Indeed!**

*“Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power...”*

I Peter 1:3-5

How’s your hope?

This is a question and a word that has received a lot of attention through the ages and through countless and differing circumstances. Hope is that perspective that looks forward with expectations of positive outcomes and results. Hope is an attitude and a quality of life that believes, plans and works to bring about improvement, growth and the fulfillment of dreams. Hope is a relationship, a person, a sure and certain confidence that circumstances and situations can lead to good results. Hmmmm...How do you describe or define hope?

In 1 Peter chapter 1, hope is described as living. It is described as a place of existence and a foundation from which we can build and live our lives with confidence. Lloyd Ogilvie has described hope as: “a gift of God through Christ that produces a confident, unshakable trust in His faithfulness, and a vibrant expectation of His timely interventions in keeping with His gracious promises to us. Authentic hope is always a by-product of a personal relationship with God. It comes from knowing God.” And I would add, “from God knowing us”. Our hope is connected to God and what was accomplished through Jesus Christ. It is an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. It is the assurance and confidence that each day and in every circumstance God shields us by His power. Whatever concerns or situations we may be facing, we have that overwhelming confidence that God through Christ is with us because He loves us with an unyielding and everlasting love.

God Bless and Keep You!

Pastor Doug

**Our Easter Services will be at 6:00 a.m. (outdoor Sunrise Service)  
and 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.**

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# Meet Your Scholarship Recipients

## *Introducing Another Wonderful Scholarship Student*

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to introduce you to another of our scholarship recipients, Kristen Van Dorn. Since our budget is faith-based, it is your generous and ongoing support that enables us to help PDCPC members to further their education.

Kristen Van Dorn is finishing up at Boston College and is majoring in Management and Leadership with a minor in Theology. Her mother Sherri is one of our session members.

We hope that these introductions give you an idea of how much the recipients appreciate PDCPC scholarship help and what they accomplish because of your support. If you would like additional information, please contact Gene Nicholas at [enicholas@dc.rr.com](mailto:enicholas@dc.rr.com).

## **Easter Week**

### *Service Times*

**March 20th** - Maundy Thursday  
Service 7:00pm in Sanctuary

**March 21st** - Good Friday Service  
12:00 noon in Sanctuary

**March 23rd** - Easter Sunday Services  
6:00am - Outdoors  
7:30am - Sanctuary  
9:15am - Sanctuary  
11:00am - Sanctuary

January 6, 2008

Dear PDCPC,

I want to thank you for all that you have done for me and my family throughout these past four years as I have pursued my college education in Boston. Not only have you provided financial support during times of great need, but you have served as a source of encouragement for me, in knowing that you are supporting Christian students throughout the country as we continue along the path God has set out for each of us.

Through your generous support, I have been able to pursue an often demanding course load at Boston College and to purchase necessary books and materials for each class. In addition, your support has made it possible for my family and me to afford my education, allowing me to stay in Boston these past few years and grow tremendously closer to Jesus, form everlasting relationships with wonderful Christian sisters and brothers, and discover the purpose, calling, and opportunities the Lord has for me.

I pray that you are encouraged in knowing that your financial support throughout these 8 semesters is greatly appreciated - with my whole heart. I hope future recipients are just as blessed!

In the love of our Lord,  
Kristen Van Dorn



# Mark Your Calendars

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# Happenings



## Play Bridge!

The PDCPC "All Hearts" Bridge Group needs you. We meet weekly at the Las Palmas C.C. at 11:30 am for "party bridge" and lunch. Join us. Call Bette Anderson at 341-1565.

## Life is Worth Sharing

LIFE REVIEW is not a class—it's a "get together" for all of us who have memories that should be shared— not just memories about how the world has changed, but also memories about experiences in our own personal lives.

As we gather from week to week, we are inspired by one another to tell our stories. Things that we hear may bring to mind our own experiences. Our anecdotes are often amusing - which we find as we share them - and many times poignant and heart-warming.

Join us on Thursday mornings at 10am and perhaps your "sharing" will inspire you to write something down for future generations. Call Marie Rodland, 341-0689, for more information.

## Attention Book Lovers By Sharin Orr and Millie Stoutland



In Christianity Today the editors listed several books which they felt shaped Evangelical thinking as we know it today. We are proud to have many of these titles in the church library. Some of them are listed in the box to the right.

Come in and check out one of these books or look at the list to see what else you might like to read.

### TWELVE GREAT BOOKS THAT HAVE SHAPED EVANGELICALS.

- "Knowledge of the Holy" by A.W. Tozer
- "Out of the Salt Shaker and into the World" by Rebecca Pippert
- "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren
- "Desiring God" by John Piper
- "Born Again" by Chuck Colson
- "Know Why We Believe" by Paul E. Little
- "The Master Plan of Evangelism" by Robert Coleman
- "What's so Amazing About Grace" by Philip Yancey
- "Basic Christianity" by John Stott
- "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis
- "Knowing God" by J.I. Packer
- "Through the Gates of Splendor" by Elizabeth Elliot

## Dates and Events to Remember



### *A Special Handbell Concert to be Given at PDCPC*

**Tuesday March 25th at 7 pm**

*Featuring Tinnitus, Canada's  
Famous  
24-Handbell Choir performing with  
PDCPC's Desert Bell Tones*

Under the direction of Ray Allen and Lori Teneycke

*With a guest appearance  
from PDCPC's Chancel Choir*

Tinnitus, led by Lori Teneycke, is the 12-member Handbell Choir from Grace Presbyterian Church, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

The group rings 4 1/2 octaves of English handbells which were purchased by a benefactor in the mid 1960's from the foundry in White Chapel, England. The group also plays 3 octaves of hand chimes. Both secular and sacred music are part of their extensive repertoire.

2007 was a very busy year. Tinnitus performed in Medicine Hat, Alberta, then travelled to Edmonton, Alberta, to attend the Handbell Ringers Symposium and then performed a Mass Ring with Bell Cantos in Edmonton.

Tinnitus will perform during the Easter Sunday Services at PDCPC and will participate in a concert with PDCPC's various musical groups on Tuesday, March 25, at 7:00PM.

### *Treat Your Feet to the Big Band Sounds of The Doc Wally Wheeler Orchestra*

*Featuring Vocalists Jon McGihon and Myra Getzs*

Doc's 15-member orchestra will be playing original arrangements from:



- ♥ Glenn Miller
- ♥ Tommy Dorsey
- ♥ Benny Goodman
- ♥ Artie Shaw
- ♥ Duke Ellington
- ♥ Kaye Keiser
- ♥ and from many other Big Bands

*Dance or Just Listen and Enjoy the Best of Big Band Music*  
**FRIDAY EVENING MARCH 14 7 PM—10 PM AT PDCPC**

*Refreshments will be served. Admission is \$15 at the door.*

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In the class we will explore:

- Week 1  
The earliest creeds  
(Nicene and Apostles' Creed)
- Week 2  
The Reformed Confessions  
(16th and 17th centuries)
- Week 3  
The Declaration of Barmen  
(1934)
- Week 4  
The modern confessions  
(Confession of 1967, and The  
Brief Statement of Faith -1991)

The most famous creed is the Apostles' Creed, recited by Christians all over the world in hundreds of languages. Whenever we stand

**Class Schedule**  
Family Life Center Room 205

Sundays, 10:00-11:00 AM  
February 24, March 2, 9, 30

Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00 PM  
February 26, March 4, 11  
and April 1

and recite the Apostles' Creed, we join in a great chorus of faith that includes believers from Palm Desert, Rome, Santiago, Seoul and Beijing.

These confessions of faith have held the Church through change and crisis. They have fed the life of Christians and formed them in their knowledge of God and the world. They speak to us today in a culture where people talk about being "spiritual", often devoid of any reference to objective truth. Join us for this important event!

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As you read the author's creative thoughts, you'll delight in spending time sharing her amazing inspiration, her life understandings and her warm love for people and the beauty of nature.

The book is a wonderful gift for any occasion. Selling for \$25.00, should you desire a book/ books, call Willie at 760-836-9392 or E-mail her at [WJBVOL2@aol.com](mailto:WJBVOL2@aol.com) give your name, address and phone number and upon receipt of your check she will send the book/books to you. Author assumes postage cost.

#### Dear Ones

What a wonderful church family we have at PDCPC! For all the cards, visits, phone calls, flowers, and prayers, I can never thank you enough. From the day I entered the hospital and now at home they continue to boost me up and help me regain my strength. Thank you just doesn't seem like enough to tell you how much all this has meant to me. Doctor says I should be back to work this week, so I look forward to thanking all of you then in person.

Pastor Doug's many visits to my bedside along with Julie's visits and Denn's calls helped to support me and see me through the surgery.

How can I ever thank Lois for all the wonderful meals she fixed for Larry and me once I returned home! You are the best, Lois! I love you and your cooking.

Thank you to all who have worked for me at church. Special thanks to Lynda Duncan, my adopted sister, for filling in for me along with Connie Roller, Barbara White and all the others I haven't heard about yet. Thanks to Woody for helping and his many phone calls to see what he could do to help. Love you all!

I am so blessed to have all of you for my church family!

Love & prayers,  
Shirley Darrow



Shirley giving appreciation



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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.



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The course has involved pre-class reading, in class lecture, discussion, and role playing. Our trainees have grown tremendously in their knowledge and skills and have already put them to use in their own lives. Learning to listen has been a top priority.

One of the reading assignments, Christian Caregiving, a Way of Life, by Kenneth Haugk, has had a tremendous impact

on trainees. In this book Haugk emphasizes that being a Christian and being a caregiver go hand in hand as Christ modeled for us. During our time together, there is truly a sense that the Holy Spirit is present and helping us to grow spiritually as we recall that "God is the Caregiver, we are the Caregivers". The trainees learn how to use both scripture and their skills to bring help, hope, and healing to

those facing life's problems. Our twelve new Stephen Ministers are excited and ready to be commissioned to serve our family of faith at Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church. Please continue to keep all our Stephen Ministers in your prayers. And call if you are in need of a Stephen Minister or might consider joining us in this ministry.

Submitted by Jan Garrard

