



The Good News

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PHCC is a Hillcrest community church affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). It has been at the corner of Spruce and Hillcrest since 1927. Our email is lrphcc@gmail.com.

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SOMETHING WE CAN COUNT ON

Scot Crenshaw



We all need an anchor, a foundation – from which we can live and work and serve. At the end of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said a life without it is shaky and perilous (Matthew 7:24-27). Our Lord said if we hear the words of that sermon and follow them, our foundation would be firm and could withstand the assaults of life's storms. The foundation, of course, is not simply those words on a page, but the God who inspired those words – the God who loves us and is committed to being in a covenant relationship with us.

How would you compare our faithfulness, trustworthiness, and steadiness with God's faithfulness, trustworthiness, and steadiness? I am sure we would all agree that there is virtually no comparison at all, that God's trumps ours in any situation at any time in any way. That is why it is such a deep blessing that the covenant with our Creator is not based on our own goodness,

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("Message" from pg 1) resourcefulness, intelligence, strength, or resolve. "Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever" (Psalm 117).

That is good news, because I have never been able to maintain the right thoughts, attitudes, perspectives, and behaviors that I should. I have always felt like the little unchurched boy in church for the first time who was never sure when to stand up, sit down, talk, or be quiet, and consequently he messes it all up and is in constant trouble from his rather controlling grandmother, a long-standing church member, who is upset and embarrassed by his "counter-church" actions.

The love of our Savior and the faithfulness of God Himself will always be our spiritual foundation. Since that is clearly the case, it will always be futile to measure our faithfulness against each others. Understanding that God's faithfulness is the one true foundation leads us to: (1) praise God continually because He is the only One who deserves the glory; and (2) continually humble ourselves as we interact with others because none of us have arrived or will arrive. No matter how good or smart or strong we may be, we will always come up short. Only by God's love and grace are we ultimately able to stand.

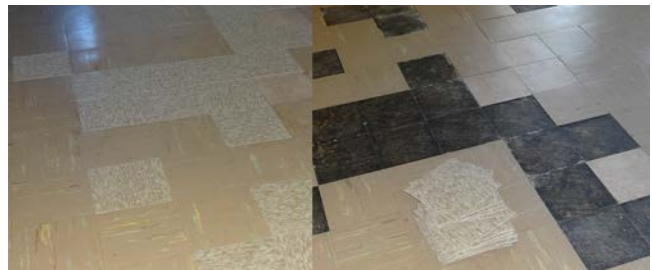


Building Repairs Continue



Spiritually, we are all works in progress, aren't we? The repair work on the church building is underway, but incomplete. Work in progress, as they say.

Take a look around next time you are at the church, and see the 42 repainted window frames, the freshly painted picket fence around the children's play area.



Tiles have been replaced in Hunter Hall. The 1950's tiles were impossible to match. But even with a different pattern, the new tiles look better than the dark gaps left by missing tiles.



Note the replacement surgery going on for dry-rot in certain areas of the portico. What appeared to be one damaged board turned out to involve the entire inside corner, once the fascia panels were removed.

The weirdly variable weather of January 2014 postponed exterior work once again at the end of the month. *The Good News* will continue to chronicle the changes as the work goes ahead.

VC3 Repaints Their Room



In late 2013 the Venture Crew decided that their room could use more restful colors. They asked for permission to repaint, and it was granted, with the selected hues being in the blue range. Painting got underway on January 12 of this year. A future issue of *The Good News* will reveal the finished space.



57° F Is Too Cold!



Experience tells us that any technological solution to a problem (a furnace meant to dispel cold weather in this case) will fail only when desperately needed. During the coldest time of the year, our sanctuary heater had been malfunctioning. It finally failed, and a part delivery took until January 20th. We got it repaired, and it is now working away in its regular fashion, keeping the Worship area nice and warm.



There was no doubt a time when Winter worship was always conducted in very chilly buildings, with worshipers bundled up as much as possible. Even back then they had wood stoves to help warm the building. But our modern devices have made wood stoves and cold rooms unnecessary, and because of lack of necessity, unexpected.

Congregational Meeting Results

On the last Sunday of January we had the first of our Congregational Meetings in 2014 (the second of Fiscal Year 2013). The issues at hand were electing new Board Members to take office in July. We can reveal that the PHCC Board beginning July 2014 will be: Sam Ellis, Moderator; Tim Nance, Treasurer; Greg Pendleton, Board Secretary; Angela Frazier, At-large member. Scot Crenshaw will either continue as interim minister, or, should we find a permanent minister before then, he will return to the Board as an At-large member.

February 2014 at PHCC



March 2014 at PHCC



Events in February 2014

Birthdays in February 3 - Betty Adams;
5 - Shayla Copas; 26 - Stephen Cross;
28 - Karen Alcott.

Events of note

2 - Groundhog Day 2014
12 - 6:00 pm Board Meeting
16 - Sign March birthday cards.
23 - Scout Sunday

Sunday School Special Study

Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23

Events in March 2014

Birthdays in March 12 - Linda Whitson VC3;
24 - Carolyn Martin; 25 - Jean Hampton;
26 - Shannon Perry VC3; 31 - Tom Ryan.

Events of note

2 - Little Rock Marathon 2014
5 - Ash Wednesday 2014
12 - 6:00 pm Board Meeting
16 - Sign April birthday cards.
30 - 7:30 am Community Breakfast at QQUMC

Sunday School Special Study

Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Please Continue Prayers for:

The Search Committee, Bonita J., Anne P., Fu-Ju M., Betty A., Susan G., Ron C., Jean H., Paula S., Julia Faye C., Gale C., Karen A., Kim P., Jan P., Trip R., Marie G., Patsy B., Lynda C., Keith R., Sedef O., Pulaski Heights Christian Church, and others God leads you to know of.

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Sunday Worship ~ 10:30 a.m.
Seeking a Pastor
Music Ministry ~ Stephen & Jeannie Cross
Musician ~ Betty Jo Thibault

The house-painter's tools are sometimes a still-life composition when viewed by themselves.

January 2014 Stewardship Report

Jan. Budget Needs – \$6,875.56
Jan. Offering – \$4,866.00
Other Income – \$1,601.74
Total Jan. Actual Income – \$6,467.74

Jan. Budgeted Expenses – \$10,888.50
Jan. Actual Expenses – \$10,175.94
Net Loss for Jan. – \$ (3,708.20)

Fiscal-Year-to-date through 01/31/14
Offering – \$26,824.92
Other Income – \$27,359.14
Total FYTD Income – \$54,184.06
Expenses FYTD – \$49,411.71
Net Result FYTD – \$ 4,772.35

