



## Ladies Fellowship

Dear Ladies,

December 2009

Christmas Greetings! I must admit that I have approached this season with a bit of dread. I know how much I want to keep my focus on our Savior; however, there is the encroaching "To Do" list that, even as I write, seems to squeeze the time and enjoyment of that focus to a minimum. Surely at least a few of you can relate! May I challenge you (as I challenge myself) to take the time, each day, to do something to keep your eyes on the reason for this great time of year? Here are a few simple ways to keep Christ the center of your Christmas.

- \* Read the story of our Savior's birth to a child. Matthew 1:18-2:23; Luke 1:26-2:40
- \* Sing of His coming! O Come Emmanuel, Joy to the World, O Holy Night, Who Is He in Yonder Stall and so many more!
- \* Pray for that family member/co-worker/friend who needs a personal relationship with Christ and that God will use you to witness to her this month.
- \* Come to the PBC Christmas program on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for a time in the Word and worship as we celebrate our great Lord!
- \* Come to our Ladies Fellowship meeting this month for a special Christmas study!

This month's meeting will be held on December 15<sup>th</sup> at **6:30 PM**. Virginia Ford and Teresa Rikeman will be providing refreshments. We will take a brief break from our current study as we have a special PBC lady to lead us in a look at friendships that focus on Christ. We will close our time with a candlelight sharing time. Please be prepared to share what woman of the Bible encourages you or how you have been encouraged by a sister in Christ this past year. Moms, please bring along your teen daughters to join us for the evening!

Per tradition, if you would like to participate in the cookie exchange, bring 5-dozen of the same type of cookie to this month's meeting. Don't forget to bring an empty container to take your assortment of goodies home with you!

I look forward to our time of study and fellowship! Let me leave you with a prayer from a song I am trying to keep at the forefront of my mind this year. "As we come to this special time of year, may our minds still be focused, may our vision still be clear. As we ponder the meaning of this season, we understand the reason that You came to earth as man. It was love. It was love that made the sacrifice. It was love that paid the awful price. Oh may we not forget; Lord, help us to remember that Christ came down to earth for more than just December. His birth prepared the way for his work on Calvary. Our Christmas wish is that we not forget God's love." *A Christmas Wish* by Tim Fisher

All for Him,  
Patricia Loy

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# Reports for November 2009

## MINUTES SUMMARY

(Norah Lough)

We had 18 ladies in attendance for our November meeting. Patricia reminded everyone in the case of bad weather please check your e-mail for meeting cancellations. If you don't have access to e-mail please call Patricia or Karen. Our spring ladies conference was announced, mark your new 2010 calendars for April 16th & 17th. It was also conveyed the importance of making sure you turn in your monthly pledged amount for Cheryl Euler.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance	(5.51)
Income:	
Monthly Offering	30.00
To Missionary Fund	(30.00)
Expenses:	
N/A	
Ending Balance General Fund:	(5.51)



(Laura Cox)

## MISSION REPORT

(Theresa Paschall)

Psalm 107 begins: "Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His lovingkindness is everlasting." While we are remembering our many blessings next week, let's be sure to thank the Lord for our PBC Missions Family.

Have you picked up your PBC Missions Calendar yet? If not, check the PBC Book Cart for a copy. Keep your appointments straight and keep the missionaries in your prayers--sounds like a great deal!

Cheryl (Euler-New Tribes, FL) is doing well. She says her arm is not back to one hundred percent, but definitely better. She hopes to visit us sometime next year, but until then, Cheryl would be tickled if you would write her a quick e-mail to say hello. (cheryl\_euler@ntm.org)

The Hegdahls (India) are back in New Delhi after their quick trip to the states this summer. Art is co-teaching a discipleship course with a weekly attendance of 20. Ruth helps with weekly ladies meetings in the village as well as homeschooling the two younger children. They ask for continued prayer for lasting fruit from these Bible studies.

How are the Benges (Ukraine) doing in their new country? They are learning how to speak Russian, of course! Both Kellie & Jerry have advanced to understanding sentences and are using the language in the daily activities. Recently, they were able to go to Sumy, a small town, where they visited several ministries and Jerry had the opportunity to preach. Prayer requests include mental strength and patience as they continue to study Russian.

## CARDS AND FLOWERS

(Jill Byers)

It October, five Gideon Bibles were placed in memory of Marie Euler. Also five Gideon Bibles were placed in memory of Norma Jean Faulk. Books were given to celebrate the births of Angie and Mike Culley's baby girl and Mandy and Chris Peltier's baby girl. Two books were given to Wayne and Beverly Johnston to celebrate the birth of Case.

## IN-HOME MEALS

(Cheryl Hughes)

This month we had the opportunity to serve the Johnstons after the birth of their new baby and the Lettermans to help ease their transition here to Indiana. Thank you to everyone who has served with Special Meals this month.

Special note: Thank you for your patience in using our email system. Our goal is to use a new Special Meals email address where you will be able to sign up on a list which will eliminate all of the emails you've been getting. Hopefully, this will work smoothly and will be our permanent way of setting up meals. **If you would prefer to receive phone calls instead of email, please call me at 403-0026. If you are not currently receiving the emails notifying of the need to provide a meal and would like to be, please call me at 403-0026, and I will add you to our list.** All for Him, Cheryl Hughes



**PS — New System:** To access, (1) please go to [www.gmail.com](http://www.gmail.com); (2) over to the right of the screen type in [pbcspecialmeals](mailto:pbcspecialmeals) for the username and [plainfieldbible](mailto:plainfieldbible) for the password; (3) once the new screen loads, click on 'documents' in the upper left-hand corner; (4) when the new screen loads, click on the family's name that you'd like to provide a meal for; (5) locate the day you want, and click on the box appropriate box to type in your name; add what meal you will be taking if you know; (6) when done, click on 'sign-out' in the upper right-hand corner.

## CHURCH DECORATIONS

No Report Submitted.

(Erica Reed)

## HOSPITALITY

No Report Submitted.

(Trisha Rowe)

## CHURCH FUNCTION MEALS

No Report Submitted.

(Donna McKnight)

## PRAYER SUPPORT

(Melissa Phillips)

Below are the open prayer requests. The requests are emailed out to those on the prayer support email list. If you currently do not receive the request and would like to, please contact Melissa Phillips at [dmpillips@tds.net](mailto:dmpillips@tds.net).

### Open Requests for our immediate church family & missionaries:

- ◆ **Craig Fields**, comfort following the death of his father (11/28)
- ◆ **Madison Culley**, Mike & Angie's 7 week old daughter, pray for relief of pain, bowel difficulties (11/27)
- ◆ **Becky Cromer**, recovering from surgery (11/22)
- ◆ **Victoria Ingersoll**, healing of right index finger
- ◆ **Shirley Lahrman**, recovery from knee replacement surgery on October 20<sup>th</sup> (10/22)
- ◆ **Merle Buchholtz**, Nancy's father, recovering at home from surgery (11/19)
- ◆ **David Shaw**, health issues in relation to Parkinsons (10/22)
- ◆ **Shirley Shaw**, sarcoidosis as well as other health issues and caring for her husband, David (10/17)
- ◆ **Mallory Rowe**, left eye is not working properly (10/20)
- ◆ **Tammy, Huguez**, family concerns, husband's salvation & job concerns (10/19)
- ◆ **John Russell**, recovering from back surgery (10/17)
- ◆ **Tom Malek**, witnessing opportunities as he goes to spend time with his father who is unsaved and is dying from cancer (10/15)
- ◆ **Max Kittle**, hospitalized with problems with his aorta (10/15)

### Open Requests for extended family members, previous church members & friends

- ◆ Karen, Becky Cromer's sister-in-law, recovery from surgery for a broken hip (12/1)
- ◆ Kimberly, Michael Reed's sister, upcoming double mastectomy (12/1)
- ◆ Beverly McCaslin, Brenda Reynold's mother, hospitalized due to attempted suicide (11/29)
- ◆ Ed Wilson, Jim Wilson's brother, cancer surgery (11/19)
- ◆ Brad & Michelle Courtney and family, involved in accident involving a fatality (11/17)
- ◆ Karl, Raleigh Connell's brother, recovering from heart attack (11/4)
- ◆ Keri Baugh, friend of Richard & Pauline Durling, hospitalized (10/30)
- ◆ Matt, Barb Hammons' brother-in-law, advanced stage of cancer (10/26)
- ◆ Phil Snyder's mother, health issues, currently in rehab (10/19)
- ◆ Mary Ellen Kessler, Sandy Burn's close friend, cancer (10/19)
- ◆ Diane Luce's mother, recovering from heart attack (pray for salvation) (10/15)
- ◆ Pete Perzee, John Huizenga's cousin, recovering from liver transplant (9/24)
- ◆ Edith Olleman, Betty Poynter's friend, diagnosed with breast cancer (8/1)



As our church continues to grow, the various ministries of our church grow as well. One area is the Prayer Support Ministry. This is a vital ministry of our church intended to service our own church family, and as we

grow, there will be more prayer requests submitted. Therefore, it is wise to begin following the guidelines set in place for this ministry.

**Guideline #1:** The request should be for either (1) someone within our church, (2) family or relative of someone at our church, or (3) a friend or worker that someone at our church knows **personally**. The key being, the "sender" of the message should know the person personally. (Reasoning: The primary focus of this ministry is for our own church family, and the potential volume of calls/emails.)

**Guideline #2:** The person sending in the request should have **DIRECT** permission from the **person** that we are actually going to pray for. (Reasoning: This is a good witness and testimony, especially if the person is not saved. We also want to give God ALL the glory when the requests are answered! Also, by asking permission, we continue to keep clear of all appearances of gossip.)

**Guideline #3:** The person sending in the request should be willing/able to send updates in a timely manner. (Reasoning: It is GREAT to see how God works within the situation. It is a great illustration to our kids as we pray for the requests. AND, some of our prayer warriors will continue to pray for a request until it is answered. Isn't that wonderful!)

**Reminder!:** If you have a burden that doesn't fall within these guidelines, please feel free to personally ask a few friends to pray. Remember that the Bible promises to listen to even the prayers of one person in James 5. I know how our hearts get burden for people that we hear about, and we should pray when God burdens our hearts. However, the Prayer Support Ministry is really intended for the PBC family to pray for others within our church family.



**Please mark your calendars!** Reports for next month's newsletter are due on Sunday, December 27th. Please feel free to send your report in early. :o)