

Advent Announcer

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Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends:

Local Mission. In several sermons recently, I have made mention of the fact that a group of our members have been meeting to look at our local missions effort and to determine how we can most effectively serve Cordova. It has been inspiring to sit and listen to the discussion. In the process, we have had to think through who we are and what we can do. Here are a few observations:

1. The primary mission of Advent and its members is to share the Good News that God is love and has revealed the full extent of that love in the person of the Beloved Jesus Christ, who we can trust to identify with our brokenness, accept our repentance, forgive our sin, restore us to fellowship with God and support us in overcoming the effects of sin and the challenges of life.
2. We share that love with others as we proclaim the Gospel in word and deed.
3. God has given Advent a special and particular interest in families, children and youth—and it is probable that God intends to use us in some way to support families, children and youth.
4. Advent, through its members, is already doing a lot in the Memphis/Shelby County area—and we should praise God for this.

Please pray for our Session and the Task Force that God will abundantly bless their deliberations about this important outreach.

General Assembly. This past week, the General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church met in Memphis for its General Assembly. Advent was welcomed into the Evangelical Presbyterian Church at the Assembly and many of the leaders of the church took time to say "Hello" to our pastors. You may have seen stories in the media about the General Assembly. As far as Advent is concerned, the most important decision was to ratify the prior vote of the Presbyteries with respect to the ordination of female teaching elders. This ratification means that we can move forward to apply to join a geographic presbytery in the next year. The Session continues to study, to pray and to consider where God is leading Advent. Please pray for the Session as it continues to discern Advent's future.

Summer. Summer is always a time for a bit more rest, a bit more reflection, and a slower program schedule for the congregation as a whole, but there are many people, like Dan Eubanks and the Youth Advisors, for which this is a very busy time. Please keep our youth in your prayers. They had a wonderful time at Great Escape. Soon, the Senior Highs will leave for their summer trip. Pray that God will move mightily in the hearts and minds of our youth this summer—and that the adults can keep up!!! As for the rest of us, I hope that we can all grow closer to Christ this summer as we rest, pray, read our Bibles and ask God to refill and restore us for the fall to come. God bless everyone,

Chris



**As disciples,
causing God great
joy by sharing the
love of God with
others as we have
seen it in Jesus
Christ.**

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Evangelism: An Essential Part of Our Christian Life

When Jesus ascended into heaven, he gave us a Commission: to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. For most of us that world is Memphis and the surrounding areas. How do we do this?

1. We are intentional about befriending non-Christians. We don't befriend people to lead them to Christ. We befriend them because we like them, we enjoy their company, and we want to know them better.
2. We pray for those we know who do not have a church home, do not know Christ, or are alienated from the church for whatever reason.
3. We are not afraid to invite our friends to Advent for a worship service or some other event in which we think they might have an interest.
4. We let our friends know how what God as done in our lives is not just in what we say, but in how we live and react to every day situations in our lives.
5. We share our faith in word and in deeds—in simple, non-judgmental language when and if the opportunity develops.
6. We are never pushy or intense about our faith. If our friend does not respond to our sharing, we just go on being friends.
7. We remember that only God by his Grace can draw a person to Christ. We are just a vehicle of Grace.

Don Kerns' Take on the Evangelical Presbyterian Church GA

Here are a few of the highlights from last week's General Assembly meeting of our denomination held at Hope Presbyterian Church:

- Worshiping with around 1000 fellow pastors and elders from across America
- Turning around during the first session and seeing Dr. Ed Longabaugh, my pastor as a college student and my inspiration to enter the ministry
- A first day focused on Bible study and leading our churches to better proclaim the gospel in our communities
- Much time spent in prayer and worship every day and with every report and business item
- Report from the newly formed Reformed Church of Kazakhstan, six churches which are the fruit of 20 years of EPC missionaries to the primarily Muslim people of the former communist nation

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GOOD THING I'M A CHRISTIAN ... AT LEAST
I KNOW SOMEONE SAW THAT HOLE IN ONE

Mark your calendars:

Children's Sunday School Teacher's Gathering

(3 yr. olds –Sr. High)

Thursday, August 18, 6:30pm

Special guest Mark Smith

From Gospel Light



Summer Sunday School

We need help with Sunday school teachers in July.

3rd/4th grade
Kindergarten

Let Robin know if you can help!

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VBS Offering

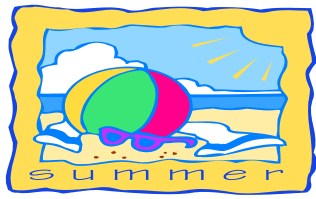
The VBS kids did an incredible job raising money for four worthwhile charities:

Cordova—\$1,713

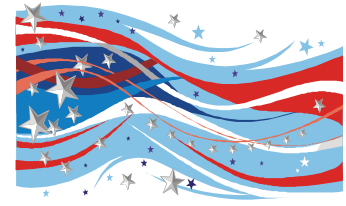
**Presbyterian Disaster Relief
\$571**

**Mid-South Food Bank \$571
Heifer \$571**

Arlington—\$379
Red Cross



July 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>*Starred events are weekly *See CLC enclosure for Summer Camp info.....</p>					1 CLC Closed thru 4th MIHN guests thru 17th	2
3 -*9 & 11 Worship Blue Grass Sunday *10:00 Sunday School—no adult combined for children,	4 -Holiday, Office and CLC closed 	5 6:30 Stephen Ministry *8:00 AA & Alanon	6 *9:30 Women of Praise Middle School Girls Retreat in Heber Springs thru 8th	7 *6:00 Praise Band Practice	8 *8:30 am Aerobics	9 *10:00 Karate
10 *Sunday School back to regular schedule for children & adult Sr High Trip leaves Returns 7-15	11 *8:30 am Aerobics *6:00 Weight Watchers	12 2:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry	13 *6:30 Iron Man, Men's Study	14 7:00pm Windows into the Soul	15 5:00 Skate Session Soccer Registration ends	16 Sr High Trip returns
17	18 *6:45 Bible Study	19 2:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 Stephen Ministry	20 7:00 Batik Fabric Dyeing	21 10:00 Book Club	22	23
24	25 7:00 Zentangle	26	27	28	29 Reunion trip thru 31st	30
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