

ADVENT ANNOUNCER

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October 2011 Newsletter

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*Now faith is being sure of
what we hope for and
certain of what we do not
see. This is what the
ancients were
commended for.
By faith we understand
that the universe was
formed at God's
command, so that what is
seen was not made out of
what was visible.*

Hebrews 11:1-3

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



Pastors Letter

Dear Friends:

October is a big month for Advent Church! Our Fall Programs are in full swing now. Added to this, we have several important events and activities I want to highlight.

For one, we kick off the month on October 2 with our annual all-Advent Outdoor Service at 10:30 am (indoors if it rains). This is one of the two opportunities per year that we want to have all of Advent from both campuses together for worship. This year, Don and the Arlington Praise team will be leading us. After the service we will have a hot dog picnic followed by a variety of games for people of all ages. It is going to be a lot of fun, so please plan to attend and bring the whole family!

Included in this issue is a report updating all of our progress with the Building in the Spirit Campaign. Most of our members know that we have completed Dave's Barn, the New Youth Room and other additions to the Christian Life Center, and the office remodeling. Now, we will build the first new building in Arlington. After a lot of study and thought, including consultation with the members of the Arlington congregation and our builder and architect, we determined that the first building in Arlington should be the educational wing. This will allow us to have a preschool in Arlington and other ministries to the community.

We have been under budget on all buildings so far. We have had to increase the budget for the Arlington building because of the building codes and a slight increase in the size of the building to maximize its use. The Session and Trustees still believe that we will have sufficient funds to return to this campus next year at some time and build the new North Entrance and other improvements to the Music office and north areas of our Cordova Campus. Thanks everyone for your continued good stewardship in paying your estimates of giving for Building in the Spirit.

During the month of October, we are going to be focusing our Moments for Mission on the missions and ministries of Advent, what we do and what they cost. Of course, we have many more missions and ministries than we can do in five or six weeks, but we are going to try.

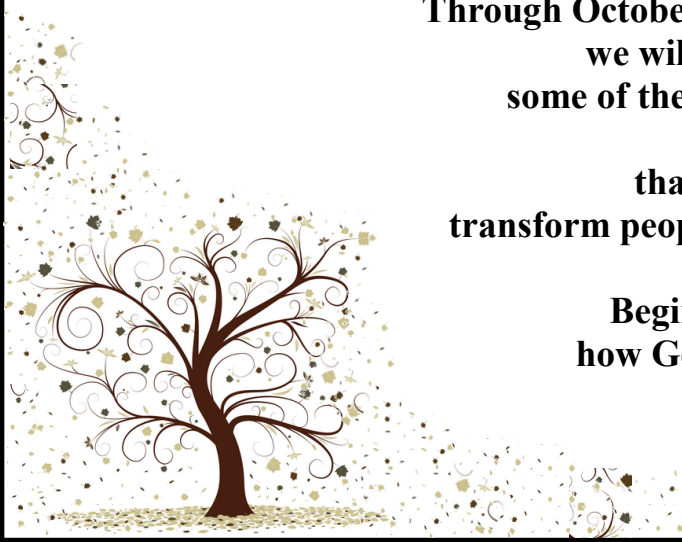
At the end of the month we will have Halloween with our annual carnival in the CLC. October 30 is one of the least known and celebrated church days. It is Reformation Sunday, when we celebrate Luther, Calvin, and the great Reformers from which the Presbyterian Church emerged. We will do something fun that day!

Advent is such a wonderful church. And we have such a wonderful month ahead. October is a great time to bring a friend with you to one of our worship services.

Your Friends in Christ,
Chris, Don and Cindy

Stewardship Sunday—November 6th

Through October and November we will be highlighting some of the great ministries at Advent that God is using to transform people and our community. Begin thinking about how God is calling you.



Building in the Spirit Campaign

As we are more than half way through our Building in the Spirit Building Campaign, here is an update on our progress:

Local Mission

We are setting aside one-tenth of each dollar collected as a tithe toward local mission. A team has been meeting this year to consider how we might best use these funds and the skills and passions of our members to reach out and serve our community. By year's end, we will announce some exciting new initiatives that will do just that!



Dave's Barn at Advent Cordova

Arlington Property Improvements

In 2010 we purchased a property which was adjoining ours on three sides. This rounded out our property on the northwest side and will serve as the space for our new Christian Education Building. We also constructed a new entry driveway and parking lot, more than tripling our available parking.

Dave's Barn

In Cordova we have completed a storage building that includes parking for our church vans and a workshop for our Living Waters mission work.

Christian Life Center Expansion

We have completed an addition to the CLC in Cordova. This created a new, larger Youth Room, a Junior High/ Scout room, and recreational storage area.

Christian Education Building

Any day now we will break ground on our next project, a Christian Education Building for our Arlington campus. When the Arlington church building was constructed 100 years ago, not much consideration was given toward classroom space for our children's and adult ministries. This building will provide six classrooms to serve our

congregation's needs. It will also allow Advent to reach out and serve the Arlington community as we begin a Parent's Day Out program and offer the space to Scouts and other community groups. Barnes & Brower, Inc. has performed all our construction thus far and is receiving the contract to build the Arlington building for \$837,812.

Next Year

We estimate that following the construction of this building in Arlington, we will be able to create the North Entrance renovation in Cordova and have some money to set aside towards our future construction of a multipurpose (worship, recreation, fellowship) facility at Arlington.

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Advent's youth are now using their new room for Huddle...and they all fit and have room to bring friends too!

Summer Missions in Honduras

And so we begin. 16 women and one brave man traveling to Honduras on a breezy June morning. Those that heeded the call are boarding the plane...filled with raw excitement. Those we left behind are holding us all in prayers of safe travels. One thing I know for sure...God had his hand in the planning of this trip. He hand picked this little village for Advent church 5 months ago.

And here we are at the end of our journey. How do you begin to put into words 36 hours of mission?

Colors: it is so amazing how six hours of travel can bring you a completely new pallet. The artist in me loves to think of God as the Great Artist and to experience the world as His series of masterpieces. Greens: We Americans have no idea how many greens there are! The deep grey-blue-green of the mountains which surround us, the rippling yellow green of the palm leaves, the brilliant green of a parrot, and a rainbow of colors splattered across the green. There are so many beautiful shades of green. those who have not experienced it could possibly be green with envy!!!!

Advent Holy Rollers Painting Crew

Our village, Cebu: We call it our village because the village of Cebu is a gift to Advent. So we take ownership. On our first day, we spent the day do-

ing what Americans do best...multi tasking. The "holy rollers" painted the school. Bright blue and green now blanket the walls where cracked and worn out used to live. A new coat of paint always gives a lift.

Isaiah 61:3. Provide for those who grieve in Zion to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes. They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated.

Hope, in addition to paint, was rolled lovingly on each wall. Cebu school is now a crown of beauty. And the beauty of those cracked scarred walls of the school will live on forever in the hearts of the "Advent holy rollers".

Advent VBS Movers and Shakers

Mark 9:36 He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them "whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me"

Talk about welcome!!!! On our daily arrival to Cebu, the children were waiting, jumping, and yelling joyfully for our arrival. The vacation bible school gals gave every ounce of themselves they had. They did not teach from a distance. they loved with embrace, they gave with heart, and they spoke with smiles. We learned love is a universal language. Just one glance in the eyes of a child and connection is felt. No words. Just Christ's love overflow-

ing between two humans. Vacation bible school takes on a totally different meaning in the village of Cebu. This quite possibly could be the only vacation these people get from their normal lives. As children filed in each morning for class, the parents lined the walls in hopes of grabbing a piece of joy. The presence of God permeated that holy space. He was like those warm afternoon rains that fell each day on our dirty bodies. He faithfully washed and refreshed. As the children did their crafts, ate their snacks, and sang their songs, it was hard to tell who was more blessed... the children of Cebu, or the women of Advent. God called each of those women for a reason that quickly became very apparent. They all fit together like pieces of a puzzle. When the puzzle was complete, it was a masterpiece.



Outdoor Service Sunday
Sunday—October 2nd
10:30 a.m.
One Outside Worship Service
for both locations in Cordova (Bring a blanket or chair)
11:30 a.m.
Lunch
Hot dogs, chips & drinks provided
...bring a side dish or dessert to share!
12:30 p.m.
Old Fashioned Fun Day
Three-legged races, pie-eating contest, face painting,
horseshoes, dunk tank and more...
An event for everyone—fun for all ages!
No Sunday School Classes today

Building in the Spirit Campaign (continued)

Pledges toward Building in the Spirit totaled \$2,458,342. So far, we have collected \$1,371,946. A great big "Thank You!" to all who have contributed. If you have not pledged, we encourage you to do so as a step of faith and to make up for those whose financial circumstances have changed since they pledged (there are those who have struggling businesses or have lost their jobs). If you have not started or are behind in giving toward your pledge, we encourage you to give as you are able.

Chris & The Session



New Church Directory

Advent is growing... we need YOUR picture!

It is important that every family and every member participates in this directory so that we can put a face with your name. There is no cost to have your photographs taken, and you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating. Of course, if you would like to order prints you can do that too! You'll have your photos in time to share at Christmas.

Cordova Campus

Oct 4th -9th

Oct 11th -16th

Oct 18th -22nd

Arlington Campus

Oct. 7th & 8th

Go to our website and click on the "Church Directory" link under the "Resources" tab. (<http://www.adventpres.com/resources/church-directory>)

Volunteers Needed!

We still need volunteers to help with in-church sign-ups and photography day check-in.

All Volunteers receive 25% off their order!



The NEW church picture directory.

Senior 'Advent'urers

Join us in an afternoon outing to the Pink Palace Craft Fair

Thursday—October 6th

We'll be taking a church van and will depart around 11 am.

Contact Robert Crumpton
755-6290 extension #31



Looking Ahead....

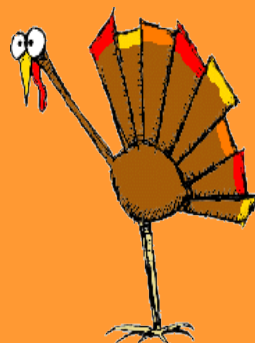
NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

November 6: Daylight Savings, Fall Back One Hour

November 6: Stewardship Sunday

November 24: Thanksgiving Day

November 27: Advent Begins



Sunday School Classes / 10:00 am

Barnabas <i>International Lesson Series</i>	Room 201
Bible Discovery <i>Uniform Lesson Series – The Present Word</i>	Library
Christianity 201	Room 203
Christians Under Construction – 9 am <i>Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Matthew</i>	Room 201
Exploring Advent <i>Learning all about Advent, also new members class</i> <i>This class is from 10/9/11 – 11/13/11</i>	Lindsay Hall
Faith Weavers <i>Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream</i>	Room 205
Men's Class <i>A Man After God's Own Heart</i>	Room 206
Moms R.O.C.K. <i>Mothers of the Bible</i>	Room 139
Strands of Faith <i>The Gospel of Luke</i>	Room 208
Women of Worship <i>Women of the Torah</i>	Room 207
Crossroads/College & Career	CLC



Advent Bible Studies

Disciple 1 (Old Testament)	Sundays @ 4:30 pm	Room 207
Financial Peace University	Sundays @ 4:30 pm	Room 208
Disciple 1 (New Testament) (Arlington)	Sundays @ 6:15 pm	
Pebbles & Boulders, <u>The Patriarchs</u>	Mondays @ 9:30 am	Library
Men's Bring Your Own Lunch/Study	Mondays @ 12:00 pm	Library
Ironman	Mondays @ 6:00 am	Library
<u>Not a Fan</u> , by Kyle Idelman	Mondays @ 6:45 pm	Room 205
Dorcas Circle, The Beatitudes	1st Tues. of Month, 10:00 am	Library
Stephen's Ministry Training	Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm	Room 208
Women of Praise, <u>He Speaks to Me</u>	Wednesdays @ 9:30 am	Library
Crossroads (College & Career)	Wednesdays @ 5:00 pm	Room 201
Sermon Reflections	Wednesdays @ 5:00 pm	Library
Ironman	Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm	Room 206
Invitation to Genesis	Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm	Room 208
Living with Chronic Medical Conditions	Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm	Room 203

(Meets 10/26, 11/2 & 11/9)

OCTOBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>23 Arlington —Youth Sunday— 9 am & 11 am Worship 10 am Sunday School (see list) 4:30 pm Huddle (CLC)</p>	<p>24 12:00 Men's Lunch at Advent</p>	<p>25 8:00 pm AA & Alanon (Lindsay Hall)</p>	<p>26 9:30 am Women of Praise (L:ibrary) 5:00 pm Wednesday Night Alive! 6:45 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>27 6:00 pm Praise Band Practice</p>	<p>28 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Lindsay Hall) 6:00 pm Fall Carnival</p>	<p>29 8:30 am-12:00 pm Kindermusik (The Way)</p>
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