

# Loyd Newsletter

**Loyd Presbyterian Church**

January 25, 2012

## From Your New Pastor



**Dear Members and Friends at Loyd Presbyterian:**

**I am so excited to be your next minister and am counting the days until I arrive. I wanted to begin to introduce myself through the newsletter over the next several weeks so that you may know a little more about me and my story, my background, and my life up to this point. However, I am not going to give away everything because then I would not have any sermon material left.**

**Let me begin with my name--Rix. My parents told me it is the Scottish version of the Latin/English name "Rex," meaning king, so that is what I tell everyone. Quite possibly they made up the story just to appease a little boy who always had questions about his name. It is not short for any other proper name or a nickname, but I also understand that it can be difficult for people to grasp because most people have never heard it before. So, I usually will respond to Rex, Rich, Rick, or other variations of the sort. I have also been called Greg, and my dad, who has the same name, was once called Bruce!**

**I grew up in the small town of Fairhope, Alabama, in a large family. I have eleven brothers and sisters, ten of whom are adopted. I am one of the two natural children of my parents. They opened their hearts and home to children from all around the world, from different races and different ages, and we still like to get together to talk about the many adventures and mishaps of our youth. I mention this because my family stories are often the base point for many of my sermons.**

**I look forward to sharing more next week about my call to the ministry.**

**Grace and Peace,  
Rix**

**On "Souper Bowl Sunday," February 5, our Youth will lead worship followed by a soup lunch in Darden Hall. All donations for the Souper Bowl Offering will go to the LaGrange Personal Aid Food Closet.**

**The Homecoming Advisory Board will meet this Sunday, January 29, at 5:00 p.m. in Darden Hall.**

**SAVE THE DATE!  
THE ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT, SPONSORED BY THE MEN OF THE CHURCH, WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 10. MORE DETAILS TO COME.**

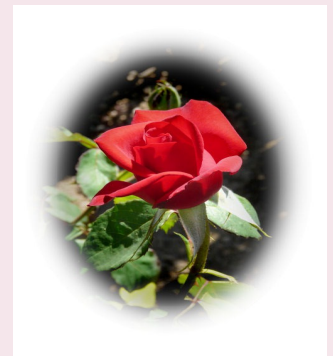
*WOULD THE PERSON WHO BROUGHT THE FRUIT COOKIES TO LAST SUNDAY'S MISSION LUNCH PLEASE SEND INFORMATION ABOUT THEM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE? A MEMBER HAS REPORTED A NEED TO KNOW!*



**Brittany Waters announces the birth of her son, Jordan Riley Wood. He weighs 8 pounds 1 ounce and is 19 1/2 inches.**

**Proud grandparents are Vaughn Yarbrough and Sheila Yarbrough.**

**If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary on any Sunday during the year, please sign your name on the calendar which is located on the Worship Bulletin Board across from the office.**



**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR THE REST OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY**

<b>January 29:</b>	<b>Gordon Kester</b>	<b>February 12:</b>	<b>Dave Omerod</b>
<b>February 5:</b>	<b>Mike Pauley / Youth</b>	<b>February 19:</b>	<b>Gordon Kester</b>
	<b>(Souper Bowl Sunday)</b>	<b>February 26:</b>	<b>Gordon Kester</b>



There will be a Barbecue Fundraiser for Michael Hewett, nephew of Shirley Darden, on February 10 from 12:00 till 3:00 at the City Administration Building on Hill Street. Tickets for a plate will be \$8.00, or you may get a slab of ribs for \$16. Michael has a very rare nerve disorder which has caused him to lose his job at the police department. He can no longer work, and the family is on the verge of losing their home.

**Please continue to remember  
in your prayers  
the following people:**

**Ruth Downs**  
**Pete Gordon**  
**Marie Holcomb** (Anne Hall's mother)  
**Myrtle Rowe**  
**Frances Hollis**  
**Betty Thompson**  
**Macel Ballew, Jr.**  
**Alice Cavender**  
**Philip Mullenix** (in Afghanistan)

Please help keep our prayer list up to date. Notify us if someone needs to be added or removed.

**Prayer Requests  
from Sunday, January 22**

**Laura Townsend**      **Jamie Goldston**  
**Jane Gallo**            **Brandon Mays**  
**Henry Holle**          **Ron Bollinger**  
**Carla White**           **Trent Cushman**  
**Richard Hudson**      **Owen Norris**  
**Ruth Edgerton**  
**The Kinnersley Family**  
**The Hudson Family**  
**Lorri Whitney and family**  
**Our Troops and Families**  
**World Peace**

<b>Attendance last week:</b>	<b>Sunday School - 52</b>	<b>Worship - 140</b>
<b>Operating Fund:</b>	<b>Building Fund:</b>	
Received 01/22 - \$1,026.75	Received 01/22 - \$450.00	
Budget per Sunday— \$3,906,51	Budget per Sunday - \$905.66	
Month to date - \$11,161.22	Month to date - \$3,940.00	
Budget per month - \$17,253.75	Monthly Loan Payment - \$4,000.00	
	Building Fund Balance - \$11,560.07	
	Building Loan Balance - \$121,187.27	
	Building Repair Fund Balance - \$2,445.73	

**PLEDGE CARD TOTALS AS OF 01/22/2012**  
**Operating Fund: \$156,143.56 (47 pledges)**  
**Our goal: \$240,000.00**  
**Building Fund: \$37,700.00 (27 pledges)**  
**Our goal: \$112,000.00**

**ATTENTION L CLUB MEMBERS!**

**SAVE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, FOR OUR NEXT OUTING.**

**WE WILL BE VISITING CHAPELWOOD, OUR BEAUTIFUL PROPERTY IN CANNONVILLE. STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS.**



West Georgia Health is pleased to announce the fifth Heart Truth for Women program, to be presented from 12-1:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 16th, 2012, in the Callaway Center at West Georgia Technical College in La-Grange.

Full of important information delivered by experts in a relaxing and fun program, our Heart Truth for Women event is part of a national campaign to reduce heart and vascular disease in women. Because cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in women in the United States but often goes unrecognized, this national campaign was developed to increase awareness. This event is designed to inform women in our community with the facts and inspire them to make a positive commitment to their cardiovascular health. It has been a very successful program, drawing upwards of 500 attendees each year!

This year Dr. Angampally Rajeev, Interventionalist, will discuss obesity, diet, and exercise, and their impact on heart disease. He will set the stage for our guest motivational speaker, Zonya Foco, who is a registered dietitian (RD) and certified health and fitness instructor (CHFI), professional speaker, author, and television host. She is a master of inspiration, motivation and visual humor, providing hard facts information and simple solutions that help everyday people improve health, create balance, and maximize energy. Zonya will talk about "The Power of One Good Habit."

We invite you to join this year's event in the fight against heart disease. What a great way to celebrate Valentine's Day with your friends. They are sure to enjoy these engaging presentations filled with information to help them (and their loved ones) live a healthier life. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$200 for a table of 10.

If you have questions or would like to register, please call 706-845-3600.

**BREAKFAST MENU FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 29**

**PANCAKES AND BACON**

**COFFEE AND JUICE**

**GARY KNOX, PAT BRIGGS, AND WADE HALL**

**WILL BE PREPARING THE MEAL.**

**JOIN US!**



**Dear Loyd Presbyterian Church,**

**Thank you for the Christmas gifts for my children. I'm sorry I haven't sent this letter sooner.  
In God we trust and serve.**

**Love,**

**The Johnson Family @ LCES**



**LOYD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 18, 2011--12:00 P.M.**



Following the worship service, Rev. Dave Omerod opened the congregational meeting with prayer.

Jeff Skinner, of the Pastor Nominating Committee, came forward to lead the meeting. He stated that there were a couple of changes to the forms previously issued he wanted to call to our attention. Anyone who had not received last week's info raised their hand and was given a copy of the Call Form (and brochure introducing Dr. Threadgill and his family). The changes were as follows:

The Final Total Compensation package remains the same. The Book Expenses changed to \$1,000 per year.

The Presbytery recommends four weeks of vacation, but Rev. Threadgill requested two weeks of vacation for his first (partial) year with us. It will then be reviewed annually.

In the 7th year of his term with Loyd, the agreement provides for a 3 month paid Clergy Renewal Leave and (paid) Pulpit supply to serve in the pastor's absence.

Jeff then made the motion that the Pastor Nominating Committee formally call Reverend Dr. Rix Threadgill as our full time pastor. The congregation was then asked if there was any discussion. Susie Edwards stood to say how glad she was to know that he was chosen and glad for his experience both in administration and the pulpit. Sandy Mann shared with us an answer to questions she had received about why he had not been called as primary pastor at his present church. It is not an option to be called as full time pastor in a church where he was currently serving. He does have lots of administrative experience in 2 large churches and he just wasn't used to preach each Sunday. He has the maturity, self confidence, and assurance that are needed to fulfill the position with Loyd. Thomas Moat said they had no doubt he was the best candidate for Loyd. Pat Darden made the motion that we vote. There was a second to the motion. The congregation agreed.

Rev. Dave Omerod spoke up to make it clear that what we were voting for will be supported through our ability to compensate our new pastor. In addition, if the pledge cards issued last week (stewardship campaign) have not been turned in, it will be necessary to turn those in quickly.

Jeff stated the motion to accept the nominee for pastor will first be assessed by holding up our hands to be counted. If it became necessary, we would distribute ballots to determine what the majority of the congregation would decide. The members who voted to the affirmative were 91. Two members voted against the motion.

Jeff thanked the congregation for their support of the Pastor Nominating Committee and made a motion to dissolve the P.N.C.. Lynn Pauley gladly seconded the motion and the congregation showed appreciation for their effort.

The meeting closed with the Benediction.

Ann Cathey, Acting Clerk of Session

Rev. Dave Omerod, Moderator

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 29**

**Liturgist: Mike Pauley**

**Elders on Duty: Laura Lamb and Ann Cathey**

**Ushers: Senior High Youth**

**Greeter: Vaughn Yarbrough**

**Nursery: Thomas and Teresa Moat**

**Toddlers: Brian and Laura Townsend**

**Children's Church: Jayne Pauley**



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**PC USA**

**Office Hours: Monday—Friday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

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**Session Members**

**Arnold Darden (2012)**

**Pam Darden (2012)**

**Gary Headrick (2012)**

**Koren Stapp (2012)**

**Ann Cathey (2013)**

**Charles Darden (2013)**

**Hal Davidson (2013)**

**Carolyn Stephens (2013)**

**Donna Barton (2014)**

**J.J. Brown (2014)**

**Laura Lamb (2014)**

**Doug Pauley (2014)**

**LOYD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**PROGRAM TEAM**

**Cathy Sargent Office Manager**

**Shelley Skinner Financial Secretary**

**Mike Pauley Youth Director**

**Marty Davis Music Director**

**James Camp Pianist**

**Jo Loyd Organist**

**Jayne Pauley Nursery Coordinator**

**Pam Darden God's Promised Land**

**Brandi Knox and Melissa Robertson**

**Children's Church Coordinators**





