

THE PROGRESS

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The Pastor's Corner

Rev. Wayne P. Snodgrass, D. Min.

Grace and peace be to you from a great God who makes life worth living. We have completed the summer and are ready for whatever the fall may bring. God has brought us through. There has been much attempted, experienced and enjoyed. We appreciate the efforts of all who participated in the various activities of the summer. There has been so much that we all have done and experienced, and for that we are blessed.



Rev. Wayne Snodgrass

We pray God's blessing on this year's high school graduates from our church, and their parents, as they learn to live and grow as never before. I pray that they will find good churches where they can serve, and maintain their spiritual nurture as they have at home. I have been so proud of our youth as they have grown in and with this ministry. May God's grace protect, and direct, throughout this school year.

I have truly been proud of our youth this year. So many were supportive of the Youth Week activities this year, and others have become active in the ministry as a whole. I pray that as we develop our Youth Church, that the youth will appreciate our intent to minister to them in a significant and relative way. Their presentation last 4th Sunday night was an awesome presentation of personal conviction. Let me say, "Thanks to all of you." You have blessed me this year.

This year we have introduced an effort to be a Five-Star Church. This involves having more persons among the church family Becoming like Christ, and

sharing the love of Jesus in every aspect of the ministry. We will teach spiritual gifts and fruits of the Spirit in an effort to become more Christ like. We want to be all God will have us to be.

The next few months will be very demanding; Committees and auxiliaries will complete their final plans for 2012. God expects us to go forward and be about the business of the Kingdom. The strength of Progressive Union is that its pastor is touchable so we can improve ministry. I want to know you better, and am willing to share my life. Lady Evelyn and I welcome the opportunity to share as God has blessed us. My desire is that every member will allow themselves to be touchable so we may grow together.

Help us keep Progressive Union ever focused on its mission to be "A Church in the Word, Making a Difference in the World!"



PROGRESS DEADLINE

Articles for the October PROGRESS are due Sunday, September 25, 2011. Please place your articles in the PROGRESS mailbox located in the FCLC or e-mail them to progress@pumbchurch.org.

Titus II Group Information

The Titus II group will visit the Whitesburg Manor nursing home on Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining the Titus II group please contact Sister Izora Harrison, president of the group at 852-1944. The Titus II group monthly meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month following midday Bible study (approximately 12:30 p.m.).

Visitation Ministry

The Visitation Ministry will visit the sick and shut-in on Saturday, September 17, 2011. All persons interested in participating in this ministry are asked to meet at the FCLC on the morning of the 17th at 9:30 a.m. For additional information please contact Rev. Vera Bell, 852-6837.

Deployed Military Addresses

Below is the mailing address of three deployed members. Regular mail (now called snail mail) will BOOST their morale and uplift their spirits when they hear their names called out loud during "Mail Call". Please continue to pray for these soldiers listed below and all of our military personnel that are deployed.

Paul Curry
HHC, 525 BfSB
FOB Spin Boldak
APO AE 09355

Anthony Pringle
160th Signal Battalion
APO AE Kuwait 09366

Anice Hargraves
1st MI Bn
Task Force Condor
APO AE 09354

We welcome other addresses and will be glad to publish them, contact the church secretary at 256-534-8266 or e-mail the PROGRESS staff at progress@pumbchurch.org.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Camilla Ann Crook and Robert Laws, II on their wedding. The couple were united on Saturday, August 20, 2011 at Progressive Union. Rev. Wayne Snodgrass officiated at the double ring ceremony. Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester and Lois Crook of Brewton, Alabama. Parent of the groom is Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Nancy Hereford of Huntsville.



CanSurvive Meeting

The Cancer Support Group will meet on Saturday September 17, 2011 at noon, in the Family Christian Life Center. Cancer patients, survivors, care givers, family members and friends are encouraged to become a part of this group. For additional information or assistance please contact Sister Rosalynn Alexander, 256-776-9925.

The Class of 2011

Congratulations to Natashi Blackburn on her graduation from Athens State University on Saturday, August 27, 2011. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. Natashi is the daughter of Linda Carroll, sister of LaSheeta Carroll and the niece of Victoria Watkins.

Annual Women's Day

Women's Day 2011 is fast approaching, and like any highly anticipated event, we are excited and anxiously awaiting its arrival! Our thirst for sisterly fellowship and spiritual unity will be quenched with the activities commemorating this year's Women's Day celebration. This year's theme is 'Thirsty,' and our scripture is John 4:13-15 (NIV). *13 "Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." 15 " The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." This is a time for ALL the women and friends of women of PUMBC to join in the celebration of Christian womanhood.*

The activities will include a *Women's Prayer Breakfast*, scheduled for Saturday, September 24th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the FCLC. The attire is casual, the food will be great and the program is fabulous! There will be praise and prayer, dancing from our own Praise Dancers, singing from special guests, exquisite dining, poetry, and wonderful words of wisdom from PUMBC's own Min. Barbara Davis. This event is free, but we would appreciate you replying to the inserts in the Sunday bulletins.

The *Women's Day Services* will be Sunday, September 25th at 7:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Our guest minister for the services is Rev. Delores Cain, Pastor of Heritage Christian Community Baptist Church in Tampa, FL. You won't want to miss these spirit-filled services, complete with food for our souls from Rev. Cain, worship in song with the heavenly harmonies of the Women's Day choir, praise from the special all-female Praise Team and Praise Dancers and opportunities for all of us to fully and completely worship. Ladies, this year we will wear shades of white. Please make plans now to join us in these activities. They are for all of us, not a select few. **YOU DON'T WANT TO HEAR ABOUT IT FROM SOMEONE**



Rev. Delores Cain

ELSE. MAKE PLANS TO BE IN THE NUMBER. CLEAR YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THESE DATES (SEPTEMBER 24TH & SEPTEMBER 25TH) . Join in our celebration of Sisters Connecting to Sisters loving and serving and praising and worshipping a mighty God.

Women's Day Choir Rehearsals			
Wed	September 7	7:45 p.m.	Sanctuary
Sat	September 10	11:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
Wed	September 14	7:45 p.m.	Sanctuary
Sat	September 17	12:00 noon	Sanctuary
Mon	September 19	6:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
Sat	September 24	3:00 p.m.	Sanctuary

“MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD” PART 9

The news media is provoking us to fear the existence of a financial crunch in our country. It is brain washing us to the old phrase about survival of the fittest.

Scripture tells us not to conform to this world but to transform by renewing our minds. Yet, we find ourselves looking for the world's solutions rather than following the many teaching of the Bible.

Our middle age people, realizing education is the key to success, are running back to school to get educated. They are taking the wrong approach. Some are following the world and doing classes by going online. By this method you skip actual learning and use cheating efforts to get a passing grade. Needless to say after you get a degree you are not knowledgeable to apply yourself sufficient on a job.

Our young people are crying that teachers are giving too much homework and pop quizzes. Math and science is too hard to understand so they ask for tutors. With the tutors they look mainly for assistance in getting good grade on their homework assignment. At the end of High School they find themselves not being able to pass the exit exams. Scripture tells us to study to show yourselves approved.

Let's stop playing smart and be smart. Educate yourselves spiritually and academically then we will be able to start “Making a Difference in the World.

From
IN TUNE

Who's The Parent?

A monthly Youth Ministry Article for Parents

BECOME A AAA-RATED PARENT

Author: Doug Fields

What does Your child need from YOU?

1. **AFFECTION:** Everyone's child needs it (actually, everyone needs it) and they want it from their parents. I'm convinced that one of the reasons teenagers are so sexually promiscuous (especially girls) is because they lack physical affection from the significant male figure in their life.

My parents were great, but they weren't overly affectionate. I choose to change the script in how I parent. Now, I pour it on: hugs, kisses, cuddling during TV, holding their hand, etc.

For a short season, during the teenage years, the affection wasn't always returned but I knew it would when they got older (and I was right).

Every day you can find a way to be affectionate with your child.

2. **AFFIRMATION:** Mark Twain once said, "I can live for two months on one good compliment." Unfortunately, many kids go that long without genuine affirmation.

Parents yield so much shaping power with their words. When mom introduces her little daughter Amy as shy, Amy lives up to mom's words as she hides behind her legs. Amy has heard that description so long, it has become prophetic. Words have the ability to shape a life.

Children don't often return the encouragement and many parents tire and weaken of speaking good words to their children because they feel like they're not getting anything in return. It's not about the parent...it's about the child.

Imagine your child like an empty piggy bank and each encouragement, affirmation, positive comment, intentional and personal word of kindness is a deposit of a penny. Each negative comment (i.e. "You're so selfish, mean, nasty, irresponsible, whatever...") is like withdrawing a quarter.

How rich is the bank of your child?

Be wise and generous with your words and you won't regret those life-changing words.

3. **ATTENTION:** Simply stated, you're focused and engaged on what's happening in their life.

Giving attention is more than popping by their bedroom and waving goodnight, it's tucking them in. It's more than asking how their day went, it's asking and really listening to the answer and then asking more questions. It's more than making sure they get their homework done, it's helping them so they feel confident and empowered.

Kids need to feel the perception that they matter to their parents. Even if the parent thinks they're doing a good job at this, it's the child who is the judge. Perception is real and important for a child.

Give it a try this week. These actions are easier to remember than they are to put into practice, but I know you can do it.

Parenting isn't easy. Intentional parenting is even more difficult, but the rewards your child will reap thru affection, affirmation, and attention are worth the difficulty it takes to make these habitual.

Hey Parents! Got Questions for 'Who's the Parent'? Submit them anonymously to the Progress staff two weeks prior to publication and see your answer in our column next month. You're probably not the only one with that question!

In Tune Youth Retreat



Ages: 13 & UP ~ Cost \$200
Registration - \$50, TODAY
1st Installment - \$50, TODAY
2nd Installment - \$50, Sept. 11
3rd /Final Installment - \$50, Oct. 9

Open to Non-PU Members

Make Check Payable to:
Progressive Union Youth Ministry
Memo: Teen Youth Retreat

Deliver Payment to: Sis. Wanda Rice
or the church office (FCLC) or
Mail it with this form to:
Progressive Union M.B. Church
Youth Retreat
Attn: Wanda Rice
1919 Brandon Town Road
Huntsville, AL 35816

Special Guests
Pastor A.D. & Pastor LaBryant



Doublehead Resort
Town Creek, AL
Nov. 10th thru 13th
(Thursday night thru Sunday afternoon)

Spiritual
Growth, Fellowship
& Fun

Registration / Installment Payment

Youth Name: _____ age: _____

Registration: \$ _____ Installment # _____ \$ _____

Parents: _____ Telephone: _____

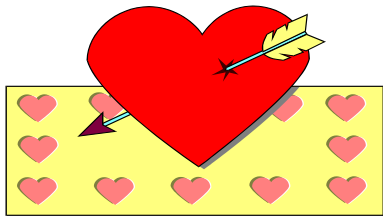
Contact for Additional Information: Wanda Rice – 256/651-6303 or wandarice@aol.com



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS (118)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
JAMES E. SMITH	09/01
GOLDEN BERTRAM	09/01
MARQUIS WILSON	09/01
KAREN MACLIN	09/01
PRISCILLA GHANSAN	09/01
DEANNA ROBINSON	09/02
MELISSA BENSON	09/02
BRANDON WATTERS	09/02
JEFFERY DIXON	09/02
JAYLIN BRACKETT	09/02
ETTA CRUM	09/02
DONNIE COOK	09/03
GWENDOLYN DAVIS	09/03
SHARON POWELL	09/03
NICOLE REID	09/03
MILES WASHINGTON	09/03
CARY HALE	09/04
REV. ARTIS JONES	09/04
DEREK JENKINS	09/05
MARIA HARRIS	09/05
MARY WILSON	09/06
GERALD BAILEY	09/06
PAULA SMITH	09/06
LADESHA WALTON	09/06
SAUNDRA WILLIAMS	09/06
RODNEY JOHNSON, SR	09/07
TYRON PETTWAY	09/07
ANTWON CRUTCHER	09/07
MIN. BARBARA DAVIS	09/07
DENISHA KENDALL	09/07
MICHAEL WASHINGTON	09/08
ZERA POMPEY	09/08
CAROLYN THOMAS	09/09
SHEREE' WELCH	09/09
AIGNE' COX	09/10
REGINALD STALLWORTH	09/10
SARA COATS	09/10
DANIEL NEWTON, SR	09/10
JASON ERVIN	09/10
BRITTANY COLE	09/11
TYLER BURNS	09/11
ARTHUR WHITE, II	09/11
DIANA MOORE	09/11
MICHAEL GLOVER, SR	09/12
EBONY ERVIN	09/12
LADARIUS CALLOWAY	09/12
BRIAN SUGGS	09/12
DESMOND GAINES	09/13
ELIZABETH MARION	09/14
SHERRI WILLINGHAM	09/14
MATTHEW BASKIN	09/14
VIVICA PARKER	09/14
MONDEE FLETCHER	09/14
HILLARY LARRY, JR	09/14
KIMBERLY SANDERS	09/14
EMILY PHILLIPS	09/15
AMYA ANDERSON	09/15
DEBORAH NIOUS	09/16
MARCUS BROWN	09/16
CHRISTOPHER COLEMAN	09/16
KATRINA HALE	09/16
PAMELA AMERSON	09/17
SHIRLEY BROWN	09/17
LAKYSHA MORRIS	09/17
RICHARD BRADSHAW, II	09/17
LATOYA JENNINGS	09/17
SHAQUINTA MORGAN	09/17
LARRY ROBERTS	09/18
ZACHARIAH SCHUMAKE	09/18
COURTNEY JASPER	09/18
DIAESHA SUMMERHILL	09/18
JOHN ANTHONY	09/18
IRNIECE JONES	09/19
D'ANDREA SMITH	09/19
MARC MILLER	09/20
RUTHIE WILSON	09/20
TAYLOR AMERSON	09/20
BRENDA WATKINS	09/20
TOM ETTA RICE	09/22
RENA CRUTCHER	09/23
CYNTHIA SHANKLIN	09/23
DARLENE SIMS	09/23
TIMOTHY JAMES	09/23
SUE JOHNSON	09/24
JANICE NASH	09/24
JEFFERY JOHNSON	09/24
JOY ROBINSON	09/24
LUCY LESLIE	09/25
KEVIN MILLER	09/25
CHRISTOPHER HENDERSON	09/25
KANEISHA OKORO	09/25
WILLIE HARRIS	09/26
THELMA COLEY	09/26
ERNESTINE CRUTCHER	09/26
YVETTE DRAKE	09/26
JUEL HOLMES	09/26
CHANDLER PORTER	09/26
ANTHONY JONES	09/27
REGINA SMITH	09/27
JORDAN DAVIS	09/27
DENZEL BUTLER	09/27
JAVIER MORRIS	09/27

DEMETRIUS WARE	09/27
RODERICK SIMS, SR	09/28
NICHOLAS WATFORD	09/28
KIMBERLY BURNS	09/28
CALVIN REED, SR.....	09/29
BENTON RUCKS.....	09/29
JANICE BOOKER.....	09/29
CRYSTAL CUNNINGHAM	09/29
BRANDIE NANCE.....	09/29
TOBY THOMAS	09/29
MELISHA KERLEY.....	09/30
TERRELL PRICE, JR.....	09/30
KIPCHUNO HODGE	09/30
TYLER ASKEW	09/30
FLORA WHEELER.....	09/30



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES (17)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
MR. & MRS. JAMES DAVIS	09/01
MR. & MRS. JOHNNY COLEMAN.....	09/01
MR. & MRS. FREDDIE INGRAM	09/03
MR. & MRS. DARRELL HILL.....	09/04
MR. & MRS. EDDIE WHEELER	09/10
MR. & MRS. RONALD PALMER	09/12
MR. & MRS. CEDRIC NIX.....	09/16
MR. & MRS. PRENTISS AMERSON	09/17
MR. & MRS. VICTOR TERRELL.....	09/18
MR. & MRS. HOLLIS MARTIN	09/19
MR. & MRS. ERNEST REESE.....	09/20
MR. & MRS. JOHN MARION.....	09/24
MR. & MRS. EARL SMITH	09/24
MR. & MRS. RICHARD SANDERS	09/25
MR. & MRS. TERENCE JACKSON	09/26
MR. & MRS. JAMES L. SMITH.....	09/27
MR. & MRS. DANIEL NEWTON, SR	09/29



NEW MEMBERS (3)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE JOINED</u>
KANESHA RICHARDSON	08/07
MATTHEW RICHARDSON.....	08/07
ISAAC MCKENZIE	08/31

BAPTISMS (0)

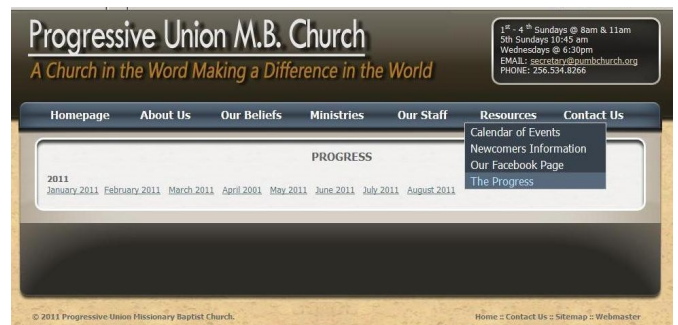
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Christian Education Department Training

The Christian Education Department is hosting a training session on Friday, September 16 starting at 6:00 p.m. The training will be held in the sanctuary. All teachers and persons interested in becoming teachers are invited to attend. For additional information please contact Deacon James Davis, 256-797-8206.

Progressive Union Website

Would you like to view this newsletter in color or look through the past issues of the 2011 Progress, well our website is the place for you. Simply log on to the website at www.pumbchurch.org, scroll over to Resources and from the drop down menu select The Progress. The issues of the 2011 Progress will be available in living color.



ATTENDANCE FOR AUGUST

8:00 a.m.

1414

Average per Sunday

356

11:00 a.m.

1310

Average per Sunday

328

4th Sunday Evening Services

(August 28)

186

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Mass Ensemble Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	2	3
4	5 <i>Labor Day Holiday</i>  <i>(Facilities Closed)</i>	6 P.U.P.P. Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Youth/Young Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Ushers/Greeters Meeting 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	7 Midday Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Titus II Meeting 12:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Women's Day Choir Rehearsal 7:45-9:00 p.m.	8 P.U.P.P. Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Youth/Young Adult Choir Re- hearsal 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	9	10 Official Board Meeting 8:30 a.m. Mothers/Deaconess Meeting 10:00 a.m. Women's Day Choir Rehearsal 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
11 NAACP Day 11:00 a.m. Worship Services  Titus II Visitation 2:00 p.m.	12 Sweet Hour of Prayer 7:00 a.m. 'Old Ship of Zion' Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Junior and Senior Brotherhood 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	13 Voices of Praise Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	14 Midday Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Women's Day Choir Rehearsal 7:45-9:00 p.m.	15 Voices of Praise Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Security Ministry Meeting 6:30 p.m.	16 Christian Education Training 6:00 p.m. (Sanctuary) <i>See page 7 for details.</i>	17 Visitation Ministry 9:30 a.m. Cancer Support Group Meeting 12:00 noon Women's Day Choir Rehearsal 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.
18	19 Sweet Hour of Prayer 7:00 a.m. Jr. Brotherhood 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Women's Day Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	20 Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	21 Midday Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	22 Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	23	24 Women's Day Prayer Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Junior and Senior Ushers Training 10:00 a.m. Praise Dance Rehearsal 12:00 noon Women's Day Choir Rehearsal 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
25 Annual Church Women's Day Services 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Speaker: Rev. Delores Cain	26 Sweet Hour of Prayer 7:00 a.m. Music Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. Junior Brotherhood 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	27 Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Mass Ensemble Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	28 Midday Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	29 Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Mass Ensemble Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	30	Oct 1 Nurses Guild Meeting 9:00 a.m.