

community news

First Church
of God

May/June 2011

Sharing the **PEACE** of Christ - Proclaim ◦ Exalt ◦ Accept ◦ Commit ◦ Equip

A note from Pastor Angela

In the months of May and June, there are two very special holidays - Mother's Day and Father's Day. As I write this, I am looking forward with great anticipation to a visit from my parents in a week. My mom will actually be here to celebrate Mother's Day. I'm very excited about their visit. When I mentioned to my mom that they will be here for Mother's Day and so we are going to have to celebrate, her response was, "Well, I'm going to have to bring my little girl who is a little mother a special gift." I was thinking about celebrating my mom and she was thinking about celebrating me as a mom.

That's my mom, though. If I had one word to describe my mom it would be self-less. My whole life I have known my mom to sacrifice for her children and her husband. She went without so we could have more. She gets upset every Christmas when her children get her gifts because she feels like we should never give her anything. So, it does not surprise me that she thought about getting me a gift instead of thinking about us celebrating her, as my mom, on that day.

In 1 Thessalonians 1, Paul speaks of how they labored among the people so that many could come to know the Lord. He stated that they served the newly formed church and its band of new Christians as mothers caring for and feeding their children. They shared not only the good news of Christ, but their very lives as well. For Paul, sharing Christ with others was all about sharing his life and taking care of people as a mother takes care of her children.

Isn't that an interesting way to view evangelism? So, when I share the gospel with someone, I am, in effect, becoming their spiritual mother. When I combine that with how my mother sacrificed and gave herself for me, I see that it is, then, my responsibility to nurture their spiritual growth, to be available for them, to share my life for them, to sacrifice what I want in order to help them know Christ. We are all called to be spiritual mothers and spiritual fathers. We are called to share the gift of Jesus Christ with others selflessly because we love people and don't want to see them be separated from God. Then, once someone does accept Christ, we are to feed them from God's Word and care for them, invest in them and help to answer their questions—just like a mother.

I'm so thankful that I had a mother and a father who both exemplified the love of God so that I could understand it fully. Since not everyone had that same example, it is even more important for us to be their spiritual mothers and fathers. Who are some of your spiritual children? We all need to seek out some spiritual children and then start sacrificially investing in their lives. Then, I can address this to all of us: Happy Mother's Day and Happy Father's Day!

Pastor Angela

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schedule of weekly events

Sunday:

9:30a Adult Sunday School
11:00a Worship Service
6:00p Sunday Nights @ PFCOG

Thursdays:

6:30 Family Nights

M - W - F 12p Noon Day Prayer

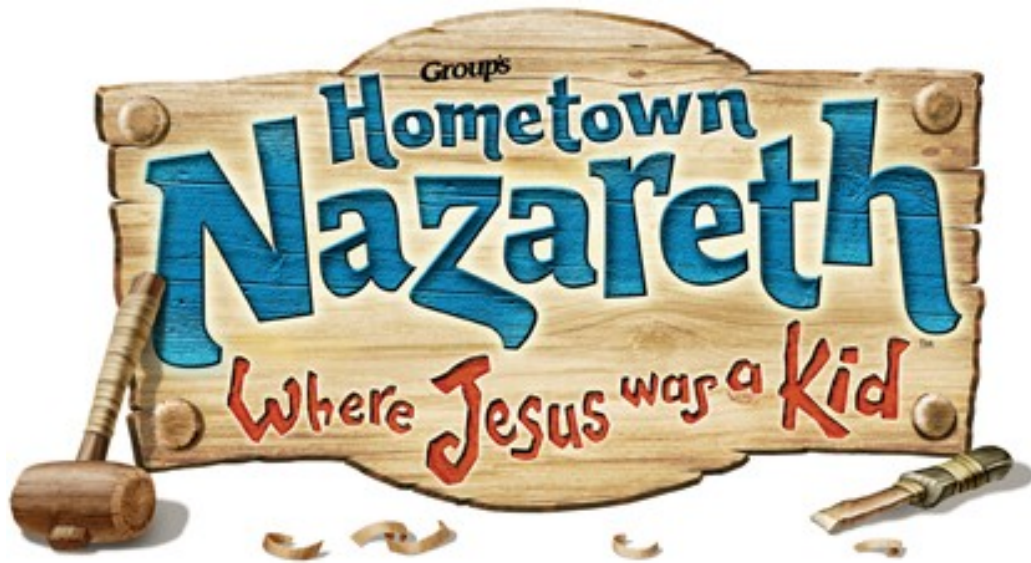
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Location:

First Church of God, Peace Dale

The adventure dates:

June 28, 30, July 2,5,7, and 10

The day's adventure begins:

Tuesday & Thursday: 6p, Saturday:10a, Sunday: 11a

The day's adventure ends at:

Tuesday & Thursday: 8p, Saturday: 12p, Sunday: 1p

How can I help with VBS? So glad you asked!

- 1. PRAY!!** That God will work in the hearts and minds of the children who come and for the adult workers.
- 2. Invite!!** Any and all kids that you know to come!

3. Volunteer!

Volunteers needed:

Van drivers
2-Story tellers-at least one female (Mary),
Song leader
Games coordinator
Snack person
5 tribe leaders
Registration coordinator

4. Donate!!

Materials needed:

Open air tent-something with a top-no sides
Burlap sacks
Colorful/printed blankets/rugs
Terracotta pottery
Fake plants
Baskets.

Stay tuned for an upcoming informational meeting!!

when God's spirit moves

Sunday Nights @ PFCOG has changed...its a small group. From this small group, we hope to launch a small group ministry! At our informal small group, we have refreshments and enter into discussion about things applicable to our spiritual growth. The group is open to anyone wanting to be involved and experience the privilege of accepting one another in fellowship. Check out what a small group can do in your life to catapult your spiritual growth and deepen your relationships with others in the family of God.

Starting May 1st, we will start a new series "When God's Spirit Moves" which looks at the work and person of the Holy Spirit and how he moves in our lives and in the church. If you have questions about the Holy Spirit, this will help answer them. And, you will learn how to tap into the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit. This is a great opportunity to get in on the discussion and the small group experience from the start!.

THURSDAY FAMILY NIGHTS

family nights

Thursday Night is Family Night!! Every Thursday at 6:30, all ages gather This Family Night enables families to attend and have something for every age group. This is also an opportunity to get together during the week for much needed church family time. The children's program will continue to provide a great atmosphere for discipling kids and the adult program will creatively focus on prayer, teaching, encouragement and truly being a church that practices the purpose of fellowship. Come and be a part of the family!

bible club

Our Kids Bible Club on Thursday Nights will continue to meet through June 9th. Then, Bible Club will be on summer break. However, our work with children will not be done. See how you can be a part of our Vacation Bible School Program this summer (information on VBS is on page 2). In addition, we are hoping to sponsor a community cookout at the Champagne Heights complex in July. Stay tuned for how you can help and reach out to the kids that God has given us the privilege to serve.

kindness outreach

OUTREACH

Our mission: Kindness!



Kindness Outreach Event! Monday May 30th

On Memorial Day, we will meet at the church at 8:30a to load up coolers with ice, bottled water and soda and then head to the streets of downtown Wakefield to hand out these beverages to those gathered to watch the Memorial Day parade. Jesus said, "When I was thirsty, you gave me a drink." We are going to give people a cool drink in his name to represent his love. It is our goal to hand out hundreds of bottles of water and soda. So, we need everyone of all ages to come out and participate in this outreach.

Let us all go out and LOVE our community in order to share the PEACE of Christ!

Kindness Outreach Committee

If you are interested in reaching our community for Christ by planning and carrying out Kindness Outreach Events, see Pastor Angela for information on being involved in our Kindness Outreach Committee.

mass choir concert

Summer Outdoor Gospel Choir Concert August 7th 6p at the Village Green

We have been approved and put on the community concern series! Our goal is to have a 100 voice choir, so...we need singers!

First meeting for those interested to join is at PFCOG June 15th at 7p. And practice times and dates will be made known at that meeting. There are invitations that are going out right now all across RI, if you want someone to get one please let Avis Hazard-Spears know.

local outreach

Storehouse Meal Ministry Fridays at 5p

Each Friday, our church opens its doors to feed people in the community. Come and see the ministry that is provided here each week. You can interact with some people to provide a face with our church and invite them to our services. Also, if you are interested in volunteering in this important ministry, you can talk to Joe, the coordinator about where you can serve.

nursery ministry



May Schedule:

5/1: Danielle Nelle and Shana Brown
 5/8: Mary Rice and Judy Venter
 5/15: Sue Grandchamp and Avis Spears
 5/22: Wanda and Evangeline Hopkins
 5/29: Trish Hazard and Yvonne Butler

June Schedule:

6/5: Mary Rice and Avis Hazard-Spears
 6/12: Wanda Hopkins and Evangeline Hopkins
 6/19: Sue Grandchamp and Judy Venter
 6/26: Yvonne Butler and Danielle Nelle

Could you invest one Sunday a month to care for our youngest congregation members? If you are interested, please see Sister Sarah Collum.

kids church

Sunday Mornings during Worship Service Ages 5-11

Ministry Opportunities

Kids Church needs one leader and two helpers to complete the once a month rotation schedule as well as a couple people who could serve as substitutes. Two female van monitors and a snack preparer are also needed. See Holly Hazard if you are interested in investing your life in Kids Church.

The Children's Church will be taking a break from June 19th through Sept 4th.

Investing in the next generation is one of the most important duties of the Church. How well we invest will determine how long the Gospel lives in each church.

teen challenge concert

Sunday, June 5 During the AM Service

The members of the Teen Challenge choir will be here to share in testimony and song. Their stories of how God changed the course of their lives will inspire you. Invite someone you know who needs to hear such a story and see God move. A love offering will be taken to help the ministry. A potluck dinner will also take place with the choir members after the service to continue the fellowship together.

SPECIAL EVENTS

fifth sunday fellowship

Sunday, May 29th at 5p Community Church of God, Peace Dale

Our quarterly time to worship and fellowship with our area Church of God brothers and sisters is here! Since this one is in our area, it should be easy for us all to come out and share together. Let's all come together and support our district and get to know others in our movement.

worship ministry

May Worship Leader Schedule

5/1 - Pastor Wil (chair); Avis Spears (song leader)
 5/8 - Allen Hazard (chair & song leader)
 5/15 - Praise Team
 5/22 - Dallas Hazard (chair & song leader)
 5/29 - Pastor Wil (chair); Danielle Hazard (song leader)

In June, we are moving toward a praise team lead worship style. If you might be interested in being on a praise team, please contact Sister Avis Hazard Spears.



Sound Ministry

We are looking for people who would be interested in serving in the sound ministry. If you are interested, please contact Brother Dallas Hazard to set up training.

Special Music & Choir

If you are interested in sharing a special song during a service or if you are interested in being a part of a choir ministry, please contact Sister Avis Spears.

MINISTRY UPDATES

**How are YOU using your spiritual gifts?
How are YOU using your talents?**

greeter ministry



Do you like people? Can you offer up a warm hand shake and a smile? Can you hand people a bulletin, help families with children find their way to the children's area, find a seat in the sanctuary and show them to the restrooms? If so, we have a ministry that is PERFECT for YOU!

Each Sunday, we need people who can greet those who enter our church with the love of Christ and help them find their way around, especially those who are our guests. If you are interested in serving once or twice a month, please see Pastor Angela or Sue Grandchamp.

A greeter training is in the works for the beginning of the New Year. Stay tuned for more information.

men's activities

Men's Bowling Night

Friday, May 20th; time to be announced

Dinner for all Fathers or Sons

Friday, June 17th at 6p

If you are a father or a son, you are invited to Pastor Wil's house for a Haitian meal & fellowship. Sign-up to bring a dessert or beverage.

women's ministry

May event:

Picnic at the Beach. Meet at Narragansett Pier Beach at 6pm. Feel free to bring your child and a snack. We hope to all enjoy what God has created.

Update:

We are looking to start a book study, we have discussed it at the previous meeting. We are looking to be very prayerful as we look to add more structure to the Women's Ministry. The ultimate goal in three months is to elect officers and maybe create a focus to our ministry. If you have any questions or would like information on the books that we are looking to read please see me, Sarah Collum.

birthdays in May & June

5/3: Hope Kinder	6/10: Tim Kinder
5/15: Fran Wills	6/11: Liz Taylor
5/17: Richard Hazard	6/12: Wallace Hazard
5/29: Dennis Costa	6/14: John Sterling Garraick
5/30: Wayne Sampson	6/17: Yvonne Butler
	6/24: Jean Stutz

Anniversaries: 5/23: Dallas and Sue Hazard

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, it is because we don't know it. Please contact Sarah at the church office to let her know the date God created you or your marriage so we can add you to our list!

MEN'S MINISTRIES

men's breakfast in westerly

Saturday, May 21st at 8am

Saturday, June 17th at 8am

Join us for the men's fellowship breakfast at the Pleasant Street Baptist Church, Westerly, RI. Our van will leave the church at 7:30am. A donation to cover the cost of the breakfast is appreciated. For more information, contact Brother David Mars.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

women of worth conference

Saturday, May 14th from 11a - 3p at the Promise Worship Center in Boston. This conference will help women deal with emotional wars, relational wars and spiritual wars so that they can discover how to become a woman of worth.

mother's day women's conference

Saturday, May 7th at New Covenant Church International Providence from 10a - 12:30p. Diana Mars and her daughter will be sharing about the mother—daughter relationship. Refreshments will follow. Call Vanessa Quainoo in you plan to attend.

INFORMATION

monthly meetings

Board of Trustees Meeting:

Monday 5/16 & 6/20 at 6:30p

Deacon Board Meeting:

Wednesday 5/4 & 6/1 at 6:30p

Board of Christian Education:

Sunday 5/8 & 4/10

OUR FAITHFULNESS


	A.M. Attn.	Offering	Special Giving	Love Thy Neighbor
3/6	45	\$1945.25	\$610.00	
3/13	59	\$1290.44	\$480.00	
3/20	45	\$1407.94	\$700.00	
3/27	47	\$514.67	\$225.00	
4/3	57	\$2462.33	\$500.00	
4/10	63	\$1493.73	\$280.00	
4/17	68	\$1253.16		
4/24	85	\$1495.58	\$1305.02	

Average Weekly Offering: \$1995.39

Average Offering Needed: \$2,325.80

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Noon Prayer	3	4 Noon Prayer 6:30p Deacon Meeting	5 6:30p Family Night	6 Noon Prayer 5p Storehouse	7 Mother's Day Women's Conference (Providence) 10a-12:30p
8 Mother's Day 9:30a Adult Sunday School 11a Worship Service 6p Sunday Nights @PFCOG	9 Noon Prayer	10	11 Noon Prayer	12 6:30p Family Night	13 Noon Prayer 5p Storehouse	14 "Women of Worth" Conference (Boston) 11a-3p
15 9:30a Adult Sunday School 11a Worship Service 6p Sunday Nights @PFCOG	16 Noon Prayer 6:30 Board of Trustees Meeting	17	18 Noon Prayer	19 6:30p Family Night	20 Noon Prayer 5p Storehouse Men's Bowling Night	21 8a Men's Breakfast (Westerly)
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Pastor Angela & Pastor Wil on vacation to North American Convention of the Church of God