



The Bridge Builder

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The Year 2010 and "Nor Things to Come."

Romans 8:37-39

*In all these things we are more
than conquerors through him
who loved us.*

*For I am convinced that neither
death, nor life, nor angels,
nor rulers, nor things present,
nor things to come, nor powers,
nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us
from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Dear Friends:

The term *Anno Domini*, (in the year of our Lord) is a designation that used to number the years from the birth of Jesus Christ. *Anno Domini* is also an affirmation that God in Christ is a God of history and hope for the future. There are strong voices throughout the world that would challenge the notion that God is provident and leading us toward a new creation. How does global warming fit into God's plan for history? Can international conflicts and diminishing resources be leading us toward better history of the universe? These are questions which challenge our faith and everyday life. Can we reconcile our biblical faith and discipleship with 'things present and things to come?'

For a response to these questions, we can turn to our sacred text, noting that Jesus the

Christ did not initiate a new religion. He began a reform movement, one that was initiated from the grassroots. He called fishermen and common people of the times whom he met face to face, then gathered on mountainsides to teach and to feed. He spoke using pictures and parables to those who had no training or education. He won their hearts and minds with his sensible, practical, compassionate teaching. He called them from their safe space to follow him, largely into the unknown.

The movement began to take form and spread into the Mediterranean basin. For many of Jesus' followers, it was the first time they formed social contacts outside their own cultural comfort zones, making contact with Christians from different parts of society.

These first Christians discovered their differences, as well as their difficulties in crossing cultures. Conflicts arose surrounding baptism, the Lord's Supper, and various cultural practices affecting worship and fellowship, eating, cleanliness, traditions and rituals. What was once a matter of breaking bread and passing the cup, became a source of differences, and discussions. Public policy in a Hellenized civilization, persecution and a clash of other religions created new questions.

As history continues, so do the complications. The affirmation in Romans is as relevant today as it was when some of the first Christian conflicts began. Paul reminded the community that

nothing could separate them from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Reconciling in our lives, together the affirmations of God with the tensions of the times can be a great challenge today.

No one could have imagined the revolutionary scientific innovations we have been afforded in the information age. I cannot begin to fathom the progress science will continue to make this century.

Paul assures us that in keeping our eyes on Christ with the understanding that nothing, absolutely nothing...no past, no future...can separate us from the love of God, we continue in the new creation.

I pray with the apostle Paul that our faith and discipleship, and that our humanity will keep pace with the planetary, socio-economic, IT, global concerns of the time.

-Rev. Dr. Ginger Memmott

Welcome
2010!

**Annual Reports Due
to Tri (CBA):
January 4, 2010**

If you have a report to submit for the **2009 Annual Report**, the **deadline** is **January 4, 2010**. Please submit your electronic copy to Tri at trevie@wpcslc.org or leave a hard copy in her box in the workroom.

Save the Date

Annual Congregation meeting
February 7, 2010. Watch for more information to come in the following weeks.

New in the Library

Return to Hundred Acre Wood
by David Benedictus captures the spirit of the original Milne stories in this new tale of Winnie the Pooh. A delightful book for children to read for themselves, for parent of grandparents to share with little ones or to indulge themselves in memories of Pooh bear and friends. A quality book in every way.

Letters to a Young Doubter
by William Sloane Coffin contains an exchange of letters over an academic year with a young friend in his freshman year of college. The letters deal with a number of questions both personal and about faith and practice. Nicely written, it's only flaw being we only see one side of the imaginary correspondence and Sloan tends to set up straw men to deal with. Nevertheless, worth reading -- the writing is "humorous, eloquent, righteously indignant, and ruefully wise" in the words on one reviewer.

Find them on the "New Book Shelf" in the Library

-Beth Phillips

Community Night

I attended most of the of the community night pot luck suppers held in this past year and would like to say how much I enjoyed them. We started with some simple programs and the shared meal in the summer and continued into the fall and early winter. The last community night was actually a meal followed by a program presented by the Community Council which includes the 15th East area. Retired paleontologist and citizen historian, Laurie Bryant, gave an excellent historical presentation of the area from about East High and including the area of 1500 East and 1500 South. It started with photographs of the area from a distance when all that could be identified was the early Fort Douglas in the distance nestled into the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains with the tall grasses in the fore and middle ground. The speaker commented that there was no scrub oak at that time because it had not been overgrazed by cattle. She brought us forward into time to show some of the very earliest homes built in this area and showed how they located them by the permanent structures such as fire hydrants beginning to be built into the area. The trolley line running to East High School and up to 15th East was included in some of the photographs; it was a surprise to hear that the trolley line was only running approximately 10 years in that area. The speaker had used materials available through the Utah Historical Society and other sources and made a good case for using the historical resources available for multiple kinds of research. This presentation was a creditable work of historical research presented in a way that let the audience learn and reminisce. The community attendance added to the

Wasatch church community hospitality made it a memorable evening for attendees.

Of course we ended with food: many desserts and hot cider provided by the community council attendees.

This was the last community night for this year and plans to continue next year are in place. Ideas for programs, speakers, projects would be appreciated and could be addressed to the Congregational Life Mission team or to our pastors. The time and association around a shared meal builds on our Christian community to make that community. Thanks to all the people who attended through the past year for sharing your food, time, conversation, laughter. I personally enjoyed these times of sharing.

-Linda Griffen
Congregational Life Team

Presbyterian Men

After a hectic and re-assuring Christmas and New Year's celebration, Presbyterian Men have taken a deep breath and decided which resolutions to break first. We decided to keep all the resolutions made.

We would like to continue with our growth this next year and be of more service to the church that has brought us all together. Our programs may vary, but, they all have the same goal: to bring God through Jesus Christ into lives, so we can look into eyes of the "man in the mirror".

We will continue meeting on Thursdays, 7:14am, at I-hop restaurant, 4500 South and Highland Drive. EVERYONE WELCOME.

For more information phone Art Holloway, Director of Outreach, 801-486-7036

2010 Budget Planning Update

Wasatch Presbyterian Church needs your help. After *many* meetings from all the committees examining their budget needs for 2010, and how to encourage pledges for 2010, Session met on Saturday, December 12th, for three hours. Their goal was to develop a balanced budget for 2010. Below are the results of that meeting.

\$72,000 The 2010 Budget Short-fall that Session began with on 12/12

-\$8,000 Increases in pledges offered by Session members during the meeting

-\$16,000 Hoped for amount from "Yet unheard from" pledgers

-\$24,000 Decision for a reduction in mortgage payments for 2010 (thereby increasing the balloon payment upon the note's maturity by approximately \$54,000)

-\$16,000 Operational and program cuts

\$8,000 Remaining 2010 Budget Shortfall at the end of the meeting

+\$16,000 2009 Shortfall (as of Nov 30), which will carry

forward into 2010's budget

\$24,000 Total anticipated Short-fall in 2010

WHAT WASATCH

PC NEEDS:

1. For everyone to complete their 2009 Pledge in full so we don't have a negative carry over into 2010.
2. For those who have yet to make a pledge for 2010 to prayerfully make one. WPC is striving for 100% participation as a sign of our commitment to this church's ministries for the new pastor we are looking to call. We need to receive more in new 2010

anticipated \$16,000 from individuals who have yet to pledge.

3. For those individuals who have already pledged for 2010 to prayerfully consider increasing their 2010 pledge.

4. **OR**, we will have to make draconian cuts in programs, staff, and mission giving, above and beyond the \$16,000 in cuts already made on 12/12.

On Sunday, December 13th, after the announcement of this shortfall in each worship service, we received approximately \$6,000 in new pledges or increased pledges. These are generous gifts! But we ask that all consider what they may be able to do with numbers 1, 2, and 3 – so that we can avoid invoking number 4.

Wasatch Presbyterian Church 11/30/2009 Status of the Operating Fund



Income	Budget to Date	Actual to Date	Difference	Annual Income Budget
Pledges	536,000	507,399	(28,601)	601,000
Loose Offering	41,000	30,154	(10,846)	50,000
Per Capita	7,000	6,610	(390)	7,500
Other Income	61,495	72,222	10,727	66,630
Thanks Be To God	880	950	70	1,000
Planned Transfers	37,000	40,222	3,222	39,000
Extra Princ. Rec'd	-	15,955	15,955	-
Totals	683,375	673,512	(9,863)	765,130

Expenses	Budget to Date	Actual to Date	Difference	Annual Expense Budget
Program	506,793	490,567	16,226	554,158
Mission	51,050	49,640	1,410	55,600
Utilities	28,000	23,754	4,246	31,550
Mort. Interest	53,000	50,992	2,008	58,300
Per Capita	15,420	18,509	(3,089)	15,420
Totals	654,263	633,462	20,801	715,028

NET DIFFERENCE 29,112 40,050 10,938 50,102

Planned Carryover	7,084	7,084	-	7,084
Budg. Princ. Paid	(47,000)	(49,008)	(2,008)	(51,700)
Extra Princ. Paid	-	(14,280)	(14,280)	-

CASH FLOW (10,804) (16,154) (5,350) 5,486

Pray and Give

Wasatch Presbyterians certainly did pray and give in December: Angel Tree, Alternative Gift Market, Crossroads, and countless other ways. Your gifts for the Sudanese Fellowship Christmas food was generous, as always. The donations provided a whole lamb to be shared by the group, as well as grocery store gift cards for 15 households.

-Anita Rigstad

Deadlines!!!!

If you would like your information published, it must be turned in before the deadlines listed below.

Bulletin Announcements are due to Tri Revie at trvie@wpcslc.org by Wednesday at 12 Noon.

Bridge builder announcements to Shana Masih at shana@wpcslc.org by the 15th of each month.

A Very Special Thank You... We Can't Do It Without You!

The Church Office is busier than ever and there have been several key players who volunteer in the office and help keep things running smoothly. They answer phones, greet visitors, create and proof-read documents, manage our database, prepare bulletins and newsletters, support facilities management, and many other tasks assisting the WPC staff. We are very grateful for the following individuals who helped sustain the operations of Wasatch during 2009:

Gwen Macbeth
Barbara Blackwood
Larry Ann Castle-Fericks
John Chipman
Pat Dalglish
Regina DeLong
Frank Fericks
Wendy Holloway
Pat Gay Madsen
Sue Marquardt
Connie Silliman



Please remember members and friends that have passed away. Jean Barlett died on December 14, 2009. Memorial service for Jean will be held on January 30 at 11:00 at Wasatch Presbyterian Church.

Stanford M. Adams died on December 10, 2009. Memorial service and time of sharing was held on December 14, 2009 at First Presbyterian Church.

Mary Jane Dow memorial service was held on November 28, 2009 at Wasatch Presbyterian Church.

Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.

Sunday School

Sunday School will resume on January 3rd, 10:10—11:00 a.m.

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And you also
were included
in Christ
when
you heard
the word of
truth.

Ephesians 1:13

WASATCH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PROGRAM CALENDAR

January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:00 I Believe 10:10 S. S. 11:15 Worship w/ Sudanese 6:00 Prison Min.	4 9:00 Disciple III 12:00 Staff Meet. 7:00 Disciple I 7:30 Bells	5 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 Prison Min.	6 11:00 Care Team 12:00 Worship Planning 7:00 Deacons	7 6:30 Bible Study 7:14 Pres. Men 11:30 PW Luncheon 1:00 Martha Cir. 4:00 Stewardship 7:30 Choir	8 8:30 Chancel Guild	9 10:00 I Believe Practice 2:00 Sudanese
10 9:00 I Believe 10:10 S. S. 10:10 PW Bible Study 11:15 Worship 2:00 Sudanese	11 9:00 Disciple III 12:00 Staff Meet. 7:00 Disciple I 7:30 Bells	12 10:00 Bible Study 1:00 Lydia Circle 5:30 B & F 6:00 Prison Min.	13 11:00 Care Team 6:30 Steering 7:00 Adult Ed. 7:30 Service	14 6:30 Bible Study 7:14 Pres. Men 7:30 Chancel Choir	15 8:30 Chancel Guild	16 10:00 I Believe Practice
17 9:00 I Believe 10:10 S. S. 11:15 Worship 2:00 Sudanese	18 9:00 Disciple III 12:00 Staff Meet. 6:30 I Believe Plan 7:00 Disciple I 7:30 Bells	19 10:00 Bible Study 1:00 Lydia Circle 5:45 Personnel 6:00 Prison Min.	20 11:00 Care Team 7:00 Worship/Music	21 6:30 Bible Study 7:14 Pres. Men 7:30 Chancel Choir	22 8:30 Chancel Guild	23 10:00 I Believe Practice
24 9:00 I Believe 10:10 S. S. 11:15 Worship 2:00 Sudanese 6:00 Prison Min.	25 9:00 Disciple III 12:00 Staff Meet. 7:00 Disciple I 7:30 Bells	26 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 Prison Min. 7:00 Sandwich Making	27 11:00 Care Team 4:45 Soup Kitchen 7:00 Session	28 6:30 Bible Study 7:14 Presby Men 7:00 Chancel Choir	29 8:30 Chancel Guild	30 10:00 I Believe Practice
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