

S P C Spotlight



NOVEMBER 2012

"The Church At The Bridge"

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When I was growing up (at least a hundred years ago now), church was an unquestioned part of nearly everyone's life. It was even government-sanctioned: department stores, food markets, even many gas stations were closed on Sundays. Buy liquor on Sundays? Are you kidding? Hotel bars were sometimes open, but they were the only ones. It was simply assumed that folks would go to church on Sunday morning, and many of the usual weekday activities just wouldn't happen.

Kind of astounding, isn't it? I think it's safe to say that things have changed! You can shop in any store in town. There are no restrictions on any activities; schools now schedule sports and other events on Sunday mornings; package stores are open and do a good business. Plus, people seem to be busier than ever, and Sunday mornings have been designated as mornings to sleep in and recharge for the coming week. Church? Yes, there are some mega-churches with huge congregations, but mainline churches in general are shrinking in membership, really feeling the effects of the cultural changes.

It's a difficult choice to make when your child has an important activity scheduled for a Sunday morning. And it is often difficult to get up and out on a Sunday morning when you're tired and would just as soon have a leisurely day reading the paper and relaxing. But there are some reasons to make the effort to come, and I'm going to list a few.

Hebrews 10:24-25 says, *And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

Clearly, God thinks church is important! Not only do we study and worship

together, but God seems to think we need each other. This verse paints a picture of a place where folks come to be with God and with each other. We often come needing encouragement, don't we? We may well be tired, or sad, or feeling overwhelmed, or in need of something. A pastor I once knew described the feeling as "wistful" – people come, hoping against hope that they'll hear from God, or that someone will listen or hug them or help in some way. In a world that demands productivity, fills us with stress, and doesn't understand the cry of our spirit – we need our church, and we need each other. Life isn't easy, and being a disciple of Jesus can get complicated. Who else will really "get it" but others who follow the same path?

And when you come to church, you have something to give, as well. There will be at least one person who needs to hear your ideas in Sunday School, who needs a hug from you, who needs your portion of the Spirit to bless the congregation. In fact, for every sympathetic hug you give someone, there'll be someone else who needs you to celebrate with them! How do we provoke ourselves and others "to love and good deeds"? By coming to church together and offering encouragement to each other!

Spiritually, we all have a special hunger that only church can fill. There's a feast here – a feast of scripture, of music, of study and relationships. That special hunger comes directly from the Holy Spirit. It's a very real hunger for God's Word – scripture is what feeds our soul. Sunday School teachers for all the classes, from nursery to adults, have prepared and prayed and are looking for students to love. The choir has planned and rehearsed and can't wait to lead us in praise to God. We pray as a community, lifting up individuals, our neighborhood, and our world to the God who listens and understands. On the communion table sits the big Bible – God's written Word – and the lighted candle, symbolic of Jesus, God's incarnate Word. And all

around us in the sanctuary are people who love God and love each other, and are trying their best to be a faithful disciple in a world that often makes that difficult.

If church doesn't feel that way for you, let's figure out why. Some things can be addressed by the Session. And some things will need to be a conversation between you and God. But if one of the ways we serve each other is through encouragement, let me just encourage you right now to come to church! Come and learn, come and worship, come and be with your friends. No need to go hungry when there's a feast available!

See you in church!
Susan

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. - John 21:12

So he sent other servants to tell them, "The feast has been prepared. The bulls and fattened cattle have been killed, and everything is ready. Come to the banquet!" - Matthew 22:4



SERMON SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER

NOVEMBER 4

Psalm 146; Mark 12:28-34
"Face to Face with the Kingdom of God"

NOVEMBER 11

Veterans' Day Sunday
Galatians 6:2; Psalm 46
"Strength and Service"

NOVEMBER 18

I Samuel 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-25
"Rejoice and Give Thanks"

NOVEMBER 25

Christ the King Sunday
John 18:33-37; Revelation 1:4b-8
"Meekness and Majesty"





**Christian
Education**
Mary Thompson
Coordinator

CHANGES

Changes are just a part of life, I know, and frankly, sometimes big changes happen too often and too fast for me. One change I love every year is when the season goes from summer to fall. I love summer, don't get me wrong, but somehow I'm always happy to feel that first touch of fall in the air and see the changing leaves with the beautiful bright blue sky in the background. God is such an artist!

This year brings more changes than just the changing season though. It's an election year and the charges and accusations from both parties are flying fast and furious. In just a few days we will know who our nation's leader will be for the next four years. Some of us will be happy and some will be more than disappointed and anxious that our candidate did not win. In times like these it is more important than ever to pray for our leaders, even if our candidate didn't win and to put our trust in God, praying that He will give our leaders wisdom and strength and will guide them to do His will.

I think it is meaningful that shortly after election day we celebrate Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for each and every day, don't we? I know I've mentioned before that I love the idea of a gratitude journal. When we take time to thank God for our blessings every day and then actually write at least five of them in a journal, we realize how blessed we are even when times are tough. This year it will be especially meaningful to remember that our loving God is in control and that is plenty to be thankful for right there!

Happy Thanksgiving Day!
Let's celebrate it every day!

God Bless,
Mary



Christmas Party for children and their families

Date: Sunday, December 2, 2012

Time: After Worship

**Please do plan to be here for
lunch and lots of fun surprises.**

Attention ALL Life Long Reading Girls:



With the upcoming holidays, it seems we are all too busy to read! Our weekends are totally booked well into January. We decided at our last meeting to take a break until after the first of the year. We will regroup then.



Thursday Women's Bible Study Update

Our schedule will be slightly different in November so here is the revised calendar.

Nov 1 - 10am
Leader: Susan Bennett
Nov 8 - No meeting
Nov 15 - 10 am
Leader: Sue Scheer
Nov 22 - Thanksgiving Day
Nov 29 - 10 am
Leader: Susan Bennett
Monthly birthday lunch
following Bible Study

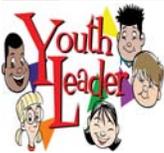
This is a great time to join us on Thursdays if you have not already done so. We'd love to see you there! If you have questions or comments call Mary Thompson (770-474-4252)

Top Ten Reasons To Bring Your Child To Sunday School

While sleeping late can be nice, have you considered the benefits of Sunday School attendance for your child? Here are ten reasons to make it a priority for your family:

- 1. Child Targeted Teaching:** Where else can your kids get Biblical instruction that's focused toward the lives of children?
- 2. Friends:** In Sunday School your child will build positive friendships with their peers by discovering God's Word together.
- 3. It's Fun:** OK, Sunday School isn't Disney World but our teachers do a great job of teaching the Bible in ways that are relevant and fun for kids.
- 4. Spiritual Mentors:** A dedicated teacher can be a Christian role model who supports and helps inspire the faith of your child.
- 5. Systematic Bible Learning:** Our curriculum is designed to give a broad foundation, so children will understand how all parts of scripture point to Christ.
- 6. Praying Teachers** Our teachers consistently pray for your child's faith to grow. Coming to Sunday School gives another occasion for God to answer those prayers.
- 7. Big Reward for Small Investment:** If you're already coming to church, just come a little bit earlier. That one change will equal over 800 hours of additional Christian teaching before your child graduates.
- 8. Send the Right Message** Making Sunday School a priority shows your kids that God's Word really does matter more than pillow time.
- 9. Adult Bible Fellowship:** While the children enjoy their class, you can fellowship with other adults in your own Bible Study group.
- 10. You'll Be On Time For Church:** Families who come to Sunday School always get to worship on time. It's the easiest way to avoid being late.





Hello to all,

Just two more months until Christmas, there is so much to do! Lets see, I need to make my shopping list, put some things on layaway, get out the decorations to see what is needed, oh and stock up on food and baking supplies for the holiday season, black Friday is just around the corner so I hope I can find some good deals that day...AHHHHH!!! SO MUCH TO DO TO GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS!

Wait...STOP! If any of you know me you know I don't get this frantic getting ready for Christmas (anymore). But so many people do. We skip from Labor Day to Christmas without stopping to enjoy the changing season in between. Thanksgiving is this month and it's this month we usually think of those things for which we are thankful. I personally am thankful for family, friends, love, happiness, good health, happiness, love, friends and family. I am thankful for my relationship with my pastor who is also my dear friend, for Levena who is always so patient with me and great at what she does, I'm thankful for this congregation, who does more for me than any of you will ever know. I know when I'm hurting, sad, sick or joyful and happy you are all there with me. This church is such an important place. I am thankful that 30 years ago my boyfriend (at the time) walked me through those front doors. It was love at first sight for me. I am so thankful that God had a purpose for me here that I had no idea about!

I challenge each of you to find something you are thankful for every day this month. Write it down and say a little thank you prayer to God while you do...and hey, once you've done it for a month you may as well continue on...

Have a great Thanksgiving!

Love,
Stephanie



NOVEMBER YOUTH EVENTS



Nov 4: Bowling at Fun Bowl \$12 (includes shoe rental and 2 games of bowling). Meet downstairs after worship for lunch and then we will leave for the bowling alley.

Nov. 11: No youth meeting that day

Nov.17: BON FIRE @ MY HOUSE 6 to 10 (235 Belair Dr.) Cook out, cornhole tournament, s'mores and hot chocolate....fun fun fun! (Bring chairs, blankets, warm clothes, your favorite drink and chip)



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

Time to start thinking about next summer and if you will be going on the mission trip. Don't miss out on this wonderful experience. Maxwell Street Presbyterian in Lexington, Kentucky has been on my mind. Think about it, ask questions, talk to those who have been in the past. It's not something to enter into without knowledge or prayer. Call me if you have questions.

All interested persons please contact Stephanie Dunn (770-630-1231) or steph.dunn007@yahoo.com.

Thanksgiving

*For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, for love and friends
For everything Thy goodness sends.*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson



*Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:18*



*Lord, so often times,
as any other day
When we sit down to
our meal and pray*

*We hurry along and
make fast the blessing
Thanks, Amen. Now please
pass the dressing*

*We're slaves to the
olfactory overload
We must rush our prayer
before the food gets cold*

*But Lord, I'd like to take
a few minutes more
To really give thanks for
what I'm thankful for*

*For my family, my health,
a nice soft bed
My friends, my freedom,
a roof over my head*

*I'm thankful right now
to be surrounded by those
Whose lives touch me more
than they'll ever possibly know*

*Thankful Lord, that You've
blessed me beyond measure
Thankful that in my heart
lives life's greatest treasure*

*That You, dear Jesus,
reside in that place
And I'm ever so grateful
for Your unending grace*

*So please, heavenly Father,
bless this food You've provided
And bless each and every*

person
Amen!



invited.



Give thanks to the LORD and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done.
Psalm 105:1



CARL'S LEGACY

Carl was a quiet man. He didn't talk much. He would always greet you with a big smile and a firm handshake. Even after living in our neighborhood for over 50 years, no one could really say they knew him very well. Before his retirement, he took the bus to work each morning. The sight of him walking alone down the street often worried us. He had a slight limp from a bullet wound received in WWII. Watching him, we worried that although he had survived WWII, he may not make it through our changing uptown neighborhood with its ever-increasing random violence, gangs, and drug activity. When he saw the flyer at our local church asking for volunteers for caring for the gardens behind the minister's residence, he responded in his characteristically unassuming manner. Without fanfare, he just signed up.

He was well into his 87th year when the very thing we had always feared finally happened. He was just finishing his watering for the day when three gang members approached him. Ignoring their attempt to intimidate him, he simply asked, "Would you like a drink from the hose?" The tallest and toughest-looking of the three said, "Yeah, sure," with a malevolent little smile. As Carl offered the hose to him, the other two grabbed Carl's arm, throwing him down. As the hose snaked crazily over the ground, dousing everything in its way, Carl's assailants stole his retirement watch and his wallet, and then fled. Carl tried to get himself up, but he had been thrown down on his bad leg. He lay there trying to gather himself as the minister came running to help him. Although the minister had witnessed the attack from his window, he couldn't get there fast enough to stop it. "Carl, are you okay? Are you hurt?" the minister kept asking as he helped Carl to his feet. Carl just passed a hand over his brow and sighed, shaking his head. "Just some punk kids. I hope they'll wise up someday."

His wet clothes clung to his slight frame as he bent to pick up the hose. He adjusted the nozzle again and started to water. Confused and a little concerned, the minister asked, "Carl, what are you doing?" "I've got to finish my watering. It's been very dry lately," came the calm reply. Satisfying himself that Carl really was all right, the minister could only marvel. Carl was a man from a different time and place. A few weeks later the three returned. Just as before their threat was unchallenged. Carl again offered them a drink from his hose. This time they didn't rob him. They wrenched the hose from his hand and drenched him head to foot in the icy water. When they had finished their humiliation of him, they sauntered off down the street, throwing catcalls and curses, falling over one another laughing at the hilarity of what they had just done. Carl just watched them. Then he turned toward the warmth giving sun, picked up his hose, and went on with his watering.

The summer was quickly fading into fall, Carl was doing some tilling when he was startled by the sudden approach of someone behind him. He stumbled and fell into some evergreen branches. As he struggled to regain his footing, he turned to see the tall leader of his summer tormentors reach-

ing down for him. He braced himself for the expected attack. "Don't worry, old man, I'm not gonna hurt you this time." The young man spoke softly, still offering the tattooed and scarred hand to Carl. As he helped Carl get up, the man pulled a crumpled bag from his pocket and handed it to Carl. "What's this?" Carl asked. "It's your stuff," the man explained. "It's your stuff back. Even the money in your wallet." "I don't understand," Carl said. "Why would you help me now?" The man shifted his feet, seeming embarrassed and ill at ease. "I learned something from you," he said. "I ran with that gang and hurt people like you. We picked you because you were old and we knew we could do it. But every time we came and did something to you, instead of yelling and fighting back, you tried to give us a drink. You didn't hate us for hating you. You kept showing love against our hate." He stopped for a moment. "I couldn't sleep after we stole your stuff, so here it is back." He paused for another awkward moment, not knowing what more there was to say. "That bag's my way of saying thanks for straightening me out, I guess." And with that, he walked off down the street.

Carl looked down at the sack in his hands and gingerly opened it. He took out his retirement watch and put it back on his wrist. Opening his wallet, he checked for his wedding photo. He gazed for a moment at the young bride that still smiled back at him from all those years ago. He died one cold day after Christmas that winter. Many people attended his funeral in spite of the weather. In particular the minister noticed a tall young man that he didn't know sitting quietly in a distant corner of the church. The minister spoke of Carl's garden as a lesson in life. In a voice made thick with unshed tears, he said, "Do your best and make your garden as beautiful as you can. We will never forget Carl and his garden."

The following spring another flyer went up. It read: "Person needed to care for Carl's garden." The flyer went unnoticed by the busy parishioners until one day when a knock was heard at the minister's office door. Opening the door, the minister saw a pair of scarred and tattooed hands holding the flyer. "I believe this is my job, if you'll have me," the young man said. The minister recognized him as the same young man who had returned the stolen watch and wallet to Carl. He knew that Carl's kindness had turned this man's life around. As the minister handed him the keys to the garden shed, he said, "Yes, go take care of Carl's garden and honor him." The man went to work and, over the next several years, he tended the flowers and vegetables just as Carl had done. During that time, he went to college, got married, and became a prominent member of the community. But he never forgot his promise to Carl's memory and kept the garden as beautiful as he thought Carl would have kept it. One day he approached the new minister and told him that he couldn't care for the garden any longer. He explained with a shy and happy smile, "My wife just had a baby boy last night, and she's bringing him home on Saturday."

"Well, congratulations!" said the minister, as he was handed the garden shed keys. "That's wonderful! What's the baby's name?" "Carl," he replied.

WHAT KIND OF LEGACY ARE YOU LEAVING FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW??

"Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young (or old). Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity."

1 Tim 4:12

GREAT BIG THANK YOU!!

Thank you to Cotton Indian Elementary School for a truck load of groceries donated to the Joseph's Pantry ministry. What a great blessing!!

"BRIDGE FAMILY BASKETS"

With all the hard work and dedication each of you are doing on our new church missions, we have become aware that sometimes the builders of missions (you, our church family) may need a little TLC also. Several of us would like to experiment with an ongoing care basket project. These personalized baskets would be for any of our members or regular attendees that are home bound or undergoing long term illnesses. Each basket would include useful items personally selected for each individual, some of which may be: devotionals, books, cross word puzzles, lotions, teas, games, mints, gum, crayons, coloring books, cards etc.

In addition to these items, a home made blanket, especially designed for our family member would be included with the expressed meaning, this person is a cherished member of our family and is being prayed for with the warmest thoughts. We will then make plans to visit and deliver each basket as needed. Some blankets will be sewn, some tied, and some knitted or crocheted. Each will be unique and made by as many of you that wish to help. We will need anyone that can sew, cut out patterns, tie knots, purchase materials and anything else the Holy Spirit leads you to do. This means "all of us can do something".

We will meet the third Thursday of each month in the fellowship hall at **10:00 AM, beginning the 17th of January**. Now, the next time you are shopping and come across something that catches your eye, your donation will be greatly appreciated by one of your family members. Nothing expensive, it is the thought we are looking for. And if you want to experience a wonderful fellowship, join us on the 17th of January. This will be a mission in training, so your thoughts and ideas are very important to its success.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please call or email Sue Scheer or Linda Roberts.





Presbyterian Women Update

Circle #1 meets 1st Tues - 10:00 am
Fellowship Hall (Sept-June)
Circle #2 meets 1st Wed - 6:15 pm
Parlor (Sept-June)

PRAYER CONCERNS NOVEMBER 2012

***MEMBERS:** Gerrelldine Addy, Harold Cochran, Brandy Conner, David Craig, David Dillard, Rick Holcombe, Allison Johnson, Pat Martin, Charles & Sara Moseley, Jim & Thelma Newsome, Gene Park, Ruth Pope, Doug Richardson, Doug Sewell, Sally Smith, Carolyn Waits, Anne Watson

***FRIENDS & FAMILY:** Joyce Aiken, Family of Lynneah Browning, Benji Buttrill, Family of Jerry Clark, Cheyenne Fischer, Nicole Hawkins, Jackie Lunsford, Lucas & Yvette Madeam-Johnson, Family of Jimmie Mayo, Dale McGee, Family of Cheryl Pepper, Austin Reach, Linda Richardson, Family of Major Sanders, Family of Wyolene Smith, Frances Wheatley, David Zanker

***ONGOING:** Shad Austin, Carol Baggett, Melissa Bailey, Sarah Barr, Judy Belvin, Dorothy Bromenshenkel, Cindy Brown, Tillie Bundy, Carmen Butler, Larry Campbell, Myrtis Carter, Kenneth Cleveland, Teresa Cooper, Jemal & Prilinda Davis, Leslie Moseley DeSimone, Jason Ellis, Beanie Essex, Lilly Feathers, Lori Fisher, Paula Goddard, Barbara Goss, Carol Harris, Nick Hart, Amy Huber, Mark Kellogg, Rebecca Langford, Hannah Layfield, Lisa Lohr, Linda Lycett, Greg Martin, Kim McCantti, Shane McDonald, Bernice & Claude McGee, Nikki McGee, Linda Menieur, John Newman, Sam Osborne, Olivia Quigley, Bill Ratliff, Ione Lanford Ring, Vicky Rodgers, Lara Rogers, Vicki Rosenblatt, Laurie Sansbury, Ray Shrader, Shirley Slaughter, Abby Smith, Jack & Grace Soucie, Keith Sorrells, Marge Spikes, Sarah Starzer, Donna Sundren, Jennifer Thomas, Richard Thomas, Ed Thompson, Diane Trickle, Jack & Bonelle Turner, Fred Unger, Marilyn White, LuAnn Worley

***MILITARY TROOPS:** Tyler DeLoach, Lucas Freeman; Iraq: Don Bradley, Doug Caldwell, Joel Forsyth, Jeremy Hopfe; Afghanistan: Brian Bavano, James Chapman, Chad Duffey, Ricky Fyffe, Kyle Gaylor, Gary Lawrence, Josh Ogle, Zachary Pallock, Ryan Richey, Ryan Tewell; El Salvador: Darrious Austin; Huntsville: Jack Shedd; Hawaii: Brianne Gaylor; Washington, D.C.: David Brown

***HOMEBOUND:** Julia Brown, Peggy Campbell, Johnny Hinton, Sarah Belle Lee, Georgia Silvey, Nancy Stikeleather, Carolyn Waits

*Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other.
Romans 12:10*



UPCOMING GRG EVENTS

2012

NOV 13: Annual Potluck Lunch & Meeting
DEC 9: Christmas Luncheon

Attention church members 50+
GRG ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday, November 13
12:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
Covered Dish Luncheon



No one wants to miss
Our annual meeting of the Gold Rush Gang
Very important to be there
Everyone!
Me and you!
Be sure to bring a covered dish
Everything will be delicious!
Really have a great meal, great fellowship,
and the Gold Rush Gang needs your input!



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church will be honoring its veterans with a special worship service and lunch on **November 11th**. All veterans and active duty members are asked to assemble in the Fellowship Hall at 10:45 am on the 11th for the processional into the sanctuary. There will be a video presentation honoring our veterans during the lunch. Feel free to wear your uniforms.



B&G Buildings & Grounds
Safety & Security



Fellowship Committee



Every Sunday Morning:
Breakfast is served beginning at **9:00** every Sunday morning.
Come and enjoy the fellowship.
Use your hospitality and cooking skills to bless others...signups for cooking are on the refrigerator door in the Fellowship Hall.

CHURCH STAFF DIRECTORY

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	Abigail Jenkins	678-689-3063
	Megan Bennett	678-521-7314



NOVEMBER SESSION REPORT

Buildings and Grounds Committee: The gas has been turned on for the church. Jason told Kim that if the bill for this is over \$30; it should not be paid as our current gas provider agreed to perform this service for \$30. Kim notified Doug Richardson of this matter.

JanPro is the new cleaning service and should be starting next Saturday with a "walk through" scheduled for this week. The cost is \$275/month for a total of \$3300/year which will be covered by New Glory Christian Church monthly rental.

Session approved the following: use of Fellowship Hall for Prayer Breakfast by women of New Glory Christian Church on November 10, 2012 at 9 AM; installation of the old sign to a location on the north wall area between office windows; and the sale of a generator owned by the church.

Christian Education Committee: Session approved the following: Sunday School party for 12/2 and Youth activities of bowling on 11/4; ice skating on 12/9; and caroling on 12/16.

Fellowship Committee: No issues or recommendations.

Stewardship Committee: Kim presented the September 2012 financial statement which indicates a second month in a row of positive trending numbers. Over \$1000 in per capita has been paid by church members, and it is hoped that SPC's per capita can be sent to

the Presbytery very soon. Susan remarked that this church has been called into some very exciting new ministries recently, and we must believe that God will provide for these ministries.

Kim presented and Session approved the 2013 budget. The budget will be presented at the Congregational Meeting on November 11 with Jim discussing Stewardship's plan to go to a more missional budget next year. No huge Stewardship campaign is planned for this year.

Witness Committee: Visitor bags have been prepared and 3 have been given to our visitors thus far.

Worship Committee: Betsy announced that Goodness and Groceries was the recipient of a \$5000 grant for 2013 from the Compassion Funds Grant at the Presbytery.

Pastor's Report: Susan asked Session members who will be continuing on Session to think on which committee they wish to serve next year.

Susan appointed and Session approved Linda and Jim to review the Session minutes for 2012 by mid January 2013.

Susan appointed and Session approved Kim and Jim to review the membership rolls by December 1 in order that the recommendations be approved at the December Session Meeting.

Clerk's Report: Aaron announced that the

Nominating Committee has begun contacting individuals who were suggested by the congregation to ascertain whether they would consider being a member of the Elder Class of 2015. As of this evening, no one has accepted, but the calls will continue. It is hoped that a slate of candidates will be ready for the Congregational Meeting on November 11.

Linda reminded the Session members to send their projected activities for 2013 to her no later than December 1, 2012 as she would like to have the Activities Calendar ready for approval at the December meeting. She also asked that any policy and/or procedure changes be sent to her no later than December 1, 2012.

Linda Roberts,
Clerk of Session



SPC 2013 Estimate of Giving

It is time for the 2013 Stewardship Pledge Campaign and SPC requests that you prayerfully plan to contribute to the Operating Fund and church missions during 2013. A pledge packet is included in Sunday bulletins or available in the Narthex and the church office for your use. Please review and complete. Place your completed pledge card in the envelope and drop in offering plate or by the office. *"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver;" (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church
"The Church at the Bridge"

Bridging the Gaps in People's Lives!

- Between us and God
- With family, friends & neighbors

Henry County Georgia

Bridging The Gap

- Between us and our local community
- Between us and a world in need

BRIDGING THE GAP UPDATE

Goodness and Groceries: Betsy Sierra

Betsy announced that students at Cotton Indian Elementary School have voted to donate all of the food that is collected at their annual canned food drive to SPC's Joseph's Pantry. Everyone is welcome to help pack grocery bags and write notes for these bags any Wednesday evening at 6:30. Betsy announced that the Compassion Funds Grant at the Presbytery has awarded a \$5000 grant for next year to Goodness and Groceries.

Live Nativity: Sue Scheer

Sue announced that she has all of the characters assigned. Arrangements for the

animals have been made. An inventory of the costumes has been done and plans for sewing the remaining costumes have been made for Saturday, October 27 from 9-noon. Any arrangements for cookies for the open house will wait until after Election Day activities.

Scout Sunday: Jason Howard / Aaron Roberts

Jason announced that Scout Sunday has been scheduled for February 10. More information will be forthcoming.

Veteran's Recognition Sunday: Jim Beisner / Judy Simmons

Jim announced that he met with Worship to plan the service. There will be a procession of current and past members of the Armed Services. The liturgy will focus around service. After the Congregational Meeting, the Session will host a luncheon during which a video featuring our veterans will be played. All food will be provided so just come for fellowship and to honor our veterans.

Visitor Follow-Up: Sherry McGee, Tony Williams, Peggy Chase
Visitor bags have been prepared and 3 have been given to our visitors thus far.

Muffin Brigade: Linda Roberts / Carlton Smith

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for individuals to provide muffins and/or cookies and to man the refreshment table and to welcome our neighbors. The event is planned for the entire day (November 6) and any help is welcome.



OPPORTUNITIES

LITURGISTS:

- Nov 4 Jason Howard
- Nov 11 Sherry McGee
- Nov 18 Terry Holmes
- Nov 25 Ben Robertson

HEAD USHER—NOVEMBER

Witness Committee

COMMUNION SERVERS—NOV 4, 2012

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| Jim Beisner | Greg Lathrop |
| Ken Roberts | Linda Roberts |
| Doug Richardson | Laura Richardson |

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS

- Nov 4 Greg Lathrop; Adam Dunn
- Nov 11 Clipper Family
- Nov 18 Amy/Aaron Roberts; Allie Dunn
- Nov 25 Keller Family

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

- Nov 4 Grace Robertson
- Nov 11 Carly Keller
- Nov 18 Mitchell Stanley
- Nov 25 Collin Roberts

BEADLE SCHEDULE

- Nov 4 Doug Richardson
- Nov 11 John Elliott
- Nov 18 Annie Laura Kelly
- Nov 25 Betsy Sierra

FRIDAY OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

- Nov 2 Sue Scheer
- Nov 9 Lynn Pack
- Nov 16 Carol Abbott
- Nov 23 Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- Nov 30 Nancy Bryant

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE TO
SPC AND GOD'S KINGDOM



SANCTUARY FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

If you wish to place a floral arrangement in the Sanctuary, please call the Church office to see if a particular Sunday is available and so an appropriate notation can be made in the announcement sheet.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
Matthew 28:19,20



2012

- Dec 1 Advent / Decorate Church
- Dec 2 Sunday School Party
- Dec 5 Worship Comm Mtg
- Dec 8 Youth Challenge Testing
- Dec 9 GRG Christmas Luncheon
- Dec 9 Youth Ice Skating
- Dec 11 Stated Session Meeting
- Dec 15 Live Nativity
- Dec 16 Choir Christmas Program
- Dec 16 Youth Caroling
- Dec 24-Jan 7 Schools Out / Winter Break
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service / Office Closed
- Dec 25 Christmas Day

2013

- Jan 1 Office Closed
- Jan 2 PW Circle #2
- Jan 3 Bldg & Grnds Comm Mtg
- Jan 8 PW circle #1
- Jan 10 CE Comm Mtg
- Jan 10 Stewardship Comm Mtg
- Jan 15 Stated Session Mtg
- Jan 17 Bridge Family Basket Comm
- Jan 21 Office Closed MLK Day



Early Risers

- 11/20 Biscuit & Brunch
- 11/27 Chick-fil-a



Pledge packets (pledge card, envelope and Stewardship letter) are available in the Narthex and church office. Your faithful support is greatly appreciated and needed.



NOVEMBER Birthdays

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| 11/1 Lynn Andrews | 11/18 Jim Newsome |
| 11/8 Gene Park | 11/20 Bettye Cochran |
| 11/9 Sally Smith | 11/21 Ruth Pope |
| 11/10 Carrie Keller | 11/27 Michael Bennett |
| 11/14 Diana Taylor | 11/27 Justin Palmer |
| 11/14 E.G. Mani | 11/30 Evelyn Hughes |
| 11/16 Barbara Bailey | 11/30 Don Dunlap |
| 11/17 Aaron Roberts | |

We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers.
— 1 Thess 1:2

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.— Romans 15:13

2012 PER CAPITA DUE NOW



As you know, every year our church is required to donate \$22.00 per member to the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta.

We're very grateful that so many of you have responded to this need, but we're coming back and asking for more of you to step up to the plate! If you haven't yet sent in your 2012 Per Capita check, could you please do so as soon as possible? The check should be made out to Stockbridge Presbyterian Church, with "Per Capita" in the memo line. This annual payment to the Presbytery is mandatory, and your help in covering the expense is more appreciated than you know. Questions? Contact Doug Scott or Susan. And thanks for your help!



1 Kings 2:2-3

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><u>COMMUNION SERVERS—NOV 4, '12</u> Jim Beisner Ken Roberts Doug Richardson</p>	<p><u>BEADLE SCHEDULE</u> Nov 4 Greg Lathrop Nov 11 Linda Roberts Nov 18 Laura Richardson Nov 25 Annie Laura Kelly Betsy Sierra</p>	<p><u>ACOLYTE SCHEDULE</u> Nov 4 Grace Robertson Nov 11 Justin Stanley Nov 18 Carly Keller Nov 25 Collin Roberts</p>	<p>10:00 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 Bldg & Grnds Comm Mtg</p>	<p>1 (Sue Scheer) 2</p>	<p>3 5:30 New Glory C.C.</p>	
<p>(Jason Howard) 4 Communion </p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Election Day "The Muffin Brigade"</p>	<p>7 5:00 Worship Com 6:15 PW Cir #2 6:30 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>8 (No Ladies Bible Study) 4:30 Stewardship Meeting 6:00</p>	<p>9 (Lynn Pack)</p>	<p>10 9:00 New Glory Women's Prayer Breakfast 1:00 Youth Chall Test 5:30 New Glory CC</p>
<p>(Sherry McGee) 11 Congregational Mtg Covered Dish Lunch </p>	<p>12</p>	<p>12:00 13 GRG Annual Lunch & Meeting 7:00 Stated Session</p>	<p>14 6:30 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>15 9:00 Presbytery Mtg Roswell 10:00 Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>16 (Carol Abbott)</p>	<p>17 5:30 New Glory C.C.</p>
<p>(Terry Holmes) 18 Newsletter Items Due </p>	<p>19</p>	<p>9:00 20 Early Risers/B&B</p>	<p>21 6:30 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>22 Happy Thanksgiving </p>	<p>23 Office Closed</p>	<p>24 5:30 New Glory C.C.</p>
<p>SCHOOLS ARE OUT</p>						
<p>(Ben Robertson) 25 11:00 Healing Service </p>	<p>26</p>	<p>9:00 27 Early Risers/CFA</p>	<p>28 6:30 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>29 10:00 Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>30 (Nancy Bryant)</p>	

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!" And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!"
Revelation 5:12-13 NKJV

WEEKLY SCHEDULE
(Unless noted otherwise on the above calendar.)

Sunday
9:00 am Fellowship Breakfast
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am Worship

4:30 pm Youth Fellowship
5:00 pm Haitian Christian Fellow.

Monday

7:00 pm AA

Tuesday

9:00 am Early Risers
7:30 pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday

6:30 pm Goodness & Groceries
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
7:00 pm AA

Saturday

5:30 pm New Glory Christian Church