

SPC Spotlight



OCTOBER 2012

"The Church At The Bridge"

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There's an old, old question that church folks like to argue about: Why is there church? Does church exist for the people who are already there, or for the people who aren't there yet but need to be? And that's a good question.

But I guess we'll just have to keep arguing, because, as with many good questions, both sides are true. Church definitely exists for the people who are already there. This is where we come to worship, and sing the hymns and pray together and reaffirm our faith together. This is where we come to study scripture together and share our ideas. This is often where our very best friends are, and so we come to see them, too. Church is the place we come where, for at least one hour a week, we can focus completely on God and put the rest of the world on the back burner.

Certainly, we can and should worship God wherever we are, alone, at work, wherever. But church is the place where believers can come and worship God TOGETHER. This is so important that scripture talks all the time about the assembly of the believers, telling us not to forsake that no matter what. One of the basics of our faith as Presbyterians is the belief that we should study scripture in community, that we should be governed by committees and by the Session; we believe that the Holy Spirit speaks through these means. There's never just one person taking over and giving orders. We need each other.

What's more, we enjoy each other. The Gold Rush Gang, Presbyterian Women, covered dish meals, the church Christmas Party, the choir, the Bridge Family Baskets – all these are times when we come together and visit with our friends. PWs and Goodness and Groceries are good examples when we get together not only to enjoy each other, but also to learn and serve. In fact, as I often say, I've never seen a congregation that

cares for each other the way the SPC congregation does. And that life we share together is profoundly important.

But there's more. The Church is the Body of Christ on earth, and that means we also are called to do the things Jesus did. We're called to bring love and healing to people's lives. We're called to tell them about Jesus and demonstrate the kingdom of God in our lives and in the way we treat folks. We're called to help – to feed the hungry, to reach out to the poor. We're called to welcome strangers and offer them the same love and grace we've received through Jesus.

With Goodness and Groceries, we help feed hungry school kids AND let them know they and their families are welcome here. Because of Joseph's Pantry, families who struggle with long-term unemployment and out-and-out poverty can receive food and a devotional book and a kind word. Events like the annual Blessing of the Animals service, the Live Nativity, the yard sale, the Muffin Brigade, even our Christmas Eve service – these are all about us reaching out to our neighborhood. There are other outreach events, too – and the truth is, every Sunday morning, when the doors are open and people are greeted with enthusiasm and a warm welcome – that's us reaching out, as well. The way we reach out to our neighbors is profoundly important, too.

I guess what we're looking for is balance, because without both inward nurture and outward service and welcome, we're not fulfilling Christ's calling to us as his Body. And if we're not obeying Christ, we've turned into the Stockbridge Social Club! Well, we're not even CLOSE to that. For me, and I hope for you, SPC's future is bright and filled with hope. How blessed we are to have each other!

See you in church!
Susan



*"Oh to be his hand extended,
reaching out to the oppressed.
Let me touch him,
let me touch Jesus.
So that others may know and be
blessed."*

*"Let your light so shine
before all, that they may
see your good works, and
glorify your Father who is
in heaven." Matt 5:16*



SERMON SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER 7

Psalm 26; Mark 10:13-18
"The Faith of a Child"

OCTOBER 14

Mark 10:17-31; Hebrews 4:12-16
"Radical Compassion"

OCTOBER 21

Celebrate the Gifts of Men Sunday
John Dunn, Preacher
Mark 10:35-45;
James 2:1,5-8,14-17.20-26
"Do Something!"

OCTOBER 28

Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52
"Take Heart; Get Up, He is Calling You!"





Christian Education

Mary Thompson
Coordinator

The Beach in Fall

I've always loved the beach and for a long time it was my dream to live there. I must admit though that for the past couple of years when I go to the beach in the summer, it's just too hot, too sandy, too crowded, too everything. That's why I'm so glad to have the chance to go to the beach in mid September this year and I can't wait! In early fall the mornings and evenings at the beach are usually a little cool, the afternoons are warm, and sunny and the temp hovers around 80, much better than the high 90's that happen mid-summer. Of course, no matter what time of year we go, or what beach we go to, there is always that awesome ocean. I used to spend my time in it, bobbing up and down, mostly floating, catching waves, etc. These days I've noticed though that I'm pretty content to spend more time just looking at it from the beach or even the balcony and enjoying the perfection of God's creation..

I have a friend who wrote a little poem while sitting on a beach somewhere that pretty much summed up my thoughts too. I've looked high and low for it and so has she but so far it's nowhere to be found. I remember though, that it talked about how amazing it is that the God who created EVERYTHING including oceans, cares for and loves each one of us individually. When I told my friend how much I liked her poem, she thanked me and said, "It really isn't an original thought though, David said it much better in the Psalms," and that is true.

In Psalm 44, verses 3 & 4 David wrote, "When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou has established; what is man that thou are mindful of him, and the son of man that that Thou dost care for him?" And yet, caring for us and loving us abundantly are just exactly what He does. Amazing, Amazing Grace!

You know, maybe I really do need to live at the beach after all. Maybe I'll just stay there this time!



God Bless,
Mary



Hot Dog Supper

The Christian Education Committee is planning to serve a hot dog supper at 5:45 on **Wednesday, October 31**. Following supper we'll pack groceries for Goodness and Groceries at 6:30 as usual. So come a little early that night and enjoy some fun, fellowship, and hot dogs with the trimmings. We will also have a little goodie bag with Halloween treats for the children who are here.



Prayer of Protection

*The light of God surrounds me.
The love of God enfolds me.
The power of God protects me.
The presence of God watches over me.
Wherever I am, God is.*

As taught to Robin Roberts of Good Morning America by her mother. (The Sunday School class for youth, taught by Diana Taylor, uses this prayer to close their time together each Sunday.)



On the wall in the youth classroom this is a version of the Ten Commandments if God had texted them to Moses:

M, pls rite on tabs & giv 2 ppl

1. No1 b4 me. Srsly.
 2. dnt wrshp pix/idols
 3. no omg's
 4. no wrk on w/end (sat 4 now; sun l8r)
 5. pos ok - ur m&d r cool.
 6. dnt kill ppl
 7. :-X only w/m8
 8. dnt steal
 9. dnt lie re:bf
 - 10.dnt ogle ur bf's m8. or ox or dnkey.
- Myob.

ATTENTION **Life Long Reading Girls!**



Our next book selection is "To Heaven and Back: The True Story of a Doctor's Extraordinary Walk with God" by Dr. Mary C. Neal.

We will meet to discuss this thought provoking book on **October 27 at 3:00** at the home of Betsy Sierra. Please join us for conversation, fellowship, and delicious desserts. Here is a synopsis of the book from Amazon.com:

Is there life after death? Is God real? Is there sufficient reason to live by faith? Dr. Mary Neal's walk with God has been both ordinary and extraordinary, brimming with the gift and privilege of being touched by God in visible and very tangible ways. She is a practicing orthopedic surgeon, a wife, and a mother who has experienced joy as well as great sorrow and death. She experienced life after death and, despite her scientific training, she believes the answer to each one of these questions is a definitive yes. She drowned on a South American river and went to Heaven. She conversed with angels. She returned to Earth, in part, to tell her story to others and help them find their way back to God. In this book, Dr. Neal shares the captivating details of her life in which she has experienced not just one miracle, but many. Her story is both compelling and thought provoking. Her experiences provide confirmation that miracles still occur, shows how God keeps His promises and why there is sufficient reason to live by faith. Dr. Neal's message is fundamentally one of hope.

W e l c o m e

The Christian Ed Committee is so happy to welcome our newest member, **Tami Pass**. Thank You Tami for saying "Yes!"

**GOD IS GOOD ...
ALL THE TIME!**



Hello to all,

It's that time of year again! The season is changing to my favorite time of year, cool mornings and coolness in the breeze even when its in the 80's outside. I love going outside on Friday nights and hearing the sound of drums and football announcers off in the distance coming from the high school. Beautiful colors of red, yellow and orange will soon be everywhere. We have a ginormous tree over our pool deck and it starts dropping its leaves around this time of year, and as much as I love this time of year, I know that soon, the leaves will be piling high and the trees will be empty and bare. That's the sad part of this time of year. As beautiful as the fall colors are, I know that they will soon disappear.

But on the bright side, Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner. More beauty...seeing homes and yards all decorated for the holiday season and maybe possibly a little bit of snow....wait, I may be getting a little ahead of myself. I guess my point is that no matter what, there is the promise of something better ahead and that's what Jesus did for us. He ensured us that there is always going to be a promise of something better. When our beloved Cathy Holcombe was so sick with cancer, I was devastated, like many of you were. But she taught me something. She taught me that even in her darkest hours, she knew there was that promise of eternal life that He Himself made to us. She knew it, and the mere mention of it would light her face up and that smile would come shining through.

So, when those leaves start falling and things around you start changing, sometimes you may begin to feel sad or uncertain. Just remember the promise! The BIG PROMISE! Nothing can compare to that! There is something better waiting for us all.

1 John 2: 24-25 says, "Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father." This is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life.

Love you all,
Stephanie



OCTOBER EVENTS

- Oct 7: No youth*
- Oct 14: Dinner and a Movie @ the Church 4 to 6 pm*
- Oct 20: Bon Fire @ the Dunn's start time 6pm*
- Oct 28: No Youth ...*
- Oct 31 (Wed): Halloween, Dinner will be served at 5:45.*



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).

GRACE CHOOSES TO SEE FORGIVENESS

Victoria Ruvolo doesn't remember the 18-year-old boy leaning out the window holding, of all things, a frozen turkey. He threw it at her windshield. Crashing through the glass, it shattered Victoria's face like a dinner plate on concrete.

John 13:14-15 says: "Since I, the Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. Do as I have done to you."

Victoria Ruvolo did. Months later, she stood face to face with her offender in court. No longer cocky, he was trembling, tearful, and apologetic. Six months behind bars, five years' probation. Everyone in the courtroom objected. He sobbed, and she spoke: "I forgive you. I want your life to be the best it can be."

The reduced sentence was her idea. "God gave me a second chance at life, and I passed it on" she said!

Grace chooses to see God's forgiveness!

From GRACE by Max Lucado

THREE THINGS

Three things in life that, once gone, never come back:

*Time * Words * Opportunity*

Three things in life that can destroy a person:

*Anger * Pride * Unforgiveness*

Three things in life that you should never lose:

*Hope * Peace * Honesty*

Three things in life that are most valuable:

*Love * Family & Friends
Kindness*

Three things in life that are never certain:

*Fortune * Success * Dreams*

Three things that make a person:

*Commitment * Sincerity
Hard work*

Three things that are truly constant:

*Father * Son * Holy Spirit*

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I ask the Lord to bless you,
as I pray for you today;
to guide you and protect you,
as you go along your way.
God's love is always with you,
God's promises are true.
And when you give God
all your cares,
you know He'll see you through.



Are you committed to pray for the USA? Be a part of the 40 Days of Prayer, Sept. 28-Nov. 4



"Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets. Matt 7:12

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD!

How Great is our God!!! Our Creator and Redeemer . . . and do we THINK about it ??? God's accuracy may be observed in the hatching of eggs. For example:

-the eggs of the potato bug hatch in 7 days;
-those of the canary in 14 days;
-those of the barnyard hen in 21 days;
-The eggs of ducks and geese hatch in 28 days;
-those of the mallard in 35 days;
-The eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days. (Notice, they are all divisible by seven, the number of days in a week!)

God's wisdom is seen in the making of an elephant. The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction. No other quadruped is so made. God planned that this animal would have a huge body, too large to live on two legs. For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily. The horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first. A cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first. How wise the Lord is in all His works of creation!

God's wisdom is revealed in His arrangement of sections and segments, as well as in the number of grains. Each watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind. Each orange has an even number of segments. Each ear of corn has an even number of rows. Each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains. Every bunch of bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number. The waves of the sea roll in on shore twenty-six to the minute in all kinds of weather. All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks, and the Lord specified thirty fold, sixty fold, and hundred fold all even number.

God has caused the flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day. Linnaeus, the great botanist, once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture and temperature, he could tell the time of day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed!

The lives of each of us may be ordered by the Lord in a beautiful way for His glory, if we will only entrust Him with our life.



*Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.
Psalm 139:14*

**A BIG
THANK YOU**
to these volunteers

A big thank you to everyone that participated in our annual yard & bake sale for Missions.

To everyone that came out on Friday night to set-up, worked on Sat, brought items for the sale, and baked the goodies....A big THANK YOU to you all!!!!

To Carlton & Sally Smith who took the left over items to the Women's Shelter I really appreciated that and I'm so glad that you thought of it. I know they can use anything.

The proceeds totaled \$1,391.78 which will go towards our Christmas Baskets this year for children and their families of our G&G Ministry.....

Love you ALL and I'm so happy we all came together and had fun.....Maybe a yard sale in the Spring???????? Continue to clean out.....



On Rally Day Susan said the church was going to honor a member for their work and devotion. I began to think who could it be. There are so many names I thought of ... then she called my name. I was in shock and wondered "Why me?" I am honored but I don't feel I deserve it. I am so blessed to be a part of this church family. Thank you!! - Ruth Pope



GIFTS OF MEN SUNDAY

OCTOBER 21

11:00

JOHN DUNN, PREACHER

**GOODNESS & GROCERIES FEEDBACK:**

This is a note that one of our students wrote to let people know that the kids are appreciative.—Betsy

Dear People,

Thank you for giving me food. It was really so helpful, especially in the mornings. Thank you so much!!!

With love,

An appreciative student at SMS

"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 18th of October**. 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 18th of October. 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 OCTOBER 2012

***MEMBERS:** Gerrelidine Addy, Brandy Conner, David Craig, David Dillard, Allie Dunn, Kathy Gorman, Rick Holcombe, Allison Johnson, Pat Martin, Charles & Sara Moseley, Jim Newsome, Gene Park, Ruth Pope, Doug Richardson, Doug Sewell, Sally Smith, Mary Thompson, Carolyn Waits, Anne Watson

***FRIENDS & FAMILY:** Peggy Campbell, Ron Cantrell Jr, Evelyn Moseley Craig, Michelle Hammonds, Tom Hogan, Jennifer Holcombe, Donna Johnson, Janice Keeter, Linda Pass, Vicky Rodgers

***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, Cindy Hack-Cross, 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, Tim Newman, Sam Osborne, Olivia Quigley, Tracy Rasar, 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, Tiffany Watson, Marilyn White, LuAnn Worley

***MILITARY TROOPS:** Tyler DeLoach, Casey Hammond, Lucas Freeman, Seth Smith; 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, Sean Parijs, Ryan Richey, Ryan Tewell; Huntsville: Jack Shedd; Kuwait: Brianne Gaylor; Washington, D.C.: David Brown; Cuba: Kevin Scott;

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

UPCOMING GRG EVENTS

2012

OCT 9: Nash Farms / Bay Breeze
NOV 13: Annual Potluck Lunch & Meeting
DEC 9: Christmas Luncheon

ATTENTION CHURCH MEMBERS 50 YR +
Tuesday, October 9th
Nash Farms Battlefield
Lunch @ Bay Breeze, (on your own)



Transportation \$6, Museum \$4

Meet and leave from the church parking lot 9:45 am. This is a non-walking presentation with comfortable seating in one museum.

*The big cannons BOOM!
The soldiers are fighting to prevent Georgia's doom!
The gunfire blazes! The battle rages!
The blue and grey stand on the opposite side,
But each one fights and continues to die!
The battle is over, the fighting is through.
The grey has lost, and the blue has really lost too.
There is no winner when blood is shed
They all have lost and in their hearts there's dread.
We stand on this ground where soldiers trod
Where their blood soaked the dirt and sod.
Silence now covers this ground,
There is no more the battle sound.
Nash Farms is now a place of beauty & peace.
Over 100 years ago the war did cease.
Now you can walk the same ground
And see the bullets that make the sound.
The museum will be an interesting place to see,
It holds a lot of Henry County history.
Then it's lunch at Bay Breeze,
Where we're sure with the great food you'll be pleased.
It will wrap up the event with such pleasure
We're sure this will be a day you will always treasure.*

Please see Charles or Edna Fisher by Sunday, October 7th.



Attention Church Members 50+

November 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!*



SATURDAY, OCT 13, 8:00 AM
All hands needed!

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

Pastor	Susan Bennett	770-474-7777
Office Manager	Levena Hemmle	770-474-7777
Interim Music Director	Cary Castellaw	770-715-2471
Youth Director	Stephanie Dunn	770-389-3197
Christian Ed Coordinator	Mary Thompson	770-474-4252
Clerk of Session	Linda Roberts	770-474-0220
Asst. Clerk of Session	Allison Johnson	770-474-7544
Custodian	Tom Francis	770-474-8737
Sun. Sch. Superintendents	Jason & Phyllis Howard	770-957-9922
PW Co-Moderators	See Circle Chairs/Co-Chairs	
General Fund Treasurer	Doug Scott	770-474-8226
Asst. Gen. Fund Treasurer	Doug Richardson	770-914-5676
Memorial Fund Treasurer	Mabel White	770-474-7777
Nursery Staff:	Stephanie Phillips	678-788-3965

*“Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.”
Psalm 37:3-4*



OCTOBER SESSION REPORT

Buildings and Grounds: Jason reported that Coverall Janitorial Service has received the notice that the church would not be renewing the current contract once it expires in October. The Committee is formulating a new contract that will be given to any janitorial company that wishes to bid. Jason mentioned that there is a leak in the hot water source in the upstairs women's rest room. Since this rest room was part of the Educational Building's recent construction project, Jeffrey Cochran is contacting the contractor so that the matter can be corrected and the issue resolved.

Christian Education Committee: Session approved following: Youth trip to Stone Mountain 9/23/12; Youth bonfire at a location TBD on 10/27/12; Youth Halloween Party (hot dog dinner at 6 PM with treats and decorations for the children) to coincide with G&G on 10/31/12.

Fellowship Committee: Sue reported that the Thursday morning women's Bible Study group would like to undertake a project to make up baskets that would be given to our shut ins or any other member or regular attendee who is hospitalized or undergoing long term treatment for cancer or other life threatening condition. She stated that the group would meet on the third Thursday of each month since Susan as discussion leader of the group is unavailable on those days. The group has scheduled its first meeting for September 20 at which time they will devise a policy for the group and start deciding on basket contents. Session approved the concept. Sue stated that the policy will be presented to the Session in October.

Stewardship Committee: Kim reported that the available funds have improved from last month. All committees are continuing to keep spending down. Both receipts and expenditures were less than in July. Additional per capita has been received, but Kim reported that the church has not paid its per capita (almost \$5000) to the Presbytery this year. She further reported that Doug Scott told Stewardship this month that expenditures thus far in 2012 have been almost \$50,000 less than what was budgeted. Kim also reported that the van fund money is being held in the General Fund. The committee is hoping that receipts continue to improve thus negating the need to cash in the church's CD.

November is Stewardship month with Stewardship Sunday scheduled for the 11th. The focus this year will be on the church's new mission and the congregation will receive reports relating to Bridging the Gap activities. Jim will present a more missional budget to the congregation on this date.

Kim reported that the Search Committee for Music Director and Accompanist has been formalized. Carolyn Francis (Choir), John Dunn (Worship Committee), and Doug Richardson (Stewardship Committee) have already volunteered. Stewardship has recommended that one other Choir member be on the committee. Linda Roberts has agreed to serve if no one else is available. Susan will serve on the Committee in an ex officio capacity. Session approved the make up of the Committee as stated.

Stephanie Phillips has reported that Meghan Bennett will be leaving the nursery at the end of September. Susan and Betsy will be meeting with Stephanie in the near future to

discuss nursery staffing.

Witness Committee: Sherry announced that the yard sale proceeds were \$ 1391.28 and all monies will benefit the Christmas Baskets for G&G. The leftover yard sale items were donated to the battered women's shelter. The leftover baked goods were frozen and will be used for G&G bags.

In response to a request from the Gideon's to speak to the congregation, Sherry reported that the Committee recommended that no additional special offering should be requested. There is already a \$50 donation in the budget for the Gideon's. Session approved and Susan will relate the decision to the Gideon representative.

Worship Committee: No issues or recommendations.

Pastor's Report: Susan reported that the Nominating Committee has met once. Thirteen recommendations (15 different names) have been received thus far, and the congregation will have two more Sundays to notify the committee of any further recommendations for the Elder Class of 2015.

Clerk's Report: Session approved the updated Church By Laws.

Linda reminded Session members to begin planning dates and activities for 2013 in preparation for next year's Activities Calendar. Information should be submitted by December 1, 2012 so the calendar can be approved at the December Stated Meeting of Session.

Linda Roberts,
Clerk of Session



Stockbridge Presbyterian Church
"The Church at the Bridge"

Bridging the Gaps in People's Lives!

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

Bridging The Gap

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

Henry County Georgia

HENRY COUNTY GA
1821

BRIDGING THE GAP UPDATE

Goodness and Groceries: Betsy Sierra

The first 2 weeks have gone smoothly. Many individuals have volunteered to pack the bags. Each child will receive 2 bags on September 21 as Henry County Schools will not be in session the following week. Because of this, G&G will not meet on September 26 but will resume on October 3. Betsy and Susan have applied for a \$5000 grant from PATH (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) for next year. Betsy reported that the principal from Cotton Indian Elementary School will collect food for Joseph's Pantry in October as part of their Say No to Drugs program.

Live Nativity: Sue Scheer

Sue reported that all the supplies for the individual stockings that will be given to each child have been ordered. The arrangement for the pen for the sheep has been made. John Dunn is building the stage. Aaron Roberts has agreed to provide the music system for the event and Collin Roberts will hand draw the poster that will be given to area businesses. An inventory of available costumes has been done and arrangements for additional costumes are being made.

Scout Sunday: Jason Howard / Aaron Roberts

This activity will take place during the first part of 2013.

Veteran's Recognition Sunday: Jim Beisner / Judy Simmons

Jim and Judy have investigated several possible programs and presented their findings to Worship. The plans are in the works and the event is scheduled for November 11, 2012.

Visitor Follow-Up: Sherry McGee, Tony Williams, Peggy Chase

Sherry and her committee have identified what is to be included in each bag and will have them ready for distribution to visitors sometime in October.

Muffin Brigade: Linda Roberts / Carlton Smith

An organizational meeting is planned for September 26.

If you have any questions about any of the activities OR if you want to help, please get in touch with the contact person(s).





OPPORTUNITIES

LITURGISTS:

- Oct 7 Jim Beisner
- Oct 14 Carolyn Francis
- Oct 21 Doug Richardson
- Oct 28 Laura Richardson

HEAD USHER—OCTOBER

Stewardship Committee

COMMUNION SERVERS—OCT 7, 2012

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Doug Richardson | Cooper Keller |
| Ron Scheer | Sue Scheer |
| Tom Francis | Carolyn Francis |

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS

- Oct 7 Keller Family
- Oct 14 Lynn & Caylin Andrews; Allie Dunn
- Oct 21 Stephanie & Allie Dunn; Diana Taylor
- Oct 28 Phyllis Howard; Seal Family

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

- Oct 7 Cydnee Keller
- Oct 14 Collin Roberts
- Oct 21 Allie Dunn
- Oct 28 Alex Seal

BEADLE SCHEDULE

- Oct 7 Sue Scheer
- Oct 14 Carol Abbott
- Oct 21 John Dunn
- Oct 28 Judy Simmons

FRIDAY OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

- Oct 5 Sue Scheer
- Oct 12 Lynn Pack
- Oct 19 Carol Abbott
- Oct 26 Nancy Bryant

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



SANCTUARY FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

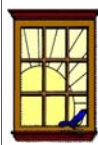
If you wish to place a floral arrangement in the Sanctuary, [please call the Church office](#) to see if a particular Sunday is available and so an appropriate notation can be made in the announcement sheet.

"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

- Nov 3 Set Clocks Back 1 Hour
- Nov 6 Presidential Election Day
- Nov 10 Youth Challenge Testing
- Nov 11 Stewardship Sunday/ Congregational Mtg
- Nov 13 GRG Annual Potluck Lunch & Meeting
- Nov 13 Stated Session Meeting
- Nov 15 Presbytery Mtg—Roswell
- Nov 19-23 Thanksgiving Break/No School
- Nov 22-23 Thanksgiving / Office Closed
- Nov 25 Healing Service
- Dec 1 Advent / Decorate Church
- Dec 1 Life Long Reading Girls
- Dec 9 GRG Christmas Luncheon
- Dec 11 Stated Session Meeting
- Dec 15 Youth Challenge Testing
- Dec 16 Choir Christmas Program
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service
- Dec 25 Christmas Day



Early Risers

- 10/16 Chick-fil-a
- 10/23 Biscuit & Brunch
- 10/30 Chick-fil-a

THE SILENT SERMON

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the pastor decided to visit him.

It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his pastor's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The pastor made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the pastor took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The pastor glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He



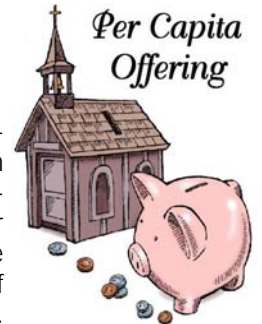
OCTOBER Birthdays

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| 10/1 Cheri Bailey | 10/15 Carmen Benitez |
| 10/1 George Stanford | 10/16 Zina Forsyth |
| 10/4 Scottie Bundrick | 10/16 Eddie MacCombie |
| 10/4 Monica A. Coutin-Baxter | 10/17 Carlton Smith |
| 10/5 John Dunn | 10/22 Jeffrey Cochran |
| 10/10 Will Andrews | 10/26 Gerrelldine Addy |
| 10/11 Judy Simmons | 10/27 Isiah Phillips |
| 10/15 Glenn Stanley | 10/28 Ben Robertson |
| | 10/28 Cydnee Keller |

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!

slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.




As the pastor reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I'll be back in church next Sunday".



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><u>COMMUNION SERVERS—OCT 7, 2012</u> Doug Richardson Ron Scheer Tom Francis</p>	<p>1 Cooper Keller Sue Scheer Carolyn Francis</p>	<p>10:00 2 PW Circle #1</p>	<p>3 5:00 Worship Com 6:15 PW Cir #2 6:30 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>4 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 Bldg & Grnds Comm Mtg</p>	<p>(Sue Scheer) 5</p>	<p>6 11:00 Blessing of the Animals 5:30 New Glory C.C.</p>
<p>(Jim Beisner) 7 Communion  Peacemaking Offering</p>	<p>8  Columbus Day</p>	<p>9 9:45 GRG Nash Farm Trip w/ Lunch at Bay Breeze</p>	<p>10 6:30 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>10:00 11 Ladies Bible Study 6:00 CE Meeting</p>	<p>(Lynn Pack) 12</p>	<p>13 8:00 Work Day 5:30 New Glory CC</p>
<p>(Carolyn Francis) 14</p>	<p>15 7:00 Stated Session Mtg</p>	<p>9:00 16 Early Risers/CFA</p>	<p>17 6:30 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>10:00 18 Bridge Family Baskets</p>	<p>(Carol Abbott) 19</p>	<p>20 1:00 Youth Chall Test 5:30 New Glory C.C.</p>
<p>(Doug Richardson) 21 11:00 Gifts of Men Service Newsletter Items Due</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>9:00 23 Early Risers/B&B</p>	<p>24 6:30 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>10:00 25 Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>(Nancy Bryant) 26</p>	<p>27 3:00 Life Long Reading Girls (Sierra home) 5:30 New Glory C.C.</p>
<p>(Laura Richardson) 28 </p>	<p>29</p>	<p>9:00 30 Early Risers/CFA</p>	<p>31 5:45 CE Hot Dog Supper & Treats 6:30 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><u>BEADLE SCHEDULE</u> Oct 7 Sue Scheer Oct 14 Carol Abbott Oct 21 TBA Oct 28 Judy Simmons</p>	<p><u>ACOLYTE SCHEDULE</u> Oct 7 Cydnee Keller Oct 14 Collin Roberts Oct 21 Allie Dunn Oct 28 Alex Seal</p>	

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with scoffers. But they delight in doing everything the LORD wants; day and night they think about his law. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season without fail. Their leaves never wither, and in all they do, they prosper. But this is not true of the wicked. They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind. They will be condemned at the time of judgment. Sinners will have no place among the godly. For the LORD watches over the path of the godly, but the path of the wicked leads to destruction. Psalm 1 NLT

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