

S P C Spotlight



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"The Church At The Bridge"

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Did I ever tell you about my mother's nightly prayers? She prayed the same way every night, with little variation. First she recited the 23rd Psalm (King James Version, you may be sure!). Then she prayed the Lord's Prayer. And then, lastly, she prayed for all the people she loved: my brother, me, our spouses, my nephew, other family members, and lots of friends. Then she said "thank you" to Jesus and went to sleep. My mom always prayed out loud, so when I was visiting her, I got to listen to her prayers and pray along with her in my heart. These were the prayers she prayed till the night she died, and they gave her a sense of peace that fed her soul.

I think about my mom a lot and was remembering her nightly prayers and how she NEVER prayed for herself. You know, of course, that it's a necessary and good thing that we pray for ourselves the same way we pray for others, and I hope you're doing that. But right this minute I want to talk a little about praying for others – sometimes people we don't even know.

Prayer is the foundation for everything. We all have ideas, preferences, opinions, and agendas, and that's often just fine, but without prayer, we're just chugging along running on human energy and eventually, fumes. You can be sure that 103 years ago, when Stockbridge Presbyterian Church was born, the entire process was bathed in prayer and no decisions were made without the strong assurance that the Spirit was leading. Yes, I know that was a huge undertaking and a brand new mission – but in so many ways, that's exactly where we are today, too. We're starting new outreaches and new ministries, and these are exciting times! We're profoundly blessed because of those who came before us – the ones who prayed and worked and served this church into existence – and we're still doing new things and moving in new directions. If ever there was a time for a renewed call to prayer, this is it!

You may have your own special way of praying, as my mother did. You may pray more randomly, going from thought to thought and back again. You may pray in silence or at the top of your lungs! They're all good. But every single day, more than once a day, we all need to be praying for each other, the people we're hoping to serve, our church – and, yes, ourselves.

Think of a congregation member you love whom you know has been struggling. Pray for their healing. (This person may be you, and there's NOTHING wrong with praying for healing for yourself.) Picture those who are in leadership at your church: the Session, the pastor, the teachers, the staff. Pray for their wisdom and strength. Picture in your mind those who will be serving in the new outreach ministries, and pray that they're so filled with God's love and compassion that they're just overflowing. Pray for the ones we're called to serve: kids at Cotton Indian Elementary School and Stockbridge Middle School; the sea of voters who'll fill this place in November; visitors to our church; local Scouts and veterans, remembering that Stockbridge and Henry County are our mission fields, and God has called us to bloom where we're planted.

Pray for our worship services. We want even more of the Spirit than we already have – which is considerable! Pray for the choir. Pray for the Sunday School classes, both teachers and students. Pray that above all else, Stockbridge Presbyterian will forever be a place where Jesus Christ is preached boldly and with love, and a place where the doors are wide open and everyone is welcome. Pray that the "Church by the Bridge" would become famous for being the most loving, welcoming, serving church anybody has ever known. Are we looking for personal glory? Of course not! But we want people to know there is a God in Stockbridge AND in Stockbridge Presbyterian Church.

The Church is called to be the Body of Christ on earth: his hands, feet, and heart. Human beings can't manage this on their own! So we need to pray – that Christ himself will be the foundation and center of every worship service, Bible study, fellowship activi-

ty, ministry, and outreach we have. Each one of us needs to pray for ourselves a fresh infilling of God's Spirit and joy. Pray that our beloved church would be stronger and healthier than ever. Pray that every person we serve, every person we welcome here, would leave knowing they had met God in worship and met the love of Jesus in each of us.

Can we run on our own energy for awhile? Sure! But we're in this for the long haul, and without God's Spirit filling and leading us, we'll fizzle out and start running on fumes before we know it. It's time to pray! We need to give thanks always for those who came before us, give thanks for those who worship and serve here now, and give thanks for those who aren't here yet but who need the love of Jesus that we have to give. Pray out loud, pray in your head – but PRAY. And watch what God can and will do in our midst!

See you in church!
Susan



SERMON SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 2

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23; James 1:17-27
"More Than a Feeling"

SEPTEMBER 9

Mark 8:27-38; James 3:1-12
"The Ones Who Love Us"

SEPTEMBER 16

Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23; James 2:1-18
"Feeling Spiritual?"

SEPTEMBER 23

Psalm 1; Mark 9:30-37
"All Children Great and Small"

SEPTEMBER 30

Mark 9:38-50; James 5:13-20
"Family Dynamics"





Christian Education

Mary Thompson
Coordinator



RALLY DAY & TEACHER APPRECIATION COVERED DISH LUNCH SEPTEMBER 9, 2012

If you were brought up in a church that had an active Sunday School program or have been at SPC very long, you probably already know what Rally Day is. If not you may be thinking "So, what's a Rally Day anyway?" The dictionary definition for rally is "to gather or call together for a common cause", so we take time during our worship service to say Thank You to God for our gifted and dedicated teachers and to show them our appreciation. The worship service is followed by a covered dish lunch in Fellowship Hall and our new Sunday School year is officially underway. This month I wanted to highlight our teachers with a word or two about each of them.

Our nursery children are taught by Betty Pickren & Stephanie Phillips, with assistance from Megan Bennett and Quinton Phillips. Betty has always had a very special place in her heart for children and they adore her right back. Nothing gets them more excited than to hear "Miss Betty will bring her baby rabbits today!" Stephanie has cared for our little ones in the nursery for many years. She has a way with them that is so loving and caring and they respond to her in the very same way. Megan is our newest nursery helper. If you haven't met her yet you really need to make a visit to the nursery and introduce yourself. She is very gifted in working with small children and we hope she will continue to use that gift for life. Quinton is someone we have watched grow up here at SPC. What a joy it is to see him serving with our youngest children. He does a great job!

Mabel White and Phyllis Howard teach our Elementary School Class. Mabel started teaching Sunday School while she was still in school herself. Her greatest strength is her knowledge of the Bible which she loves to pass on to the children. Phyllis has also taught Sunday School for many years and is a former school teacher. She loves being creative and always has a fun craft, game, activity or art project for the children.

Diana Taylor leads the class for our Middle and High School students with assistance from Amy Roberts, Mandy Robertson, Lee Hart, and Sue Scheer on a rotating basis. Diana loves working with our older children and youth and brings years of experience along with a great way of relating to them. Many of her former students stay in touch with her long after they've "graduated" from her class. Mandy, Amy, Lee, and Sue bring their own special talent for teaching and add much to the class. Beginning in September Mandy and Amy will move to the Elementary School class, alternating with Phyllis and Mabel and for now Mary Thompson will assist Diana two Sundays a month.

Tom Francis has taught the Walter Lee class since the early 1970's. His knowledge of the Bible is a special strength along with his love for teaching and his love for people.

Our Pastor, Susan Bennett, leads the Pastor's Bible Study with her usual wit, wisdom and knowledge and her students are the beneficiaries. She loves to teach and it shows!

Laura Richardson readily agreed to take on leadership for the Parlor Class which is fairly new. She brings much thoughtful energy and enthusiasm to her class and her students report a great time every week.

In addition we want to acknowledge and say thank you to those Sunday School teachers who have needed to step down during the past year, Allison Johnson, Patsy Hembree and Melissa Hembree. We are more grateful to you than we can say for doing such a wonderful job teaching our children and youth.

So these are our Sunday School teachers and we REALLY do thank God for each and every one of them. Let's show them on Sept. 9 by bringing our families and food to share for lunch as we gather to let them know how much they mean to us. Of course, the very best way to show them is by being present in Sunday School and bringing the whole family each and every week. We promise, you'll never regret it!



WE WILL HAVE A FREE GIFT FOR ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING SUNDAY SCHOOL ON SEPTEMBER 9TH.

God Bless,
Mary

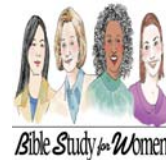
ATTENTION Life Long Reading Girls!



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 26 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.



The summer break is over and our Thursday Bible Study for Women resumed on August 23rd. Our teacher is Susan Bennett and we meet at 10 am each

Thursday in the Conference Room. We are starting our year with the book "Receiving God's Goodness" which is part of the Women of Faith series. If you are not already a part of this group please do join us as we start fresh for the fall. We learn a lot about the Bible and about ourselves and have a lot of fun too. Hope to see you there!



Hello to all,

Dear families,

We are starting a new year with so many exciting things we could be doing. I need your help though. I know this is a very busy time of year for most of you. And I totally understand.

This is why coming to youth group is so important. It's one time a week to come in and leave all the demands you're feeling pressured by everyday behind. We have fun...period! But there is a catch to the fun thing...you have to come! I mean I love hanging out with each and every one of you, but I know if you show up and it is only me and you, it's not much fun....or as much fun as it could be if your friends were there. So, call your friends, encourage each other to come, bring new friends and set 1 1/2 hrs a week aside and show up....I need you and you need your youth group. I look forward to some fun events in the next few months.

This month we are planning a trip to Stone Mountain on Sept 23rd, for the laser show. Fall break begins the next day so no school on Monday. Go ahead and make plans to come. More info to come. And please feel free to call me any time day or night if you need anything...even just to talk. 770-630-1231 or steph.dunn007@yahoo.com

Have a great year in school and remember your youth group is always here and waiting.

Love you all,
Stephanie

"The glory of the Lord will be revealed"
Isaiah 40:5



SPY NEEDS YOU!

Plans are being made now for next year's mission trip.

All interested persons please contact Stephanie Dunn (770-630-1231 or steph.dunn007@yahoo.com). Mobile is a strong possibility because it is just so good!

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Sept 2: Labor Day. No youth meeting.

Sept 9: Rally Day; short parent meeting after lunch.

Sept 16: 4:00 to 5:30 game night @ church.

Sept 23: Stone Mountain Laser Show

Sept 30: No youth, end of fall break



The fall when Tim was three, he began to complain of headaches. At first they were occasional, but gradually they became more severe and more frequent. Our pediatrician was concerned but optimistic. "The good news," he said, "is he shows no overt signs of neurological problems. The first thing to do is see a pediatric ophthalmologist."

On the day of our appointment, Tim and I set out for the eye doctor. I'd given him nightly drops of "bottled tears" so he'd be ready for the eye drops, and we'd talked about what was likely to happen. I was somewhat surprised, therefore, when Tim turned and said timidly, "Mommy, I'm scared." "Why are you afraid, sweetheart?" I asked gently.

His face clouded up, and his chin quivered. "I can't tell you!" "Sure you can, honey. The doctor isn't going to hurt you. She's going to see if your eyes are causing your headaches, so we can find out how to make the pain go away." Tim blurted, "But, Mommy, I don't want glasses!"

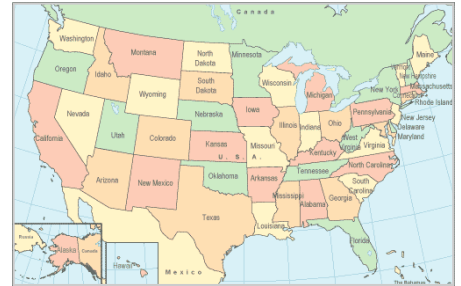
I held him and gently stroked his forehead, trying to figure out what was the matter. My husband and I both wear glasses, so having them wouldn't be odd. And Tim had never heard anyone making fun of someone for wearing spectacles. What could it be? "Sweetheart, what's scary about having glasses?" I asked. "Oh, Mommy, if I had to wear glasses, I could never see anything ever again!"

It took a moment before I understood. The only times Tim has looked through glasses, he has looked through either mine or Andrew's, which, of course, make the world blurry to him. Naturally, he thought that if he wore glasses, too, he'd lose the ability to see! No wonder he was scared. Restraining my amusement, I explained to Tim how glasses work.

The ophthalmologist pronounced Tim's eyesight perfect. We eventually learned that

A father wanted to read a magazine but was being bothered by his little girl. She wanted to know what the United States looked like.

Finally, he tore a sheet out of his new magazine on which was printed the map of the country.



Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to her and said, 'Go into the other room and see if you can put this together.'

After a few minutes, she returned and handed him the map, correctly fitted and taped together.

The father was surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly.. 'Oh,' she said, 'on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got all of Jesus back where He belonged, then our country just came together.'



Rally Day

MARK THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR!!! This year's Rally Day celebration will be held on **September 9th**.

Please join us during that Sunday's service and afterward for a lunch downstairs. As always, we will be honoring the wonderful teachers who lend their time and enthusiasm to our various Christian Education programs.

We plan to start this new school year off with a fun and unique Rally Day and it'll be made that much better when we fill our sanctuary with smiling faces. Everyone enjoys a good party, so let's make it big, fun, thrilling, stupendous, and any other exiting adjective you can think of. See you then.



his migraines were allergy induced. In the meantime, I learned something about the importance of stopping to look at things from another person's perspective.—Julia Attaway

Holy Spirit, open my eyes wide enough that I may see the best way to share Your love.

BURNED BISCUITS



When I was a kid, my Mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. And I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, my Mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed!

Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my Mom and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that ugly burned biscuit. He ate every bite of that thing... Never made a face nor uttered a word about it!

When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my Mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burned biscuits every now and then."

Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your Momma put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides - a little burned biscuit never hurt anyone!"

As I've grown older, I've thought about that many times. Life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people. I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. But what I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults, and choosing to celebrate each others differences, is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship.

And that's my prayer for you today... That you will learn to take the good, the bad, and the ugly parts of your life and lay them at the feet of God. Because in the end, He's the only One who will be able to give you a relationship where a burnt biscuit isn't a deal-breaker! We could extend this to any relationship. In fact, understanding is the base of any relationship, be it a husband-wife or parent-child or friendship!



O LORD, OPEN MY LIPS,
AND MY MOUTH WILL
DECLARE YOUR PRAISE.

PSALM 51:15, NRSV



Are you Ready?

The children have been identified. The groceries have been ordered. It is finally time to start our newest outreach project-Goodness and Groceries!

As you know, this program is a partnership between Stockbridge Presbyterian, Cotton Indian Elementary School, and Food Depot. In the past couple of weeks we have met with folks at Stockbridge Middle, talked with the fellowship committee, and presented our newest partner to the session. We are thrilled to announce that we will now not only serve 50 children from Cotton Indian but we have added the siblings of these children that attend Stockbridge Middle School. Our program is growing before it even begins! Because of our generous donor and the fact the Food Depot is giving us the food at cost, we are ready to run this program for a year.

We will begin Wednesday, **September 5th** at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We will bag up 65 grocery bags of non-perishable, easy to prepare food for these students to have on the weekends. Join us for a devotional, prayer time, and then the bagging of the groceries. Jesus taught us that we were to feed the hungry. Come and be a part of this exciting new work as we begin to fulfill our mission statement: Stockbridge Presbyterian Church exists to be God's bridge to a world in need in the name of Jesus Christ, who bridges the gap between us and God. We'll see you Wednesday!



PARTY TIME!

Most of you know that every Saturday evening, New Glory Christian Church meets in our sanctuary and then shares a meal and some family time in our Fellowship Hall. New Glory has been more than just an excellent tenant: Pastor Tim Chaney and his wife, Cherry, have become our good friends. Stockbridge Presbyterian Church really values this connection with fellow Christians in our community. And ... there's a party coming up! On Saturday, **September 8, 2012, at 4:00 P.M.**, New Glory will celebrate its First Founder's Day Program, and our whole congregation is warmly invited. There will be a huge covered dish dinner, so if you're coming, please bring a dessert and prepare to sample some of the best Southern cooking ever. Susan will definitely be there, and others of you have also indicated that you'll attend. This is going to be fun! Don't miss this wonderful time of worship and fellowship.

Welcome Cary!

We welcome Cary Castellaw as our Interim Music Director & Organist. He is no stranger to the Stockbridge Presbyterian family, having served here in the past. So glad to have him on board!



Start cleaning out the garage and closets. Our church-wide yard sale is **September 15th**. We need lots of "stuff" and volunteers to work on Friday night set-up and Saturday. Contact Sherry McGee at 1969gadawg@gmail.com



**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
SEPTEMBER 2012**

***MEMBERS:** Gerrelidine Addy, Brandy Conner, David Craig, David Dillard, Allie Dunn, Kathy Gorman, Rick Holcombe, Allison Johnson, Pat Martin, Jim Newsome, Gene Park, Ruth Pope, Doug Richardson, Doug Sewell, Sally Smith, Mary Thompson, Carolyn Waits, Anne Watson
***FRIENDS & FAMILY:** Lois Allen, Renee Bass, Pete Bernard, Mary Burchfield, Ramona Cantrell, Wade Crumbley & Family, Tyler DeLoach, Al & Martha Dunn, Jennifer Dunn & Family, Family of Krista Gibbs, Delmas Hoover, Doug House, Travis & Erin Lingenfelt, Linda Lycett, Vicky Rodgers, Mildred Schmelz, Vibert Scott, J.D. Summerour, Holly Tewell, Starr Wagner
***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 Trickey, 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; Huntsville: Jack Shedd; Kuwait: Brianne Gaylor; Washington, D.C.: David Brown; Cuba: Kevin Scott; San Diego, CA: Ryan Tewell
***HOMEBOUND:** Julia Brown, Peggy Campbell, Johnny Hinton, Sarah Belle Lee, Georgia Silvey, Nancy Stikeleather, Carolyn Waits

UPCOMING GRG EVENTS

2012

SEP 11: Little White House / Bulloch Hse
OCT 9: Nash Farms / Bay Breeze
NOV 13: Annual Potluck Lunch & Meeting
DEC 9: Christmas Luncheon

**Attention Church Members 50+
Gold Rush Gang September Event /
Tuesday, September 11
Warm Springs & Bulloch House**



Cost: \$7-\$8* for Warm Springs ticket at the window there \$7 (cash please) for transportation. Lunch on your own at Bulloch House. Meet at Church parking lot at 9 am.

**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.

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

<i>Pastor</i>	Susan Bennett	770-474-7777
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<i>Youth Director</i>	Stephanie Dunn	770-389-3197
<i>Christian Ed Coordinator</i>	Mary Thompson	770-474-4252
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<i>Asst. Clerk of Session</i>	Allison Johnson	770-474-7544
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<i>Sun. Sch. Superintendents</i>	Jason & Phyllis Howard	770-957-9922
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<i>Asst. Gen. Fund Treasurer</i>	Doug Richardson	770-914-5676
<i>Memorial Fund Treasurer</i>	Mabel White	770-474-7777
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	Megan Bennett	678-521-7314

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not see." Hebrews 11:1



SEPTEMBER SESSION REPORT

***Buildings and Grounds Committee:** Jason reported that the Committee recommends terminating the current contract with Coverall Janitorial Service. There are many discrepancies in the current contract, and there is no actual specification of what the service is to clean. In addition, the service provides a janitor(s) twice a week but areas are only cleaned once a week. Since the contract automatically renews on October 15, Buildings and Grounds recommends that Coverall be notified that the current contract will not be renewed and that the contract be put out for bid. Jason suggested that the new contract stipulate that the service is to be provided one day a week and that a "foot print" drawing of the church be utilized to designate what areas are to be cleaned. Session approved. Session approved following: Use of 10-15 parking slots in upper parking lot by GRG members traveling to Nashville from December 3-5, 2012 and New Glory planting perennials between the 2 trees at front of church.

*** Christian Education Committee:** Session approved following: rescheduling Rally Day from September 2 to September 9, 2012; Youth working with Fuller Center on a building project on date to be determined in September, 2012; and Youth rafting trip to North Georgia on date to be determined in September, 2012.

***Fellowship Committee:** Session approved the Committee's recommendation to supplement the donated start up monies for Goodness and Groceries with \$2000 from 2012's Golf Tournament proceeds. This will allow the program to include up to 15 additional students in Stockbridge Middle School who are siblings of those 50 students who will be identified as needy at Cotton Indian Elementary.

***Stewardship Committee:** Kim announced that July was a better month for both receipts and

expenditures. Committees are where they need to be for this time of year. While the committee is looking at ways to trim expenditures, Doug Scott has told Kim that the church may have to cash in part of a CD to make it until the end of the year. Kim reported that the Committee would like to revisit the Van Fund issue before recommending cashing in the CD. Jim announced that Stewardship has started reviewing and revising the Personnel Policy Manual. As the search for a Director of Music Ministries and Organist/Accompanist is imminent, the following change in the hiring policy has been created: It is the policy of Stockbridge Presbyterian Church to not hire Baptized, Active or Affiliate members, adherents and other individuals connected to the Church for any part time, fulltime or temporary employment. Session approved. This will not affect any current church employees.

***Witness Committee:** The annual yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 2012 from 7AM-2 PM. The PW will sponsor a Bake Sale with Terry Holmes and Lee Hart as coordinators. Although Sherry has a list of volunteers for Friday evening and Saturday, additional volunteers would be welcomed. The committee is asking that donated items be priced if at all possible. Sherry reported that Betsy will be at the next Witness Committee meeting to explain more about Goodness and Groceries and join in the discussion on how that program might dovetail with the Christmas Basket outreach program. Sherry had a request that the Christmas Basket program be renamed Community Christmas for the Needy since the county is not using the name for its Christmas program. The Session felt that many individuals might be confused if the CCFN name was used. It was suggested that the Committee come up with a new name somehow incorporating the Bridging the Gap

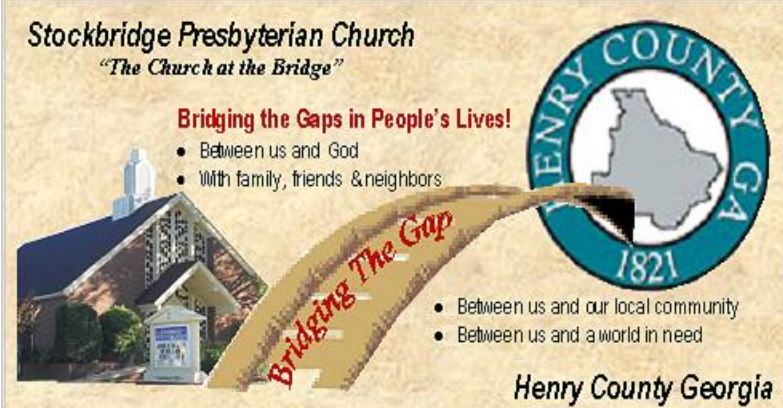
theme.

***Worship Committee:** No issues or recommendations.

***Pastor's Report:** Susan announced that Charles and Edna Fisher are stepping down from the leadership of GRG at the end of the year. Barbara Bailey has indicated that she will not continue on the Planning Committee. Susan announced that Cary Castellaw has been approached to serve as Interim Organist and Choir Director and has agreed to take the position for \$800/month. Stewardship recommends that Cary be offered the contract for his requested \$800/month. Session unanimously approved. Aaron reported that the Nominating Committee has met. The congregation will be asked to suggest members for the Elder Class of 2015.

***Clerk's Report:** Session members were reminded of the Annual Budget Meeting on September 23, 2012 after Worship. Each committee is expected to have their projected budgets for 2013. All performance evaluations are to be done by this date. Jim reported on the Presbytery Meeting held on Saturday, August 18, 2012 at Shallowford Presbyterian Church. An overture to redefine marriage did not pass. However, an overture to study the marriage issue over the next two years did pass. An updated Presbyterian Hymnal is due out next year. Jim mentioned that there was a lot of talk on how to expand membership in non traditional ways. Finally, Calvin Center has explored converting to a 5013c entity which would open the possibility of increased grant funding. A final vote on this will come in December.

Linda Roberts,
Clerk of Session



BRIDGING THE GAP UPDATE

Goodness and Groceries: Betsy Sierra

Betsy announced that the children are being identified by the staff at Cotton Indian Elementary School. Permission slips are being developed and will include known food allergies and access to a microwave. The school staff is aware that some of the 50 elementary aged children will have siblings in middle school. Betsy told the Session that she has met with Susan about this and Fellowship has recommended that \$2000 from the Golf Tournament proceeds be set aside to ensure that funds are available to include up to 15 additional children (siblings) from middle school. Betsy has met with Gerald Taylor and the process of ordering and delivering the food has been developed. Gerald will meet with Jason Howard to investigate a secure storage area for non perishable food as the need arises. Susan reported that someone has already agreed to donate fresh

fruit for the first week of the program. Betsy has lists of individuals who have agreed to help with sorting, packing bags, and delivering the bags to the school. Goodness and Groceries will start on September 5.

Live Nativity: Sue Scheer

Sue is checking into sources for animals for the "pageant".

Scout Sunday: Jason Howard / Aaron Roberts

Plans are forthcoming.

Veteran's Recognition Sunday: Jim Beisner / Judy Simmons

Jim has found several formats for Worship Services honoring veterans. He and Judy will be meeting with Worship Committee in September to present their ideas. The service is scheduled for Sunday, November 11, 2012. Judy announced that there are currently 4 members who have agreed to help with this service but more would be welcomed.

Visitor Follow-Up: Sherry McGee, Tony Williams, Peggy Chase
Sherry reported that her group has decided to make up gift bags to be given to visitors. More information will be available soon.

Muffin Brigade: Linda Roberts / Carlton Smith

Linda announced that there was a "practice run" August 21st during the run off election. There was a small turn out but voters were very pleased that muffins and coffee were being offered. Some problems were identified and possible expansion of the service will be discussed when the group holds its first meeting in October on a date to be determined.

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:

- Sep 2 Jim Beisner
- Sep 9 John Dunn
- Sep 16 Don Dunlap
- Sep 23 Erin Dempsey
- Sep 30 Carol Abbot

HEAD USHER—SEPTEMBER

Fellowship Committee

COMMUNION SERVERS—Sep 2, 2012

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| Linda Roberts | Diana Taylor |
| Tony Williams | Carlton Smith |
| John Elliott | Betsy Sierra |

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS

- Sep 2 Diana Taylor; Stephanie/Allie Dunn
- Sep 9 Clipper Family
- Sep 16 Phyllis Howard; Seal Family
- Sep 23 Allie Dunn; Amy/Aaron Roberts
- Sep 30 Mary Thompson; Nick Strong

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

- Sep 2 Collin Roberts
- Sep 9 Peyton Lewis
- Sep 16 Adam Dunn
- Sep 23 Savannah Sewell
- Sep 30 Mitchell Stanley

BEADLE SCHEDULE

- Sep 2 Allison Johnson
- Sep 9 John Abbott
- Sep 16 Aaron Roberts
- Sep 23 Darin Clipper
- Sep 30 Tony Williams

FRIDAY OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

- Sep 7 Sue Scheer
- Sep 14 Lynn Pack
- Sep 21 Carol Abbott
- Sep 28 Nancy Bryant



SANCTUARY FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

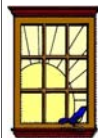
If you wish to place a floral arrangement in the Sanctuary, [please call the Church office](#) to see if a particular Sunday is available and so an appropriate notation can be made in the announcement sheet.

"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



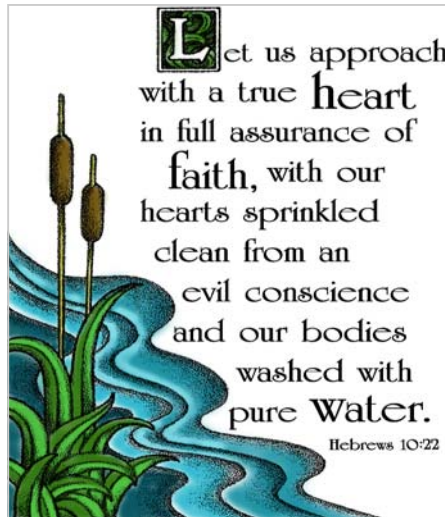
2012

- Oct 6 Blessing of the Animals
- Oct 9 GRG Nash Farms/Lunch @ Bay Breeze
- Oct 13 Festival at the Bridge
- Oct 16 Stated Session Meeting
- Oct 20 Youth Challenge Testing
- Oct 21 Gifts of Men Service
- Oct 27 Life Long Reading Girls
- 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 8 Children's Christmas Program and Christmas Party
- 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

- 9/18 Chick-fil-a
- 9/25 Biscuit & Brunch



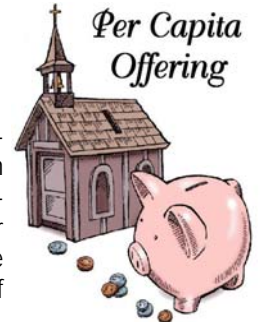
SEPTEMBER Birthdays

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| 9/4 Bryan Wharton | 9/20 Payton Scott |
| 9/4 Tami Pass | 9/22 McKenzie Scott |
| 9/6 Dick MacCombie | 9/24 Michael Bailey |
| 9/6 Linda Roberts | 9/24 Jason Strong |
| 9/11 Vivian MacCombie | 9/26 Noah Clipper |
| 9/11 Matt Howard | 9/28 Doug Richardson |
| 9/12 Sue Scheer | 9/29 Erin Dempsey |
| 9/13 Ron Scheer | 9/29 Sara Moseley |
| 9/13 Linda Sewell | 9/30 Chris Mott |
| 9/14 Tom Francis | 9/30 Cathy Wegner |
| 9/17 Emiliano Freeman | |

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

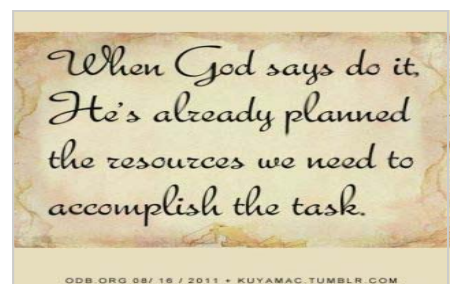
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.— Romans 15:13

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!





September 2012



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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(Jim Beisner) 2 Communion 	3  LABOR DAY Office Closed	10:00 4 PW Circle #1	5:00 5 Worship Comm 6:15 PW Circle #2 6:30 Goodness & Groceries 7:00 Choir Rehear.	10:00 6 Ladies Bible Study 6:00 CE Meeting	(Sue Scheer) 7	8 4:00 New Glory CC Anniversary Celebration
(John Dunn) 9	10	9:?? 11 GRG Trip to Warm Springs	12 6:30 Goodness & Groc. 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	10:00 13 Ladies Bible	(Lynn Pack) 14	15 8:00 Annual Yard Sale 5:30 New Glory C.C.
(Don Dunlap) 16	17	9:00 18 Early Risers/CFA 7:00 Stated Session Mtg	19 6:30 Goodness & Groc. 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	20	(Carol Abbott) 21	22 1:00 Youth Chall Test 5:30 New Glory C.C.
(Erin Dempsey) 23 12:00 Annual Budget Meeting	24	9:00 25 Early Risers/B&B	6:30 26 Goodness & Groc. 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	27	(Nancy Bryant) 28	29
(Carol Abbott) 30	School is out—Fall Break					

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good life let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This wisdom is not such as comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish... But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity. And the harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.
 — James 3:13-15,17-18

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