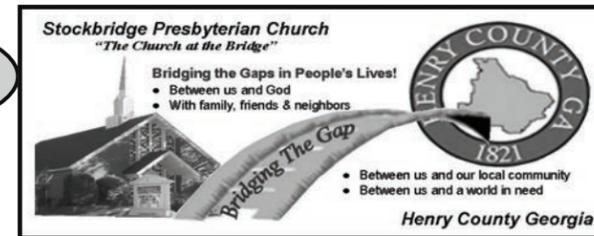




# MAY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 A.A.	2 7:00 Relay for Life @ Union Grove High School	3 4:00 New Glory
4 COMMUNION  (Sue Scheer)	5 7:00 A.A. Meeting	6 10:00 PW #1 Circle Mtg. 6:00 CE Comm. Mtg.	7 6:00 Worship Comm. Mtg 6:15 PW #2 Circle Mtg. 6:30 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	8 10:00 Women's Bible Study 4:00 Stewardship Comm. Mtg. 6:30 Bldg & Grnds Comm. Mtg 7:00 A.A. Meeting	9	10 4:00 New Glory
11  (Jason Howard)	12 7:00 A.A. Meeting	13 10:00 GRG - Margaret Mitchell House	14 5:30 Fellowship Comm. Mtg. 6:30 G&G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	15 16th SPC Golf Annual Tournament  7:00 A.A. Meeting	16	17 4:00 New Glory
18  (Allison Johnson)	19 7:00 A.A. Meeting	20 9:00 Early Risers @ B&B	21 5:30 Witness Comm. Mtg. 6:30 G &G 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	22 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 A.A. Meeting	23 Last Day of School	24 4:00 New Glory
25  (Cindy Strong)	26 Memorial Day Office Closed 7:00 A.A. Meeting	27 9:00 Early Risers @ CFA	28 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	29 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 A.A. Meeting	30	31 10:00 Church Bazaar Workday

	5/1 Kirubanitay Mani	5/26 Peggy Beisner
	5/5 Sherry McGee	5/26 Stephanie Phillips
	5/10 Susanna Sierra	5/26 Laura Richardson
	5/11 Brad Pass	5/30 Caylin Andrews
	5/12 Susan Bennett	5/30 Verline Copenny
	5/14 Lynn Bailey	5/30 Harold Holloway
	5/17 Justin Stanley	5/31 Kingsley Mani
	5/22 Terry Holmes	5/31 Melissa Schroer
	5/24 Grace Robertson	5/31 Mabel White



## The Church At The Bridge

Rev. Susan Bennett, Pastor

May is a busy month at SPC! I want to tell you about some of the activities because YOUR participation is what makes things fun. First, Relay for Life begins Friday, May 2. This is always an important part of our mission outreach, but this year is even bigger and better. There is a Survivors' Dinner on Friday evening and a ton of activities to follow. As we often say, there's not a person anywhere who, some way or another, hasn't been affected by cancer. We have congregation members right now who are undergoing treatment, and we also have MANY survivors – and Relay for Life allows us to raise money to fund cancer research and also to honor those who have fought the fight. Please see Sherry McGee for details and learn how to participate and donate. This is always a special event, and one SPC holds dear to our heart.

One of my favorite Sundays is coming up on May 11: Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday. Our special guest preacher will be Carly Keller, who's currently a student at Kennesaw State and is a child of this church. Many of you remember her best as a child or young girl, so you'll be delighted to see the wisdom and grace God has poured into her heart. We're honored to have Carly come and preach. AND it's Mother's Day!

Our annual Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, May 15, at the Little Mountain golf course on 155. Our dear member Gene Park is the one behind the sales counter! This event raises funds for our church's missions: Goodness and Groceries, our Christmas Outreach, Joseph's Pantry, Vacation Bible School, and others. There's a terrific barbecue lunch with all the fixin's (including homemade desserts provided by our great SPC bakers) and it's all well-attended and well-supported by the community. People give generously when their money goes to good causes! There are many, many ways for each of us to participate in this great event. Please See John Dunn or Betty Pickren for more information. Also beginning in May is a two-Sunday Confirmation class for kids 12 and older: May 25 and June 1. The participants will be confirmed and received into membership on Pentecost Sunday, June 8. Also ... there are many of you who have been visiting regu-

larly and YOU are also invited to join SPC on June 8. If you've been thinking about membership, please contact Susan and we'll get together.

And the usual good stuff is also going on. Tuesday, May 13, the Gold Rush Gang will visit the Margaret Mitchell House and go to lunch afterward; see Linda Roberts to reserve your place. Goodness and Groceries meets every Wednesday night at 6:30 to pack groceries and write notes to the kids we serve; come and join the fun. Volunteers are needed. Circle 1 meets at 10:00 on Tuesday, May 6; Circle 2 meets on Wednesday, May 7 at 6:15: come for good Bible study and talk. The Women's Bible Study meets on Thursday mornings at 10:00: in-depth Bible study and lots of good discussion. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:45 every Sunday morning – and come early for a great breakfast at 9:00!

Most important – we worship God together every Sunday morning at 11:00. We're blessed with wonderful music, and the Holy Spirit shows up every time. We can worship God by ourselves, privately, and that's a good thing; but our souls need this hour of corporate worship every week, coming together as a community of believers to worship and serve with folks we love. Come and be part of all the blessings God has for you here!

See you in church --  
Susan

### UPCOMING SERMONS

- May 4 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
Luke 24:13-35  
"The Best Day"
- May 11 Psalm 23:1-4  
Isaiah 43:2  
Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday  
Carly Keller, Preacher  
"Just Breathe: Take #2"
- May 18 John 14:1-14  
1 Peter 2:2-10  
"The Chosen Church"
- May 25 John 10:1-10  
Psalm 23  
"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?"



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

For those of you who put things off, there's scant time left to plan for Mothers' Day. It occurs in the first half of this month, on May 11th. But really, with this being 2014, it doesn't take much effort to provide these important women with a proper day of tribute. Flowers and oodles of edible treats can be bought via the internet in a matter of minutes and shipped right to Mom's door. But you must be available to talk to your mother ON Mother's Day, even if her gift has already reached her. So put a reminder on your calendar and place a phone call FIRST THING on that Sunday morning (or just wait to see her at church, like me). My mom certainly deserves a round of applause for remaining sane while I caused almost daily commotions as a child and as a teenager. Heck, my behavior keeps the woman on her toes even today into my (supposed) adult years. We've had disagreements and we've been angry with each other in the past, but she's always happy to talk with me and is a wonderful grandmother to my kids. They're now lucky to experience the love I've always felt from my mom. Also, it'd be wrong if I failed to mention my mother-in-law and how she's always treated me like her own son. It's wonderful to have both of these women in my life.

While I don't see my mom or mother-in-law every day, I do get to witness how my wife cares for and guides my children. Amy keeps their schedules and schoolwork in order and somehow finds time to finish an advanced degree herself. She's a great example of compassion and work ethic for our kids and they're blessed to have her as their one and only mom. We love her. So let's include those mommies in our prayers of thanks to the Lord this month. Because that woman put up with you (and your dad, too) for a very long time, and most of us are lucky that she continues to tolerate us even today.

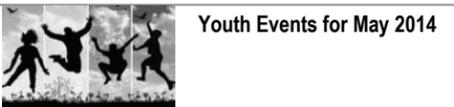
Happy Mothers' Day.  
Aaron Roberts



YOUTH NEWS

Become a SPY Sponsor! Our Mission Trip this year is to Urban Mission Camp at Baytreat - Mobile, AL, June 21-27, 2014 Cost: \$300.00 per person. Any designated amount is greatly appreciated.

Sign up for:	Given
<input type="checkbox"/> Cydnee Keller	
<input type="checkbox"/> Collin Roberts	
<input type="checkbox"/> Alex Seal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Maegan Seal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sewell	
<input type="checkbox"/> Katie Southern	
<input type="checkbox"/> Justin Stanley	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitchell Stanley	
<input type="checkbox"/> Grayson Wages	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bryan Wharton	
<input type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Dunn	
<input type="checkbox"/> John Dunn	
<input type="checkbox"/> Aaron Roberts	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mary Carol Stanley	



- Youth Events for May 2014**
- May 2 Relay For Life at Union Grove High School
  - May 4 Soup & Sandwich Lunch Fundraiser
  - May 11 Mother's Day
  - May 18 No Youth
  - May 25 No Youth (Memorial Day Weekend)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**VBS**  
Vacation Bible School  
June 9 - 13, 2014  
9 - 12:00 Noon

Please go ahead and block out the week of **June 9 - 13**, so you and your family will be sure to be here to enjoy Vacation Bible School. Watch for more details but for now just be sure to be here. You don't want to miss all the fun, excitement, and learning that go on during VBS every year!

AGAPE YOUTH CHOIR

Remember Stephanie and David Hyatt and their girls? Well, they are coming for a visit along with the entire Agape Youth Choir from their church, Oakland Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill, SC on Monday, June 23. They will be presenting a concert in our sanctuary that evening at 7:00 p.m. We need your assistance in putting up the choir and leaders overnight after the event, provide them breakfast, and then get them back to the church the next morning. The group includes 12-15 youth and 6-8 adults. Already, several choir members have volunteered, but we need more. I know we can do it and it would greatly encourage our young people to sing! If you can assist, please tell me at church, call(678-414-7381), or email me at wardgaileyiii@gmail.com.

GRG NEWS & EVENTS

**ATTENTION: CHURCH MEMBERS 50+ Gold Rush Gang May Event Margaret Mitchell House Tuesday, May 13th Lunch at Ri Ra Irish Pub Cost : \$13 includes tour and transportation (cash, please) Meet in the church parking lot at 10:00 AM**

There was a lady in Atlanta who wrote a book.

We're going to where she lived to take a look. We'll see where and how she did live, and where she wrote her famous book, to the south she would give.

The South, the war is this story. It tells it in all it's glory. All read and all cried, because it told how Americans fighting Americans died! "Gone with the Wind" is the title of the book, so great.

The pain and victors of war it did recreate.

After we tour this wondrous place, then we're off to feed our face! Ri Ra, an Irish Pub,

The food and atmosphere we're sure you'll love. We'll have a lot of fun and enjoy good food. And the Margaret Mitchell Place will have us all in a good Southern Mood!

Please see Linda Roberts by **May 4th**, if you plan to go.

WORSHIP/WITNESS NEWS

A BIG THANK YOU

To everyone donating their time and talents to our attempt at crafting. We are making some beautiful items that will be sold at our Church Bazaar during the Festival at The Bridge in October to help fund our many mission programs. No talent is needed, willing hands are wanted.

We meet every third Thursday at 10:00 am and the last Saturday of each month at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. If you can sew, we need you. If you can cut, we need you. If you can glue, we need you. If you can share in fellowship, we need you.

Any questions, concerns, or ideas, please call either Linda Roberts or Sue Scheer. Hope to see all of you at the next get together in May.

A WORD FROM WARD

Well, I have been your music director for over a year, 14.6 months to be exact, and it has been a lot of fun. This is my first column in all that time. In previous churches, I chose to write a column from the very beginning, however, I decided this time to speak softly and carry a big stick, so to speak. I have let the music speak, and it has worked pretty well.

We have sought to provide worshipful music that supports the sermon and readings while trying to reach the most people by employing a wide variety of musical styles. I do this for two reasons. First, not everyone likes all types of music, and secondly, I love all types of music. The only criteria I have is that it is worshipful, supportable by scripture, and has to be of high quality. I believe in doing music that fits the choir, not forcing the choir to sing music that fails to suit their voices. I read the church and choir as rather traditional and that's good, because I am a traditionalist at heart and training. However, I love to bend a bit with quality gospel and jazz as well. Our choir has made great strides. Right now, we could use some more singers, especially basses. Always remember that you do not have to be a music reader to sing with us. We will work with you, even provide you with a recording of your part. We also work on the music during Sunday School for special cases. Please talk to me if you are interested.

PER CAPITA GIVING

Over the past several years your support in paying the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta per capita has been greatly appreciated. The Session is again asking your support with per capita in 2014 by providing a gift of \$22.00 per SPC member. We are again starting our per capita campaign earlier this year and will provide periodic reminders in order to give you ample time to consider your gift.

SESSION/STEWARDSHIP NEWS

APRIL SESSION REPORT

**Clerk's Report:** The Consent Agenda was approved with the following corrections  
**Buildings and Grounds Committee:** The Session approved the following motions: Use of the pavilion on May 3, 2014 by Woodland High School Band is contingent on their "Proof of Insurance".

Zaycon Foods to use the lower parking lot to deliver frozen food in a semi-truck. Alisa Newsome and the Girl Scout Service Unit to meet in an upper classroom of the Education Building on the 2nd Monday of each month from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Approval conditions being no conflict with AA meetings, any children attending would be supervised at all time, and agreement on who will ensure the Church being locked and secure before leaving.

Carrie Keller to use the church pavilion on May 3, 2014, with a back up of May 17th, for a yard sale by Woodland High School Band. Restrooms and the older tables would be needed.

**Christian Education Committee:** The Session approved the following youth events: Youth Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser for Mission Trip on 4/6/14. Youth & Parent "Girls Night Out" @ Dunns' house on 4/4/14.

Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for Mission Trip on 4/20/14.

Moving Youth Sunday Evening Service from 3/30/14 to 4/27/14 @ 5:00 pm. It will be officiated by Cydnee Keller & Susan Bennett.

Youth Soup/Sandwich Luncheon Fundraiser for Mission Trip on 5/4/14.

Youth Car Wash Fundraiser for Mission Trip on 5/10/14.

Youth Swim Party @ TBD on 5/31/14.

Youth 6 Flags Trip on 6/5/14.

Youth Mission Trip scheduled for the week of 6/22/14 through 6/27/14.

Youth Sunday/Mission Trip Recap for congregation on 7/13/14.

Youth Trip to Taylors' Lake House on 7/17/14.

The Session approved Linda Roberts & Mary Thompson as VBS Volunteers.

The Session approved "Wilderness Escape" as SPC VBS theme for 2014.

**Fellowship Committee:** John had no issues or recommendations.

**Stewardship Committee:** February 2014 financial statements were reviewed.

The committee decided to liquidate the bond given as a gift at the end of 2013. The approximate value is \$30,975.00.

The committee agreed to have Kim set up our account and do a 3 month trial and report her findings to the committee.

It was decided to have Doug be the primary custodian with Jim the back up of the Memorial Fund.

**Witness Committee:** The Session approved the use of the Fellowship Hall the last Saturday of each month from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm to work on items for the Church Bazaar.

**Worship Committee:** The Session approved the three (3) pianos tuned at approximately \$120.00 each.

**Pastor's Report:** Susan opened discussion of feedback, problems or issues of our Under Sheppard Lists. No problems were noted.

**New Business:** No New Business  
Dr. Tom Tewell presented a study on "Spiritual Roles of the Elders".

Jim Beisner  
Clerk of Session

FELLOWSHIP/BUILDING & GRNDS

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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

BEADLE

- May 4 Judy Simmons
- May 11 Sherry McGee
- May 18 John Abbott
- May 25 Annie Laura Kelly

ACOLYTE

- May 4 Elle Roberts
- May 11 Alex Seal
- May 18 Justin Stanley
- May 25 TBD

LITURGISTS

- May 4 Sue Scheer
- May 11 Jason Howard
- May 18 Allison Johnson
- May 25 Cindy Strong

HEAD USHER—May 2014  
Witness Committee

CHILDREN'S SERMON

- May 4 John Dunn
- May 11 Maegan Seal & Katie Southern
- May 18 Aaron Roberts
- May 25 Sue Scheer

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS

- May 4 Wendy & Megan Wells
- May 11 Greg Lathrop/ Adam Dunn
- May 18 Kim Seal/Phyllis Howard
- May 25 The Clipper Family

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