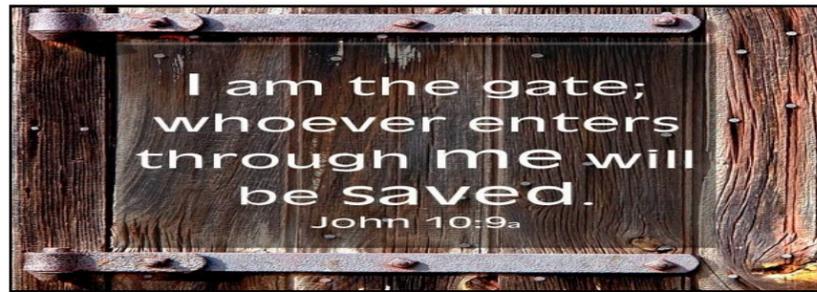


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion (Aaron Roberts)	3 12:00 - OA Mtg. 7:00 - AA Mtg. First Day of School	4 9:00 - Early Risers @ The Plaza 7:00 - Boy Scouts	5 7:30 AM - AA Mtg. 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal	6 10:00 - Women's Bible Study Resumes 7:00 - AA Mtg.	7	8 1 - 2:30 Youth Challenge Testing
9 12:00 - Congregational Meeting (Terry Holmes)	10 12:00 - OA Mtg. 7:00 - AA Mtg.	11 9:00—Early Risers @ CFA 7:00 - Boy Scouts	12 7:30 AM - AA Mtg. 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal	13 10:00 - BFB Resumes 7:00 - AA Mtg.	14	15
16 9:45 - New Sunday School Class begins (Aaron Roberts)	17 12:00 - OA Mtg. 7:00 - AA Mtg.	18 9:00 - Early Risers @ The Plaza 7:00 - Boy Scouts 7:00 - Stated Session Mtg.	19 7:30 AM - AA Mtg. 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal	20 10:00 - Women's Bible Study 7:00 - AA Mtg.	21	22 9:00 Presbytery Mtg.
23 Healing Service (Linda Roberts)	24 12:00 - OA Mtg. 7:00 - AA Mtg.	25 9:00 - Early Risers @CFA 7:00 - Boy Scouts	26 7:30 AM - AA Mtg. 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal	27 10:00 - Women's bible Study 7:00 - AA Mtg.	28	29
30 Teacher Appreciation Day & Luncheon (Tom Francis)	31 12:00 - OA Mtg. 7:00 - AA Mtg.					



- Aug 4 Cooper Keller
- Aug 5 Edna Fisher
- Aug 6 Jo Linda Ingram
- Aug 6 Cindy Mott
- Aug 10 Monica Baxter
- Aug 12 Ken Roberts
- Aug 15 Sarah McQuade
- Aug 21 Johnnie Shumate
- Aug 24 Elle Roberts
- Aug 29 Gerald Taylor



SPC SPOTLIGHT



When the Session asked you to tell us what you need and want around here, you responded! We received so much good information from those of you who completed a questionnaire – thanks very much. The information has been tabulated and organized and plans are already being made, because there were some definite ideas and requests in your answers which showed that many of you have been thinking about the same things.

For instance: you responded very strongly to the idea of collecting school supplies to be given to children whose families can't afford them. As a result, we're working with Lynn Moses, the Henry County Schools Homeless Liaison, whose entire job it is to identify and help homeless and under-resourced kids in Henry County. The list of needed items will be in the weekly announcement sheet, and samples are displayed in the Narthex. Most donations come in for elementary -aged kids, so we're targeting middle school and high school youth, and some of their needs are different – adult-sized backpacks, for instance. Bring your donations to the left-hand corner of Fellowship Hall, where there's counter space and an open table. We'll take the supplies to the Henry County Schools central office near the Square, where Lynn will distribute them as needs arise. We're so blessed that God has given us this particular focus to our mission work, because the needs of many, many Henry County children are very great. And with Goodness and Groceries and now school supplies, we're making a real difference.

Second, there was definite interest in forming small groups at SPC – some are interested in social groups, such as Dinner for Eight; others are looking for discipleship small groups that include not only fun and friendship-building, but also Bible study and accountability. So we need more information! What's your preference? Maybe both? Also, MANY of you expressed an interest in ministering to and visiting our congregation's homebound members and those at home with illness, recovery from surgery, etc. (By MANY, I mean lots more than are currently participating in the Bridge Family Basket ministry.) Maybe you're craft-y but don't want to visit. Maybe you're not craft-y but DO want to visit. Either way, COME to Fellowship Hall at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, August 13th. You are very welcome and very much needed.

And, there was an extremely strong response to the idea of a Sunday evening service that's directed mostly toward college-aged folks and young adults. This is on our original vision statement (the one we began in 2012) and it looks like the time is right to get started praying, thinking, discussing, and planning. Want to be in on this? Let me know!

Sunday School attendance has been low at SPC for a long time now. Those who come to Sunday School come and those who don't, don't. So we gave you every chance to do

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away with it and you said NO. Here's your chance to start again, because an overwhelming majority of you stated on the questionnaire that Christian Education is VERY important to you and your family. On August 16, a new adult class begins meeting in the Parlor, led by Laura Richardson. It's fresh, timely, Bible-based, and promises lots of good discussion. COME. The Children's Sunday School, led by Aaron Roberts and Diana Taylor, is beginning some new, exciting curriculum that the kids are going to LOVE. Bring your kids and COME.

The questionnaire also made it clear that no one around here really likes conflict in the church. Almost all of you who responded feel that church conflict should be handled by the Session, meeting privately with individuals who are unhappy or creating unrest. The Session has done this in the past and will likely have to do it again. And often there's considerable fallout. But not one of you said that church conflict should just be ignored. So we'll follow your instructions, seeking wisdom from God and, most of all, offering help to those who'll receive it.

Lots of questions still to be answered and decisions made, so please let us hear from you! Arlene Lathrop, John Dunn, Betty Pickren, and Lee Hart chair the Witness Committee. (Although we need to give Betty some recovery time after her surgery!) Kim Seal and Darin Clipper are in charge of Resources, and Aaron Roberts heads the Worship/CE Committee. And feel free to call, email, or text me! We really want your insights, ideas, and suggestions. THANK YOU for responding. Love to all of you –

See you in church –
Susan

UPCOMING SERMONS

AUG 9 Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2
John 6:35, 41-51
"The Bread of Life"

AUG 16 Guest Preacher - Carly Keller

AUG 23 John 6:56-69
Ephesians 6:10-20
"Inner Armor"

AUG 30 James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-32
"The New/Old Church"



GOLD RUSH GANG

Attention: Church Members 50 + Gold Rush Gang - September Event Wednesday, September 9th The Cannonball House & Lunch at Molly's (Lunch on your own) Cost: \$4.00 Transportation: \$4.00 Meet in the church parking lot @ 9:15 AM**

A cannonball went up in the air,
And hit the house right there.
Where is the "there" you say to me.
Well, come along on the Gold Rush Gang trip
And you will see!
You'll also see a beautiful home,
And even lovelier gardens to roam.
There was a battle from a war we all know.
This war of the states had so much sorrow.
After Sherman's army marched
On their path through Atlanta
On their way to Savannah
There was a town called Macon on the way
And during the battle the cannonball
hit the house, so they say.
So on Wednesday, September 9th,
We'll be on the way!
We'll also be able to stroll
the garden ground
And see the artifacts from
the battle that were found.
Then there is lunch,
For this great Gold Rush Gang bunch!
Molly's is the place
Where we will say grace,
Then we'll all proceed to eat.
Trust me the whole trip
Will be a fun treat!
Let Carolyn or Tom Francis know if you plan to
attend by Sunday, August 30th.
** Day of trip cost could be an extra \$2.00.

The Women's Bible Study group will resume on **August 6, 2015**. They meet on the 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Thursday of the month at 10:00 AM.



Circle #1 meets the 1st Tuesday @ 10:00 AM in the Parlor, September - June
Circle #2 meets 1st Wednesday @ 6:00 PM in Parlor,

PLEASE JOIN US

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, August 9, 2015

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Hello to all,
I hope you all enjoyed our youth Sunday on July 19th, I really did. Even though the practices and rehearsals were all crazy, I had confidence that our youth would be wonderful and they were. Their stories and music were great. I see their lives being transformed and in turn they transform mine. Below are the lyrics to the song that Cydnee and Savannah sang for the anthem and that I base my mini-sermon on.
I CHALLENGE EVERYBODY TO NOT ONLY LIVE IN THE LIGHT BUT TO ALSO BE A LIGHT TO SOMEBODY EVERYDAY!

Love to you all,
Stephanie

1st John 1:5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

*I keep trying to find a life
On my own, apart from you
I am the king of excuses
I've got one for every selfish thing I do
Tell me, what's going on inside of me?
I despise my own behavior
This only serves to confirm my suspicions
That I'm still a man in need of a savior*

*I wanna be in the light
As you are in the light
I wanna shine like the stars
In the heavens
Oh, Lord, be my light
And be my salvation
All I want is to be in the light*

*This disease of self runs through my blood
It's a cancer fatal to my soul
Every attempt on my behalf has failed
To bring this sickness under control
Honesty becomes me
(There's nothing left to lose)
The secrets that did run me
(In your presence are defused)
Pride has no position
(And riches have no worth)
The fame that once did cover me
(Has been sentenced to this earth)
Has been sentenced to this earth
Tell me, what's going on inside of me?
I despise my own behavior
This only serves to confirm my suspicions
That I'm still a man in need of a savior*

*I wanna be in the light
As you are in the light
I wanna shine like the stars
In the heavens
Oh, lord be my light
And be my salvation
All I want is to be in the light*

WITNESS



LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED

- Adult-size backpacks
- 1" and 2" 3-ring binders in any color
- Sharpie thin black markers
- 4"x6" and 3"x5" index cards
- Expo Markers
- Pencil pouches, the kind that clip right into binders, flat with a zipper
- CRAYOLA markers
- CRAYOLA colored pencils
- Glue sticks

The items where a specific brand is indicated, please just purchase that particular brand. The backpacks should be plain in different colors, as they are for middle & high students.

The collection point for your donations will be in the left rear corner of the Fellowship Hall. This will be a year round drive, with items being taken to the Henry County Schools Homeless Liaison, Lynn Moses, periodically.

If you have any questions, please contact John Dunn, Arlene Lathrop, or the church office.



NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

A new adult Sunday School class will begin on **Sunday, August 16, 2015, at 9:45 A.M.** in the Parlor. Laura Richardson will teach the class and lead discussion, as a news story from the current week is examined, investigated, compared with scripture, and made personally relevant in our real lives. There'll be a different news story every week, different scriptures, different discussion -- we love different! If you're not coming to Sunday School, it's time to do yourself a favor and start. Laura isn't just a glorious soprano -- she's also an experienced Bible teacher and a savvy professional woman. Child care is provided. There's coffee in the Fellowship Hall. What's not to love? See you on August 16th!

WITNESS



**SPC Yard Sale
September 12, 2015
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

It is time to start cleaning out your closets, attics, and sheds to prepare for the yard sale. We are a little over a month away, so you have plenty of time to get your items together.

We also need your delicious baked goods for the bake sale, as well as volunteers to set up and to work the yard sale. The proceeds from this fundraiser help to fund the many SPC Community Outreach programs.

Please contact Arlene Lathrop at 770-362-9082 to put your name on the volunteer schedule, or via email alathrop@kslaw.com or aalathrop@yahoo.com



Boy Scouts Annual Pancake Breakfast
September 12, 2015
8:00 AM - Noon

Bridge Family Baskets

For those of you who are not familiar with what this ministry is about, I would like to try to explain, and I ask that you open your heart to the love of Jesus Christ to listen. We are a group of your church family trying to follow Jesus's instruction to love one another. What is love? Well, to us, one way is to be there to help in any way one of our families may need. We meet the second Thursday of each month, and hand craft supplies to fill care baskets for our homebound members, for those dealing with long term illness, or members going through long term treatments.

Another way is we schedule visits to deliver these items to our family and friends. We write notes, make muffins or other goodies for follow-up visits. We also do crafts to sell at various times to help with the cost of supplies.

We are a group of people with different talents that we share to create gifts for those we cherish. Do you need a specific talent???? Heavens, NO! We share our talents, we learn from each other, we support our mission. There are members who cannot sew, but can follow directions to cut. There are members who cannot put feelings into words, but can copy poems for our cards. Some can bake, some can fill baskets, and some can sit and give the gift of gab (talk), giving others support in specific areas. Many of our group feel more comfortable in the back ground and some love to visit. We need everyone. With enough volunteers, we would like to schedule a specific day each month for visits to our homebound or to anyone needing a little TLC. Our recent church survey showed there are more interested in this program than the amount of participation we currently have. Any of you who are interested, please join us 8/13/15 at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall to experience what we are all about. We need your participation, ideas, and fellowship to keep this ministry going. Call Sue Scheer at 770-957-2475 if you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions.

SESSION/STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Clerk's Report

The Session received an email from the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta distributing updated session meeting minute's checklist. The Consent Agenda was approved for June.

Resources Committee

The Session approved a September church wide work day with another 30 yard dumpster. Boy Scouts will pay for half. Our cost is \$150.00 The Session approved use of a recommended Handy Man at \$30.00 an hour for special projects at the church.
June 2015 (attached) financial statements

Witness Committee

No issues or recommendations.

Worship and Education Committee

No issues or recommendations.

Pastor's Report

Susan discussed input from two members concerning their feelings about the church, which was from the congregation survey.

Old Business:

Kim presented the updated SCOT and discussed the progress of the congregational survey.

New Business:

John presented a proposal for Levena Hemmle to do a Christmas CD with the same arrangements as Zach Smith had in 2014, 75/25. The CD will be ready for the yard sale. The Session approved the proposal.



The totals for the Relay for Life 2015 are in, and SPC Friends raised a whopping \$5,087.45. Also, Doug Richardson was recognized as being one of the outstanding individual fundraisers, raising \$2,535.00. Way to go SFC Friends!



SAVE up to \$7 on Admission at the Georgia Aquarium
To Purchase Tickets please visit:
www.GeorgiaAquarium.org/ATLChurches
Offer Valid from now until December 31, 2015



FELLOWSHIP



Every Sunday morning at 9:00 AM a delicious breakfast is served in the Fellowship Hall. This is a wonderful time of fellowship. Please consider signing up to prepare a breakfast one Sunday. The sign up sheet is located on the refrigerator in the fellowship hall.



FELLOWSHIP DAY AT TURNER FIELD



SUNDAY, AUGUST 9th

Game starts at 5:00 PM - Braves vs Marlins - Concert begins immediately following the game. Featuring THIRD DAY. Ticket prizes start at \$12. For additional information and to place your order call 404-577-9100 opt. 3 or visit braves.com/fellowship.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

BEADLE

- Aug 9 Ron Scheer
- Aug 16 John Dunn
- Aug 23 Judy Simmons
- Aug 30 Jason Howard

ACOLYTE

- Aug 9 Lexie Buchan
- Aug 16 Sydney Holloway
- Aug 23 Breana Huggins
- Aug 30 Isabella Newsome

LITURGISTS

- Aug 9 Terry Holmes
- Aug 16 Aaron Roberts
- Aug 23 Linda Roberts
- Aug 30 Tom Francis

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

- Aug 9 Stephanie Dunn
- Aug 16 Betsy Sierra
- Aug 23 John Dunn
- Aug 30 Wendy Wells

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS

- Aug 9 Kirubanithy Mani
- Aug 16 The Clipper Family
- Aug 23 The Roberts Family
- Aug 30 Shannon Huggins