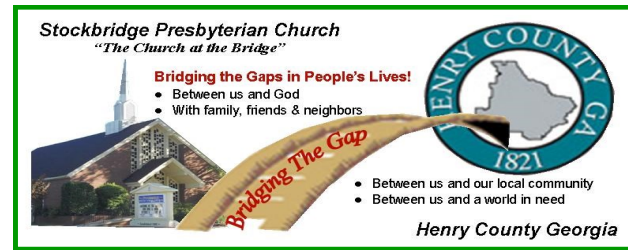


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MARCH 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 COMMUNION 12:00 Chili/Potato Lunch (John Dunn)	2 12:00 - OA Mtg. 7:00 - AA Mtg.	3 10:00 - PW #1 Circle 7:00 - Boy Scouts	4 7:30 AM - A.A. Mtg. 5:00 - G&G 6:00 - PW #2 Circle Mtg. 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal	5 10:00 - Women's Bible Study 7:00 - AA Mtg.	6	7
8 4:30 - 6 - Youth Meeting (Linda Roberts)	9 12:00 - OA Mtg. 7:00 - AA Mtg.	10 8:45 - GRG - IMAX 7:00 - Boy Scouts	11 7:30 AM - A.A. Mtg. 5:00 - G&G 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal	12 10:00 - BFB/Crafters 7:00 - AA Mtg. 5:00 - Resources Mtg.	13	14 1 - 2:30 Youth Challenge Testing
15 12:00 - Youth Lunch out 12:15 - Witness Mtg. (Greg Lathrop)	16 12:00 - OA Mtg. 7:00 - AA Mtg.	17 9:00 - Early Risers @ B&B 7:00 - Stated Session Mtg. 7:00 - Boy Scouts	18 7:30 AM - A.A. Mtg. 5:00 - G&G 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal	19 10:00 - Women's Bible Study 7:00 - AA Mtg.	20	21
22 12:15 - CE/Worship Mtg. No Youth Meeting (Cooper Keller)	23 12:00 - OA Mtg. 7:00 - AA Mtg.	24 9:00 - Early Risers @ CFA 7:00 - Boy Scouts	25 7:30 AM - AA Mtg 5:00 - G&G 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal	26 10:00 - Women's Bible Study 7:00 - AA Mtg.	27	28 11:00 - Easter Egg Hunt 4:00 - New Glory
29 PALM SUNDAY 12:00 - Spaghetti Lunch (Laura Richardson)	30 12:00 - OA Mtg. 7:00 - AA Mtg.	31 9:00 - Early Risers @ The Plaza 7:00 - Boy Scouts				

SPE SPOTLIGHT

The Church At The Bridge

From My Heart To Yours

Hi, friends –

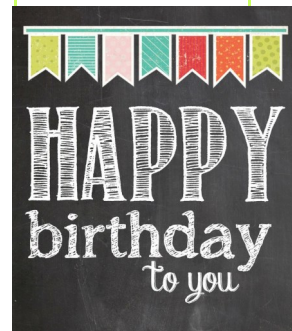
Things float around the internet all the time and when one of them catches my attention, I usually share it with you. Although we're already several days into Lent, it's not too late to read the items on this list and, with God's help, begin to practice them not only during Lent, but every day. There are a LOT of items; if you read them all at one time, it's a little overwhelming. But choose the ones that speak to you and ask God to help you change your thinking. The title of this list is, "40 Things to Give Up for Lent."

- Fear of Failure** – You don't succeed without experiencing failure. Just make sure you fail forward.
- Your Comfort Zone** – It's outside our comfort zones where new discoveries are made.
- Feelings of Unworthiness** – You are fearfully and wonder fully made by your creator. (see Psalm 139:14)
- Impatience** – God's timing is the perfect timing.
- Retirement** – As long as you are still breathing, you are here for a reason. You have a purpose to influence others for Christ. Our work is not always tied to a paycheck.
- People Pleasing** – I can't please everyone anyway. There is only One I need to strive to please.
- Comparison** – I have my own unique contribution to make and there is no one else like me.
- Blame** – I am not going to pass the buck. I will take responsibility for my actions.
- Guilt** – I am loved by Jesus and he has forgiven my sins. Today is a new day and the past is behind me.
- Over-commitment** – Do less better and accomplish more.
- Lack of Counsel** – Wise decisions are rarely made in a vacuum.
- Impurity** – Live lives pure and without blemish.
- Entitlement** – The world does not owe me anything. God does not owe me anything. I live in humility and grace.
- Apathy** – Life is too short not to care.
- Hatred** – Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good (Romans 12:21).
- Negativity** – I will put the best construction on everything when it comes to other people. I will also minimize my contact with people who are negative and toxic.
- The Spirit of Poverty** – Believe that with God there is always more than enough and never a lack.
- Going Through the Motions** – The more you invest your self, the more you will get back.
- Complaining** – Instead of contributing to the problem, be the solution.
- The Pursuit of Happiness** – God wants something greater and more lasting than happiness. It is called joy.
- Bitterness** – The only person I am hurting by holding on to bitterness is myself.
- Distraction** – Life is filled with distractions that will take our eyes off the prize.
- Giving up** – God never gives up on us.
- Mediocrity** – If you are going to do something, then give it all you've got.

- Destructive Speech** – Encourage one another and all the more as you see the day approaching (see Hebrews 10:25).
- Busyness** – It is a badge of honor to be busy. But that does not always translate to abundance.
- Loneliness** – With Jesus I am never alone. He is with me wherever I go.
- Disunity** – If two of you agree on earth about anything, it will be done for them by the Heavenly Father (see Matthew 18:19)
- The Quick Fix** – Rarely does true transformation happen overnight.
- Worry** – God is in control and worrying will not help.
- Idolizing** – Don't assign anyone a standard they cannot live up to.
- Resistance to Change** – Change is certain. It is not IF we will change, but HOW we will change.
- Pride** – Blessed are the humble.
- Small View of God** – Don't tell God how big your problem is. Tell your problem how big your God is.
- Envy** – I am blessed. My value is not found in my possessions, but in my relationship with my Heavenly Father.
- Ungratefulness** – You have been blessed in a way greater than you realize.
- Selfish Ambition** – God has a mission for me that is bigger than I am.
- Self-Sufficiency** – Jesus is my strength. I can do all things through him (see Philippians 4:13)
- Sorrow** – Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes in the morning (Psalm 30:5b)
- My Life** – Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life (John 12:25).
 Want to talk? You know how to reach me!
 See you in church – Susan

UPCOMING SERMONS

- MAR 1** Genesis 17:7-7, 15-16; Colossians 1:9-12
 "When It All Just Seems Impossible"
- MAR 8** Psalm 19; John 2:13-22
 "Light and Love"
- MAR 15** Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-21
 "Serpents and Salvation"
- MAR 22** Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 12:20-33
 "When Death Means Life"
- MAR 29** Palm/Passion Sunday
 Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11
 "Powerful Humility"
- APR 2** Maundy Thursday
 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; John 13:1-17, 31b-35
 "True Communion"
- APR 3** Good Friday
 Tenebrae Service
- APR 5** Easter
 Isaiah 25:6-9; John 20:1-18
 "Now ...and Then"



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| Mar 1 Aaron Dunn | Mar 17 Joan Cobb |
| Mar 3 Patsy Hembree | Mar 18 Adam Dunn |
| Mar 4 Pat Stanley | Mar 24 Kim Seal |
| Mar 6 Lorren Huggins | Mar 25 Rick Hemmle |
| Mar 12 Dora McManus | Mar 26 Evangeline Newsome |
| Mar 13 Justin Seal | Mar 28 Tracey Clipper |
| Mar 13 Anne Watson | Mar 29 Barry Newsome |
| Mar 14 Tony Williams | Mar 30 Bob Johnson |

17th Annual SPC Golf Tournament

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, May 21, 2015

Volunteers and door prizes are always needed and appreciated!

EDUCATION/WORSHIP

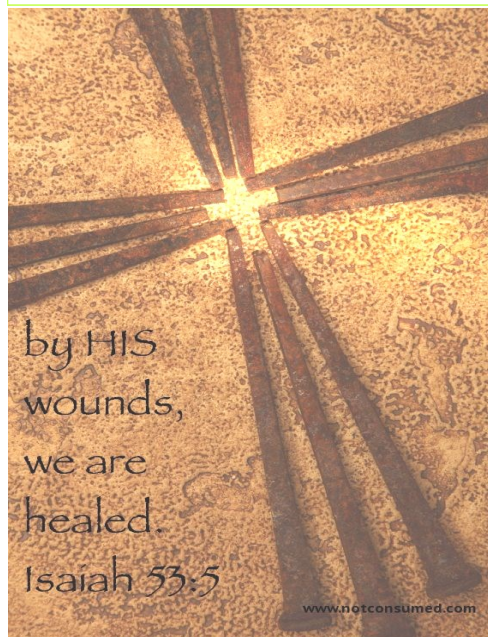
When's the best time to be productive? When is it ideal to have your "Eureka" moment, when inspiration finally inserts itself in your brain? Specifically to me, when is the best time to write a church newsletter article?

It's probably not now, since this is being written at 5:30 am on a Saturday, after I've been awake for 25 straight hours. By no means is this a habit of mine. I'm an early riser every day, but I'm always in bed or asleep on a chair in our living room by 9:00 pm. But today is certainly different. We have nearly reached the conclusion of our Youth Group lock-in and most of us are still awake. A few have finally fallen asleep and I can't blame them. I'd be resting comfortably in my thick and cozy sleeping bag if I wasn't required to stay awake to supervise the kids who still have their eyes open. Ugh, to be an adult during a sleepover.

Truthfully, this has been a fun night. This collection of Youth we are lucky to call our own is well behaved and fun to be around. There have been no arguments tonight and no one is injured. We should thank God that we have them. I've been around problem children before and we don't seem to have any of them at SPC. So, when you say your prayers, give God a quick "Thanks" for the SPY kids at our church.

My night is nearly over and I can already feel the pillow on my bed that's waiting for me at home. My time with the Youth is about to conclude but this hasn't felt like work for me. I've been smiling nearly the whole night and if I can say that about ANY activity in which I participate, things are going well. And I look forward to seeing these kids again when I get back to church tomorrow for our regular service. After a sound sleep today and tonight, of course.

Aaron Roberts



YOUTH NEWS

SPY SPONSORSHIPS

Please sponsor a youth or the group in general. This year we will be hosting a lunch for our sponsors on July 12th, after our Mission/Youth Sunday service. Our way of saying Thank You for your prayers, love, and support. This year our youth will be traveling to Kentucky.

Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church
Lexington Kentucky, June 20-26.

2015 Mission Group:
Cydnee Keller, Elle Roberts, Maegan Seal, Savannah Sewell, Katie Southern, Alex Seal, Justin Stanley, Mitchell Stanley and Bryan Wharton. Chaperones: Stephanie and John Dunn, Aaron Roberts

Mission Immersion Project Lexington KY
"Missions is the overflow of our delight in God because missions is the overflow of God's delight in being God."
— John Piper

WHY WE CHOSE MISSION IMMERSION AT
M A X W E L L S T R E E T ?

Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church is committed to identifying and addressing the needs of those whom Jesus called "the least of these." Toward that end we are involved with a number of social ministries that exist in the community and are constantly at work on creative solutions to the problems that plague the poor throughout the U.S. The Mission Immersion Project also accomplishes the goal of helping youth understand the plight facing those who are poor in America. The week-long experience combines education with implementation. Groups not only hear and discuss social injustices, but work hands-on through mission. Our hope is to instill a desire in the youth to return home and begin or join similar areas of ministry. With hard work comes play, so free time is built into the schedule. Maxwell Street is located on the edge of the University of Kentucky. Basketball courts, a park, and swimming pools are in the neighborhood. One afternoon and evening are set aside for groups to choose a day outing.

ACCOMMODATIONS Housing is provided in a renovated 19th century, air conditioned, three story house located directly behind the church. The second floor is reserved for work camp. Men's and women's restroom facilities with showers are located adjacent to the sleeping quarters. A large kitchen is also located on the 2nd floor.

Love you all,
Stephanie

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH EVENTS IN MARCH

- Mar 1 Chili and Potato Luncheon
- Mar 8 Meeting 4:30 - 6:00 PM
- Mar 15 After church, lunch out and a Movie
- Mar 22 No youth meeting
- Mar 29 Youth Spaghetti Luncheon

HOMEGROWN HYMNS CD

Copies of Zach Smith's Homegrown Hymns CD are still available. Linda Hodges in the church office or any member of the Witness Committee will be happy to assist you with your purchase.

Some of the most beautiful "Homegrown Hymns" for only \$10.00 is a great buy. The proceeds not only help with our outreach mission programs, but help with Zach's continuing education.

GRG NEWS & EVENTS

Attention - Church Members 50+
Gold Rush Gang - March Event
IMAX - "Mysteries of the Unknown World"
Lunch: Manuel's
Tuesday, March 10th
Meet in the Church parking lot promptly at 8:45 AM
Transportation cost \$3.00 and tickets \$11.00 per person (cash, please) Lunch on your own.

Question: Do you know the show,
Where we go,
And always have fun?
Do you know where we eat?
It's such a treat,
We all say "yum".
Do you know the day,
We always play?
All these answers you know,
So, say you'll go to the show.
Say you'll meet and eat.
The fellowship will be an extra treat!

Answer:
Show: IMAX - "Mysteries of the Unknown World"
Eat: Manuel's
Date: Tuesday, March 10th
Time: 8:45 AM, Church parking lot
Cost: Transportation \$3.00 & Tickets \$11.00 per person, cash please
Lunch on your own.

Please let Carol Abbott know by Sunday, March 8th, if you plan to attend.



FELLOWSHIP/WITNESS

BRIDGE FAMILY BASKET TEAM

A big thank you to all those attending the first meeting of the year. With your interest and the phone calls of more promised participation, we will begin another year of ministering to our church family and friends through this mission.

Our next meeting will be the second Thursday in March, **March 12, 2015 at 10:00 AM** with lots of things for everyone, including the men of our church to do. Some will be scheduled to re-visit our homebound, and those going through long term illness or treatments. Some will begin making new blankets, pillow cases, and arranging baskets for our recipients. Some will help write notes of encouragement to those in need or "thank you" cards to visitors of our church. Some will assist in baking muffins/cookies or goodies for our follow-up baskets.

As you can see, there is something for everyone that does not work outside of their home and is available for a Thursday morning. Any that are unable to attend, due to jobs, etc. can help with donating and furnishing the small items needed to fill each basket or supplies for the baking needs. Nothing expensive, it is the thoughts, prayers and love that are important, the things that are mentioned in the thank you notes we receive from our basket recipients. Men and women alike are needed, appreciated, and welcomed in this mission.

We will try to list what activities will be undertaken for each month in the Sunday bulletin prior to the second Thursday of that month. Any questions, please call Sue Scheer or Linda Roberts. We are looking so forward to growing our friendships, learning new things from each other, and spreading God's command to "Love one

WOULD YOU?

What would you do to show your love?
Would you come down from your throne up above?

To be born in a stall?
And throughout you life have very little comfort at all?
Would you be beaten, scorned,
Ridiculed and jeered,
And have people wanting to get you name smeared?

Would you hang on a cross?
And be put in a grave?
Would you go down to the deep
Depths of hell?
For all sinners to save?
Jesus is the one we're speaking of!
Jesus is the one who showed true love!
(As the scripture says)
"For God so loved the world, He
gave His only Begotten Son."
Jesus is the one who over death,
Through love, has won!

By A Church Member

SESSION/STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Session Report for March Newsletter

Clerk's Report: The Session received a thank you note from Tom Francis for his Christmas gift. The Session received a thank you note and \$50.00 check from Linda Pernice for Joseph's Pantry. A reply was sent to Presbytery pledging financial support for 2015.

The Session received a thank you note from Cynthia Rackley for Christmas Baskets for her children.

The following is the 2015 session committee organization:

COMMITTEE	CHAIR /CO-CHAIR
Resources	Darin Clipper Kim Seal
Worship & Education	Aaron Roberts
Witness	John Dunn, Arlene Lathrop Betty Pickren, Lee Hart

Elder Commissioners were elected for 2014 meetings of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta.

Presbytery Mtg Date	Commissioners
February 21, 2015	Kim Seal & Betty Pickren
May 19, 2015	Betty Pickren
August 22, 2015	Arlene Lathrop & John Dunn
November 10, 2015	Aaron Roberts

Jim announced that the Stewardship Committee accomplished the annual audit of all books and records relating to the church's finances for 2014. All records and books of the General Operating Fund, Presbyterian Women, Mission, Memorial Fund, Youth Group and Compassion Funds, were found to be maintained in good and orderly manner.

Jim reminded committees their input for the SPC Annual Report is due January 31st and Susan's February 15th.

Betty presented the results of the annual review of the church rolls. The Session directed Jim to compare Betty's recommendations with those of 2014 to determine if there are duplicate names. If new names do appear on Betty's list the Session will address them at the February stated meeting.

The Consent Agenda was approved for January.

Resource Committee

The Session approved the Gold Rush Gang Facility request.

The Session approved use of the Fellowship Hall for a baby shower for Sarah McQuade on February 8, 2015 from 1:00 – 3:30 pm.

The Session approved terminating the contract on the Duplo machine with Gordon Office Equipment.

Witness Committee

The Session approved change of New Members Lunch from 1/25/15 to 2/15/15.

Worship and Education Committee

No issues or recommendations.

Pastor's Report:

Susan had no issues or actions to report.

New Business:

No new business.

**Called Meeting Business:
January 4, 2015**

The Session approved New Glory Church to use the sanctuary on 1/10/2015 from 4:00-9:00 pm to hold a worship service.

The Session approved allowing the Gold Rush Gang to use the Fellowship Hall on 1/13/2015 from 11:00-3:00 pm for their Chili Luncheon.

OTHER EVENTS

January 17, 2015

The Session approved reorganizing from six committees to three committees by combining Worship and Christian Education, Witness and Fellowship and Stewardship and Buildings and Grounds. The new names are Worship and Education Committee, Witness Committee, and Resources Committee.

The Session assigned the following Elders to the committees

Worship & Education: Aaron Roberts
Witness: John Dunn, Arlene Lathrop, Betty Pickren, and Lee Hart
Resources: Darin Clipper & Kim Seal

Elder elected to the Class of 2017 Kim Seal, received training on the Book of Order, was examined, and found to be proficient. The motion to sustain the examination was made by Betty Pickren, seconded by Arlene Lathrop, and unanimously approved. The Elder Class of 2017 will be installed on Sunday, January 18, 2015.



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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

BEADLE

- Mar 1 Terry Holmes
- Mar 8 Carlton Smith
- Mar 15 Linda Roberts
- Mar 22 Ron Scheer
- Mar 29 Cindy Strong

ACOLYTE

- Mar 1 Isabella Newsome
- Mar 8 Alex Seal
- Mar 15 Elle Roberts
- Mar 22 Marie Anne LaFaye Coutin-Baxter
- Mar 29 Collin Roberts

LITURGISTS

- Mar 1 John Dunn
- Mar 8 Linda Roberts
- Mar 15 Greg Lathrop
- Mar 22 Cooper Keller
- Mar 29 Laura Richardson

**HEAD USHER - MARCH 2015
Arlene Lathrop - Witness Committee**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

- Mar 1 Tami Pass
- Mar 8 Sue Scheer
- Mar 15 Stephanie Dunn
- Mar 22 Betsy Sierra
- Mar 29 John Dunn

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS

- Mar 1 The Roberts Family
- Mar 8 Tami Pass/Alisa Newsome
- Mar 15 The Clipper Family
- Mar 22 Stephanie Dunn/Diana Taylor
- Mar 29 Cathy Rasar/Allie Dunn