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THE IPC WAY

There are many different ways to “do church,” as we say these days. Multiple models of church life exist. We at IPC have a model that is biblical, historical, and coherent, but we recognize that other patterns of church life exist. Ours is not the only way, but it is a good way to run a church and organize its life. Let’s be specific.

Ours is an “ordinary means” congregation. Our philosophy is that of our Presbyterian heritage and is shared by the churches of the Twin Lakes Fellowship. We stress the gatherings of the whole church on the Lord’s Day in which the word of God is read, preached, sung, and prayed, trusting that sinners will be born again by the living and abiding word, that faith will come by hearing the word of Christ, that God’s people will be sanctified by the truth, and that believers grow by the pure milk of the word (1 Pet 1:23-25; Rom 10:17; Jn 17:17; 1 Pet 2:2).

Whole church

If we read the evidence correctly, this approach has resulted in our congregation in a large number of growing, mature, and even victorious Christians. We think that the emphasis in the New Testament is on these primary gatherings of the whole congregation rather than on smaller groups within the congregation. The epistles brim with references to classes of persons who are present together in the assembly of the whole: the younger men and the older men, the younger women and the older women (Titus 2), parents and children (Eph 6), marrieds and singles (1 Cor 7), rich and poor (Jas 2 & 1 Tim 6), slave and free, Jew and Gentile, male and female (Gal 3:28). These combinations of persons give us an idea of what the early church looked like, and which we aspire to resemble. We avoid styles of music and speech that appeal to one group over another, and stick to church music, our “sacred music,” the traditional music as well as the traditional vocabulary of the church. This way we avoid preferencing one group over the others, and avoid building a church out of the preferred group, be they young or old, rich or poor, black or white. Our goal is to appeal to all groups equally. We don’t do rock’n’roll,

or swing, or hip hop, or country-western. Something vital is gained when the whole congregation of diverse persons, young and old, rich and poor, married and single, the whole “body” assembles in a common worship (see 1 Cor 12; Rom 12). We think whole denominations would benefit if they could settle on a more uniform, a more catholic worship, as was the ideal of the Apostles. The Apostle Paul could speak of what was practiced “in all the churches,” or even more emphatically as he insists that Corinthian innovators conform, “we have no other practice, nor have the churches of God” (1 Cor 14:33; 11:16; cf. 1:2; 4:17).

Sunday services

Consequently our emphasis and energies are devoted to the Sunday morning and evening services in which the whole church gathers. We have not stressed small groups, though we have them. We break up into age-based Sunday School classes. The Garmers have a week-day Bible Study, as do the women, the youth, the college, and the 20’s. We have a reading group for men that meets monthly, monthly circles for women, a weekly men’s prayer breakfast, and a weekly women’s prayer group. Still, we stress the public assembly of the whole church, because we think that assembly is the primary place in which Christian growth occurs and healthy Christian lives mature. See Ephesians 4:11-16 for more on this. Our youth, college, 20’s, women, and men learn to see their primary identity not in terms of the worldly demographics, not as subsets within the church, but as members of the church as a whole. We think our emphasis on the Sunday services has been biblically correct, and proven in practice. We are blessed with a high concentration of warm, loving, caring people who are serious about pursuing holiness.

Growing believers

In the hands of some critics, an asset, “Our church is full of wonderful people,” becomes a liability, “Our church is full of people *pretending* to have it all together.” No, “ordinary means” congregations are blessed with large concentrations of believers who are *actually are* mature, growing, and even victorious. This is not a boast on our part. It is all of grace and all to God’s glory. We only mean to recognize that the ordinary means of

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THE IPC WAY

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grace do equip the saints and bring them to maturity (again, Eph 4:11-16). True, we all struggle with sin. Listen to our public prayers of confession of sin. No one is claiming to be anything but weak, needy, flawed, and foolish.

However, there is a very, very modern sense of “honesty,” or “vulnerability” or to use the recent buzz-word, “brokenness,” that some would make a biblical norm. One will search in vain to see any trace of today’s popular understanding of “openness” prior to the 1960’s. Yet some wish to impose this popular meaning upon the church today. They want Facebook from the pulpit and Oprah Winfrey in the pews. I resist much of this. Most of our struggles are between ourselves and God. They are no one else’s business: not the priest’s, not my elder’s, not my neighbor’s. Moreover, little that is edifying is to be gained by you knowing what is going on in my thought life or when I’m in solitude. It’s bad enough that I am exposed to my twisted thoughts and my private tantrums. Other sins should only be confessed within the confines of the family. Typically, only notorious public sins are to be subject to public scrutiny.

Granted, there is a certain kind of encouragement in knowing that others share our struggles. The psalms can be helpful in this respect. Mutual honesty about weaknesses lets me know that I am not the only one plagued with problems. Still, to make the emotional striptease the norm and then criticize reluctant churches for not measuring up is unfair. The Apostle Paul warns us of the “unfruitful works of darkness” of which “it is shameful even to speak.” So sordid are “the things they do in secret” that the details should not be discussed (Eph 5:11,12). Simply put, there are things that we ought not to talk about.

We need to hear more about Spirit-empowered victories than flesh-induced defeats. The truth about each other is no mystery and needs little elaboration: we sin in our thought, words, and deeds,

in the evil we do, and the good we fail to do. We are all weak and foolish, we all depend absolutely on the True Vine apart from whom we can do nothing (Jn 15:1-5). The church today has been overly influenced by a secular “encounter group” philosophy. As recent research has demonstrated, little of lasting value takes place in Christian small group meetings where participants share their opinions, views, and feelings. Unless led by someone trained in the Scripture, the net pooling of ignorance, failure, and feelings does little beyond providing an outlet for temporary emotional catharsis.

Home Bible Studies

We recognize that at times we need to supplement our ordinary practice. For this reason we have been revitalizing our Sunday School, ramping up our care groups and are offering home Bible studies this summer. From the first century to the mid-nineteenth century, everyone who belonged to any church in the world lived within walking distance of that church. All the members of that church lived in the same neighborhood. They knew each other, were in each other’s homes, and saw each other regularly. Since the establishment of fixed-rail transportation, and especially the automobile, this ideal of community has been lost. Members now are scattered all over a sprawling city, miles and miles from each other. We struggle to make up the deficit in fellowship dealt to us by the modern world. Hence, this summer we are having 6 weeks of home Bible studies. At times retreats and special services can play an important role. We urge your participation.

Yet let’s not mistake that which supplements with that which is the norm. Our spiritual well-being is to be nurtured primarily in the assembly of the whole people of God, led by ordained leadership, under the ministry of the word, with a full-diet of prayer, and the regular administration of the sacraments. These assemblies may not be cathartic but they are solid, and they are what we need most.

—Terry Johnson

DID YOU KNOW . . .

. . .that **William Oliver** was awarded Headmaster's list for the 2012–2013 school year at Savannah Christian Preparatory School? He also received the Duke Talent Identification Program award and was inducted into the National Elementary Honor Society.

. . .that **Elizabeth Oliver** was awarded High Honor Roll for the 2012–2013 school year at Savannah Christian Preparatory School? She was also a part of the SPAL Championship Middle School Soccer Team at SCPS.

. . .that **Will Oliver** was given the Distinguished Alumni Award at Westminster School's Commencement in Augusta, GA?

. . . that **Ben and Ty Robinson** had a great year at Pooler Elementary? High honor roll all year among other awards. Way to go boys!!!



. . .that **Jonathan A. Shine**, U.S. Army was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel at a ceremony held on Tuesday, June 18, 2013, in the Command Conference Room, in Afghanistan? Ashley participated via video conference from Ft. Stewart.

. . .that **Sally Johnson** and **Caroline Boatright** were on a mission trip to Uganda? Below are some photos.



SUMMER HOME BIBLE STUDIES

JAMES 1, 2
through mid-July
7:00 to 8:30 PM

Mid-Town Bible Study (Wednesdays)

Location: Brad & Emily Stevens
312 Jackson Woods Blvd. (05)
(912) 201–1658

Teacher: Rick Mullinix/Dick Marting (sub)

Southside Bible Study (Tuesdays)

Location: Chuck & Kathy Moore
10 Shipyard Lane (06)
(912) 355–7808

Teacher: David Gobel/Jody Lanier (sub)
Babysitting: Call Kim at 657-4577 to schedule babysitting.

Wilmington Island Bible Study (Tuesdays)

Location: Stephen & Susan Jackson
17 Marsh Harbor Drive (10)
(912) 201–3637

Teacher: Tim Foster
Babysitting: on site at the Jacksons

South Carolina Bible Study (Tuesdays)

Location: Glenn & Julie McDougall
8 Halburton Circle (Bluffton)
(843) 757–0201

Teacher: Glenn McDougall/Ron Woernle

Pooler Bible Study (Wednesdays)

Location: Mike & Rita Spittler
6 Tanner's Row
(Westbrook @ Savannah Quarters,
Pooler 31322 (912) 450–1941

Teacher: John Garnett/Dennis Boatright (sub)

Garmer Bible Study Tuesdays (7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)

Location: Alton & Marion Brown
205 Wheeler Street (05)
(912) 354–9215

Teacher: Ron Parrish

Twenties' Bible Study Thursdays (7:00 p.m.)

Location: Whitaker Street Bldg., 3rd Floor
Teacher: Tim Foster and Alex Mark

FAMILY CORNER

JULY 2013

YEARS 11 – 15

HYMN OF THE MONTH

“BE STILL MY SOUL”

Katharina von Schlegel, 1752
Tr. by Jane Borthwick, 1855; alt. 1990, mod.

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
To guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds will know
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shall you better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fears are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

TUNE: FINLANDIA 10.10.10.10.10.
Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr.

YEARS 1 – 10

PSALM OF THE MONTH

PSALM 91

- 1 Who with God Most High finds shelter
In th'Almighty's shadow hides.
- 2 To the Lord I'll say, "My Refuge!"
- 3 In my God my trust abides.
From the fowler's snare He'll save you,
From the deadly pestilence;
- 4 Cover you with outspread pinions,
Make His wings your confidence.
God's own truth, your shield and buckler;
- 5 You will fear no ill by night,
Nor the shafts in daylight flying,
- 6 Nor disease that shuns the light,
Nor the plague that wastes at noonday.
- 7 At your side ten thousand fall;
- 8 You will only see this judgment
Which rewards the wicked all.
- 9 You have made the Lord your refuge,
God Most High your dwellingplace;
- 10 Nothing evil shall befall you;
In your tent no scourge you'll face.
- 11 He will angels charge to keep you,
Guard you well in all your ways.
- 12 In their hands they will uphold you
Lest your foot a stone should graze.
- 13 You shall trample serpents, lions,
Tread on all your deadly foes.
- 14 For his love to Me I'll save him,
Keep him, for My name he knows;
- 15 When he calls Me I will answer,
Save and honor him will I.
- 16 I will show him my salvation,
With long life will satisfy.

TUNE: HYFRYDOL 87.87.D
("Jesus What a Friend for Sinners")
Rowland H. Pritchard, c. 1830;
harm. Ralph Vaughan-Williams

Psalm 91 Summary

Elisabeth Elliot based the title of her biography of martyred missionary Jim Eliot, *The Shadow of the Almighty*, from the first verses of Psalm 91:

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

"This is a Psalm for danger," says Kidner.¹ It speaks strongly of God's care for His people, who is their shelter, refuge, fortress, shield, bulwark, and dwelling place (verses 1, 2, 4, 9). This promise of protection was particularly fulfilled in God's care for Jesus, as is clear from verse 12 (even the devil got that one right – Matthew 4:6).

The narrator's voice shifts to the first person in verses 14-16, from the Psalmist praising God, to God as He pledges to deliver his faithful servant.

BIRTH

Congratulations to:

... *Dr. and Mrs. James Fletcher (Cindy)* on the birth of their granddaughter, *Camille Marie Carter*, born May 15, 2013, in Nashville, TN. The proud parents are *Mr. and Mrs. David Carter (Abby)*.

COMMUNION SEASON 2013 with Rev. Dr. Ian Hamilton August 8 - 11, 2013



Rev. Dr. Ian Hamilton will be the preacher for our third annual "Communion Season." Let's pray that this "communion season" will be a time of revival for our congregation, as has been the case during such seasons in centuries past. The theme is "Knowing Christ."

Ian Hamilton has been the pastor of Cambridge Presbyterian Church, England (EPCEW) since July 1999. He graduated from Edinburgh University in 1979 and previously ministered at Loudoun Church of Scotland, Newmilns, Scotland. He is married to Joan and they have four children and one granddaughter.

He is a Trustee of the Banner of Truth Trust and serves on the Board of Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and as an Adjunct Professor.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, August 8

5:30-6:30 p.m. Evening meal in the Fellowship Hall
6:30-7:30 p.m. Session 1 - Mary Telfair Chapel
"The Majestic Christ" - Matthew 26:17-46

Friday, August 9

5:30-6:30 p.m. Evening meal in the Fellowship Hall
6:30-7:30 p.m. Session 2 - Mary Telfair Chapel
"The Submissive Christ" - Matthew 26:47-27:2

Saturday, August 10

5:30-6:30 p.m. Evening meal in the Fellowship Hall
6:30-7:30 p.m. Session 3 - Mary Telfair Chapel
"The Covenantal Christ" - Matthew 27:11-44

Sunday, August 11

9:30-10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School - Mary Telfair Chapel
"John Calvin, Reformed Sacramentalist"
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship - Sanctuary
"The Abandoned Christ" - Matthew 27:45-66
5:30 p.m. Evening Worship - Point Pleasant
"The Risen and Reigning Christ" - Matthew 28:1-20
6:45- p.m. Evening meal

*All sessions will be held in the Telfair Chapel, unless otherwise noted
A nursery and activities for children are available for all sessions above*

For information and reservations, call 912-236-3346

THE DEATH OF CHARACTER

"We want character but without unyielding conviction; we want strong morality, but without the emotional burden of guilt or shame; we want virtue, but without the emotional burden of guilt or shame; we want virtue but without particular moral justifications that invariably offend; we want good without having to name evil; we want decency without the moral authority to insist upon it; we want moral community without any limitations to personal freedom. In short, we want what we cannot have on the terms that we want it."¹

1 John Davison Hunter, *The Death of Character: Moral Education in an Age Without Good or Evil* (N.Y.: Basic Books, 2000), p. xiii.

STUDY THE WESMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH

Ever wished you had the benefit of a comprehensive survey of the teachings of the Bible? Did you ever imagine that such a survey could be accomplished in weekly sessions over a 13-week period?

Come to our study, otherwise known as "Officers' Training," and see if it is achievable in roughly 20 hours. All men of the church are invited to attend, young and old, intending to serve, not intending to serve, and undecided, as well as ordained officers needing a refresher course.

The studies will be held on Wednesday nights, 5:30-7:30, beginning August 7, meeting in the Administration Building in the room above the Senior Minister's office.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

BEACH VOLUNTEER DAY



The youth group will be having a beach volunteer day at the Fresh Air Home (900 Butler Avenue, Tybee Island—free parking available) on Saturday, July 13,

from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In the morning we will build a swing-set for the underprivileged children who attend camp at the Fresh Air Home. We will have lunch and then spend the rest of the day on the beach!



END OF SUMMER COOKOUT

Join us for an end-of-summer Bible study and cookout at the Johnsons' home (110 Lee Boulevard), on Tuesday, August 13, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- July 3 No Wednesday of Summer—Happy 4th!
- July 10 Wednesday of Summer, Whitaker Bldg., 7:00 p.m.
- July 13 Beach Volunteer Day at Fresh Air Homes and beach fun, 900 Butler Avenue, Tybee.
- July 17 Game night — Whitaker Bldg., 7:00 p.m.
- July 24 Wednesday of Summer, Whitaker Bldg., 7:00 p.m.
- July 31 Wednesday of Summer, Whitaker Bldg., 7:00 p.m.
- August 8-10 3rd Annual Communion Season —We will not meet on August 7.
- August 13 End of Summer Bible study and cookout at the Johnsons, (Tuesday night).
- August 21 Start up of Wednesday Night Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.



RUF/COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY IN THE PSALMS WITH SOREN KORNEGAY NEW RUF MINISTER AT SCAD

Summer RUF and college Bible Study (students going to college in the fall/students home for the summer) will meet on Tuesdays. For more information, call the church office at 912-236-3346.

- July 2 No Study tonight
- July 9 7:00 p.m. IPC, Whitaker Bldg., 4th Floor
- July 16 7:00 p.m. IPC, Whitaker Bldg., 4th Floor
- July 23 7:00 p.m. IPC, Whitaker Bldg., 4th Floor
(Neil Stewart, Pastor of Kirk O' The Isles, teacher)
- July 30 7:00 p.m. IPC, Whitaker Bldg., 4th Floor

SIGNIFICANT SESSIONAL ACTIONS FOR MAY

1. Approval was given to hire the company of Sottile and Sottile for the purpose of conducting an analysis of the kitchen and Fellowship Hall for possible renovation.
2. Approval was given for the new Continuing Education Guidelines that will be used for ministerial staff.
3. Approval was given for the transfer of letter for Mrs. Christine Gordon and non-communing children Elliott, Elsie and Ezra to Redeemer PCA, Lincoln, NE.
4. Approval was given for the transfer of letter for Mr. & Mrs. Donn M. Carlisle (Kris), and non-communing children Matthew and Ginny, to Kirk O' the Isles Presbyterian Church, Savannah, GA (PCA).
5. Approval was given for the transfer of letter for SFC & Mrs. James C. Shields (Venessa), son Jimmy, and non-communing children Anna, Emily and Ivy, to Covenant Presbyterian Church, Monterey, CA (OPC).

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MISSIONARY MOMENT

BUT NOT ISAIAH

I opened my computer this morning and started Paratext, a translation program. I'm using this software to write Scripture resource materials for the *Na people, a minority language group in a nearby country. I chose a familiar memory verse to go with the story of Christ's birth from Isaiah's 9th chapter:

*For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder...*

I typed in the reference, ready to copy the verse from the Na version into my document. Instead, four chilling words punctured an otherwise blank screen.

Book does not exist.

I sat stunned as it sank in that the book of Isaiah does not exist in the Na language.

In 2011 our family lived for a week in a Na village. The villagers shared their homes with us, cooked for us, worshiped together with us in their local church, produced their very first VBS with us, and laughed with us at our feeble attempts to speak their language.

They have the entire New Testament, unlike many other language groups. Their translation of Genesis is complete, and Exodus and Daniel are now being printed. But not Isaiah. And there's still no Micah or Deuteronomy. No Nehemiah or Kings. Most of the Old Testament is still a closed book to them.

The Na people do not know, they have not heard, that the Creator of the ends of the earth does not grow weary, or that to those who have no might He increases strength. (Is 40:28-29) They've never heard the majestic Messianic prophecies from Isaiah 53, of the man of sorrows, acquainted with grief, the one on whom was laid the iniquity of us all. Though their righteous deeds are like filthy rags (64:6) they don't know to 'come now and reason together' to be washed whiter than snow (1:18).

Today I've begun reading Isaiah again with deeper gratitude than ever before. I'm also all the more thankful for the faithful partnership of IPC with our family as we support translators who work to erase those terrible words, **Book does not exist.** Together let's make God's Word known in every language so that every tribe, every tongue may know

the One who came as 'a light for the nations,' that His salvation 'may reach to the end of the earth.' (Isaiah 49:6)

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever" —Isaiah 40:8.

By His grace alone,
Barbara Rustine

*Na is a pseudonym for security reasons.

**Note: Traditionally Wycliffe has focused on translating the New Testament first, but there's a growing appreciation for the importance of Old Testament Scripture in understanding the Gospel.

CHANGES IN ADDRESS

THE FOLLOWING ARE CHANGES in members' address and/or telephone information. Please note them in your directory.

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Rev. and Mrs. Chris Horne
202 Fawn Drive
Boone, NC 28607

New Phone Numbers:

Mike and Mary Hazeltime Home Phone: 450-0912

*Women of the Church
and
All Independent Presbyterian Church Brides*



Please join us for a Brunch

honoring

Jo Ann Donaldson

*upon her retirement as an
IPC Wedding Coordinator*

Saturday, August 3, 2013

11:00 a.m.

Independent Presbyterian Church

Fellowship Hall

Please bring a dessert

R.S.V.P. to the church office

at 236-3346 or email: mtaylor@ipcsav.org

If you were married at Independent Presbyterian Church,
please email or mail a wedding picture to Joanne Johansen:

jsj100@bellsouth.net

or

108 Kirkby Road
Savannah, Georgia 31419

Be sure to put your name and wedding date on the picture.
Include a note to Jo Ann if you like.

MUSIC MINISTRY



MORAL CONCERNS

July appears to be a quiet time in the area of music at the church. However, it is a time of research—reading through as much music as I can, listening to music, and locating music. In July, I begin planning the Lessons and Carols Service and all service music for the coming year.

In July, the Sanctuary Choir, Youth Choir, Chapel Choir, Handbell Choir and the Chime Choir all take a break. Most of the Choirs will resume in September, but the Sanctuary Choir will begin with rehearsals in August, for the women, the last week in July.

The schedule will look like this:

Women

- July 31 rehearsal from 6:30-8:30
- August 4 Women sing for morning worship
- August 7 rehearsal from 6:30-8:30
- August 11 Women sing for morning worship

Men

- August 14 rehearsal from 6:30-8:30
- August 18 Men sing for morning worship
- August 21 rehearsal from 6:30-8:30
- August 25 Men sing for morning worship

All Singers

- August 28 rehearsal from 6:30-8:30

The Men's Choir and Women's Choir in August are great opportunities to explore choir. The choirs are open to all, College students and Adults. This past year we also had High School students in our adult choir, and they were a great asset to the group. Your attendance would be valued and appreciated. An audition is not required, but the ability to sing a tune is mandatory.

Chapel Choir and Youth Choirs will begin September 8. Youth Choir is available to Jr. High–High School-age students and meets at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. Chapel Choir is available to students 2nd–6th grade and meets at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday evening.

Please continue to pray for the effective Ministry of Music in our church.

In Christ's Service,
Kathryn Van Eck

LIVING VINE EVENTS

On Tuesday, **July 2**, from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. if you eat at Uncle Bubba's Oyster House, 104 Bryan Woods Road, Savannah, GA, Uncle Bubba will donate 25% of your check to The Living Vine! Call 912-897-6101 for reservations or visit www.unclebubbas.com. Bring all your friends and family!

On Saturday, **July 20**, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. HIS Radio (91.9 FM) "Heart and Soul Patrol" will be at The Living Vine, 535 East 54th Street! All neighbors, family, and friends are invited to come to our Bake Sale and Paper Goods Drive. Please drop by with your donation of toilet paper, paper towels, napkins and Kleenex and enjoy the food and fun!!!

Mark Your calendar! The Living Vine Christian Maternity Home and The Radiance Foundation presents the niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr. Alveda King, at **Justice For All** (a conversation about abortion, poverty, and family). Friday, **September 20**, 6:30 p.m. (free event). It will be held at Calvary Baptist Temple, 4625 Waters Avenue.

Significant Actions Con't. . .

6. Approval was given for the wedding of Miss Margaret Howell & Mr. Stephen UpDeGraff on Saturday, October 26, 2013. The groom's father, Mr. Morse "Mo" UpDeGraff will conduct the wedding.
7. Approval was given for Dr. Fritz Schaeffer to speak at IPC on Wednesday, October 2, 2013.
8. Approval was given to allow the Fresh Air Home to use the Point Pleasant facilities during the summer of 2013.

CHURCH IN BEREAVEMENT

The congregation of Independent Presbyterian Church extends sincere sympathy to:

. . .Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Depue and family on the death of Linda's uncle, **Paul Joseph McMaster**, who passed away on Friday, June 14, 2013 in Orlando, FL.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

THE LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE

We will celebrate The Lord's Supper in our evening service on Sunday, July 7, 2013. The congregation is encouraged to use all appointed means, public and private, to come to the Lord's Table, depending upon God for the gracious preparation of the heart, according to His promise (Psalm 10:1).

MEN'S READING CLUB

The Men's reading club will meet on Thursday, August 1, (assignment to read is: *Institutes*, **II.viii.35–II.xii.7**, pages 401–474). Bring your brown-bag lunch and join Reverends Parrish and Johnson in the Administration. Bldg., in the upstairs corner classroom, at noon.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Thursday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. It will reopen on Friday, July 5, at 8:30 a.m.

SESSION/DIACONATE

There will not be a Session/Diaconate meeting in the month of July. The next meeting is scheduled for August 19.

SAVANNAH RIVER PRESBYTERY OFFICE BEARER'S CONFERENCE SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2013

Mark your Calendar! The Savannah River Presbytery is presenting "*Today's Elders and Deacons—Ancient Offices for Today's Church*" at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Statesboro, GA. The conference schedule is as follows:

9:00-9:15	Welcome, Opening Prayer
9:15-10:00	"Shepherd or CEO: Which Model Are We to Employ in Eldership?" by Derek Thomas
10:15-11:00	Workshop 1 — Choose one "Structuring Ministry for Pastoral Care and Prayer" "Baptism in the Reformed and Presbyterian Churches" "The Role of the Deacon"
11:15-12:00	Workshop 2 — Choose one "Piety and the Church Officer: Heart, Head, and Home" "Covenant Theology: an Overview" "Session and Diaconate: Working Together in the Church"
12:00-1:00	Lunch Break
1:00-1:45	"Serving for promotion? Why Be a Deacon?" by Derek Thomas
2:00-2:45	Workshop 3 — Choose one "Shepherding and Counseling: Option or Mandate" "Conflict Resolution on the Session" "Leading at Home: Family Worship for the Church Officer"
2:45-2:50	Closing Prayer, Dismissal

Further information will be given in the next Newsletter.

THE CHURCH BUDGET AND GIVING

In order to inform the congregation of the financial status and needs of the church the following snapshot of our current financial condition is provided. To fund the 2013 church budget \$156,462 is needed per month. Thank you for your faithful support.

	Total received	Over/Short
1st Quarter	\$ 436,947	(\$ 32,439)
April	\$ 130,087	(\$ 26,375)
May	\$ 157,045	583
June*	\$ 134,994	(\$ 21,468)
Total	\$ 859,073	(\$ 79,699)

* 4 Sundays only

ON FAMILY WORSHIP

"In a word, let us go by this rule in our family devotions,—whatever is the matter of our care, let it be the matter of our prayer; and let us allow no care, which we cannot in faith spread before God: and whatever is the matter of our rejoicing, let it be the matter of our thanksgiving; and let us withhold our hearts from all those joys which do not dispose us for the duty of praise."¹

"I must not omit to recommend to you the singing of psalms in your families, as a part of daily worship."²

—Matthew Henry
(1662–1714)

¹ ["A Church in the House: A Sermon Concerning Family Religion," in *Works*, Vol. 1, (256)]

² *ibid*, (257)

JULY BIRTHDAYS

<p>1 Ali Fruit</p> <p>2 Stephen Kirkpatrick Ginger Thompson</p> <p>3 John Gentry Josiah VanPuffelen Glenn McDougall Elizabeth Oliver</p> <p>4 Peg Morris</p> <p>5 Harrison Key</p> <p>6 Katie Dean Michael Hazeltine</p> <p>7 Elizabeth Brodmann Mary Bennett McLean Taite Sasnett</p> <p>8 Ruth Sutton Steve Bell Robert Loyd</p> <p>9 Carol Chen</p>	<p>Jennifer Copeland</p> <p>Kate Robinson</p> <p>Mike Spitler</p> <p>Maris Warren</p> <p>Lynette Ward</p> <p>10 Jenna Kate Welch</p> <p>12 Jim Fletcher Eppie Key</p> <p>13 Thadd Stevens</p> <p>14 Harriet MacRitchie Lois Woernle Megan Roberts Rick Mullinix</p> <p>15 Hannah Buchman Clay Nolen</p> <p>16 Will Bauer Charlotte Sagar</p> <p>17 Jack Brodmann</p>	<p>Kristie Bruzenak</p> <p>18 Bill Best Jo Ann Donaldson Kirstine Flanagan Ed Hale Sally Johnson</p> <p>19 Sides Bell Carol Goodwin John Parrish McLean</p> <p>20 Jeff Murns</p> <p>21 Jose Flanagan Sara Kaitlin VanPuffelen Kate Welch Tommy Sullivan</p> <p>22 Michael Hazeltine, Jr.</p> <p>23 Ruth Brannen Nancy Fuqua Beverly Meng</p>	<p>25 Stephen Helmly, Jr. Timothy Garnett Gil Ruiz</p> <p>26 Neal Cope</p> <p>28 Natalie Brown Mills Gross Tricia Stacy Jackson Weikert</p> <p>29 Norma Cording Joshua Lane Rosemary Taylor</p> <p>30 Bucky Ward Ginger Hill John Peters</p> <p>31 Cindy Carpenter Linda Moore Michael Kelly Karen Vavrsek</p>
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For Prayer & Participation July 1 - 6

Mon, July 1	7:00 p.m.	Week #5 IPC Day Camp Boy Scout Troop #876, Pt. Pleasant
Tues, July 2	6:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Olmstead Hall
	8:30 a.m.	Church Staff Meeting, Admin. Bldg., upstairs
	11:30 a.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting, Admin. Bldg.
	7:00 p.m.	No Summer RUF/College Bible Study, Whitaker Bldg., 4th Floor
	7:00 p.m.	Southside Bible Study, at the home of Chuck & Kathy Moore, 10 Shipyard Lane (355-7808)
	7:00 p.m.	Wilmington Island Bible Study, at the home of the Steve & Susan Jackson, 17 Marsh Harbor Drive (201-3637)
	7:00 p.m.	South Carolina Bible Study, at the home of Glenn & Julie McDougall, 8 Halburton Circle, Bluffton (843-757-0201)
	7:30 p.m.	Garmer Bible Study at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Brown, Sr., 205 Wheeler Street (354-9215)
Wed, July 3	11:00 a.m.	Women's Intercrosser Group, Axson Room
	12:00 p.m.	Wednesday Noon Service and Luncheon
	7:00 p.m.	No Summer Youth Group, Whitaker Street Bldg., 3rd Floor
	7:00 p.m.	Mid-Town Bible Study, at the home of Brad & Emily Stevens, 312 Jackson Woods Blvd. (201-1658)
	7:00 p.m.	Pooler Bible Study, at the home of Mike & Rita Spittler, 6 Tanner's Row (Westbrook @ Savannah, Quarters), 450-1941
Thurs, July 4		Church office closed in observance of Independence Day; reopens on Friday, July 5, at 8:30 a.m.
	7:00 p.m.	No IPC Twenties, Whitaker Street Bldg., 3rd Floor

Assisting Us in Worship • June 30

GREETERS

FRONT DOOR.....Elder & Mrs. F. Daniell

NORTH SIDED. Gibson

CENTER AISLE..D. Gobel

SOUTH SIDE.....D. Gross

WOC Greeter.....L. Van Puffelen

SUNDAY SCHOOL

GREETER

ELDERD. Boatright

USHERS

CHAIRMANP. Carpenter

FRONT DOOR.....R. Woernle

INNER DOOR.....K. Heritage

CENTER AISLE.....M. Parrish & W. Milling

LEFT AISLEJ. Childress

RIGHT AISLE..R. Rambo

BALCONY1C. Moore

SECURITY/BAL2..W. Van Puffelen & W. Oliver

AM AUDIO.....R. Hinely

PM AUDIOW. Black

EVENINGSF. Orellana & J. Gray

SUNDAY SUPPER

SET-UP & CLEAN-UP

Care Group #9 (Deacons: M.

Dusek & R. Rambo)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

WORKER: R. Garnett

HYMNS FOR JUNE 30

Morning Hymns

#57 "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul" (Psalm 146)

#455 "And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

#86 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" (Psalm 23)

Evening Hymns

#115 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Psalm 118:17-29

#188 "Jesus I Am Resting, Resting"

MORNING SERVICE

"TRUTH AND GODLINESS"

Titus 1:1-4

Rev. Timothy Foster

EVENING SERVICE

"THE REST THAT JESUS GIVES"

Matthew 11:25-30

Rev. Ronald Parrish

Meal Menu

Sunday, June 30

Tim's Grilled Chicken
Pesto Pasta Salad
French Bread/w Pimento
Cheese Spread
Garden Salad w/Savannah
Mustard Dressing
Ice Cream Sundaes

Wednesday, July 3

Turkey, Cranberry and Brie
Sandwich
Fried Catfish
French Fries
Lemon Bars