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Christian Motivations - 3 Justifying the Ungodly

I grew up in a Missionary Baptist church that used the revival meeting format for its worship service. The service began with the first and last stanzas of favorite gospel songs led by a gregarious “song leader” (these were pre- “worship leader” days). Offering—Special Music—Sermon—Altar Call—Multiple verses of “Just As I Am.” The deacons would then go out and have a smoke.

I heard the gospel call to repentance and faith in Christ on *every single Sunday*. Never, not once, not for a moment did I ever believe that one could be saved except through faith in Jesus, apart from any works. That was clear. Good works could never get a person into heaven.

Yet as a teenager I became highly uncomfortable with what I later learned was called “cheap grace” or “easy-believism.” Scores of people in our ecclesiastical circle had walked the aisle, prayed the sinner’s prayer, were born again and saved, and yet never showed the least sign of authentic Christianity. They were immoral. They had foul mouths. They were drunks. They were mean. They were prideful. Yet they had assurance. Oh yes. They *knew* they were saved. I may have been a mushy-headed teenager, but I knew something was wrong with *that*. The real gospel changes people. Too many people weren’t changed.

I grew rapidly in my faith during my sophomore and ensuing years in college. As I matured, I became even more troubled by cheap-grace evangelicalism, everywhere seen in Southern California. However, I was also devouring my Bible. One day I came to this verse:

But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness, (Rom 4:5, NASB)

I had been bumping into James and “faith without works is dead,” heightening my confusion (Jas 2:26). Yet here was the answer. Could the graciousness of the gospel possibly be stated more clearly? “The one who *does not work*.” Works are not only *not required*, they are *excluded*. Works are given no consideration, no place, no credit in relation to justification/salvation. One must “not work,” that is, one must not attribute any meritorious value to any good deeds whatsoever. One must only “believe.” One must only have “faith” in Jesus Christ, His cross, His atonement, His victorious resurrection, and one is saved.

It gets better. One’s faith is in the God who “justifies the ungodly.” Who gets justified? The *ungodly*, while still ungodly. They don’t first clean up their act, or straighten up their lives, or turn

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over a new leaf. They merely look to Christ and His cross. Though they are still “ungodly,” they are “reckoned” or “counted” as “righteousness.” They’re not righteous. Yet they, the ungodly, though still ungodly, are considered righteous in Christ.

I read this verse to a confused sorority girl at a college social event (a Pi Phi as I recall), pausing on each word: *who does not work but believes*, my voice rising with enthusiasm. It’s wonderful, isn’t it?! Salvation is free. It is a gift. It is all of grace.

The *sola fide* part of my unrest was nailed down, closed, shut, never to be opened. I wasn’t entirely sure of what to do with works considered positively. Jesus says others are to see our “good works” and “glorify your (our) Father in heaven” (Mt 5:16, NASB). We are to be “zealous for good works,” says the Apostle (Titus 2:14). Concern about works will have to await another newsletter. Yet, a critical hurdle in understanding had been cleared and the graciousness of the gospel was unshakably grasped, with floods of accompanying gratitude and relief, not to mention motivation to spread the good news around.

—Terry Johnson

NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Please remember to schedule your photography session today for our new Membership Directory. Photo sessions are being held March 11–14 and March 18–21. You can register online at ipcsav.org or sign-up sheets are available in the fellowship on Sunday evenings, during the meal, for those who do not have computer access. We would like everyone to participate. For information, please call the church office at 912-236-3346. Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a free directory for participating.

Finishing Our Course with Joy

by J.I. Packer. Crossway, 2014

Review by Allen Curry, Orthodox Presbyterian minister and editor of *New Horizons* magazine. Review appeared in *New Horizons in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church* magazine, December 2014. (permission granted to reprint)

In an earlier review, I wondered why the editor asked a retired grandfather to review a book on pop culture. I have no doubts about why he asked me to review *Finishing Our Course with Joy*. Note the subtitle: *Guidance from God for Engaging with Our Aging*.

Packer begins by suggesting three things that should characterize aging: living for God one day at a time, living in the present moment, and living ready to go when Christ calls.

He contrasts his outlook with that of contemporary culture. The world “prescribes self-indulgence and irresponsibility as the goal of one’s declining years” (p. 29). This “agenda as a whole turns out to be a recipe for isolating oneself and trivializing one’s life, with apathetic boredom becoming one’s default mood day after day” (p. 30).

Packer recognizes the decline in physical functions. As the body ages, it becomes the source of pain and discouragement, which leads seniors to see the body as the opponent of well-being.

As a corrective to this view, the author explains briefly the Bible’s view that we are “psychophysical units, embodied souls who are also ensouled bodies” (p. 38).

Originally, body and soul were united forever, but sin came into the world with death as a consequence. As a result, physical decline is a given that sinful pride refuses to accept.

Packer argues that Satan convinces seniors that secular retirement should prevail in the church. He counters that seniors “behave as though spiritual gifts and ministry skills wither with age. But they don’t; what happens, rather, is that they atrophy with disease.” (p. 64).

The apostle Paul requires us to run the race set before us (1 Cor 9:24-27). The author calls for seniors to rediscover Christian hope as a way to keep on the course God has set for us – “recovering and reappropriating this hope is a prime task for us who are aging today” (p. 84).

One could wish that the author gave more explicit directions on how the church can assist individuals in avoiding being sucked into the cultural vortex of self-centeredness. The book is long on analysis and calls for change, but short on ideas about what seniors can and should do.

I can add my personal testimony to the deep joy and satisfaction that comes to a retired professor whom God has allowed to serve in a number of interim pastorates. My energy level is not what it was when I was twenty-five, but I’m glad I’m not consigned to my rocking chair or golf four days a week. To Packer’s thesis I can offer a hearty amen.



I.P.C. 2015 Missions Conference Schedule

Thursday, March 5

- 5:45 PM Fellowship Dinner at Point Pleasant catered by Silk Road.
- 6:45 PM Introduction of guests by Frankie Daniell. Devotional by Vic Bernales.
- 7:00 PM Collection of offering. Anthem by Sanctuary Choir.
Presentation by Stephen Story of Covenant Care Services.

Friday, March 6

- 11:00 AM Women Of The Church Luncheon featuring short talks by Cathy Bernales, Jemima Chinnavan, Dianne Smalling, and Sarah Dale (Covenant Care Services) in the I.P.C. Fellowship Hall, catered by Cheryl Murray. Lunch served at 12 noon following the program. Cost: \$10. A nursery will be provided at I.P.C. beginning at 10:45 AM – bring a snack or lunch for each child.
- 5:45 PM Fellowship Dinner at Point Pleasant catered by Silk Road.
- 6:50 PM Devotional by Vic Bernales.
- 7:00 PM Collection of offering. Anthem by Men's Chorus.
Presentation by Roger and Dianne Smalling.

Saturday, March 7

- 8:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast (boys able to sit through the two hour meeting are welcome, as well) in the Fellowship Hall at I.P.C. Vic Bernales, Jegar Chinnavan, and Roger Smalling speaking. Cost: \$8.

Sunday, March 8

- 9:30 AM Combined Children's Sunday School (1st through 6th grades) with Roger and Dianne Smalling on the 2nd floor, Whitaker St. building.
- Combined Jr. and Sr. High Sunday School (7th through 12th grades) with Vic and Cathy Bernales in the Youth Room, 3rd floor, Whitaker St. Building.
- Combined Adult Sunday School (college and up) with Jegar and Jemima Chinnavan in the Telfair Chapel, Education Building.
- 11:00 AM Morning worship with Tim Foster preaching.
- 5:30 PM Evening worship with Vic Bernales preaching.
- 6:30 PM Fellowship Dinner in Olmstead Hall.

- *All three dinners served during the conference are free of charge.*
- *A nursery for ages four and under is provided for all functions at Point Pleasant, the WOC Luncheon, and Sunday meetings at I.P.C.*

Women's Ministry



Extended Time Together at The Women's Retreat

This year's retreat gave us the opportunity to begin conversations that we haven't had time or haven't taken time to have. It takes time and knowing one another to begin meaningful conversations. We had more time at the retreat, and so we began more meaningful conversations. We need to see each other long enough to be comfortable sharing our struggles or fears. This year we did seem to be comfortable with each other and the time we had together did deepen relationships.

Maybe we were especially comfortable this year because Barbara Rustine was our speaker. We know Barbara. She is one of us. Barbara shared herself and

her wisdom with us. She spoke to us about faith in our great God that sees beyond what is visible and understands that God is up to something good in our lives. She talked about the truth of the Word of God that pushes out lies and is the foundation for our faith. She spoke about a faith that clings to the promises of God no matter what. Hopefully, we will continue these conversations, encouraging each other with truth and sympathizing with one another in our trials.

Kay Heritage told us something about her life and traced for us God's seeking and redeeming love for her. We could see God's work in her life as He brought her to Himself. We are grateful for

her testimony that reminded us of the faithfulness of God toward His children.

We want to thank Amy Milling for working hard to find us just the right accommodations and taking care of all of the details of our reservations and delicious meals. We are grateful to Kim Lanier for planning our ice-breaker games and preparing our goody bags, and helping us to enjoy our time together. We are so thankful for each woman who joined us for this year's retreat. Some of you had to make complicated arrangements in order to make it. But, most of all we are thankful to God who was pleased to give us a wonderful weekend together.

Jane Boatright

As I ponder the women's conference, one phrase, spoken by a friend, continues to cross my mind—"Christ is enough." He is actually more than enough. He is everything. In Him, we live and move and have our being. And yet, we continue to tightly clutch the things of this earth as if we have control over them. God used Barbara Rustine to encourage us and remind us that "by faith, we can hold our earthly treasures (whatever they may be) with open hands." I am so thankful for the women at our church and the rich fellowship we enjoy!

Ginger Thompson



A retreat, by definition, is a place of privacy or safety, a refuge. Additionally, it is described as a period of group withdrawal for prayer, meditation, study or instruction under a director. The W.O.C. Retreat in January was all of the above; a welcome respite from the demands of our daily lives and an opportunity for God-centered learning and fellowship.

The retreat beautifully brought together a wide span of generations sharing spiritual and life wisdom with one another, enriching our personal connections. I enjoyed renewing and strengthening existing relationships and forming new ones.

The powerful presentations by Kay Heritage and Barbara Rustine were awe-inspiring, profound and revealed God at His word—"I will never leave you nor forsake you." The ladies that planned and fine-tuned our lovely retreat on HHI did an exceptional job. Thank you to each!

For me, the retreat was truly a time of refreshment and spiritual reward. As Barbara stated, "God is up to something good" and He used the W.O.C. Retreat in a good and mighty way in my life. I am already looking forward to next year's retreat.

Alice Chisholm



I.P.C. WOMEN OF THE CHURCH COOKING CLASS #3

Kay Heritage, assisted by Kate Robinson, will be holding the 3rd cooking class on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will learn: Event Planning tips, appetizers, more cooking and baking tips.

- *Vietnamese Spring Rolls (hands on)
- *Beef Sliders
- *Cucumber Canapes
- *Salad with Edible Flowers
- *Chocolate Bread Pudding

The class is \$10. For more information, contact Kay at 912-480-1656 or kandkheritage@gmail.com.

Children's Ministry



I.P.C.'s Annual Egg Hunt and Breakfast

Make plans to join the fun at our Point Pleasant campus on April 4, at 9:00 AM. Enjoy pancakes, bacon, and fruit in the company of dearest friends and family. Children, babies through sixth grade, will begin the hunt right after breakfast. Please R.S.V.P. with your name and the number and ages of children that will participate in the hunt. You may call the church office at 236-3346, email amartin@ipsav.org, or complete a pew card and drop it in the collection plate.

For each child that will be hunting for eggs, please donate a dozen, filled-plastic eggs. You don't even have to fill them! Just donate your empty eggs and candy and the wonderful I.P.C. Youth Group will do the rest! Collection boxes will be located around the church beginning the first of March. Please use this event to invite friends, family, and neighbors. Just make sure to R.S.V.P. for everyone

so we will have enough breakfast food. Get your candy and eggs in by Wednesday April 1. This breakfast keeps getting bigger and better; don't miss out on the fun! If you have any questions, please call Amy Martin at 897-2214.



Youth Group Invitation

You are cordially invited to a party at Point Pleasant on Friday, April 3, at 10:00 AM. We will have pizza and Coke and yummy dessert after you hide 1,400 plastic eggs, dye 20-dozen hardboiled eggs, mix candy and fill 1,300 empty plastic eggs, decorate and set 25 tables. You will be finished by 12:00 noon so you can scoot out to the beach for some fun and sun!

We always have a great time serving together for this event, so I look forward to seeing all of you there! Any questions? Email amartin@ipsav.org or send me a text; Mr. Paul Rodgers or Sally has my number!

—Amy Martin



Youth preparing eggs for the Egg Hunt!

Student Ministries

The Youth Group traveled to the beautiful mountains of North Georgia for the annual Winter Retreat on February 6–8, and enjoyed zip lining, rock climbing and learning about speaking wisely.

Also, to celebrate Valentine's Day, Mr. Frankie led them in a square dance which followed a chili dinner and dessert contest (congratulations to the Wiggins girls for making the most delicious dessert). We have had a fun-filled and busy winter!

The Edge Conference

Please see the flyer regarding The Edge Conference for current 6–8 graders. The deadline to register is April 19.

For information, call Sally in the Youth Department at 236-3346.



REGULAR STUDENT MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30-10:30 AM
Jr. High (2nd floor Whitaker)
& Sr. High (3rd floor Whitaker)

SUNDAY NIGHTS

Youth Choir from 4-5 PM
Dinner until 7 PM, Whitaker, 3rd floor,
following Evening Worship
Small Groups, from 7 – 7:55 PM
(will meet only March 1 and March 29)

WEDNESDAYS

Youth Dinner and Fun • 6:30 PM,
Whitaker, 3rd Floor
Youth Bible Study – 7:30–8:15 PM,
Whitaker, 4th Floor
(will meet only March 11 and March 25)

Family Corner

MARCH 2015

YEARS 1-10

Psalm 118:20-29

Based on Scottish Psalter, 1650

- 20 This is Jehovah's gate; by it
The just shall enter in.
- 21 I'll praise Thee Who hast heard my prayer,
And hast my safety been.
- 22 That stone is made head corner stone
Which builders did despise.
- 23 This is the doing of the Lord,
And wondrous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us be glad and sing.
- 25 Hosanna, Lord! O give success!
O Lord, salvation bring!
- 26 O blessed be the one who comes,
Comes in Jehovah's name;
The blessing from Jehovah's house
Upon you we proclaim.
- 27 The Lord is God, and He to us
Has made the light arise;
O bind ye to the altar's horns
With cords of sacrifice.
- 28 Thou art my God; I'll give Thee thanks.
My God, I'll worship Thee.
- 29 O thank the Lord, for He is good;
His grace will endless be.

TUNE: ST. ASAPH CMD
Giovanni M. Giornovichi

YEARS 11-15 "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

Attr. to Bernard of Clairvaux, ca. 1150
Arr. and tr. by Ray Palmer, 1858

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,
Thou Fount of life, thou Light of men,
From the best bliss that earth imparts
We turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
Thou savest those that on thee call;
To them that seek thee thou art good,
To them that find thee all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living Bread,
And long to feast upon thee still;
We drink of thee, the Fountainhead,
And thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee,
Where'er our changeful lot is cast;
Glad when thy gracious smile we see,
Blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay,
Make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away,
Shed o'er the world thy holy light.

TUNE: QUEBEC L.M.
Henry Baker, 1854
(Trinity Hymnal #646)

Psalm 118

Among the most clearly Messianic of the Psalms, the 22nd verse:

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner stone,"

was cited by Jesus to the chief priests and elders (Matthew 21:42), by Peter before the Sanhedrin (Acts 4:11), and in his first epistle (1 Peter 2:7,8), in each case identifying Jesus as the rejected stone which became the corner stone.

In addition the multitudes cried out verses 25 and 26 on Palm Sunday as Jesus entered Jerusalem,

*"Hosanna to the Son of David,
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;
Hosanna in the highest!"* (Matthew 21:9)

This Psalm was often a favorite of Christian armies and monarchs, especially in times of battle. It was sung by the army of William of Orange when he landed at Torbay, en route to the English throne in the Glorious Revolution of 1688, and in a service conducted by William Castares (1649-1715), a leading minister of the Church of Scotland.

Luther said of the 118th:

"This is my psalm, my chosen psalm. I love them all; I love all Holy Scripture, which is my consolation and my life. But this psalm is nearest my heart, and I have a familiar right to call it mine. It has saved me from many a pressing danger, from which nor emperor, nor kings, nor sages, nor saints could have saved me. It is my friend, dearer to me than all the honours and power of the earth."



Music Ministry

Spring is a very busy time in the Music Ministry of the church. The choirs are preparing for our annual Missions Conference weekend and Palm Sunday and Easter.

Here is the upcoming schedule for the Missions Conference:

March 5	Thursday—The Sanctuary Choir will sing.
March 6	Friday—The Men’s Choir will sing.
March 8	Sunday Morning—The Chapel and Sanctuary Choirs will sing. Chapel Choir, please meet with the Sanctuary Choir at 10:30 AM in the Choir Room

PARENTS OF CHILDREN 2ND–6TH GRADE

There will **NOT** be Chapel Choir Easter Sunday night, April 5.

Please remember that attendance at choir is essential in order for your child to attend the annual spring pool day. The Summer Waves pool adventure will soon be here (May 16). Your child’s attendance at choir is the ticket into this fun event. The pool adventure is always a great day together, and I am hoping everyone can attend.

In April the children will be given permission slips for parents to sign. Also, on May 17, the Chapel Choir will be featured in the evening service. They will sing several anthems.

HANDBELL CHOIR

The Handbell Choir will ring in the following services:

- March 15
- March 29, Palm Sunday
- April 2, Maundy Thursday Service

YOUTH CHOIR

For the Youth Choir, **there will be a rehearsal on Easter Sunday, April 5.** The Youth Choir is anticipating a choir trip on April 10 through 12. Rehearsal attendance is necessary for participation in this trip. Two absences are allowed from January-April 5. If more rehearsals are missed, the student needs to sing the music to me, to ensure knowledge of the music. The choir will leave the church late Friday afternoon, and have a fun day on Saturday, April 11 (plans yet to be completed). On Sunday morning, we will sing at one of H. B. Charles’ churches, returning on Sunday afternoon. We are looking forward to a great time together.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

The Sanctuary Choir is working on several difficult anthems for Maundy Thursday, Easter, and the Kirkin’ service. New members are always welcome. Choir is from 6:30-8:30 PM on Wednesday evenings. Please notify me or any choir member in order to get in the building.

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

“I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.” — Psalm 104:33

In Christ’s service,
Kathryn Van Eck

Thankful to the Lord,
Bob & Murle Breer

CHANGES IN ADDRESS

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

Miss Elissa Hunter
1 West Victory Drive, Apt. 425
Savannah, GA 31405

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Apt. B2
Savannah, GA 31401

Mr. Matt Mullinix
639 S. Twin Oaks Valley Road, #173
San Marcos, CA 92078

Miss Emily Polgardi
907 Whitaker Street
Savannah, GA 31401

APPRECIATION

Bob and I wanted to express our appreciation to **Glenn & Julie McDougall** for their work with the e-mail prayer chain. This is such a comfort to know that people from our church are praying when we have a need. The prayer chain is something very special and we know firsthand that God uses these prayers to bring peace and comfort into our lives.

At the end of 2014 we lost my brother, Gordon, and then my sister-in-law, Nancy. It was encouraging to have God’s people praying and sending cards as we moved through this period. God has truly blessed us with a special church where His truth is taught and preached and where we bear one another’s burdens. Thank you, Glenn and Julie, for your time and effort to keep all of us updated on the prayer needs of our congregation!

MARCH FOR LIFE 2015

I had been pretty vocal about not attending the March this year. However, the prompting of the Holy Spirit would not allow me to be at peace with that decision. I am forever grateful.

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, ensure justice for those being crushed.” —Proverbs 31:8

As our bus approached Washington, D.C. early on the morning of January 22, our driver pointed out places of interest. Passing the Pentagon and seeing the portion of the wall that had been replaced reminded us of the reality of how vulnerable we are as a nation. At the same time, I was filled with gratitude to God for sparing the life of Karen Cooper—a friend and fellow worker in the cause of life. Karen had been in the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. Then, as we passed the Jefferson Memorial, I thought of the words that are inscribed therein from our Declaration of Independence—“We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

All men? What about the “least of our citizens?” The ones who are totally defenseless—who have no voice?

Our first stop was the Russell Senate Building. We proceeded to the conference room where we would

meet with Senator Johnny Isaakson and Senator David Perdue. This meeting would mark the first time in several years that we actually met with senators instead of staffers. Both men listened as we shared our concerns and made known our desire for activism and change.

As the meeting adjourned, our party separated and headed for various lunch destinations. Following lunch, several of us proceeded to the National Mall where the rally would be held and the March would begin. On the way, we joined another group in singing praises to God—powerful moments!

The crowd this year seemed larger than ever. According to statistics, over 80% of those in attendance were under the age of 30. Truly this is the ‘Pro-Life Generation.’ I am thankful to the Lord for all in attendance and pray that many more will be called to follow the Lord. And that, as they do, they will stand and be counted for the cause of life.

After the rally, the March began. We joined the throngs that moved down Constitution Avenue. At the top of the hill, we turned and looked behind us at the “sea” of those who had come to our nation’s capital to speak for those who have been silenced by abortion.

As we approached the end of the March in front of the Supreme Court, we were confronted by protesters who

tried to block our path. Carrying signs reading “Keep Abortion Legal” and “Abortion on Demand and Without Apology,” they shouted, “My life, my body, my choice.” These protesters, along with millions of others, have been deceived by the god of this world. There is One Source of hope and change for our country—“*If my people, who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*” (2 Chronicles 7:14 ESV).

Are we willing to do what God, in His word, tells us to do? Are we willing to be called by His Name, to humble ourselves and pray and seek His face?

Are we willing to turn from our wicked ways and truly be light in this dark age?

I believe with my whole being that if we (those called by His Name) will repent, He will forgive our sin and heal our land!

Many thanks to Independent Presbyterian Church for coordinating this trip to Washington, D.C. every year—making it possible for people like me to participate in the March for Life.

Written by Paula Kinard,
Executive Director of The Living Vine
with contributions from Cindy Sutlive

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO STAND FOR LIFE

WALK/RUN FOR LIFE

March 21 • Daffin Park • Start time 8:30 AM

Major fundraiser for the Savannah Care Center (Crisis Pregnancy Center)

Contact: Rose Wade 912-484-7240 or wademil2000@comcast.net



40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

March 24 • 120 E. 34th Street

1-hour prayer commitment in front of the Savannah Medical Clinic (Savannah Abortion Clinic) Non-confrontational, peaceful protest

Contact: Cindy Sutlive 912-667-9392 or SutliveFour@comcast.net

Announcements & Events

THE LORD'S SUPPER

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper on Sunday evening, March 3. The congregation is encouraged to use all appointed means, public and private, to come to the Lord's Table, depending on God for the gracious preparation of the heart, according to His promise (Psalm 10:1). The Lord's Supper for April will take place during our Maundy Thursday Service on April 2.

THE SPRING INQUIRERS' CLASS

The Spring Inquirers' Class will begin on Sunday, March 15 and continue through May 3, during the Sunday School hour at 9:30 AM, in the Mary Telfair Chapel. The objective of the class is to introduce interested persons to Basic Christianity, the history, doctrine, practices, and people of our church. Invite your friends and families! Nursery is available.

SESSION/DIACONATE MEETING

The regular Session/Diaconate meeting will be held on Monday evening, March 23 at 5:30 PM and 6:00 PM. They will meet jointly at 6:30 PM.

DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY

The Dead Theologians Society (Men's Reading Club) will meet on Thursday, March 26: 6:45-8:00 AM for breakfast at Laurie's Restaurant, or 12:00 to 1:00 PM for lunch in the Administration Building, 2nd Floor classroom (bring a brown-bag lunch). The assignment to read from *The Christian in Complete Armour* by William Gurnall is: "Directions Third & Fourth," pages 229-291.

EASTER LILIES

We will begin to take orders for Easter lilies to be placed in the church on Easter Sunday, April 5. They may be given in honor/memory of individuals. Please fill out the form available in the bulletin and return it with your check to the church office. Cost for lilies is \$15 each. The deadline for ordering is March 29.

THE CHURCH BUDGET AND GIVING 2015

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. Thank you for your faithful support.

	Received	Needed	Over/Short
January	\$116,514	\$129,031	-\$12,517
February	\$134,206	\$129,031	\$ 5,175
Totals	\$251,021	\$258,062	-\$ 7,041

Fundraising Update

To date, we have received 128 commitment pledges toward the "Enlarging the Place of Our Tent" Capital Campaign. The amount of funds available for the renovation projects now total \$2,986,934.



REMINDER: Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday, March 7, before you go to bed. Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 AM on Sunday, March 8.

ORGAN CONCERT

There will be a free organ concert given on March 12, at 12:00 noon in our sanctuary. The organist will be Mr. James Richardson. Further details will be given in the weekly Messengers.

I.P.C. DAY CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

This summer the Day Camp will again be bringing 20 campers from the Urban Hope to camp. These scholarships cost the camp \$135 each for a total cost of \$2,700. Anyone interested in contributing to this program, please contact Frankie Daniell (236-3346).

W.O.C. CIRCLE MEETINGS

Tuesday Evening Circle: Will be held on March 3, 7:30 PM, at the home of Mrs. Soren Kornegay (Emma), 1308 Bonaventure Road.

Tuesday Morning Circle: Will be held on March 10, 10:30 AM, at The Marshes of Skidaway Island, 95 Skidaway Road. Mrs. Annette Hartley will be hosting.

Thursday Morning Circle: Will be held on March 12, 10:30 AM, at the home of Mrs. Eric Robyn (Sally), 1 Brightside Lane (The Landings).

Thursday Morning Islands Circle: Will be held on March 19, 9:30 AM, at the home of Mrs. Clay Nolen (Fef), 102 Paxton Drive.



March Birthdays

1 Stephen Helmly
 1 Ella Murns
 1 Grace Stacy
 2 Gloria Horstman
 2 Lauren Espinosa
 2 Nathan Bristol
 2 Noah Bauer
 2 Jackson Biemiller
 3 Paula Barlow
 3 Judy French
 3 David Wade
 3 Hampton Rushing
 3 Ella Sagar
 4 Kathryn Brodmann
 4 Chris Barlow
 4 Donna Parrish
 6 Nichole Ambos
 7 Jaime Sullivan
 8 Todd Fruit
 8 Karen Hansill

8 Janet Johnson
 9 Posey Helton
 9 Priya Goeser
 9 Louisa Laffitte
 10 Evelyn Singleton
 10 Cole Bristol
 10 Jackson Gift
 11 Patty Demere
 11 Bullock Demere
 12 Margaret Helmly
 12 Helen Steward
 12 Frank Tilton
 12 Saundra Winge
 13 Matthew Barlow
 13 Jody Laing
 14 Harriette Adams
 14 Melba Gibson
 14 Susan Mullinix
 14 Mac Thompson

15 Deborah Hosey
 15 Greg Maier
 15 Tyler Butcher
 17 Carol Cook
 17 Heather DeMott
 18 Betsy Kelly
 18 Creed Taylor
 19 Charles Moody
 19 Jim Scott
 20 Leah Brunson
 20 Marina Dandass
 20 Nancy Sullivan
 20 Phillip Dusek
 21 Gordon Fenwick
 21 Megan Mullinix
 22 William Rodgers
 23 Ernest Mitchell
 23 Dick Stewart
 24 Amy Martin

24 Michael Rustine
 24 Matthew Henderson
 25 Clifton Wilson
 25 Mary Brodmann
 26 Amy Milling
 27 Julia Miles
 28 Shirley Parker
 29 Emily Johnson
 29 Will Black
 29 Mae Nolen
 29 Lorie Irish
 30 Art Broadwick
 30 Leah Wade
 30 Stella Helton
 30 Frankie Longo
 31 Peggy Campbell
 31 Katherine Chisholm
 31 Linda DePue
 31 Sam Miles

Spring Quarter Sunday School Classes ~ March 15-May 2015

Covenant Class

Teacher: Jeff Sutton

Room 35 (3rd Floor - Axson Bldg.)

Wordly Saints

Berean Class

Teacher: Paul Rodgers

Room 31 (3rd Floor - Axson Bldg.)

The Call to Discipleship

Emmaus Class

Teacher: Nick Bullock

Room 32 (3rd Floor - Axson Bldg.)

The Person and Work of Christ in the Gospel of John

Agape Class

Teacher: Tim Foster

Room 72 (2nd Floor - Administration Bldg.)

Life In Christ (Ephesians 4-6)

Garmer Class

Teacher: Ron Parrish

Room 30 (3rd Floor - Axson Bldg.)

Heaven and Earth

Significant Sessional Actions

1. Approval was given for the transfer of letter for Miss Millie Childress and Mr. Anderson Cope to Grace Church of the Islands, Savannah, GA, and for Mrs. Laura Kate Matthews to Westminster Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA.
2. Approval was given for the wedding of Miss Stefani Thompson and Mr. Aaron Soutar to be held at Independent Presbyterian Church on July 11, 2015. The wedding will be conducted by Rev. Peter Whitney, Kirk O' the Isles Presbyterian Church.
3. Approval was given for Mr. Johnson to speak at the Reformed Worship Conference to be held in Columbia, SC on January 22-23, 2016.
4. Approval was given for the 2015 operating budget.
5. Approval was given for Tidewater Landscape Management to be the contractor for the lane renovation project.

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MARCH 15 - MAY 3
MARY TELFAIR CHAPEL — 9:30 AM

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