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IDENTITY & ERROR

What happens when I allow my primary identity to become something other than that of disciple of Christ? What can I expect if I let something else define who I am? This: I will become vulnerable to the idols, lusts, and losses that characterize that something else.

Let's return to the injured young athlete. His identity "in Christ" was not firmly enough established. Consequently, when he lost his primary identity as a BMOC, he was adrift amongst various alternative groups. Acceptance among the partiers required indulging drunkenness, illegal drugs, and promiscuity. "Partier" defined his identity, partying drove his behavior. As we saw, he fell, hook, line, and sinker.

What if work defines me? Then success in that work will become my idol. Success may be pursued above all else. Family may suffer. Church may suffer. Deprive me of success on the job and I may plunge into despair. Why? Because I have failed in that upon which my self-concept rests. My work is what I am. Ask me who I am and I answer, "I am an engineer at Aerospace, Inc." (or doctor, lawyer, businessman, ditch-digger, etc.). Deprive me of success and I may neglect other duties, or even do what is illegal, unfair, or dishonest. I may pursue success at all costs. If my identity is wrapped up in my reputation at work, then I am vulnerable to its excesses, its temptations, and its limitations.

What if I wrap up my identity in wealth? Then I am vulnerable to making an idol of the trappings of wealth. My image, my self-concept may be defined by things. I am that person who owns the luxury home, drives the luxury car, belongs to exclusive clubs, wears the finest clothes, goes on exotic vacations (which are promptly posted on Facebook for all to see). What if I lose my wealth? Then I am psychologically shattered, devastated, angry, and lost, adrift, not knowing who I am and where I fit in. My place among the social elite is lost. I become vulnerable, as well, to the forms of "medication" that the depressed consume: drugs, alcohol, promiscuity, pornography, and so on.

What if my identity is wrapped up in something more obviously good, like family? What if my primary identity is as a father or mother, a husband or wife? Even then, I will have made that which is secondary primary. If the marriage is healthy and the children turn out fine, all is well in the world. What if they turn out bad? Or what happens when the children grow up and leave? Many couples have identity crises. This is a well-known phenomenon. They are lost. Their whole life was their children. They literally say, "Now what?" Couples are known to divorce once their children leave because the foundation and purpose of their marriage was childrearing. They failed to understand their higher calling as disciples of Christ to glorify God.

A divorce can be particularly devastating when people have allowed themselves to be defined by their partners: "I am so-and-so's husband/wife." There is nothing wrong with this if it is a secondary identity. The problem arises, the vulnerability is manifested, when that family role is one's *primary* identity. The children leave, the spouse leaves, and one is not just devastated, but lost. One plunges into deep despair because one's whole identity is lost. I am a good mother/father/wife/husband. Now my family is gone. My marriage has broken up. What am I? Who am I?

Who am I? I am a servant of Christ, ready to serve in whatever capacity I am called. All the benefits, all the classifications, all the rewards of this world are secondary, indeed, a distant second to my identity as a disciple of Christ. That is who I am, and none of the losses and crosses of this life can affect that identity.

—Terry Johnson

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STEWARDSHIP IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

In the last several years we have seen, what is for most of us, the worst economy in our lifetimes. Both here in our country and across the world we have witnessed market failures, unemployment at record levels, home foreclosures, government spending spiraling way out of control and an overall decrease in consumer confidence. As gloomy as this all sounds, it may not be surprising that charitable giving nation-wide has dropped in the past couple of years. The National Council of Churches reports that annual giving among 45 million church members declined 1.5% in 2010 and dropped another 4.3% in 2011.

The good news is that our members have continued to be faithful in giving to God's work here at IPC. Through July of this year, pledged giving is up almost 5% over 2011. We have also been the beneficiary of a bequest this year that will be used for building repairs and possible expansion downtown and at Point Pleasant.

Scripture tells us that we should give tithes and offerings to the church:

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

—Malachi 3:10

... whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

—2 Corinthians 9:7

Even as we struggle through this time of financial and economic uncertainty, we must remember that all that we are and all that we have is a gift from God. Our desire to give generously (in response to God's commands) grows as we grow in

our walk with Him. God moves in us to give, not because He needs our gifts, but rather through our giving, He enables us to reflect His image as the gracious Giver of every good gift.

In October every member of the church will receive a letter containing the proposed 2013 budget. The budget numbers you will see are the results of much prayer and consideration as to how we can best use the money that God has entrusted us with. I would like to encourage all members to give prayerful consideration in the area of their tithes and offerings as we strive to meet the financial goals we have set.

Praise God for his abundant blessings and continuous provisions for his church.

—Andy Brodmann

Stewardship Committee Chairman



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child is just around the corner. Would your family like to participate in Operation Christmas Child this year? Your shoe boxes represent more than smiles and laughter; they become Gospel opportunities that open doors to share the love of Jesus Christ with children and their families around the world. The deadline for shoe boxes is Sunday, November 11, 2012. More details will be provided later. For further information, please call the church office, 236-3346.



STUDENT MINISTRIES

The youth Sunday School classes have been split into smaller groups this semester. Jody Robinson is teaching the 7th & 8th grades class, Tim Barrett is teaching 9th & 10th grades, and Brad Waller is teaching 11th & 12th grades. All classes are doing a study on *The Person of Jesus*. The college class is being led by Garry McKee and Brad Waller.

For our Wednesday Night youth meetings, we are doing a study on the *Reformation*. Several guest speakers will share their experience with reformation in today's world.

SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

- October 3:** FALL BREAK. — No Youth Group.
- October 10:** Reformation Study continued
- October 17:** The Rustine family on reformation in the Philippines
- October 24:** Guests from the Fresh Air Home
- October 31:** No Youth Group.
Fall Family Fun Night!
- November 7:** Steve Smallman of Baltimore on reforming the inner city
- November 14:** Senior High "Revolution" Night (Student-led Youth Group)
- November 21 & 28:** BREAK—No Youth Group
- December 5:** Last Youth Group of Fall Semester

We also have several great events coming up in the fall, so mark your calendars!

YOUTH EVENTS

- October 27:** Youth Hayride, 5–9 p.m. at the McLeans' farm
- November 10:** Guys'/Girls' Night Out, 5:30–9:30 p.m., locations TBA
- December 8:** Shut-In Basket Delivery, 12–3 p.m.
- December 14:** Youth Christmas Party, 5:30–9:30 p.m.

—Brad Waller

MUSIC MINISTRY

This is a busy time in the Music Department of the church. Reformation Sunday, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas are special services where our choirs will take an active role in our worship. It's an exciting time of the year!

Sanctuary Choir began full rehearsals on August 29. If you are interested in singing and can carry a tune, please join the choir. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Youth and Chapel Choirs began on September 9. Very soon, these choirs will begin working on music for the Lessons and Carols service.

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

Due to Fall Family Night on Wednesday, October 31, the Sanctuary Choir will hold rehearsal the following evening, Thursday, November 1, at 6:30 p.m.

LESSONS & CAROLS

The Lessons and Carols service this year is Sunday, December 16. All children, please reserve Saturday, December 15 for a mandatory dress rehearsal—8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m..

The Youth and Sanctuary Choirs will rehearse as well. Those times will be announced later.

The children's part of this service must be memorized, so please be sure your child is attending rehearsals.

Once again, in order for the Chapel Choir children to wear a blue ribbon at the Lessons and Carols service, they must attend 9 of the 14 rehearsals before December 16.

Soon we will have a CD of the Lessons and Carols service for the Children's Choirs to learn from.

As always, I ask that you pray for the music department of our church, that the music would be meaningful and God glorifying.

In Christ's service,
Kathryn Van Eck

FAMILY CORNER

OCTOBER 2012

PSALM OF THE MONTH

PSALM 147

Based on the *Book of Psalms*, 1871;
Verses 19 and 20 altered 1993

Kidner divides this Hallel ("Hallelujah" or "Praise the Lord") Psalm into 3 sections:

verses 1-6	praise for the God who redeems
verses 7-11	praise for the God who cares
verses 12-20	praise for the God who commands

"It is easy," says Matthew Henry, "in singing this psalm, to apply it to ourselves, both as to personal and national mercies." Henry then adds this caution: "were it but as easy to do so with suitable affections."

From verse 18 came the motto chosen to celebrate England's victory over the Spanish Armada: Affavit Deus (Wind of God).

The second of the psalms of the "Great Hallel," the setting of Psalm 147 may be the post-exile period in which Jerusalem was being rebuilt. It extols the greatness of God.

- 1 Praise GOD! 'tis good and pleasant,
And comely to adore;
- 2 Jehovah builds up Salem,
Her outcasts doth restore.
- 3 He heals the broken hearted,
And makes the wounded live;
- 4 The starry hosts He numbers,
And names to all doth give.
- 5 Our Lord is great and mighty;
His wisdom none can know;
- 6 The LORD doth raise the lowly
And sinners overthrow.
- 7 O thank and praise Jehovah!
Praise Him on harp with mirth,
- 8 The heaven with clouds Who covers,
And sends His rain on earth.
- 9 He clothes with grass the mountains,
And gives the beasts their food;
He hears the crying ravens,
And feeds their tender brood.
- 10 In horse's strength delights not,
Nor speed of man loves He;
- 11 The LORD loves all who fear Him,
And to His mercy flee.
- 12 O Salem, praise Jehovah,
Thy God, O Zion, praise;
- 13 For He thy gates has strengthened,
And blessed thy sons with grace.
- 14 With peace He'll bless thy borders,
The finest wheat afford;
- 15 He sends forth His commandment,
And swiftly speeds His word.

- 16 Like wool the snow he giveth,
Spreads hail o'er all the land,
- 17 Hoarfrost like ashes scatters;
Who can His cold withstand?
- 18 Then forth His word he sendeth,
He makes His wind to blow;
The snow and ice are melted,
Again the waters flow.
- 19 The words that He has spoken
To Jacob He makes known;
His judgments and His statutes
To Israel has shown.
- 20 Not so to any nation
Did He His grace accord.
For they've not known His judgments.
O do ye praise the LORD.

TUNE: LANCASHIRE 76.76.D
("Lead on O King Eternal")
Henry Smart, 1836

DID YOU KNOW . . .



. . . that **Kate Robinson**, daughter of Sharon & Jody Robinson, has earned her first degree black belt in Taekwondo? Kate was also seen defeating Mr. Childress in a full on attack at the children's birthday party. Way to go Kate!

. . . that senior **Caroline Moore** was elected Student Body President of Savannah Christian Preparatory School?

MEMORIZATION ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to **Francisco Gabriel "Gabe" Orellana** for successfully reciting, word perfect, questions 1-50 of the *Children's Catechism*.

Congratulations to **Roy Connell Thompson, IV** who completed Level 1 of our memorization program. He recited word perfect the Apostle's Creed, the Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer. Roy received an award of achievement as well as a gift card and candy for this achievement.

Please take a moment to congratulate both of these children.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY _____



Fall Family Night is here! Plan on being at the church on Wednesday, October 31, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the best festival ever!

- * Rides, Stricker, Pitching Machine, Slug Fest,
- * Petting Zoo
- * Cotton Candy, Hot Dogs, Sno Cones
- * Face Painting
- * Grand Prize for Candy Corn Eating Contest!
- * Costumes (no occult themes, please)

Please come have a hot dog and join the fun.

SEE YOU THERE!



CANDY

There are collection boxes located around the church (narthex, Telfair Chapel, and Administration Office) for Fall Family Night candy donations. Would you please donate a bag of individually wrapped candy, especially if you have children that will be participating in the festival? Thank you so much!

YOUTH GROUP ALERT

Our very favorite Fall Family Night is just around the corner. With the rides and booths we need your help! Come out and help paint faces, work the rides, or dish up sno cones! We can't wait to see your costumes! We need help setting up the event starting at 4:00 p.m. There will be pizza and cokes for those coming out to lend a hand! Look for the sign up sheet coming to your Sunday School class and Wednesday Night youth group during October. Please sign up or send an email to youth@ipcsav.org or to amartin@ipcsav.org. If you need this service to count toward school required community service, please let me know.

IPC's MEDIA

Each sermon at IPC is audio recorded and loaded onto our web site for download or streaming. They are categorized chronologically and also by sermon series. You may access these sermons at anytime through our website (www.ipcsav.org). In addition, our morning worship services are videotaped. These sermons are broadcasted on Comcast Cable channel 7 on Sunday mornings and Thursday evening; we are aired in Salt Lake City, Utah. You may also watch the sermons on the Internet by accessing Vimeo (www.vimeo.com/channels/ipcsav).

If you by chance have had an opportunity to watch IPC on television, you may have noticed recurring technical difficulties. Audio and video are not matching up together, there is bleed through of our name, or the pastor is not centered in the screen are just some of the complaints we have. Calvary's media department has been working closely with Comcast to fix this problem. Both parties agree that IPC is sending quality files and the problem lies on the other end. Work continues as they try and solve this issue.

Our website is updated to reflect our ministries and any coming events or special services that we are offering. All sermons from the services are there, as well as our newsletter. If you have a suggested item to post on the website, please email it to me at ccmartinjr@gmail.com. I appreciate feedback so please feel free to call me at 897-2214 or use my email address. Thanks so much.

—Charlie Martin



BIRTH

Congratulations to:

... **MAJ and Mrs. Jonathan A. Shine (Ashley)** on the birth of their son, **Samuel Graham Shine**, who was born Wednesday, August 29, 2012.



WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

... to **ILT and Mrs. Benjamin Field** who were married Saturday, September 1, 2012, in Savannah, GA. Mrs. Field is the former Hannah Inouye.

... to **Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Wallace Mathews** who were married Saturday, September 22, 2012, in the sanctuary of Independent Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Mathews is the former Laura Kate Oswald.

CHANGES IN ADDRESS

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

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A SPIRIT OF EXPECTATION

It is very important that church members be convinced of being present at every service of the church. Every service! Why? The first answer—and I have often used this argument and people have come to see it—is that if they are not present at every service they may well find one day that they were not present when something remarkable took place.

This raises again the whole question of, what is preaching? I am referring once more to what I have called its essence, the power of the Spirit. I shall develop this further later. This is the all-important element that we must recapture in connection with our church services, the idea that you never know what is going to happen. If the preacher always knows exactly what is going to happen, in my view he should not be in the pulpit at all. The whole glory of the ministry is that you don't know what may happen. In a lecture you know what is happening, you are in control; but that is not the case when you are preaching. Suddenly, unexpectedly this other element may break into a service—the touch of the power of the Spirit of God. It is the most glorious thing that can ever happen to any individual or company of people. So I say to these “once-ers,” if you do not come to every service you may find a day when people will tell you of an amazing occurrence in a service on a Sunday night or on a Sunday morning—and you were not there, you missed it. In other words, we should create this spirit of expectation in the people and show them the danger of missing some wonderful “times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19).

That would be followed by a question: why is it that any Christian should not long for as much of this as he can possibly get? Surely this is quite unnatural. It is certainly

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77th Triennial General Convention of the Episcopal Church

Excerpt from Report of Gavin Dunbar in *The Parrish Paper* of St. John's Church, Savannah, GA, on the 77th Triennial General Convention of the Episcopal Church...

We are told (by the chief operating officer of the Episcopal Church, in a letter to the *Wall Street Journal*, July 20th) that the Episcopal Church has been "liberating itself" from its former "captivity to the dominant culture." Its innovations are both "counter-cultural" and "profoundly traditional," because they follow the example of Jesus in "standing by those [whom] society marginalizes." As an *apologia* for the innovations of the last forty years, this beggars belief. What 'progressive' cultural bandwagon of this time has the Episcopal Church not leaped upon? In almost every innovation it has moved in lockstep with the changing moral and religious views of the social elites it serves—and in almost every case (black, or African-American, civil rights being the honorable exception) at the expense of historic Faith and Order. Is this "liberation from the dominant culture," or just the expedient transfer of allegiance to the new cultural establishment (in many cases, the same people with updated opinions)? Big business corporations are doing the same with diversity policies in employment and marketing. Is that really what the COO calls 'risk-taking radical faithfulness to the church's tradition'?



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 2012 church budget \$169,802.00 is needed per month. Thank you for your faithful support.

	Total received	Over/Short
1st Quarter	\$404,690.00	-\$104,716.00
2nd Quarter	\$423,956.00	- 59,290.00
July	\$177,291.00	+ 7,489.00
August	\$133,422.00	- 36,380.00
September*	\$130,162.00	- 39,640.00
Total	\$1,269,521.00	-\$232,537.00

* four weeks only

APPRECIATION

Dear Church Family,

Once again you have affirmed what makes IPC so special. Thank you for your calls, flowers, cards, meals, and prayers.

I'm grateful to God for the church family that we belong to.



Joanne Johansen

Dear IPC Family,

We have been overwhelmed by your generosity since the arrival of Ruth Anne. The flowering plant is beautiful and has a prominent spot in our sunroom. The baby shower was truly a joyous event. We are so appreciative of all the gifts and donations for Ruth Anne. The new mother meals were delicious and a real lifesaver.

We are most grateful to God for answered prayer. He has graciously given us a beautiful daughter. We now pray that she will learn to love Christ as her Savior. What a blessing for us to be in a church that will help us train her in all His ways.

With grateful hearts,
Jeff and Wendy Sutton



Dear Friends at IPC,

Thank you so much for the beautiful planter that you sent me after my back surgery. I appreciated all the prayers, cards, and visits. Please continue to pray for my complete recovery.

In Christ,
Don Knoche



Dear IPC Church Family,

Thank you so much for the lovely arrangement that you sent to the hospital on the occasion of Graham's birth. We are blessed by your love and care for us.

Sincerely,
Jon and Ashley Shine

SIGNIFICANT SESSIONAL ACTIONS

FOR SEPTEMBER _____

1. Approval was given for the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to review and make recommendations concerning Boy Scout Troop 876, which is sponsored by Independent Presbyterian Church. The members of the committee are: John Garnett, Don McLaurin, Dale Gibson, Rick Mullinix, and Vernon Buchman.
2. Approval was given for Pastor Smallman of Baltimore, MD to speak to the High and Middle School youth on Wednesday, November 7, 2012.
3. Approval was given for Pastor George Robertson of Augusta, GA to speak to the High and Middle School youth on Wednesday, November 28, 2012.
4. Approval was given for Elder Dennis Boatright, Elder John Garnett, Mrs. Sharon Robertson, Miss Megan Mullinix, Mr. Matthew Parrish, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Williams (Laura), Mr. and Mrs. Collier Wright (Joanna), Mr. John Peters, Mrs. Sarah Spencer, Mrs. Caroline Foster, and Mr. Hampton Watts to be Small Group Leaders for the 2012–2013 school year.
5. Approval was given to disburse the Victoria Jenkins money for building development and maintenance for Presbyterian educational institutions in Savannah and for church planting as designed by the Session.



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unscriptural. Take the way in which the Psalmist in Psalm 84 expresses his misery and sorrow because he could not go up with the others to the House of the Lord. “How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts!” “My soul longeth, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God,” He thinks then of those who are having the privilege: “Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house; they will be still praising Thee.” He thinks of them with envy because he cannot be with them. Nothing is comparable to being in the House of God. “A day in Thy courts is better than a thousand...” Surely this ought to be instinctive in the true Christian. There is something seriously wrong spiritually with anyone who claims to be a Christian who does not desire to have all that can be obtained from the ministry of the church.

—From *Preaching and Preachers* by D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, pp153-154

MORAL CONCERNS _____

THE SAVANNAH CARE CENTER, PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

The Savannah Care Center has served Savannah for over 25 years: “**Empowering women and families to reject abortion and choose LIFE though Christ-centered counseling, education, and support.**”

To those who haven’t heard of the Savannah Care Center: The center is located in a 100 year old building on 34th Street, directly across the street from Savannah’s only abortion clinic. The primary reason that new clients visit the Center is for free pregnancy tests and counseling. IPC has provided financial and volunteer support to the Center for many years. There are surprisingly few churches in Savannah that are willing to take a **public** stand for the sanctity of human life and, particularly, for the defenseless unborn, so I am very proud to be a member of IPC. I’ve been volunteering at the Center since 2007 and am currently a Board member.

In this article, I want to first tell you the Center’s **current needs and what you might be able to help with**. Then, I will tell you about **the many positive developments at the Center**.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

It has been very tough keeping the Center open this summer due to a critical shortage of counselors and receptionists. Many days, there was only the Center Director, Gwen Jenkins, and one receptionist.

- **Receptionists (morning and/or afternoon).** We are open 10-4 on Tuesdays-Thursdays and 10-2 on Fridays and Saturdays. The shifts are short and we have computer software to schedule the appointments.
- **Client counselors to administer pregnancy tests and counsel clients.** Thorough training is provided and those interested can sit in on sessions to see if they feel it is something God is calling them to. Scheduling is very flexible.
- **Volunteers to help us to administer our “Earn While You Learn” Educational classes.** In most cases, the commitment for a volunteer is only **1 – 1.5 hours, once a week**. Each class has its own curriculum materials/workbook (so anyone can do this).

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- **Folks to help sort and put out baby clothes and accessories** in our newly redecorated Baby Boutique. We need to start preparing clothes for **the Fall/Winter. Even an hour a week would be great!**
- **Someone with a green thumb** to come and do a little light gardening in our front yard once a month (weeding, trimming, training vines, etc.). We have someone to mow.

MATERIAL NEEDS FOR THE BABY BOUTIQUE

Contact Nancy Shadforth at 756-2924 for information regarding donation of the following items: pacifiers, receiving blankets, diaper carry bags, baby combs and brushes, baby lotion, powder, and wipes, and formula.

We would like to be able to put together layettes for the new moms who have decided to carry their babies to full term; to make them feel really special and loved.

POSITIVE CHANGES MADE

Below are some positive changes that have been made in the last few years to inform those who have helped at the Center in the past:

In 2011, the Center changed to an appointment-based system (it used to be similar to the Health Department where the girls often had to sit for hours before we could assist them). This system has helped the client counselors to spend the quality time needed for each girl's pregnancy test and follow-up counseling and assistance.

In mid-2011, we began our "Earn While You Learn" (EWYL) programs. Although we still provide diapers, formula, etc. in emergency situations, we now require that clients participate in our education programs, where they can earn points for material assistance and to shop in our newly redecorated Baby Boutique. Here are just a few of the classes being offered:

- Nurturing Skills for Parents (Ginger Hill from IPC conducts this popular class)
- Nutrition Skills (preparing easy, healthy meals and understanding the building blocks of good nutrition).
- Financial Responsibility and Building Wealth (extremely popular)
- Child Discipline classes for parents –Proper and effective child discipline.
- The Mission of Motherhood (taught by Center Director, Gwen Jenkins).
- "Mommy/Daddy Can Read" Program –encourages parents to spend time reading with and teaching their children.

- We also have a large number of educational DVDs for clients to watch that cover the spectrum of pre and post-natal development, childcare skills, etc. Clients then complete worksheets on the information presented to earn points.

- **Group Bible studies.**

We now have A/C and heat on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Center! Through a grant from BB&T Bank, we redecorated the Education Room and have a DVD player and large flat-screen monitor. It's a wonderful learning environment.

Please prayerfully consider helping out at the Care Center. You can participate as much or as little as your schedule permits. We volunteers have a **wonderful** time working together and Gwen Jenkins (the Center Director) is a joy and privilege to serve with.

You can make a difference for LIFE!

—Nancy Shadforth
on behalf of Right to Life Committee

MARCH FOR LIFE 2013

The bus and motel have been reserved for the 2013 March for Life trip to Washington, D.C. We will depart Thursday, January 24, at 2:30 p.m. with an overnight stay at the Comfort Inn. Friday morning arrival will have scheduled meetings with our Senators, followed by the rally and march. We will arrive back in Savannah early Saturday morning (4:00 a.m.). Pray about joining us for the 2013 trip as we remember the Roe vs. Wade decision. Let us be a strong Christian voice for those who are not able to speak for themselves!

—Right to Life Committee

LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

Please make your plans to participate in Life Chain Sunday, October 7, from 2:15 to 3:30 p.m. **Our new location this year:** we will meet (rain or shine) in front of Chatham Plaza (directly across from Oglethorpe Mall) on behalf of the unborn to pray and hold signs in support of life. The Right to Life Committee will have lunch set up for participants in Olmstead Fellowship Hall immediately after the morning worship service. Please R.S.V.P. for lunch by using the sign-up sheet on the Olmstead stairwell bulletin board or the sign up sheet in the bulletin. We look forward to seeing you for lunch and at Chatham Plaza.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper will be observed during our morning service on October 7. Because of the exceptional blessing we have in this sacrament and the danger of eating and drinking unworthily, it is necessary that we come to it with knowledge, faith, repentance, love and with hungering and thirsting souls after Christ and His benefits. 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 10:17).

NEW ORLEANS RELIEF MISSION TRIP

We will return to New Orleans this year to help with rebuilding. We'll be working through the ministry of Redeemer Presbyterian Church to rebuild in neighborhoods affected by past storms and floods. The trip will be from Saturday, November 3 through Friday, November 9. Workers of any skill level are needed. If you're interested, contact Frankie Daniell (236-3346).

MEN'S READING CLUB

The Men's Reading Club will be held on Thursday, October 4, 2012. We will be studying *Work of the Pastor* by William Still. This is available in the bookstore for \$7.50.

SESSION/DIACONATE MEETING

The regular Session Meeting will be held on Monday, October 22, at 5:30 p.m. in the Administration Building. The Diaconate will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Whitaker Building. Joint meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

OFFICER/CANDIDATES REVIEW

There will be an Officer/Candidates Review held on Wednesday evening, October 24, at 5:30 p.m. Officer examinations will be held on November 5.

COASTAL JAIL MINISTRY BANQUET

The fall banquet for Coastal Jail Ministries will be Monday, October 15, at Skidaway Island United Methodist Church, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The banquet presents the opportunity to learn more about the ministry and to hear testimonies of men and women the Lord has drawn to Himself.

Tickets are \$15.00. They are available in the Church Office (236-3346). Please plan to attend. If unable to attend, please donate \$15.00 so that someone who can't afford a ticket can attend. For information you can call Mr. Ed Forester, (912) 433-3991.

WOMEN MENTORING WOMEN

Women Mentoring Women Bible Study on Ephesians every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Whitaker Street Building, 4th Floor. A nursery is provided for those needing childcare. For information call Dottie Mitchell, 232-1323.

LADIES' TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies' Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets on Tuesday, from 10:00 to 11:30 AM on the third floor of the Whitaker Street Building. A nursery is provided and all ladies of the church are invited to attend. This year we will be studying II Samuel and we will be using a study guide written by Peggy Marting. If you have questions regarding this study, please contact Peggy Marting at 598-8970 or peggymarting@bellsouth.net.

TUESDAY MORNING CIRCLE

The Tuesday Morning Circle will meet on October 9, 10:30 a.m., at the home of Mrs. Margaret Davis, 1 Diana Drive. Ruth Wilson will be the hostess (355-2042).

THURSDAY MORNING CIRCLE

The Thursday Morning Circle will meet on October 11, 2012, 10:30 a.m., at the home of Mrs. Ernest Mitchell, 133 E. 50th Street (232-1323).

GARMER BIBLE STUDY

The Garmer Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Brown, Sr., 205 Wheeler Street (354-9215).

REFORMATION WORSHIP CONFERENCE

Mr. Johnson will be participating in the Reformation Worship Conference which will be held October 18-21, 2012, at Midway Presbyterian Church, 4635 Dallas Highway, Powder Springs, GA 30127. This *Worship and Ministry: Means of Grace* conference will also feature: W. Robert Godfrey, Derek W. H. Thomas, Richard Phillips, T. David Gordon, Paul S. Jones, Mark Ross, Jon D. Payne, Neil Stewart and others. The fee for this conference is \$79. For further information go to www.reformedworship.com.

CARE GROUP #6

Care Group #6 (E. Robyn) is invited to a Care Group Luncheon on Sunday, October 28, immediately following the morning service in the Fellowship Hall. Meat and drinks will be provided. Further details will be provided at a later date.

SLIDE PRESENTATION

There will be a slide presentation on Sunday evening, October 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel by Jonathan and Maggie Iverson, missionaries to India.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Bill Eaves
 1 Jane Elizabeth Sanders
 1 Joanna Wright
 2 Wallace Milling
 5 Alice Daily
 6 Lindsey Van Puffelen
 6 Leighann Parrish
 6 Hailey Williams
 7 Dot Richardson
 7 Connie Hartridge
 7 Andrew Parrish
 7 Ford Rocker
 8 Griffin Weikert
 8 Walt Rocker
 8 Lakelyn Ward
 10 Heidi Bristol
 10 John Heritage
 11 Lillie Black



11 Allie Nolen
 11 Betty McLaurin
 12 Jack Bristol
 12 Ruthie Mullinix
 12 Louis Oswald
 12 Anne McCune
 13 Donn Carlisle
 13 Philip Hunnings
 13 Conrad Martin
 14 David Pierce
 15 Jimmy Sheilds
 15 Lynn Weber
 16 Rachel McKee
 17 Doug Winks
 19 Katie Demere
 19 Val Bowers
 19 Anna Gross



19 Linae Maganini
 20 Tripp Jackson
 20 Laura Williams
 22 Sarah Crowe
 22 Mark Dusek
 22 Adelaide Murns
 22 Shawn Tice
 23 Bob Dykema
 23 Hunter Lanier
 23 Hayes Orr
 23 Craig Shipes
 23 Mary VanPuffelen
 24 Mark Stall
 24 Diane Saylor
 24 Clay Hostetter
 24 Rebecca Buchman
 24 Emily Shields



24 Diane Saylor
 24 Jessica Wiggins
 25 Margaret Knoche
 26 Rebecca Martin
 26 Dede Roberts
 26 Megan Warren
 27 Tricia Barrett
 27 Heyward Berry
 28 Delyn Barksdale
 28 Charles Moore
 28 Cindy Sutlive
 29 William Breazeale
 29 Melvis Edenfield
 29 Gretchen Reese
 29 Tim Barrett
 29 Elizabeth Woods
 30 Florence Coleman
 31 Vera Wood



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 The Epistle to the Colossians*
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For Prayer & Participation October 1 - 6

- Tues, Oct. 2 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Olmstead Hall
 9:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting, Admin. Bldg., upstairs
 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Whitaker Bldg., 3rd Fl.
 10:00 a.m. Women Mentoring Women, Whitaker Bldg., 4th Fl.
 11:30 a.m. Pastoral Staff Meeting, Admin. Bldg.
 7:30 p.m. Garmer Bible Study, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Brown, Sr., 205 Wheeler Street
- Wed, Oct. 3 11:00 a.m. Women's Intercessor Group, Axson Room
 12:00 p.m. Wednesday Noon Service and Luncheon
 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
 6:30 p.m. Youth Dinner, Whitaker Street Bldg., 3rd Floor
 7:00 p.m. Youth Group, Whitaker Street Bldg., 3rd Floor
 9:00 p.m. RUF, Axson Bldg, Olmstead Hall
- Thurs, Oct. 4 12:00 p.m. Men's Reading Club, Admin. Bldg, 2nd Floor
 7:00 p.m. IPC Twenties, Whitaker Bldg., 3rd Floor
- Sat, Oct. 6 IPC Twenties Canoe Trip, Ebenezer Creek

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GREETERS
VISITOR TABLE B. Austin
FRONT DOOR Elder & Mrs. C. Martin
NORTH SIDE F. Daniell
CENTER AISLE R. Marting
SOUTH SIDE D. McLaurin
WOC Greeter J. Johansen

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
GREETER**
ELDER D. Gibson

USHERS
CHAIRMAN C. Warren
FRONT DOOR W. Black
INNER DOOR P. Carpenter
CENTER AISLE J. Childress & R. Thompson
LEFT AISLE W. Oliver
RIGHT AISLE D. Williams
BALCONY1 M. Spittler
SECURITY/BAL2 .. C. Gibson & R. Rambo
AM AUDIO R. Hinely
PM AUDIO J. Robinson
EVENINGS F. Orellana & K. Heritage

SUNDAY SUPPER SET-UP & CLEAN-UP
J. Garnett's Care Group #8
Set up/Clean Up

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH
WORKER:** P. Helton

10:40 a.m. **I/C:** L. Rambo
 G. Eaves
 P. Johansen
W: N. Williams
 K. Williams
2's: P. Madison
 S. Wiggins
3's: D. Gross
 A. Gross

SUNDAY READ-A-LOUD:
7:00 p.m. K. Lanier

MORNING SERVICE "THE GERASENE DEMONIC"

Luke 8:26-39
Rev. Terry Johnson

EVENING SERVICE "ESTHER BECOMES QUEEN"

Esther 2
Rev. Terry Johnson

MEAL MENU

Sunday, September 30, 2012	Wednesday, October 3, 2012
Beef Lasagna	Chicken Salad
Garlic Bread	Blackened Cod
Fruit Salad	Side Salad
Garden Salad	Macadamia Cookies
Carrot Cake w/ Cream Cheese Frosting	

Menu subject to change