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FALSE IDENTITY

Rosaria Champagne Butterfield provides a classic account of the destructive power of embracing a *false identity* in her autobiographical account of her conversion, *The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert: an english professor's journey into christian faith* (Crown & Covenant, 2012). She also reminds us of the importance of Christians having their identity rooted in their relationship to Christ.

At the age of 28 years, Rosaria was finishing a PhD in English Literature & Cultural Studies and working as a teaching associate in the Women's Studies Department at Syracuse University, one of the strongest such departments in the nation. Rosaria "came out," and "boldly declared myself lesbian," as she expressed it.¹ By the age of 36 she was a tenured associate professor at Syracuse in the English Department with teaching responsibilities in the Center for Women's Studies. She was in a lesbian relationship, was actively involved in a variety of causes, especially of the lesbian and gay variety. She sported a butch haircut, and was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church.

In 1997 she wrote an article criticizing the Promise Keepers movement. Ken Smith, a local Presbyterian minister (RPCNA, "Covenanters") wrote her a thoughtful response that was challenging, but not condemning. She called him. He and his wife Floy invited her for dinner. Awkward at first, nevertheless two years of off and on meetings with Ken and Floy followed, discussing Scripture and her heart. "I couldn't come to church," she said, "it would have been too threatening, too weird, too much."² She began to read the Bible "voraciously and compulsively," for about five hours a day.³ Her graduate students, many of whom shared her opinions, found Ken dangerous, but she "thought he was safe in a dangerous way."⁴ Finally, February 14, 1999, she "emerged from the bed of my lesbian lover and an hour later was sitting in a pew at the Syracuse Reformed Presbyterian Church."⁵ Increasingly she realized that Jesus would brook no compromises. A university chaplain told her she could become a Christian and remain a lesbian. "This was a very appealing prospect," she admitted. However, she continues, "I had

been reading and re-reading Scripture, and there are no such marks of postmodern 'both/and' in the Bible."⁶

Conversion

Her conversion she likens to an "alien abduction,"⁷ a "train wreck,"⁸ to "a complicated and comprehensive chaos,"⁹ and to "the peace inside the eye of the hurricane."¹⁰ Conversion for her was difficult because in her case, she says, "my feelings of lesbianism were familiar, comfortable, and recognizable, and I was reluctant to give them up."¹¹ When Christ claimed her for Himself, "the life that I had known and loved came to a humiliating end."¹² One night she prayed,

and asked God if the gospel message was for someone like me, too. I viscerally felt the living presence of God as I prayed. Jesus seemed present and alive. I knew that I was not alone in my room. I prayed that if Jesus was truly a real and risen God, that he would change my heart. And if he was real and if I was his, I prayed that he would give me the strength of mind to follow him and the character to become a godly woman. I prayed for the strength of character to repent for a sin that at that time didn't feel like sin at all – it felt like life, plain and simple. I prayed that if my life was actually his life, that he would take it back and make it what he wanted it to be. I asked him to take it all: my sexuality, my profession, my community, my tastes, my books, and my tomorrows.¹³

Things quickly became very difficult for Rosaria. She was leaving a familiar world and entering a strange and forbidding one. Yet, she is thankful that,

God sent me to a Reformed and Presbyterian conservative church to repent, heal, learn and thrive. The pastor there did not farm me out to a para-church ministry "specializing" in "gay people." . . . I needed (and need) faithful shepherding, not the glitz and glamor that has captured the soul of modern evangelical culture. I had to lean and lean hard on the full weight of scripture, on the fullness of the word of God, and

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I'm grateful that when I heard the Lord's call on my life, *and I wanted to hedge my bets, keep my girlfriend and add a little God to my life, I had a pastor and friends in the Lord who asked nothing less of me than that I die to myself*. Biblical orthodoxy can offer real compassion, because in our struggle against sin, we cannot undermine God's power to change lives.¹⁴

Identity

Key to Rosaria's conversion was understanding that being a lesbian "*was a case of mistaken identity*."¹⁵ She became convinced that "homosexuality – like all sin – is symptomatic and not causal."¹⁶ She acknowledges that her "lesbian identity began in non-sexual ways. I have always enjoyed the good communication that women share. I also found myself bonding with women over shared hobbies and interests and feminist and leftist political values."¹⁷ Only gradually did her relations with other women take on an erotic dimension. Lesbian became what she was. It defined her. No longer was it merely a set of behaviors and opinions. It was her identity.

Consequently, conversion meant a new identity. Rosaria had to rethink who she was before God. She struggled to find her new Christian identity. First, she had to understand her identity as a Christian woman. Then she had to understand her identity as a married Christian woman, for eventually she married a man who would become a minister in the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. She explains,

Making a life commitment to Christ was not merely a philosophical shift. It was not a one-step process. It did not involve rearranging the surface prejudices and fickle loyalties of my life. Conversion didn't "fit" my life. Conversion overhauled my soul and personality. It was arduous and intense. I experienced with great depth the

power and authority of God in my life. In it I learned—and am still learning—how to love God with all my heart, soul, strength and mind. When you die to yourself, you have nothing from your past to use as clay out of which to shape your future.¹⁸

Yet, the struggles remained. "The old patterns were there waiting for me, *and they knew my name*."¹⁹ Even as she writes she admits,

It is dangerous to look back on my life, from the perspective of a lover and follower of Christ, now also a wife and a mother. It is painful to lay my hand on the absence of my former life, and breathe. My former life still lurks in the edges of my heart, shiny and still like a knife.²⁰

Who is Rosaria Champagne Butterfield? She was, in a sense, never a lesbian. She was engaged in lesbian behavior, embraced a lesbian worldview, and was immersed in the lesbian community. However, this should never have defined her. She was always one made by God and for God, whose purpose for her was to be found in creation, providence, and redemption. Biology is destiny because God is the author of biology. The mind of God is revealed by the acts of God. His purpose is known in His design. She was and is a woman made for God, for marriage, for motherhood, for Christian discipleship, for Christian service, and for work in God's world.

In coming to Christ, Rosaria learned this lesson. Some people never do. Instead they fight their God-given design. They resist their identity as created and redeemed. When she finally married at the age of 39, she was shocked to realize that she was too old to have children. Her insights are profound.

I had spent my childbearing years fighting windmills and now I was, yet again, waking up to my life. There is a biblical principle that lies behind my confusion: people whose lives are riddled with

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unrestrained sin act like rebellious children. Sin, when unrestrained, infantilizes a person. Here I had thought that I was so mature, so capable, so “important” in the world, and the truth remains that I didn’t even know how to act my age! After conversion, I was surprised to discover how old I really was.²¹

Who are we? Our identity is always to be defined by our relation to God, not our current or past behavior. We are children of God and servants of God. We are sinners and we are saints. We are made in the image of God and find our satisfaction only in knowing God. We are disciples of Christ. Never are we to allow our idols, lusts, or false gods to define us. Our counsel to those struggling with sexual orientation, or for that matter, with alcohol, drugs, theft, gluttony, or consumerism is this: don’t ever let sin define who you are. I may have stolen. But I am not a thief. By grace, by adoption in Christ Jesus, I am a child of God. That is my true identity.

—Terry Johnson

¹ Rosaria Champagne Butterfield, *The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert: an english professor’s journey into the christian faith* (Pittsburgh: Crown & Covenant, 2012), ix.; ² Ibid., 12.; ³ Ibid.; ⁴ Ibid., 14.; ⁵ Ibid., 20.; ⁶ Ibid., 16.; ⁷ Ibid., 1.; ⁸ Ibid., 25.; ⁹ Ibid., 27.; ¹⁰ Ibid., 29.; ¹¹ Ibid., 25.; ¹² Ibid., ix.; ¹³ Ibid., 21.; ¹⁴ Ibid., 24 (my emphasis); ¹⁵ Ibid., 24 (my emphasis); ¹⁶ Ibid., 32.; ¹⁷ Ibid., 33.; ¹⁸ Ibid., 34.; ¹⁹ Ibid., 51 (my emphasis); ²⁰ Ibid., 2.; ²¹ Ibid., 108.

MUSIC MINISTRY

All Choirs are preparing for weekly worship as well as our annual Lessons and Carols Service.

The Seraph Choir (4 and 5 year olds) is now rehearsing on Sunday morning with the **Cherub Choir** (1st & 2nd grade) from 10:10-10:30 a.m. We are learning music for the Lessons and Carols service. Please make this rehearsal available to your child.

Chapel Choir members will have the opportunity to wear a ribbon for the Lessons & Carols service, dependent on their rehearsal attendance.

LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE
DECEMBER 16, 2012
5:30 PM

CDs and booklets are available for the Cherub, Seraph, and Chapel Choirs. If you did not receive a booklet with CD in the mail, please contact either me or the church office.

Please encourage your child to listen to the music, memorize it, and attend weekly rehearsals. All of the music on the CD must be memorized.

LESSONS AND CAROLS DRESS REHEARSAL DECEMBER 15 8:00 AM TO 10:00 AM

ALL CHILDREN---please reserve 8:00-10:00 am for rehearsal in the sanctuary.

Further details will be available in the December newsletter.

Just for your information, there are currently approximately 150 attending our choirs.

Here is a current list of all our choirs:

Seraph & Cherub Choirs	4 year old-2nd grade Sunday 10:10-10:30
Chime Choir	2 nd -6 th grade Sunday 4:00-5:00
Youth Choir	7 th grade up Sunday 4:00-5:00
Chapel Choir	2 nd -6 th grade Sunday 7:00-7:45
Sanctuary Choir	Adult Choir Wednesday 6:30-8:30

Please keep our Ministry of Music in your prayers. Pray for good health for our choir members. Pray for faithful attendance at rehearsals. And as we sing from week to week, pray that our music will indeed be a ministry to God’s people.

In Christ’s Service,
Kathryn Van Eck

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

We will rehearse on Saturday, December 1.

Men:	8:30 to 10:00 a.m.
Brunch:	10:00 to 10:30 a.m.
Women:	10:30 to 12:00 p.m.

FAMILY CORNER

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HYMN OF THE MONTH

“THE FIRST NOEL”

Old English Carol

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay akeeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star Shining in the east
beyond them far,

And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

Refrain

And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

Refrain

This star drew nigh to the north-west;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain

Then entered in those wise men three,
Fell reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence,
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Refrain

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with his blood mankind hath bought.

Refrain

TUNE: THE FIRST NOEL: Irregular with Refrain
Traditional Melody
In Sandys' *Christmas Carols*, 1833

GALATIANS: A MENTOR EXPOSITORY COMMENTARY

The latest published work by Terry Johnson is the most comprehensive, edifying, contemporary Christian work that I remember having read in recent years—and I'm pleased to have read over 5,000 pages of Christian books in the last 18 months. Terry states in the Preface: "...This is the heart of the Gospel, a message which, in an important sense, believers can't hear too often...." I urge you to read the entire PREFACE—the book is available in the IPC BookShop—to gain a keen view of what is within the 278 pages that follow.

I have read through my copy three times, making marginal notes and underlining, and I plan to keep it by my chair in the future for quick reference. We members are blessed with wonderful sermons each week, but how often I forget key points of the message by the middle of the week. Of course those Biblical points are there, buried in one's subconscious, and often come to mind during later conversations.

Terry, in *GALATIANS*, in "comparing Scripture with Scripture," pulls in hundreds of verses from 45 of the 66 books of the Bible. The work covers most of the important doctrines of the Christian faith. Here is a book with which one can study over and over, thereby being better equipped to supply "an answer" to those who question our Christian faith. I commend it heartily.

—Silas D. McCaslin

ESV PEW BIBLES

The Session has recently approved the use of the English Standard Version to be read in our worship services and educational ministries. Thanks to a very generous contribution by IPC members, Ron and Peg Morris, we have been enabled to purchase the ESV Pew Bibles for the Sanctuary. It is Mr. Johnson's hope that the ESV will become the liturgical Bible of choice at least for Reformed and Evangelical churches. There is some evidence that this is happening. There has not been such a liturgical consensus regarding a Bible since the King James Version. We believe that the ESV is the best candidate for replacing the KJV with a updated translation that is faithful to the original text. Reading from the ESV and having it available in the pews for worshipers to read will enhance our worship on the Lord's Day. We are thankful to God for the Morris's wonderful and timely gift.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH —

WOMEN WHO LOVE CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH

In the early church there were women who loved Christ and His church. We read of Mary, Martha, Joanna, Susanna, Dorcas, Mary Magdalene and others. We cannot claim to be like them, yet in some ways our lives resemble theirs. We are needy and struggling and Jesus found us. At times we are confused and even overwhelmed by life in this world, but we are His. We belong to Him! This one great truth gives meaning and stability to everything. It defines who we are and sets our feet on a sure path. From the earliest beginnings of the church, women who love our Lord want to please Him and serve Him. The women of Independent Presbyterian Church may not accomplish noteworthy or seemingly important things, but we can take our place in this church at this point in time and serve Christ.

The WOC is not a women's club, and it is not anything that needs to be joined. It is not in any sense separate from the church. We exist to encourage and help maintain a direction for women. Inclusion of all women is a priority. We are not complete without everyone's participation. Every woman that God brings to this church has a place and a contribution to make. The WOC is simply all of the women of our church growing in our devotion to Christ and serving Him in our homes, in the church, and in the world. Women are created with helping hands. We are helpers by divine design. Helping hands are not weak, but they enable and support. They ease burdens and comfort. They do not tear down or bring harm. They fill in gaps. They see a need and work to meet that need. Embracing who we are made to be gives us opportunities to serve the Lord.

Sometimes serving involves quiet acts of kindness that are not noticed by anyone except those who receive the benefits of that kindness. There are no substitutes for these things. These attitudes and deeds form the foundation for our relationships and unity. They happen naturally as one woman's heart, warmed by the love of Christ, reaches out to others.

Then there are other times that we make a deliberate effort to accomplish certain goals in the church. We want to assist the church in any way that we are able. Women arrange for *flowers* to be placed in the church for Sunday services, and women *greet visitors* on Sunday mornings outside the front doors of the church. Women meet together to *pray* for our church, and women send out emails alerting the congregation of *prayer needs*. Women

visit and *take flowers* to members of the congregation who cannot attend church because of illness. Women *make meals* for families with new babies and give *baby showers* for first time mothers. Women prepare *care packages* for our college students who are away and *make desserts* for Reformed University Fellowship meetings. Women decorate the church for Christmas and *make food* for The Lessons and Carols Service. Women work in the *jail ministry*, take food to *The Living Vine*, and serve at the *Savannah Care Center*. Women send out emails to *inform others* of important WOC information, and women help organize WOC events. Women work hard to *lead Bible studies* and Circles, and many women attend these studies as they desire to grow in their faith.

There are many things for a woman to do, but most importantly there is a kind of woman to be. A redeemed woman can become in Christ what she could never be without Him. Through hardship and failings we continue on. A woman whose heart belongs to Christ will serve Him with thankful, helping hands in her home, church, and in the world.

OUR FALL MEETING

Our WOC Fall Meeting and Luncheon Tea is a wonderful time of celebration, inspiration, and information for the women of our church. It is the one opportunity that we have each year for women of all ages in our church to be together. We find joy in our common commitments, our unity is strengthened, and we are inspired by the testimonies of others. Practically, we talk about the ways that women serve in our church and encourage others to be involved. We give details about weekly Bible studies and monthly Circle meetings. We also deliberately take this meeting as an opportunity to put feet to the mentoring instructions in Titus.

It was exciting to see over one hundred women of all ages at this year's meeting at Point Pleasant! We were representative of the women of the whole church. We were not women from one Sunday school class, Bible study, or Circle. We were not women from one area of interest or service in the church. Titus 2 principles were at work and the generational relationships of women in our church were seen from the beginning of our time together. Jennifer Daniell, a senior in high school, lead our meeting. She began the meeting with prayer and introduced those who would take part in the program. Jennifer stepped up to this challenge and did a great job. She introduced our speaker, Barbara Rustine, who had been her Sunday school teacher in earlier years. Barbara spoke to us about the lessons and realities of missionary life. Megan Mullinix read Scripture for us that spoke of women who are examples for us. Erin Barksdale, also a senior in high school, shared the gift that the Lord has

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given her and sang beautifully for us. Katheryn Van Eck accompanied Erin and assisted her with preparation. Kay Heritage was able to sit at the table with her Care Group because she had equipped Susan Liana Gibson to lead the kitchen staff in preparing our meal. Amy Martin brought the middle and high school girls to the front of the room to pray for them. She learned to love these girls as they made their way through our children's Sunday school classes and wanted to encourage them to stay the course during their teen years. Our elders' wives, assisted by the members of their Care Groups, set the tables providing an atmosphere of celebration. Carolyn Hodges made the fresh fall flower arrangements for the buffet table and for each individual table. Laura Williams decorated the front porch welcoming us to Point Pleasant. Delyn Barksdale spent her morning making tea for us all. Sharon Brown closed our meeting with prayer thanking the Lord for all that He has done for us.

We had this one day to be together as the women of Independent Presbyterian Church. We know each other a little better and we are a little more focused on our goals. In spite of our weaknesses and failures God is faithful to keep us on the ancient paths. We are thankful.

—Jane Boatright

HOLIDAY HOSPITALITY
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2012
10:00 A.M. UNTIL NOON
OLMSTEAD HALL

The Women of the church are invited to a "Holiday Hospitality" event on November 10. Please bring a favorite dessert or hors d'oeuvres to share. Also bring an ornament to exchange. You are welcome to bring ribbon to make your holiday bows. Please respond to the WOC email (woc@ipc sav.org) or call Jane Boatright (748-3005) to make your reservation.

MEMORIZATION ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to *Beatrice Eleana (Bel) Orellana* who completed Level 1 of our memorization program. She recited word perfect the Apostle's Creed, the Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer. Bel will receive an award of achievement as well as a gift card and candy for this achievement.

Please take a moment to congratulate Bel.

STUDENT MINISTRY

BIG THINGS...SMALL GROUPS

It has been very encouraging to see the Lord at work in our Student Ministry this semester. We have been averaging over 50 students each week at youth group. We had 61 students a few weeks ago, the most we've ever had at a mid-week youth meeting! Most of these students are our own IPC kids, but we have been blessed to have many visitors become regular attenders. Some of our visitors have been asking great questions and the Lord is working in the lives of students in Savannah!

These kinds of crowds are exciting, but the work of ministry doesn't typically happen in large crowds. Ministry is most effective one to one or in small groups. Our Lord Jesus was often seen fleeing crowds (John 6:1-15, Luke 4:14-30), but He was always with His disciples, especially Peter, James and John.

Jesus spent His time with 12 men, one He knew would betray Him, and He taught them Who He was and what His Kingdom was all about. The Feeding of the 5000 (Matthew 14:13-21), the rich young ruler (Luke 18:18-30), a storm on a lake (Matthew 8:23-27; 14:22-36), and quite literally, everything else the Lord Jesus did and said was a teachable moment for this unlikely group of men. Because of our Lord's intentional discipleship with His "small group," they finally understood the Gospel and because each of those men taught and trained other small groups of followers, we can trace our spiritual lineage back to one of Jesus' original disciples!

Following our Lord's example, our student ministry has small groups that meet each Sunday night following the evening service. These groups are designed to foster community, accountability and focus on applying God's Word to all areas of life. We are blessed to have very committed leaders for these groups who have been approved by our Session to lovingly lead our students to Jesus. Please pray for these volunteers as they guide our small groups:

Caroline Foster: 7th Grade Girls
Joanna Wright and Megan Mullinix: 8-9th Grade Girls
Laura Williams and Sarah Spencer: 10th Grade Girls
Sharon Robinson: 11-12th Grade Girls
Collier Wright and Hampton Watts: 7-8th Grade Boys
Brad Waller: 9-10th Grade Boys
Dennis Boatright and John Garnett: 10th Grade Boys
Brian Williams and John Peters: 11th Grade Boys
Matt Parrish: 12th Grade Boys

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Big things come from small groups. Even Margaret Mead, an American Cultural Anthropologist and feminist in the 1960s said, “*Never underestimate the power of a small group of committed people to change the world. In fact, it is the only thing that ever has.*”

Our prayer for all of the students that are involved in IPC’s Student Ministry is that they would be used of God in the same way the Lord used His disciples... to Love God and Love People, to Know God and to Make Him Known that the world may be forever changed for the Glory of God and for our good!

—Brad

STAY CONNECTED:

Our Student Ministry Newsletter is called *CONNECT*. It contains all the important dates and information you need to know so your teen won’t miss a minute! If you are not on our mailing list but would like to be, please let us know by calling 912.236.3346 so you can stay connected.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday School: 9:30 – 10:30 AM in the Whitaker Bldg.

7th - 8th Grade – 2nd Floor Whitaker Bldg.

Teacher: Jody Robinson

9th - 10th Grade – 2nd Floor Administration Bldg.

Teacher: Tim Barrett

10th - 12th Grade – 3rd Floor Whitaker Bldg.

Teacher: Brad Waller

Our Sunday Schools are studying *The Person and Work of Jesus*.

Sunday Night:

Evening Worship – 5:30 – 6:40 PM

Dinner – 6:40 – 7:00, 3rd Floor, Whitaker Street Bldg.

Small Groups : 7-8 pm

Wednesday Night:

Reformation

Youth Dinner – 6:30 PM – 3rd Floor, Whitaker Street Building

Youth Group – 7 – 8:30 PM – 3rd and 4th Floors, Whitaker Street Building

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

November 7,14,28:	Youth Group
November 14:	Revolution! Senior High Led Youth Group
November 21:	No Youth Group
November 4, 11:	Small Groups
November 18, 25:	NO Small Groups
November 10:	Guys’/Girls’ Night Out (5:30– 9:30 p.m.)
December 2:	Last Small Group of Semester
December 5:	Last Youth Group of Semester
December 8:	Shut In Baskets Delivered (Noon – 3 p.m.)
December 14:	Christmas Party at Point Pleasant (5:30–9:30 p.m.)

COLLEGE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Welcome, College Students! All college students are invited to attend our IPC College Sunday School Class taught by Garry McKee. Our college ministry works in close cooperation with RUF (Reformed University Fellowship—the Presbyterian Church in America’s Campus Ministry) and campus minister, Michael Gordon. The College Sunday School Class meets at 9:30 on the 4th floor of the Whitaker Building! We have breakfast food, so come hungry and bring any other college students you know who are home and need to get connected to a church.

COLLEGE RUF


SCAD RUF meets Wednesdays at 9 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of IPC. Michael Gordon is the RUF Campus Minister at SCAD. There are community groups during the week and social events throughout the semester. For more information, call the church office at 912.236.3346.



ON FAMILY WORSHIP

“If ever we would have the church of God to continue among us, we must bring it into our households, and nourish it in our families.”

—Richard Greenham,
English Puritan
(1531-1591)



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL. WHERE PEOPLE LEARN AND CONNECT

Sunday School at IPC has had a long and storied history. It has been an important ministry of our church from its earliest days. It is interesting to note that such was the feeling of the leadership and congregation that the Sunday School was specifically included in the church constitution. Article VI states, *Of the more directly spiritual work of the Church, no part is more important than that which it transacts in the Sunday School, a work to which the Session gives especially close supervision and assistance, and whose current expenses are payable from the common Church fund. The Pastor of the Church is the Pastor of the Sunday School; and, in fact the meetings of the Sunday School are as truly meetings of the Church itself as the other assemblies for worship on the Lord's Day.*

Teaching and transmitting God's word to equip individuals and families has always been a vital aspect of the church's responsibility. After the receiving of the law in the Old Testament, Moses commanded the people who were about to enter the land, *Assemble the people, men, women, and little ones, and the sojourner within your towns, that they may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God, and be careful to do all the words of this law.* Deut. 31:12

The mandate reaches its apex with Jesus' giving of the great commission, *And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* Matthew 28:18-20

One of the ways that we seek to fulfill this commission is through the Sunday School. The purpose of the Adult Sunday School is to teach the whole counsel of God in a caring context in order to equip Christians as growing and faithful disciples of Jesus Christ serving him in the home, church and world.

Sunday School classes are, in many respects, small churches within a larger church. While not all aspects of church life and worship are present, it is a place where real belonging is felt, where the Bible is taught in a participatory environment, where people have an opportunity to use their spiritual gifts in ministry, and where people reach out to others and assimilate them into the church.

Please note some of the specific objectives of our Adult Sunday School:

1. **Education**—Bible-centered teaching is offered consisting of five components: Old Testament, New Testament, Doctrine, Church History and Christian

Living. We seek to make the teaching participatory and practical in the application of the Scriptures.

2. **Fellowship**—classes seek to provide an environment for sharing concerns and resources. The small group setting is meant to cultivate mutual caring, involvement and commitment.

3. **Spiritual Gifts**—1 Peter 4:10 *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.* Class members can exercise their gifts by serving: (i.e. song leader, teaching, providing refreshments, greeting, visiting those who are sick and organizing class projects and socials).

4. **Assimilation**—Sunday School seeks to provide a place where new members and visitors can easily get to know others in the church and feel included.

5. **Evangelism and World Missions**—Classes seek to encourage the developing of personal involvement of members and families in the praying, giving, sending, or going aspects of local and world evangelization. A class highlight is the occasional visit to classes by missionaries supported by IPC.

If you are not involved in one of our Adult Classes please consider joining one of the following classes next Sunday. Please note that the age categories are only general guidelines, designed to help you make a choice, not to exclude you from any class you may wish to attend!

Twenties/Career Singles	Axson Building, Room 35 (3 rd floor)
Berean Class (20's and 30's)	Axson Building Room 31 (3 rd floor)
Emmaus Class (30's and 40's)	Axson Building Room 32 (3 rd floor)
Agape Class (40's and 50's)	Admin. Building Room 72 (2 nd floor)
Garmer Class (60's and retirement)	Axson Building Room 30 (3 rd floor)

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Mark and Barbara Rustine will have a PowerPoint presentation on their ministry to the Philippines on Sunday evening, November 11. Eat your meal, then come to the chapel at 7:15 p.m.

CHANGES IN ADDRESS

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

Mr. & Mrs. M. Clayton Hostetter
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Savannah, GA 31406

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CHURCH IN BEREAVEMENT

The congregation of Independent Presbyterian Church extends sincere sympathy to:

. . . **Mr. and Mrs. J. William P. Oliver, Jr.** and family on the death of his grandmother, **Elizabeth Posegate Gorman**, who passed away on Monday, September 26, 2012, in Conway, AR.

. . . **Mr. and Mrs. Brian P. Williams** and family on the death of Laura's grandmother, **Willie Mae Laurents**, who passed away on Sunday, September 30, 2012, in Shreveport, LA.

In Memoriam

Major William B. Buford
Entered the Lord's presence
Saturday, October 27, 2012
"Blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord."
Revelation 14:13

APPRECIATION

To Our IPC Family,

We wish to express our thankfulness for all the prayers, concern, and words of encouragement during my recent surgery and recuperation. Your kindness has truly been a blessing to me and to my family. We are blessed to be a part of this great church.

Sincerely,
Craig, Cindy, Ashleigh, and Candace



Dear Friends at IPC,

Your thoughts and prayers for my brother Bruce are greatly appreciated. When I requested your prayers, Bruce's life was in the balance, but now, he's completely recovered from the operation. After spending 18 days at a rehabilitation center, he's now at home and probably doing better than before his gall bladder problems.

Our God is loving, gracious, merciful, compassionate, and faithful (just to name a few of His attributes) to answer our prayers, and His name be glorified.

Thank you for praying with faith believing that God answers prayer. You are missed.

Sincerely,
Joan Ackley



Dear IPC,

In the past I have felt very connected to the IPC family because Howard and I visited often during the 25 years that Emily and Terry have served here. Some of the congregation even traveled to Greenville to attend the service at the time of Howard's death, so a closeness and affection has existed through the years. However, nothing had prepared me for the warm and loving outpouring of concern and interest which I have felt during these last few months when I have had health issues, and have been in and out of the hospital . . . The beautiful dish garden from the church, and notes, calls and cards from so many of our family here . . . as well as even a few visits from our Session members, all have served to send the message that although I've been a member for less than five years, I am truly an integral part of this church family. I am ever so grateful that you all have given me this acceptance. May we continue to serve Him as well as each other as we see Him complete the good work He has begun in us until the day of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,
Annette Hartley

SIGNIFICANT SESSIONAL

ACTIONS

FOR OCTOBER _____

1. Approval was given for the continued support of Boy Scout Troop 876 through:
 - A. personal involvement on the troop committee by Independent Presbyterian Church representative Charlie Morrison.
 - B. increased communication and awareness of the troop and its activities to the members of Independent Presbyterian Church through Messenger articles, bulletin board postings and the use of the fellowship hall.
 - C. regular quarterly updates to the Session from both Charlie Morrison and the troop's Scoutmaster.
2. Approval was given to send eighty (80) copies of Mr. Johnson's Commentary on Galatians to Leonardo Galanza in the Philippines.
3. Approval was given by the Session to remove Mr. and Mrs. Madison Alcorn (Sylvia) and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Rossiter (Angela) from the membership role of the church.
4. Approval was given for the transfer of letter for out-of-town members Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Bragg (Jaymi) and their non-communing children, Samuel and Matthew, to Trinity Presbyterian (PCA) church of Spartanburg, SC.
5. Approval was given for the transfer of letter for Miss Judith Campbell to Kirk O'the Isles Presbyterian Church (PCA) of Savannah, GA.
6. Approval was given for the transfer of letter for out-of-town members Dr. and Mrs. James Huffman (Jessica) and their non-communing children, Taylor and Madison, to First United Methodist Church of Moultrie, GA.
7. Approval was given to increase the fees for weddings held at the Church.

THEN & NOW

Our 25th Anniversary celebration struck just the right note. Low-keyed, God-centered, and mutually congratulatory (that is, minister and congregation). Thank you for my beautiful new Bible. Roland Barnes, who propped me up for so many years, preached a magnificent sermon, rich with appreciation for our church and ministry. You honored me and I honor you. We have well-tolerated and enjoyed each other these 25 years. Indeed, if I can add one important factor that I sorely miss not saying more clearly on October 14, it was that my longevity has everything to do with the fact that the Independent Presbyterian Church is a great church to serve. You have treated me well, meeting my family's worldly needs, offering lots of encouraging words, and allowing me the freedom to do what I do best while bringing in capable staff (clerical and program) to fill-in where I lack.

Then and now? Let's do some updating. Of 439 in-town members of 1987, 51 are left, of which 39 can be at all considered active. I am shocked by these numbers. They demonstrate the toll of the passing years as Father Time overtakes us all. Nearly all of this reduction is due to deaths and relocations. Two hundred twenty-seven have passed on into the next world. A lot happens in 25 years.

Of the 19 active elders of 1987, three remain active: Bill Austin, Don McLaurin, and Joe Van Puffelen. Four others have emeritus status: Bill Best, Alton Brown, Sr., Gilbert Donaldson, and Dick Stewart. Our 1987 officers provide our current leadership with a strong institutional memory. Men are still in leadership who have been members and officers for 50 years and more.

One other historical note. The longest pastorate in this church's history was that of the Rev. I. S. K. Axson, 28 years, from 1857 to 1885. The second longest was that of Willard Preston, 24 years, from 1831 to 1856. Nine of our church's twenty pastors have served for 5 years or less. The average stay for a minister since 1755 (prior to 1987) has been 9.5 years. In the twentieth century the average was 8 years (for 9 ministers). Roland reported that the average today nationwide is 18 months to 3 years.

Aside from what I've already written about our 25 years (see 2011 Annual Report), let me say this. My hope would be that I might be able to continue to serve as your minister for another 25 years. William Still served the Gilcomston South Church in Aberdeen from 1945 until his death in 1997, a total of 52 years. In 25 years I'll be 81. That's not too bad. If you share this ambition, join with me in praying that our Lord might see fit to preserve my body and mind until 2037. At least.

—Terry L. Johnson

MORAL CONCERNS

MARCH FOR LIFE

January 25, 2013, will find advocates for life once again coming to Washington, DC for the 40th March for Life. Nellie Gray, the founder, was called home to be with the Lord in August at age 88. We will miss her! This is a woman who spent much of her life standing in the gap for the pre-born. When abortion was legalized January 22, 1973 by the Supreme Court (Roe v Wade), Nellie rallied pro-lifers and organized the March for Life to bring national awareness to this horrific decision. She often stated that this was our "American Holocaust!" Her work was tireless work for 39 years as she encouraged pro-life people to come to our Nation's capital in the cold of winter on the anniversary of Roe v Wade. The pro-life voice for the defenseless has been delivered to presidents, Congressional leaders, and to the people of this country during this Memorial Anniversary. How shameful for our great country to kill over 50 million babies since this dreadful decision in 1973. All of us who have been a part of the March for Life over the last 20 years are thankful to our Lord Jesus Christ for raising up a Wilberforce of our time. Nellie Gray has been to pro-life what Wilberforce was to slavery. Her legacy and vision will continue to carry on.

Please consider going on our Washington, DC bus trip in January. The world system would say we are losing the abortion battle so "sit back, don't get involved anymore." The world is not getting better, but believe it or not, people in this country are more pro-life than pro-abortion in 2012. The pro-life movement has been educating people during the past 39 years, and as a result our country is becoming more pro-life. Many small steps are taking place as a result of the prayers and work of God's people. This should encourage us to continue the fight for the unborn in our nation. *"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9).*

This will be year #21 for the IPC bus trip. We will leave 2 PM Thursday, January 24th from Southside Baptist Church, stop for dinner around 5 PM and have a restful overnight stay in Chester, Virginia, at the Comfort Inn. The next day will be a busy one! We are up early to leave at 7 AM for Washington, DC, arrive 9:30 AM to go to our scheduled meetings. Hopefully, this trip will enable us to meet with at least one of our senators! After those meetings there is lunch and off to the Rally on the National Mall, West of 8th Street near the Smithsonian Castle. The

march will immediately follow at 1:30 PM and end in front of the steps of the Supreme Court. At this point, we are free and some go to Congressman Jack Kingston's office or our other Congressman's office for a little R & R. Our long day comes to a close as we walk to catch the bus at 5 PM and head back to Savannah with a stop for dinner. The weather is cold but refreshing and the crowds are large, about 175,000 to 250,000. Let's fill our bus and make our way to Washington, DC to speak and march for the future of this country. As babies cry from their mother's wombs, they need us to cry out for them! May our Lord Jesus Christ be glorified in all that we do...

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

—2 Chronicles 7:14

LIFE CHAIN:

The Right to Life Committee provided a wonderful small buffet lunch immediately after the morning worship service for those participating in Life Chain on Sunday, October 7. At 2:15 PM, across from the Oglethorpe Mall, we gathered for a short devotional with Associate Pastor Ron Parrish before the start of Life Chain. From 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM, there were about 80 church people holding their signs and praying across from the National Mall where we were stationed. There were a total of about 50 from IPC. The reactions were mostly positive from the drivers and passengers with a few exceptions. All in all, it was a powerful silent, prayerful witness to motorists driving by. The signs displayed various messages: "ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN," "JESUS FORGIVES AND HEALS," "LORD, FORGIVE US AND OUR NATION," "ADOPTION: THE LOVING OPTION." The 18" x 22" Life Chain signs we were holding were printed with Prayer Topics, Songs of Meditation, the Life Chain Code of Conduct, and the Purpose of Life Chain. I think everyone found it helpful to have so much on the back side of the signs to help with our prayer and meditation. The sun was shining brightly and it was a perfect day to stand and pray against this holocaust of abortion. We prayed that God would intervene with His mercy on any woman who was contemplating abortion. It was a good experience to be joining hundreds of thousands of Americans and Canadians in prayer on Life Chain Sunday. May God bless each one who made the effort to stand and pray between 2:30-3:00 PM for the Sanctity of Life on a very warm day! Plan to join us next year on the first Sunday in October for the next Life Chain.

—Murle Breer
for the Right For Life Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

THE LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE

We will celebrate The Lord's Supper in our evening service on Sunday, November 4, 2012. 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).

CARE GROUPS #3 AND 4

Care Groups #3 and 4 (McLaurin/Daniell and Gobel) will meet at Point Pleasant on Saturday, November 10, at 4:00 p.m. for a cookout and care group meeting. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please RSVP to Judy Daniell (356-1202) or Fun Gobel (238-8279) no later than Wednesday, November 7. Come enjoy a beautiful fall afternoon at Point Pleasant.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Reminder! Don't forget to change your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 3. Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. Sunday morning when we return to standard time.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting immediately following the morning service on November 18, 2012, for the purpose of electing church officers to the Session, Diaconate, and Trustees. No other business will be conducted.

SESSION/DIACONATE MEETING

The Session and Diaconate will be meeting on Monday, November 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the Administration Building in order to examine officer candidates and afterwards to conduct business.

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
3rd Quarter	\$463,377.00	- 46,029.00
October	\$146,971.00	- 22,831.00
Total	\$1,438,994.00	-\$232,866.00

Our actual expenditures through October were \$1,731,000, leaving a deficit of \$292,006. Consider these figures as you prayerfully contemplate your year-end giving.

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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 Tuesdays, 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. Contact Peggy Marting at 598-8970 or peggymarting@bellsouth.net for information..

TUESDAY MORNING CIRCLE

The Tuesday Morning Circle will meet on November 13, 10:30 a.m., at the Oglethorpe Club, 450 Bull St. Mrs. Katherine Chisholm will be the hostess (925-8631).

THURSDAY MORNING CIRCLE

The Thursday Morning Circle will meet on November 8, 2012, 10:30 a.m., at the home of Mrs. Pam Dykema, 123 Goette Trail (cell: 429-5326).

FRIDAY MORNING CIRCLE

A circle meeting open to all ladies of Independent Presbyterian Church will begin meeting on November 9, 2012, and will continue to meet the second Friday of each month. Please join us as we begin studying *Idols of the Heart* by Elyse Fitzpatrick, which can be purchased through Amazon.com or Westminster Theological Seminary Bookstore at wtsbooks.com. We will meet at the home of Fef Nolen, 102 Paxton Dr., Savannah, GA from 9:30 to 11:00 am. A babysitter will be provided. Please call Fef at 856-4813 to let her know if you are coming and if you will need the sitter.

COOKIES FOR COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

The ladies who have volunteered to bake cookies for college care packages, please drop them off this Sunday, November 4, in the Fellowship Hall. A table will be set up for your convenience. Also, if anyone would be interested in writing a letter of encouragement to any students, it would be helpful if you drop these letters at this table by November 4, also.

GARMER BIBLE STUDY

The Garmer Bible Study will not meet during November or December. It will resume in January 2013.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church office will be closed on Thursday, November 22, and Friday, November 23 in observance of the Thanksgiving Day holiday. It will reopen on Monday, November 26, at 8:30 a.m.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Jane Torrance
 1 Mary Drew
 2 Dean Horstman
 2 Sharon Brown
 2 Polly McCune
 3 Alton Brown, Sr.
 3 Agnes Brown
 3 Holmes Bell
 3 Anne Portell
 3 Isabelle Rocker
 4 Dianna Freeman
 5 Katherine Schenk
 6 Barbara Austin
 6 Matthew Gobel
 6 William Woods



6 Ben Robinson
 6 Leslie Waller
 7 Lilly Helton
 8 William Brodmann, III
 9 Andy Brodmann
 9 Elizabeth Lightle
 9 Matthew Nyce
 10 Kiley Lightle
 10 Rebecca Frick
 11 Robert Fletcher
 12 Jeanine Pearson
 12 Carol Scott
 14 Julia Barrett
 16 Ron Berry
 16 Monica Helmlly



16 Sarah Wiggins
 17 Laura Sweat
 17 Jody Robinson
 17 Bob Wickwire
 18 Glenn Frick
 18 Seth Murray
 20 Laura Brush
 20 Forbes Buck
 20 Molly Gibson
 20 J. C. Shipes
 20 Wendy Sutton
 21 Donna Kay McLaurin
 21 Lillian Helmlly
 22 Lois Broadwick
 22 Ron Woernle



22 Peggy Marting
 23 Rose Wade
 24 Alice Chisholm
 25 Tom Brendle
 25 Susan Jackson
 25 Laurelee Veazey
 27 Andrew Barrett
 27 Gail Baxley
 27 John Gouse
 27 Linden Helmlly
 27 James Hinely
 28 John Childress
 29 Patricia Moore
 29 Nancy Shadforth
 29 Vanessa Shields



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For Prayer & Participation November 5 - 10

Mon, Nov. 5	5:30 p.m.	Session meeting, Admin. Bldg.
	6:00 p.m.	Diaconate meeting, Whitaker Street Bldg.
Tues, Nov. 6	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., 3 rd Fl.
	10:00 a.m.	Women Mentoring Women, Whitaker Bldg., 4 th Fl.
	11:30 a.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting, Admin. Bldg.
	7:30 p.m.	Garmer Bible Study will not meet in November and December
Wed, Nov. 7	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., 3 rd Fl.
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group, Whitaker Street Bldg., 3 rd Fl.
	9:00 p.m.	RUF, Axson Bldg, Olmstead Hall
Thurs, Nov. 8	10:30 a.m.	Thursday Morning Circle, at the home of Mrs. Pam Dykema, 125 Goette Trail
	7:00 p.m.	IPC Twenties, Whitaker Bldg., 3 rd Floor
Fri, Nov. 9	9:30 a.m.	Friday Morning Circle, at the home of Mrs. Fef Nolen, 102 Paxton Drive
Sat, Nov 10	10:00 a.m.	WOC Holiday Hospitality, Olmstead Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Care Group #3 & 4 Cookout at Point Pleasant
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Guys' and Girls' Night Out

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GREETERS
VISITOR TABLE D. Gibson
FRONT DOOR Elder & Mrs. B. Austin
NORTH SIDE C. Martin
CENTER AISLE W. Brodmann
SOUTH SIDE E. Robyn
WOC Greeter C. Hodges

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
GREETER**
ELDER F. Daniell

USHERS
CHAIRMAN D. Goeser
FRONT DOOR M. Hazeltine
INNER DOOR D. Gross
CENTER AISLE V. Buchman & C. DePue

LEFT AISLE J. Shine
RIGHT AISLE W. Brodmann
BALCONY1 D. Pierce
SECURITY/BAL2 .. B. Baxley & B. Breazeale
AM AUDIO R. Hinely
PM AUDIO J. Welch
EVENINGS P. Schenk & B. Williams

SUNDAY SUPPER SET-UP & CLEAN-UP
J. Lanier's Care Group #2
Set up/Clean Up

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH
WORKER:** R. Buchman

10:40 a.m. I: J. Maganini
K. Welch
C/W: J. Thomas
M. Thomas
2's: W. Rocker
T. Rocker
3's: R. Mullinix
S. Mullinix

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

MORNING SERVICE

"CAESAR AND GOD"

Matthew 22:15-22

Rev. Terry Johnson

EVENING SERVICE

"MYSTERY SOLVED"

Colossians 4:2-6

Rev. Timothy Foster

MEAL MENU

Sunday, November 04, 2012

Korean Beef
Steamed Rice
Sauteed Broccoli & Peppers
Garden Salad
Peanut Butter Swirl Brownies

Wednesday, November 7, 2012

Shrimp Po Boys
Turkey Burger
Side Salad
Pecan Pie Bar

Menu subject to change