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IDENTITY & PERSPECTIVE

What happens when one or two aspects of our Christian identity get emphasized at the expense of others? What happens when we fail to keep the four central elements (sons, saints, servants, sinners) of our identity in tension with each other? Let's see.

Some have made "sons" and "saints" the message of the gospel and have neglected the categories of "servant" and "sinner." The result has been a strong emphasis on our unchanging security as children of God and our safe status as "holy ones," righteous in Christ. Many hurting souls have derived great comfort from this constant refrain. Those of "tender conscience," to use the Puritan term, have found deep consolation in regular reminders of sonship and sainthood.

However, in the absence of an ongoing emphasis on "servant" and "sinner" the result too often has been complacency about duty, service, responsibility, and even about sin. "Don't *should* me," some preachers have been known to say. "There is nothing that I *must do* that will make God love me more. There is nothing that I *have done* that will make Him love me less," these preachers rightly insist. Yet, they continue, "My Father is always pleased with me and never displeased. He sees me 'in Christ,' perfect and complete." Consequently, "don't tell me what I need to do. I don't need to do anything – just bask in grace. When I fail, I'm loved and accepted. When I fall, I am safe and secure. The Christian life is not *doing* but *being*, being 'in Christ.'"

There is a problem with this even in terms of sonship. While fathers don't *love* their children more or less according to their performance, they may be more or less *pleased* according to service and obedience. We are regularly told to do the things with which God is pleased and that He rewards and blesses (e.g. Mt 6:1ff; 2 Cor 5:9; Col 1:10; Eph 5:10). God's love is unchanging. However, He may be more or less pleased with us, and may be at times quite displeased.

Beyond this, the larger problem is the emphasis that is being placed on one aspect of our identity (sonship and sainthood) at the expense of the other (servant and sinner).

We are called to serve (Rom 12:1,2). I am a son, but I am also a servant. This means that I have the duties and responsibilities of a servant which I am not to neglect.

Moreover, while I am a saint, I am also a sinner. I have not yet arrived. I must "press on," as the Apostle Paul put it (Phil 3:14). I have not yet been glorified. I am not yet in heaven. I am not in a state of *non posse peccare*. The dregs of sin that remain can only be overcome by strenuous acts of mortification and vivification, as we have seen. No room is left for complacency.

Err in one direction and I may end up in Vanity Fair with those who are "at ease in Zion" (Am 6:1). If all I hear is that I am a *son* and a *saint*, I may become flippant about sin and negligent of duty. However, if I err in the other direction, I may sink into the Slough of Despond. If all I hear is that I am a miserable wretch of a *sinner*, then I am unlikely to experience the joy of forgiveness: justification, adoption, and the certainty of eternal life. If all I hear is that I am a *servant*, then God may become to me an oppressive taskmaster, whose presence is avoided because an awareness of God means still another task added to my already overburdened job description.

Our concept of the Christian's identity must accommodate notions of obedience, duty, responsibility, obligation, and fear. I must not conceive of the Christian life in such a way that excludes these demanding elements of the Christian experience. If I fail to incorporate them into my understanding of what grace gives and requires, then I have formulated a false grace. A concept of Christian identity that excludes obedience, duty, responsibility, obligation, and fear is unknown in the New Testament, a Christian life unanticipated by the Apostles.

Likewise, I must not allow my concepts of Christian obedience, duty, etc., to undermine the Christian's absolute security. It is the faith of the one "who does not work but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly" that is "reckoned as righteousness" (Rom 4:5). Nothing can "separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom 8:38,39). We have a divinely given safety, a peace and joy that no one can take away.

J. I. Packer taught me to dislike the word "balance." He

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IDENTITY AND PERSPECTIVE

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called it a “horrible, self-conscious word.” We might use a term like “proportionate.” Keep these themes of identity in proper proportions. Or we might use a term like “perspective.” Don’t lose a biblical perspective on these issues. Yet, it is balance that we are urging. These elements of our identity must be kept in dynamic tension with each other, lest we fall into legalism on the one side, or antinomianism on the other. We are advocates of *lectio continua* preaching in no small part because it forces preachers to deal with the whole Bible, biblical themes in biblical proportions. As we do so, may we avoid the pitfalls of an imbalanced emphasis on one aspect of our identity at the expense of another.

—Terry Johnson

ELECTION RESULTS TO PONDER . . . AND FOR WHICH TO PRAY

Did you know . . . that on Tuesday several states voted by popular majority to legalize the recreational use of marijuana? Did you know that a plan to legalize physician assisted suicide was barely rejected in Massachusetts? Did you know that for the first time in our country’s history several states, by popular vote, chose to legalize gay marriage? Did you know that two of these states are run by “Catholic” governors who actively encouraged their constituents to vote in favor of same sex unions? Did you know that in Florida, a ban on tax payers funding of abortion was rejected by the people? Add to all of this the fact that some who were elected in Tuesday’s elections are pathological liars, people who have been exposed in their lies numerous times. Apparently, a majority of Americans now condone lying, or perhaps worse, for them the lie has become the truth, evil has become good. Now can you begin to see the trend?

—From a sermon by a Roman Catholic priest

GOOD NEWS ABOUT MARRIAGE

In some accounts, what is eating away at marriage is the romantic ideal of the “soul-mate”—defined as the imagined partner who makes you happy by meeting your every need without demanding anything in return. The quest is futile—there is no one out there to match that description—and it undermines marriage, by turning men and women into emotional consumers who measure marriage in terms of self-fulfillment. The “soul-mate” is a succubus; and we seek her at risk to our souls.

Marriage is not a means of self-gratification, but on the contrary, demands self-denial and sacrifice, the subordination of one’s own interests and desires to the common good, and to the sacred bond it imposes upon the individual’s freedom. Those who enter into this ‘holy estate’ are changed profoundly, dying to sin, being trained in virtue. As they are made holy, so are they made capable of happiness, made ready to receive the blessings which God has promised in his Word.

Excerpt from Gavin Dunbar
The Parish Paper, Vol. 44 No. 3
St. John’s Episcopal Church
Savannah, GA
December 16, 2012

ON FAMILY WORSHIP

“We promise (by the help of Christ) that we will endeavor to walk before God in our houses, with a perfect heart; and that we will uphold the worship of God therein continually, according as He in His Word requires, both in respect of prayer and reading the Scriptures, that so the word of Christ may dwell richly in us.”

—Increase Mather
(1639–1723)

(Oath required by his congregation in Boston.)

2013 MISSIONS CONFERENCE

**“WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST,
GOD MAKING HIS APPEAL THROUGH US.”**

“All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”

—2 Corinthians 5:18-20

The passage quoted above (from which the theme of this year’s missions conference is drawn) is truly a humbling message that presents us with what should be a daunting task. In it we review the gospel and learn that spreading of it to the world is now in our hands. We’ve been the recipients of God’s reconciling love and now have the responsibility of giving this good news to others. God Himself makes this appeal through us. How can this be? Sinners, needing the redeeming work of Christ themselves, are used by God to make the gospel known to the whole world. In chapter 4 of 2 Corinthians, Paul calls the gospel a “treasure in jars of clay to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not us.” Thanks be to God for His indwelling Holy Spirit. Apart from the Spirit, we have no hope of fulfilling our task.

The upcoming Missions Conference (March 7 – 10) will give us much help in discerning how to go about the task of being Christ’s ambassadors. We have the opportunity to consider how each of us fits into God’s plan for evangelizing the whole world. As in the last few years, the Church Extension Committee has selected a theme with the intention of encouraging more active involvement by each member of IPC in this work of mission—praying for, giving to, and going to the mission field. We will see how our supported missionaries carry out their work, and be challenged to think and pray about our personal involvement.

We have a wonderful set of guest missionaries lined up. We have missionaries from foreign and domestic mission fields, some just starting, some with much experience and many years to go, and some finishing their careers on the field, church planters, inner-city mission workers—in short, a wonderfully diverse group. Al Baker, with wife

Wini, will be our Keynote speaker. Al is a former church planter, now directing the Alabama Church Planting Network and a preacher for Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship. Al and Wini have been with us two other times in the past twenty years (1993 and 2004) and we look forward to another great conference with them. Stan and Donna Armes have served on the mission field since 1977—in South Africa since 1997. They will be coming off the field this year, but continuing to serve in a pastoral role with missionaries on the field. Peter and Diane Bakelaar serve with MTW on the Nagoya Church Planting Team in Japan, where they’ve been since 1990. Mike Bertucci (summer intern at IPC in 2011) serves on the staff of Rebirth—East St. Louis, a ministry to the young people in the poor urban areas of that city. The conference will be time of great reunion with all of the folks, and more importantly a time of looking to our future involvement in missions.

It almost goes without saying that the food and fellowship will be second to none at all our gatherings—Thursday and Friday evenings at Point Pleasant, Women’s Luncheon on Friday, Saturday Men’s Prayer Breakfast, and both services on Sunday. There will be displays by our missionaries, a display indicating short-term opportunities for 2013, and a display of our recent trip (Dec. 29 – Jan. 5) with our day camp staff to help provide a week of camp for the children of the PeruMission churches in Trujillo. We continue to enjoy a great relationship with this mission through our construction and medical projects, and now with our participation for a second year in a summer camp for children.

Please consider full participation in the Missions Conference opportunities set before you. It will be educational, encouraging, and for the good of your soul. Our goal as a church is that 25% of our annual operating budget is dedicated to missions. You need to see how your tithes and offerings are being used. We all need to pray more consistently and specifically for the spread of the Gospel. The conference will help us. Many of us need to more seriously consider becoming personally involved in going—both short term and long. The conference will bring information and inspiration. I look forward to being with you during this special time.

—Frankie Daniell
on behalf of the Church Extension Committee

MUSIC MINISTRY

January should be a slow month in the music department, but that really is not so. Georgia Heritage, February 10, is around the corner, as is the Missions Conference, Maundy Thursday, Easter, the Youth Choir trip and the Kirkin' service. These are all large events in the musical life of this church.

The Sanctuary Choir is preparing anthems for Georgia Heritage, the Lenten season, Maundy Thursday, and Easter, and would welcome new members. The Sanctuary Choir is privileged to have several young people in our group. We have really benefited by their presence, musically and socially. If you are interested in joining choir, please join us on Wednesday evenings for preparation, 6:30-8:30.

The Youth Choir, which meets at 4:00 on Sunday afternoon, is hard at work. We are preparing several challenging anthems and are looking forward to singing them in the near future. A Youth Choir trip is being planned for April 6-7. Saturday, April 6 will be a fun day, and arrangements are being made to sing in a church in the Southern Georgia area on Sunday morning April 7. If your son or daughter is interested in the Youth Choir and would enjoy this trip, they need to be attending rehearsals NOW. There are only 7 rehearsals from February 3-March 24, and choristers may only miss two of those rehearsals to attend the trip. **They must be at 5 of the 7 rehearsals.** All young people from 7th grade up are welcome.

The Chime Choir continues to practice on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. The Handbell Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, January 30.

Hymn of the Month CD and booklets will be available soon. Please enable your child to listen and learn these Hymns and Psalms. It is valuable to have these words running through your child's mind. These texts will be a source of comfort and strength to our children for many years to come. If you did not receive a booklet, or need an extra one, please let me know.

Chapel choir continues to meet on Sunday evenings from 7:00-7:45. ALL 2nd (if reading)-6th grade children are encouraged to attend Chapel Choir. Your child's attendance is appreciated! On May 18, the Chime and Chapel Choir will have their annual Summer Waves outing. Children must attend at least 13 full rehearsals in order to participate in this outing.

During the Missions Conference, the Youth Choir will sing for the Thursday evening service, and the Chapel Choir will sing for the Friday evening service.

On March 10, the Bryan College Choir will sing for our morning worship service. If you are willing to host one or several of the students, please contact Tevis Garnett at 354-7172. This would involve having the student stay in your home on Saturday night and providing breakfast for them on Sunday morning.

Please continue to pray for all of our choirs as we prepare for Sunday services from week to week.

In Christ's service,
Kathryn Van Eck



PSALMS & HYMNS OF THE MONTH 2013-2017

For a second time since 1993 we have completed a ten-year cycle of psalms and hymns of the month. We will offer during the years 2013-17 an alternative 5-year cycle for those who wish to make use of it. Cherub & Chapel choirs will learn the regular psalms and hymns, Year 1, as in the *Family Worship Book* (did we mention that it might be a good idea to buy one?), and as listed below on the left. On the right is the alternative list, year 11.

Year 1-10

(*Family Worship Book*)

Psalm 1
Amazing Grace
Psalm 23
When I Survey
Psalm 51
O God Our Help
Psalm 91
Great is Thy Faithfulness
Psalm 100
A Mighty Fortress
Psalm 103
Joy to the World

Year 11-15

(*New IPC Booklet*)

All My Heart This Night
Rejoices
Psalm 16
All Praise to God
Psalm 20
All Praise to Thee My God,
This Night
Psalm 31:1-15
Be Still My soul
Psalm 35:1-8
Be Thou My Vision
Psalm 41:1-6
Fairest Lord Jesus
Psalm 49:1-9

The booklet mentioned on the right above is entitled, "Hymns of the Months: Years 11-15." Pick up as many of these as you need for your family.

FAMILY CORNER

FEBRUARY 2013
YEARS 11 – 15

PSALM OF THE MONTH PSALM 16

“The theme of having one’s affections centered on God gives this Psalm its unity and ardour,” says Kidner.¹ The 16th Psalm is rich in devotional expression:

I said to the Lord, “Thou art my Lord; I have no good besides Thee” . . . In Thy presence is fulness of joy; in Thy right hand there are pleasures forever. (Psalm 16:2, 11b)

It is also rich in Messianic prophecy. “This Psalm has something of David in it,” says Matthew Henry, “but much more of Christ.” The Apostles regularly apply verse 10 to the resurrection of Christ. Peter, for example, preaching his Pentecost sermon, quotes verses 8-11 and says that David,

. . . looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that He was neither abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh suffer decay. (Acts 2:31; cf. Matthew 22:41-45; Acts 13:34-38)

It was from this Psalm that the young Scottish Covenanter Hugh MacKail (1640-66) drew his last comfort before he was martyred in Edinburgh.

- 1 Preserve me, O my God;
I put my trust in You.
LORD, I confess, You are my Lord;
No good have I but You.
- 2 The godly ones on earth,
Those holy in Your sight,
- 3 The noble and majestic ones,
Fill me with great delight.
- 4 Their sorrows multiply
Who after idols seek.
To them I’ll no blood off’rings make;
Their names I’ll never speak.
- 5 The LORD the portion is
Of my inheritance.
He fills my cup, my lot prepares,
Secures to me His grants.
- 6 The lines that fell to me
Enclose a pleasant site.
The heritage that I received
To me is a delight.
- 7 I bless the LORD Who guides
With counsel that is right.
My heart within me He directs
To teach me in the night.

- 8 I always keep the LORD
Before me, Him to see.
Because He is at my right hand
I never moved shall be.
- 9 Thus gladness fills my soul;
My joy must be expressed
With my whole being, for my flesh
Securely finds its rest.
- 10 My soul You will not leave
In death’s dark pit to be.
Corruption You will not permit
Your Holy One to see.
- 11 The path of life You’ll show;
Of joy You hold great store.
Before Your face, at Your right hand,
Are pleasures evermore.

TUNE: LEOMINSTER SMD (25A)
 (“Not What My Hands Have Done”)

Based on *Book of Psalms*, 1871, and Psalm 16A, *The Book of Psalms for Singing*, 1973; altered 1994

YEARS 1 – 10 HYMN OF THE MONTH “AMAZING GRACE”

John Newton, 1779

Amazing grace!—how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Thro’ many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
’Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
Than when we’ve first begun.

TUNE: NEW BRITAIN C.M.
Virginia Harmony, 1831

See also Psalms 87, 133

STUDENT MINISTRIES

CONNECT NEWSLETTER

The 2013 Winter/Spring Connect Newsletter has all the information you need to know about youth events from now until summer. If you don't have one, 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

11th – 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: UN-Apologetic

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

February 13	Lady and the Tramp Night at Point Pleasant (6–9 pm)
March 1–3	Winter Retreat at Little Ocmulgee State Park
March 7–10	IPC Missions Conference
March 29	Hide Easter eggs at Point Pleasant (10 a.m. to 12 p.m.)
March 30	Egg Hunt and Breakfast Point Pleasant (9:00 to 11:00 a.m.)
April 6–7	Youth Choir Trip
April 27	Canoe Trip to Ebenezer Creek

May 16

Senior Roast at Point Pleasant
(6:30-8:30 p.m.)

March 6 & 27, April 3 NO Youth Group

COLLEGE INFORMATION

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 a.m. on the 4th floor of the Whitaker Building!

COLLEGE RUF

SCAD RUF meets Wednesdays at 9:00 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.

MASS KILLINGS

Your laws ignore our deepest needs,
Your words are empty air.
You've stripped away our heritage,
You've outlawed simple prayer.
Now gunshots fill our classrooms,
And precious children die.
You seek for answers everywhere,
And ask the question "Why?"
You regulate restrictive laws,
Through legislative creed.
And yet you fail to understand,
That God is what we need!

Poem written by father of Rachel Scott,
Victim of the Columbine High School shootings
Littleton, Colorado, 1999
Recited before Congress

CHURCH IN BEREAVEMENT

The congregation of Independent Presbyterian Church extends sincere sympathy to:

... *Mrs. Katherine Chisholm and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chisholm, Jr.* and family on the death of Katherine's sister, *Frances Foster*, who passed away on Sunday, December 23, 2012, in Anderson, SC.

... *Dr. and Mrs. Robert Loyd* and family on the death of Bob's mother, *Dolores Harrison Loyd*, who passed away on Monday, December 31, 2012, in St. Louis, MO.

... *Mrs. Carol Goodwin* and family on the death of her stepmother, *Marlene Douglas*, who passed away on Saturday, January 5, 2013, in Savannah, GA.

... *Mr. and Mrs. Hal Ambos* and family on the death of Hal's grandmother, *Mildred Crabb Hartfield Ambos*, who passed away on Friday, January 11, 2013, in Savannah, GA.

... *Mr. and Mrs. Brad Waller* and family on the death of Brad's aunt, *Shelby Jean Potter*, who passed away on Thursday, January 10, 2013, in Belleview, FL.

... *Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fletcher* and family on the death of Bob's mother, *Maude Fletcher*, who passed away on Saturday, January 19, 2013, in Charleston, SC.

... *Miss Lauren Cartularo* and family on the death of her grandfather, *Herbert E. Rother*, who passed away on Saturday, January 19, 2013, in Conshohocken, PA.

In Memoriam

Barbara Matthews Wall
Entered the Lord's presence
Tuesday, January 5, 2013
"Blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord."
Revelation 14:13



BIRTHS

Congratulations to:

... *Mr. and Mrs. Brian Williams (Laura)* on the birth of their daughter, *Claire Lilley Williams*, born Wednesday, January 9, 2013.

... *CAPT and Mrs. Jeffrey Paul (Stacie)* on the birth of their son, *Wesley Hamilton Paul*, who was born, October 11, 2012 in Ft. Leonard Wood, MS.

SIGNIFICANT SESSIONAL ACTIONS

FOR JANUARY _____

1. Approval was given for Associate Pastor Foster to visit Scotland for 4 to 6 weeks to fulfill a pastoral/preaching assignment with the Free Church of Scotland.
2. Approval was given to use the "IPC Day Camp" checking account for all expenses associated with the annual camp sponsored by Independent Presbyterian Church.
3. Approval was given for the 2013 operating budget.
4. Approval was given for Associate Minister Waller to travel to Orlando, Florida, to visit with Burke Parksons at St. Andrews Chapel to discuss ministry philosophy.
5. Approval was given for the wedding of Mr. Richard Sasnett and Miss Taite Quinn at Independent Presbyterian Church for May 4, 2013.
6. Approval was given for the baptism of Wesley Hamilton Paul, son of CAPT and Mrs. Jeffrey A. Paul for March 3, 2013.
7. Approval was given to relieve Deacon Bill Breazeale from his Diaconate duties for the remainder of 2013.



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LIKENESS OF GOD, THE MORE THE IMAGE OF
GOD SHINES IN HIM. IN ORDER THAT BELIEVERS
MAY REACH THIS GOAL, GOD ASSIGNS THEM A
RACE OF REPENTANCE, WHICH THEY ARE TO
RUN THROUGHOUT THEIR LIVES."

— John Calvin
Institutes of the Christian Religion:
Book 3, Chapter 3, Section 9, page 71

CHANGES IN ADDRESS

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APPRECIATION

Dear IPC Members,

Thank you for the wonderful 10th anniversary remembrance over the Christmas holiday. The bouquet was magnificent and was beautiful in our home for many weeks after the holiday. Thank you also to the Sanctuary Choir and to all the children's choirs for the generous Christmas gifts. My 10 years at IPC have gone swiftly. It is a true honor and privilege for me to serve on the staff of this church. Your kindness is most appreciated.

Sincerely,
Kathryn Van Eck



Dear Members and Staff of IPC,

On behalf of my family, thank you for your prayers and many expressions of sympathy with the visits, telephone calls, and the reception following the loss of my mother, Barbara Wall.

You all are a blessing in our lives and we are so very thankful.

Sincerely,
Danny Wall

Dear loving arm of Christ at IPC,

Christ has said that..."Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." And so, your ministering hand has extended to us as our individual needs and cares were and are upon us. I humbly thank you—each of you—for your prayers, your love, care, cards, calls, and, nourishing meals that brought comfort to us in so many ways. Your help extended to our daughter, Anne Catherine, as she was taking care of her daddy and helping me during and after my surgery. This allowed everything to flow smoothly so as to continue Bob's care.

Our blessings are many—one of which to have been brought to this church and Christ's body. For all this, we praise God, we thank you and give you our love. May the blessings of our Lord be ever with us all in all ways and, particularly, in and through IPC and it's ministries.

In Christ,
Sylvia Wickwire

MISSIONS CONFERENCE

IPC's Annual Missions Conference is scheduled for March 7-10. We look forward to our guests: Al and Wini Baker, Stan and Donna Armes, Peter and Diane Bakelaar, and Mike Bertucci. It is a joy to be able to visit with some of the missionaries we support.

The Church Extension Committee has been hard at work planning the conference and needs your help. Our visiting missionaries will require housing and/or transportation for the weekend. If you are able to provide either one of these needs, would you please contact Amy Martin at 897-2214 or amartin@ipcav.org? We also need some families to host our missionaries for Sunday lunch after church. Thank you so much for your generous hospitality!

THE CHURCH BUDGET AND GIVING

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

	Total received	Over/Short
January	\$ 117,235	(\$39, 227)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

THE LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE

We will celebrate The Lord's Supper in our evening service on Sunday, February 3, 2013. The congregation is encouraged to use all appointed means, public and private, to come to the Lord's Table, depending upon God for the gracious preparation of the heart, according to His promise (Psalm 10:1).

PRIMES' VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON

Our annual luncheon will be held on Friday, February 15 (11:30 a.m.) at the Savannah Golf Club, 1661 E. President Street. Cost per person is \$12.00. Please make a separate check payable to IPC (note PRIMES' luncheon) and place it in the offering plate. The program will consist of a short devotional and special music. Deadline for reservations is Monday, February 11.

GEORGIA HERITAGE SUNDAY

We will observe our church's heritage in our Georgia Heritage Service on Sunday morning, February 10. Members and friends are encouraged to wear colonial costumes or Scottish attire. Our tartan banners will be displayed. Bagpipers and IPC's Scout Troop #876 will participate.

CARE GROUP #8

Everyone in John Garnett's Care Group #8 is invited to a pot-luck luncheon on Sunday, February 10, in the Fellowship Hall, immediately following the morning service. Meat and drinks will be provided. Care Group members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Please contact Tevis Garnett (354-7172) to R.S.V.P.

READING CLUB

Men, the reading club will meet on February 28. Bring your brown-bag lunch and join Reverends Parrish and Johnson in the Admin. Bldg., in the upstairs corner classroom, at noon. The second assignment: read *Institutes*, I. viii.5-I. xiii. 13, pages 85-138.

GALATIANS

Listen to: A Look at the Book of Galatians with Pastor Terry Johnson by kevcast; aired on Friday, December 21, 2012:

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/kevcast/2012/12/21/a-look-at-the-book-of-galatians-with-pastor-terry-johnson>

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, February 17, 2013. You will be receiving a copy of the 2012 Annual Report in the mail. Please bring it with you to the meeting.

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WOMEN MENTORING WOMEN

Women Mentoring Women Bible Study will meet on Tuesdays, 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 will meet 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 February 12, 2013, at the home of Mrs. Melba Edenfield, 111 Country Club Drive, 897-4052.

THURSDAY MORNING CIRCLE

The Thursday Morning Circle will meet on February 14, 2013, 10:30 a.m., at the home of Mrs. Susan Mullinix, 103 Baymeadow Point (231-8885).

FRIDAY MORNING CIRCLE

A circle meeting open to all ladies of Independent Presbyterian Church will meet on Friday, February 8. Please join us as we study *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.

GARMER BIBLE STUDY

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

IPC DAY CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This summer we will bring 20 underprivileged children from the Urban Hope Ministries to Day Camp. This scholarship program will be at a cost of \$135 per child for a total of \$2,700. If you'd like to sponsor a child or contribute in any way to this scholarship fund, please contact Frankie Daniell (236-3346).

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jerry Campbell
- 3 Don Knoche
Sarah Brodmann
James Stevens
- 4 Ethan Crowe 
John Rigby
Joseph Forgeng
James Gray
James Scott
- 5 Pat Adams
Charles Brown
Matthew Van Grouw
- 6 Natalie Bauer
- 7 Pam Dykema

- John Copeland
- Jane Eliza Chisholm
- Gordon Hassing
- Gus Morgan
- 8 Jennifer Daniell 
- Jim Van Grouw
- 10 Patricia Thomas
- 11 Matthew Moore
- 12 Miranda Gibson
- 13 Evan McKee
Elliot Moody
- 14 Gilbert Donaldson, Sr.
Dexter Brewer

- Emily Stevens
- 15 Wyatt Nolen
Jim Woods
- 16 Mark Holyfield
- 18 James Shadforth
Emily Moody 
- Mark Nyce
- 19 Beth Brown
Bryan Wade
- 20 Kenda Williams
- 21 Jason Helton
- 22 Jack Childress, Jr.
Wils Childress

- Sandra Helton
- Jim Hill
- 24 Mitchell Waters
Thomas Nyce
Jake Pack
- 25 Judith Rushing
Sarah Copeland
- 26 Tevis Garnett 
Grace Hunnings
Bill Bowers
- 27 Lauren Cartularo
- 28 Melissa McAlpine
Bubba Moore

IPC PRESS PUBLICATIONS

Sermon Booklets and CDs/Tapes

- The Gospel of Matthew (257)
- The Gospel of Mark (75)
- The Gospel of Luke
- The Gospel of John (104)
- The Acts of the Apostles (72)
- The Epistle to the Galatians (44)
- 1, 2, & 3 Epistles of John (21)
- The Epistle to the Philippians

Sermon CDs/Tapes

- Survey of the Old Testament* (140+)
(Genesis through 2 Kings)
- Job*
- Proverbs 1-9*
- The Prophecy of Daniel* (17)
- Joel*
- Obadiah*
- Jonah*
- Habakkuk*
- The Epistle to the Romans*
- The Epistle to the Ephesians* (35)
- The Epistle to the Colossians*
- 1 & 2 Epistles to the Thessalonians*
- 1 & 2 Timothy*
- Titus*
- Philemon*
- Hebrews*
- James*
- 1 Peter* (in process)
- Jude*
- The Seven Last Words of Christ* (7)
- The Church and Revival* (8)
- Primary Christian Beliefs* (10)

*Available in CD or tapes only (CD's are \$3.00 ea. + postage)

Other CDs/DVDs

- Officers' Training (13)
- Inquirers' Class (7)

Other Publications

- Galatians (new)* 26.00
- Trinity Psalter* 7.00
- Trinity Psalter Music Edition* 20.00
- The Family Worship Book* 15.00
- When Grace Comes Home* 11.00
- When Grace Transforms* 11.00
- When Grace Comes Alive* 11.00
- Reformed Worship: Worship that Is According to Scripture* 9.00
- The Case For Traditional Protestantism* 11.00
- Give Praise to God* 22.50
- The Pastor's Public Ministry* 8.00
- The Parables of Jesus* 15.00
- A Sacramental Catechism* 20.00
- Dear Timothy* 15.00

- Psalms of the Trinity Psalter CD; Vols. I & II* 13.00 ea.
- The Splendor of Grace* 25.00

Pamphlets

- Abortion and the Christian Church \$0.50
- Abortion, Human Nature, & Law .50
- Catechizing Our Children Free
- Childrearing in a Hostile Culture (revised & expanded) 2.00
- Examine Yourself .50
- God Gave Us Bodies: Asceticism and Aesthetics
in the Christian Community .50
- Living Wisely .50
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- Observing the Sabbath .50
- On the Matter of Church Discipline .50
- Outlines on Christian Liberty .70
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- Memorization Program for Children Free
- The Educational Crisis .50
- Your Child's Admission to the Lord's Table Free
- Reflecting God's Character: The Story of Renee Hutton .50
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- Scotland, Psalms and the Garden of Good & Evil .50
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- Television and the Christian .50
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- The Kind of Government We Want .50
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- The Lord's Supper: The Epitome of the Christian Religion .50
- The Night & His Betrayal (new) .50
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- "The Stones Cry Out": A Theological Tour of the Independent
Presbyterian Church .50
- Things to Come 3.00
- What Is Man? .50
- Who We Are .50
- Why Plant & Grow PCA Churches .50
- Worship and Music Today 2.00
- Worship, Theology & Ministry 1.00

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- IPC Church—Sheila House© limited reproduction 15.00

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For Prayer & Participation February 4 - 8

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| Mon, Feb. 3 | 7:00 p.m. | Boy Scout Troop #876, Pt. Pleasant |
| Tues, Feb. 4 | 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, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Brown, Sr., 205 Wheeler Street |
| Wed, Feb. 5 | 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, Fellowship Hall |
| Thurs, Feb. 6 | 7:00 p.m. | IPC Twenties, Whitaker Street Bldg., 3 rd Fl. |
| Fri, Feb. 8 | 5:30 p.m. | Youth Choir Party, at the home of the Van Ecks, 20 Off Shore Road |

Assisting Us in Worship • February 3

GREETERS
FRONT DOOR Elder & Mrs. D. Marting
NORTH SIDE B. Brodmann
CENTER AISLE D. Boatright
SOUTH SIDE T. Barrett
WOC Greeter B. Forester

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
GREETER**
ELDER B. Austin

USHERS
CHAIRMAN D. Goeser
FRONT DOOR M. Hazeltine
INNER DOOR T. Fruit
CENTER AISLE V. Buchman & C. DePue
LEFT AISLE G. Brunson
RIGHT AISLE W. Brodmann
BALCONY1 D. Pierce
SECURITY/BAL2 .. B. Baxley & T. MacMillan
AM AUDIO R. Hinely
PM AUDIO J. Rigby
EVENINGS M. Dusek & B. Williams

**SUNDAY SUPPER SET-UP &
CLEAN-UP**

D. Gobel's Care Group #1

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH
WORKER:** N. Bauer

SUNDAY READ-A-LOUD:
7:00 p.m. Youth

MORNING SERVICE

"THE MAJESTY OF GOD"

Luke 9:37-43a

Rev. Terry Johnson

EVENING SERVICE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

"MORE THAN CONQUERORS"

Esther 9, 10

Rev. Terry Johnson

MEAL MENU

Sunday, February 03, 2013

Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Sauteed Green Beans
Garden Salad with Ranch Dressing
Yeast Rolls
Pumpkin Cake

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

Fish & Chips
Greek Burgers
Steak Fries
Molasses Crinkle Cookies

Menu subject to change