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PREACHING THE POINT

What is the meaning of Psalm 1? The psalmist describes the “blessed man” as one who, on the positive side, meditates on the law of God day and night, becomes like a tree planted by streams of water, and bears fruit and prospers. On the negative side, he doesn’t walk, stand, or sit with the ungodly.

There is a school of preaching, called “redemptive-historical,” that has done much good in restoring “Christ-centered” preaching to our pulpits. I know something about Christ-centered preaching, I’ve written on the subject (see my *The Parables of Jesus*, chapter 2, “The Bible is About Jesus,” pp 29-39; and also *The Case for Traditional Protestantism*, chapter 3, “Solo Christo,” pp 47-74). More importantly, I have devoted Sunday mornings for the last 26 years to Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Acts, the latter of which the “glorious physician” bills as “all that Jesus *continued* to do and teach” (Acts 1:1). Once every 3-4 years I’ve interrupted my gospels & Acts preaching to do an epistle. Otherwise, nearly *all of my Sunday morning preaching for a quarter of a century has been devoted to what Jesus did and taught*, from right out of gospel texts. Calvin taught me this pattern of ministry. I concur with those who emphasize that “nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified” is the message of “all the Scriptures” (1 Cor 2:2; Lk 24:27).

However, the disciples of this school do what many disciples do: they go too far. Let me cite some examples — they typically will preach Psalm 1 as “Jesus is the Blessed Man.” The problem with this is that Psalm 1 is not about Jesus. The first Psalm is the “gateway” psalm teaching us the rewards of Bible study and meditation. It is a wisdom Psalm that exhorts and encourages us to be students of the psalter specifically and of all Scripture more generally. One might want to show in one’s sermon how Jesus is the best illustration of what it means to be this blessed man, though because the New Testament never portrays Jesus meditating on Scripture that might be a problem. Still, Jesus learned the Bible somewhere

(in the synagogue probably) and used it mightily in battle with His foes (e.g. Mt 4:1ff; 21:33-34; 22:23-40; etc.). A preacher might also want to demonstrate that Jesus is the central message of that Scripture upon which Psalm 1 would have us meditate. However, the point of the Psalm is the importance of *our* meditating upon Scripture. To make “Jesus is the blessed man” the point is to miss the point, however true it might be. What difference does it make? We always miss out when we make the point of a passage something other than that which the Holy Spirit was intending when He inspired its inclusion in the canon.

Let’s take another example, the “Beatitudes” (Mt 5:3ff). What is the meaning of the Beatitudes? Some redemptive-historical preachers tell us that the point of Matthew 5:3-12 is that Jesus is the Beautiful One. The Beatitudes are about the character of Jesus. Note, they are not saying merely that Jesus is the best illustration of the Beatitudes. That is a perfectly valid and important point to make. Neither are they merely saying that Jesus alone can transform us so that we may become characterized by the Beatitudes. This too is an important point that should and must be made. I say both of these things in *Grace Transformed*, my book on the Beatitudes (e.g. pp 25-35, 104-108, 139ff, etc.). No, they say that the point is that Jesus’ life embodies the Beatitudes. He teaches the Beatitudes so that we’ll notice that they are His characteristics. He alone fulfills them, and don’t miss this point, *we no longer have to fulfill them because He has done so on our behalf*.

I say, to make that *the* point is to miss the point. The Beatitudes are set in Matthew 5-7, the largest single portion of ethical teaching found in the four gospels. Jesus there is teaching His disciples the ethics or character of the kingdom of God. Jesus is the best model of the ideals, and Jesus alone enables us to realize them in our own experience. Yet, *the* point of these ideals is that we are to aspire to embody them ourselves not that Jesus fulfills these ideals for us.

One more example: the Good Samaritan. These preachers will say that the point of the parable is that “Jesus is the Good Samaritan.” Again, they are not saying merely that Jesus best illustrates the Good Samaritan, a valid and important point to make. Neither are they saying merely that we cannot become

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PREACHING THE POINT

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like the Good Samaritan without the grace of the Holy Spirit, another necessary and vital emphasis. Indeed, I make both of these points in my book on *The Parables of Jesus* (302-307), and again recently in our sermon series on Luke's gospel. No, they say the point is that Jesus is the Good Samaritan who fulfills the ideals of the parable on our behalf. Because of the "finished work of Christ" we are liberated from the burden of being Good Samaritans, which we could never be because of our sin. This, I say, is to miss the point, which is this case Jesus makes explicit: "You go, and do likewise" (Lk 10:37). *The point of the parable is the one Jesus makes.* We are to love our neighbors as ourselves, which means to behave towards our neighbors as did the Good Samaritan.

The problem with the redemptive-historical extremists is three-fold. First, the ethical thrust of the New Testament, which is not inconsiderable, disappears. All preaching becomes about Jesus and the cross, that is, about justification by faith. Everything else is a footnote to justification. As a consequence, preaching becomes predictable, cliché, and boring. Flights of redemptive-historical fancy become commonplace, as texts are twisted to say what they do not say, forced to teach what they do not teach, while what they do teach is lost.

This latter comment is our second issue with the extremes of redemptive-historical preaching. The reason why the Holy Spirit gave particular passages to the church vanishes in the "grand narrative" as the plan of redemption is rehearsed. Not only do indicatives swallow-up imperatives, but critical themes regarding God, creation, providence, the Holy Spirit, the fight of faith, and so on, are muted, and the people of God lose the lesson that God intended from the text itself.

Third, all non-redemptive-historical preaching comes under the sharp criticism of the movement's more enthusiastic disciples. Unless they hear the preacher repeating the redemptive-historical formulas, they'll accuse him of "moralism" or legalism or worse. Some of them even disparage "application" as "law" or at least something other than gospel, which they limit to the

announcement of what Jesus has done, period. For them even the call to repentance is "law." As I noted at the outset, I've spent most of the last 26 years of Sunday mornings preaching on what Jesus said and did straight from the gospels and Acts. In my case (not to get defensive about it) I have read the best of the modern evangelical scholars who've written the Gospels and Acts (e.g. Leon Morris, I. H. Marshall, F. F. Bruce, D. A. Carson, John Stott, etc.), as well as the older Reformed commentators (e.g. Calvin, Matthew Henry, J. C. Ryle), and quoted and footnoted these sources in my sermon manuscripts to show that my interpretation is that of the best evangelical and Reformed thinkers, past and present. How can one get more Christ-centered than that? No matter. Redemptive-historical devotees still are not satisfied. They will say: "You can preach out of the gospels and still not be Christ-Centered"! This illustrates how narrowly they construct their concept of "Christ-centered." One can preach every Sunday for decades (with time out for sermons on the incarnation and resurrection for Christmas and Easter) from Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Acts, and they're still not satisfied. It has been said by redemptive-historical zealots of the best preachers in the PCA (you would know their names) that they "don't preach the gospel!"

The task of the preacher is to preach his text, not pull Christ out of the text like a magician pulling a rabbit out of a hat. Of course all Christian preachers should establish where his text stands in light of Christ and interpret it accordingly. Our Richmond Hill church planter states this principle in relation to preaching from the four gospels as well as I've seen it put: Regarding Jesus' ethical teaching, he says, we must not "miss the Savior who is heading to the cross to make all of His teaching powerfully effective in the lives of His redeemed and forgiven people." Still faithful preachers are to honor the purpose of the author in *writing* the text and the Holy Spirit in *inspiring* the text by preaching its message first and foremost, by making *its* point *his* point.

—Terry Johnson

THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNION SEASON

AUGUST 8 – 11

Our third annual “Communion Season” begins on Thursday, August 8, and continues through Sunday, August 11. There will be four services that lead up to and include the observance of the Lord’s Supper on Sunday morning. Our visiting preacher will be Rev. Dr. Ian Hamilton. He will bring a series of sermons on “Knowing Christ.” These messages will focus on the person, work, and character of the risen Christ as it relates to this season of intensified focus upon the Lord’s Supper.

Ian Hamilton has been the pastor of Cambridge Presbyterian Church, England (EPCEW) since July 1999. He graduated from Edinburgh University in 1979 and previously ministered at Loudoun Church of Scotland, Newmilns, Scotland. He is married to Joan and they have four children and one granddaughter. He is a Trustee of the Banner of Truth Trust and serves on the Board of Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and as an Adjunct Professor.

The Lord’s Supper is a visible sermon of the gospel. It visually represents the death of Christ and assures us of his love and forgiveness. As he affirms his love to us, we affirm our faith in Christ. Just as ordinary food nourishes our physical bodies, so also the bread and the cup nourish our spiritual souls. We are privileged to participate in this meal until the Lord comes again. When Christ instituted the Lord’s Supper, he instructed his disciples to carry on this ordinance “in remembrance” of him.

Please pray that this “communion season” will be a time of revival for our congregation. We will begin each evening session with a meal from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The service will follow from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The Sunday services will meet at the regular times. All sessions except Sunday evening will be held downtown. Please use the reservation form in the bulletin or call the church office to make your reservations.

—Tim Foster



COMMUNION SEASON 2013 with

Rev. Dr. Ian Hamilton

Schedule of Events

Thursday, August 8

5:30-6:30 p.m.
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Evening meal in the Fellowship Hall
Session 1 - Sanctuary
“The Majestic Christ” - Matthew 26:17-46

Friday, August 9

5:30-6:30 p.m.
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Evening meal in the Fellowship Hall
Session 2 - Sanctuary
“The Submissive Christ” - Matthew 26:47-27:2

Saturday, August 10

5:30-6:30 p.m.
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Evening meal in the Fellowship Hall
Session 3 - Sanctuary
“The Covenantal Christ” - Matthew 27:11-44

Sunday, August 11

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Adult Sunday School - Mary Telfair Chapel
“John Calvin, Reformed Sacramentalist”

11:00 a.m.

Morning Worship - Sanctuary
“The Abandoned Christ” - Matthew 27:45-66

5:30 p.m.

Evening Worship - Point Pleasant
“The Risen and Reigning Christ” - Matthew 28:1-20

6:45- p.m.

Evening meal

*All sessions will be held in the Sanctuary, unless otherwise noted
A nursery and activities for children are available for all sessions above*
For information and reservations, call 912-236-3346

NOON SERVICE WILL NOT MEET

During our Communion Season week, the Noon Service will not meet on August 7. It will resume on August 15.

FAMILY CORNER

AUGUST 2013

YEARS 11 – 15

PSALM OF THE MONTH

PSALM 35:1-8

- 1 Plead, Lord, against contending foes,
And fight with them who fight with me.
- 2 Take hold of buckler and of shield;
Rise up and my defender be.
- 3 Draw out the spear and stop the way
Against the men pursuing me;
And to my soul in mercy say,
“I am salvation unto Thee.”
- 4 Let those who seek to take my soul
Themselves be humbled, shamed of face;
Let them be thwarted and turned back
Who are devising my disgrace.
- 5 Let them be chaff before the wind,
Jehovah’s angel driving them;
- 6 All dark and slipp’ry be their way,
Jehovah’s angel chasing them.
- 7 Without a cause their net they hid
To take me in the pit prepared.
Without a cause they dug a pit
In which my soul might be ensnared.
- 8 Let him the unexpected meet;
Let him be caught within the snare
Which he has spread for other feet,
And fall to desolation there.

TUNE: HAMBURG LM (35A)
 (“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”)
 or GIFT OF LOVE LM

YEARS 1 – 10 HYMN OF THE MONTH “GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS”

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside!

Refrain

TUNE: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10.ref.
William M. Runyan, 1923

Psalm 35 Summary

“They hated without a cause,” Jesus explained to His disciples, citing Psalm 35:19 in order to explain to His disciples the world’s hatred of Him (John 15:25; cf Psalm 69:4, Psalm 109:3). “Lord, how long?” the Psalmist cries amidst afflictions suffered at the hands of his enemies (verse 17). Yet he is confident that his vindication will come (verses 27,28). While we must “take heed to applying it to any little peevish quarrels and enmities of our own,” as Matthew Henry says, yet we may comfort ourselves with its hope of vindication for the righteous, and for the whole kingdom of God.

“This Psalm belongs to a time when enmity and suffering were seemingly endless,” says Motyer. David endured an extended period of time where a gap persisted between the promises of God (of Israel’s throne, an enduring dynasty and accompanying honors) and present realities (persecution, flight, false accusations, unjustified hostility). David prays, but the answer is deferred. Prayer alone is the solution to the crisis, but by prayer we both “submit our needs to the Lord’s resources and also our timetable to His.”

DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

. . .that *Sally Johnson* will be teaching at Veritas Academy this fall?

. . .that *Caroline Boatright* will be teaching 4th Grade at Veritas Academy this fall?

CHANGES IN ADDRESS

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

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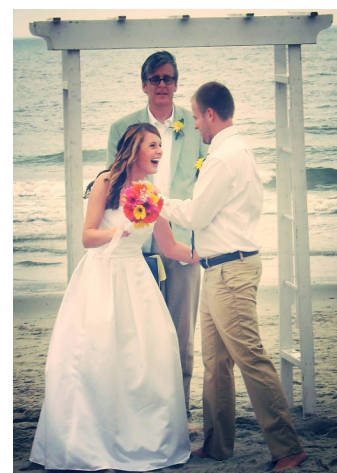
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Wedding Congratulations

. . . to *Mr. and Mrs. Paul Niswander* who were united in marriage Saturday, July 6, 2013 at Bethesda Home for Boys, Savannah, GA. Mrs. Niswander is the former Laurelee Veazey. They will be living in Kentucky.

. . . to *Mr. and Mrs. Ashton Converse* who were united in marriage on Sunday, July 21, 2013, in South Carolina. Mrs. Converse is the former Grace Cannon. They will be living in Beaufort, SC.



APPRECIATION

Dear IPC Family,

I have been truly blessed to have two church families: my church home, Southside Baptist, and IPC, both which seek the glory of God's plan. I have experienced such an outpouring of love from the members of IPC. I just want to thank everyone for all the calls, the cards, the pastor visits, flowers, and most of all, for all your prayers. I have had a great recovery with minimal pain, and pray to see everyone soon.

Sincerely,
Jeff Powell



Dear Church Family at IPC,

Thank you sincerely for the fellowship and friendship that you shared with us during our years in Savannah. You have truly been a family to us through many life changes, especially the birth of our daughter Claire. Our move back to Texas has been wonderful for our extended family, as Claire's grandparents and great-grandparents are thrilled about the time they have been able to spend with her. Still, we dearly miss each of you and the worship, teaching and discipleship we experienced and received at IPC. Our lives are changed because of it. We ask for your prayers as we look toward joining a church home here in Austin. We hope to see all of you over the Labor Day weekend when we plan to bring Claire back to IPC for her baptism.

In Christ,
Laura and Brian Williams



Dear IPC church staff, leaders, & Congregation,

Many thanks to all of you for your generous hospitality to our church's Vacation Bible School ministry to our community! I am so happy that so many of your children were a part of that amazing week! We at Christ Church Anglican greatly appreciate your partnership and support in ministry.

Sincerely,
Meg Welch

STUDENT MINISTRIES



END OF SUMMER COOKOUT AND FALL KICK OFF

Join us for an end-of-summer cookout and Fall Kick Off at the Johnsons' home (110 Lee Boulevard), on Tuesday, August 13, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Come and meet Paul Rodgers, our new Youth Director.

YOUTH CHOIR

Saturday, August 3, there will be a cookout/pool party at the Van Ecks, 20 Off Shore Road (Wilmington Island), from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. to Mrs. Van Eck at 897-8569 by August 2. If you are in the Youth Choir or interested in checking out choir, this fun event is for you. Food will be provided.



PAUL RODGERS

The Session is pleased to announce the hiring of Mr. Paul Rodgers as our Director of Student Ministries. He will begin his new duties on August 1. Paul is married to Jan and they have four children: Sarah Blake (12), Drew (10), Marley (8) and William (5). He is a graduate of Valdosta State University with a B. A. in Philosophy; He has also completed work toward a Masters degree in Higher Education Student Services at Georgia Southern University.

Paul previously served as the Director of Student Ministries at the Trinity Presbyterian Church (PCA), Montgomery, AL; Campus Director For Campus Outreach at Francis Marion University; Director of Collegiate Ministries at the Eastwood Presbyterian Church (PCA), Montgomery, AL. Since 2011 he has served as the Director of Student Ministries at the Park Avenue United Methodist Church in Valdosta, GA.

We are very pleased to have someone with Paul's experience and dedication to serve with us in ministry to our youth and families. Please be in prayer for Paul that God will use him as he assists our parents in their task to disciple their covenant children. A welcome reception for the Rodgers' family is being planned for a Sunday evening after our return downtown.

BEACH VOLUNTEER DAY AT FRESH AIR HOME

15 youth, 7 college/singles, and 5 adults turned out on Saturday, July 13, to build a swing-set for Fresh Air Home on Tybee Beach. Here are some of the pics from this summer's mission project in which our youth were involved. Looks like they did a great job!



UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- August 3 Youth Choir Pool Party at the Van Ecks, 3:00 p.m.
- August 8-10 3rd Annual Communion Season —We will not meet on August 7.
- August 13 Cookout at the Johnsons (Tuesday night), 6:30 p.m.
- August 21 Start up of Wednesday Night Youth Group, 6:00 p.m.
- September 1 Low Country Boil at Point Pleasant, 5:30 p.m.
- September 8 PM Services return downtown
- September 15 Youth Choir begins at 4:00 p.m.

COMING EVENTS



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Annual Low Country Boil
Sunday, September 1
Point Pleasant – 5:30 p.m.

**Ordination and
 Installation Service**
 for
Soren Kornegay
Sunday,
September 22
 Reception to follow



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Sunday, September 8
Services return downtown
and Lord's Supper in PM Service

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Welcome SCAD/College
Sunday and Luncheon
Sunday, September 15
Fellowship Hall - 12:15 p.m.



WOC Luncheon-Tea
Saturday, September 21
Point Pleasant – 10:00 a.m.

RUF begins September 18

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Fall Inquirers' Class
begins Sunday, September 29
9:30 a.m.
Mary Telfair Chapel

CHARLES SIMEON ON SANCTIFICATION

From the passage before us, we may in the next place, offer a reproof to those who would abuse the Gospel. We have already acknowledged, and with deep grief we confess it, that there are some persons professedly of Antinomian principles, who are so occupied with contemplating what Christ has wrought out for them, that they cannot bestow a thought on what he has engaged to work in them. To speak of holiness, or any point of duty, they account low, and legal: yea, they think that Christ has by his own obedience to the law superseded the necessity of holiness in us; and that the whole work of salvation is so finished by him, that there remains nothing to be done by us, nothing of repentance for sin, nothing of obedience to God's commands, but solely to maintain confidence in the provisions of God's everlasting Covenant, and to rejoice in God as our God and portion.

Shocking as these sentiments are, they have been professed of late to a great extent; and many have been deceived by them: but, to show how unscriptural they are, we need only refer to the character of David, as drawn in the words of our text: Does he discard the law as a rule of life? Does he pour contempt upon the precepts of God as unworthy of his notice? No: throughout all his Psalms he speaks of them as objects of his supreme delight: "O how I love thy law! all the day long is my study in it" (Ps 119:97). "I love thy precepts above gold; they are sweeter to me than honey and the honey-comb" (Ps 19:9-11). To the same effect St. Paul also speaks: "I consent unto the law that it is good" (Rom 7:16), and again, "I delight in the law of God after the inward man!" (Rom 7:22).

... It is our privilege, doubtless, to trace all our mercies up to his everlasting love, and to view them all as secured to us by covenant and by oath: but then it is no less our privilege to fulfil God's will, and to resemble the holy angels, of whom it is said, that "they do his commandments, hearkening to the voice of his word." Beware then lest ye ever be led off from this ground. Rejoice in the Lord Jesus Christ, as the propitiation for your sins, as your all-prevailing Advocate, and as your living Head: but, whilst you believe in him, and love him, and rejoice in him, let your faith, and love, and joy, stimulate you to a holy and unreserved obedience. If he has "set your heart at liberty," let the effect be to "make you run with more enlargement the way of his commandments."

Horae Homileticae
Vol. 6: Psalms, LXXIII-CL (pp. 350-364), 1836
(my emphasis)

ON FAMILY WORSHIP

"Plead not your own weakness and inability to perform family worship; make use of the helps that are provided for you: do as you can when you cannot do so well as you would, and God will accept of you."

—Matthew Henry
(1662-1714)

"A Church in the House: A Sermon Concerning Family Religion," in *Works*, Vol. 1, (263)

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

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

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

MUSIC MINISTRY



THE FOLLOWING IS THE AUGUST SCHEDULE FOR THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Rehearsals for WOMEN'S Chorus—all women welcome:

August 7 & August 14 (6:30-8:30 p.m.)
singing: August 11 & 18

Rehearsals for MEN'S Chorus—all men welcome:

August 21 & 28 (6:30-8:30 p.m.)
singing: August 25 & Sept. 1

Full choir rehearsals begin. (Men & Women)
September 4 (6:30-8:30 p.m.)

ATTENTION PARENTS

ALL Parents of children 1st-6th grades, please meet me for a very brief meeting on Sunday evening, August 25, at 7:00 p.m., at Point Pleasant.

NOTICES ABOUT OUR CHOIRS

The **Chime Choir** will be directed again this year by Mrs. Susan Mullinix. Chime Choir is for children 2nd-6th grades and meets from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon, second floor of the Axson Building. Watch for starting times in the September Messenger.

Handbell Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 18, 5:30-6:30 p.m., under the direction of Mrs. Edith Brunson. Please bring your calendars to the first rehearsal.

THE DATES SET UP FOR RINGING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- November 24 — PM service (Thanksgiving)
- December 15 — PM service (Lessons and Carols)
- April 13 — AM service (Palm Sunday)
- April 17 — PM service (Maundy Thursday)

The **Youth Choir** will have a cook-out/pool party on August 3 from 3:00-7:00pm. The address is 20 Off Shore, Savannah. (Wilmington Island) Please R.S.V.P. at 897-3178 by August 2.

If you are interested in checking Youth Choir out, this fun event is for you. Food will be provided.

Youth Choir will begin rehearsals on September 15, 4:00-5:00 p.m., in the Choir Room.

Chapel Choir (2nd-6th grades) will begin rehearsals on September 15. We will start with warm-ups and end with ice cream. Save room!

This year, the Chapel Choir will once again have the opportunity to earn a medal to be worn at the Lessons and Carols Service. Consistent attendance is a **MUST** for this medal. Of the 13 Sunday evening rehearsals before the Lessons and Carols Service, students must attend a minimum of 9 rehearsals to wear a medal.

Just a reminder that if your child is NOT at Chapel Choir, he/she must be under parental supervision after the evening service.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 4 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) — Sanctuary Choir begins

September 15 (4:00-5:00 p.m.) — Youth Choir begins
(7th grade and beyond)

September 15 (7:00-7:45 p.m.) — Chapel Choir begins
(2nd-6th grades)

September 18 (5:30-6:30 p.m.) — Handbell Choir begins

Please prayerfully consider how you can serve by being a choir member this year. August is a good month to give choir a try. The Women's and Men's Choirs are only for two weeks, and it is a great time to see what choir is all about. Please join us.

In Christ's Service,
Kathryn Van Eck

PSALMS AND HYMNS OF THE MONTH

Parents, encourage your child to sing the first stanzas of the Psalms and Hymns of the Month for Years 1-10 and Years 11-15 for the first half of 2013. Your child can recite to Mrs. Van Eck after the evening service.

Memorization Achievement

Congratulations to *Emma Grace Brodmann, Sarah Catherine Brodmann, Mary Elizabeth Brodmann,* and *Jack Benjamin Brodmann* for successfully completing Level One of our memorization reciting, word perfect, the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and the Apostle's Creed.

Compliments to all of these children on a job well done!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

THE LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE

The Lord's Supper will be observed during our morning service on August 11. 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).

MEN'S READING CLUB

The Men's reading club will meet on Thursday, August 1, (assignment to read is: *Institutes*, II.viii.35–II.xi.14, pages 401–464) and August 29 (assignment to read is: *Institutes*, II.xii.I–II.xvii.6, pages 464–534). Bring your brown-bag lunch and join Reverends Parrish and Johnson in the Administration. Bldg., in the upstairs corner classroom, at noon.

HOMEMADE ICE CREAM

If you would like to provide churned homemade ice cream (your favorite flavor) for dessert for our Annual Low Country Boil on September 1, please call Tricia Barrett at 376-2506.



OFFICERS' TRAINING

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

The studies will be held on Wednesday nights, 5:30–7:30, beginning August 7 through November 6, meeting in the Administration Building in the 2nd Floor Classroom (above the Senior Minister's office).

SESSION/DIACONATE

The regular meeting for Session will be held on Monday, August 19, at 5:30 p.m. in the Administrative Building and the Diaconate will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Whitaker Building. They will have a joint meeting at 6:30 p.m.

GARMER BIBLE STUDY

Please take note: the Garmer Bible Study will not meet on Tuesday, July 30 or during the month of August. It will resume on September 3.

THE CHURCH BUDGET AND GIVING

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

	Total received	Over/Short
1st Quarter	\$ 436,947	(\$ 32,439)
2nd Quarter	\$ 444,370	(\$ 25,016)
July*	\$ 90,502	(\$ 26,845)
Total	\$ 971,819	(\$ 84,300)

* 3 weeks only

ISLAND'S CIRCLE

The Island's Circle, which formerly met on the third Friday of the month, will be meeting on the third Thursday of the month this year (except for the first meeting only which will be the fourth Thursday, Sept. 26th). We will meet at the home of Fef Nolen 102 Paxton Drive from 9:30 to 11:00, and we are studying the book, *Idols of the Heart* by Elyse Fitzpatrick. This book can be ordered from *Amazon.com* or *wtsbooks.com*. Babysitting will be provided at the home of Pam Wiggins at 152 Cardinal Rd. (one block away). Please call Pam at 354-4841 if you plan to drop off children. Please call Fef at 856-4813 for directions. Contact Peggy Marting at 598-8970 or peggymarting@bellsouth.net for any other questions.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study will begin meeting again on Tuesday, September 3, at 10:00 a.m. on the 3rd floor of the Whitaker Street Building. All ladies of the church are invited to join us. We will be studying the book of Romans this year and Study Guides will be available in the church office sometime the last week of August. A nursery is provided. For more information contact Peggy Marting at peggymarting@bellsouth.net or 598-8970 or contact Judy Daniel at fjdanelli@att.net or 356-1202.

PARENTS' MEETING FOR CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

All parents of children 1st grade through 6th grade, please meet (area near the piano) for a very brief meeting on Sunday evening, August 25, at 7:00 p.m. at Point Pleasant.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Donna Loyd	10 Robert Saleeby	18 Will DeMott	26 Annie Childress
2 Avant Edenfield	10 Breck Van Puffelen	19 Ryan Davies	27 Hannah Field
2 David Weikert	11 David Goeser	19 Abbie South	27 Leah Nyce
3 Matt Haddad	11 Bill Seymour	19 Caroline Hosey	28 Michael Moore
4 Geoffrey Borgelt	11 Dottie Mitchell	19 Ty Robinson	28 Amy Henderson
4 Grace McAllister	13 Paul Johansen	20 Larry McAlpine	28 Collier Wright
4 Wil Saleeby	13 Rachel Garnett	20 Laura Jackson	29 Debele Maner
5 John McCleskey	13 Debbie Laing	21 Jamie Bates	29 Neal Davis
5 Adam Woernle	14 Walter Hartridge	21 Simon Steward	29 Greg Brunson
6 Patrick Brodmann	15 Emily Polgardi	22 Kirstie Brodmann	29 Caroline Moore
7 Laura Dantin	16 Joan Herbst	23 Cindy Fletcher	29 Graham Shine
7 Andrew Gibson	16 Margie Jones	23 Chris Flanagan	30 Nate Brunson
7 Reid McKee	16 Madeline Klajnbart	23 Michael Helmly	30 William Fuqua
7 Robert Meng	16 David Gross	25 Tom Maganini	30 Ron Morris
9 Pam Maxey	16 Kip Chisholm	25 Hugh Helmly, IV	31 Dale Gibson
9 Jenevieve Forgeng	16 Naomi Flanagan	25 Brenda Simpson	31 David Parrish
10 Carolyn Hodges	17 Charlotte Welch	26 Don McLaurin	

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For Prayer & Participation July 29 - August 3

Mon, July 29	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #876, Pt. Pleasant
Tues, July 30	6:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Olmstead Hall
	8:30 a.m.	Church Staff Meeting, Admin. Bldg., upstairs
	11:30 a.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting, Admin. Bldg.
	7:00 p.m.	Summer RUF/College Bible Study, Whitaker Bldg., 4th Floor
	7:30 p.m.	Garmer Bible Study will not meet until September 3
Wed, July 31	11:00 a.m.	Women's Intercessor Group, Axson Room
	12:00 p.m.	Wednesday Noon Service and Luncheon
	7:00 p.m.	Summer Youth Group, Whitaker Street Bldg., 3rd Floor
Thurs, Aug. 1	12:00 p.m.	Men's Reading Club, Admin. Bldg., 2nd Floor, upstairs
	7:00 p.m.	IPC Twenties, Whitaker Street Bldg., 3rd Floor
Sat, Aug. 3	11:00 a.m.	Reception for Jo Ann Donaldson, Fellowship Hall
	3:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Pool Party, The Van Ecks, 20 Off Shore Road (897-3178)

Assisting Us in Worship • July 28

GREETERS

FRONT DOOR.....Elder & Mrs. D. Boatright
 NORTH SIDED. Marting
 CENTER AISLE..R. Mullinix
 SOUTH SIDE.....D. Gobel
 WOC Greeter.....K. Brodmann

SUNDAY SCHOOL

GREETER

ELDERB. Brodmann

USHERS FOR AUGUST

CHAIRMANM. Hazeltine
 FRONT DOOR.....C. DePue
 INNER DOOR.....D. Goeser
 CENTER AISLE.....G. Brunson & V. Buchman
 LEFT AISLED. Pierce
 RIGHT AISLE..T. Fruit
 BALCONY1B. Baxley
 SECURITY/BAL2..W. Brodmann
 AM AUDIO.....R. Hinely
 PM AUDIOM. Henderson
 EVENINGSM. Dusek & W. Milling

SUNDAY SUPPER

SET-UP & CLEAN-UP

Care Group #2
 (Deacons: F. Orellana & W. Milling)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

WORKER: J. Wiggins

HYMNS FOR JULY 28

Morning Hymns

- #660 "O God beyond All Praising"
Psalm 78:1-8
- #254 "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"

Evening Hymns

- #4 "All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"
Psalm 66:1-6
- #297 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

MORNING SERVICE

"WHAT WE WERE MADE TO DO"

Romans 1:18-32
Rev. Terry Johnson

EVENING SERVICE

"JESUS IS LORD"
Mark 4:35-5:20
Mr. Alex Mark

Meal Menu

Sunday, July 28

Lasagna
 Yeast Rolls
 Fruit Salad
 Garden Salad w/Greek Dressing
 Peanut Butter Swirl Brownies

Wednesday, July 31

Fried Chicken Breast
 Hot Pastrami Sandwich
 Sweet Potato Fries
 Raspberry Streusel Bars