



The Loveletter

First Presbyterian Church • Cartersville, Georgia

August 2011

Sermons

August 7

Sermon Series:
Presbyterian Theology
#1-God for Presbyterians
Psalm 8
Rev. Ted Smith

August 14

Sermon Series:
Presbyterian Theology
#2-Jesus Christ for
Presbyterians
Colossians 1: 15-23
Rev. Ted Smith

August 21

Sermon Series:
Presbyterian Theology
#3-The Holy Spirit for
Presbyterians
Romans 8: 1-17
Rev. Ted Smith

August 28

Bring-a-Friend Sunday
The Perfect Church
Philippians 2: 1-13
Rev. Ted Smith

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From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

It has been shown in study after study across church denominations in our country that 70-90 % of persons involved in the life of a congregation came to their church **because they were invited by a friend.** Growing churches – churches that are vital, alive and making a difference in the world – are congregations whose members are intentional about reaching out to those around them.

Recognizing this, on **Sunday August 28, we are having "Bring-a-Friend Sunday."** Each and every one of us knows someone who does not attend a church – a friend, a relative, a co-worker. On this day, we are asking each of us to bring one friend to church that day. The Outreach Committee will have a special gift bag prepared for your friend that will show him or her appreciation and offer some information about FPC.

Please be assured we will in NO WAY single out or embarrass you or your friend. This is simply an opportunity for us to show hospitality and welcome as Jesus would. Just imagine our worship attendance doubling! That's what will happen if each of us brings a friend. And if each of us did that three times in one year and just one of those persons chose FPC as their church home, our membership would grow by 50% in one year! Wow! Please participate and invite someone to come and experience the joy you do at FPC.

The first three Sundays in August, I am going to preach a series entitled **"Presbyterian Theology."** The first word of faith is a word about God. In these three sermons I will try to help us understand the core of what we are Christians of the Presbyterian persuasion can affirm about the one God we know as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Finally, I hope you will read the communication in this *Loveletter* in regard to our **Preschool ministry.** This ministry touches the lives of over 100 children each year with the good news of Jesus. In the economic environment we find ourselves in, some of the families whose children most need FPC preschool are struggling to afford it. The need for scholarship assistance has grown. Please consider how you might respond faithfully and generously to the need.

Your pastor and friend,

L. Ted Smith

Church Family News

Wednesday Night Dinners and Programs will resume September 7.

Welcome to our New Members!

Kim and Perry Rentz united with FPC on Sunday, July 17. Kim teaches in our Preschool and After School. Perry is also an educator, teaching at Cass Middle School (*In fact, he was the Bartow County Teacher of the Year in 2010!*). The Rentz's have two daughters, **Laura 8, and Anna 4**. They reside at 119 Colonial Circle in Cartersville.

Brandy and Rob Forbes united with FPC on Sunday, July 24. Rob and Brandy are both educators. Rob teaches at Woodland High School where he also serves as the Head Coach of the Cross Country Team. Brandy teaches at Allatoona High School in Acworth and also is a coach for the Cheerleading Team. The Forbes have a son, **Tripp**, who is 8 months old.

Bring-A-Friend Sunday – August 28

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring "**Bring-a-Friend**" **Sunday** to encourage all of us to make an effort to share the joy of our church with others. Who do you know that doesn't attend a church? Invite them to worship and share with them the good news of Christ at work among us at FPC. There will be a gift bag available for each of our visitors that day containing a "thank you for attending" gift along with information about our church's mission and ministry. For more information or help in how to invite your friends contact Pastor Ted of Pastor Julie or Elder Todd Jacobson at toddj@appliedglobal.com

Bartow Give a Kid a Chance distributed backpacks, school supplies, vision, dental and hearing screenings, and new clothes to over 1200 Bartow County Children on July 30th and you helped make it happen! The Mission and Witness Committee would like to thank everyone who donated, volunteered and otherwise participated in this event. Special thanks to Lee Davis for making our "apple tree" bulletin boards. This was a community event, and we are grateful for the way in which our congregation helped the children of our community. **Thank you for your support!**

Thank you from the Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter:

Dear First Presbyterian, 1 John 3:18 says, "Little Children, let us not love with word or tongue, but in deed and truth." Thank you that in deed and truth you love the homeless in our midst through your support of the shelter. You are a blessed partner in our work! Blessings; Jessica Mitcham

Julie, Words cannot express how thankful we are for First Pres and your commitment to the shelter and for individuals in our community who are struggling. In particular, our guest for whom you were able to get new tires was absolutely speechless at your compassion for her situation and quick response to help. We are so thankful for amazing church partners like you all who breathe life into our work and help us put together the pieces of great success stories for our guests. Blessings; Jessica Mitcham

Prayer Shawl Ministry

In July, Prayer Shawls were given to Heather Pullen, Randy and Jackie Thompson, and Beth Pullen when Madeline Grace Pullen (Heather and Randy Pullen's daughter) was born 8 weeks premature. The shawls are signs of our congregations love and care for them in this time. We received the following thank you notes:

To the Prayer Shawl Team:

Thank you so very much for the kind gesture of the prayer shawls. They have meant so much to all of us. It was such a great blessing to receive them to wear as comfort and remember that we are loved by our church family – with heartfelt thanks! Jackie and Randy Thompson

To those wonderful hands that made the lovely shawl gifted with prayer, love, and hope. Thank you so much for sending your blessings along. It was most thoughtful and caring. Thank you again. Beth Pullen (Beth is Randy Pullen's mother, Madeline's grandmother)

Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry:

Thank you so much for thinking of our family while Madeline was in the NICU. We are blessed to have the prayers of our church family! Also, I know how much the shawls meant to both of our moms...thank you for the thoughtfulness!

Love, Randy, Heather and Madeline

If you are not able to knit when the prayer shawl knitters meet, but would like to make shawls, wraps or lap robes to give to those in times of joy or sorrow, please contact Bettye Parker or Pastor Julie.

South Pacific comes to FPC! Beat the summer heat with a movie and snacks on **Wednesday, August 17th in the Upper Room**. Snacks will be available in the upstairs Café Area beginning at 4:30pm and the 1959 Golden Globe Award nominee *South Pacific* will be shown at 5:00. Dress is island casual (do you have a Hawaiian shirt that wants to be worn?) and you are invited to bring your favorite tropical snacks.



Wednesday Lunch Bunch at Chick-fil-A continues through August. This is an opportunity visit with your FPC family on Wednesdays at noon. There are no assigned seats or formal program – just good food and conversation. This is a casual, drop in time of fellowship planned by the Older Adults committee, and open to everyone.



A team from FPC will be participating again this year in the Bartow Relay for Life event on Friday night, September 9th. Please join us in Celebrating a World with More Birthdays! For more information on luminary, survivor events, or supporting our team in any way you may go to

www.bartowrelayforlife.org. Or you may contact one of our Team Captains, Melinda Mauney at melindamauney@bellsouth.net or Kerri Vessels at kvessels@att.net

During its weekly meetings in June and July, the Session has taken the following actions:

- The Session approved a grant application being made by Presbyterian Women for funding for the Meals on Wheels program.
- The Session approved an Endowment Committee plan to pay \$500 for the PCUSA ordination exams for church member David Jordan.
- Approved a request from Cherokee Retreat Center to renew existing agreements that call for First Presbyterian Church to serve as the primary Designated Safe Area and primary source for emergency transportation for Cherokee Retreat Center staff and summer campers in the event of an emergency.

During its meeting on June 26, 2011, the congregation took the following actions:

- Elected Brandy Brownlow, Sharon Ellis, Denise Manning, Bart Moore and Diane Wrinkle to the office of deacon for the class of 2014.
- Elected Mark Bridges, Tinsley Cline, Kelly Ferguson, Janet Martin and Wyley Steed to the office of elder for the class of 2014.
- Elected Charles Gilreath to the office of trustee for the class of 2014.

Milestones:

Baptisms: Andrew (Drew) Porter Johnson was baptized at the 11 a.m. service on July 3, 2011.

New Members: Perry and Kim Rentz and their daughters, Anna and Laura, joined the church on July 17 by reaffirmation of faith.

Children's Ministries at FPC

PROMOTION SUNDAY!

August 7th, 9:45am

ALL Children ages 3-5th Grade are invited to join us in the Choir Room for singing, praying, and students will meet their new Sunday School Teachers & see their new classrooms!

Footprints! PreK's-1st Graders

Footprints meets every Sunday from 11:15-Noon. Children dismiss from the 11am Worship Service following the Children's Sermon. There is a Bible Story Lesson and Activity that takes place during each class.

Bridge to Worship....2nd Graders

This worship-preparedness class is just for 2nd Graders as they transition from Footprints to attending worship full-time. We meet twice monthly from August-March, starting on August 14th, from 11am-Noon, in Room 159. Each student will also receive a Bible! Please sign up soon: fpcycm@earthlink.net.

Fun Day for 4th & 5th Graders!

Sunday, August 7th, Noon-2:30pm

We're going out to the Thompson's Farm for lunch and a fun afternoon! We'll play games and even go on a ride on their fire-truck! We'll be taking the Church bus at Noon, and will return back to the church by 2:30pm.

MOYC Dinner: August 18th

Calling all FPC Moms (& friends!)...join us at LaParilla in Acworth, on Thursday, August 18th, at 5:30pm for dinner and fellowship. The nursery will be available from 5:00-8:30pm, if you RSVP to Ellen by August 15th at: fpcycm@earthlink.net.

Wednesday Nights...Start Sept. 7th

Wednesday night dinner, choirs, and children's activities will start back after Labor Day!

October/November Sunday School Volunteers

We are recruiting Sunday School Teachers for the next session! Please see Ellen Sanders or Ann Cummings to volunteer teaching one of the following classes: PreK, K & 1st Grade, or the 4th & 5th Grade Classes.

Youth Group News

Youth Sunday School

10am-Middle School SS, Rm. 267

11am-Youth Sunday School, Upper Room Loft

11am-1st Sunday of each month-Starbucks!, bring \$

Youth Group

Sunday, August 14, Noon-3pm: Pool Party & Cookout at Mama Dell's pool

Sunday, August 21, 4:30-6:30pm: Youth Group

Sunday, August 28, 4:30-6:30pm: Youth Group

Wednesday Night Dinner, Choirs & Youth Group will start back on Sept. 7th!

Upcoming Events & Trips!

Paintball Tournament & Day at Lake Allatoona

Saturday, September 17th, ALL DAY!

Cost: \$30 (includes lunch)

Or just \$5 if you want to come for lunch & swimming only.

Health Day for Homeless: Sunday, Sept. 18th

Noon-Lunch in the Café

2-5pm-Volunteering at Centennial Olympic Park

Fall Break Trip! October 6-8 (Thursday-Saturday)

Dollywood & Hiking in the Smoky Mountains

Cost: \$75....sign up now!

Future Trips & Events

Middle School Retreat @ Camp Cherokee, Nov. 18-20

Youth Winter Retreat to Orlando & Tampa: Sea World & Busch Gardens

January 13-16, 2012, Cost: \$150

MONTREAT 2012! Dates: June 10-16...Cost: \$250

SIGN UP NOW! PAY LATER!! You MUST commit no later than October 28th.

You may hold off on payments until 2012.

In August We Pray For Our Church:

Staff: Pam Radford, Yvonne Mercer (ASP), Priscilla Milton (ASP), Brandi Stewart (Preschool)

Officers: Karl Baumheckel (Session), Tommy Cauffman (Deacon)

Ministries: Adult Education

Families:

July 31-August 6: David Whatley, Jared Whatley, Jeanne Whatley, Ross and Charlotte Whatley, Sue Whitaker, Peggy White, Floy White

August 7-13: Jere White, Sr. and Lolly White, LaRue Whitehead, Earl and Marie Williamson, Lewey Williamson (Aaron), Maye Wright, Randy and Diane Wrinkle

August 14-20: Lee and Sarah Yacovett (Reese, Jack), Cliff Acuff, John and Happy Adams, J. O. and Susan Alexander, David and Bobbie Allen (Sommer, Trinity), Greg and Laura Allen (Austin, Caitlin)

August 21-27: Karen Anderson, Lee Arends, Ed and Sandy Atwell (Alyson), Kristen Atwell, Matt and Jessi Bailey (Sam), Richard and Guill Bailey

August 28-31: Ron and Alice Baker, Mike and Cynthia Ball, Malcom and Kitti Barfield (Jason, Jacob), Julia Barrett, Sally Barrett, Sara Jean Barrett

The Congregational Care Prayer list is available via e-mail twice monthly. Contact Pastor Julie at FPCPastor2@earthlink.net to add a name or to receive it.

We Pray with the Daily Lectionary

Monday August 1

Morning: Ps. 62, 145

Evening: Ps. 73, 9

2 Sam. 7:1-17

Acts 18:1-11

Mark 8:11-21

Tuesday August 2

Morning: Ps. 12, 146

Evening: Ps. 36, 7

2 Sam. 7:18-29

Acts 18:12-28

Mark 8:22-33

Wednesday August 3

Morning: Ps. 96, 147:1-11

Evening: Ps. 132, 134

2 Sam. 9:1-13

Acts 19:1-10

Mark 8:34-9:1

Thursday August 4

Morning: Ps. 116, 147:12-20

Evening: Ps. 26, 130

2 Sam. 11:1-27

Acts 19:11-20

Mark 9:2-13

Friday August 5

Morning: Ps. 84, 148

Evening: Ps. 25, 40

2 Sam. 12:1-14

Acts 19:21-41

Mark 9:14-29

Saturday August 6

Morning: Ps. 63, 149

Evening: Ps. 125, 90

2 Sam. 12:15-31

Acts 20:1-16

Sunday August 7

Morning: Ps. 103, 150

Evening: Ps. 117, 139

2 Sam. 13:1-22

Rom. 15:1-13

John 3:22-36

Monday August 8

Morning: Ps. 5, 145

Evening: Ps. 82, 29

2 Sam. 13:23-39

Acts 20:17-38

Mark 9:42-50

Tuesday August 9

Morning: Ps. 42, 146

Evening: Ps. 102, 133

2 Sam. 14:1-20

Acts 21:1-14

Mark 10:1-16

Wednesday August 10

Morning: Ps. 89:1-18, 147:1-11

Evening: Ps. 1, 33

2 Sam. 14:21-33

Acts 21:15-26

Mark 10:17-31

Thursday August 11

Morning: Ps. 97, 147:12-20

Evening: Ps. 16, 62

2 Sam. 15:1-18

Acts 21:27-36

Mark 10:32-45

Friday August 12

Morning: Ps. 51, 148

Evening: Ps. 142, 65

2 Sam. 15:19-37

Acts 21:37-22:16

Saturday August 13

Morning: Ps. 104, 149
Evening: Ps. 138, 98
2 Sam. 16:1–23
Acts 22:17–29
Mark 11:1–11

Sunday August 14

Morning: Ps. 19, 150
Evening: Ps. 81, 113
2 Sam. 17:1–23
Gal. 3:6–14
John 5:30–47

Monday August 15

Morning: Ps. 135, 145
Evening: Ps. 97, 112
2 Sam. 17:24—18:8
Acts 22:30—23:11
Mark 11:12–26

Tuesday August 16

Morning: Ps. 123, 146
Evening: Ps. 30, 86
2 Sam. 18:9–18
Acts 23:12–24
Mark 11:27—12:12

Wednesday August 17

Morning: Ps. 15, 147:1–11
Evening: Ps. 48, 4
2 Sam. 18:19–33
Acts 23:23–35
Mark 12:13–27

Thursday August 18

Morning: Ps. 36, 147:12–20
Evening: Ps. 80, 27
2 Sam. 19:1–23
Acts 24:1–23
Mark 12:28–34

Friday August 19

Morning: Ps. 130, 158
Evening: Ps. 32, 139
2 Sam. 19:24–43
Acts 24:24—25:12
Mark 12:35–44

Saturday August 20

Morning: Ps. 56, 149
Evening: Ps. 118, 111
2 Sam. 23:1–7, 13–17
Acts 25:13–27
Mark 13:1–13

Sunday August 21

Morning: Ps. 67, 150
Evening: Ps. 46, 93
2 Sam. 24:1–2, 10–25
Gal. 3:23—4:7

Monday August 22

Morning: Ps. 57, 145
Evening: Ps. 85, 47
1 Kings 1:(1–4) 5–31
Acts 26:1–23
Mark 13:14–27

Tuesday August 23

Morning: Ps. 54, 146
Evening: Ps. 28, 99
1 Kings 1:32—2:4 (5–46a) 46b
Acts 26:24—27:8
Mark 13:28–37

Wednesday August 24

Morning: Ps. 65, 147:1–11
Evening: Ps. 125, 91
1 Kings 3:1–15
Acts 27:9–26
Mark 14:1–11

Thursday August 25

Morning: Ps. 143, 147:12–20
Evening: Ps. 81, 116
1 Kings 3:16–28
Acts 27:27–44
Mark 14:12–26

Friday August 26

Morning: Ps. 88, 148
Evening: Ps. 6, 20
1 Kings 5:1—6:1, 7
Acts 28:1–16
Mark 14:27–42

Saturday August 27

Morning: Ps. 122, 149
Evening: Ps. 100, 63
1 Kings 7:51—8:21
Acts 28:17–31
Mark 14:43–52

Sunday August 28

Morning: Ps. 108, 150
Evening: Ps. 66, 23
1 Kings 8:22–30 (31–40)
1 Tim. 4:7b–16
John 8:47–59

Monday August 29

Morning: Ps. 62, 145
Evening: Ps. 73, 9
2 Chron. 6:32—7:7
James 2:1–13
Mark 14:53–65

Tuesday August 30

Morning: Ps. 12, 146
Evening: Ps. 36, 7
1 Kings 8:65—9:9
James 2:14–26
Mark 14:66–72

Wednesday August 31

Morning: Ps. 96, 147:1–11
Evening: Ps. 132, 134
1 Kings 9:24—10:13



Learning, Sharing, Caring and Growing in Christ's Love

First Presbyterian Church Preschool

This mission of our church was organized in 1964 when members of the congregation recognized the need to offer an opportunity to foster the educational and spiritual development of their children and the children of the community. As times and needs have changed, the program changed to include younger children and then to drop the kindergarten class when kindergarten became included in public schools. Presently, the program serves toddlers 18 months and older through 4 year olds. Toddlers come two days a week. Older children have choices of 2 days, 3 days, or 5 days a week from 8:15 until 11:45. Three and four year olds can extend their class time until 2 pm. Specifics of times and cost are in the Preschool flyer, available in the education building lobby and in the church office.

The Preschool operates as a non-profit and is overseen by a Board of Directors responsible to the church Session. Linda Parmenter is the Director, with a total Preschool staff of 20. Each class has at least one teacher (some have two), with assistants to support the activities.

There is a Scholarship Fund to make the program more affordable to our church families and other children in the community with limited financial means. Families are expected to contribute part of the tuition, the amount dependent on the individual situation.

Christian education is an integral part of the curriculum. The emphasis is on God's love through Bible stories, devotionals, music, movement, and art. In addition to classroom activities, the children meet together in the sanctuary weekly to sing and hear a Bible story.

First Presbyterian Preschool is also dedicated to offering children a quality educational opportunity to learn developmentally appropriate skill and concepts. Activities are designed to be so much fun that children often don't know they are learning. Weekly Spanish, Music, and Science classes as well as field trips are part of the curriculum.

Registration for this school year is now open. For more information please contact Linda Parmenter at 770-382-0755 or fpcpreschool1@earthlink.net.

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AUGUST						
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28	29	30	31			

Committee & Officer Meetings

*Tuesday, August 9

6:00pm Christian Education
 6:00pm Properties Committee
 6:00pm Worship Committee
 6:00pm Outreach Committee
 6:00pm Stewardship & Finance
 7:00pm Session Meeting

*Wednesday, August 10

4:45pm Older Adult Committee

* Monday, August 22

6:00pm Mission & Witness
 6:00pm Congregational Care
 7:00pm Diaconate Meeting

Choir Schedule

Wednesday

7:00pm – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

1st & 3rd Thursday

7:00pm – Upper Room Band Rehearsal

AUGUST ACTIVITIES

<i>Week 1 – August 1-6</i>		
August 2	6:00pm	Toastmasters Area 36 Speech Contest
August 4	6:00pm	First Day of ASP Toastmasters
August 5	1:30pm 6:00pm	Fun & Games Youth Leaders Dinner @Nebergall Home
<i>Week 2 – August 7-13</i>		
August 7	12:00pm 4:00pm	4 th & 5 th grade Outing to Thompson Farm Officer Training
<i>Week 3 – August 14-20</i>		
August 14	12:00pm 2:00pm 4:00pm	Youth Pool Party & Cookout Preschool Open House Officer Training
August 15	8:00am	First Day of Preschool
August 17	4:00pm	Older Adults Movie Night
August 18	5:30pm 6:30pm	MOYC Dinner Out Officer Training
August 20	9:00am	Cherokee Presbytery PW Leadership Workshop@FPC
<i>Week 4 – August 21-27</i>		
August 21	5:30pm	Ice Cream Social
August 23	7:00pm	Consecration Sunday Leadership Team
August 26	9:00am	Officer/Staff Retreat @FPC
<i>Week 5 – August 28-31</i>		
August 28	4:00pm	Officer Training

Weekly Ministries

Monday – Friday – Preschool 8:00am – 12:00pm

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday – ASP 2:30pm – 6:00pm

Tuesdays – Friendship Table 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Meals on Wheels (every 3rd Tues) 10:45am

Fridays – AA & Al-Anon Meetings 8:00pm



August Birthdays

1	Debra Tatum	17	Russell Pruitt
1	Dylan Konyha	17	Jerry Brownlow
1	Jack Yacovett	18	Veletta Gebert
2	J. O. Alexander	18	Katie Mauney
2	Jo Clark	18	Hannah Dunlap
2	Julie Parshall	19	Jeffrey Foster
2	Matthew Farnon	20	Mary Beth Hackney
3	Lois Hill	22	Nancy Pruitt
4	Christy Tatum	22	Jodie Martin
4	Robert Howard	23	Rhonda Wachsmuth
5	Luanne Tumlin	23	Sarah Tumlin
8	Meadow Sluder	24	Doug Thrasher
9	Zim Choate	25	Peggy White
9	Caitlin Allen	25	Emily Hammer
9	Cody Cauffman	25	Sydney James
10	Charles Gilreath	26	Lance McAfee
10	George Crim	26	Rowan Emmanuel-Mukete
10	John Waters	27	Blake Dudley
10	Karon Mauney	27	Sommer Allen
10	Sara Jean Barrett	28	Art Munn
10	Will Broome	28	Brianna Frink
10	Claire Stover	29	Don Coffey
13	Rich Gaffoglio	29	Tracey Beach
13	Karl Sager	29	Joe Coffey
13	Audrey Earl	31	Woody James
14	Ellie Johnson	31	Hunter James
15	Earl Williamson	31	Thomas Murphy
15	Sally Puckett		
16	Ed Atwell		
16	Melinda Jett		
17	Sally King		
17	Randy Wrinkle		

Please notify the church office if your name has been left off this month's birthday list.

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Annual End-of-Summer Ice Cream Social August 21st

Though sadly, summer must come to an end, the good news is that means it's time for the annual ice cream social.

On **Sunday, August 21st at 5:30 PM** everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for sweet treats.

Everyone, who has an ice cream churn is asked to bring an offering of homemade ice cream, dazzle us