



# The Loveletter

First Presbyterian Church • Cartersville, Georgia

September 2011

## Sermons

### **September 4**

*Your Deep Gladness*

Genesis 1: 26-28

Rev. Julie Jensen

### **September 11**

*The Mathematics of Forgiveness*

Matthew 18: 21-35

Rev. Ted Smith

### **September 18**

*Dum Vivimus Servimus*

Philippians 1: 21-30

Rev. Ted Smith

### **September 25**

*A Life of Authority and Authenticity*

Matthew 21: 23-32

Rev. Ted Smith

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## From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

It seems that every generation has a defining moment. Without a doubt, the present generation has been shaped by the events of **September 11, 2001**. Each and every one of us recalls where we were and what we were doing on that tragic morning. And in a great measure our lives in the United States have been forever changed.

Ten years ago, in the wake of our shock and grief, our church hastily put together a prayer service for that evening. Every household in the church was called and made aware of the service. The sanctuary was overflowing as we comforted one another, prayed for those who had lost loved ones, and lifted up prayers for our nation.

**The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of this day of national mourning is upon us and it just so happens that September 11<sup>th</sup> falls on Sunday this year. In each of our services on that day we will be remembering those fallen and continuing to pray. I hope you will plan to be present in one of our three services that day as we worship our God who sustains us in all the vicissitudes of life.

On a lighter note, our **Wednesdays Together suppers and mid-week programs return on September 7**. If you have not tried Wednesday Together, that evening is the time to give it a whirl because dinner is on us that night! No charge! Just come and try it. We believe you will want to come again when we discover the great fellowship that is held and the wonderful spiritual growth opportunities offered for all ages.

Finally, on **Sunday, September 18, we will be installing new church officers** at all three of our services. Some of these folks will be newly ordained. Some are returning to serve on the Diaconate and Session again. Their names are listed in this *Loveletter*. Please pray for them and come to support them in worship that day. These men and women have answered the high calling to be your leaders and need all the support we can give them.

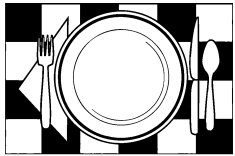
Thank you for being such a great community of faith! You are a constant source of blessing to me!

Your pastor and friend,

L. Ted Smith

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## Wednesdays Together



**Dinner is on us Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>!** Wednesdays Together begins Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 and to kick things off right the first dinner won't cost you a thing. That's right, FREE! Come join in the fellowship! There's something for the whole family – good food, choir rehearsals for all ages, and spiritual growth for everyone. Here's the schedule:

### **Children's Choir Rehearsals**

**4:30 – 5:00** Cherub Choir (grades K and 1<sup>st</sup>) – The Choir Room

**5:00 – 5:40** Seraph Choir (grades 2<sup>nd</sup> –5<sup>th</sup>) – The Choir Room

### **Dinner is served - 5:45 – 6:30**

September menus:

- Sept. 7 – Free dinner!- Fried chicken, green beans, mac-n-cheese, biscuits, banana pudding
- Sept. 14 – Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green peas/carrots, biscuits, cobbler
- Sept. 21 – Country fried steak, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, biscuits, brownies
- Sept. 28 – Scrambled eggs, bacon, grits, hashbrowns, biscuits & gravy, pancakes

Cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children under 10, \$20 max per family

### **Programs for All Ages - 6:30 – 7:15**

Kids JAM (Jesus and Me) – Room 161 – (PreK – 2<sup>nd</sup> graders)

Grapple – Room 127 – (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> graders)

Youth – Upper Room

Adults – programs

**Sept. 7** – We will kick off the new year by introducing all the educational opportunities coming up! You can learn about each of the Wednesday Night XL classes and find out which Sunday School class may be the right fit for you.

#### **Sept. 14 – October 12 - XL classes offered:**

- **What Presbyterians Believe** led by Rev. Ted Smith – Cornerstone Room
- **Book of Mark** led by David Jordan & Emma Johnson – Room 268

## **Church Family News**

### **New Church Officers to be Ordained/Installed**

On Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> the following persons will be ordained/installed to the office of deacon or elder during worship:

**Deacons:** Brandy Brownlow, Sharon Ellis, Denise Manning, Bart Moore, Diane Wrinkle

**Elders:** Mark Bridges, Tinsley Cline, Kelly Ferguson, Janet Martin, Wyley Steed

Let us come and support our new church officers with love and prayer.

### **Welcome to our New Members!**

**Angie Clark** joined FPC on August 14. She is married to member Scott Clark and they attend the 9:45 service. A native of Rome, Angie graduated from West Rome High School and Roffler Hairstyling College. She recently volunteered with our church's involvement with Bartow Give-a-Kid-a-Chance, providing haircuts to kids. Angie resides at 10 Bedford Court, Cartersville 30120

**Dan Piedlow** joined FPC on August 14. A native of California, Dan relocated to Cartersville several years ago. He is employed with Honda Carland North as an IT Assistant and Express Service Adviser. Dan is a graduate of the University of Phoenix with a degree in Information Technology. He has already volunteered to work with the youth ministry. Dan lives at 735 Sugar Valley Road, Cartersville, 30120.

**Pam and Mike Radford** joined FPC on August 21. Pam is our FPC organist and Mike is employed in management with Southern Yarn Dyers. They transferred their membership from First Presbyterian Church of Statesboro. The Radford's have a daughter, Chloe, who is a senior at Presbyterian College. Their home address is 7 Sterling Court, Cartersville, 30120.

**During its monthly stated meeting on Aug. 9 the Session took the following actions:**

Voted unanimously to transfer 31 members from the active to inactive membership list.  
Voted to authorize Rev. Smith, the directors of the preschool and after-school program boards, and the chairmen of those boards to make personnel decisions regarding the staffs of those programs.

**Committee reports:**

**Stewardship and Finance:** The church has had to use its line of credit to meet its cash-flow needs through the summer. The operating deficit for the year is \$114,768, about \$7,000 more than at the same time last year. Unexpected roof repairs and higher-than-expected utility and gas expenses have pushed the church's expenses slightly higher than expected. The committee is formulating a policy for the capitalization of unexpected expenses.

**Preschool Board:** The board has met throughout the summer to plan for the coming school year and seek ways to strengthen ties between the congregation and the school. Registration was at 100 students, two less than at the same point last year.

**Fellowship:** Wednesday Night Supper events return on Sept. 7.

**Properties:** The committee is working on a permanent solution to the flooding of the playground that occurs during heavy rains. New mulch has been added to the playground.

**Christian Education Committee:** After a busy summer, the youth have several trips planned for the fall and winter, including helping with Health Day for the Homeless in Atlanta on Sept. 18, a trip to Ellen Sanders's home church in Morristown, Tenn., in October and a winter youth retreat in January.

**After School Program:** The program's budget for this year was approved by its funding source and the Session at \$315,600, the same level as 2010-11.

**Milestones:**

**New Members: Brandi and Rob Forbes** were welcomed into membership on July 24. Brandi is joining by reaffirmation of faith, Rob is joining by transfer of letter from First Presbyterian Church, Gainesville. Their son, Tripp, is 11 months old and will be baptized soon.

**Angie Clark** was welcomed into membership on Aug. 14 by reaffirmation of faith. She is the wife of Scott Clark.

**Dan Piedlow** was welcomed into membership on Aug. 14 by reaffirmation of faith.

**Baptisms: Anna Jo Culverhouse**, the daughter of Abbey and Charlie Culverhouse, was baptized at the 11 a.m. service on Aug. 7.

**James Hadriel Mukete**, son of Linda and Emmanuel Mukete, was baptized at the 11 a.m. service on Aug. 14.

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**Mark Your Calendars:** Wednesday, September 21st from 3pm-8pm will be the next American Red Cross Blood Drive. All donors will receive a free dinner at Wednesday Night Supper. Please consider coming out to give the much-needed gift of life! For an appointment, contact Courtney Farnon at cfarnon@gmail.com or go to [www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation](http://www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation).

**September Older Adult Luncheon** - Any adults aged 60 and over are invited to the September 25th Luncheon following 11:00 worship. Our theme this month is Babies - bring a photo of yourself as a child and we will see if we can tell who is who. We are also collecting baby items for the Bartow Advocates First Steps Program at lunch that day. They need infant socks, bibs, burp cloths and blankets. The most needed item is infant socks. **PLEASE RSVP to the church by September 19th so we can ensure we have enough food for everyone.**

**The Food Pantry** is always desperately seeking donations of non-perishable food. The blue buckets are located throughout the church. Pick up a few extra food items at the grocery store and drop them in the buckets. Together, we can help provide food for the needy citizens of the community. Thank you to all of those who continually give!

**Friendship Table** is in need of a substitute driver for the pickup route for our guests. The drivers need to leave the church at 5 p.m. in order to have folks here in time for supper at 6 p.m. and then return home following the meal. You are finished by 7:30 p.m. If this is something you would like to do and have the time occasionally please contact Bill Devine at 678-448-6888 or bill.devine@hotmail.com.

**Presbyterian Women – Monday, September 12** is the beginning of our new year of Bible Study, Fellowship, and Service. This year, we will be studying the Beatitudes found in Matthew and Luke.

**The Morning Circle** meets at 10:00 in the Cornerstone Room for coffee and fellowship, then a bit of business and the Bible study at 10:30. Please bring a covered dish – lunch will be served at 11:45. After lunch we will have a special treat – Melinda Mauney and Rhonda Wachsmuth will tell us about their experiences on their Medical Mission trip to Guatemala in July. A team of volunteers, including several of our church members, traveled there to serve and to contribute to the medical care vital to healthier living for people who live where little medical care is available. Please come and join us for this special day!

**Our Evening Circle** meets at 7:00 on September 12 for the Beatitudes Study as well.

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Let's get knitting and crocheting again after the summer break!! September 26, the 4th Monday of September, will be our first working/praying get together of the Fall. Many people have been blessed by the loving concern expressed by the shawls which have been made in the past two years. Please come join us to help make your prayerful concerns very evident to those who may be having a difficult time in their lives.

We will meet at 10:00 a.m. on that Monday morning in the Café area on the second floor of the Education Building. You are welcome to join us even if you don't knit or crochet – we can get you started – and the best way to learn is to do it! If you would like to make some prayer shawls, but can't meet with us, it would be great to have your work to add to the supply we like to keep on hand. Call Bettye Parker, 770-382-9397, for more information on how to begin.

**The Goodwill Career Center in Cartersville** (929 Joe Frank Harris Pkwy) is looking for volunteers to assist visitors with job searching. If you have excellent customer service or computer skills and work well with diverse groups of people you may be a good fit. All volunteers must be 18 and older, and complete a drug and background screening. The Goodwill Career centers provide access to telephones, job boards, job fairs, the internet, and virtually anything else needed for a successful job search. Volunteers are needed as Placement Call Specialists, Computer Support Assistants, and Class Instructors. For more information, contact Jacqueline Thrash, volunteer coordinator at 404-368-7909.

**Ready to Recycle?** The City's Public Works Department will be launching a recycling program in January 2012. If you live in the city and are interested in participating, send an e-mail with your name, address and phone number to recycling@cityofcartersville.org. Those wishing to participate will receive 2 free recycling containers: one for paper and one for all other containers, such as glass, plastics, and aluminum. Recycling will be picked up every other week. For more information, call the City at (770) 387-5602.

## **Mission & Witness**

*Denise Manning is one of the church members who went to Tuscaloosa in July to help with Tornado Relief work. Here are some of Denise's thoughts about the trip.*

**Why did you go on this trip?**-I was so moved by all the coverage on the television and the devastation. I just wanted to do anything to help.

**Where did you see God during our time away?**-I saw God in so many places while we were there. One example that I kept going back to was the sun peeking through the clouds each day. I noticed that a number of times while we were there. This made me think that God is always there even in the bad times when we think we do not see him, he is like the sun peeking through the clouds to give us hope and remind us he is always with us. I also saw God in the many individuals we met. From the stories we heard about people helping people they have never met to the many volunteers we met along the way. It is refreshing to see all the good that does happen in the world that mostly goes unnoticed. The news was filled with the devastation all over the world but not the wonderful things that are happening in Alabama today.

**Share one story from someone you met.**-The one story would like to share is of the individual who I assisted at the warehouse. She was looking to replace some of her things. I was assisting her in trying to find some clothing etc. She would ask me, does this look good together, what do you think? Here is a person who has lost everything but trying to make the most out of what she can and really looking to me for assistance. In truth I had no idea what I was doing but felt I truly am helping this person. It broke my heart when we could not find some of the items she needed and made me realize once again how lucky we are each day. Here she is wanting ANYTHING, she did not care if it matched or was used she just needed some items. Even something little such as socks that no one thinks about. Just imagine the items they do not have! I was helping her load the items she had chosen in her car and I asked her, did you lose everything? She responded, "yes I lost everything, my trailer is completely gone." We cannot imagine what that must feel like to lose ALL of your possessions and your home as well. She was not bitter though just thankful for everything she was able to find in the warehouse. It makes me think about how much more I can/should do to help people in need. It does not take a lot of time just a willing heart.

**How are you different now than you were before?**- I would like to think I am a little more understanding and sympathetic to what people may be going through. It is hard though when you are away from it and get back to the day to day to keep those images fresh.

**What else needs to be done in the area? How can our church(es) continue to support this community?** EVERYTHING. They need so much help. I mean we worked for two days and there were a number of volunteers at just that location and we could see there was still so much to be done. We can donate our time, send giftcards so they can give to people in need. We can send donations of specific needs etc.

# Children's Ministries

**FPC Nursery**-We have a caring and loving staff that take care of our littlest children! If you have not yet utilized our nursery care, please stop by and introduce your child to Miss Kay, Miss Teresa, or Miss Araceli. The nursery is open during all 3 services on Sunday mornings (8:30am-12:15pm), and on Wednesdays from 4:30-7:30pm.

## **Sunday Mornings at FPC: Live B.I.G. (Believe in God)**

**9:45am** Children ages 3-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade gather in the Choir Room to sing  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades gather in Room 127 for activities & Sunday School

**10am** Sunday School Classes Begin (3's, PreK, K & 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades)

**Sunday School Offering**-We collect a special offering during our singing time each week. This time of year, we focus on an International Mission and will send our offerings to support Orphan Aid Liberia. Our next project will be sponsoring a local family at Christmas-time.

## **Footprints! PreK's-1st Graders**

Footprints takes place every Sunday from 11:15-Noon. Children dismiss from the 11am Worship Service following the Children's Sermon. There is a Bible Story Lesson, Activity, and Prayer at each session.

## **Bridge to Worship....2nd Graders**

Upcoming Schedule: September 11 & 25, 11am-Noon, in Room 163.

## **Wednesday Nights...Start Sept. 7th**

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

**JAM (Jesus & Me)** is for PreK's (age 4)-2<sup>nd</sup> Graders. They meet from 6:30-7:15pm in Room 161 with Miss Brandy for a Bible Lesson, Games and Activities.

**GRAPPLE**-is a new curriculum for our older elementary students, grades 3-5, as we dive into the scriptures and learn how God wants us to live our lives. Grapple also comes with a variety of fun games and activities. Teachers will be Rhonda Ireland, Sonya Noble, and Ellen Sanders. This class meets in Room 127 from 6:30-7:15pm.

## **October/November Sunday School Volunteers: K & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher**

We still need a volunteer to teach the K & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Sunday School Class. Please see Ellen Sanders or Ann Cummings if you can help.

## **MOYC Dinner:**

Calling all FPC Moms (& friends!)....join us at the Swheat Market on Main St., on Tuesday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm for dinner and fellowship. The nursery will be available from 5:45-8pm, if you RSVP to Ellen by Sept. 18th at: [fpcycm@earthlink.net](mailto:fpcycm@earthlink.net).

## **In September We Pray For Our Church:**

**Staff:** Ellen Sanders, Melinda Pierson (ASP), Diane Popham (ASP), Eydie Adams (Preschool), Jennifer Belisle (Preschool)

**Officers:** Bobby Bergman (Session), Hallie Eberlein (Deacon)

**Ministries:** Christian Education

### **Families:**

**August 28-September 3:** Ron and Alice Baker, Mike and Cynthia Ball, Malcom and Kitti Barfield (Jason, Jacob), Julia Barrett, Sally Barrett, Sara Jean Barrett

**September 4-10:** Brad and Susan Barrett, Will Barrett, Karl Baumheckel, Greg and Tracey Beach (Vanna, Treg), John and Libby Bell (Jane, Jordan), Bobby and Amy Bergman (Evan, Gillian)

**September 11-17:** Roy Bethune, Sharon Bickford, Chuck and Jeanne Bohannon (Duncan), Mandy Bolton, Gary and Kay Boulier, Brandon and Elizabeth Bowen (Thomas, Katherine)

**September 18-24:** Alan and Carolyn Bowen, Sheppard Bowen, Lin and Lori Bradley (William, Weston, Wyatt), David and Tonya Branyon (Mallory), Ben Bridges, Hannah Bridges

**September 25-October 1:** Mark and Sandy Bridges (Maggie), Margaret Bridges, Phil and Donna Bridges, Matt Bridges (Ella), Bill and Becky Broome (Rebecca, Will), Harold and Lois Brown

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

## **We Pray with the Daily Lectionary**

### **Thursday September 1**

Morning: Ps. 116, 147:12-20

Evening: Ps. 26, 130

1 Kings 11:1-13

James 3:13-4:12

Mark 15:12-21

### **Friday September 2**

Morning: Ps. 84, 148

Evening: Ps. 25, 40

1 Kings 11:26-43

James 4:13-5:6

Mark 15:22-32

### **Saturday September 3**

Morning: Ps. 63, 149

Evening: Ps. 125, 90

1 Kings 12:1-20

James 5:7-20

Mark 15:33-39

### **Sunday September 4**

Morning: Ps. 103, 150

Evening: Ps. 117, 139

1 Kings 12:21-33

Acts 4:18-31

John 10:31-42

### **Monday September 5**

Morning: Ps. 5, 145

Evening: Ps. 82, 29

1 Kings 13:1-10

Phil. 1:1-11

Mark 15:40-47

### **Tuesday September 6**

Morning: Ps. 42, 146

Evening: Ps. 102, 133

1 Kings 16:23-34

Phil. 1:12-30

Mark 16:1-8 (9-20)

### **Wednesday September 7**

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

Evening: Ps. 1, 33

1 Kings 17:1-24

Phil. 2:1-11

Matt. 2:1-12

### **Thursday September 8**

Morning: Ps. 97, 147:12-20

Evening: Ps. 16, 62

1 Kings 18:1-19

Phil. 2:12-30

Matt. 2:13-23

### **Friday September 9**

Morning: Ps. 51, 148

Evening: Ps. 142, 65

1 Kings 18:20-40

Phil. 3:1-16

Matt. 3:1-12

### **Saturday September 10**

Morning: Ps. 104, 149

Evening: Ps. 138, 98

1 Kings 18:41-19:8

Phil. 3:17-4:7

Matt. 3:13-17

### **Sunday September 11**

Morning: Ps. 19, 150

Evening: Ps. 81, 113

1 Kings 19:8-21

Acts 5:34-42

John 11:45-57

### **Monday September 12**

Morning: Ps. 135, 145

Evening: Ps. 97, 112

1 Kings 21:1-16

1 Cor. 1:1-19

Matt. 4:1-11

**Tuesday September 13**

Morning: Ps. 123, 146  
Evening: Ps. 30, 86  
1 Kings 21:17-29  
1 Cor. 1:20-31  
Matt. 4:12-17

**Wednesday September 14**

Morning: Ps. 15, 147:1-11  
Evening: Ps. 48, 4  
1 Kings 22:1-28  
1 Cor. 2:1-13  
Matt. 4:18-25

**Thursday September 15**

Morning: Ps. 36, 147:12-20  
Evening: Ps. 80, 27  
1 Kings 22:29-45  
1 Cor. 2:14-3:15  
Matt. 5:1-10

**Friday September 16**

Morning: Ps. 130, 148  
Evening: Ps. 32, 139  
2 Kings 1:2-17  
1 Cor. 3:16-23  
Matt. 5:11-16

**Saturday September 17**

Morning: Ps. 56, 149  
Evening: Ps. 118, 111  
2 Kings 2:1-18  
1 Cor. 4:1-7 Matt. 5:17-20

**Sunday September 18**

Morning: Ps. 67, 150  
Evening: Ps. 46, 93  
2 Kings 4:8-37  
Acts 9:10-31  
Luke 3:7-18

**Monday September 19**

Morning: Ps. 57, 145  
Evening: Ps. 85, 47  
2 Kings 5:1-19  
1 Cor. 4:8-21  
Matt. 5:21-26

**Tuesday September 20**

Morning: Ps. 54, 146  
Evening: Ps. 28, 99  
2 Kings 5:19-27  
1 Cor. 5:1-8  
Matt. 5:27-37

**Wednesday September 21**

Morning: Ps. 65, 147:1-11  
Evening: Ps. 125, 91  
2 Kings 6:1-23  
1 Cor. 5:9-6:11  
Matt. 5:38-48

**Thursday September 22**

Morning: Ps. 143, 147:12-20  
Evening: Ps. 81, 116  
2 Kings 9:1-16  
1 Cor. 6:12-20  
Matt. 6:1-6, 16-18

**Friday September 23**

Morning: Ps. 88, 148  
Evening: Ps. 6, 20  
2 Kings 9:17-37  
1 Cor. 7:1-9  
Matt. 6:7-15

**Saturday September 24**

Morning: Ps. 122, 149  
Evening: Ps. 100, 63  
2 Kings 11:1-20a  
1 Cor. 7:10-24  
Matt. 6:19-24

**Sunday September 25**

Morning: Ps. 108, 150  
Evening: Ps. 66, 23  
2 Kings 17:1-18  
Acts 9:36-43  
Luke 5:1-11

**Monday September 26**

Morning: Ps. 62, 145  
Evening: Ps. 73, 9  
2 Kings 17:24-41  
1 Cor. 7:25-31  
Matt. 6:25-34

**Tuesday September 27**

Morning: Ps. 12, 146  
Evening: Ps. 36, 7  
2 Chron. 29:1-3, 30:1 (2-9) 10-27  
1 Cor. 7:32-40  
Matt. 7:1-12

**Wednesday September 28**

Morning: Ps. 96, 147:1-11  
Evening: Ps. 132, 134  
2 Kings 18:9-25  
1 Cor. 8:1-13  
Matt. 7:13-21

**Thursday September 29**

Morning: Ps. 116, 147:12-20  
Evening: Ps. 26, 130  
2 Kings 18:28-37  
1 Cor. 9:1-15  
Matt. 7:22-29

**Friday September 30**

Morning: Ps. 84, 148  
Evening: Ps. 25, 40  
2 Kings 19:1-20  
1 Cor. 9:16-27  
Matt. 8:1-17

# Youth Group News

## **Youth Sunday School**

10am-Youth Sunday School, Rm. 267

11am-Youth Sunday School, Upper Room Loft

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

## **Youth Group**

Sunday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>: NO YOUTH, Labor Day Weekend

Sunday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-6:30pm: Youth Group

Sunday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:00a-7pm: Health Day for the Homeless in ATL

Sunday, Sept. 25, 4:30-6:30pm: Youth Group

## **Wednesday Night Youth**

5:45pm-Dinner

6:15pm-Youth Choir

6:30-7:15pm-Youth Group in the Upper Room

## **Meet your new Youth Leaders!**

**10am Sunday School**-Sharon Ellis

**11am Sunday School**-Sharon Dunlap, Meg Stover, Lorrie Tate & Ellen

**Youth Group**-Ellen, Sharon Dunlap, Holley Earl, Kelly & Julie Ferguson, Craig & Katie Godfrey, Shawn Johnson, Caitlin Melton, Tom Melton, Tom & Jennifer Nebergall, Dan Piedlow, Lorrie Tate

## **Upcoming Events & Trips!**

### **Paintball Tournament & Day at Camp Lutherwood/Lake Allatoona**

Saturday, September 17th, 10:30am-6:30pm

**Cost:** \$30 (includes lunch....or just \$5 if you don't want to play paintball)

**DEADLINE TO SIGNUP:** Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, cost goes up after this date!

### **Health Day for Homeless: Sunday, Sept. 18th**

11:00am-Lunch in the Café, then depart

1pm-5pm-Volunteering at Centennial Olympic Park, bring \$ for dinner

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

Dollywood & Hiking in the Smoky Mountains

**Cost:** \$75....sign up by Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>



# September 2011

## YOUR ROLE IN THE PRESCHOOL MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCH

Our preschool offers children a quality educational opportunity to learn, honor and glorify God through words, actions and relationships. One hundred children are enrolled this fall. Toddlers 18 months and older, 2, 3, and 4 year olds have choices of 2, 3 or 5 day classes from 8:15 to 11:30 with early room and extended session available.

The program is designed to be self-sustaining and families pay to attend. The hope is that every child in our congregation is able to participate, but that is not financially possible for some. A scholarship fund had been set up and monies are needed for the requests that have been made. Scholarship recipients are expected to pay part of the costs.

Occasionally there are special needs the preschool has and the congregation helps out. Last month the playground, also used by children in the church and the Hands of Christ ASP, needed new mulch and it needed to be spread. Helpers showed up early on Saturday morning to ensure the job was completed for the Open House on Sunday and children on Monday. The Presbyterian Women provided lunch for the preschool staff Sunday between the commissioning of the teachers and their open house. A big THANKS to all of you who helped. As needs arise they will be noted in the Loveletter and your help will be appreciated.

As the teachers committed themselves to the church's teaching ministry, please keep them and the children in your prayers.

Nannette Enloe, Chairman, Preschool Board

### September Highlights

- The 2 and 3 year old classes will visit the Cartersville Fire Department for fire safety activities, including a puppet show, demonstrations and an opportunity to actually sit in a fire engine.
- Cartersville Fire Department's Fire House will visit the preschool on September 8. The 4 year old classes will tour the Fire House and learn about fire safety from local firefighters.
- During the last week of September, the 4 year old classes will take a field trip to Pettit Preserve.



Labor Day Holiday

Monday,  
September 5<sup>th</sup>

# Hands of Christ After School Program



September 2011

School is in Session!



## 2011-2012 ASP Calendar

Sept. 5	Labor Day Holiday
Oct. 6	Fall Break
Oct. 10	ASP Resumes
Nov. 21-25	Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 28	ASP Resumes
Dec. 15	Christmas Celebration
Dec.19-Jan.2	Christmas Holidays
Jan. 3	ASP Resumes
Jan. 16	MLK Holiday
Feb. 20-21	Winter Break
Feb. 23	ASP Resumes
April 2-6	Spring Break
April 9	ASP Resumes
May 17	Last Day of ASP



**Welcome  
Fall –  
Sept. 23**



## What's Happening?

Chapel and music is now taking place every Tuesday in the sanctuary. The children love the opportunity to learn faith-based songs and hear a children's sermon. We are so blessed to have the space and staff to integrate this time into the curriculum. Many thanks to Alice Baker for helping correlate the character education words with scripture.



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## SEPTEMBER

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### Committee & Officer Meetings

#### **\*Tuesday, September 13**

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, September 14**

4:45pm Older Adult Committee

#### **\* Monday, September 26**

6:00pm Mission Committee  
 6:00pm Congregational Care  
 7:00pm Diaconate Meeting

### Choir Rehearsal Schedule

#### Sunday

8:45am – Upper Room Band  
 10:40am – Sanctuary Choir

#### Wednesday

4:30pm - Cherub Choir  
 5:00pm - Seraph Choir  
 7:15pm – Sanctuary Choir

#### 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

7:00pm – Upper Room Band

## SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

### *Week 1 – Sept. 1 - 3*

September 1 6:00pm Toastmasters

September 2 1:30pm Fun & Games

### *Week 2 – Sept. 4 - 10*

September 5 Labor Day Church Office Closed/No Preschool or ASP

September 6 7:00pm Session/Diaconate Joint Meeting

September 8 3:30pm Presbytery Coordinating Team Meeting

September 9 6:00pm Relay for Life

### *Week 3 – Sept. 11 - 17*

September 15 6:00pm Toastmasters

September 17 10:30am Youth Paintball @ Camp Lutherwood

### *Week 4 – Sept. 18 - 24*

September 18 11:00am Youth Lunch Café  
 11:30am Youth Health Day in Atlanta

September 20 6:00pm MOYC Dinner/Swheat Mkt

September 21 3:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive

### *Week 5 – Sept. 25 - 30*

September 25 12:00pm Older Adult Lunch

September 26 10:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues) 10:45am

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



## September Birthdays

1	Jim Morris	12	Katherine Roberson
1	Heather Pullen	13	Russell Shaver
1	Bailey Campbell	13	Ben Bridges
2	Jane Dysart	13	Grey Olson
3	Lin Bradley	14	Jere White
3	Caroline Haupt	14	Lisa Morrison
3	Hayden James	14	Anna Fuller
5	Sam Sullins	15	Sue Whitaker
5	Jonathan McMurdo	17	Sonny Neal
5	Hunter Holland	17	Tonya Branyon
6	Sam Grove	18	Oneda Kennedy
6	Rebecca Carr	18	Lee Davis
6	Aaron Williamson	19	Mike Stodgell
7	Gary Puckett	19	Hope Conyers
7	Sonya Noble	19	Ian Smith
7	Amy Bergman	21	Zach Moore
7	Brandy Brownlow	23	Martha Choate
8	Dennis Haupt	23	Tammy Livingood
9	Bobbie Allen	26	Sheilah Simons
9	Alicia Davis	26	Denise Henson-Sullins
10	David Whatley	27	Jay Coalson
10	Candler Ginn	27	Lewey Williamson
10	Art Mann	28	Jenifer Foster
10	Kyle Jacobson	28	Scotty Crim
10	Duncan Bohannon	29	Karen Anderson
11	Kirk Livingood	29	Caroline Morrison
11	Kent Hughes	30	Cynthia Ball
11	Andrew Tate	30	Daniel Parsons
12	Will Noble	30	Hallie Shephard

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

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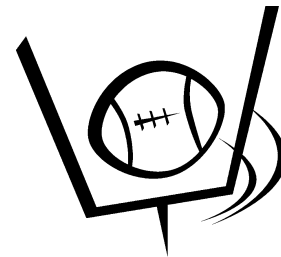
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### Wednesdays Together Kickoff

Join us for dinner on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, for the first Wednesday night supper of the new school year. We will kick off the new year by introducing all the educational opportunities coming up! You can learn about each of the Wednesday Night XL classes and find out which Sunday School class may be the right fit for you.