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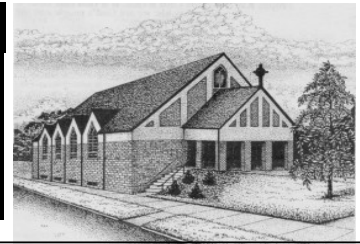
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CHURCH

“You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; God’s own people” we are told in the First Letter of Peter. Some things in the Bible are “descriptive,” that is, it’s the way things are or have been. They’re not necessarily things for us to emulate. Other things in the Bible are “prescriptive”. They are the way things are meant to be. You have to have eyes of faith to see it, a holy imagination. The Church that Peter and Paul and others knew and preached to, and wrote to and wrote about, was no better than the church we know now.

I’m reminded by some people, sometimes, especially when I get frustrated, that while I’m paid to be in the Church, others are volunteers. I don’t full believe that. What I believe - is that we all have a holy calling. What I believe also is that though what I Peter says about the Church is in some sense “prescriptive”, it is also descriptive.

Because, at times, I’ve seen it:

- when meals have been taken to those who’re sick;
- when we’ve gathered around those who are grieving;
- when hands have been held and prayers lifted;
- when secrets have been kept and caring words passed on;
- when hurts have been forgiven and grudges have been forgotten;
- when baptismal promises have been made and kept;
- when children’s birthdays have been celebrated at the shelter and homes rebuilt in Tuscaloosa.

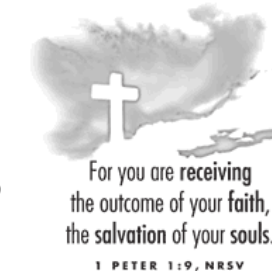
We have been that royal priesthood, that holy nation.

We are God’s chosen - not because of who we are, but because of who God is.

We can be, and sometimes are, what God intends us to be through the transforming power of God’s obsessive love of us.

So, we’re told, “Long for the pure spiritual milk,” so that we may “grow into our salvation”; so that we may be the people we were saved to be.

From “Church”, Billy Wade’s sermon on Rally Day, August 18, 2013



MEETING ANNOUNCED

There will be a meeting of the congregation at the end of the worship service on **Sunday, September 8**, for the purpose of electing 3 members to the Nominating Committee to elect new elders. Patrick Carmichael and Billy Fortson are the session members serving on the committee.



The deadline for the October “First Press” is September 15, 2013. Please submit your articles and information to the church office by email: penihaug@bellsouth.net or by dropping off your copy to the church office, neatly printed or typed or on a flash drive. Thanks!

September Birthdays



3 Brigham Arnold	16 Mary Crudup	24 Ann Bouchillon
6 Mark Hanson	Essie Greer	26 Jane Williams
7 Lisa Hanson	Glen Selin	27 Daniel Lanford
Jerry McGaffney	17 Chris Martin	Robin Hillman
9 Margaret Hughes	Jay Lanners	Adriane Hawley
Pam Stillerman	19 Will Gregory	28 Tootles Tingler
11 Reed Blakeney	19 Ethan Booth	29 Josh Hughes
14 Spencer Boyd	20 Sallie Paschal	30 Bernice Bailey
Holly Hughes	Cindy Moon	Roger Tingler
15 Karen Moss	24 Murray McClure	Aubrey Evans

If your birthday has not appeared on our monthly list, please notify us and we will add it to our data base so that when your next birthday rolls around, we will be able to help you celebrate!

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Session Highlights

- ◆ Received new members: Kerry and Rob Jones; Krissy and Jason Jones; and Caryn and Michael Thompson by reaffirmation of faith;
- ◆ Approved request from Witness Team to sponsor drive to collect small household items for The Mosaic Community, an interdenominational organization which helps place refugee families in apartments;
- ◆ Elected Billy Fortson and Patrick Carmichael to represent session on the officer Nominating Committee;
- ◆ Called congregation meeting for September 8, following the worship service for the purpose of electing three members of the congregation to the officer Nominating Committee;
- ◆ Heard report from commissioners to Presbytery meeting held August 17.



The Session will meet for its regular monthly meeting on Sunday, **September 8, 2013**, in the fellowship hall, immediately after worship.

Session Meeting

USHERS NEEDED

Anyone interested in helping with ushering please contact Jim Stillerman at jdsaga@aol.com or call his cell 770-843-2805.



Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank the church family for the many cards, calls, meals, and expressions of love and concern during "Our Summer of Discontent." We felt truly loved and cared for.

Bill and Judy Davis

PASTORAL COUNSELOR

The Care and Counseling Center of Georgia offers counseling, coaching, consultation and continuing education. We are blessed to have someone from CCCG practicing right here in our church building. Cindy Elrod holds Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Community/Organizational Psychology. She has a Graduate Certificate in Gerontology and a Guest Instructor Certificate with the Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training Council in the content areas of social/emotional skills and diversity training. Cindy was an award winning Visiting Lecturer and Instructor with Georgia State University's Department of Psychology. She has co-authored a number of articles and two books: *How to be in a Personal Relationship* and *Applied Social Intelligence: A Skills Based Primer*.

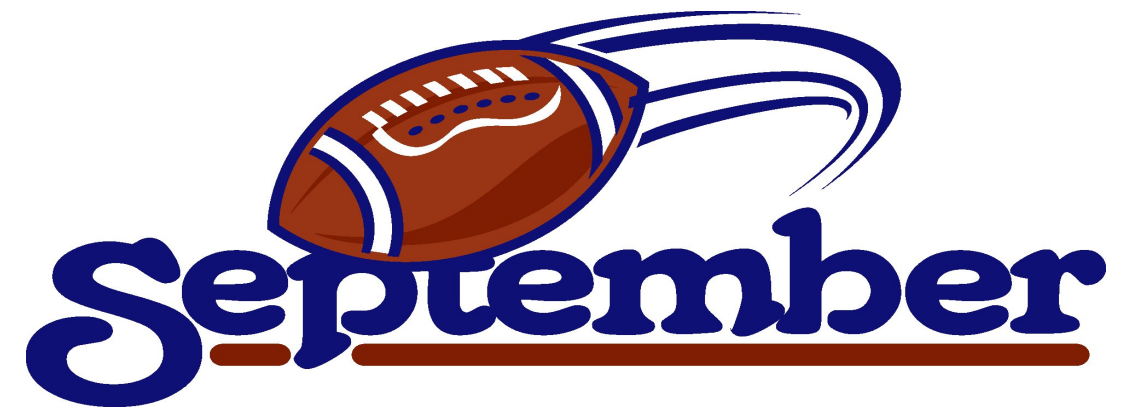
Cindy is available for counseling appointments here at the church or in Conyers. (404-636-1457, ext. 436)

Pledge Shortfall Year to Date:

\$ 13,504

Weekly E-newsletter:

Send us your e-mail address if you are not receiving it already. Just send an email to: info@fpccov.org



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	2 LABOR DAY	3	4 4:00 Adventure Club 4:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Mid-Week Feast 6:45 Sanctuary Choir DVD Series	5 10:30 Ambassador Choir 6:30 pm Joint meeting of Presbyterian Women's Circles in the fellowship hall	6	7 7:00 pm Atlanta Concert Ringers at FPC
8 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Congregational Meeting Session meeting ◆ Youth & Parents	9	10 4:00 Exercise	11 4:00 Adventure Club 4:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Mid-Week Feast 6:45 Sanctuary Choir DVD Series	12 10:30 Ambassador Choir	13	14
15 Theological Education Sunday 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Youth Connection	16	17 4:00 Exercise	18 4:00 Adventure Club 4:00 Prayer Group 6:45 Sanctuary Choir 6:45 DVD Series	19 Newsletter Deadline 10:30 Ambassador Choir	20	21
22 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Youth Connection	23	24 4:00 Exercise	25 4:00 Adventure Club 4:00 Prayer Group 6:45 Sanctuary Choir 6:45 DVD Series	26 10:30 Ambassador Choir	27	28
29 Evangelism Sunday 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Youth Connection	30	October 1 4:00 Exercise	October 2 4:00 Adventure Club 4:00 Prayer Group 6:45 Sanctuary Choir 6:45 DVD Series	October 3 10:30 Ambassador Choir	October 4	October 5

See our website at: www.fpccov.org

Monthly Financial Report

2013 July Numbers rounded	Monthly Budget	Monthly Income/ Expenses	YTD Income /Expenses
Pledged Income	32,472	28,429	219,541
Non-Pledged Income	2,249	3,008	25,283
Other Income	375	35	2,420
Total income	35,917	31,472	247,245
Expenses	36,404	36,390	241,391
Net Totals 7/31/13	1,306	(4,918)	5,854



The Witness Team will be sponsoring a drive to collect small household items for **The Mosaic Community**, an interdenominational organization located in Clarkston, GA, which helps to place refugee families in apartments. If you would like to donate good used pots and pans, dishes, bed linens, towels, lamps, small pieces of furniture, etc. please contact Judy Davis 770 464 4025 or Jean Elder 770 787 7951.

You may bring donations of food staples to the church or drop them off at the **Community Food Pantry** from 9:00-11:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. For directions call (770) 784-0037.



Food Pantry Needs

Special requests for September:
macaroni & cheese
ramen noodles

An Invitation

Please join us for a Celebration of 60 years of marriage

Frank and Sarah Davis

*Oxford City Hall
110 W. Clark Street
Oxford, Georgia 30054*

*Saturday, September 7, 2013
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.*

The God of **PEACE** will be with you.

Philippians 4:9, NRSV



SERVING US IN SEPTEMBER

Nursery Volunteers

- 9/1: Henderson Family
- 9/8: Jessup Family
- 9/15: Ardis Family
- 9/22: Moss Family
- 9/29: Weesner Family

Ushers for September

- Aubrey Evans
- Roger Tingler

Sound Engineer: Ken Walker

Hospital Visitors

- 9/1: Jean Blair
- 9/8: Jon Williams
- 9/15: Cy Wolverton
- 9/22: Leon Hughes
- 9/29: Day Kennon

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2013

- Patrick Carmichael
- Judy Davis
- Denny Dobbs
- Aubrey Evans
- Dave Gregory

Class of 2014

- Debra Arnold
- Bill Loebke
- Darcel Tabb
- Roger Tingler
- Cy Wolverton

Class of 2015

- Gary Boteler
- Billy Fortson
- Jan Giles
- Jim Stillerman
- Kevin Weber



THE ATLANTA CONCERT RINGERS HANDBELL ENSEMBLE IS COMING TO FPC!!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 7, at 7 p.m.!** The Atlanta Concert Ringers Handbell Ensemble will be performing a concert in our sanctuary at First Presbyterian Covington.

Founded in 2002, The Atlanta Concert Ringers (ACR) is made up of experienced handbell ringers from throughout the Atlanta Metropolitan area. This diverse group is made up of experienced ringers from throughout the Atlanta Metropolitan area and includes five educators, one statistician, a human resources manager, a paralegal assistant, a stay-at-home mom, an information technologist, a neuroscience PhD, a physician, and an expert in real estate.

The ACR has performed at Piccolo Spoleto in Charleston, SC, and in Orlando and Birmingham. This past December they performed with the Southern Crescent Chorale and at Spivey Hall. Most of the ringers live in the Metropolitan Atlanta area: Covington, Conyers, Lawrenceville, Decatur, Kennewick, Norcross, and North Georgia. The Artistic Advisor is Kevin McChesney, and the Artistic Director is Alice Myers. The ACR rings 6 octaves of handbells.

All are welcome to come and hear the Atlanta Concert Ringers. There is a suggested donation of \$10 for the concert. We'll see you there!



Welcome to New Members

Ambassador Choir welcomes Frank Luton and Ken Jones as new members this Fall. A busy season is planned, with performances on September 12 (Pruitt Healthcare), September 19 (Benton House), October 13 (Worship at FPC), November 3 (Worship at FPC), and December 1 (Worship at FPC). We are also planning a Barbershop Ensemble/Jazz Brass Ensemble performance in Spring 2014. Join us now as we spread the Good News of the Gospel, have fun, and learn to sing more effectively in our community outreach!

Alice Walker, Director

Michael Morgan to Speak to Presbyterian Women

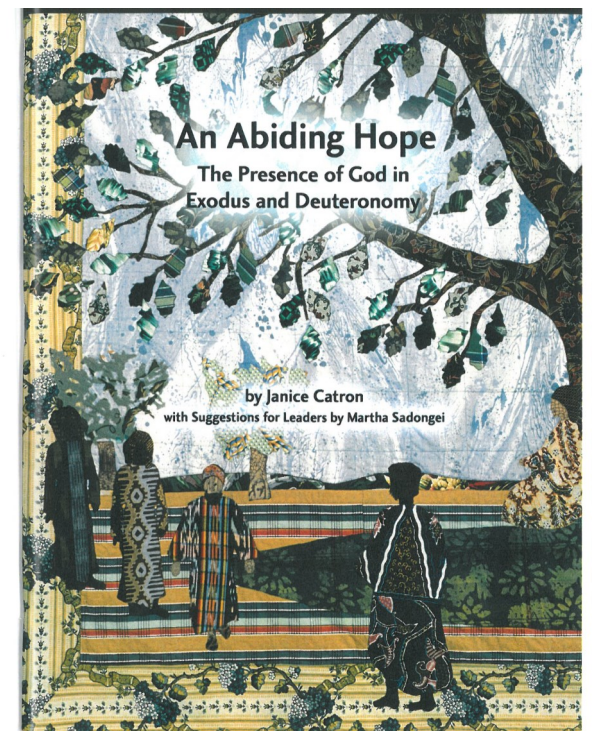


At the Fall Unit Meeting of Presbyterian Women, Michael Morgan, noted collector of ancient Psalters and Bibles, will present a lecture-exhibit on **"Bible Translation Through Women's Eyes."**

Mr. Morgan is nationally known for his extensive collection of antique Psalters and Bibles dating back several centuries. The meeting will be on Thursday evening, September 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Martin Fellowship Hall. Dessert will be served at 6.30 p.m., with Mr. Morgan's presentation and a short business meeting following. Presbyterian Women from several nearby Presbyterian Churches have been invited to this special occasion. Please join us!

Alice Walker, Moderator

Michael Morgan is organist at Atlanta's historic **Central Presbyterian Church**, and serves as the musician at **Columbia Theological Seminary**. His library of English Bibles and related books is perhaps the most comprehensive private collection in the country, with virtually every version and translation represented. He travels widely presenting lectures, exhibits, and Psalm festivals.



Women's Study Guide for 2013-2014

FAMILY CONNECTION

Sunday School Classes for EVERYONE!

Sundays @ 10:00 a.m.

We offer regular Sunday School classes for **ALL ages** each Sunday morning beginning at 10:00 a.m.

CHILDREN

- **Nurseries:** children up to 4 years of age.
- **Elementary Class:** K-4th grades
- **Confirmation Class:** 5th - higher grades

ADULTS

- **Jubilee Class:** Gospel of Luke
- **Foundation Builders:** Women of the Bible
- **Lectionary Class:** ****NEW**** Current Bible texts from the Revised Common Lectionary.



Feel free to "taste test" any of these classes to find out which one suits you best. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Walden at the church office of via e-mail at djwalden@mac.com.

★★ Early Learning Center News ★★

Dear FPC Family,

We have had the best beginning ever at FPELC! We have a great group of children with very supportive families, many of whom are new to our program. These kiddos are ready to learn! August was a great beginning for us, and we look forward to studying **Transportation and Community Helpers** next month as we learn Jesus' words to us, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:39) What a great message for children to learn at an early age!

I have to take time to thank some very special people who were such great helpers for us during **Open House** and the beginning of the year: Carol Dunbar, Dan Walden, Peni Haug, Billy Wade, Ann Bouchillon, and Janet Carmichael. We could not pull this off without help...we greatly appreciate it!

We are also beginning our fundraising for this school year. We are selling **Community Discount Cards** through September 9th.

These **cards are \$10 each** and have discounts to the following businesses: Amici Café, Blimpie, Bradley's BBQ, Bulldog Tire, Burrito Loco, Dunkin Donuts, Freeman's Low Country Fish Camp, Game Time, Johnny's Pizza, Just Dogs, Little Caesars, Mama Maria's, Pacho's, Plain Nuts, Square Perk, Subway, and Waffle House. If you would like to purchase a card, you can see me, email me, or stop by Peni Haug's office. Thanks for helping make this a successful fundraiser for our school!

On a personal note, I would like to thank you all very much for welcoming me and my family into the FPC family. We are thrilled to be here and cannot wait to see what God has in store for us.

Thanks for all of your support and God Bless! ~Krissy



Welcome to New Members!



Andrew & Nicolle Hinz with Isabelle



Ed & Susanne Perkerson



Krissy & Jason Jones with Hewett & Gray



Michael & Caryn Thompson



Rob & Kerry Jones with Dylan & Alex