



Columns

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“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” Romans 15:7

INVITE OTHERS

Our World Needs To Feel The Love Of Christ
Many people right around us are facing “life changes” today, especially in current economic conditions. Times of change like unemployment, financial stress, depression, transition, health, illness, or death can be that very instance when people are seeking our church the most. Daily we can be looking around us and reaching out to those in town, who are searching in their time of “life change” and invite them to connect with Georgetown Presbyterian Church. We can encourage others during their trials to hear and to see Christ’s promise in Matthew 11:28, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Dear Friends,

I am currently reading a book titled “Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations”, written by a Methodist Bishop, Robert Schnase. It is a book that I intend to share with the session for mutual study as we evaluate our own ministries and their effectiveness in drawing people into relationship with God and one another, and enabling people to grow in their personal discipleship. The first practice of fruitful congregations is Radical Hospitality, which describes the ways in which a church welcomes, embraces, and assimilates people into the faith community.

According to Schnase, one of the oft-overlooked aspects of hospitality is the condition of the church facilities. Practicing hospitality means going beyond providing a safe space where people can be moderately comfortable during services and events; radical hospitality means that we make our facilities as useful, inviting, friendly, and open as we possibly can. It means taking action with musky carpet, peeling paint and wallpaper, inadequate lighting, and such. I mention this because one of the questions that has arisen during the capital campaign is, “Why spend so much on ourselves?” In truth, we’re not “spending it on ourselves,” but creating a space that is warm, inviting, welcoming to all who come through our doors. People in today’s world eat at restaurants with modern equipment, work in buildings with updated lighting and contemporary colors and textures, and use public facilities that are clean and updated. They should experience no less when they enter the Lord’s house.

As this edition of “Columns” comes out, we will have completed our main push for the capital campaign. At this writing, we are at approximately 65% of our goal of \$970,000. I know that economic difficulties make it hard for some to pledge at this time, and I want to be sensitive to that reality; some of you have spoken to me personally, and I fully understand that circumstances prevent you from making a pledge. But we have had *less than half of our households* make a pledge of any kind. And so I want to challenge you, if you haven’t made a pledge and you are able, please do so.

I recently shared with the session that the scope of the project we are undertaking is one that requires sacrifice to achieve. That’s okay with me, because the work of the kingdom is not about taking the easy way, but about making sacrifices and self-offering for the glory of God. Personally, the pledge that Carol and I made for this campaign is not an easy one for us to fulfill; but if it were easy, then we probably wouldn’t be doing enough. I don’t say this to brag in any way, but to let you know that I am not asking anything of you that I am not willing to do myself. Please consider what you are able to do for our capital campaign.

In the end, as the campaign results are finalized, the session will go back to the drawing board and determine what can be done with the resources pledged; we will not encumber the church with debt in order to meet our goal.

All this being said, I know that our final product, though it may not look exactly as originally proposed, will be one that is of highest quality and that enables this church to continue our commitment to vital hospitality in the name of Christ.

Thank you in advance for your partnership.

Faithfully,
Steve Wilkins

RESTORING THE LORD'S HOUSE

Georgetown Presbyterian Church
Capital Campaign, 2011

As part of my/our commitment to faithful discipleship and to further the glory of God through the restoration of His house at 558 Black River Road, I/We hereby pledge to give the following financial gift, payable over a three-year period, beginning August 1, 2011:

Three-Year Pledge \$ _____

To be paid in the following installments (check one):

\$ _____ Monthly \$ _____ Quarterly \$ _____ Yearly

Other (Please specify): _____

I/we understand that if my/our financial situation changes, I/we may alter this pledge accordingly.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Signature(s)

Please prayerfully consider your pledge, fill out this form, and return it to the church office as soon as possible,
Attn: Fritz Vinson.

A SUMMER PARABLE

Now it came to pass that as the time of vacation drew near, a certain member of the church bethought him of cool streams where fish were abundant, and his children thought of sandy beaches by the sea, and his wife thought of mountains. And this church member lifted up his eyes on the hills and spoke saying, "Lo, the hot days cometh and even now are at hand. My work lieth heavy upon me. Come, let us depart and go to the north country where fishes do bite and cool winds bring refreshment and pleasant scenes await."

"Thou speakest wisely," said his wife. "Yet three, nay, even four, things must we do ere we go."

"Three things I can think of, but not a fourth," said her husband, "that we ask our neighbor to minister to our flowers, our lawn to be mowed and watered, and also our mail forwarded; but no other thing cometh to my mind."

"The fourth is like unto the other three, but greater than all," said his spouse, "even this, that thou dig into thy purse and pay the church pledge, in order that the Lord's work not be hindered, the good name of our congregation preserved, that the heart of the elders be made glad, and that it may be well with thee. For verily I say unto thee, thou hast more money now than thou shalt have when thou will return."

The husband replied, "Verily, thou art noble and wise among women," and he did pay his pledge for the summer, he seemed to enjoy his vacation all the more, and the elders rejoiced exceedingly, saying, "Of a truth, there are those who care for the good of the church. Praise the Lord!" And it was so.

PERENNIALS

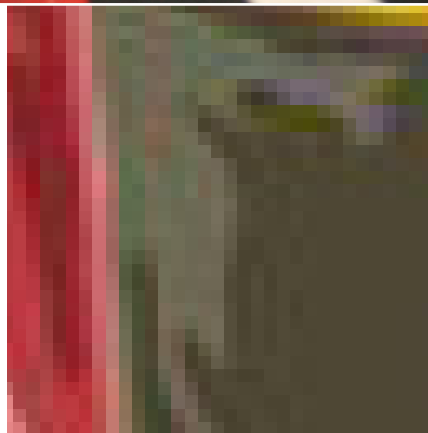
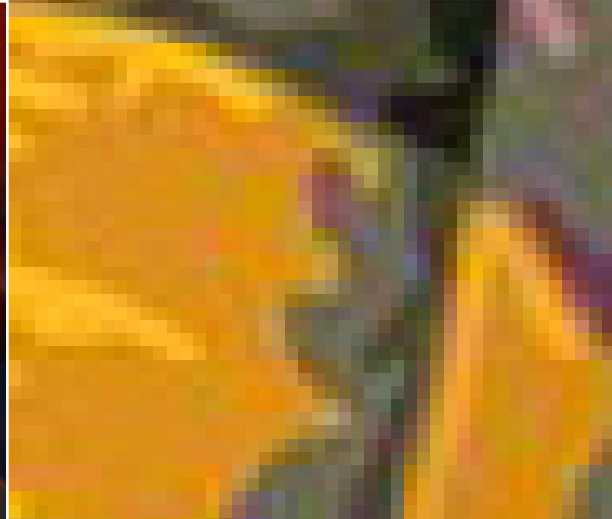
THE FUN LOVING MATURE GROUP!

The Perennials will have a very important meeting on August 17 at 4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Since Jill DeMarchi will not be serving as Chairperson this year, we are exploring shared leadership ideas. We need input and participation from all interested persons. Bring your ideas and suggestions. We look forward to a great year!

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH KICK OFF PARTY!!!

Come join us in our newly painted and air-conditioned gym on Sunday, August 21st from 5:30-8:00 p.m. We will have some fun games and great food!!! Please feel free to invite a friend and come hear about what we have in store for this year!!!! Best of all . . . it's FREE!



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

8/2	Kat Clark Sandra Kouamou Katie Spinks	8/17	Charlie Newkirk
8/3	Rowan Pelham	8/18	Joanne Duvall Emily Williamson
8/6	Maude Day	8/19	Linda Edwards
8/7	Bill Griffin Jim Hooks Ariel Kouamou	8/20	Katie Ford Ann Martin Rose Tilley
8/9	Martha Jo Poston	8/21	Keary Mull Craig Sasser
8/11	Ron Booth Claire Duvall Samuel Wood	8/23	Carol Mabe Tommy Rowland
8/12	Kyle Young	8/24	Josh Power
8/13	Mac Jordan Johnny Weaver Virginia Whitener	8/26	Shirley Purple
8/14	Virginia Coon	8/27	Terry Dillinger
8/15	Mary Davis Tommy Edwards Michelle Wood	8/28	Betty Kilgore Matt Martin
8/16	Jamie Dozier	8/30	Phil Filiatrault Alecia O'Donnell Jessica Speer Hayden Williams

Anniversaries

8/3	Tommy & Isabelle Rowland
8/7	Keary & Wendy Mull
8/10	Lee & Joy Talbot
8/12	Bob & Sandra Bethea
8/18	William & Shelby Brown
8/19	Bob & Priscilla Kearns
8/24	Jamie & Pam Dozier
8/28	Kyle & Jackie Young

MUSIC MINISTRY

Hymn Sing August 28

For the last couple of years we have celebrated the last Sunday of August with a Hymn Sing. On August 28, we will be singing some of the "old hymns" (some from the blue hymnal, some from the old red hymnal and some from other sources). If you would like to join the Summer Choir on that day, please meet in the Choir Room at 9:00 am to rehearse. We would love to have you! We look forward to celebrating the Gospel in song and enjoy our last summer Sunday together.

CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT

Nursery	8/7	Kim Jordan
	8/14	Brenda Martin
	8/21	Laura Moyer
	8/28	Ashley Baker
Children's Church	8/7	Melissa Chastain
	8/14	Katherine Morris
	8/21	Pam Dozier
	8/28	Jeanne Waldron
Greeters	8/7	Larry & Libby Michau
	8/14	Larry & Libby Michau
	8/21	Dian Hammett
	8/28	Linda Puckett & Gayle McCain
Ushers	8/7	Carol Mabe, Gayle McCain, Jo Swift
	8/14	Dean Brown, Carol Mabe, Dick Schwab
	8/21	Sandie Booth, Carol Mabe, Tommy Rowland
	8/28	Carol Mabe, Ann Martin, JL McAlister

Memorials & Honorariums

To the Capital Campaign

*In Loving Memory of Lorraine Henson
Ray and Michael Edwin Ray*

by Philip Ray

To the General Fund

In Loving Memory of Harriet Gotwals

by Arlene Joseph

To the Music Fund

In Loving Memory of Dominick Trifilette

by Bob & Jewell Hill

To the Pastor's Discretionary Fund

In Loving Memory of Don Purple

by Ralph and Aggie Edwards

To the John Leland Scholarship Fund

In Loving memory of Phil Arnold

by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Mitchum
and family

In Loving memory of R. Lee

Piepenbring by Mr. R. L.

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In Loving memory of Lee Power

by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Mitchum and
family

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Our "Mystery Adventures" have been so much fun. We traveled to Myrtle Beach and experienced the new Wonder Works. It is the upsidedown building at Broadway. Educational as well as playful, the children and adults enjoyed the activities immensely. From experiencing hurricane force winds in the wind tunnel, to laying on a bed of nails....and everything in between, we had FUN!

We also traveled to Mt. Pleasant and cooled off at Splash Island. This is a water park designed especially for younger children. The waterfall mushroom and cyclone river were extremely refreshing after all of the July heat. Again, adults and children enjoyed the activity.

We had 25-28 children attend each of these events. A heartfelt thank you goes to all of our chaperones. We couldn't do it without you. It has been an exciting summer. But it has gone by all too quickly. As we look ahead to the fall, please mark your calendars for a couple of special events.

Rally Day is Sunday, September 11th at 10:00am in the sanctuary. Please join us as we recognize our teachers and children. This will be a casual dress Sunday, as we are having a covered dish picnic after the 11:00 o'clock service. The church will provide the meat and drinks, just bring a dish to share.

Our Bridges program kicks off on Wednesday, September 7th. Dinner begins at 5:30pm and the program will follow. This year's format is exciting. Each Wednesday we will offer a new growing experience in the life of our church. Please make plans to join us.

As always, pray for our children. Remember, they are the future church. In Christ, Debbie



Rally Day

Sunday, September 11

A time for us all to rise up in faith

10:00 am in the Sanctuary

All members are encouraged to attend.

This event will be in place of Sunday School to recognize our faithful teachers and promotion of our children.

Picnic in the Fellowship Hall

12 noon

Bring a covered dish to share

GPC will provide meat and drinks

Fun activities to follow lunch

This will be a casual Sunday.



Come in faith to a new beginning

BRIDGES

September 7

The BRIDGES format is changing this fall. We invite everyone to come and experience this new and exciting experience in faith. Each week will be a different program to enrich your Christian faith. Feed your mind, your soul, your body.

MANNA IN THE MORNING

“Then the Lord said... I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day.’ ...The people of Israel called the bread manna.”

Numbers 16:4, 31

“One does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.”

Deut. 8:3

Lectio Divina

Use lectio divina in your daily reading of scripture by reading a few verses of the Bible. Read unhurriedly and listen for the message God has for you. Stay alert to connections to the Spirit that may reveal the passage and what is going on in your life. Once you have heard a word that is meant for you, you are naturally drawn to prayer. Pour your heart to God. Read, reflect, respond and rest — this is the basic rhythm of divine reading.

1. Read the scripture slowly.
2. Reflect on a word or phrase.
3. Respond to what you have read.

4. Rest in God's word.

From Upper Room Ministries
http://www.upperroom.org/daily/?page_id=9

Scripture readings are taken from Thelma Hall, r.c. Too Deep for Words: Rediscovering Lectio Divina (Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 1988).

Won't you take time to each day to let God speak to you through His Word? Listed below is a series of daily readings from the Bible. You are encouraged to spend a few minutes in the morning to let the scriptures soak into your heart. You may choose to begin each day by reading the psalm of the week. There is a single text listed for each weekday and Saturday; the Sunday texts are the Old Testament, Epistle and Gospel lectionary selections that are incorporated into our worship services (Note: during the time between Easter and Pentecost, the Old Testament lesson is replaced by a reading from Acts). One suggestion for daily reading would be to engage with the text through a process known as “Lectio Divina” (a Latin term that simply means “Divine Reading”).

Trust

Weekly Blessing and Exhortation
Mark 9:24

Sunday, July 31

Genesis 32:22-31

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

Monday, August 1

Luke 8:40-56

Tuesday, August 2

Psalm 56

Wednesday, August 3

James 1:2-18

Thursday, August 4

1 Peter 5:6-11

Friday, August 5

Isaiah 26:1--9

Saturday, August 6

2 Kings 5:1-16

Children

Weekly Blessing and Exhortation
Mark 10:3-16

Sunday, August 7

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

Monday, August 8

Matthew 18:1-4

Tuesday, August 9

Mark 9:33-37

Wednesday, August 10

1 John 3:1-2

Thursday, August 11

Romans 8:14-17

Friday, August 12

Galatians 3:25-29

Saturday, August 13

Luke 10:21-22

Compassion

Weekly Blessing and Exhortation
Luke 6:36

Sunday, August 14

Genesis 45:1-15

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

Monday, August 15

Mark 6:30-44

Tuesday, August 16

Mark 10:46-52

Wednesday, August 17

Psalm 34:11-18

Thursday, August 18

Luke 4:38-41

Friday, August 19

Isaiah 57:14-19

Saturday, August 20

Psalm 138

God Reveals Himself to Me

Weekly Blessing and Exhortation
Revelation 1:8

Sunday, August 21

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

Monday, August 22

Hosea 11:1-4

Tuesday, August 23

Deuteronomy 32:3-4

Wednesday, August 24

Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday, August 25

Titus 3:3-7

Friday, August 27

Psalm 103:13-22

Saturday, August 27

Matthew 9:10-13

Joy

Weekly Blessing and Exhortation
Philippians 4:4-7

Sunday, August 28

Exodus 3:1-5

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

Monday, August 29

1 John 1:1-4

Tuesday, August 30

Luke 1:40-55

Wednesday, August 31

Revelation 19:5-9

Thursday, September 1

Psalm 84

Friday, September 2

Luke 24:50-53

Saturday, September 3

1 Peter 1:3-9

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7:30am-5:30pm Preschool/F.I.S.H. Monday-Friday Unless otherwise noted	1 10am, Staff meeting 6:30pm, Counseling group	2 Bus-F.I.S.H. 6:30pm, Counseling group	3 9-12noon, Adventurers	4 10am-4pm, Bus-Hispanic Ministry-Pawleys Island 6:30pm Counseling group 7pm, Al Anon	5 10am-4pm, Bus-Hispanic Ministry-Pawleys Island Rev. Frazier, gym	6
7	8 10am, CE Staff meeting 10am-4pm, Bus-Hispanic Ministry-movie 5:30pm, Porperty, Mission, Stewardship/Finance committee meetings 6:30pm, Counseling group	9 10am-4pm, Bus-Hispanic Ministry-movie 5pm, CDC 6:30pm, Counseling group	10 9-12noon, Adventurers	11 6:30pm, Counseling group 7pm, Al Anon	12	13
14	15 10am, Staff meeting 6:30pm, Counseling group	16 5:30pm, Session 6:30pm, Counseling group	17 First Day of School 4pm, Perennials meeting, Fellowship Hall	18 6:30pm, Counseling group 7pm, Al Anon	19	20
21 5:30-8pm, Mid Sch and Sr Hi	22 10am, Worship Staff meeting 6:30pm, Counseling group	23 6:30pm, Counseling group	24	25 6:30pm, Counseling group 7pm, Al Anon	26	27
28 Food Pantry Sunday	29 6:30pm, Counseling group	30 5:30pm, CE 6:30pm, Counseling group	31			