



# Columns

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*“Joash (the king of Judah) decided to restore the temple of the Lord... At the king’s command, a chest was made and placed outside, at the gate of the temple of the Lord... All the officials and all the people brought their contributions gladly, dropping them into the chest until it was full... They hired masons and carpenters to restore the Lord’s temple, and also workers in iron and bronze to repair the temple. The men in charge of the work were diligent, and the repairs progressed under them...”*

From 2 Chronicles 24

Dear Friends,

If the scripture quoted to the left looks familiar, that’s because it is the same scripture passage that forms the theme of our capital campaign. Joash was a king of Judah, and he recognized that the Temple of the Lord had fallen into serious disrepair, so he established a program to fund the restoration of the Temple. Much as in the time of Joash, we find that the Lord’s house at Georgetown Presbyterian Church is in need of restoration. Thus, the Session has authorized a capital campaign to raise the funds to expand our fellowship hall and kitchen, to transform the building next door to the church into a youth and mission hospitality center, and to provide general upgrades to our physical plant.

There are three things in that story that I find challenging and convicting in terms of our own effort to restore the Lord’s house. The first is that there was a recognized need to make repairs and improvements to the Lord’s house. Just as Joash saw that the Temple was in disrepair, so have we identified many conditions of disrepair in the church facilities; some conditions exist at the church that we wouldn’t dare allow at our own homes, so why are we content to let the conditions exist in the Lord’s house? The second thing I notice in the story of Joash’s effort is that ALL the people brought their contributions gladly. I believe that is a challenge for EVERYONE to participate financially in the capital campaign, and to do so with a spirit of good cheer. Indeed, our giving to the Lord’s house and the Lord’s work is a sign of our commitment to the Lord’s mission and ministry. Third, we see in the story of Joash’s effort that “the people in charge of the work were diligent.” I view this as a challenge to the session and to all who will be carrying out the work of renovations and repairs, to be diligent in our responsibility. Personally, I am extremely humbled by the generosity of those who have pledged thus far, and it is my personal conviction to ensure that we are extremely faithful and diligent in the use of all funds given to the work of restoring the Lord’s house.

If you have already pledged, thank you! Your generosity is an example for others to emulate. If you have not pledged, please do so. We need every gift in order to be able to carry out the work we believe needs to be done. Thank you in advance for your participation in this endeavor

Faithfully,

Steve Wilkins

## INVITE OTHERS

*When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest”* (Matthew 9:36 – 38)

As you encounter friends and family this summer, invite them to come to church with you. Some of these people may be “harassed and helpless” and in need what Jesus Christ has to offer. Reach out and be part of sharing your faith and hope with them.

## FINANCE

### Church Operating Funds Continue to Perform Well

Our general fund revenues of \$360,193 for the first half of 2011 exceed budget by 5%. Expenses of \$385,467 are right on target. Note that expenses fall more heavily in the earlier part of the year while contributions tend to come nearer the end of the year. All indications are that we will likely end the year even or with a small surplus.

## RESTORING THE LORD'S HOUSE

### Georgetown Presbyterian Church Capital Campaign 2011

#### July Update

As of June 27, the pledge summary for the capital campaign is as follows:

32 pledges have been received, totaling \$470, 250.

- 7 pledges exceed \$25,000
- 3 pledges are between \$10,000 and \$25,000
- 6 pledges are between \$5,000 and \$10,000
- 16 pledges are under \$5,000

**In order to reach our goal of \$970,000, we need most of the pledges to fall in the \$5,000 - \$10,000 category.** For many, such extra giving will be sacrificial in nature; please consider making such a gift as an act of faith. Remember, your pledge can be paid over a three year period. Please prayerfully consider your pledge, and return a pledge form to the church before July 31. Thank you in advance for your participation.



Outreach Center



Church Kitchen & Fellowship Hall

## 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 by July 31, 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.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our "Adventurers" events have been very successful. June 29 we had a water day and a farewell party for Carolyn and Katelyn Morelock. We all will miss them! Please remember to sign up your child (children) 4 years old through 5th grade for the "Adventurers" summer events so that we can better prepare for participants. Each Wednesday through August 10 from 9am-12 noon we will be having a mystery event. Please contact Debbie Barron, 546-5826, ext. 123 or [debbiebarron18@gmail.com](mailto:debbiebarron18@gmail.com) to sign up for **each** event and to complete emergency forms if you have not already done so.

We will not have "Adventurers" July 6 due to the holiday.

In Christ.  
Debbie

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

7/1	Velma Cook Patsy Crayton	7/19	PJ Brachna Willam Buss Patti Shortt
7/2	Ramey Mull	7/20	William Brown John Buddin
7/3	Joe Martin	7/21	Isabelle Rowland
7/5	Calvin Dawson	7/22	Matt Piepenbring Ennis Van Duyn
7/6	Traci Green	7/23	Tradd Stuckey
7/7	Albert Ford Terry Fry	7/24	Hunter Dawson Keith Wilcox
7/8	Yorky Burnas-Arnold	7/26	Ethan Chastain Peppy Jordan Ann Seekes
7/9	Joe Trifiletti Luan Vinson Carey Williamson Carol Zieske	7/27	Susan Assey
7/12	Bob Glisson	7/28	Wendy Mull
7/11	Lynn Siau	7/29	Ashley Baker
7/13	Miller Nash Cindy Williams	7/31	Jean Moody Abby Sawyer
7/15	Bo Barron		
7/16	Barbara Glenn		
7/17	Leese Cook Rita Scott		
7/18	Holly Fesperman		

### Anniversaries

7/1	Joe & Marty Trifiletti
7/7	Ben & Jean Power
7/13	Jack & Rita Scott
7/18	Harvey & Kathy Brown
7/27	Les & Cathy Crawford
7/31	Bill & Cheryl Gause LC & Millie Sloan

## CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT

Nursery	7/3	Andrienne Sanderson	<b>Memorials &amp; Honorariums</b>
	7/10	Kelly Nash	
	7/17	Holly Fesperman	
	7/24	Joy Clark	
	7/31	Wendy Siau	
Children's Church	7/3	TBA	
	7/10	Liz Brachna	
	7/17	Yorky Burnas-Arnold	
	7/24	Claire Duvall	
	7/31	Adrienne Sanderson	
Greeters	7/3	Linda Puckett	
	7/10	Cathy & Les Crawford	
	7/17	Joe Padgett	
	7/24	Dian Hammett	
	7/31	Linda Puckett & Gayle McCain	
Ushers	7/3	Kalib Moyer, Jim & Sue Ryan, Jo Swift	
	7/10	Ted Quantz, Jim & Sue Ryan, Juanita Siau	
	7/17	Linda Puckett, Jim & Sue Ryan, Doug Wilson	
	7/24	John Goodman, Ann Martin, Jim & Sue Ryan	
	7/31	Mary Boyd Brown, Robert McCarley, Jim & Sue Ryan	

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### GPC Awards 8 Students with John Leland Scholarship

Every year Georgetown Presbyterian Church seeks to reward our youth for their hard work and accomplishments as they graduate from high school and continue their studies. This year the John Leland Scholarship Committee (Wendy Mull, Joe Henson, Ramona Young, Steve Wilkins) awarded eight students with scholarship gifts. The students are: Molly McNeill (University of South Carolina), Tina Abbasi (University of South Carolina), Tyler Dillinger (Horry-Georgetown Technical College), Sam Waldron (Tri-County Technical College), Sandra Kouamou (Charleston Southern University), Trey Glenn (Univ. of South Carolina / Salkahatchie), Helen Wilkins (Presbyterian College), and Faith Power (University of South Carolina). Congratulations recipients! Know that your church family at Georgetown Presbyterian Church is proud of your accomplishments!

## 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](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").

### The Freedom God Grants

*Weekly Blessing and Exhortation Psalm 146*

Sunday, July 3  
Genesis 24:34-67  
Romans 7:15-25a  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Monday, July 4  
2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Tuesday, July 5  
Galatians 4:1-7

Wednesday, July 6  
John 8:31-36

Thursday, July 7  
Galatians 5:16-26

Friday, July 8  
Isaiah 42:6-9

Saturday, July 9  
Romans 6:12-23

### The Call of God

*Weekly Blessing and Exhortation Psalm 119:105-112*

Sunday, July 10  
Genesis 25:19-34  
Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Monday, July 11  
John 1:35-39

Tuesday, July 12  
Jeremiah 1:4-10

Wednesday, July 13  
Psalm 85:8-9

Thursday, July 14  
Deuteronomy 7:7-9

Friday, July 15  
Isaiah 6:1-9

Saturday, July 16  
1 Corinthians 1:2-9

### God in Our Midst

*Weekly Blessing and Exhortation Matthew 28:20*

Sunday, July 17  
Genesis 28:10-19a  
Romans 8:12-25  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Monday, July 18  
Luke 24:13-35

Tuesday, July 19  
John 14:23

Wednesday, July 20  
1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Thursday, July 21  
Matthew 18:19-20

Friday, July 22  
2 Corinthians 13:3-5

Saturday, July 23  
Matthew 25:31-46

### Learning from Jesus

*Weekly Blessing and Exhortation John 3:16*

Sunday, July 24  
Genesis 29:15-28  
Romans 8:26-39  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Monday, July 25  
John 8:1-11

Tuesday, July 26  
Matthew 22:34-40

Wednesday, July 27  
John 3:17-21

Thursday, July 28  
Mark 13:33-37

Friday, July 29  
John 5:1-20

Saturday, July 30  
Matthew 15:21-28

### 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

# JULY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7:30am-5:30pm Preschool/F.I.S.H. Monday-Friday Unless otherwise noted					1 Rev. Frazier, gym	2
3 Communion	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Preschool/F.I.S.H. prog closed Office closed 6:30pm, Counseling group 7pm, Rain location for Indigo Choral Society Concert	5 6:30pm, Counseling group	6	7 6:30pm, Counseling group 7pm, Al Anon	8	9
10 11am, Congregational Meeting	11 4pm, Service to Comm. 5:30pm, Vis/New Memb; Worship; Admin 6:30pm, Counseling group	12 5pm, CDC 6:30pm, Counseling group	13 9am-12noon, Adventurers 5-8pm, Mid Sch here, food & open gym	14 6-8pm, Sr Hi @ Carl's 6:30pm, Counseling group	15	16
17	18 6:30pm, Counseling group	19 5:30pm, Session 6:30pm, Counseling group	20 9am-12pm, Adventurers 12noon-5pm, Mid Sch lunch bunch	21 6-8pm, Sr Hi here, no food 6:30pm, Counseling group 7pm, Al Anon	22 6-8pm, Relay for Life dinner	23
24 24-30 Montreat 24-30 Rob Westland mission group here	25 6:30pm, Counseling group	26 12noon-5:30pm, ARC blood drive 5:30pm, CE 6:30pm, Counseling group	27 9am-12noon, Adventurers	28 6:30pm, Counseling group 7pm, Al Anon	29	30
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