

# 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

## Invite Others

*“What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.”* I Corinthians 3: 5 – 9

Evangelism is required of us by God; it is not an option. It is often quite difficult to share our faith. We worry about offending others, saying the wrong words, being rejected and disliked. Paul makes it clear that God uses us to plant and water seeds of faith through our words and actions, but we can trust God to make the seeds grow. One way in which we can share our faith is by inviting our friends and neighbors to church!

Dear Friends,

What was true of the temple of the Lord in the days of King Joash (approx. 835-800 B.C.) stands true of Georgetown Presbyterian Church today: ***The Lord's house needs restoration!*** While it is true that we have been blessed with a physical plant that enables a wide range of activities, ministries, and gatherings to take place at 558 Black River Road, the truth is many maintenance issues have been deferred over the years. But we have reached a point at which we can no longer put off the maintenance and renovations that are needed.

The list of needs is extensive:

- Inadequate space in our kitchen and fellowship hall;
- A youth program that has outgrown its current space;
- Classrooms with deteriorating carpet and paint peeling off the walls and ceilings;
- Windows with rotting panes and sills, and broken or missing grids;
- Bathrooms with severe water damage and fixtures that have turned green from oxidation;
- Heating and Air Conditioning Units that are more than 20 years old;
- Dimly-lit hallways in our older buildings;
- Gymnasium with signs of heavy use—peeling paint, damaged doors, aging equipment.

Many of the conditions mentioned above have deteriorated to such an extent that most people would not accept them in their own homes; and so why should we let such conditions continue in God's house? ***The Lord's house needs restoration!***

During the spring of this year, the Session will kick off a capital campaign to raise the funds needed to address these needs. The scope of the project will include a major renovation and expansion of the current kitchen and fellowship hall facilities, a complete renovation of the current Outreach Center, numerous mechanical and electrical upgrades, painting classrooms, hallways, and offices, replacement of flooring... The list is too long to present in this space.

This undertaking is not simply to make us feel better about our church. It is also vital to growth in membership to have a physical plant that is welcoming and in good condition. Furthermore, everything we do here—our gatherings, our classes, our meetings, our worship and prayer—is all done with the goal of proclaiming the gospel of God's love in Jesus Christ and deepening our own commitment to being Christ's faithful disciples. We believe that improvement to our physical plant is an important part of strengthening our overall ministry.

Please read the daily e-mail, the worship bulletin, and the church web site for announcements concerning the unveiling of the plans for the restoration of the Lord's house; dates are still not finalized as I write this note.

I praise God for the heritage of generous, faithful, and dedicated followers of Jesus Christ who have served the Lord faithfully through the myriad ministries of Georgetown Presbyterian Church. I hope and pray that you will be a partner in this endeavor—in any and every way you are able to participate, including your financial gifts.

Faithfully,  
Steve

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

### Our Mission Ministry at Work

*Please remember our  
GPS missionaries in your  
prayers.*



### Are you Ready for Change?

...Change for Children,  
That Is.



It's time again to collect change for the children of Zambia. We ask for you to turn in your change during the church services on May 1. If you need a basket for your change they will be available outside the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND F.I.S.H. PROGRAMS

**Preschool and FISH registration** for GPC members and currently enrolled students begins March 1.

Registration for those on the waiting list begins March 30.



In our effort to help the environment we are pleased to say that we are recycling used printer toner and inkjet cartridges. If you would please place your used cartridges in the box outside the office we would appreciate it. **AND** any money we may get from the recycling will go to mission projects.

# PERENNIALS

THE FUN LOVING MATURE GROUP!

- Perennials Board Meeting                      Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Pastoral Visitation lunch  
and  
Social lunch                                      Please come to the **Pastoral Lunch** at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, March 1**.  
Please come to the **Social Lunch** at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, March 15**. Bring a favorite dish to share.
- February's Event                                      Twenty people attended our trip to Fowlers Dining Room in Conway, SC. Everyone enjoyed lunch!
- Swamp Fox Players,  
"Oklahoma"                                      **Friday, March 11, 8:00 pm**, Strand Theater: the Perennials will be going to see "Oklahoma". The theater will hold 30 seats for us. You may pay by credit card or identify yourself as a season ticket holder and they will book us as a group. Anyone wishing to attend a pre-theater pizza party at the Filiatrault's may sign up. Cost for the pizza party is \$5.00 per person. Any questions, please call Meg Filiatrault at 436-4466.
- St. Patrick's Day dinner and  
book exchange                                      St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland and is one of Christianity's most widely known figures. He was the first to start converting the Irish people to Christianity. In honor of St. Patrick, the **March** event will be the traditional St. Patrick's Day Dinner featuring corned beef and cabbage! We will also have a book exchange. Bring as many books as you like, both soft and hardback. Any unclaimed books, left after the exchange, will be donated to the Tideland Community Hospice Resale Shop! The March event is **Thursday, March 17 at 5:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$6.00 per person payable at the dinner. A sign up sheet is posted on the Perennial Bulletin Board. Call Jill De Marchi (545-8896) if you have questions.
- April Event    Mark your calendars now for the **Annual End-of-The-Year Gala Dinner on Thursday, April 29 at 6:00 pm**. to be hosted at Carefree Catering lovely patio garden in Pawley's Island. Invitations and reservation forms will be mailed April 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost will be \$18.00 per person. Please RSVP to Evie Gibson by Thursday, April 22, and make checks payable to Jill De Marchi along with your reservation. The church van will be available to transport attendees. A van sign up sheet will be posted April 1<sup>st</sup> on the Perennial Bulletin Board. This popular event was attended by 92 individuals last year, and we hope for more this year Call Jill De Marchi (545-8896) if you have questions.
- Perennial Board  
Chair/Co-chair Needed                              Anyone interested in serving on the Perennial board for the September 2011 through April 2012 fiscal year, please contact any current board member. Jill De Marchi will remain on the board-at-large, but will no longer chair the group. Please consider chairing or co-chairing the Perennials.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

A Service of Healing and Wholeness

Holy Communion

Service will be Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 6:00 PM

Lent, Holy Week, Easter 2011

This year, as we prepare our lives during Lent for the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord, our focus will be on Jesus' Seven Last Words from the Cross. Our Wednesday evening vesper meditations and Sunday sermons will be based on these texts:

March 9 and 13, *Ash Wednesday and First Sunday of Lent* – Luke 23:32-38

March 16 and 20 – Luke 23:39-43

March 23 and 27 – John 25-27

March 30 and April 3 – Matthew 27:45-49

April 6 and 10 – John 19:28-29

April 13 and 17, *Passion Sunday* – John 19:30

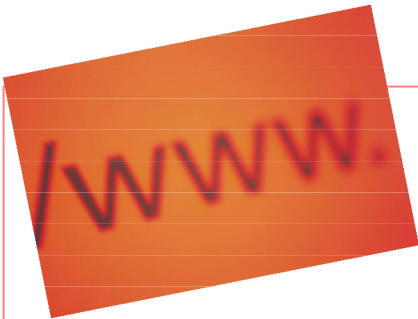
April 21, *Maundy Thursday*, Holy Communion – 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

April 22, *Good Friday* (Noon Service) – Luke 23:44-49

April 24, *EASTER SUNDAY* – *Celebration of the Resurrection*

Student of the Month

**COLLEGE STUDENT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH** is: Dustin Cyr, Coastal Carolina and Horry-Georgetown Tech, 37 Clover St, Georgetown, SC 29440. Please show encouragement and care by sending cards and/or care packages. We have set up a display outside the Fellowship Hall with information and mailing labels for your convenience.



### Did you know...?

Audio recordings of Sunday Sermons are now available on the church website: [www.gtpres.org/2011sermons.cfm](http://www.gtpres.org/2011sermons.cfm) for listening and downloading.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

“Love your neighbor as yourself.” Luke 10:27b

### **PYC Middle School Retreat**

*Sponsored by New Harmony Presbytery*

**Friday, March 11-13, 2011**

**First Presbyterian Church – Myrtle Beach**

**Registration due by Sunday, March 6, 2011**

**Cost: \$25 per person**

Limited space: GPC members & 1 guest only

### **Who’s Your Neighbor?**

Is it the person who lives next door? Is it the one who sits beside you in class? What about the one who’s bullied in your school? Are they your neighbor? Come and join us as we look at our neighbors and discover how we can make a difference in their lives?

Shrove Tuesday!

On **Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**, come join us for the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Our youth will be cooking up your favorite pancakes and “trimmings” along with the wonderful King Cake! Remember that this is a fund raiser which goes to help youth attend camps, conferences, and certain trips. Your donations are desperately needed! Suggested donation per person is \$8 however, all are welcome. Your generosity is appreciated.

Senior High Lock In

Senior High Youth will meet on **Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** for a LOCK-IN. We will begin our evening with a short trip up to Surfside where we will enjoy some Fun, Food, and Games and then travel back to the church for an evening of movies, games, snacks and free time. Youth are asked to take part in the whole experience and not “come and go.” There is too much confusion when that happens not to mention caring for the safety of your children. Bruce MUST know who is planning to participate no later than March 20<sup>th</sup> in order to secure transportation. Cost is \$20 per person and includes food and activities. Youth will be excused/picked up at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

## FAMILY CENTER

Family Skate Event

The Family Center Committee is hosting a family skate event, **Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**, following the 11am service until 1:30pm, GPC Gym. Bring a change of clothes and get ready to have a fabulous time!!! A pizza lunch will be provided.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

3/1	Joy Padgett	3/18	Carmen Stuckey
3/2	Noa Kate Morris	3/19	Matthew Clary Pete Stegall
3/4	Deana Crayton Ryan Williams	3/20	Betty Griffin
3/5	Ben Wilkins	3/21	Alice Balfe Ginger McNeill Kaye Thomas
3/8	Jason Harrelson	3/22	Ben Power Jennifer Harrelson Alec Wilcox
3/9	Cathy Crawford Mary Glazier Judge Purple	3/23	Richie Swann
3/10	Joe Henson Brenda Martin	3/24	Hannah Fesperman
3/11	Sally Meador	3/26	Marty Trifiletti
3/13	Hailey Barron Les Crawford	3/27	Judy Ragin
3/14	Anne Tamsberg Marc Duvall	3/28	Virginia Delatte
3/15	Hannah Dozier Rachel Dozier	3/29	Cheryl Gause
		3/31	Mary Cooper Jordan Richard Matthews

### Anniversaries

3/7	Ernie & Virginia Coon
3/27	Mark & Jocelyn Morelock

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### Nursery

3/6	Liz Brachna
3/13	Yorky Burnas-Arnold
3/20	Claire Duvall
3/27	Emily Kouamou

### Children's Church

3/6	Viviana Scoville
3/13	Alecia O'Donnell
3/20	Alma Power
3/27	Terry Glenn

### Greeters

<b>8:45</b>	Janette & Johnny Weaver
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### 11:00

3/6, 13	Nina & Bill Stuckey
3/20, 27	Bill & Laura Rentz

### Ushers

<b>8:45</b>	Mike & Laura Glazier
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### 11:00

3/6	Gayle McCain, Kalib Moyer, Joe Padgett, Jo Swift
3/13	Dean Brown, Ted Quantz, Dick Schwab, Juanita Siau
3/20	Sandie Booth, Linda Puckett, Marje Wells, Doug Wilson
3/27	Ann Martin, JL McAlister, Hannah Skinner, Pinckney Skinner

### Memorials & Honorariums

#### To the General Fund

*In loving memory of Francis Morris*  
By Jean Moody

#### To the Hispanic Ministry Fund

*In loving memory of Phil Arnold*

By Ron and Sandie Booth

By Al and Jill De Marchi

By Tom and Sally Gillespie

By Charles Lilz

By the Mary Martha Circle

By Jean Moody

By Jim and Sue Ryan

By David and Charlotte Van Hoose

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY KITCHEN MINISTRY**

Camp Pee Dee sign up

**Sign up for Camp Pee Dee will be at BRIDGES, Wednesday night, March 2nd, from 5-7pm.**

Service Project

**The Children's Ministry monthly service project for February went well. It is so important as a child of God to spread His love to the community as I witnessed with the children this past month. A service project for March is being planned. If you have suggestions for outreach projects that the children can participate in, please contact me.**

Vacation Bible School

**Before you know it summer will be upon us and it will be time once again for Vacation Bible School. VBS will be June 6-9 so please mark these dates on your calendar and prepare for a spiritually educational and creatively fun adventure.**

Pastoral Visitation and Social Lunches

**As a reminder, the Pastoral Visitation Lunch is Tuesday, March 1 at 12:00 noon and the Social Lunch is Tuesday, March 15 at 12:00 noon. If you have not participated in these lunches it truly is a wonderful gathering of our church family. Please plan on coming this month.**

Habitat Build

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IS HAVING AN APOSTLE BUILD on Winyah Street in March involving all the area churches. If you are interested in assisting, Georgetown Presbyterian Church is scheduled to work on March 8, please contact the church office. In addition to construction assistance we are preparing the meal for that day. If you are interested in helping in that capacity please contact Debbie. Please plan to show your support of this worthy outreach to our community.**

**The March 2nd Sunday breakfast is March 13 at 9:30. Please plan to come for a filling breakfast AND don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour Saturday night!**

Dealing with the Big D's workshop

**Women2Women is sponsoring the growth workshop "Dealing With The Big D's (Depression, Damaging Emotions, Diet, Debt, Divorce and Death) held at GPC March 12 from 8:30am-12:30pm. You may pre-register online, [www.women2womenministry.com](http://www.women2womenministry.com), contact Lydia Barrows at 655-9380 or email [lydiabarrows@sc.rr.com](mailto:lydiabarrows@sc.rr.com) or stop by the church office for a registration form. The registration fee is \$25 before March 9 or \$35 at the door. Breakfast will be served.**

# 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)

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").

## **Listening to God**

*Weekly Blessing and Promise John 11:25-26*

Sunday, February 27  
Isaiah 49:8-16a  
1 Corinthians 4:1-5  
Matthew 6:24-34  
Monday, February 28  
Mark 9:2-8  
Tuesday, March 1  
Isaiah 42:1-9  
Wednesday, March 2  
Romans 12:1-2  
Thursday, March 3  
Romans 12:9-13  
Friday, March 4  
Romans 12:14-21  
Saturday, March 5  
Colossians 3:12-17

## **Denying our Mortality**

*Weekly Blessing and Promise Psalm 23:4*

Sunday, March 6  
Exodus 24:12-18  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
Matthew 17:1-9  
Monday, March 7  
Mark 8:31-38  
Tuesday, March 8  
Matthew 16:24-28  
Wednesday, March 9  
Luke 12:13-21  
Thursday, March 10  
Psalm 84:1-12  
Friday, March 11  
Matthew 16:21-23  
Saturday, March 12  
John 5:19-24

## **Discipleship:**

*Serving with Jesus  
Weekly Blessing and Promise Mark 3:14-15*

Sunday, March 13  
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11  
Monday, March 14  
Luke 22:24-30  
Tuesday, March 15  
Isaiah 41:8-10  
Wednesday, March 16  
Luke 16:10-13  
Thursday, March 17  
Matthew 12:15-21  
Friday, March 18  
1 Corinthians 4:1-5  
Saturday, March 19  
John 15:12-16

## **The Cost of Discipleship**

*Weekly Blessing and Promise Hebrews 12:1-2*

Sunday, March 20  
Genesis 12:1-4  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
John 3:1-17  
Monday, March 21  
Matthew 16:24-28  
Tuesday, March 22  
Acts 14:21-23  
Wednesday, March 23  
2 Timothy 2:8-13  
Thursday, March 24  
Romans 6:5-11  
Friday, March 25  
1 Thessalonians 3:1-13  
Saturday, March 26  
Luke 14:25-33

## **Living the Transformed Life**

*Weekly Blessing and Promise  
Philippians 1:9-11*

Sunday, March 27  
Exodus 17:1-7  
Romans 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42  
Monday, March 28  
Matthew 5:13-16  
Tuesday, March 29  
2 Corinthians 4:16-18  
Wednesday, March 30  
2 Corinthians 5:1-10  
Thursday, March 31  
Matthew 15:10-20  
Friday, April 1  
Philippians 3:1-11  
Saturday, April 2  
John 16:25-33

Scripture readings are taken from Norman Shawchuck and Rueben Job, [A Guide to Prayer for All Who Seek God](#) (Nashville: Upper Room Books, 2006).

# March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7:30am-5:30pm Preschool/FISH Monday-Friday Unless otherwise noted		1 12 noon Pastoral lunch Judy Williams & Mrkng Director, Summerville Village 5:30pm, called Session meeting 6:30-7:30pm, Sr Hi Girls' Bible Study	2 7:15am Men's break 4:45pm Child Choir 5:15pm BRIDGES- Camp PD signups 5:30pm Middle Sch NO BELLS 6pm Service of Healing and Wholeness 7pm Chancel Choir	3	4 Frazier-gym	5 Mitchum wedding
6 Rev. Cody Watson, guest pastor Communion 8:45 12noon, called Congre- gational meeting 5:30pm Sr Hi	7 10am PW coor mtng 5:30-10:30 YMCA bktball 6:30-7:30pm, Sr Hi Girls' Bible Study	8 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD 5pm, CDC committee 5:30pm, Youth pancake supper fund raiser 6pm Bells	9 ASH WEDNESDAY 7:15am Men's break 4:45pm Child Choir 5:15pm BRIDGES 5:30pm Middle Sch 6pm Lenten Devotion 7pm Chancel Choir	10	11 12noon, IP Baseball Classic lunch 8pm Perennials "Oklahoma" (6pm, Filiatrait's) Mar 11-13 Mid Sch Retreat	12 8-12 "Women to Women Dealing with the Big D's" 2:30pm Inurnment with 3pm Van Osterom memorial service
13 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS-Move clocks forward 1 hour 9:30am 2nd Sunday breakfast 5:30 Sr Hi	14 10am Miriam Cir 11:30am Inez Str Cir 3 pm Leila Marvin Cr 5:30 Worship; Visitor/New Member; Serv to Comm; Admin 7pm Mary Martha Cir 5:30-10:30 YMCA 6:30-7:30pm, Sr Hi Girls' Bible Study	15 12 noon Social lunch 5:30pm Session 6pm Bells	16 7:15am Men's break 4pm Perennials board 4:45pm Child Choir 5:15pm BRIDGES 5:30pm Middle Sch 6pm Lenten Devotion 7pm Chancel Choir	17 5:30pm Perennials St Patrick's Day book exchange	18	19 9:30am Quilters 1-3 private party in gym
20 12-3pm Family Skate party, gym 5:30 Sr Hi	21 5:30-10:30 YMCA bktball 6:30-7:30pm, Sr Hi Girls' Bible Study	22 6pm Bells	23 7:15am Men's break 4pm, Perennial brd 4:45pm Child Choir 5:15pm BRIDGES 5:30pm Middle Sch 6pm Lenten Devotion 7pm Chancel Choir	24	25 FISH all day 6pm Sr Hi lock in	26 9:30am Quilters
27 FOOD PANTRY 5:30 Sr Hi	28 5:30-10:30 YMCA bktball 6:30-7:30pm, Sr Hi Girls' Bible Study	29 12-5:30pm ARC blood drive 5:30 CE committee 6pm Bells	30 7:15am Men's break 4pm, Perennial brd 4:45pm Child Choir 5:15pm BRIDGES 5:30pm Middle Sch 6pm Lenten Devotion 7pm Chancel Choir	31	1 Frazier-gym	2 9:30am Quilters