

SPRING HILL MESSENGER



Spring Hill Presbyterian Church, Mobile, Alabama

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From the Pastor's Desk...

When this newsletter is received Lent will have already begun. The Wednesday noon services will have commenced, lunches will have been served, and our attention will have been focused on the seriousness – even the somberness – of this holy season. Lent is the way the church has long prepared itself for Christ's betrayal, arrest, scourgings, trial, humiliation, crucifixion and resurrection. Such events cannot be mentally or spiritually understood and embraced without preparation. They are simply too profound.

The hope is long-standing that Lent be reserved for intense prayer, Bible study and quiet acts of charity and reconciliation. By immersing ourselves in the Word and in following the Word's commands we are allowing the Holy Spirit to work in our minds and hearts. That sacred work is preparation for the sadness but necessity of Good Friday and the glory of Easter morning.

So, in the church's faith of ages past and present, let me encourage you to open yourselves through prayer and study and charity to the life-changing work of God's Spirit. By doing so, you will be taken deeper in faith and understanding, and by deeds of kindness will be drawn closer to the crucified and risen Lord.

Yours in Him,

Norman

Church Calendar March 2010

- 2 Committees
- 3 Women's Bible Study – 9:15 a.m.
Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team – 9:30 a.m.
Lenten Service and Lunch – Noon – Father David Tokarz
- 4 1st Thursday Lunch – 11:45 a.m.
- 5 USA Choir
- 7 Rev. Deborah Chase – missionary preaching at both services and leading Christian Education
Men's Bible Study/Women's Bible Study – 5:00 p.m.
- 9 Men's Breakfast – 7:00 a.m.
Diaconate – 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Lenten Service/Lunch – Noon – Reverend Matt McCollum
Circles
- 12 Meals on Wheels – 10:30 a.m.
- 12-13 Presbytery-wide Stewardship Event –
6:00 p.m. dinner Friday then session;
8:00 a.m. continental breakfast then session
- 14 Blood Drive – 8:30 – 12:30
Men's Bible Study/Women's Bible Study – 5:00 p.m.
- 15 Newsletter Deadline – 9:00 a.m.
- 16 Session – 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Women's Bible Study – 9:15 a.m.
Lenten Service/ Lunch – Noon – Reverend Brad McClain
- 18 Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering at
1st Presbyterian Church in Andalusia
- 19 "Words of Albert Schweitzer and Music of J.S. Bach,"
a multimedia musical dramatization – 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Communion
Men's Bible Study/Women's Bible Study – 5:00 p.m.
- 24 Lenten Service/Lunch – Noon – Pastor Monnie Anderson
- 28 Easter Egg Hunt

Presbyterian Women Activities

March Schedule

Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team will meet on Wednesday, March 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Circles will meet on Wednesday, March 10 as follows:

#1 at 10:00 at the home of Janie Sims
(7051 Stonebridge Ct.)

#3 at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor

#4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor

The circles will discuss Lesson 7,

"God's Concern for Justice: Mercy and Restorative Justice."

Important Dates

March 18 Spring Gathering at First Presbyterian in Andalusia

May 12 PW Birthday Celebration and installation of officers

June 3-5 Synod of Living Waters Gathering at
First Presbyterian in Huntsville

July 21-23 AL/MS conference here at Spring Hill Presbyterian

Horizons

Horizons is the magazine for Presbyterian Women. Each edition centers around a particular theme and contains resources study leaders can use for each lesson. Information on the 2010 Birthday Offering is available in the January/February edition.

I encourage each PW member to subscribe to Horizons because you will receive the 2010-11 study guide in time for the Alabama/Mississippi conference scheduled for this summer at the church. Having the study guide available comes in handy during the conference. In addition, Bligh Jones, a member of Government Street Presbyterian, writes a column for the magazine and concludes it with a recipe.

The theme for the January/February issue is "Simplicity," and there are several articles centered on ways to simplify our lives to enhance our walk with Christ.



Through the magazine you will see how the power of the Holy Spirit has touched Presbyterian Women and enabled us to connect with women around the world. The Birthday Offering is an example.

Started in 1922 to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Woman's Auxiliary (PCUSA) the funds raised over the decades have assisted numerous projects around the world.

The goal this year is \$900,000. The money will be divided between two projects instead of the usual five.

According to information provided in the magazine, the one recipient is the Kindergarten and Childcare Center in Kirkuk, Iraq. It provides "a high quality education to children, teaching basic skills in a loving environment." The center has a 150-student capacity, but has a long waiting list. The current kindergarten building is for sale and the Birthday Offering grant will help fund the purchase of that building and a neighboring building to house the primary school.

The second recipient is the R.I.S.E., (Reach-Improve-Strengthen-Empower) Project at Peace Presbyterian Church in Louisville, Ky. The program provides services specifically to children, youth, adults and families identified as at-risk or in need of support during a transitional period. The grant will strengthen the church's community outreach programs which provide healthy food to children mainly in single-parent families, food for the homeless, encourage family-to-family visitation in foster care situations and counseling services.

You can find more information about Horizons at www.pcusa.org/horizons. You can also become a fan of Presbyterian Women on Facebook and get tidbits on the preparation for the next Churchwide gathering scheduled for 2012 in Orlando, Fla.

May you find God in the simple things.

Rhoda A. Pickett
PW Communicator

To submit Presbyterian Women news, contact Rhoda by e-mail at rpickett@press-register.com

Lenten Series Continues



Spring Hill's Lenten Series began on Wednesday, February 17 at noon and will run every Wednesday in Lent until March 24. Following each service there will be a luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Reservations are required for the meal. Please make your reservation by using the tear-off in your bulletin, filling out a reservation card the week before or calling the church office, 342-1550.

March 3	Father David Tokarz	Our Savior Catholic Church
March 10	Reverend Matt McCollum	Trinity Presbyterian Church
March 17	Reverend Brad McClain	Dauphin Way United Methodist Church
March 24	Pastor Monnie Anderson	Cottage Hill Presbyterian Church



Global Missions:

God is Good!

The Global Missions Committee is excited to announce the 2009 Heifer International Funds Drive at Spring Hill Presbyterian resulted in a total donation of \$11,318. These funds were given by our congregation, and include budgeted funds from the Global Missions Committee. This year these monies will go to purchase animals for underserved families in Honduras and will be matched by an anonymous donor.

Since 2002 our church including matching funds given in 2008 and 2009, resulted in a total donation to Heifer International of \$83,015. We are truly blessed!

God is Great!

Malawi Theologian to Deliver Sermon March 7

On March 7, 2010, the Rev. Deborah A. Chase will deliver the sermon for both services and will speak to a joint CE Class at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The topic will be Malawi and the University of Livingstonia College of Theology, a seminary of the Synod of Livingstonia, where she serves as dean of Academic Affairs and Lecturer of Old Testament, Systematic Theology and Pastoral Psychology. She also preaches and administers the sacraments at various churches of the Synod of Livingstonia.

The Synod of Livingstonia serves the northern region of Malawi through its 130 congregations, 500 primary schools, five secondary schools, and three hospitals, and through its development and relief work and evangelism programs.

Born in Appleton, Wisconsin, Rev. Chase graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, with a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology. She worked for eight years as a Counselor and Social Worker before attending Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She later transferred to Princeton Theological Seminary from which she received a master of Divinity Degree.

Rev. Chase has served churches in Michigan and Oklahoma and has been involved with her presbytery's partnership with the Synod of Livingstonia since its inception.

The Global Missions committee was introduced to the college in 2005 and we have provided financial support yearly to the college to help with the training of ministers and the operating expense of the college. It will be an exciting experience to have Rev. Chase visit with us during her Interpretation Assignment while in the US from January 2010 to June 2010.

Help for Haiti

Help by donating.

The Presbytery of South Alabama is coordinating financial help for Haiti from our churches. If you want to make a gift for aid to Haiti, make out a check to your church and put in the "for ___" line "Presbytery, Haiti." The Presbytery will match the first \$10,000 given, dollar for dollar, with funds from the Presbyterian Disaster Fund so that your \$10 will become \$20.

These funds will NOT be given to the Haitian government. Instead, they will be given to Presbyterian Disaster Teams already on the ground in Haiti, to buy needed supplies/medical items/food.

Help by praying.

The Synod of Living Waters has placed a prayer on the opening page of its Web site, dedicated to our sisters and brothers in Haiti who are still recovering in the aftermath of a devastating earthquake. The prayer, adapted from the Book of Common Worship, can be found at

www.synodoflivingwaters.org.



One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing gives us the opportunity to share God's gift with people in need. We ask your prayers for this annual offering which will take place on Palm Sunday and Easter. These gifts will support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, self-development, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Special envelopes will be in the pews.

"BEING UNCOMFORTABLE...."

To all our Members, Greetings in the Name of Christ!

For the past 12 years, I have worked in a very comfortable, VERY CONVENIENT office located on the service road of I-65 close to Dauphin Street. The office was located about a half of a mile from my house. I could literally hop on Dauphin Street, speed up to 45 miles per hour, and then put my car in neutral to coast to my office, all in less than three minutes. I worked upstairs from my favorite sandwich shop (The Red Brick). To get into my office, I just pulled into the parking lot, parked wherever I wanted, walked in the front door and straight into the elevator, went up 4 floors and presto, I'm there. I liked how my office was arranged and the view from my window. If my kids had a school or a sports event, or if I had a meeting outside the office, I could be wherever I needed to be typically in less than 5 or 10 minutes. In short, I could not have been more satisfied with my life and my career. My life was convenient. It was easy.

It was comfortable.

And then my Firm decided to move. Not only move, but move DOWNTOWN. NO, I thought, this can't be! Why would we leave this place? What could possibly be better than working in a place so close to my home and my kids? Darn it, after 12 years I had just gotten my office arranged just right--there is no way my new office will ever be this perfect! Will my couch fit in the new office? My clients loved this building because it was so convenient. Will they come downtown to see me there, or am I going to have to find another place to meet them? Am I going to lose my entire practice because of this move? Where will I park? Will I have to walk 5 blocks to get to my office? Am I going to get mugged in this new parking lot? And most importantly, where in the world will I eat? Would I ever eat at the Red Brick again? Sigh....

Well, I've been in the new office for about a month now. I have not been mugged. My parking space is probably closer to my office than at the old building. The food downtown is excellent, and there are a million places to eat (including an amazing breakfast spot I ate at this morning). And look at all the people! Friends I haven't seen in years, I bump into routinely now. I am calling on and meeting with

new potential clients on a daily basis. My old clients are still coming to see me. My practice has not shut down--in fact, business has increased in the one month I've been here. And right now, I am watching a beautiful blanket of snow swirling around my building and covering downtown Mobile, from the 22nd floor of a brand new building. From an office that is actually a little larger than the one I had before (and yes, my couch still fits!)

What I've learned in the course of this reshuffling of my life is this--it is the natural disposition of all of us to want things to stay the same, to stay COMFORTABLE, and to become unnerved when things change. But without a daily challenge, we can become stagnant, unmotivated, and at least in my case, spoiled. We lose sight of what matters, because when we are completely



comfortable in our surroundings we all tend to simply hunker down and relax. We forget that comfort is not the ultimate goal of a person's life.

Now, more than ever, I can see the results of my choosing to be "comfortable." Comfort led me to self absorption, to a mind set that anything that disrupted my comfort must be avoided at all costs. But I now see that it is possible for your life to actually be better after the disruption than before! Yes, I still miss the Red Brick, and I still miss my old office, and the convenience of being 5 minutes from everywhere. But while I am still "uncomfortable" in my surroundings, I am excited about what the future holds here, and I am beginning to actually enjoy the changing of my old routines.

In our Christian life, Christ commands all of us to live boldly, to project ourselves out into the world as true believers, as a people who follow the Way, as children of God who are focused on glorifying our Lord and caring for our neighbor. God never intended for us to be comfortable in our lives, especially where we have chosen to follow Him. As famously noted by C.S.

Lewis so many years ago: "I didn't go to religion to make me happy. I always knew a bottle of Port would do that. If you want a religion to make you feel really comfortable, I certainly don't recommend Christianity."

These days, there are lots of risks out there, and lots of changes, many of which relate to how we as Christians can care for our neighbors. With the downturn in the economy, every one of our charities and agencies have suffered greatly, in that each of them have seen a sizeable downturn in contributions at a time when the needs of our community have increased substantially (see the Service Committee note below for an example). The initial projections of the budget indicate that our own Service Committee budget will have to be cut almost in half, due to the reduction in pledges, meaning that in the time of greatest need for our charities and agencies our church will have to decrease its support drastically.

In the upcoming months, I challenge all of you, as members of our church and followers of Christ, to ask yourselves are you, like me, fighting to remain comfortable? Is that your goal in life? Or are you willing to take the risk that your comfort will be disturbed in order to help us care for our neighbors? Would you sacrifice that comfort to pledge more to the church and our various charities, to help them carry out their important missions? Or if you can't increase your pledge, are you willing to change the routines of your daily life to volunteer to serve our neighbors in other ways, like personally volunteering your time to a homeless shelter or to Habitat for Humanity, or agreeing to give blood to the Red Cross, or donating food to the Food Bank?

Or would you rather be comfortable?

God Bless you all!

Robbie Turnipseed

Agency Report

THE SERVICE CENTER OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

The Service Center of Mobile provides emergency assistance for basic survival needs for individuals and families in times of crises regardless of race, creed, gender or age.

It is an ecumenically supported ministry. Through generous donations from the larger community, the hungry are fed, the sick have access to medicine and medical supplies, the poor are clothed and housed.

Collaboration with other agencies and faith-based and community groups creates a necessary network in responding to needs that the Service Center cannot address alone.

In 2008 19,000 individuals were assisted. In 2009 21,000 individuals and 8000 households were assisted. New clients were almost half of the 8000. This was largely due to job cuts and layoffs. Paying utility bills is a big problem for many of the clients.

This information just touches the basics of what the Service Center does. Many families and individuals find the help and hope that they need to go on in times of trouble and despair through the help of the Service Center.

Linda Fletcher



CHARITIES AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES at SHPC

Presbyterian Children's Home – Sue Martino
Habitat for Humanity – Chris Pennington

- Food Bank -Linda Fletcher
- L'Arche of Mobile – Nancy Oppenheimer
- Penelope House – Sylvia Weinard
- Salvation Army Women & Children (Haven) – Ellen Jones
- South Alabama Women's & Children's Hospital - David Ayers
- Service Center – Linda Fletcher
- Crittenton Teen Services – Gwin Williams
- Ozanam Pharmacy – Brian Campbell
- Victory Health Clinic – Robbie Turnipseed
- Young Life – Brian Campbell
- Family Promise – Nancy McCrummen
- Wings of Life – Jeff Ivey
- Health Care for Homeless – Hilda Gewin
- Home of Grace for Women – Sally Cobb
- Salvation Army Deliveries – Sally Cobb
- Red Cross Blood Drive – Basil Smith
- Christmas Wish List – Weezie Taylor
- Service Committee Discretionary - Committee

Proverbs Puzzle

Fill in the blanks below to find out what it says in Proverbs 13:1. Using the chart at right, go across from the symbol and down from the number to find the correct letter.

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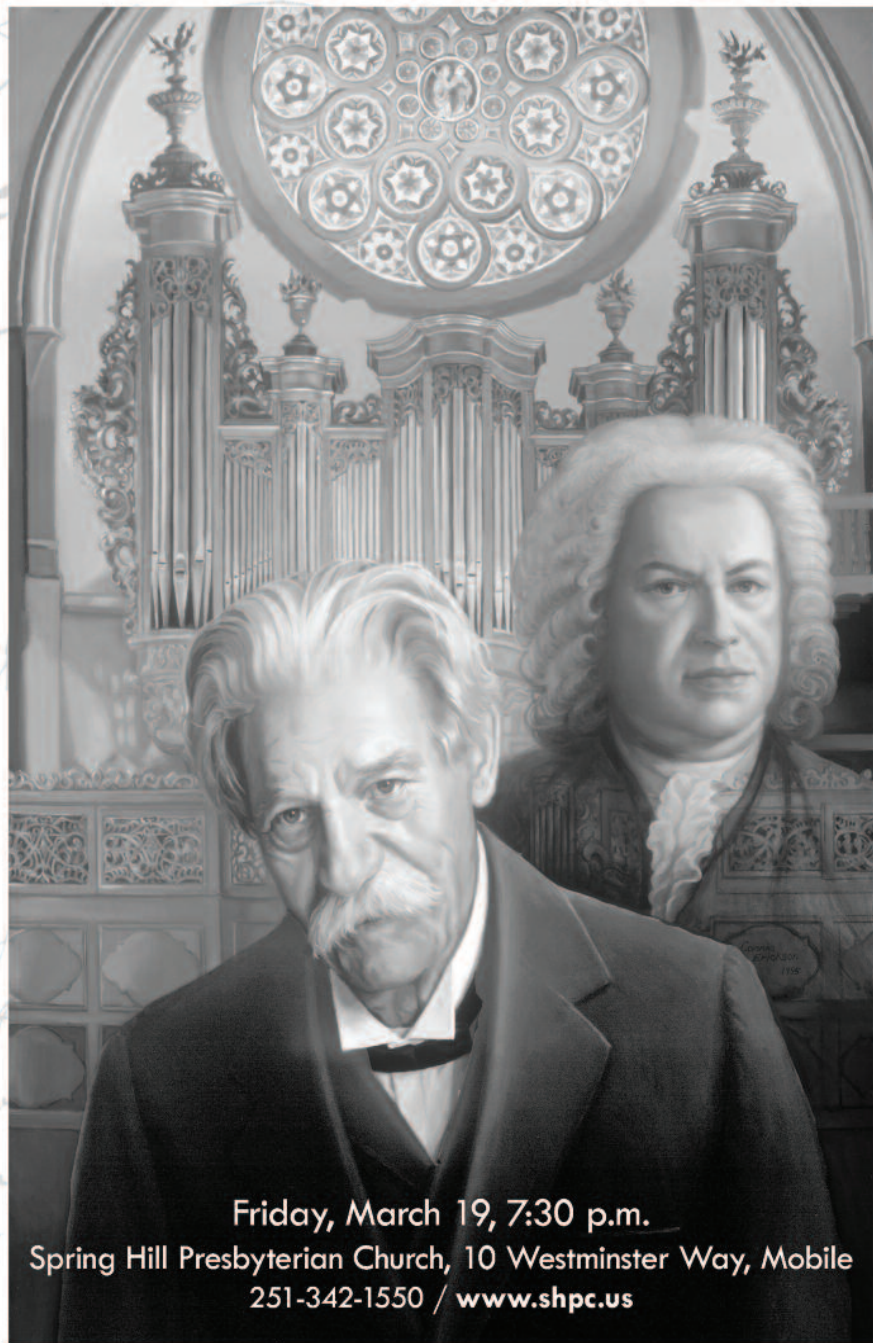
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Proverbs 13:1

Answer: A wise child loves discipline, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.

"Words of Albert Schweitzer and Music of J. S. Bach"

a multi-media musical dramatization by Thurston Moore



Friday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.

Spring Hill Presbyterian Church, 10 Westminster Way, Mobile
251-342-1550 / www.shpc.us

Free admission

Reader-Actors: Harvie Jordan, Bryan Reed, Vera Lynn Sheets

Organists: Jeff Clearman, Kevin Davis, Paul Hanebuth,
Colleen Kelsey, Randall Sheets

Coffee and sweets served in the Fellowship Hall prior to the performance

Sponsored by the Religious Arts Committee of Spring Hill Presbyterian Church





Music Notes

from Randy Sheets, Director of Music Ministries and Organist

CONCERT

"REQUIEM"

by Gabriel Fauré

Thursday, March 4, 7:30 p.m.

Performed by the Choirs of
the University of South Alabama
with Chamber Orchestra
Dr. Laura Moore, conductor
Free Admission; Donations accepted.
SHPC Sanctuary

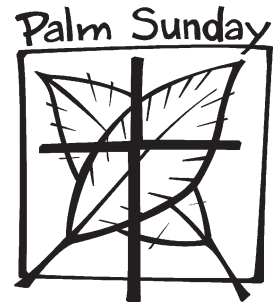
Gabriel Fauré's "Requiem" (1887) is one of the most beloved works in the choral repertory. Unlike some other notable Requiem settings of the nineteenth century, which are known for their emphasis on the terrors of the Day of Judgement, Fauré's work is known for its character of solace---restraint, harmonic beauty, and dark color, provided by the chamber orchestra of low strings (violas, cellos, double bass), french horns, and organ. A harp provides celestial sounds in several movements of the work, which like other Requiems, is an extended prayer for the souls of the deceased. Our sanctuary is an acoustical space in which the music will bloom beautifully, performed by the 80 singers, chamber orchestra, soprano and baritone soloists. Arrive early to get a seat. Donations to the USA Choral Program will be accepted---checks should be made payable to SHPC.

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP MARCH 28

Members from The Trumpet Ensemble of
the University of South Alabama will play for worship.

Dr. Peter Wood, director

A Freewill offering will be taken to assist the ensemble in their July trip to perform in Australia.



CONCERT

"MASS OF THE CHILDREN"

by John Rutter

Sunday, May 16, 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary

performed by the SHPC Chancel Choir
Mobile's Singing Children
guest soloists Megan King and Patrick Jacobs
chamber orchestra

Randall Sheets, conductor



Easter Lilies

Lilies will be part of the sanctuary decorations for worship on Easter Sunday, April 4.

The plants will be taken to shut-ins by the Service Committee in the name of the church following the 11:00 a.m. worship service on the 4th. Cost will be \$12.00.

Please call the church or use the tear-off in the bulletin if you wish to place a memorial for a loved one by helping to decorate the sanctuary.

Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, March 24.

Schedules and Opportunities

Current Scriptures Class Schedule for March 2010

Facilitated by Christopher Jones,
Bubba O'Gwynn, and Steve Hunt

- March 7 1 Chronicles 29:11-12
- March 14 Romans 7:22
- March 21 Proverbs 22:7
- March 28 Proverbs 12:15



Current Issues Class Schedule for March 2010

Facilitated by Marcy Harris, George and Kathy hamilton

- March 7 Joint CE Class in FH – Rev. Deborah Chase
- March 14 Robert Edington – “In the Beginning”
- March 21 Laura Soulier – “Frauds and Scams”
- March 28 Judy Stout

Discovery Bible Class

Led by Alex Lankford

Adult Bible Discovery Class – The class meets in the conference room in the main building. We will conclude our studies in the New Testament of the “Testimonies to Jesus as Messiah” in February; in March, we shall study “Community with a Mission” from the Books of Jonah, Ruth; In April, “Teachings of Jesus”; and in May, “Teachings of the Church”, all from the New Testament. We have more questions than answers, but there is always a lively discussion about our study topic...what it meant back when it was written, and is it relevant today?

We're all on a Journey of Faith...come join us!

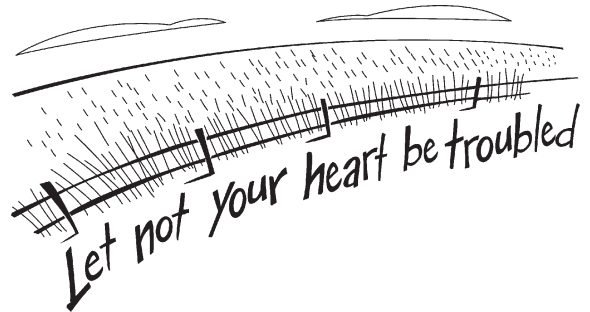
1st Thursday Luncheon

How long has it been since you went on a field trip? Well, prepare! We are going to Westminster Village for our March 4th First Thursday Luncheon. Amy Walton has agreed to drive the church bus but there is to be NO SINGING of Ninety-nine Bottles of Beer on the Wall during the ride. Luncheon is served early at the Village so we must leave the church at 10:15 a.m. Wear comfortable shoes to take a tour of the apartments or if you prefer, visit with friends who reside on the campus. Lunch is complimentary-a gift to us. Seating on the bus is restricted so call the church office early for a reservation. Deadline for reservations (in order to notify the Westminster Village cooks) is Tuesday, March 2.

LECTIONARY FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MARCH 2010

- 7 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT
ISA. 55:1-9; PS. 63:1-8; 1 COR. 10: 1-13
LUKE 13:1-9
- 14 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT
JOSH. 5:9-12; PS. 32; 2 COR. 5:16-21
LUKE 15:1-3, 11B-32
- 21 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT
ISA. 43:16-21; PS. 126; PHIL. 3:4B-14
JOHN 12:1-8
- 28 PASSION/PALM SUNDAY (HOLY WEEK BEGINS)
LUKE 19:28-40; PS. 118:1-2, 19-29
ISA. 50:4-9A; PS. 31:9-16; PHIL. 2:5-11
LUKE 22:14-23:56 OR LUKE 23:1-49



Stephen Ministry

Ecclesiastes 4:12

“Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves,
A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”
A cord of three: you, a Stephen Minister, and Jesus.

I would like to introduce our newest Stephen Ministers who will be commissioned in March:

Nancy Walton	Barkley Shreve
Nancy Hofto	Lanier Cauley
Becky Lord	Candace Bennett

If you would like to talk about Stephen Ministry, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Blessings,
Margaret Miller, Stephen Leader

Pray for the homebound



Please help our shut-ins feel included by keeping in touch with a call, a visit or a card. Please let us know if you or a loved one you would like to be on this list.

Madge Andress	McAuley Place, #220 3720 Dauphin St.	Mobile, AL 36608	304-2200
Lucille Carpenter	6420 Willow Brook Run E.	Mobile, AL 36608	341-1321
Sara Coats	4720 Morrison Dr. Apt. 205	Mobile, AL 36609	342-9127
Bill Coats	4720 Morrison Dr. Apt. 301	Mobile, AL 36609	343-2551
Vilma Croom	308 The Cedars	Mobile, AL 36608	342-7424
Lucy Drain	6665 Hounds Run S.	Mobile, AL 36608	343-1034
Miranda Griffith	500 Spanish Fort Blvd. # Apt. 525	Spanish Fort, AL 36527	626-8531
Bob Hedberg	4503 Sunset Drive N.	Mobile AL 36608	344-0423
Charlie Hess	901 Somerby Dr. Apt. 130	Mobile, AL 36695	342-5256
Evelyn Hubbard	1075 Manchester Place	Mobile AL 36695	639-3157
Mac Otts	4450 Bit and Spur Rd.	Mobile, AL 36608	
Dot Weichman Rowell	Cogburn Health 304 Dauphin Sq. Connector, Room 108-A	Mobile, AL 36607	450-2800
Annette Simmons	1258 Government St. Murray House Apt. 115	Mobile AL 36604	432-3731
Dick Strain	6848 Somerby Lane	Mobile, AL 36695	633-4469
Evelyn Trainor	500 Spanish Fort Blvd.. Westminster Village Skilled Nursing	Spanish Fort, AL 36527	626-4472
Bill Ward	P. O. Box 287	Semmes AL 36575	649-3558
Corine Weaver	8002 Grelot Rd.	Mobile, AL 36695	
Ruby Wharton	500 Spanish Fort Blvd. Westminster Vill. # 541	Spanish Fort, AL 36527	626-4471



WE REJOICE! We rejoice with Mary Hazen Braswell in the birth of a granddaughter, Rachel Erskine Rand, on January 23 in Birmingham (Parents are Helen and David Rand); with Lila Dexter in the birth of a greatgranddaughter, Lila McDuffie Clark, on January 28 in Atlanta (Parents are Caleb and Anna Bailey Clark); and with Fred and Nancy Coats in the birth of twins, a granddaughter, Elizabeth Parker Brown and a grandson, Henry Wilson Brown, on February 3. (Parents are Elizabeth and Ken Brown).



The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in worship on March 21.

We Share in Sorrow

The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are with Carol Sumrall in the death of her brother, Don Barbour, on January 23 and her nephew Dudley Barbour, on January 28; with Karen Spaulding in the death of her father, Carl Horn on January 29 in Michigan; and with Pat Edington in the death of her sister, Virginia Hollon, on January 30.

Blood Drive

Our Blood Drive will be Sunday, March 14 from 8:30 – 12:30 p.m. Your help is needed. Please sign up to donate. It only takes a few minutes of your time. The Red Cross now requires a valid driver's license, donor card, or two (2) alternative forms of ID to be shown before you can give blood. Please call the church office (342-1550) or use the tear-off in the bulletins.



HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Jennifer Bradshaw Hanusovsky
Janet Phillippi
Warren McCrummen
Virginia Hollon
Richard Overbey
Paul Toomey

FROM THE FOLLOWING:

Molly and Alex Lankford
Rodney and Lucy Summerford
George and Greta Massing
Kenney Littleton
Christopher and Tillye Semple
Liz Hill
Dick Bradley
Marion and Malinda McMurphy

Library News

SHOULD OLD ACQUAINTANCE BE FORGOTTEN... In Nashville where APCE (Association of Presbyterian Church Educators) was holding its annual meeting there were spiritual worship services, stimulating speakers, well-planned workshops and several in-depth seminars, but perhaps the icing on the cake was the opportunity to talk to vendors and see old friends.

At a rest stop between Birmingham and Huntsville, we saw Mark Mueller making his way back to Huntsville after seeing a parishioner who had had surgery in Birmingham.

Later at APCE, we saw Kathy Dawson, former Associate at SHPC and now, currently serving on the faculty of Columbia Theological seminary in Decatur, Georgia as Associate Professor of Christian Education.

The next day it was Jeff Hutcheson, formerly an associate at Westminster PC, but now a transition Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois. The third friend was a former seminary intern with SHPC, Stuart Gordon who is now pastor of Discipleship at First Presbyterian in downtown Nashville. All three of these who had history with the Presbytery of South Alabama have earned their doctorates and are in active ministry for the denomination.

Mary Ann Donnell

Freshman Discovery Class – March 7 – March 28

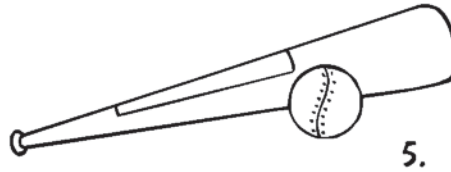
Have you ever wondered how Spring Hill Presbyterian Church got started? Or have you wanted to get involved with a certain program, or start a particular project at church but just didn't know who to speak with or how to begin? Maybe you've started to feel out of touch and would like to be reoriented.

We have just the place for you! Starting on March 7 after the 11 am service, there will be Lunch & Learn where our Freshman Discovery class will provide answers to these questions. We will also introduce some of the staff, programs and committees available here at Spring Hill Presbyterian Church.

On March 14, 21 and 28 at the 9:30 am Sunday school time we will explore topics related to the Reformation, the Trinity, Presbyterianism and our order of worship. This has proven to be a great opportunity for members (new or established) as well as visitors and guests to develop a better understanding of our church and become more involved. Please join us!

Letters

Write the last letter of each picture in the correct space below.



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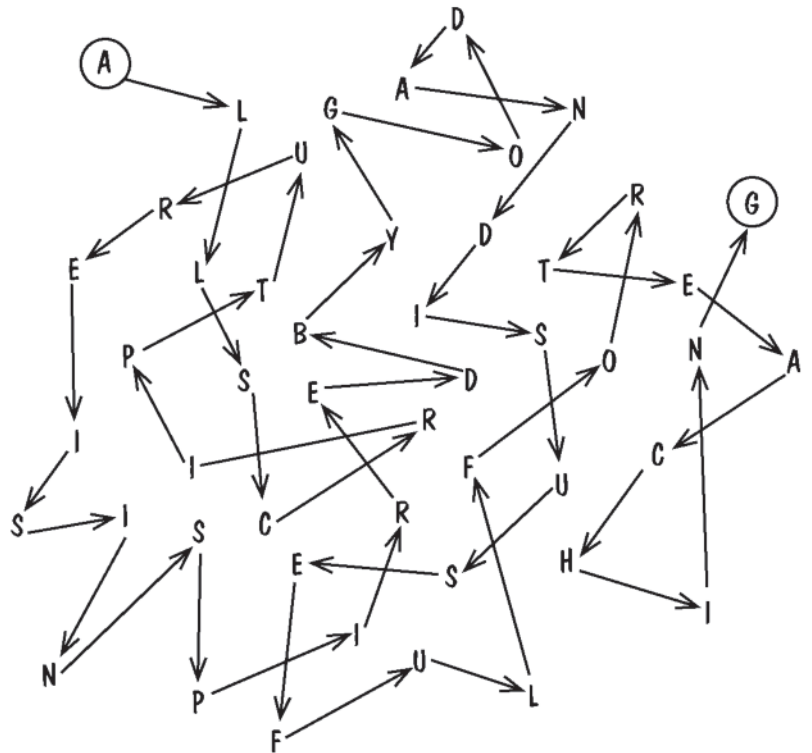
Write the letters above into the blank below.

A cheerful heart has a continual _____ . Proverbs 15:15b

Answer: feast

The Good Book

We can learn a lot from reading the Bible.
Start at the circled A and follow the arrows to the circled G. Write each letter in order in the blanks below.



Answer: All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching.

_____ . 2 Timothy 3:16



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