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From the Pastor...

Given the fractured and vulnerable situation of our world, I have decided to begin the Wednesday night programs by addressing the origin and purposes of Hezbollah, especially why such a group would have arisen in Lebanon. What I want to show is that the history of Lebanon reflects the tumultuous history of the Middle East. The religious and ethnic groups in Lebanon (with their long chronicle of disputes and warfare) are a microcosm of the entire region – one reason for our need to understand what's behind the present conflict.

People everywhere are beginning to realize that we are in an unusual war, a world war in fact, but a war of incredible stealth. The belligerents are an extraordinarily determined people with whom we will contend for the rest of our lives. That's one reason we must not be ignorant of their idea of God, history, and their personal calling.

Interwoven into the history of Islam (but preceding it by almost seven centuries) is the history of Christianity. In the Wednesday night classes I will explain the church's beginnings in the Middle East and her struggles with theology, Scripture, and the political forces surrounding her.

What surfaced in the national response to *The DaVinci Code* is how ignorant many people are of church history. Dan Brown knew the depth of that ignorance and having exploited it, is making millions.

So, let's come together on Wednesdays beginning **September 13** to study and to learn and to grow in discernment. **Dinner will be served from 5:45 through 6:30.** Please make a reservation. **Class starts at 6:30 and will end at 7:10.** We'll meet through November 15. Hope to see you!

In His love,
Norman

We will return to our regular schedule on Sunday, September 10
8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship
9:30 a.m. Christian Education Classes

Music Notes
By Randy Sheets
Director of Music Ministries and Organist



Children's Choir Carnival Kick-off

I am pleased to announce that the addition of a highly qualified person staff person will help us to expand and enrich our music ministries with children. **Susan Hoitt**, our new part-time Assistant Director of Music Ministries and **Coordinator of Children's Music Ministries**, joins our director's team of Donna Cutrer, Amy Walton, and Dick Coats, as we form a third singing choir under her direction. She and Dick Coats will team-teach the Junior Handbell Choir.

Susan has a wealth of training and experience as a music educator and church musician, having earned a music education degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, taught music in public schools, and served as church musician, most recently as full-time Director of Music at Forest Hill United Methodist Church for 10 years. Susan is also the Director of Mobile's Singing Children, a community-based organization of three auditioned choirs for children from grades 3 through high school. Mobile's Singing Children is now based at Spring Hill Presbyterian Church and will be rehearsing here. (Children, talk with your parents about the possibility of participating in Mobile's Singing Children, as well as in our church music ministry.)

SHPC's children's music ministry will **kick off on Sunday, September 10, from 4:45-6:00 with a CARNIVAL**, complete with massive inflatable jump and slide, carnival games, carnival foods, and your leaders in carnival costumes. *Can you guess who will be the clown?* **YOUTH CHORALE MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO HELP AT THE CARNIVAL!**

Parents, make sure to register your child, preferably in advance, to facilitate our planning,

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or at the **Carnival**.

Not only will this choir year be fun, but it will also be a time in which the children will grow in many ways under the teaching and nurture of our dedicated leaders. Even excellent school music programs cannot substitute for the vital experience in your own church's choir program. *For the sake of the children, and for the future of the Church in the world*, I encourage all parents to support your children in participation in our music ministries.

A New Choir Season Begins— New Members are Welcome in our Groups

Music Kick-off Schedules

Chancel Choir: Wednesday, already in progress, 7 p.m.

Spring Hill Ringers (adults)—Wednesday, Sept. 6

Children's Choirs: CARNIVAL kick-off and Registration:

Sunday afternoon, Sept. 10, 4:45-6:00

Youth Chorale/Youth Bells: Sunday afternoon, Sept. 10. Let's help with the CARNIVAL! 4:30-6:00.

Weekly Rehearsal Schedule (beginning after respective kick-off dates—see above)

Sunday

5:00-6:00 Children's Choirs (age 4 by Sept. 1 through grade 5)

4:30 — Junior Handbells

5:00-6:00 Youth Chorale (grades 6-12)

Tuesday afternoon **Youth Handbells** (grades 6-12). See your snail mail or contact Randy Sheets

Wednesday 6:00-7:00 Spring Hill Ringers (college age--adults who read music); (contact Randy Sheets for membership information)

Wednesday 7:00 (or 7:15 on Wednesday study nights) --9:00 **Chancel Choir** (college age----adults)

Grace

What is grace like? Grace is like getting two more days to complete an assignment even though you've goofed off for six weeks and missed the deadline.

Grace is getting another chance even though you haven't earned it or deserved it.

Mark's Remarks

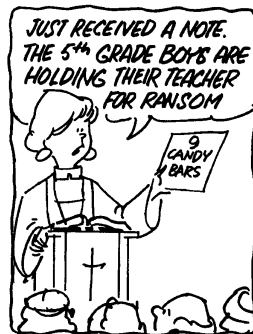
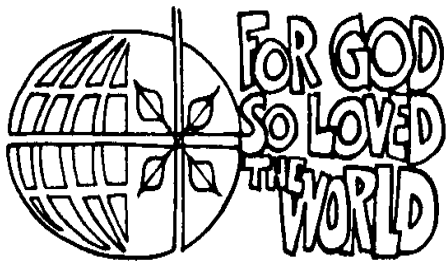
-Credit Where Credit is Due-

"What is impossible with men is possible with God." This is a verse in Luke that I fall back on daily. Truth be told, I am praying this verse to God as I sit here. Writing has never been my forte! Before I go on, I must acknowledge that I would not be here if it were not for my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I also want to thank many of you who now have more grey hair than they want because of helping me grow up.

It seems like yesterday that I was hired for the ten week position as an intern. It is because of God's calling and someone very dear to my heart that I am still here four years later. Molly Broders has become more than "my boss". More importantly she is a mentor and my best friend. Without her love, support and guidance I do not like to think of where I may be today. I am privileged to have had a year in youth group under her reign and now to work with her. The Youth program here at Spring Hill has grown leaps and bounds since she took on the role as youth director. Molly has not only made youth group a place to come and learn the Word, but also a safe haven and somewhere the kids love to be. I dread the first day in September when Molly will leave, but I know God has wonderful things in store for her and her family. I take comfort in knowing that these past four years have developed such a strong friendship between us and I know we will continue to be the best of friends. I also turn to scripture. Philippians 4:13, "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." This verse will help me persevere and keep the drive going through challenging times.

I am more excited than words can express about the task and challenge God has put before me to be the youth director here at Spring Hill Presbyterian Church. I know I will struggle and fail, but as scripture says in James and Hebrews, those who persevere in times of trial will be rewarded. God has worked in marvelous ways through his servant, Molly Broders, in our youth program. She has done everything in her power to make this a smooth transition and I am blessed for that. It is my prayer that things will continue to run just as smoothly and that God will continue to bless our kids and our youth program. Again I want to thank all of those who helped pave the road for me, and most importantly, Molly Broders and Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Mark Coats



Editors: Dan and
Laura Sellers and a
sweltering September
for Ti Amo and Al E.
Cat.

Chapel Update

Preliminary work is well underway. The floor plan has been developed and approved by the Committee, Norman and Randy. Frank Dagley has worked countless hours on the formulation of the plans. We have consulted architect Nick Holmes to insure the building will be architecturally correct as well as functional. We have also had an acoustical consultant from Milwaukee, WI to review the plans and visit us to make suggestions.

Work is now being completed on the exterior of the building. Again, Mr. Holmes is helping to insure the chapel blends well with our existing sanctuary and is correct architecturally. We hope to have all plans completed sometime in September. At that time, we will have renderings displayed at the church. We will also have several group meetings to present it to the membership.

This is an exciting time at our church and we are looking forward to this new addition with great anticipation.

Rick True, Chairman
Chapel Committee

Stewardship

Our congregation has recently been focused on the issues of faith. We all recognize this as a key component of our relationship with God. The expression of our faith is fundamental in determining what we do with the most important gifts we have received from God. Our faith determines how we live our life today and how we approach our future.

The generosity of God's gifts in our lives can be seen daily. We see the beauty of our universe, our family, our friends, as well as other humbling and unexpected manifestations of His love. We are the recipients of so many of God's gifts. How can we not be generous?

We are all called to be servants. We honor God's gifts and nurture our faith by sharing what has been given to us. We do this by giving God back 10 percent. The more we give, the more we receive in return. When we are practicing generosity, we are practicing faith. In the end, the strength of our faith is all that matters.

I am happy to report, as of July 31, 2006, that we have collected \$602,940.62 towards our annual budget of \$1,089,554.96.

Respectfully,
R. Gordon Mowry

Presbyterian Women News

2006-2007 activities for Presbyterian Women begin September 6 with the meeting of the Coordinating Team at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Circles will meet on Wednesday, September 13 as follows:

#1 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Clayton Pennington (4310 Marquette Dr.)

#2 at 9:15 a.m. at the home of Marty O'Gwynn (612 Chelsea Dr.) Nursery will be provided at the church

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

#4 at 7:15 p.m. in the Parlor

The Presbytery of South Alabama Fall Spiritual Retreat will be held September 30 at Camp Pinetreat.

All circles will gather on Wednesday, October 11 when the Honorary Life member will be honored at a luncheon and the Thank Offering will be received. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. Luncheon reservations may be made through circle chairpersons or the church office.

Other dates:

March 15 - PW annual Spring Gathering at Spanish Fort Presbyterian

May 9 - Officer Installation and Birthday followed by luncheon

July 24-27 - AL/MS Women's Conference in Belhaven

If you are not involved in Presbyterian Women (PW), this is your opportunity to do so. There are four circles (groups) in our church that meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month (one at night). Each circle is unique in their commitments to our church and community, but share common bonds of study and participation in PW and fellowship.

Circle #1 serves needy dialysis families. Co-chairs are Clayton Pennington and Esther Steen

Circle #2 sends goodie boxes to our college freshmen and visits the Mulherin Home. A nursery is provided during meeting times and special luncheons. Co-chairs are Mendy Turnipseed and Meagher Whigham.

Circle #3 decorates the sanctuary for Christmas and Easter and delivers plants to shut-ins on Valentine's Day. They also help defray the cost of outdoor plantings at the church. Co-chairs are Jane Moser and Priscilla McGill.

Circle #4 meets at night, and is co-chaired by Judy Strada and Frances McDonald. They collect funds for the Presbyterian children's Home for Christmas.

For more information, contact the circle chairpersons.

NEW YEAR of Children's Sunday School

(Building Blocks for ages 2-5 and **Journeys of Faith** for grades 1-5) begins Sept 10, 9:30 – 10:30. Come and help build your child's journey with Christ. Call Marty O'Gwynn (343-5670) or Jodi Ivey (342-9209) if you have any questions.

Thank You! Thank You!

The Educational Outreach Committee wants SHPC to know that we have many generous members who have shared their time, energies, and talents with children in our Mobile area public schools during the last year. Sixteen members volunteered in our Partners in Education program with Mary B. Austin Elementary School tutoring elementary students and helping in the library and office on a regular basis. They are Jim Adams, Elisa Baldwin, Lexie Barnett, Norma Baymiller, Dick Bradley, Trent Bullis, Lila Dexter, Peg Heyman, Tod Heyman, Susan Martin, Barbara Maynard, Meg McCrummen, Toni Pearce, Metha Schlich, Tracy Shreve, and Janie Sims. Mary B. Austin's faculty has raved about their work, their attention to children's needs, their success in tutoring, and their helpful and generous spirits. The school has been blessed by our volunteer's efforts.

Additional church members volunteered in other public and private schools and educational agencies such as the public library, helping in many ways we'd love to know more about! Our committee is working to establish a "coordination and information" database for SHPC's education-related volunteerism in Mobile County (public, private, and related agencies) for all or our "Partners in Education," official and unofficial. If you have served in any way as a volunteer in education this past school year, please let us know by filling out the tear off form in the bulletin. We would love to be able to recognize your efforts and contributions in a more personal way!

The goals of the Educational Outreach committee are to initiate, promote, and coordinate church-wide efforts to support education in Mobile (particularly public education), and share enthusiasm about educating children and spreading Christian values. In the fall, we will begin our recruitment efforts for volunteers to serve at Mary B. Austin and elsewhere in our community. We will be seeking people interested in tutoring individual or small groups of children in reading &/or math or volunteering weekly/monthly in a classroom, the library, office, or computer lab at Mary B. Austin Elementary School, our official, assigned MCPSS Partner in Education. We are also looking for volunteers interested in reading to children at schools in Mobile County, as well as people interested in volunteering at schools for short-term or one day projects such as field days, ground/building beautification projects, crafts, career days, etc. We are willing to seek and arrange placements for volunteers who wish to serve in particular MCPSS schools or offer specific services to children. Let our committee know what you would like to do, and we will try to help make it happen!

The Educational Outreach Committee thanks you for all you have done and all you continue to do in our efforts to reach out to our community, and we ask that you prayerfully consider ways you might volunteer during the 2006-2007 school year.



Spring Hill Presbyterian Church Educational Outreach Committee

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We are working to recruit and place volunteers at Mary B. Austin Elementary School – our official “Partner In Education” – a partnership established during the 2003-2004 school year by invitation from the Mobile County Public Schools. We will also be supporting volunteers who wish to read to/with children, tutor, assist in classrooms, offer homework help; work on short-term or one-day projects in other Mobile County public schools, or mentor “at risk” students in the county. Our on-going book and video drive will continue for the Boys and Girls Clubs in Mobile and the Mobile Public Library book sale which helps fund the purchase of new, up-to-date library and technology materials used by all persons in Mobile County (collection bin in the hallway behind the sanctuary). We ask you to prayerfully consider how you might serve in any of these ways.

We are excited about this new school year and our plans to help the education process in Mobile, and we welcome your input and participation in our endeavors. Sharing new ideas, helping us identify things that might be done better or differently, alerting us to children or schools in need, and/or making us aware of new programs which we might explore would be great too! Please contact any of the committee members if you have questions or suggestions:

Jim Adams	Christopher Jones, Chair	Vera Lynn Sheets, Co-chair
Lexie Barnett	Bob Oatsvall	Gayla Wiik

We plan to conduct an orientation at Mary B. Austin with Principal Jackie Zeigler on September 26 at 9:00 AM and start working the week of October 2nd. As volunteers step forward for work in other schools and/or additional needs are made known to us, we will make the appropriate contacts and placements, so don't delay in submitting your volunteer form!

Please complete the form on the next page and place in the offering plate, put in the collection box on the table in the hallway behind the sanctuary, put in Christopher Jones' diaconate mailbox at the church, or give to any of the committee members.

It seems so easy to get caught up in this fast-paced, rapid-fire world and forget the peace that passeth all understanding; the love that casts out all fear. So slow me down Lord, steady me, infuse my life with harmony, and calm and refresh my soul in You.

Babysitting Course

A Red Cross representative will come to our church to teach the babysitter course for \$50.00 per person with a minimum of eight people. It is a 6 ½ hour course and can be taught on two nights or on one Saturday. Minimum age is eleven. Any youth interested in taking the course should let Carrie Boone know.

Penelope House news

Penelope's Closet, the thrift shop for Penelope House, has relocated and is open at 2550 Government Street. Donations of women's and children's clothing that are clean and in good condition can be placed in the barrel outside of the church office. Household items are also welcome.

Educational Outreach Committee form

Name _____ Email (optional) _____

Home or Work Phone _____ Cell Phone (optional) _____

Mailing Address _____

Please mark one or more of the following ways that you might serve:

- Tutor individual or small groups in reading and/or math at Mary B. Austin Elem School
- Offer after-school tutoring/homework help at Mary B. Austin, our Partner in Education
- Volunteer 1+ hours per week/month in the ___ library, ___ office, or ___ computer lab at Mary B. Austin Elementary School, our Partner in Education
- Read to children at any of the public schools in Mobile County
- Volunteer at public schools in Mobile County for short-term or one-day projects such as field days, grounds/building beautification projects, crafts, career days, etc.
- Tutor and/or serve as a mentor for an "at risk" student in Mobile County

What ages/group of students would you prefer to help?

- ___ Primary (K - 2nd grade) ___ Middle grades (6th - 8th grade)
___ Upper Elementary (3rd - 5th grade) ___ High School (9th - 12th grade)
___ Special Needs

Are there specific ways that you would be willing to serve other than those listed above?

New Adult Education Class

Beginning September 10, 2006 a Sunday morning topical class addressing parenting will be offered. In this course, we will explore the Biblical relationship between parents and children utilizing scripture and material based on Tedd Tripp's book *Shepherding a Child's Heart*. For more than modifying a child's behavior, we will discuss practical applications for shepherding a child's heart and fulfilling our Godly role as parents. The course will be facilitated by Ellen and Christopher Jones. The book *Shepherding a Child's Heart* and a workbook will be used to go along with the class. Please register on the tear-off in the weekly bulletins to assist Adult CE in preparing for the class.

Celebrate the Years Lunch!

The Youth and Hospitality Committees will sponsor a lunch honoring our members who are 65 or older and those who have been a member of the church for 40 years or more. The entire church is invited to lunch in the Bullard building on Sunday, September 17 after the 11:00 a.m. service. Cost: Adult - \$5.00; Child - \$3.00; Family Max - \$20.00. There will be no charge for our honorees. Reservations are required and may be made on the tear-off in the bulletin or the sign-up sheet on the hall table or by calling the church office.

First Thursday Lunch

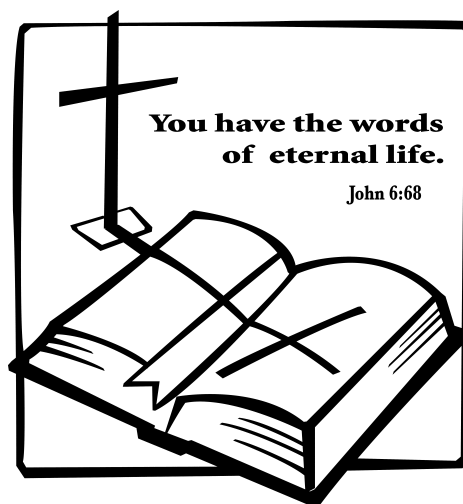
Do you know how to protect yourself from identity theft and fraud? Be sure to attend our First Thursday Lunch on September 7 at 11:45 a.m. and hear Corporal Paul Soulier of the Mobile Police Department give some valuable tips. Cost: \$5.00. Please call the church office or use the tear-off in the bulletin to make reservations.

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast will be Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 a.m. Christopher Jones will be the guest speaker. Please make reservations on the bulletin tear-off or call the church office. (342-1550)

BLOOD DRIVE

Put on your calendar now! Our semi-annual Blood Drive will be on Sunday, October 15, following 11:00 a.m. worship.



Spring Hill Travelers



Believing that it can be more fun to travel with folks you'd like to know better, the Spring Hill Travelers has been organized with 3 trips planned for 2006. The first trip, September 21st, is to NDI in Brewton where beautiful silk flowers, many in acrylic, as well as other decorative items are made. A drive down millionaires' row and lunch at Willie's is included for \$35.00.

The second trip, October 10, 11 and 12, includes lunch at a fantastic house in Geraldine, formerly a granary, a day at Unclaimed Baggage in Scottsboro, and a visit and lunch at Gorham's Bluff considered by the editors of Southern Living as the most romantic spot in Alabama. The cost of this trip is \$250.

December 8th, there will be a trip to Fairhope where boutiques will be decorated, street artists will be on the sidewalks, and lunch will be served at the refurbished Grand Hotel. Cost is to be determined.

The first 2 trips will be limited to 30 people and reservations must be accompanied by the full amount for trips of less than \$100.00; ½ if more than \$100.00. A sheet with more details is on the table in the back hall of the church, or you can call Liz Hill, 342-9756, preferably between 3 and 6 in the afternoons. Checks can be mailed to her at 217 Berwyn Drive W., Mobile, AL 36608.

Library Church History for Youth or Adults

There are a number of media opportunities in the church library to become better acquainted with the history of the church during the 14th-15th century. Consider the following:

LUTHER, the commercial film by Metro Goldwyn Meyer, is one of the best productions to be made depicting the times and evolution of the movement we call the Reformation.

LUTHER, GOSPEL, LAW AND REFORMATION by the Teaching Company is a college level lecture series presented on DVD and transcript of the lectures.

REFORMATION OVERVIEW is a video program complete with VHS cassettes, biographical sheets of the main leaders and study sheets for student participation and discussion.

If you are interested, check with the library staff for other materials to make a meaningful and exciting class.

Dickson T. Coats, Jr.
Eulogy
John Coats

Good morning.

On behalf of the Coats family I want to thank you for coming this morning and tell you how truly grateful we are for all your caring, comforting, and your prayers. We also deeply appreciate Norman interrupting his well deserved vacation to rush back and join us in this service. Norman, we love you and thank you.

Daddy loved the church.....he loved the Presbyterian church..... and he loved Spring Hill Presbyterian. He loved the history of this church and he played a very integral and critical role in this church moving to where we are today. He loved the teaching of this church, the ministry of this church.....and most of all he loved you, the people of this church.

My Dad resided on Jackson Drive, but he lived in Spring Hill Presbyterian Church.

Yesterday my brothers and I sat in his office casually perusing some of his papers. It became evident his office was riddled with Spring Hill Presbyterian files, papers, correspondence and sermons.....even a few of yours Norman.

In true Presbyterian fashion Daddy enjoyed his Lord. And always thought the good Lord had a sense of humor. That is borne out in a true story:

Daddy and a close business associate and friend named Jack Croley were attending an Alabama football game in New Orleans in the old Tulane Stadium. Gone now and replaced by the Superdome, Tulane Stadium was a cavernous structure, a double-decked stadium with high, high seats. Daddy's and Jack's seats were way up in the upper deck and it took awhile for them to reach their exalted positions. And it should be noted here, Jack was known for his profane vocabulary, his fondness of a recreational cocktail, and he smoked like a chimney. Upon their arrival high above the field and Jack catching his breath, Daddy turned to Jack and said: "Jack you better talk to the good Lord right now, cause this is as close to Him as you'll ever get!!"

I would like to share with you a quote:

"A grateful person has peace. A grateful person is eager to share love and the blessings of life. A grateful Christian is an evangelist: a bearer of the good news; a messenger of truth and grace. A grateful person shares their faith with their children, their spouse, their friends, their colleagues. What greater blessing could you give another person than to share---- out of pure gratitude----the depth of your faith? "

Does that sound familiar? No? Well Norman, you'll need to dust off that December 7, 2003 Advent sermon and give it to them again.

I found that sermon last night in Daddy's desk and those words were underlined.

My Dad resided on Jackson Drive, but he lived in Gratitude.

And of all the worldly gifts he was most grateful.....well.....Sara.

My Mom has given me permission to read you the following letter Daddy wrote to her on June 24, 1999, on the occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary.

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Dear Sara:

Today just plain slipped up on me. About a week ago I remembered that this day was not far off and I should have written myself a note, but I did not do that and I am sorry. As you know, I seemed to have been doing this quite often lately.

Anyway the vows we took 55 years ago today, I remember quite well, and they are as valid to me today as they were then and I still intend to honor them until the day I die. As you know, I can remember long ago – I just can't remember what happened yesterday. I love you more and more each day, although I don't do a very good job of expressing it.

I love you very very much

You do not have to look far into that brief, concise, beautifully and simply written letter to really see our Dad: devoted, caring, gentle, and loving to his beloved Sara.

Mama appreciated that letter so much that she kept it. And not only that, she framed it. Then she hung it. And do you know where? In the BATHROOM!! Not high above the commode, but right in front of it!! At eye level!!

That devoted, caring, gentle, and loving husband had to read that letter everyday for the next 5 or 6 years!!

Let me share another quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson:

To laugh often and love much; to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children; to eared the approbation of honest citizens and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to give of one's self; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to have played and laughed with enthusiasm and sung with exultation; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived..... THIS IS TO HAVE SUCCEEDED.

If only by this description and I submit any other, our Dad succeeded beyond measure. And to me.....this is hope.

My Dad resided on Jackson Drive, but he lived full of hope.

As for Mama, Dick and his family, Fred and his family, and mine, we will return to Jackson Drive, knowing we have been given a great example of living gratefully, faithfully, and hopefully. For that example has been a blessing to us to be able to say about Dickson Towns Coats, Junior.....granddaddy, husband, and Daddy.

May God bless his memory.

John H. Coats
July 18, 2006



We rejoice with Ty and Johannah Bullard in the birth of a son, Joel B. Bullard IV, on July 10 and with Steve and Sarah May in the birth of a son, Stephen Parker May, on July 17.



We rejoice with Forrest and Ann Wilson in the marriage of their daughter, Amy, to Brett Teten, on July 29 in the sanctuary.



death shall
no longer
have
dominion

The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are with Ann Meador in the death of her father, Harlan C. Meredith, on July 11 in Tuscaloosa; Lucille Carpenter in the death of her brother, Marshall Carnell, on July 17 in Lavonia, GA; with Ginger Callahan in the death of her sister, Helen C. "Pud" Sharp, on July 24; with Margaret Miller in the death of her father, Floyd Waldrop, on August 15 in Decatur, GA; and with Jean Hightower in the death of her husband, Charlie, on August 16 in Jackson, MS.

Memorials

Memorials have been received for the following:

Dickson Coats
Maude Pipes
Fay Otts
Susanne Weaver
John Brady
Jim Andress
J. W. Shreve
Burt Taylor
Dr. Archie Davis
Charlie Hightower

From the following:

Ferd & Sue Zundel
Dick & Harriett Pennington
Dick Bradley
Debbie Wall
Walter & Miriam Smith

Karen Mathews
Evelyn Hubbard
Lynn & Hal Daugherty
Nancy Lakey
Joe & Vilma Croom
Dan & Doodle Crumpton
Willard & Elaine Myers
Mr. & Mrs. T. E. Eiland
Janie Sims
Henry & Hilda Gewin
Chris & Danielle Pennington
Ruth Fitzgerald
Bernice Riedeburg
Tom & Julia Turnbull
Lloyd & Clayton Pennington
Roy & Gail Kennedy
Paul & Eva Macon
Carter Bryars
Bill & Laura Gewin
Joe & Linda Baldwin
Helen Wells

John & Marilyn Moses
Malcolm & Carol Sumrall
Edith Cox
Edith Abrams
Edward & Kimberly Collum
Bill & Ruth Coats
Hewitt & Catherine Smith
Mary Ehman
Duncan & Frances McDonald
Sam & Judy Strada
Red & Marcia Autterson
Dave & Molly Wagner
Billy & Sue McLean
Buck & Joelyne Trehern
Martha McCarty
Dr. & Mrs. Russell March
Nathan & Margaret Miller
Kaye Mims
Bill & Anne Layfield
Alex & Molly Lankford

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Marion & Malinda McMurphy
Dorothy McGehee
Donald Cunningham
Charles & Carolyn Rowland
William & Jerralyn S. Quina
Percy & Marynell Perkins
John & Thelma Bowen

Louis & Jane Williams
Walne & Ann Donald
Jack & Sylvia Coats
Craig & Betty McKinnon
Hardy & Sarah Butler
Charles & Linda Langston
Roland & Gwin Williams
Bill & Anne Terry Sherren

Frank & Cathy Dagley
Chan & Lisa Garrison
Dalen Livingston
John & Rhonda Fredricks
Jeannie, Missy, Russ & Amy Hill
Stony & Virginia Price
Linda Fletcher

Keep going

A fidgety nine-year-old boy sat by his mother at the concert. She brought him to the marquee event in hopes that he would be so inspired by the performance of the great Polish pianist, composer and statesman Ignacy Paderewski, that he would take his piano lessons more seriously.

During the intermission, the lad dashed onto the stage, plumped himself down on the piano bench, and began to play "Chopsticks."

Hearing the piercing notes of an amateur, Paderewski hurried back to his beloved piano to see a youngster at the keyboard. Standing directly behind the lad, he bent forward, placed his arms around the intruder, and played an appropriate accompaniment. All the while the masterful musician was whispering in the child's ear, "Don't quit, don't quit, keep going!"

Not as dramatically, but just as assuredly, the master of our lives, the Lord Jesus Christ, stands by us in our ups and downs with his everlasting arms around us, admonishing us not to quit, to keep going. "I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

—C. Curtis Jones & Paul H. Jones

Wisdom from Helen Keller

Believe that we can live on earth according to the teachings of Jesus, and the greatest happiness will come to the world when man obeys his commandment "Love one another."

Believe that we can live on earth according to the fulfillment of God's will, and that when the will of God is done on earth as it is done in heaven, every man will love his fellowmen, and act toward them as he desires they should act toward him. I believe that the welfare of each is bound up in the welfare of all.

I believe that life is given to us so that we may grow in love, and I believe that God is in me as the sun is in the color and fragrance of a flower — the light in my darkness, the voice in my silence.

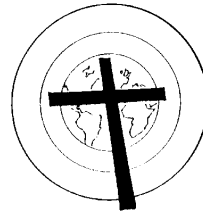
I believe that only in broken gleams has the sun of truth yet shown upon men. I believe that love will finally establish the kingdom of God on earth, and that the cornerstones of that kingdom will be liberty, truth, brotherhood and service.



Lectioary for the Lord's Day

September 2006

- 3 *22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
S. of Sol. 2:8-13; Ps. 45:1-2, 6-9
James 1:17-27;
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
- 10 *23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Prov. 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Ps. 125
James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17;
Mark 7:24-37
- 17 *24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Prov. 1:20-33; Ps. 19; James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38
- 24 *25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Prov. 31:10-31; Ps. 1
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37



We have peace
with God
through Christ.
Romans 5:1

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Church Calendar

September 2006

- 4 Labor Day – Office Closed
- 6 Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team – 9:30 a.m.
- 7 1st Thursday Lunch – 11:45 a.m.
- 10 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. worship
Christian Education – 9:30 a.m.
Choir and Youth Kick-offs
- 11 Committees
- 12 Men's Breakfast – 7:00 a.m.
- 13 Circles
Beginning of Wednesday Suppers (5:45 p.m.)
Followed by Bible Study with Dr. McCrummen
- 17 "Celebrate the Year Lunch" - Noon
- 18 Newsletter Deadline – 9:00 a.m.
Diaconate – 7:00 p.m.
- 19 TMFP begins – 6:30 a.m.
- 25 Session – 7:00 p.m.
- 30 Presbyterian Women Fall Spiritual Retreat at Camp Pinetreat



Word Puzzle

Cross out every other letter to discover a message from Proverbs. You must decide which letter to start with and where the words begin and end.

**A A B S C O D F E T F A G N H S I W J E K R L T M U N R O
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 Y S A U D P G A T N H G U E N R .**

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15:1

Answer: A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
 Proverbs 15:1

Animals

God has made many animals. Color these.
 Put a Z by the animals you would see in a zoo.
 Put an F by the ones you would see on a farm.

