

# SPRING HILL MESSENGER

Spring Hill Presbyterian Church, Mobile, Alabama

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## From the Pastor

Beginning Wednesday,  
September 8,

Spring Hill Presbyterian will  
launch a Wednesday night  
series on

### **“Abiding in Christ.”**

The theme will address what  
it means to be one with  
Christ; that is, how it changes  
a person’s world view, how it  
affects relationships, how it  
guides one in decision  
making and how it gives  
hope, assurance, and  
purpose to life.

The Lord is showing His  
church what a remarkable

difference it makes when the  
people of God hear  
testimonies of faith. We are  
inspired and strengthened by  
the experiences of our  
Christian brothers and  
sisters. In that regard, we will  
hear from several people in  
our church and community  
about their experience of  
“abiding.”

The dinner will begin at  
5:45 in the Fellowship Hall  
and the program at 6:30. I  
hope each of you will plan to  
attend and bring a friend or  
neighbor. Meanwhile, pray

that God’s grace will take  
each one of us into a deeper  
awareness of and what it  
means to abide in His Son,  
and that we will come  
together on September 8  
ready to learn from one  
another and encourage one  
another in our journey of  
faith.

Yours in Christ,

Norman



## “One of the Best Things that Ever Happened to Me”

Dick, a long-time church officer was describing his experience of meeting weekly with a group of men at 6:00 in the morning. They had a light breakfast, during which they examined a passage of scripture together, shared concerns, and prayed. Dick said it was “one of the best things that ever happened to me.” But he acknowledged that he had avoided small groups for some time. This time, he just couldn’t come up with an excuse fast enough, so he agreed to try it. He’s grateful he did.

Small groups go right back to Jesus and the disciples, and they are powerful in the lives of those involved. The support and the focus one gets from the group is huge.

The format we are using couldn’t be simpler: Word-Share-Prayer. First, reflect together on a passage of scripture. Next, share prayer concerns. Finally, pray together for one another and the concerns raised. These groups are often led to undertake some mission together, and in any case they support and “send” one another into the places of ministry God has called them.

In the spring, many of us did the “40 Days of Purpose,” and know that the small group was important. The goal now is to offer the opportunity to participate in a small group to all the church. The first step in that, now that the summer is winding down, is to urge those

40 Days of Purpose groups to come back together around new material and a new vision.

### What’s ahead?

We’ll be offering some additional suggestions on small group leading to the 40 Days leaders who want to continue.

We’ll be offering small group leader training, based on Stan Ott’s Small Group Life to any who would be open to giving leadership—and that can be a real joy.

We’ll be offering ways to be involved in small groups for those who’d like to try. Commit yourself for a period of time, with an option to continue if it seems right.

Perhaps there are other groups in the church that would like to try the Word-Share-Prayer format. We’ll be glad to work with you.

As I write, Marty O’Gwynn and I we are organizing a team to give leadership and support to small groups at Spring Hill. If you were part of a 40 Days of Purpose group, let your group know you want to stay together. If you weren’t part of the 40 Days but would like to give a small group a try, be in touch with me or Marty, or simply leave word of your interest in the church office. This might be one of the best things that ever happened to you.

-Pastor Sid

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by Andrea Hall

### Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

When most of us hear the term “kick-off” in the fall, we have one thing on our mind: FOOTBALL! For Christian educators, however, “kick-off” has an entirely different meaning.

Instead of helmets and marching bands and cheerleaders, we think of Sunday School and the typical “Rally Day” celebrations that are supposed to welcome everyone to the new year of church school.

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Sunday, September 12 at 9:30 a.m.

## Rally Day continued...

When I think back on my childhood and my Sunday School experience, I'm sad to say that I don't remember all that much about the weekly lessons and classes. However, I remember Rally Day. For a number of years, my church had all of the children line up outside and let helium balloons fly into the sky. I'm not exactly sure why; I think that the balloons may have had information about the church inside of them, so perhaps this was some sort of evangelism tool.

Regardless of the rationale behind this ceremony, it sticks in my mind as a positive reminder of the importance of kicking off the Sunday School year with some kind of special tradition.

Because of this, I decided to do a little research on the tradition of "Rally Day" or "Kick-off Sunday." Unexpectedly, I found a website that was selling vintage postcards. A number of these postcards from the early 1900s were "Rally Day" invitations. The one that stood out the most to me displayed an ocean scene with boats and rocks and waves. The words on the front read, "In this scene, the sea suggests God's boundless love, the inspiration of Christian service. The yacht in full sail

symbolizes progress toward a goal - every member present is our goal for Next Sunday. The blue sky and the rugged rocks suggest loyalty and faithfulness, those invaluable qualities of character. The boat, with ready oars and net invite that personal effort needed to make our Rally Day, Next Sunday a success. You are urged to come, bringing others." It then quoted Psalm 95:5 at the bottom: "The sea is His and He made it and His hand formed the dry land."

My favorite part of the postcard was the simple statement that the teacher had written on the back: "We expect you next Sunday." Another Rally Day postcard read: "I'll be looking for you next Sunday." I immediately wished that I could be as bold as these teachers! They were not leaving anyone any wiggle room. Everyone in the church was expected to be present. It was part of their duty and part of their privilege. Without knowing these teachers, I cannot be sure, but I would venture to guess that these words were not said in order to guilt or force anyone into attending Rally Day. These words were likely said as a gentle reminder that Christian education is not optional for those of us who call ourselves Christians. We

serve a God who has made himself to be known in Jesus Christ, and such an act demands that we get to know him. Attending Sunday School is certainly one of the most important ways that we can do just that.

So, for anyone reading this, adults and children alike, we expect to see you on **Sunday, September 12 at 9:30 a.m.** for our **Sunday School Kick-off Celebration**. We will share a breakfast together in David's Diner and then the children will head to their classrooms while the adults stay and listen to the presentation of the fall course offerings. It is sure to be a special time of fellowship and preparation for the new Sunday School year.

Taking a lesson from those teachers of 100 years ago, I am bold to say: "I'll be looking for you on Sunday, September 12! Every member present is our goal! You are urged to come, bringing others!"

Blessings,

Andrea Hall

Director of Christian Education

# Molly's Musings

## "Feed my Lambs."



When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you truly love Me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "You know that I love You." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." John 21:15

If you study the last chapter in the Gospel of John, you will read the familiar exchange between Peter and Jesus. Three times Peter had denied Christ and in this passage, John records Jesus asking Peter 3 times, "Do you love Me?" When Peter responds affirmatively, Jesus essentially replies, "Then do something about it. Feed My sheep."

Take a minute with me to harken back to Peter's confessions of faith in Christ. In John 13:37, Peter claims he will follow Christ wherever He goes even if that means Peter will have to die, "Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." Then in Matthew 26:33. Peter claims that his faith will stand unwavering even if the faith of others does not, "Even if all fall away on account of You, I never will." These are bold statements of faith made by Peter, but when push came to shove, he proved he was not willing to die with or for Christ. In fact, in those moments of denial, Peter was not even willing to live for Christ.

Now back to John 21. Jesus knew Peter's past. He knew

His strengths. He knew Peter's weaknesses but despite it all, Jesus called Peter to the most critical work of feeding His flock. In the same way, he knows us just as intimately, and for better or for worse, He has called each of us to do His very important work. To every believer, Jesus says, "If you love me, then you will feed my sheep." This is the holy work of the church and it is a command to action not an option.

So what does it mean to feed His lambs? What does that look like in practical application? I believe the first step is developing TRUE community. It involves taking time to get to know people beyond speaking pleasantries at Sunday morning worship. It means forgiving offenses and setting aside judgments. It means putting to death busyness and investing in people and relationships. It means accepting people in your Body of Christ who look different, have different backgrounds, different ideas or even get on your nerves. These are things that I believe strangle relationship development at Spring Hill and in every community of faith, but it is ONLY through **true community** that we become aware of the needs of the sheep and then begin to meet them and thus feed them. So often, I am afraid we become so comfortable in our church

body that we forget there are people that feel isolated and forgotten. There are sheep starving in our midst and sometimes we can't see them simply because we are too comfortable with the sheep we already know and feed. IF we love Him, we will feed His sheep, **all** of them, even those that have offended us or are strangers to us or are different from us.

Once those relationships are established, we can feed His sheep anytime we teach, speak, and live out truth of God's Word before them. We are called to be truth, love and grace to one another within the body. I love it that Jesus said, "Feed" because food is a basic human need for survival. In the same way, Jesus knew we needed community to survive and to enable us to live a holy, Christ-focused, Spirit drenched walk. We must feed and we must be fed. It is essential to Christian life.

So, I challenge you, the flock at Spring Hill Presbyterian Church, to open your eyes and evaluate this command every believer has been given. Are there things in your life that strangle your ability to build relationships? Are there people in your midst that need to be fed by your love, grace and forgiveness?

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Are you speaking truth and living out God's word in front of those in this congregation so others may be fed by your example? May we be a

well nourished congregation so that He will be glorified and the watching world will know His Name!

If you love HIM, feed His sheep,

In Him,

*Molly Broders*



## Music Notes

Randy Sheets, Director of Music Ministries and Organist

Explore Opportunities for “Making a Joyful – and Beautiful—Noise!”

**Chancel Choir** has begun the new season and welcomes new members. Advanced high school singers through adults who can carry a tune and can learn harmony parts are welcome. Persons who have sung in choirs or played in instrumental groups, or who have studied a musical instrument, will be most comfortable in the group. *Rehearsals: Wednesday nights.* Please contact Randy Sheets.

**Choirs for Children** begin on Sunday afternoon, September 12. These are singing and ringing groups for children who have turned 4 by Sept. 1, through grade 5. See “**All Things Bright and Musical**” elsewhere in this newsletter.

**Music for Youth (grades 6-12)** kicks-off on Sunday afternoon, September 12. We will help the children's choirs in their “All Things Bright and Musical” activities that afternoon. (please report at 4:15 to get organized).

Youth Chorale---Sundays 5:00 -6:00 p.m. All youth are welcome.

Handbells--- Two opportunities on Tuesday afternoons—Bronze Ringers (auditioned) and Copper Ringers (non-auditioned). Contact Randy Sheets.

**Handbell Ringing for Adults. Two opportunities are available.**

**Spring Hill Ringers.** An auditioned group of advanced youth and adults who rehearse on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m., beginning Sept. 15. Strong music-reading skills are needed.

**“Explore Bell Ringing”---A new short-term bell choir--** for adults who have some (perhaps rusty?) music-reading skill and/or no ringing experience. We will learn bell fundamentals, practice musical skills, and play bell compositions. The dates/times are to be determined, depending on the participants' schedules, (weekly sessions for 4-6 weeks, morning or early afternoon). Contact Randy Sheets *asap* for more information. Come Ring!



All things  
bright and musical  
*Spring Hill Presbyterian Church*  
*Children's Choir*  
**Kick Off**

*Sunday, September 12*

*4:30 - 6:00 p.m.*



*Singing, Drumming, Handbells,  
Instrument-making and food!*

*Demonstration for parents at 5:45 in the fellowship hall*

## First Thursday Luncheon

It's time again for First Thursday Luncheons!! We have a spot just for you on Thursday, September 2, 2010. Yummy lunch lively conversation, and the chance to hear our own Ashley Mueller speak about her moving mission trip to Malawi, Africa. Ashley has interned with our church's youth group for 3+ years and comes to us with a deep background of faith and service. You won't want to miss out on any of the goings-on.

Come early to Fellowship Hall for coffee and chat; sit down time is 11:45 a.m. Cost is \$6 – a tasty bargain which you must come to experience. Bring a friend – as long as we have a reservation, you can even bring two!!

We need your participation. Our luncheon group is crying out for new comers. We want more new faces. NEWS

ALERT: Everyone who brings someone (new) will get a prize! Come and BE COUNTED for First Thursday Lunch. Call Sallie at the church office or sign the tear-off in the bulletin to let us know how many to cook for!!



## Stephen Ministry:

### A Ministry of Listening

Most people have times when they feel the need to have a trustworthy person to listen and help them sort out feelings about situations or problems with which they must deal. Spring Hill Presbyterian has volunteer Stephen Ministers available and willing to help at such times, and Christian love and confidentiality are the basis of Stephen Ministry. Please call Margaret Miller at 344-3937 for information about the program.

## LECTIONARY FOR THE LORD'S DAY: September 2010

### 5 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer. 19:1-11; Ps. 139:1-6, 13-18; Philem 1-21, Luke 14:25-33

### 12 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer. 4:11-12, 22-28; Ps. 14; 1 Tim 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-10

### 19 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer. 8:18-9:1; Ps. 79:1-9; 1 Tim. 2:1-7  
Luke 16:1-13

### 26 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer. 32:103a, 6-15; Ps. 91:1-6, 14-16  
1 Tim. 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

## CURRENT ISSUES

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:

We are a class of adults of all ages who focus upon current issues as they relate to our faith our life, and the Church. Each class stands alone, so you may attend one session without feeling that you have missed something the prior week. If you enjoy variety, challenge, thinking and stimulating discussion, you might like to try us! A wide variety of topics are selected and taught by the class members. Our September schedule:

**Sept. 12:** CE Kickoff

**Sept. 19:** Judy Stout: Water Issues, including her trip to Honduras to install Rotary Club water purification systems

**Sept. 26:** Billy McLean: Literacy.

## WHEN GOD BAKES

I love to bake. I don't know why I crave baking as many pies as I do, but I think it comes down to the fact that I love to bake. Although baking can be therapeutic and can be used as a stress-release when school seems to be too much, I love being able to find myself in a kitchen completely dusted with flour.

As I was driving home one afternoon to bake more pies for a few friends, a thought occurred to me that has changed my perspective on baking.

God asks us to bake. He desires for us to bake all the time.

If you think about it, baking requires only three things: a recipe, ingredients, and an oven. Recipes can often be complex, filled with jargon that isn't always consistent from recipe to recipe. But, sometimes, recipes can be simple, filled with words that are familiar and an outcome that is desired, like God's word. Although the Bible has a history that is lengthy and is comprised of hundreds of stories, God is always consistent and simple in what He desires from His people. He is clear and concise, always faithful and just. His promises never deviate from what He has done, and never will change. As Hebrews 13:8 reminds us, "Jesus Christ is the

same, yesterday, today and forever." In short, the recipe of God's word for ministry purposes is simple and is stated over and over again throughout His word; if we follow the recipe, the outcome is what God desires and what is best for us.

The ingredients, like the recipe, are not quick to change. God often gives us clear direction on what ingredients to use in any given ministry. Because He equips perfectly His servants, we can look on ministry with confidence that our Father has given us every ingredient that we will need to accomplish the task that is set before us. As Matthew 7:11 says, "If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"

When I bake, before I add any ingredients, I love to get out every ingredient that I will use and place them in close vicinity to the bowl I will be working with. Not only do I want to make sure that I have all the ingredients before I start mixing things together, but I also love to have all the ingredients in one place so that I can see what I will be working with. As each of us realize that we have been equipped to bake any given pie, we can take heart and gain confidence in



our Rock that He has supplied everything we need and that it is all easily accessible. Our God is not a God who wants us to spend hours looking for an ingredient; our God is a God who desperately desires for us to know that we are fully equipped to do His work.

Once we have added all the ingredients and finished mixing them according to the recipe, we get the privilege of putting the pie in the oven to bake. We get to watch our hard work unfold as the heat brings to life all that we have done.

However, I have noticed that sometimes when I bake the same pie twice, the outcome can be very different. Sometimes, after following a recipe exactly, a pie just doesn't turn out the way it should have. Here, I think is where it is critical to first make sure that you followed every direction as stated in the recipe. But, after double-checking and the realization that you did everything that God asked of you, then it is vital to recognize that the outcome of ministry is not up to you if

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you have obeyed God's commands for you.

Often times, it is easy to look at the results and determine your self-worth from how the pie came out. If the pie is great, then the work you have done is great. Thus, if the pie is bad, the work that you have done is bad. Both of these statements, however true they may seem carry much untruthfulness to them. Our God is sovereign and He alone is responsible for the outcome of ministry. He alone knows what ingredients to

place before us, and he alone knows how to bake a pie. Simply, we are responsible to be obedient to what He has put before us. If the pie is great, then the work He has done is mighty and good. But, if the pie is bad, then the work He has done is mighty and good. Human eyes can only see but a glimpse of the bigger picture.

So, this day, trust in your Savior for all the work that He is doing. Be obedient and work hard in the ministry that God has placed you in. But,

remember that the outcome has nothing to do with who you are in His eyes. You are beautiful. You are loved. You are known. Precious one, may you find refuge in the arms of the only one who loves you perfectly.

"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." -Isaiah 30:2

In Christ,  
Ashley Mueller

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## Global Missions

Some years ago our Session declared that 26.5% of the Church's annual budget would be allocated for service and mission purposes both local and global. Two separate church committees, Global Mission and Service Committee serve to dispense those monies throughout the year.

The world is in a water crisis. Of all the water in the world: 97% is salt water; 2% is frozen fresh water; and 1% is available fresh water although much of that is contaminated. Of the 1% available potable water agriculture and industry use 90% leaving only 10% for personal uses.

40% of the world's population has no access to clean water.

More than 3 million people (most of them children) die annually from preventable water-related diseases. Humans use 45 times more water today than was needed 300 years ago. The average American wastes more water in a day than the average individual in a developing country has to use from the whole day's drinking, cooking, and washing. Even as the sources of accessible water diminish scientists estimate that up to 17% more water will be needed by 2030 for irrigation just to feed the



world's growing population.

For several years Global Missions has directed a donation to Living Waters for the World, a ministry of our own Synod of Living Waters. This ministry seeks to place water systems in regions where clean water is inaccessible and of desperate need. In 2005 LWW expanded its mission to include areas of Appalachia (USA). Recent figures show that on average one new clean water system is installed somewhere in the world each week by mission teams from many states and faith groups. Some areas that have benefitted are

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countries in South and Central America, Mexico, India, Thailand, and many countries in Africa.

LWW developed two training centers (Clean Water University) In Oxford, MS, and Oakhurst, CA, to

teach mission team leaders the mechanics of installing and maintaining the clean water systems as well as how to work with local community leaders so that those persons may continue to educate the area peoples

in hygiene and spiritual needs as well as to maintain the installed clean water system. The Living Waters of the World ministry professes that "Jesus Christ is living water for our bodies and souls".

## Service Committee

### "Goodbye, Summer!"

The summer is officially over by the time you are reading this newsletter, and what a summer it was! Kind of different from summers past, what with the beach being out of the picture for at least a few months and the heat being unreasonably hot even for Mobile. But we all found out that life doesn't stop when the beaches are closed or the temperature is 110 degrees.

In fact, it seemed to fly by even faster, if that is possible. In my particular stage of life, with three kids under 12, we had baseball, and swimming, and diving, and taking kids to camp, not to mention work (my kids still don't understand that I don't get the summer off!) All of this leads right into the beginning of school and all its related activities, including football (for the boys), as well as the beginning of our church year, with all of its many events. And did I mention work?

As you can imagine, life certainly didn't slow down this summer for our agencies. Things got a lot busier for many of them, with the economy remaining stagnant and the oil spill affecting so many people from all walks of life. Hardly a day would pass when you wouldn't see a report of one of our agencies in the news, helping out those in need with food, shelter, health care, and many other needs.

You may have noticed that Pastor Sid has been adding a few prayers to his list during our Sunday worship services. Those prayers have focused on a variety of agencies and charities, including such wonderful groups as the Bay Area Food Bank, which has been so active in helping those affected by the oil spill in such places as Bayou La Batre. Pastor Sid will continue to put our agencies, and others, in our communal prayers over the next few months. We assist so many agencies in our church, both communally and individually, through donations of our money, our materials, and our time. But we should always remember that one of the greatest things we can do for them is to lift them up to God in prayer. Given all the struggles they have faced in the past year, these agencies need God's grace and His help more than ever, so pay close attention to Pastor Sid's prayers over the fall and pray for all our agencies during the months to come.

As you'll see in the following report on one of our agencies, The Salvation Army Center for Women and Children (formerly "The Haven"), God continues to bless our community with incredible servants, and to repay their faithfulness with many blessings. May God continue to bless them and all our agencies in the fall.

God bless, Robbie

## Agency Report, TSA Center for Women and Children (f/k/a The Haven)

By: Ellen Jones

One of the many outreach ministries supported by Spring Hill Presbyterian Church is the TSA Center for Women and Children. Formerly known as "The Haven," the TSA Center is a facility for homeless women and children. On July 22<sup>nd</sup> a ribbon cutting ceremony took place to dedicate the new facility. The newly constructed facility has 15 bedrooms and can house up to 50 women/children. In addition to bedrooms, the new facility contains a full-service dining area, a computer room, a counselor's room, a day-room, a family room and a play room for the children. Case managers are also available through the center, and provide valuable assistance to the residents of the center, including such things as counseling, parenting classes, job training, and other services.

The facility is still in need of white bath towels, bath mats, 24 dish towels (any color), 3 dozen colored rags for cleaning and 2 microwaves. If you would like to contribute any of these materials, or if you would like to see if there is an opportunity for your own service with this agency, please call SHPC agency representative Ellen Jones, or visit their website at [http://www.uss.salvationarmy.org/uss/www\\_uss\\_macal.nsf](http://www.uss.salvationarmy.org/uss/www_uss_macal.nsf), and then click on Program Services to find the Center for Women and Children.



### **Wine Festival Supports Service Center**

The Wine Festival at the picturesque Five Rivers on the Causeway has become an annual fundraising event solely for the Service Center. It will be held on **Thursday evening, October 21<sup>st</sup>.**

Last year's event, despite the rainy weather, was a great success. Again this year there will be wonderful food provided by many local caterers and restaurants. The tickets are \$50.00. Please contact Linda Fletcher for more information.

### **LISTING OF CHARITIES AND THEIR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES:**

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  
USA Children's & Women'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 – Pam Phillips, Weezie Taylor  
Service Committee Discretionary Committee

## From The Stewardship Committee

The only time in scripture that God invites us to test Him is in Malachi 3:10-11 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse that there may be food in my house. Test me I this, says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," say the Lord

Almighty. Does God consider tithing to be an important part of our spiritual growth? According to scripture...yes. In Deuteronomy 14:22-24 God said "You shall eat in the presence of the LORD your God, at the place where He chooses to establish His name, the tithe of your grain, your new wine, your oil, and the first-born of your herd and your flock, in order that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always.

Jesus said in Mark 12:30 that the greatest commandment is to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." Is not stewardship of our time, our talent, and our resources a measure of our obedience to this commandment and does it reflect our love and gratitude to God, for all that He has done for us?"

## Presbyterian Women News

Presbyterian Women begin activities for 2010-2011 on September 1 with the meeting of the Coordinating Team at 9:30 am. In the Conference Room.

Circle meetings begin Wednesday, September 8 as follows:

- #1 at 10:00 a.m. (place to be announced)
- #3 at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor
- #4 at 7:15 p.m. in the Parlor

If you are not yet involved in Presbyterian Women (PW) this is a great time to become involved. There are three 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** collects food items and paper goods for the Ronald McDonald House food pantry as well as cleaning and laundry supplies to assist the guest residents. Co-chairs are Janie Sims and Amy Walton.

**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 Linda Fletcher and Gwin Williams.

**Circle #4** meets at night and is co-chaired by. They collect funds for the Presbyterian Home for Children at Christmas. Co-chairs are Donna Massa and Susan Tomlinson.



### Presbytery Fall Spiritual Retreat

The Presbyterian Women of South Alabama Presbytery are having their Fall Spiritual Retreat on Saturday, October 2 at 1st Presbyterian in Bay Minette.

Other dates:

#### October 13

Fall Luncheon/Dinner

Honorary Life Membership presented

#### March 16, 2011

Spring Gathering at Government Street Presbyterian

#### May 11, 2011

Birthday Luncheon/dinner

Officer Installation

#### July 20-22, 2011

AL/MS Conference at Memorial Presbyterian in Montgomery

## Library News

### Oil for the Lamps of Education?

With the fall classes beginning soon, it is the wise teacher who will check the library for references and resources to support the curriculum.

The confirmation instructors have already been in to check this for their class. The Mission statement of the church's library includes the support of the church's educational ministry. Before the 2010-2011's budget is submitted let your needs be known, so your lamps will have enough oil to keep them lit when the bridegroom comes.

Enough of parables to alert the teachers? I hope so! Budgets are lean and will need to be justified so don't procrastinate. Be prepared!

**Communicate.**

### We Rejoice

We rejoice with Mary Lou Kopf and Mit and Charlotte Kopf in the birth of a great granddaughter and granddaughter, Addison Lanier Pressley, on July 25 in Birmingham. (Parents are Rachael and Ben Pressley).

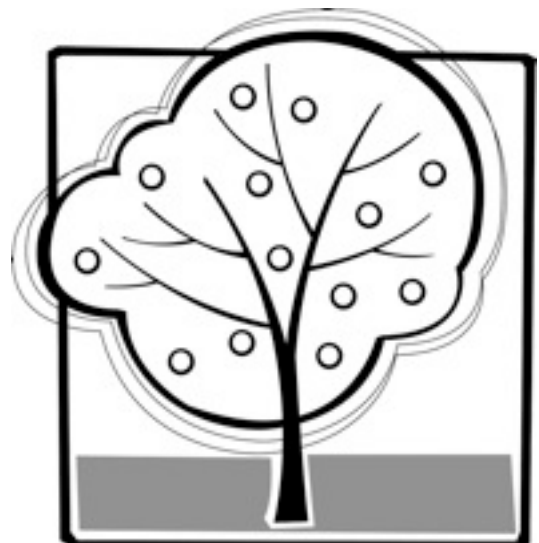
### We share in Sorrow

The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are with Marcy Harris in the death of her husband, Bill, on July 16 and with Joe Croom and Joe D. Croom in the death of their wife and mother, on July 18; with the Coats family in the death of Sara Coats on August 7.

## CHURCH CALENDAR-September

- 1 Presbyterian Women's Coordinating team  
– 9:30 a.m.
- 2 First Thursday Lunch – 11:45 a.m.  
Officer Training
- 5 Joint Sunday School Class - Ashley Mueller  
to discuss her African trip
- 7 Committees
- 8 Circles  
Dinner and Bible Study begins  
(5:45 p.m. supper) and continues through  
November 3
- 9 Officer Training – 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Meals on Wheels – 10:30 a.m.
- 12 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship  
CE Celebration Breakfast – 9:30 a.m.
- 14 Diaconate – 7:00 p.m.
- 19 New Member Lunch
- 20 Newsletter Deadline – 9:00 a.m.
- 21 Session – 7:00 a.m.
- 26 Ordination/Installation of Elders and  
Deacons Class of 2013 – 11:00 a.m.

Photograph of all officers actively serving in  
2011 following 11:00 a.m. worship





**Memorials have been received for the following:**

Bill Harris  
Vilma Croom  
Linda Hollingsworth  
Torch Hollingsworth  
Whitney Lawler Hollingsworth  
Joel Bertrand Bullard, Sr.  
Elizabeth Hamilton Bullard  
Sara Coats

**From the following:**

Pat and Royce Ray  
Dick and Harriett Pennington  
Betty and William Willingham  
Sue and Billy McLean  
Phyllis Fonda  
Sue and Roy Martino  
Helen Wells  
Marion and Malinda McMurphy  
Sam and Judy Strada  
Janie Sims  
Robert and Mary Ann Donnell  
Les and Ada Waters  
Mobile County School System Co-workers of Bill Harris, Jr.  
The Quilters  
Eva Macon  
George and Catherine Metten  
Charles and Tina Bonofiglio  
Rose Garden Club  
Linda Fletcher  
Jane and Louis Williams  
Robert and Joyce Bach  
John and Hallie Croom  
Helen Croom  
Cheryl and Jimmy Croom  
Fred and Brenda Croom  
Deb and Ronnie Massey  
Buck and Joelyne Trehern  
Nick Vrakelos

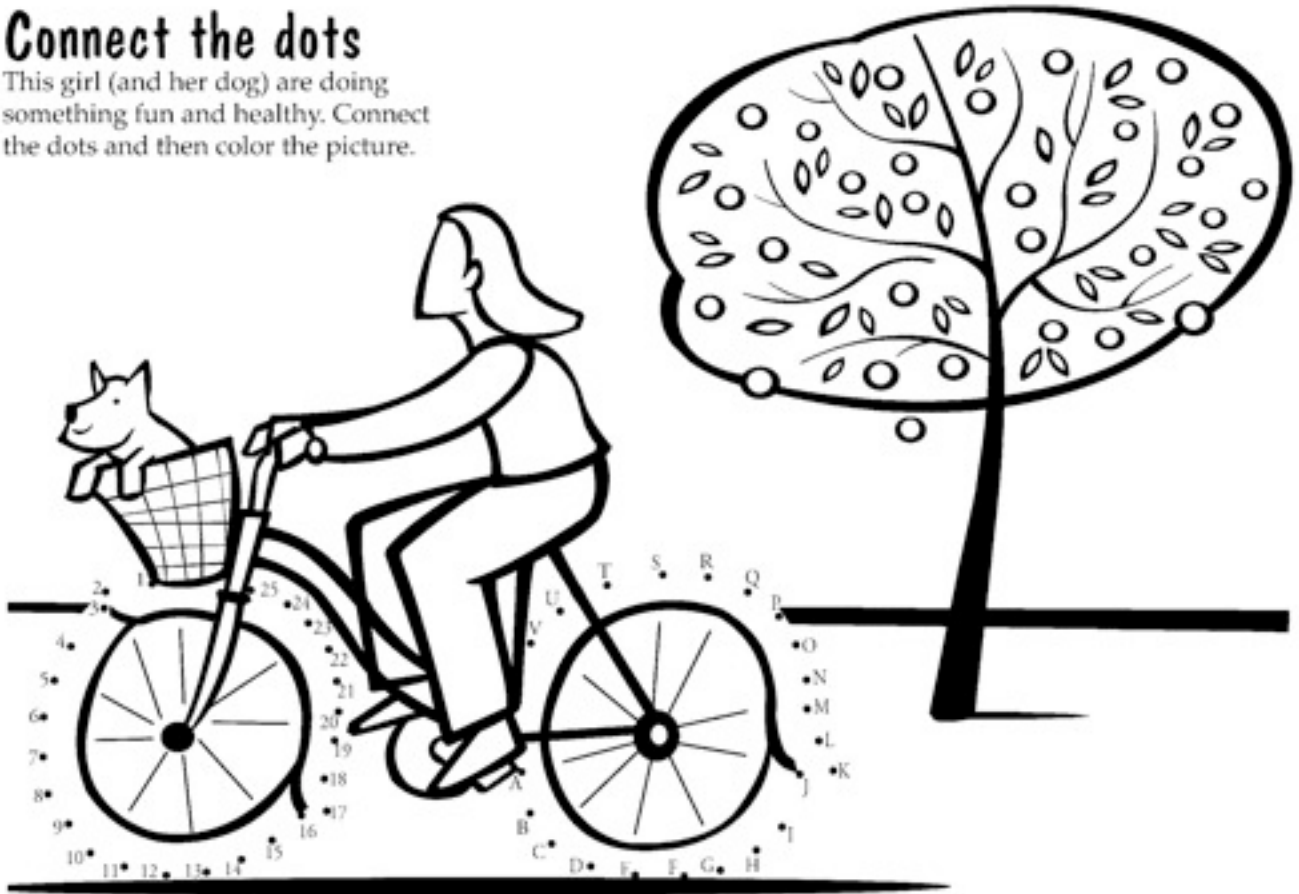
Steve and Carol Taylor  
John and Mar Witherington  
Liz Hill  
Bill and Scott Phelps  
Tomasina Werner  
Hardy and Sandra Vise  
Duncan and Frances McDonald  
Donna Smith  
Clayton Pennington  
Frank and Karen Ehman  
Keith and Jane Arendall  
Spring Hill Presbyterian Mother's Day Out  
David and Debbie Richards  
Jack Heflin  
Hilda Gewin  
Kelley Evers  
Harriett Nihart  
Mitch and Sally Cobb  
Joan Crawford  
Fred and Judy Bodie  
Edith Abrams  
Dr. and Mrs. W. Day Gates II  
Spring Hill Presbyterian Weekday School  
Joe Croom  
Lance, Paulette, Elizabeth and Alexandra Trenary  
Dick and Betty Allen  
Carol and Malcolm Sumrall  
Thelma Bowen  
Roy and Gail Kennedy  
Bernice Riedeburg  
Molly Wagner  
Lewis and Barkley Shreve  
Ruth Fitzgerald  
Lindsay and Dea Walker  
Dalen Livingston  
Susan and Cort Schlichting

**Honorarium has been received for the following:**

Norman McCrummen  
Randy Sheets  
Edith Cox  
From the following:  
Clayton Pennington  
Louis and Jane Williams  
Lewis and Barkley Shreve

# Connect the dots

This girl (and her dog) are doing something fun and healthy. Connect the dots and then color the picture.



## Codes

Use the code to figure out the Bible verse.

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c	★	g	*	l	◇	p	*	u	◐		
d	✓	h	⊗	m	●	r	X	v	⊗		

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 ||| ■ ◐ X ⊕ ■ ✓ ||| † □ ❖ ⊗ \* ● \* ◇ \* ■ ◆  
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 † ⊕ ||| ■ ◐ X ⊕ ■ ✓ |||

1 Corinthians 6:19a, 20b

Answer: Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit ... therefore glorify God in your body.



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September 12: Worship at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
Christian Education Classes at 9:30 a.m.