

This Week at FPC

Sunday, September 4

8:45 AM Early Worship*
9:00 AM Ignite@9*
10:00 AM Christian Education
11:00 AM Worship*

Monday, September 5 - Labor Day Holiday!

Church Office Closed.

Tuesday, September 6

11:30 AM College Student Lunch at Abbey
5:30 PM Strategic Planning Steering Comm.
7:00 PM MSNGRbird Rehearsal
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 24 Meeting
7:30 PM Adult Handbell Choir

Wednesday, September 7

4:30 PM Logos Begins
5:30 PM Church Family Night Supper
6:00 PM Yada Yada Begins
7:35 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 8

7:15 AM Men's Breakfast - Chad Gibbs
9:15 AM Coffee Chat
12:00 PM Chad Gibbs Lunch
12:00 PM Stewardship and Finance
6:00 PM Men's Life Dinner - Chad Gibbs
6:30 PM Eagle Board of Review
7:00 PM High School Bible Study
at Montgomery's
7:00 PM Faith Discussion Group (Abbey)

Friday, September 9

11:00 AM Intercessory Prayer Group
6:00 PM Friday's at First

Saturday, September 10

12:00 PM Personal Prayer for World Peace
(Wherever you are when the siren sounds)

* Childcare Provided

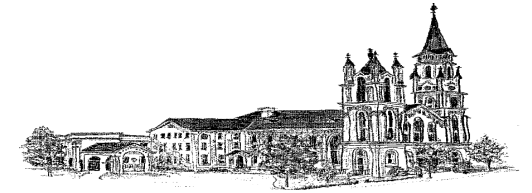
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Stand Tall: "It's Cool in the Furnace"

Lessons from the Book of Daniel

This Sunday we will resume our sermon series, "Stand Tall: Lessons from the Book of Daniel", by looking at the story of the Shad'rach, Me'shach, Abed'nego (Daniel 3). Because these three young men refuse to compromise their faith in God and bow down to a graven image they are thrown into a fiery furnace. In the face of certain death their faith sustains them and by the grace of God they are delivered. Their plight is no different from what we face during trying times in our lives. Will we fold in on our faith and bow down? Or will we stand tall? Will God use our fiery trials for our good and His Glory? Come this Sunday to worship, learn and draw strength from fellow followers of our Lord.

Don't forget the GOD AND FOOTBALL DINNER on Thursday, September 8 at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Chad Gibbs the author of God and Football will be our guest speaker. IT will be a fun evening!! ALL ARE WELCOME!!! Details are inside this bulletin. Get in the game! Sign up today!

In His Purifying Love,



All Members, *Ministers*
The Reverend Charles R. Hasty, Jr., *Senior Pastor*
The Reverend Dr. E. Jones Doughton, *Associate Pastor*
Mr. Thomas H. George, Jr., *Organist and Choirmaster*
Ms. Suzanne McCary, *Church Administrator*
Mr. Don Sharitt, *Director of Youth Ministries*
Mrs. Jami Conroy, *Director of Children's Ministries*
The Reverend Jason Micheli, *Campus Pastor, Abbey Fellowship*



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

September 4, 2011 † 11:00 a.m.

† GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME †

PRELUDE *Cornet Voluntary* Travers
(Prepare for worship in silent prayer.)

CHORAL INTROIT *Lift High to God a Song of Praise* Handel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN 361 *Once to Every Man and Nation* EBENEZER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our shepherd, we have wandered far from Your ways. We have pursued our own ideas as if they are were superior to Your truth. We live with secrets which we fear to be known. We are afraid to face evil, to confront those we label enemies, to deal with issues of life and death. We are sometimes rigid and legalistic. We blame others for our own failures. Turn us around so we can accept Your forgiveness, live more positively in the future, and truly rejoice in Your good news.....(continue in silent personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel.
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*GLORIA PATRI HYMN 546

(Children K-3 grade dismissed to Children's Church)

† PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD †

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*FIRST LESSON Daniel 3 (selected verses) p. 822, OT

ANTHEM *Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart* Scott

Eternal light, shine in my heart; eternal hope, lift up my eyes; eternal power be my support; eternal wisdom make me wise. Eternal life, raise me from death; eternal brightness, help me see; eternal Spirit, give me breath; eternal Savior, come to me: until by your most costly grace, invited by your holy word, at last I come before your face to know you, my eternal God. God, who commanded the light to shine in the darkness, has shined in our hearts, God, who commanded the light to shine in the darkness, has shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, in the face of Jesus Christ.

*SECOND LESSON Isaiah 43:1-5 p. 672, OT

SERMON

Stand Tall: It's Cool in the Furnace Rev. Charles R. Hasty, Jr.

† RESPONDING TO THE WORD †

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (*The Hymnbook*, p. 12 - "He descended into hell")

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER ("Debts", "Debtors")

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver - II Corinthians 9:7

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *O For A Closer Walk With God* arr. Baldwin

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame, a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb! Return, O Holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest, I hate the sins that made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb!

*DOXOLOGY HYMN 544

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† SENDING †

*HYMN (see insert) *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Go, Ye Who Bear the Word* Whitworth

*POSTLUDE *Allegro Maestoso* Mendelssohn

**Worshipers are invited to stand.*

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The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Kenneth H. Thomas, Sr. by Louise B. Thomas, Ken Thomas and Melissa Thomas.

Following the 11 a.m. service, a Stephen Minister will be available in the Sanctuary for prayer and in the Museum for private prayer.

Hearing devices are available by request in the Sanctuary. Please ask any usher for assistance.

Youth & Children's Ministries



LOGOS-a-GoGo 2011 - 2012

LOGOS begins September 7th! We hope your family can join us for this awesome Wednesday night program of Bible Study, Family Time, Recreation, and Worship Skills. This program is open to Kindergartners through 8th graders plus we offer Little Logos for Preschoolers! Check your mailbox for registration forms and please call Elizabeth Cottrell to volunteer! 706.323.3334.

Coffee Chat
Women's
Bible Study
Thursday's
9:15 am - 10:15 am
Begins Sept. 8



Whether you are single, married, a mom, an empty nester, or a grandma, we would love to have you join us for this awesome time of prayer and study.

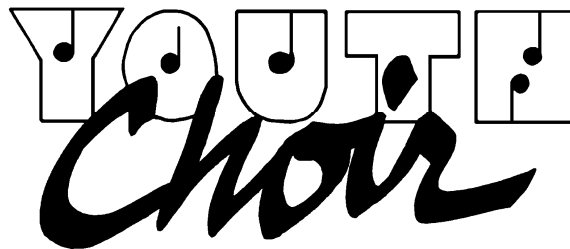
This fall we will begin with Priscilla Shirer's study "Seed." Our prayer is that, together, we will discover how God's voice can be heard through his Word in an intimate, practical, and tangible way.

This fun study promises to revitalize our relationship with the Lord and help us have a renewed interest for hearing Him.

Plus, the fellowship and conversation is always action packed and full of humor! Please stop in and join us!

Youth Calendar (6th - 12th grades)

- Sept. 4 Middle School Sunday School
High School Sunday School
NO SNL! - Labor Day Weekend
- Sept. 7 Yada Yada Begins!
Middle School Logos Begins!
- Sept. 8 High School Bible Study
- Sept. 11 Middle School Sunday School
High School Sunday School
SNL! Bible Study
- Sept. 18 Middle School Sunday School
High School Sunday School
SNL! Bible Study &
Sack Lunch Packing
- Sept. 25 Middle School Sunday School
High School Sunday School
SNL! Bible Study
- Oct. 1 & 2 Fall Youth Overnight in
Macon
- Oct. 2 NO SNL!
- Oct. 8 High School Flint River Trip
or Ropes Course



YOUTH CHOIR will NOT meet on September 4. Rehearsals will resume on Sunday, September 11.

Congregational Joys & Concerns

Health Concerns

Members: Georgia Adams, Terrell Adams, Carol Jackson, Faye Johnson, Ty Kingery, Betty Kinnett, Betty Lawrence, Elaine McMillen, John Marshall, Dave Moss, Laurene Moye, Bill Mullin, Fran Paepcke, Dick Stone, Mary Allen King Thomas, Lynn Whiddon, Sidney H. Yarbrough, III.

Family: Virginia Bartow, *mother of Pam B. Moye*; Sarah Cawthorne, *wife of Clint Cawthorne*; Joe Daniel, *family friend of Biddy Hammett*; Betty Dickson, *mother of Cindy Sharitt*; Steve Enfinger, *cousin of Faye Johnson*; Catherine Handjis, *aunt of Chris Smith*; Florence Henry, *mother of Larry Henry*; Shara Johnson, *daughter-in-law of Will and Faye Johnson*; the Merriken Family, *friends of Jarrett and Leah Cudd*; Mary Moore, *mother of Janis Miley*; Daniel Moseley, *son of Kimberly and Danny Moseley*; Ed and Mary Anne Neal, *father and mother of Warner Neal*; Becca Paepcke, *daughter of Bud and Fran Paepcke*; Virginia Rhoades, *mother of Sharon Webb*; Jane Shirah, *sister of Paul Dobbs*; David Stephenson, *son of Agnes Stephenson*; Susan Thomas, *sister-in-law of Inga Paris*, Cathy Smith Wilkerson, *niece of Biddy Hammett*.

Remember our deployed soldiers: Charles Carmen, Wade Greenley, Matt Hasting, Allie Vacalis, Craig Young, their families, and military families around the world.

† In Memoriam †
Oneita Moore Crawford
October 19, 1925 - August 25, 2011

† In Memoriam †
Gloria Anne Cartlege Mullin
November 4, 1920 - August 19, 2011

Financial Status through Sunday, August 28

Total Income	\$1,054,192
Total Expenses	<u>(1,003,743)</u>
	\$ 50,449

Notes for Sunday, September 4, 2011

8:45 AM Usher Team

Leonard Buce, Gary Singley.

11:00 AM Usher Team

Rob Harbison – Captain, Chad Cottrell, Frank Lumpkin, Will McCormick, Emily Pease, Mark Post, Mary Casey Powers, Mike Stone, Crystal Trawick, Johnson Trawick.

Vestibule Team

Jack Benedict - Captain, Edgar Chancellor, Lucile Flournoy, Sam Greer, Stacy Welch, Faye Woodruff.

Greeters and First Friends

Leonard Buce, Rachel Cowart, Cammy Currie.

TV Team

Jeff Adams, Matt Adams, Rush Wickes.

Soundboard

Jarrett Cudd.

Children's Church Assistants

Carter or Heath Schondelmayer.

Spring Harbor Satellite Host

Eloise Hope.

Pastor-on-Call

Rev. Charles R. Hasty, Jr.

Sermons Online

Go to www.columbusfpc.org, scroll down and click on the picture of the church.

Congregational Sympathy is extended to:

Bill Mullin and family on the death of Gloria Mullin on August 19, the family of Bart Woodruff who passed away on August 23, Cindy Sharitt on the death of her father, Bill Dickson, on August 24, Letcher Crawford and family on the death of Oneita Crawford on August 25.

Called Congregational Meeting

immediately following the 11 a.m. service on **Sunday, September 4**, to elect Rush Wickes to fill a two-year term as Deacon for the Class of 2013.

Ministry Opportunities

The first meeting of **Theology and Literature** for 2011-2012 will be held on Tuesday, September 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Margie Bickerstaff, 2722 Hilton Avenue, for dessert and a discussion of *Leaving Church, A Memoir of Faith*, by Barbara Brown Taylor, named one of the twelve most effective preachers in the English-speaking world by Baylor University. Please join us for an evening of fellowship.

We are hosting **VIP September 18-25**. Contact Tracy Mims or Martha Espada if you can participate with this ministry. There are opportunities to spend the night with our guests, to serve meals, and to serve in other ways.

Habitat for Humanity: We will participate in the "Building On Faith" project with Habitat on October 7 & 8, 28 & 29. Please be in prayer for this multi-church hands-on mission opportunity. More information will come out in the weeks ahead.

The Bible Training Centre for Pastors works to deliver theological education and leadership training to lay pastors and lay leaders in their own communities. They serve in 85 countries in communities with limited access to professional education. We underwrite the cost of Swahili curriculum for lay leaders (men and women) in Kenya.

STEPHEN MINISTRY: Compassion-Deeply sharing the suffering of another, together with the inclination to give aid or support. As we look at Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection, we observe the ultimate example of compassion. He now calls us to follow His example and to care deeply for one another. STEPHEN MINISTRY is about compassion. It provides compassionate Christians with a place where they can use those gifts in ministry as a Stephen Minister. It also provides a haven where those in need of compassion can receive it in a confidential relationship with a Stephen Minister. Please contact Rev. Doughton at the church office for more information.

Mission Trip to Guatemala Nov. 7-14

We have a great group of 11 people from Flint River Presbytery going to Guatemala in November, including three from First Columbus. One or two scholarships are still available.... For more information, contact Pam Moye at 706 653-9203 or pambmoye@charter.net.

The Abbey Fellowship Open House: Please join us after 11 a.m. Worship on Sunday, September 25 at 1023 1st Avenue to see the new Abbey! It's our new "home away from home" for CSU students. The fall semester is off to a great start; already lots of students are coming by for food and fellowship. Please join us....refreshments will be served.

NeighborGroups Return! Mark your calendar now for Sunday, October 2. That day members of First Presbyterian will gather in the homes of fellow church members and neighbors. NeighborGroups meet three times a year for fellowship and something more. This is a vehicle for Care, Communication, and Connection. This is a means to stay in touch, deepen our friendships, and to share updates.

Church Trip: Thursday, September 15 we will tour and explore the Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat in Ft. Mitchell. We will meet at 9, tour the Retreat Center, take a side trip to Chattahoochee Indian Center in Ft. Mitchell, and wrap up with a great fellowship lunch.

Stephen Ministers Available. If you would like to pray with a Stephen Minister immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service, Frazier Loomis will be in the Museum, Earle Powell will be in the Sanctuary, and Cammy Currie will be on call during the week at 706.984.8653. All contacts with Stephen Ministers are held in confidence.

Fellowship & Christian Education Opportunities

Men's Prayer Breakfast
Thursday, September 8, 7:15 a.m.

Men's Life Returns
Tuesday, September 13, 6:30 a.m.
in the Lodge.

"God & Football: Faith and Fanaticism in the SEC" Men's Life will host author Chad Gibbs on Thursday, September 8th. His book is a humorous look at his struggle to balance the two passions in his life, God and SEC Football. He will speak at the Men's Prayer Breakfast at 7:15 a.m., a Round-table Lunch at noon and wrap up the day with a Men's Life Dinner at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to the dinner and the cost is \$7 per person. Childcare will be provided at the dinner. Reserve your spot by contacting JoAnna Williams at 706-322-4523 or SrPastorAdmin@columbusfpc.org.

College and Career Sunday Morning Conversations

Join us 20-somethings on Sundays at 10 a.m. in room 108 to discuss the intersection of our faith and events in the news. For more info, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/fpcyasmc> or contact Rev. Micheli at jmicheli@columbusfpc.org.

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The Upper Room and Our Daily Bread devotional books are located on a table outside the Fellowship Hall.

We welcome **Ron King of the Pastoral Institute** to our Church Family Supper on **Wednesday, September 7**. Ron will inspire, entertain, and enlighten us with positive insights, pearls of wisdom, and humorous observations.

Wednesday Night Programs in September

Sept. 14 Ron Anderson of the Springer Theater
Sept. 21 Youth Summer Mission Trip Report
Sept. 28 Presbyterian Homes of Georgia
Oct. 5 Rev. Donna Gafford will give us an informative background on Anglican/Episcopal Spirituality.

Our first fall offering for the **Center for Christian Studies begins September 11 and will run September 18, 25, and October 9**. Rev. Dr. Paul Fulks, Presbyterian minister and Christian counselor will present: **HOW TO AVOID GETTING SCARED AND ACTING MEAN: THE WITNESS OF FAITH IN A CULTURE OF FEAR**. He describes the course, "No matter where we get our news, we are bombarded daily with messages about fear. How does this constant fear barrage influence and shape how we perceive and respond to the world around us? As people enjoined to know that perfect love that casts out fear, how can we respond to our culture of fear in ways that urge faith and enable love to take center stage? Neurologists who study the brain have provided fresh new insights into how a society awash in fear is more easily manipulated. This multi-week course provides a review of fear and its uses from several cultures across time as well as the empowering gospel that conquers fear with Christ's perfect love." It will meet in Room 303 A and B.

DO YOU READ MUSIC? The Adult Handbell Choir is looking for substitute ringers. If you read music, we will teach you to play the bells. We meet on Tuesday evenings. Contact Tom George through the church office to express your interest.