



First Presbyterian Church of Columbus, Georgia

January 2012

Rev. Hasty Visits Moscow

Rev. Hasty will be returning from visiting and preaching in our sister church, Good News in Moscow, Russia. He left January 4th and returned late on January 10th. He preached twice while there and was able to enjoy their Christmas season as well. He also met with Pastor Misha and the representatives who will be visiting with us this summer.

The Good News Baptist Church has been our church partner in Moscow for over 12 years. The partnership was begun under the church twinning program initiated by the Outreach Foundation and the PC(USA), and has been facilitated by Mission Co-workers Donald Marsden and, since 2001, Ellen and Al Smith.



Maybe you have heard or seen signs about **VIP** at First Presbyterian, but you are not really sure what it's all about. **VIP** stands for **Valley Interfaith Promise** which is a faith-based sheltering program for homeless families with children. The **VIP** Mission is to help families achieve lasting dependence by providing temporary shelter, meals and support services utilizing local churches and volunteers.

Valley Interfaith Promise was founded on the belief that people are compassionate and really want to make a difference. If you've been looking for a way to get involved with local missions, **VIP** is a great way to start! Their promise has been to link those in need with those who want to help. The **VIP** volunteers see beyond the abstractions and statistics of poverty; they come to know real people who have real needs. It all starts with the basics: the volunteers cook and serve meals, play with the children or help them with homework, and stay overnight with the families. They interact with the guests, treating them with respect and responding with compassion.

VIP began serving families in the Chattahoochee Valley in October of 2006. **Valley Interfaith Promise** is an affiliate of Family Promise® which was established in 1986 and is a national organization of over 150 networks across America. These networks utilize over 4,500 congregations and 110,000 volunteers each year. In 2010, **VIP** had a 92% success rate of homeless families obtaining employment and permanent housing. Here are some of the recent statistics:

July 29, 2011 – Two-parent family with a child moves into their apartment.

July 28, 2011 – Mother with 3 children moves into a house.

July 1, 2011 – Two-parent family of 6 moves into their new house just in time for Independence Day!

June 17, 2011 – Two-parent family with 5 children moves into apartment.

There are many ways that you and your family can volunteer right here at First Presbyterian. FPC hosts **VIP** once every three to four months and volunteers are needed each time. In fact, we host a family next week, January 15-22. Please consider how you might volunteer now or in the future.

To volunteer, please contact:

Martha Espada mwespada@yahoo.com / 706.615.8700 or Tracy Mims tracywmims@yahoo.com / 706.615.9571

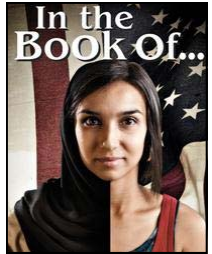
“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in...I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25:35,40



JANUARY BUS TRIP

Join us as we travel to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival to see the play, "In the Book Of..." in Montgomery on Saturday, January 21 at 2 p.m. **In the Book Of...** is a powerful play inspired by The Book of Ruth, where two women—Naomi, an Army lieutenant, and Anisah, her Afghan translator—lose their husbands in the war. Upon discharge, the young officer sees the danger her translator is in and brings Anisah with her to her home in Mississippi. When they arrive, this act of kindness is met with open hostility by Naomi's sister-in-law, Gail, who is running for mayor on an immigration platform similar to HB56, and makes the immigrant's deportment the focus of her campaign. But things get complicated when her own son stands up for what he thinks is right. Family, friendship, faith and the American Way are all tested in this funny, touching and timeless story adapted from the Old Testament.



The bus will depart at 1 p.m. from the church. You may bring a snack; coffee and water will be provided. A final count for the group rate of \$33.00 per person is needed by Friday, January 13.



*Hills & Dales
Estate in LaGrange
December Bus Trip*



From January 2-5, college students from The Abbey and Flint River Presbytery traveled to Montreat, NC to join 1000 other college students from Presbyterian Campus ministries around the country for a time of worship, prayer, small groups, fun and learning. This is a trip that students look forward to every year and they always come away moved, inspired, revived and excited about their faith. We had a great time!



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

It appears that the church has ended 2011 in good financial position. While the numbers are not yet final, it seems that our total income has exceeded our total expenses for the year. This is very good news! We are still collecting pledges for the year 2012. If you have not submitted your pledge, please complete a pledge card and deliver it to the church office. You can also call or email the church at 706.322.4523 (Diane Harris) or dharris@columbusfpc.org. Thank you for your prayers and support at this critical time.

Center for Christian Studies



The Center for Christian Studies Term 4 began Sunday, January 8, and continues through Sunday, February 26. These classes meet in Room 303 A & B.

“ECCLESIASTES”

January 15, and 22

Taught by: **Dee Potts**

“What is it all about?” so asks the author of Ecclesiastes. Dee Potts remembers wells the advice at a clergy/clergy spouses retreat, “When you are down, read Ecclesiastes.” This book may jar some people and for others it fits right in with January doldrums. However, with fresh eyes of faith, these words can compel us to live with greater assurance in our discipleship.

“I CORINTHIANS: LETTER TO A TROUBLED CHURCH” PART II

January 29, February 5, 19, and 26*

Taught by: **Bob Potts**

Bob promises to pick up where he left off last time with his study of I Corinthians. As he described the class before, aware of the difficulties of many modern churches, we assume the early churches were ideal and experienced no problems. Not so! In I Corinthians, Paul sets out to speak to at least seven different problems of this troubled church that he had founded. *Please note this class will not meet Sunday, February 12, due to the Global Mission Conference.



GLOBAL MISSION CONFERENCE

Wednesday, February 8 – Wednesday, February 15

See the back page for more details.

MILDRED FRAZIER KINNETT AWARD

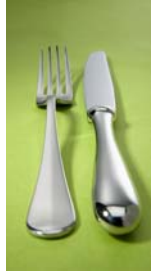
This award is named for one of the saints of Global Mission at FPC and will be presented at the Global Mission Conference to an individual or group who has made significant contribution to the Global Mission or Local Mission of this church. The Mission Ministry Team is now soliciting nominations from the congregation at large. If you have someone in mind, please write out the nominee’s name and brief description of qualifications, place it in a sealed envelope and give it to Rev. Dough-ton. Your input is appreciated!

COURAGEOUS CLASS

This group of couples with children, led by Doug Conroy, formed after many of them saw the movie, Courageous. This class currently uses the study guide developed by the movie’s producers. They seek to improve their service as parents, spouses, and Christian disciples. They are still in their early stages and they welcome all those interested in joining. They meet in Room 303.

Have You Been to a Wednesday Night Supper Lately?

If not, you don’t know what you’re missing! Cynthia continues to outdo herself in the kitchen week after week and Jones has exciting speakers



lined up to kick-off 2012. Come, be a part of a mid-week fellowship that is inspiring, hospitable, and delicious! Call Kimberly in the church office, 706.322.4523, and make your reservation today. We’ll be looking for you!

Church Family Supper Programs

January 11

Iona: Service of Healing and Wholeness

January 18

**Grant Scarborough
MercyMed Columbus
New Clinic
for Indigent Health Care**

January 25

**Neil Richardson
Muscogee County Prison Ministry**

February 1

**Valley Interfaith Promise (VIP)
& Habitat for Humanity**

MEN'S LIFE

Men’s Life resumes Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30 a.m. in the Lodge with challenging speakers and a look at the recent movie, Courageous over a six-week period.

Don’t miss the **Power Lunch with Richard Ilges** on Thursday, January 26th

Men’s Prayer Breakfast
Thursdays at 7:15 a.m.
in the Parlor

FPC KIDS!

LOGOS-A-GOGO

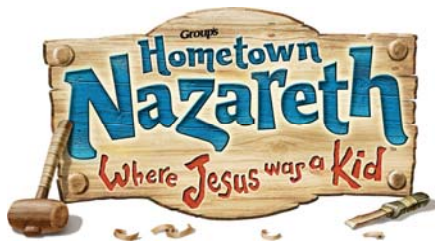
January Themes

- 11th Epiphany
- 18th Backwards Night
- 25th Grandparent's Night

Bible Verse

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake." - Psalm 23:1-2

CONTINUING THROUGH JANUARY 15TH:



Child and Youth Protection Policy Training Class (CYPP)

In accordance with the Child and Youth Protection Policy, volunteers who work with children and youth at First Presbyterian Church are required to attend one child safety training class annually (1 hour). The next class will be offered:

Sunday, January 22nd at 12:15 p.m.
Lunch will be provided.

Please make a reservation through Kimberly in the church office at 706.322.4523 or at kmoseley@columbusfpc.org and let her know if you will need childcare for children ages 6 weeks to 5th grade.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to create a safe environment for our children!



Day School Registration will be held
January 31st - February 2nd

You're Invited!
Montessori OPEN HOUSE

We are pleased to announce the expansion of our Montessori Programs for the upcoming school year 2012!

Over the next 2-3 years, FPDS will be transitioning into a fully certified montessori education program. We are excited to take the next step and expand our program in 2012 to offer additional spaces to our three and pre-k students. Please join us

Tuesday, January 17th, 2012
at 6:30 pm EST
First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

to learn more about montessori education and take a tour of our montessori classroom. Refreshments provided. Following the Q&A session, current students will be given an opportunity to register early for both our montessori and traditional programs for 2012.

YOUTH January Calendar

11th	Wednesday	Yada Yada Begins! Middle School Logos Begins!
12th	Thursday	High School Bible Study
14th	Saturday	Confirmation Retreat!!!!
15th	Sunday	Confirmation Class Begins! No SNL!
22nd	Sunday	SNL-Bible Study
27-29th	Fri - Sun	Quest for High School Youth
29th	Sunday	No SNL!



All youth grades 6 to 12 are invited to join! We meet in the Choir Room (2nd floor-Sanctuary building at 5 p.m. on Sundays.)

What Exactly is Yada-Yada?

It's an exciting video and discussion group for high school youth on Wednesdays from 6 to 7:15 p.m. in The Lodge and a great mid-week break away from the hustle of school.

PULPIT SWAP

Flint River Presbytery's Leadership/Pulpit Swap will be Sunday, January 22nd. The purpose is not only an exchange of preachers, but also an opportunity for Session members to visit nearby brothers and sisters and experience worship in another setting. First Presbyterian will host Rev. Virgil Marshall of Carver Heights. Rev. Hasty will be preaching at All Saints, Dr. Doughton will be preaching at Morningside and Rev. Micheli will be preaching at Elmodel (Baker County).

*Young at Heart
Luncheon*

*Hosted by FPC Youth
for adults 60+ and their spouses
Sunday, February 5th,
in the Fellowship Hall
immediately following
the 11 a.m. worship service*

*RSVP to Kimberly
at the church office 706.322.4523
by Monday, January 30th*

2011-2012 Officers and Ministry Assignments

Ministries of the Session

<p><u>Christian Education</u> * Rob Harbison '12 Scott Bryan '13 Margie Bickerstaff '14</p> <p><u>Mission</u> * Cathy Bickerstaff '12 Betty May Ballengee '13 Mark Montgomery '14</p> <p><u>Personnel</u> * Tom Flowers '12 Mint Flowers '13 Chong Lee '14</p> <p><u>Worship</u> Norm Malenke '12 * Leonard Buce '13 Richard Straus '14</p>	<p><u>Evangelism</u> Tommy Adams '14 * Ish Espada '13 Lisa Powers '14</p> <p><u>Operations</u> * Mary Bradley '12 * Bill Hardegee Wes Driver '14</p> <p><u>Stewardship & Finance</u> Steve Gunby '12 * Tom Carlisle '13 Chad Cottrell '14</p> <p><u>Trustee</u> * Jeff Adams '12 Becky Yarbrough '13 A. Illeges '14</p>
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Diaconate Ministries

<p>* Jane Jarrell '12 Earle Powell '12 Sherry Word '12 Boon Bickerstaff '14 Richard Sway '14</p>	<p>Rush Wickes '13 Caroline Castle '13 John Van Doorm '13 Jennifer Lami '14</p>
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* Ministry Chair

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about coming events!

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FLINT RIVER PRESBYTERY
PRESENTS
CELEBRATION OF FAITH march 2-4 2012
NORMAN PARK, GEORGIA

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Booklets and Registration Forms available ONLINE or through your CHURCH OFFICE

for questions
CONTACT JUNE DENNEY
jdenney@flintriverpresbytery.org
229-435-9726

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CELEBRATION OF FAITH ADULT CLASSES:

"Fostering Unlikely Relationships: Tips for Meaningful Local Missions based on Growing Friendships"
- Rev. Dr. Richard Hart

The Lord's Prayer
- Rev. Charles R. Hasty, Jr.

The Psalms and Crafting Modern Worship
- Rev. Paula Hoffman


Mission in Your Own Backyard: Stories from the Mission Frontier – Bare Bulb Café
- Rev. Nikki McMillan

Starting a 'Whiz Kid' Mission in Your Church
- Lee Don

Creating and Maintaining a Healthy Congregation
- Paul Luthman

Exodus
- Rev. Garrett Andrew

The Lord's Supper
- Rev. Dr. Jarred Hammet



Coffee Chat
Women's Bible Study
Thursdays at 9:15 a.m.
New Study on the Book of Ruth
Contact Jami Conroy for more information.



Ignite
@ 9

First Presbyterian Church
Sundays 9 am
Fellowship Hall worship



January Anniversaries and Birthdays

1	Georgene Voltz Rose Marie Williams Sonny Philpott Jennifer Hurtt Mark Jarrell, Jr.	12	Joe Woodall	26	Barry Vaught Bradford Middleton Cam Middletom Jimmy Biggers, Jr.
2	Georgia Adams Eloise Hope	13	Liza Carnahan	28	Tom & Nancy Carlisle LeAnne Bonner Bill Feighner, Jr. Elizabeth Hostetter Kristi Pennington Emma Neumeister
3	Penny Algood Kay Harris	16	Ed & Kathryn Adams Bob Hahn Cindy Kelly		
4	Rob & Elizabeth Harbison Letcher Crawford Julia Bailey Anne Bone Barschall Andrews John Sheaffer Sara Conroy Ben Young	17	Betsy Bullock	29	Bob & Ruth Fleck Dean Haulton Mark Akridge Katie Terry Bethell Culpepper
5	Will Johnson Assante Agumbi	18	Jenny Weekley	30	Judy Van Doorn
6	Betty King Ray Williams Everly Johnson	19	Tom Flowers Kate Flory Peyton Flory Virginia Flory	31	Sam Hatcher Ben Saunders, Jr. Ryan Hasting Robert Shipp
7	Chuck Allen Kyle Moye	20	Bill Miley, Jr. Margaret Burrus Paul Warren, Jr. Reed Bickerstaff Libby Anderson		
8	Rick & Kathy Peebles Paul Snodgrass	21	Jeff Quinn Catherine Bryan		
9	Emerson Daffin	22	Robert & Julie Hinson		
10	Kate Wilson Dick Norman, Jr.	23	Kathryn Adams Beth McLendon Sue Best Robert Carson		
11	Betty Anne Diaz Terry Norris Renee Hancock	24	Janice Biggers Colin McElroy Kate Harbison		
		25	Mac McQueen		

If your birthday or anniversary is this month, but is not listed, please contact the church office so we can add it to your member profile.



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First Presbyterian Church Mission Statement

Share God's Love

First Presbyterian, a historic church located in uptown Columbus, Georgia, seeks to minister to all people in Christ's name through an inclusive, caring, and faithful community that joyfully shares the gift of salvation from a loving and forgiving God.

To opt out of receiving the Inspire Newsletter by mail, please contact JoAnna Williams at 706.322.4523 or jwilliams@columbusfpc.org.



2012 Global Mission Conference

FEBRUARY 8 TO FEBRUARY 15, 2012

Kick-off Wednesday Night Supper and Thursday Prayer Breakfast
with guest speaker Tom Rawlings

Global Missions Dinner with guest speaker Rodger Nishioka

Sunday Guest Speaker is Rev. Dr. Michael Parker, Coordinator for the
International Evangelism for Presbyterian World Mission

More details in next month's edition!

If you would like to submit an article or announcement in the February Inspire, the deadline is Friday, February 20th. Please contact JoAnna in the church office, 706.322.4523 or email jwilliams@columbusfpc.org. Thank you.
