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The Pastor's Selection...

Birthdays

- 01..... Peach Frothingham
Rachel Walters
- 03 Charles Bowen, III
- 04 Whit Stacy
- 06 Diane Norkus
- 07..... Claramae Parish
- 08 Jason Clark
Yvonne Clark
- 14..... Anne Alston
Lena Dyer
Charlotte Jewett
- 16..... Ilona Law
- 17..... Joanne Pierce
- 20 Ken McPherson
- 22 Charles Caruso
Laci Foster
Carole Romero
- 23 Whit Foster
- 24..... Rachel Goodell
- 26 Pat Lewis
- 27..... Earlene Brown
Stathia Hammond
- 29 Jane Millward
- 30 Barbara Walters
- 31..... Lukas Edwards

Anniversaries

- 02Gloria & John Gill
- 04 Fran & Mark Nabholz
- 09 Diane & John Norkus
- 15 Sandra & Oliver Brown
Billie & Jim McPherson
- 31..... Kira & Barry Smith

"The Will of God"

— Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Walking with God*

Nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

Luke 22:42

The person who has eternal life loves to do the will of God. This is the logical sequence. The man who loves is the man who is anxious to please the object of his love. There is no better test of love than that, and unless you desire to please someone whom you claim to love, then I assure you, you do not love that person. Love always wants to be pleasing and to give itself, and anyone who loves God wants to do the will of God.

If you look at Christ, you see that the whole of His life, His one object, was to do the will of His Father. He did not care what it was; even in the Garden of Gethsemane when He faced the one thing He did not want, even there He said, "Nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done." He says, "I do not want to drink this cup, but if it is doing Thy will, I will do even that." That is love at its maximum and its best, and it is true of all who have His life. The chief end of the true Christian is the glory of God; therefore he spends his time seeking to know the will of God and doing it.

He strives to do it, and he loves to do it. He is controlled by this one idea. Having learned what God has done for him and what God is to him, having realized something of this love of God, he says, "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all." Any man, therefore, who has eternal life has this as the supreme object and desire of his life—to do the will of God.

The ultimate manifestation of the possession of eternal life is that it produces certain results in our lives. Fortunately for us they have all been set out in a very brief compass in Galatians 5:22-23, where the apostle Paul speaks of the fruit of the Spirit. These verses are rightly called "the shortest biography of Christ that has ever been written."

A Thought To Ponder

The true Christian spends his time seeking
to know the will of God and doing it.

10-Year Celebration

A Time to Look Back

Samuel set up a stone marker when the Israelites finally overcame the Philistines after seeking God's forgiveness and His guidance. He called it "Ebenezer" for "Til now the Lord has helped us."

We'll have an opportunity to acknowledge the Lord's blessing on Christ Church, Presbyterian, this August when we celebrate our 10th year as a church. The evening Worship of August 24 will be a special service offering thanks to our God for His gracious provisions over these past ten years. A reception will follow in Covenant Hall to celebrate this milestone in our church's history.

Sunday School Promotion - September 7th

Join the Adventure!

Calling all children and youth! Join in the excitement as we look into God's Word each Sunday. We have adopted a new curriculum developed by One Story Ministries for our Sunday School: a comprehensive, Christ-centered curriculum that includes primary grades through high school.

The entire Bible will be "investigated" and "implemented" by the end of twelfth grade. Years one through seven will be "Investigating God's Word" while Middle and High School will be "Implementing God's Word" into worldviews, relationships and decision-making.

We welcome these new additions to our teaching leadership: Nikki and Jacqueline McGraw, working with our upper class; and Richard Deal will be working with middle school.

God is working His plan and purpose in this upcoming year. Please be in prayer that each of us would play our part in heeding God's call to nurture and disciple the children of Christ Church in the Lord. We claim God's promise, "Even when [they are] old, [they] will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6b).

Why You Should Consider Joining the Choir

The Christ Church Choir resumes its weekly rehearsal schedule on Wednesday, August 13, at 7:00 p.m., and we hope you will prayerfully consider joining us for the coming year! Here are three good reasons to do so:

- 1. The Choir is a great fellowship group!** Believe it or not, we really ENJOY getting together on Wednesdays to sing for 75-minutes. We also PRAY together for each other, our church and our community. Need prayer? Come to Choir!
- 2. The Choir is important!** Take a moment and imagine our morning worship without the choir and organ. Okay, that's long enough. Yes, the Choir has a right and biblical function in our worship, and that should not be downplayed*, but the Music Ministry also aids our worship by expressing our common faith in vibrant, living color.
- 3. The Choir Needs You!** The old saying, "many hands make light work" is never truer than in the Choir. As people travel, deal with health issues, have babies, and change jobs, the membership of the choir changes, too. Presently we need new members in every section (soprano, alto, tenor and bass) so that we can maintain a strong ministry Sunday-to-Sunday.

It's important to know a few more things about the Choir ministry commitment:

- 4. When you join the Choir you are not signing away your life in perpetuity.** We ask for a reasonable one-year commitment, with faithful attendance, to the best of your ability, at rehearsals and Sunday Services during that year. Then you decide whether to re-up or not.
- 5. There is no audition.** Just come and try us out! If you'll call or email in advance we'll be sure to have a guest music folder ready for you.
- 6. Childcare is provided** at every rehearsal.

I hope to see you at rehearsal soon!

In Christ,
Mark

* see "Why Do We Do That?" on the Christ Church website for more information about the theological principles of the choir's ministry: <http://www.christchurch-pres.org/#/worship/guide-to-worship>.



Missions Mindedness

PRAYER

Please remember these missionaries in your prayers throughout the month as they follow our Lord's will, "Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart," 2 Corinthians 4:1.

Rick & Betty Aschmann, Mission to the World, Colombia. Rick & Betty moved to Bogota, Colombia, after having served as missionaries to Ecuador doing language work for many years; Betty is a video producer.

Heritage Academy, Augusta, Georgia. Heritage Academy is an independent school offering a quality Christ-centered education to children of diverse economic, racial and ethnic backgrounds, empowering them to become a positive influence for Christ in this community and around the world. Heritage Academy has an intentional mission to the children of low-income families.

REPORT

Drs. Steve and Sherri Letchford, who led us into a better understanding of the challenges and dangers facing missionaries during our first annual missionary conference in March, will be returning to Kenya this month.

In their most recent newsletter, Sherri wrote:

"In the recent weeks of June and July, over 169 people have been shot and killed in coastal towns of Kenya with the group al-Shabab (affiliated with Al Qaeda) claiming responsibility for the killing of non-Muslims. Similarly, last September 71 people were executed and over 200 injured in the mall where we used to buy groceries with the same group claiming responsibility. The entire 4 story mall was completely destroyed leaving only rubble and a huge empty cavity in the ground. Militant attacks together with the increasing political divisions cause us some level of concern...."

Let us be faithful in prayer for these choice servants of our Lord as they return to their appointed place of service, Steve on August 18 and Sherri on August 26.

Pray for final preparations for the return to Kenya; pray for their children, three of whom will be returning to colleges this Fall; pray for Steve and Sherri as they spend the first three months studying Swahili in order to better minister to the native people; finally pray as they requested: "that we fear the Lord Jesus Christ with a passion so great that we live out a readiness to die type of courage."

Holy Communion

We cannot overestimate the great privilege we have and blessing we receive in coming to the Lord's Supper. This is a marvelous means of grace instituted by our Lord for the strengthening of our faith, the nourishing of our souls, the deepening of our communion with Christ and one another, and the health of His body, the Church. We dare not take these great blessings for granted.



Furthermore, if we are to receive the benefits that Christ intends for us as individuals and as a congregation, we believe it is vital that there be full participation of the church family and preparation of individual hearts for the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:17-34). To aid us in participating and preparing more fully for our blessing individually and corporately and the Lord's honor in our observance of Holy Communion, the Session of Christ Church has prayerfully decided to observe the Lord's Supper quarterly and at special services, rather than monthly—at least for a season.

Our next quarterly observance of the Lord's Supper is scheduled for October 5th. For the benefit of your soul, the building up of Christ's body, and the honor of our Savior, please mark your calendar for October 5th and make plans to be present and prepared in worship for Holy Communion. We will seek to provide both a reminder and pastoral direction in weeks leading up to our celebration of the Lord's Supper to help us prepare to eat the bread and drink the cup of the Lord in a worthy manner.

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August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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The schedule each Sunday: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, 11 a.m. Worship, 6 p.m. Worship						7:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
4:30 p.m. HS & College Girls Bible Study 4:30 p.m. Jr & Sr High Boys Bible Study			6:30 p.m. Youth Gathering		7 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast	
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10-Year Celebration 6 p.m. Special Worship			6:30 p.m. Youth Gathering 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 8:30 p.m. Brass Ensemble		7 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast	
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