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The Pastor's Selection

Birthdays

- 01..... Peach Bailey
Rachel Walters
- 03 Charles Bowen
- 06 Diane Norkus
- 08 Jason Clark
Yvonne Clark
- 14..... Anne Alston
Lena Dyer
Charlotte Jewett
- 16..... Ilona Law
- 17..... Joanne Pierce
- 20 Ken McPherson
- 21..... Ian Lammie
- 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

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

Precise Forgiveness

— Joe Holland, *Tabletalk Magazine*

It is easy for Christians to believe that Jesus forgives sinners. But when we move from the idea of a theoretical forgiven sinner to our forgiveness, all kinds of doubts arise. These doubts whisper to us, "God doesn't know the particular circumstances of my sin." It's the assumption that God's wisdom and power are too vast, and He is too busy to trace the complexity of all the different types and circumstances of sin. And so the sinner, while professing the exalted magnanimity of God's grace, can at times also say, "Yes, but He doesn't know me, He doesn't know my circumstances. My sin is the exception to the rule."

What we need is to believe that the raw, enormous power of Christ's wrath-absorbing death also has combined with it an exacting precision. Can we look specifically at Christ's crucifixion and see both great power and the kind of attention to detail that would convince us that God's offer of salvation to all who come to Him extends to our individual lives, forgiving our particular sins?

Power and Precision

Psalm 34:20 reads, "He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken." The immediate circumstances of the psalm were when David acted mentally disturbed to escape his enemy, Abimelech (1 Sam. 21). God protected even David's bones. That is incredible protection at a precise, osteopathic level. But that isn't the only place that these words appear in the Bible.

John quotes Psalm 34:20 (John 19:36) as a prophecy fulfilled in the gruesome death of Jesus Christ. David's ignoble rescue is now magnified in Jesus' shameful death. Jesus, on the cross, experienced the enormous, eternal wrath of God against sin. But God at the same time planned every aspect of the crucifixion to the finest detail (Acts 2:23). When the Roman soldiers came to break the legs of those crucified to hasten their death, they found Jesus was already dead. Psalm 34:20 was fulfilled at that moment. God protected Jesus' femur, tibia, and fibula even as Jesus bore the judgment for all the sins of all His people. In this, God revealed His power and precision.

Sin and Forgiveness

Christian, God's promise to forgive all your sins is backed by the same power and precision that our Lord exercised in the crucifixion of Jesus. You can't opt yourself out of God's love under the assumption that God can't know how bad that secret sin of yours is. So what sin is it that you hold back from God's forgiveness? What sin do you think is so unique, so different as to exclude you from God's grace? Why do you believe God's grace to be blunt-force in its work and not surgically precise?

If God can pour out eternal wrath and protect leg bones, then He can save all who come to Him by faith, forgiving every sin for which His Son died (1 John 1:9; 2:12). Run to Him in free and joyful repentance today. Let no sin hold you back.

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Trail Life activities have kept us busy this summer, even though we've put regular meetings on the shelf until school starts.

On June 18, we visited the Ninety-Six National Historic Site to participate in *A Day in the Life of a Soldier*. It was the anniversary of the Revolutionary

War siege. Trail Life boys and siblings toured the battlefield, observed a musket-firing demonstration and explored the museum and theatre. Several boys completed the requirements to become Ninety-Six Junior Rangers.

In July, we enjoyed a pool party and cookout hosted by the Parishes. Thank you to Ora and Natalie for a wonderful time of fellowship in the Lord.

This past year has seen great growth in our troop (doubled in size) with new families joining and stepping up to leadership roles. We completed several service projects this past year including: Wreaths Across America, Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box project, delivering Christmas cookies to the Martinez Evans Fire Rescue headquarters station, Christmas ornaments for the children's ministry Christmas tree, and building bluebird nesting boxes and placing them around the church property.

On August 11-14, in Nashville, TN, Trail Life will be having its second national convention. Trail Life leaders from around the nation will be encouraged to 'Lift Your Eyes' from the everyday to the eternal, to be empowered in their roles mentoring the next generation of young men, and collaborating with other parents and leaders about the best practices of running a Troop. We look forward to hearing amazing stories of the life-changing events happening in the field through Trail Life USA.

This year, we will be adding the Navigators program of Trail Life, which is for boys in grades 6-8th. So if you know of any boys from K-8th grade, please invite them to consider joining our TrailLife troop. Our **Join the Trail Open House will be on Monday, August 22, at 7:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall**. We invite you to bring your boys and learn what Trail Life is all about, and to have your questions answered. All are invited, so please share this date with your friends in the community.

As we grow larger, we continue to have available troop committee opportunities. Please prayerfully consider joining us in spiritually reaching and teaching young boys and helping with any of the following administrative tasks: membership, advancement, Wreaths Across America coordinator, outdoors and other positions. If any of these interest you, please contact John Norkus, Troopmaster at 706-373-2173 or via email to thenorkusfamily@comcast.net.

Student Stuff

Our youth group will be heading to the mountains of Tennessee for a camping and rafting trip on August 2-3. This will be a great time of group bonding, outdoor fun and Biblical reflection as the summer draws to a close. Please pray that God will work through our youth group on this trip and for safety on the road and river.

On August 10 at 6:30 p.m., we will begin our Wednesday night study on the book, *When Helping Hurts*, by Dr. Brian Fikkert and Dr. Steve Corbett from Covenant College. This book relates directly to our theme on service. We are working to set up service opportunities with the Child Advocacy Center in Augusta this Fall so that our students can exercise spiritual gifts through directly supporting a local organization.

Our Kickball Winners and Highlights

Champs: Landon Gray, Mark White, Chris Nabholz, Andrea Gray and Audrey Nabholz



Children's Chatter: Let's Talk About . . .

Promotion Sunday

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness." II Timothy 3:16

As September approaches and brings a new year to our Sunday school classes, it is a time for parents to consider the commitment of bringing their children each week to Sunday school. Why? Paul teaches in our Bible verse above that all Scripture is from God and has benefits in a believer's life. Young minds are fertile ground for learning and memorizing God's Word. We are called to plant good seeds into fertile ground so there will be a grand harvest later. Using our Sunday school curriculum, dedicated teachers are passionate about doing just that. We have in place from preschool through twelfth grade a curriculum that is Christ-centered, Scripture-based, Reformed and encourages memorization of God's Word. The entire body of Scripture is studied beginning in Kindergarten through sixth grade. Covenant children see God's story from beginning (Genesis in Kindergarten) to end (Revelation in sixth grade). The youth review Old and New Testaments, but then learn how to apply these truths to their life and relationships and to go out to others and witness.

A children's Sunday School registration table will be available in the foyer on Sundays, August 21st and August 28th. Each family is urged to fill out registration cards for every child, even those in nursery. Afterward, letters will be mailed assigning classes, and on Promotion Sunday, September 11th, the new classes will begin.

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

Ministry through Music

The King's Brass, Monday, August 1, at 7:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary is an upcoming music ministry celebration you will not want to miss! It is a great time to invite your friends and neighbors. We are also housing the nine members. If you can help with housing, please give us a call in the church office at 706-210-9090.

The Augusta Youth Chorale's eighth season begins in September. Auditions will be held during the month of August. Do you happen to know someone who might like to sing in a choral setting with wonderful opportunities to enjoy new friends and share their gifts with others? Have them check out our new website for information — www.augustayouthchorale.org or by contacting Stan at 706-210-9090 or via email to music@christchurchpres.org.



The Sanctuary Choir resumes rehearsals Wednesday, August 3, at 7:00 p.m. In addition to preparing to lead weekly in worship, the choir anticipates presenting two upcoming celebrations, "Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs" and our Evensong: A Christmas Festival. Come join us!

Children's Choir rehearsals resume Sunday, August 7, under their Director, Kay Lovingood. This is a great opportunity for our young ones to enjoy fellowship while receiving music training and learning to lead in worship.

"Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with My victorious right hand." (Isaiah 41:10, NLT)

Stan Pylant, *Director of Music*

GOOD NEWS CLUB (GNC)

School year is about to get started! The Lord needs eight or more ministry workers for the GNC supported by Christ Church. For the last seven years God has blessed and allowed Christ Church, Presbyterian to minister to these students. The children always look forward to participating. Home schoolers are welcome. A training conference for all volunteers will be Saturday, August 20, from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for new volunteers, or 8:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. for those returning. We will have a brief meeting after the morning worship service August 7 in the Deacon's room for those interested. If you are willing to commit, please contact Jane Bowen at 706-738-1816 or glbowen1@knology.net. "But Jesus said, 'Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto Me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.'" MT 19:14 (KJV)

Heritage Academy Help Request

Are you interested in volunteering or substitute teaching at Heritage Academy? If so, please join us for an informational meeting on Thursday, August 25, at 10:00 a.m. at the school (333 Greene Street in Augusta).

For questions or additional information, please contact Beth Westergreen at 706-821-0034.

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August

Each Sunday's Schedule: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School • 11:00 a.m. Worship • 6:00 p.m. Worship

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7:00 p.m. King's Brass in Concert	7:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting <i>Student Camping/Rafting</i>	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal <i>Student Camping/Rafting</i>		6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
12:15 p.m. Good News Club Meeting 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal 5:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting	6:30 p.m. Session Prayer & Meeting		6:30 p.m. Student Gathering 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal		6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer	9:00 a.m. Elder's Retreat
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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