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## Birthdays

01.....Grant Kimbrell  
03 ..... Brooke Marter  
07..... MacKenzie McDaniel  
09 ..... Laura Nabholz  
11..... Loulie Driggers  
13.....Joanna Miller  
Don Townsend  
15 ..... Diane Dunsmore  
20 ..... Julie Burroughs  
21..... Ruth Ann Fliermans  
22 ..... Nichols Parish  
24..... Barbara Bowen  
Debra Hatcher  
26 ..... Barry Smith  
27.....Linda Jones

## Anniversaries

03 ..... Yvonne & John Clark  
04 ..... Anne & Bill Alston  
Monica & Mike Boyd  
05 ..... Frances & Tom Loughran  
06 ..... Jenn & Josiah Jones  
07..... Margaret & Joey Johnson  
08 ..... Susan & Mark Walters  
10..... Ruth Ann & Carl Fliermans  
13..... Robyn & Ted Jones  
Barbara & Paul Volpitto  
19.....Jenny & Don Townsend

## Congratulations

Congratulations to  
Catie & Will Boyd  
on the birth of their daughter,  
Carter Heaton,  
on May 2 in Augusta.

## The Pastor's Pen...

### Learning from Dummies & Dishonest Managers

"You can learn a lot from a dummy!" So went the punch line from the old seat belt commercials that are seared in the memories of those who saw them. The line sticks. Perhaps the reason why is that it shocks our expectations. Usually you don't seek to learn the more important lessons in life from a dummy. Yet, contrary to expectation, you do learn valuable lessons about vehicle safety and seat belts from a crash dummy, lessons that can save your life.

If the parable Jesus tells in Luke 9:1-13 were to be made into a commercial, perhaps its punch line would be, "You can learn a lot from a dishonest manager!" Usually you don't want to learn the more important lessons about the Christian life from a dishonest manager. Yet, contrary to expectation, Jesus intends for us to learn crucial lessons about long-term future investments from a dishonest manager.

The parable is quite riveting and worth reading for oneself. The short of it is this. A rich man discovers that the man in charge of managing his possessions is guilty of tremendous waste. Thus, he hands the manager a pink slip, informing him that his responsibilities will soon be removed. Surprisingly, rather than coasting the last two weeks of the job, the manager does the unthinkable. He goes around to his master's debtors and strikes amazing deals, cancelling their debts for their one-time payment to his master of a fraction of what they owe. His goal is simple: he wants to have friends to welcome him when he is stripped of everything he manages. To our amazement, Jesus tells us, "The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness" (v. 8a).

Perhaps what is even more amazing—even shocking—is the fact that Jesus intends us to learn positive lessons from this dishonest manager. No, he does not intend for us to follow his actions as a model for managerial business practices. Nor does he intend for us to use the parable as justification for dishonesty in business or any other area of life. Yet, he does intend for us to learn crucial lessons for the Christian life with regard to future investments. We consider just a few of those lessons.

(1) **Nothing we have belongs to us.** That is a crucial lesson assumed in the parable. Like the dishonest manager, we have nothing that belongs to us. All that we have (time, energy, money, possessions, and relationships) belongs to God, our Master. We are but stewards of what is properly the possession of the Master.

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June 17 – 21  
9:00 a.m. until Noon  
Children age 3 through 5th grade

Be sure to spread the word  
to family, friends, and neighbors,  
inviting children to this fabulous week of Bible study!  
Posters and registration cards are available  
on the Welcome Table to be shared in the community.

Children may be registered by  
returning the completed Registration Form or  
through our online registration on our church website,  
[www.ChristChurchpres.org](http://www.ChristChurchpres.org).  
The registration form can be found by clicking on  
Vacation Bible School under the Welcome Tab.

## Pastor's Pen

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(2) **We have been issued a pink slip.** Whether we have 90 years or 90 days to live, in light of eternity, we have but a week or two before the Master removes our managerial responsibilities. Our Lord's brother puts it this way: "What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes" (James 4:14b). Our stewardship of time, energy, money, possessions, and relationships is stripped from us at our last breath, which is rapidly approaching.

(3) **Our management now counts for eternity.** The central point of the parable is clear. Like the manager, we are to use the resources that are temporarily under our control (though not properly ours) to prepare for our future. We are to be investing heavily in our long, long-term future—heaven. We are to use the limited resources of time, energy, money, possessions, and relationships we have to "lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (Matt. 6:20). As D. A. Carson explains, "The idea is not that we can buy heaven, but that it is unimaginably irresponsible not to plan for our [eternal] home, when even the people of this world know enough to prepare for their future homes." How foolish and shortsighted it would be of us to invest all of our resources—or even the majority of them—in the nanosecond of the here and now, neglecting to invest in the never-ending age to come. The only sensible thing to do is to invest heavily in our long-term future. That is the crucial lesson.

"You can learn a lot from a dishonest manager!"

## 2013 Graduates

Congratulations to our Graduates!

### High School

Kelly Elaine Caruso  
Westside High School

Theodore Tillman (Ted) Chew  
Homeschool

Michael David Goodell  
Westminster Schools of Augusta

Grant Richard Kimbrell  
CSRA Home Education  
Association

Timothy John Nabholz  
Westminster Schools of Augusta

### Undergraduate

Lauren Taylor Hatcher  
Georgia Regents University  
B.S. in Education,  
Early Childhood Education

Lawrence Ross McDaniel  
Georgia Regents University  
B.A. in Business Administration,  
Marketing

### Graduate

Jennifer Ann Jewett  
Georgia Regents University  
M.H.S. in Occupational Therapy

## Coming Up

Thursday, July 4  
Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 7, 7:30 p.m.

### Ice Cream Social

The annual July 4 celebration at Christ Church will be Sunday evening, July 7. Following evening worship, we will enjoy an ice cream social in Covenant Hall and on the courtyard. Bring a gallon of your favorite homemade or store bought ice cream, and plan to enjoy good fellowship while we mark our nation's 237th birthday!

## Youth Choir Performs



Join us on Monday, June 3, at 7:30 p.m., when the Senior High Youth Choir from Independent Presbyterian Church (IPC), Memphis, TN, will present a concert in our sanctuary. Composed of approximately 30 students, grades 9-12, and accompanied by college and adult leaders, they are directed by James Brown,

director of music at IPC, in this their 19th annual summer tour. The group's choral repertoire includes a diverse selection of styles, including sacred classical, hymns, folk, spirituals and popular sacred music. Several vocal and instrumental solos will also be featured in the 50-minute sacred program, including two selections in which they will be joined by the Augusta Youth Chorale. The concert is free and open to the public.

## Missionary Spotlight

### Missionary Prayer Focus for June

Please be in prayer for these missionaries and agencies throughout June, considering the needs you might have if you were in these places.

**Heritage Academy, Augusta, GA**

- Pray for wisdom for their Board for vision and growth.
- Pray for renewal of their faculty, staff and students over the summer break.

**Kermit and Cheryl Horn, Greenhouse in Paris, France**

- Pray for Kermit and Cheryl as they pray, think, discuss and wait for appropriate times to begin conversations about Jesus.
- Pray that God would make them wise and winsome witnesses for Christ.

**Tim and Lana Higginbotham, North American Indigenous Ministries, Vancouver**

- Pray for their daughter, Madison, who graduates high school in June and for all of their children who are becoming young adults – for their work in life and school.
- Pray that they will appropriate all that they have in Christ, being mindful of not wasting time in their work.

## Summer Recess

Please note that several weekday Bible studies have recessed for the summer. Look for opportunities for group study to return in the late summer. Between now and then, don't miss these regular opportunities for study and fellowship:

Weekly Sunday School

Monthly Fellowship Meals

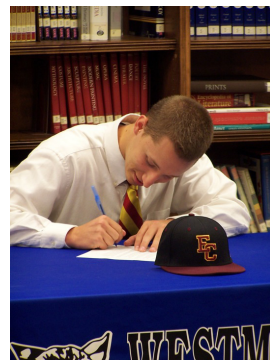
Youth Gatherings on Wednesday and every other Sunday evening

Men's Weekly Prayer Breakfasts

Bread Breakers Dinners

## Play Ball!

Tim Nabholz, Westminster Schools of Augusta class of 2013, is pictured signing a baseball scholarship to play for Erskine College,



in Due West, SC. Among over 300 NCAA Division II schools, Erskine College is ranked #2 on Forbes' "America's Top Colleges" list, and is the only Division II school in the south to make the Forbes list. The Erskine baseball team, known as "The Flying Fleet," has sent a dozen players into professional baseball in the past decade, and had three players named to All-Conference teams this season.

## Eagle Scout



Andrew Norkus has earned the highest advancement award the Boy Scouts of America offers to Scouts, the Eagle Scout Award, numbering him among the approximately four percent of all Boys Scouts who attain this rank. Each candidate must earn 21 merit badges and successfully complete a community, church, or synagogue related service project to earn his Eagle. Andrew's project was performed here at Christ Church, taking 3 weekends to complete, involving 32 people and contributing 240 man-hours. Please take time to congratulate Andrew on this singular achievement.

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9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Fellowship Meal 6 p.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. Youth Gathering			6:30 p.m. Youth Gathering 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal		7 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast	
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