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## The Pastor's Pen...

### Birthdays

- 05 ..... David Denis  
Lulu Johnson
- 06 ..... Charlotte Boyd  
Will Boyd
- 08 ..... Mark Goodell  
Mary Elizabeth Goodell  
Martha Seward
- 09 ..... Gloria Gill  
William Jewett  
Cathy Moody
- 10..... Brandt Caldwell
- 14..... Laura Caruso
- 18..... Faye Robeson
- 20 ..... Janet Ladun
- 22 ..... Roy Emerson  
Stephanie Myers
- 23 ..... Cherry McPherson  
Katie Stebbins
- 24..... Lex Bailey  
Angie Boyter
- 26 ..... George Doss
- 28 ..... Monica Boyd
- 29 ..... Trina Davis

### Setting Clear Priorities

Do you ever find yourself saying, “How will I ever get everything done? There simply isn’t enough time in the day.” It is quite easy to feel this way. Our days and weeks are crammed full of all kinds of activities: school, work, meals, family time; medical and dental appointments, meetings, church, and play. We are pulled in a hundred different directions, leaving us overwhelmed by the simultaneous tugs of multiple obligations and expectations. How will we ever find the time?

Yet, our problem is not really too little time. J. Oswald Sanders rightly observes, “Our problem is not too little time but making better use of the time we have. Each of us has as much time as anyone else.” The twenty-four hours in a day and seven days in a week that God has provided each of us are sufficient to complete the whole will of God for us each day and week. The key to making better use of the time comes down to one word: priorities. Our need is to understand God’s priorities for us—and order our days and weeks accordingly.

What is true for us as individuals is true for us a body of believers. Christ Church, Presbyterian, like any other church, is pulled in hundreds of different directions by numerous obligations and expectations. If we are to accomplish what God has for us in the short but sufficient time He has given us, it is imperative that we understand God’s priorities for us and plan our lives as a church accordingly.

You may have a general sense of what Christ Church understands to be God’s priorities for this congregation at this time. Nevertheless, it can be helpful to state those priorities clearly. So we consider, “What are God’s priorities for Christ Church, Presbyterian?”

**Gather in Worship.** Our number one priority is to gather in worship. This is, after all, God’s clear prescription for His people in both Old and New Testaments (Exod. 20:8-11; Heb. 10: 19-25). He doesn’t merely commend corporate worship. He commands it! Oh, but worship is much more than God’s prescription. It is our privilege. We were created and redeemed to worship. Our shorter catechism wonderfully summarizes the Bible’s central teaching on the matter: “Man’s chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.”

We enjoy the renewing *streams* of that worship in personal and family devotion throughout the week. But we gather each Lord’s Day, morning and evening, to be immersed in the refreshing and reviving *river* of that worship with

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### Anniversaries

- 04 ..... Rita & Leon White
- 06 ..... Anne & Mike Bowen
- 10..... Lanier & Mark Goodell
- 11..... Linda & Warren Jones
- 17..... Angie & Norm Boyter
- 20 ..... Emily & Paul Lyday
- 23 ..... Lena & Glynn Dyer

God's people. Each week we experience a small—though splendid—foretaste of the ocean of glory and joy that we will share with the whole number of the redeemed for all eternity in the presence of God around His great throne. What a gathering that will be!

**Grow in Walk.** Gathering in worship isn't our only priority, however. It can't be. If we are to glorify and enjoy God as we were intended, we must grow in walk. Indeed, as St. Paul makes clear, this is Christ's design and desire for us: "We are to grow up in every way into Him Who is the head, into Christ, from Whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love" (Eph. 4:15b-16). Christ's priority for us is that we grow in Him—and we do this together as a body.

This is why we make it a priority to study God's Word together. We grow through feeding upon God's Word in Sunday Worship, Sunday School, and home Bible studies. Further, we grow together as we pray for one another, bearing each other's burdens. We grow as we break bread together, and as we care for one another's spiritual and practical needs. In all of these ways, we walk together in Christian fellowship, aiming to encourage and challenge one another to grow more into the likeness of our Savior. If we are to glorify God and enjoy Him, it is critical that we grow in our walk.

**Go in Witness.** Jesus' final words before going to the Father make it absolutely clear that witness is a top priority for His church: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." (Matt. 28:19a). Further, He declares, "You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8b-c). The reason this witness is such a priority is because of God's amazing plan to save people "from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages" (Rev. 7:9), so that they may worship and enjoy Him forever (Priority #1). Thus, Jesus promises: "And this Gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come" (Matt. 24:14). Do you see the central role that witness to all people groups has for the climax and completion of God's plan for human history? No wonder going in witness is so important for us!

Because of Christ's priority for us, we are more and more being equipped for and engaged in *local* and *global* witness. Every believer at Christ Church has a part to play in this witness. It is our prayer that, as you are being equipped for everyday evangelism, you will be a confident and effective witness where the Lord has you. More than that, we strongly encourage you to be a part of our church's exciting outreach with Christianity Explored, as we share the good news of Jesus with people in our own community who do not know the Savior. Everyone has a part to play in global witness as well. For some, this may involve accepting the call to go to a distant land. For others, this will involve sending and supporting those who hear and heed that call. Each of these parts in global witness is vital for the completion of the mission Christ has given us before His return. His priority for each of us is clear: we are to go in witness.

So, then, as you face this day and this week, feeling the mounding pressures and multiple pulls of obligations and expectations from every side, the question is not, "How will I ever get it all done?" Rather, the question is, "Am I accomplishing everything that God has set as His priorities for me this day and this week?"



## Men's Prayer

Beginning this month, the Men's Prayer Breakfast will alter its schedule slightly to encourage those who cannot make a Friday morning meeting time to be a part by holding the breakfast on the first Saturday of each month at 7:45 a.m. The men will continue to meet at 7:00 a.m. on Friday the other weeks of the month.

## College & Career

Single and married young adults between the ages of 18 and 35 who do not have children, are invited to a planning meeting for the new College & Career Sunday School and Fellowship group at Jenny and Don Townsend's home following Evening Worship on September 8. Plan to enjoy fellowship and be a part of the planning for this exciting new group!

## CPC Banquet

The Augusta Care Pregnancy Center will hold its Fall Banquet on Tuesday, October 8, with keynote speaker Dr. Ben Carson. Go to [www.augustacpc.org](http://www.augustacpc.org) for information on how to support this event.

## Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Stephanie Myers on the death of her father, Steve Myers, in Michigan on August 17.

# One life.

## What's it all about?

Christianity Explored begins September 10, but so much is already happening in preparation for this exciting event! There are numerous ways you can be involved in this outreach, not the least of which is to invite people to attend. Invitation cards are on the Welcome Table in the sanctuary, and nursery will be provided to accommodate the young families invited. In addition to inviting friends and family, opportunities for service and involvement include caring for children in the nursery, setting tables, preparing dinners and desserts, serving guests, cleaning up afterward, and leading and supporting table discussions. Sign up in Adult Sunday School!

Another opportunity for preparing ourselves individually and corporately will be through fasting. Our planned fast will begin before lunch on Saturday, September 7. There will be a Prayer and Praise service held that Saturday evening from 5:00 until 7:00 at the River Island Clubhouse, and the fast will conclude with the observance of the Lord's Supper during Morning Worship on Sunday, September 8, followed by our fellowship meal after that service.

Christianity Explored will occur on seven Tuesday evenings and one Saturday morning, beginning September 10 and ending October 29, as outlined below:

### **Tuesdays**

September 10, 17, 24; October 1, 8, 15, and 29

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., with dinner beginning at 6:00 each night

### **Saturday, October 26**

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, with breakfast and lunch provided

## Recess is Over!

*Our weekday Bible studies begin resuming their meetings in September.*

### **Adult Bible Study**

This study of the book of Genesis is open to all adults and is taught by Carl Fliermans and John Manthei. Sue and Ron Moncrief host the study, which meets the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00 p.m.

### **Women's Bible Study**

All ladies are invited to study the Psalms on the second and fourth Thursday evenings from 6:45 until 8:00. Charlotte Jewett teaches; Monica Boyd hosts on the second Thursdays and Martha Folley hosts the fourth Thursdays.

*Start-up dates for the Young Adult Marrieds/Couples Bible Study and the daytime Women's Study will be announced at a later date.*

## Missionary Prayer

*Please be in prayer for these missionaries and agencies throughout the month of September.*

### **Paul Volpitto**

*Augusta School of Biblical Studies (ASBS)  
Augusta, GA*

- Praise for the years since 1992 that ASBS has been able to give many students the opportunity to learn and be affected by biblical content.
- Pray that God would send more students for the fall quarter of study at ASBS. Recent quarters have seen a decline in student enrollment.
- Praise for the instructors who give their time and commitment to students, receiving only an honorarium.
- Pray for wisdom in finding more effective and cost-efficient ways to advertise.

### **Barbara and Bruce Wannemacher**

*Mission to the World (PCA)*

*Bible Institute of South Africa*

- Praise for the nearly 50 students who have been eager attenders at the after-school Bible class at the primary school. Pray for God's continued blessing on these upper-grade classes.
- Pray for Barbara as she prepares for, then speaks at a women's weekend retreat this month.
- Praise for the work and ministry of the Bible Institute over the past 90 years.

### **AGAPE Ministry**

*Augusta, GA*

- Pray for the work and special projects AGAPE undertakes in the inner city of Augusta, seeking to show the love of Christ through practical assistance to those in need.

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## September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Worship			6:30 p.m. Youth Gathering 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	7 p.m. Adult Bible Study (Moncrief home)		7:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast 9-11 a.m. CE Leaders Training 5-7 p.m. Prayer & Praise, River Island Clubhouse
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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