

THE PRESBY PRESS



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR –

So much is happening in the life of this congregation that it is difficult to know just what to highlight each month. As we end the Lent and Easter seasons, I want to thank everyone who had a hand in all the extra worship services, receptions, and meals. Once again, you are remarkable and your hospitality was well received by our sisters and brothers in this community.

Here are just two developments that deserve special attention this month:

Inquirers' Classes

What is the meaning of church membership and what is the best way to help a new member feel at home within a new church family? Your elders and deacons have reflected seriously on those questions in recent weeks, beginning with our Session Retreat in February, and there are no simple answers. Membership at SPC is open to anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ and wishes to join us on our journey of discipleship. In that regard, our door is always open. But membership also involves commitments. The Book of Order lists nine of them in its section entitled "Membership as Ministry." Those commitments are not meant to be regarded as options. They reflect what we believe to be the responsibilities and promises of faithful discipleship.

So how do we balance the openness of grace with the promises of discipleship? Your Session is pleased to let you know that a series of new member/inquirer classes will become a regular offering in the life of this congregation. The classes are intended to offer a way for new members to find their place of service and fellowship in our community quickly and effectively. They will also give us a chance to discuss what membership means – at SPC and within the Presbyterian family of faith. The series will include three classes, offered at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. A luncheon will be offered on the third Sunday of the series where those who wish to join will be received by the Session and also meet their Shepherd (Friend in Faith) face-to-face.

Diana Owens, deacon and chair of the New Member Assimilation Committee of the Diaconate, will facilitate these classes with help from others in the congregation. She brings a wealth of experience with her from work in a previous congregation and we are grateful to her for sharing it with us.

As your Session contemplated this new opportunity, we talked at length about just how much of a "mandate" attendance at these classes would be. The consensus we reached was this: because these classes have the ability to greatly benefit so many, they are "strongly encouraged" for all who wish to become a part of this family of faith.

The first series of classes is scheduled for July 17th, 24th, and 31st. Recent new members who wish to learn more about becoming engaged in the life of this congregation are encouraged to attend this first series. The classes will always be open to those who are just exploring church membership as a means of helping them decide if this is the place God is calling them to serve.

Contemporary Service

Three years ago, SPC launched an adventure in contemporary worship. With the Krabbe family and friends, we were blessed with the gift of outstanding musical talent and leadership in this genre of worship, and have continued to be blessed every Sunday. I am so grateful for the team that creates this worship experience. I see firsthand the faithful hours it takes to set-up, prepare, and take-down all that is required. The "congregation" that supports this service is relatively small but faithfully dedicated. We have become something of a family, and it is a joy to worship with them each week. Please plan to join us as we mark the third anniversary of this adventure on May 15th, during the 10:00 hour, in Pastors' Hall. Thanks go to Peggy Fouts and the Worship Committee for planning this celebration.

Blessings to all of you --- Nancy

WELCOME VISITORS! We warmly welcome you to our congregation. You are invited to join us for any and all of the activities you read about in these pages. Please let us know if we can serve you in any way. We also extend an invitation to unite with this church. Periodically, we offer a series of Inquirer's Classes that explore the meaning of church membership in our Presbyterian tradition. Those interested in membership are strongly encouraged to participate in these classes. The next series is scheduled for July 17th, 24th, and 31st. In the meantime, if you are interested in conversation about membership do not hesitate to contact Pastor Nancy Morris or the church office.

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Sam Holleman

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Anna Kennedy, Moderator

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Ed Krech

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Rob Krabbe

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Class of 2011
Jerry Crabtree

Class of 2012
Jerry Fouts

Class of 2013
Lyn Norton

News from the Oconee Presbyterian Service Fund

A morning spent at OPSF is always a heart-grabbing, emotional, and, quite often, an embarrassing experience for those who apologize for having to ask for help, but we wanted to share a particularly shining moment with everyone.

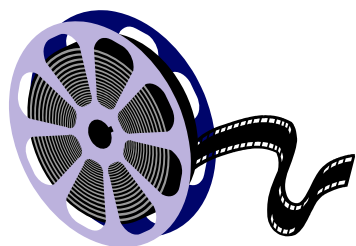
A lady came in recently for help with her utility bill, as most requests are right now, after this past tough winter. We filled out the form for her, and gave her our check along with a list of other places where she might find additional help. We pointed out Our Daily Bread where she could go for lunch and she immediately said, "Oh, I couldn't go there".

Surprised and wondering, we asked her "why not"?

Her answer--"I get food stamps and it wouldn't be fair--someone else may need it more than I do. I'm OK".

Thursday Night at the Movies

Join us on the fourth Thursday of each month as we explore Christian themes in popular movies. Our next gathering will be May 26th at 6:00 p.m. and the feature will be ***The Shoes of the Fisherman***. After twenty years in a Siberian labor camp, Kiril Lakota, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Lvov, is set free. The Catholic Archbishop is released and sent to Rome, where the ailing Pope makes him a Cardinal. The world is in a state of crisis - a famine in China is exacerbated by United States restrictions on Chinese trade and the ongoing Chinese-Soviet feud. When the Pontiff dies, Lakota finds himself elected Pope. But the new Pope Kiril I is plagued by self-doubt, by his years in prison, and by the strange world he knows so little about. This film was released in 1968 and stars Anthony Quinn and Laurence Olivier. It's a bit longer than usual, so please note the slightly earlier start time.



Our "Pastors' Hall movie club" is open to anyone who wishes to join us at any time. Many people bring lawn chairs to help make the watching more enjoyable, along with their own suppers. Popcorn is always provided. We watch, and then share reflections together. Feel free to suggest movies you think the group would enjoy because watching them has left a lasting impact on you.

Mother's Day - Sunday, May 8th

In the spirit of tradition and honoring our Mothers, it is suggested that the women wear hats in church on Mother's Day. If you need to borrow a hat that day, contact Ann Warmuth or Brenda Thomson.



Open House & Cabin Dedication

Saturday May 14

Registration-10am Cabin Dedication-11am BBQ Lunch 12:30



A Ministry of Foothills Presbytery

Adults, Youth and Children will enjoy!

Swimming ♦ Canoeing ♦ Low & High Ropes ♦ Nature Trails and Hiking



New Cabins

All the new cabins will be open for you to walk through!

These are available for rent throughout the year.

Summer Camp

K4 – 12th Grade Camps
Camps include: Bible study, canoeing, hiking, swimming, fishing, games, worship, arts & crafts, campfire and s'mores.

Church Events

Explore the ground of Camp Buc and tour the Facilities. Plan an event or retreat for your church!

Hawaii Pics from Caldwell Trip

Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m.



You are invited to catch a glimpse of the trip Richard and Susan Caldwell took to Hawaii (specifically Kaua'i) in February, thanks in part to the generous gift of round-trip airfare given by this congregation at the end of the Interim Pastor work.

Some of the pictures taken on the trip have been turned into a PowerPoint presentation with a backdrop of Hawaiian songs. In addition, a short, professionally and beautifully made video of Kaua'i from a helicopter will be shown. The combined presentation will be an hour long.

This is open to anyone, so feel free to invite family, friends and visitors who might be interested. If you have been to Hawaii, this may bring back good memories of familiar sights. If you have never been to Kaua'i, this will give a brief glimpse of an absolutely mysterious, marvelous, magical and exquisitely beautiful island. "The tour" will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Pastors' Hall.

Young Adult Group

Join us on first and third Fridays at 7:00 p.m. in the room below Pastors' Hall. On May 6th we're having a game night. Bring a game, or a snack, or a friend, or just yourself! RSVP on Facebook or for more info email Melissa Krabbe at Melissa@krabbe.com

Contemporary Service Three-Year Celebration

Come help us celebrate the 3-year anniversary of the Contemporary Service on **Sunday, May 15th at 9:00 a.m. in Pastors' Hall**. This will give us the opportunity to recognize all the people that have made this service the success it is today. Here are the names of the Contemporary Service volunteers: Rob Krabbe - lay leader, singer, composer; Melissa Krabbe - singer and keyboard player; Tristan Krabbe - bass player, drummer; Tess Cannon - singer; Jake Wilson - bass player; Trey McAnally, drummer; Howard Ballew, guitar player; Bob Simpson - sound & tech; Rodger Low - sound & tech; Chris Hudgins - sound, setup and take down; Lesley Hudgins - setup; Tyler Cannon - setup and take down; as do all of the people mentioned above. Debbie Simpson - chair of refreshments before and after the service in Pastors' Hall. We will have breakfast immediately following the 9:00 a.m. service on May 15th. Please complete this form or call the church office at 882-2505 if you plan to attend. We hope that all of you will join in and make this a wonderful occasion to celebrate all the wonderful things this ministry has accomplished.



Name: _____ # attending _____

The Yard Sale is Coming!!! The Yard Sale is Coming!!!

Unbelievable but true! We have been doing this for 11 (LONG) years! Thank you to everyone who has already donated, and for those who haven't, PLEASE look around and do some spring cleaning! We want to make this the best yard sale yet!

As always, we need volunteers who are hard-working, but also like to have fun! Many hands are needed to make this event a success, as many of you know. If you haven't volunteered to help before, or you are new to the church, this is a GREAT way to get to know people and help the church and the community at the same time! BUT we need YOU!!!! Please sign below where you think you might be available.

YES!!!!!! Please count me in for this great opportunity to meet and get to know my fellow church members, all the while helping to earn money for missions.

_____	Tuesday, May 24 th	Sort	10:00 a.m.
_____	Wednesday, May 25 th	Sort	10:00 a.m.
_____	Thursday, May 26 th	Price	10:00 a.m.
_____	Friday, May 27 th	Price	10:00 a.m.
_____	Saturday, May 28 th	"Watcher"	7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
_____	Saturday, May 28 th	"Watcher"	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
_____	Saturday, May 28 th	Clean up	12:00 noon rough room
_____	Saturday, May 28 th	Clean up	12:00 noon youth room

Name _____ Phone # _____

I thank you, the church thanks you, and the community thanks you!

--- Ann Smith

Note from the Fellowship Committee

Our kitchen is becoming a homeless shelter for miscellaneous dishes because the owners have forgotten them. Please check the top shelf in the kitchen for that piece you have not been able to find. If not picked up by the May Yard Sale, they will be sold.



Presbyterian Women

By: Kathy Gerner

Presbyterian Women Council met Wednesday, April 13, 2011. Many topics were discussed and we had an overall productive meeting.

We reviewed the feedback of the Women's Retreat. Thank you to those who went and enjoyed the fellowship, leadership and discussions.

The Lenten Bible Study, led by Ann Warmuth, has been a great success. Thank you, Ann, for your devotion and leadership.

The Presbyterian Women Birthday Celebration will be Saturday, May 21, 2011, at 12:00 noon. We will begin with lunch and a short program will follow. Immediately following the Birthday Celebration, Circle 6 will host an Accessory/Purse Sale. There will be further details in upcoming bulletins about this sale. This sounds like a fun event that you don't want to miss. It will not be publicized outside the church, so you are encouraged to bring your friends.



We are winding down our PW year. A new PW year, filled with exciting events and Bible studies, will soon begin.

Just a reminder – Circles meet the first week of May. Circles 1 and 2 meet during the day and Circle 6 meets in the evening. If you would like to visit a circle, or if you are interested in joining a circle, please contact Helen Kelly, our PW Moderator, at 864-650-0342, or me, Kathy Gerner, at 864-903-3455. We will be glad to give you information on our circles and upcoming events.

May Circle Meetings

CIRCLE ONE

Date: Monday, May 2nd in the Sara Davis Stribling Classroom at 2:45 p.m. Circle chair is Ann Smith (647-2088). Please bring tuna packed in water for Collins Home and Family Ministries.

CIRCLE TWO

Date: Tuesday, May 3rd in the Sara Davis Stribling Classroom at 10:00 a.m. Circle co-chairs are Helen Lewis (654-7314) and Flo Sheron (882-2280).

CIRCLE SIX

Date: Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at the church in the library. Lee Oelberg and Anna Kennedy will serve as hostesses and Ann Warmuth will be our Bible moderator. Don't forget to bring peanut butter for the Golden Corner Food Pantry. Come and bring a friend! Any questions, call Jane Thomas (882-1202).

Prospective members/guests are welcome at all three.

Presbyterian Women's Birthday Celebration



The Presbyterian Women's Annual Birthday Celebration and Luncheon will be Saturday, May 21st at 12:00 noon in Pastors' Hall. This is an annual world-wide event and offering celebrating the anniversary of the Women's Auxiliary PC. Bring your favorite salad ingredient. Greens and rolls will be furnished. Guests are welcome. Your pre-registration by Monday, May 16th will be appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Linda Porter at 944-8046 or Jill Marett at 647-7183.

I will attend the Presbyterian Women's Birthday Celebration and Luncheon on May 21st.

Name: _____ Number attending _____

Opportunities for Study

Two opportunities for study:

- The **Bible & Brown Bag Study Group** meets each Thursday at 12:00 noon in the Sara Davis Stribling classroom. They are studying Matthew's Gospel. The conversation is being facilitated by Nancy Morris with the input of everyone. Bring your lunch with you if you wish. All are welcome.
- The **Wednesday Evening Adult Study Group** meets each Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Men's Bible classroom. Don Warmuth is the facilitator. This study covers the Old Testament using DVDs and discussion. These lectures by scripture expert Professor Amy-Jill Levine introduce you to the history, religion, and literature of ancient Israel as preserved in the Old Testament, or Hebrew Bible. Professor Levine brings biblical characters and passages to life and vividly reveals the magnificent artistry suffusing the Old Testament. All are welcome to attend.



Parents' Night Out May 13th from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Parents' Night Out is the second Friday of each month from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. We are looking for more volunteers. It only amounts to 3 ½ hours out of one day, once a month. Please consider offering your time and talents to this very important mission that our church has chosen to provide for the community. For more information, contact the church office.

May Birthdays

01 -----	Margot Holmquist	09-----	Holly Parrott
02 -----	David Wehmeyer	10-----	Meg Shull
05 -----	Karen McBryde	11-----	Carolyn Maddox
06 -----	Kelly Holleman	12-----	Dorothy Beaty
06 -----	Brenda Thomson	13-----	Jim May
07 -----	Emmalyn Frye	15-----	Ellen Bub
08 -----	Richard Caldwell	18-----	Belinda Harper
08 -----	Sue Crerar	19-----	Ken Shull
08 -----	Sandy Olsen	21-----	Bob Buse
09 -----	Kelsey Buchanan	22-----	Nita Wise
09 -----	Karl Krantz	27-----	Charlie Brickett

May Anniversaries

04 -----	Bob & Linda Akroyd	20-----	Bob & Sally Caswell
14 -----	Jack & Sue Masters	31-----	John & Esther McNees
19 -----	Phil & Nancy Morris		

Committee Meetings

- † **Christian Education Committee** will meet on Tuesday, May 3rd, at 4:00 p.m.
- † **Deacons Meeting** on Monday, May 2nd, at 5:00 p.m.
- † **Fellowship Committee** will meet on Thursday, May 5th, at 10:30 a.m.
- † **Finance Committee** will meet on Monday, May 16th, at 4:00 p.m.
- † **Knitting Bee** will meet on Friday, May 13th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapter House; bring a sandwich.
- † **Odyssey Steering Committee** will meet on Tuesday, May 10th, at 4:00 p.m.
- † **Outreach Committee** will meet on Wednesday, May 4th, at 4:00 p.m.
- † **Presbyterian Women's Council** will meet on Tuesday, May 10th, at 2:00 p.m.
- † **Session** will meet on Monday, June 13th at 6:30 p.m. (This will be a combined May and June Stated Meeting.)
- † **Stewardship Committee** will meet on Monday, May 16th, at 3:30 p.m.
- † **Worship Committee** will meet on Wednesday, May 11th, at 4:30 p.m.

Memorials

Beryl Lowry: Bruce & Lyn Norton

Robert Nordman: Jerry & Beverly Crabtree

Ferber Whitmire: Business World Inc., Karen McBryde, Ann Smith, Patricia Senn, Bill Hadden, Kem & Lee Oelberg, Bruce & Lyn Norton, Jerry & Beverly Crabtree, and Christene Prince

Bill Wilmer: Kem & Lee Oelberg and Jerry & Beverly Crabtree

The Historic Old Pickens Foundation

Historic Old Pickens is a site on the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor and on the list of Historic Places in South Carolina. It is located in Oconee County near Duke Energy. There is still plenty of interest in HOP. Even "out of state" folks visit the site and sign the guest log in the mailbox. We have two summer weddings scheduled. Recently, a group of Presbyterian ministers from Anderson and Greenville toured the church and cemeteries. School groups continue to come. Duke provides on-going security and certain maintenance when needed.

The Historic Old Pickens Church is a very peaceful, historic, reverent site. Some find it calming to spend time there. We will try to be open on Sunday afternoons again starting in May from 2:30 to 5:00. We need your help with this as well.

The Historic Old Pickens Foundation is searching for additional board members. If you are interested in helping us to keep HOPF functioning, please call Joyce Brickett at 864-944-5112. We try to meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Presently, we meet at the Oconee Heritage Center but the meeting location can be anywhere if this location is not convenient.

Termination of The Historic Old Pickens Foundation will occur if membership on the Board is not increased. Please help if you can!



Attention Plant Enthusiats

We hope you are rooting cuttings and starting plants for our plant sale to benefit Oconee Presbyterian Service Fund. Bring your plants to Pastors' Hall on Saturday, May 14th between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. We will arrange a meeting with you if that time is not convenient. The "official plant sale" will begin Sunday, May 15th and run throughout the week. Come early for the best selection.

YOU ARE INVITED to the Commencement Service of the Columbia Theological Seminary for Mary Kathleen Duncan on May 14, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. The service will be held at the Peachtree Presbyterian Church, 3434 Roswell Road, Atlanta, GA. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Mary Kathleen wrote, *"I hope you will rejoice with me as I prepare to graduate from Columbia Theological Seminary. Thanks be to God that I have made it thus far! I am grateful for the ways you have nurtured me, supported me, and loved me along the way. You are a blessing in my life and I will hold you in my heart as I seek a call in parish ministry."*

Wednesday Night Supper - May 18th

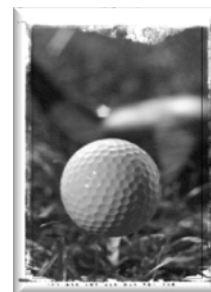
Bring your favorite covered dish to share and join our church family at 5:45 for a WONDERFUL evening of good food (Presbyterian cooks have a reputation which precedes them), shared friendships and a much anticipated musical program by our hand bell choir (perhaps you know them as the "Ding-a-Lings"). Don't miss this!!



Name _____ Number attending _____

Golf Outing

Thursday, May 26, 2011



Registration – 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Shotgun Start)
 Oconee Country Club
 Captains' Choice Format

Cost is \$40.00 (green fee, cart and meal); Oconee Country Club members \$30.00. Couples are invited to play together on a "couples' team". Two couples will make up a four-man team playing Captains' Choice. This couples' format will be in addition to the teams made up of all other players. Winners will be recognized in each group.

Come join the fun... all players are welcome... invite a friend.

A meal will be served after the tournament. Non-playing spouses are invited to join for the meal (\$8.00). **Reservations are required.**

Sign-up to enjoy the fellowship by **Sunday, May 15th.**

Name: _____

Handicap: _____ or Average Score: _____

Please return this form to the church office with entry fee by Sunday, May 15th. Make checks payable to *Seneca Presbyterian Church*.

Odyssey News

On April 3rd, Odyssey sponsored a theatre trip to the wonderful Centre Stage in Greenville for the delightful play “Dirty Rotten Scoundrels”. The group of 15 thoroughly enjoyed the matinee performance at this small and intimate theatre where there wasn’t a bad seat in the house. The play was well acted and kept us all rolling in the aisles with the antics and goings-on of the troupe. Afterward, an early supper was enjoyed at Compadres Mexican Restaurant.

What a special day 12 women enjoyed making greeting cards under the tutelage of the Card-Maker Extraordinaire, Dian Yanessa. Odyssey sponsored this event held at the church on Tuesday, April 26th. We all gathered in the Sara Davis Stribling classroom with our scissors in hand and became ‘Hallmark Ladies of SPC’ by the time we were through! We made 4 beautiful handmade cards, each one more special than the other. After our handiwork was finished we shared lunch and ideas of more crafty things that we’ll do in the near future.

Odyssey Game Day – Continues to meet on the second Friday of each month. Come and join us on Friday, May 13th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. We will meet in the Forum Room, downstairs in Fellowship Hall. We play a variety of games. Popcorn and drinks are provided. If you have questions, please call Helen Lewis at 654-7314.

Billy Graham Library Trip – On June 16th, we will be traveling by bus to the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte. Trip cost is \$35 per person plus lunch at the Library. There may be a possible rebate if enough sign up for the trip. We’ll leave the church at 9:00 a.m. and return around 6:30 p.m. so it’ll be an all day event. We have a coach reserved which can hold 50 – **sign up on the Odyssey Bulletin Board**. Payment envelopes are provided there. This is a trip that many in the church have been excited to participate in and have asked us to sponsor. You are encouraged to invite others outside the church also. This promises to be a very fun as well as educational trip and we would ask that you sign up as soon as possible. Jane Thomas will be one of the tour guides.

Flower Calendar

May 1 – Communion

May 8 – The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Flo Sheron in memory of J. J. Bowden.

May 15 – The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Jerry & Peggy Fouts in memory of their loved ones.

May 22 – The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Jim & Margot Holmquist.

May 29 – The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Bruce & Lyn Norton in honor of the 2011 high school and college graduates.



Bible Chat

This is one in a series of Bruce Woods' "Bible Chat" articles for the newsletters. This is Bruce's way of offering some of his knowledge, training (to be a lay pastor), and perspectives with the congregation and friends. We thank Bruce for his contributions. While the articles will be reviewed, please note the views and content are not necessarily those of the Session, pastor or this congregation. Feel free to contact Bruce for any comments or questions.

Last month, I mentioned "jots & tittles". In Matthew 5: 17:20, in the KJV, Jesus is quoted in vs. 18, "For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled". Because most of us grew up using the KJV Bible, the terms jot & tittle aren't all that unfamiliar. What was Jesus getting at here? First, let's remind ourselves of what those two old terms mean. A jot is the smallest letter of the Hebrew alphabet. A tittle is a very small mark attached to a Hebrew letter used to distinguish them from similar letters... We can think of tittle as a mere dot. And the word jot is used today in terms of describing something small or in shorthand. The NIV substitutes 'smallest letter' and 'least stroke of a pen'; the NLT uses the term "smallest detail" for both.

Let's put this text in context. {This statement was made during the 'Sermon on the Mount' that includes The Beatitudes, discourses about Salt & Light, The Fulfillment of the Law, Murder, Adultery, Oaths, An Eye for an Eye, Giving to the Needy, Prayer, Fasting, Treasures in Heaven, Worry, Judging Others, Asking & Seeking, Narrow & Wide Gates, A Tree and its Fruits and Wise & Foolish Builders.} In context, Jesus made it clear that He was not someone who sought to overturn The Law. What was the Law? Was it the myriad of Pharisaic rules and regulations – many of which had no basis in the Ten Commandments? Jesus obviously didn't agree with that idea of The Law. For Jesus, The Law was the expression of God's will. Jesus didn't come to modify it, add new chapters, rewrite rules & regulations, etc. Jesus was God's ultimate fulfillment of The Law, the ultimate expression of God's love for His creation.

We remember that Matthew wrote his gospel account with an eye to his own Jewish heritage. We note his extensive genealogy, the legal status of Jesus as the promised Messiah from the lineage of David, etc. In Matthew we learn about The King: His pedigree, His presentation, the proclamation of the King, the Power of the King and the preaching of the King [standing before the law, standing in the world and how we stand before God]. Then Matthew describes Christ the King's supremacy and power. Matthew's account exalts Christ the King, the promised Messiah, the promised one of Israel. Matthew's account carefully reminds us that The Law was and is still valid. Even when Jesus later summarized all the Laws into two simple statements, The Law had not been compromised or demeaned.

Law and grace are not mutually exclusive. The grace through our Lord Jesus Christ doesn't nullify The Law but, thank God almighty, it does free us from the terrible, impossible dilemma of having to live by The Law but not being able to do it. The grace of our Lord Jesus is the full & complete expression of God's will and therefore part of the larger definition of The Law.

In Romans 9:13-15, Paul discusses God's love for Jacob and hatred for Esau. Is God unfair or unjust? Take a look and we'll discuss it next time.

-Bruce Woods-



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Mrs. Lane Neamand	Friday Secretary
Mr. Jim Hylkema	Custodian
Mr. James Gaines	Custodian
Dr. Robert S. Dendy	Pastor Emeritus
Dr. Barbara Nagy	Missionary (serving in Malawi)

“The Sunday Morning Place to Be”

Join us for Sunday Morning
 Contemporary Worship at 9:00 a.m.
 Traditional Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Nursery Care

During All Sunday Morning Sunday School & Worship Services

Sunday School

9:00 a.m. - Downstairs

Nursery – 5th grade

10:00 a.m.

Educational Building, Upper Level:

Study of Genesis Group - Library

Sara Davis Stribling Class: Women

Men’s Bible Class

May Scripture

May 1: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Ps. 16;
 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

May 8: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps. 116:1-4, 12-19;
 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

May 15: Acts 2:42-47; Ps. 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25;
 John 10:1-10

May 22: Acts 7:55-60; Ps. 31:1-5, 15-16;
 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

May 29: Acts 17:22-31; Ps. 66:8-20;
 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21