



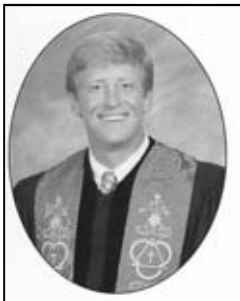
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The First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

October 2009

Rev. Dr. L. Holton Siegling, Jr. - Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Doug Ganyo - Associate Pastor

Fall Brings an Abundance of Opportunities at FPC



by the Reverend Dr.
L. Holton Siegling, Jr.

Dear Friends,

Just a few short weeks ago we started back with our Wednesday evening 1st Café. The meals have been delicious and the programming has been diverse and well attended. If you have not yet joined us around the dinner table please consider doing so each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

We start with a meal and then break out into smaller groups which include: Stephen Ministry Training, a course on spiritual disciplines, a study of Bible characters, and, of course, children and youth activities. Most programming ends by 7 o'clock so that those of you who are interested in joining the choir for its practice may do so.

Wednesday nights are just the tip of the iceberg, however, when it comes to things happening around the church. Our fall Thursday noon Bible Study has already begun; this time we are studying the book of Esther. Feel free to bring a bag lunch and join us! Also, in light of the various personal pressures associated with our financial landscape, we are offering a "Freed-up Financial Living Course" offered on Saturday, October 17, and Saturday, November 14, from 8:30-12:30. For more information about this course please call the church office. Operation Christmas Child, Relay for Life, and the Salvation Army's Kettle program provide seasonal and additional ways to serve.

I am pleased to inform you that the Rev. Dr. Tom Long will be our guest for our second annual Theologian in Residence program. Tom is the Bandy Professor of Preaching at Emory's Candler School of Theology. He and his wife Kim will be with us for Reformation Sunday weekend, October 23-25. This forum will be open to the public.

Let us rest on our laurels, content with where we are, we continue to press forward with our *Acts 16:5 Initiative*. Our leadership team is set to participate in their first of many seminars which will be held at Camp Montgomery. Part of their work entails equipping the saints, that's you and me, to continue to discern and do the work of God.

Speaking of leaders in Christ's church, officer nomination forms are presently available in the bulletin each week and in the office. Please take time to prayerfully consider who God may be calling to lead us as Elders and Deacons, and place those forms either in the offering plate or deliver them to the church office. Please do keep the work of the Nominating Committee in your prayers. I'm afraid that there is neither time nor space to mention all of the good things going on in the life of our church family nor list the many saints who continue to work diligently behind the scenes to provide ample opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship. There is enough space to simply say "thank you" and "may God continue to bless you and the church we call First Presbyterian".

In Christ's Service,
Holton

Services of Wholeness

Anointing and prayer are offered for the sick on first Tuesdays at noon in the sanctuary. Why? "Is anyone among you ill? Let the sick person call the elders of the church and let them, after anointing with oil (the oil is a symbol of God's purity) in the name of the Lord, pray over that one. And the prayer of faith will save the sick person...and the Lord will raise that one up. And if the person has committed sins, he or she will be forgiven" James 5:14-15.



Yes the healing ministry of Jesus is still continuing in the community of faith. Healing includes the whole person - spiritual, physical, and emotional. God wills our wholeness and is actively involved in our growth. Sick persons at home, in a hospital, or in a nursing care facility who are unable to participate in a corporate wholeness service may also call the church if they desire to have a minister or elder or church member anoint them with oil and pray with them. "Healing is to be understood not as a result of the holiness, earnestness, or skill of those enacting the prayers, or of the faith of the ones seeking healing, but as the gift of God through the power of the Holy Spirit." (Book of Order W-3.5405)

Circle of Friends

Do you have a few hours a month which you could share with an elderly person? The Circle of Friends would like you to join our team of visitors to spend some time with people who find it difficult to get out of their homes. You will be enriched as your new friend shares his or her life's experiences with you and vice versa. Men and women in our group often find that they gain even more joy from the experience than the friend they visit!

Please call Roland Knight at 583-0505, or Denise Saxton at 491-1949. The Circle of Friends is part of the Council on Aging of Nassau County.

"Freed-Up Financial Living" workshop will be offered on two Saturday mornings, October 17 and November 14, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church of Fernandina Beach. Recently updated by Willow Creek Resources, this course is taught via DVD in six sessions totaling 8 hours split up over two Saturday mornings. Included are practical applications of biblical principles regarding budget formulation and prioritization, debt and expense reduction, etc. It combines encouraging, grace-filled teaching with an excellent balance of biblical principles and personal, practical application. No matter what your age, circumstances, or stage of life, the result is a God-honoring financial lifestyle characterized by grace, joy and freedom. It will be facilitated by SJPC's George Currie. Call George at (904) 215-2297 or e-mail gcurrie@aol.com for more information and to order a workbook. There is no charge for the workshop (a nominal fee for cost of workbook).

The Horizon of Life and Beyond Columbarium Progress

For everything there is a season – A time to be born and a time to die.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

The Horizon's Committee has met several times to consider the best design and location for a Memorial Garden. We have met with the city to discuss tentative plans, and we now have an idea of how to proceed. We would like some input from members of the congregation about your thoughts concerning a columbarium, enclosed in a beautiful memorial garden located on our church property.

We are aware that many of you have already made final plans, but for those that have not addressed the loss of a loved one, a memorial garden would serve our church families in their greatest time of need. It would provide an alternative, affordable option. Please contact the Horizon Committee with your thoughts. Committee members are: Janet Anderson, Jack Heard, Holton Siegling, Jim Shaw, Nelson Showalter and Marlene Strobach.

Presbyterian Women News

The Presbyterian Women held their Kick-Off Luncheon and Thank Offering Dedication on September 10. 54 ladies attended and enjoyed the lovely salads and desserts. Rev. Holton Siegling and Joshua were special guests at our program.



Thanks to Sharon Scherer, Marilyn Showalter and Roger Martin for their help in presenting the Bible Studies. Circles begin this month. Elizabeth, Martha and Ruth circles will be studying the Horizon's Study of "Joshua" and the Esther Circle will be studying John Ortberg's God Is Closer Than You Think. All Presbyterian Women or invited to attend a circle.

Everyone is invited to attend the Bazaar on October 30 and 31, where you can buy Christmas items, baked goods, and gifts of all kinds. Workshops for our Bazaar, "A Dickens Christmas in Fernandina", on October 30 and 31 are continuing. All workshops are held at Phyllis Rouse's house at 10:00 AM. You do not have to be a member of a circle to participate; you just have to want to fellowship with a great group of women and want to work on Bazaar projects. Dates for the workshops are October 1, 6, 8, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, and 29 (set up in Jim Thomas Hall). We need help all week. Remember, busy hands make a great Bazaar and raises money for PW missions.

October Circle Meetings

- Elizabeth Circle - Oct. 8, 10 a.m., Jim Thomas Hall
- Esther Circle - Oct. 8, 1:00 p.m., Phyllis Rouse's home
- Martha Circle Oct 14, 10:00 a.m.
- Ruth Circle - Oct 8, 10:00 a.m., Caroline Tunkel's home

National Church Library Month

October is National Church Library Month.

As members of The National Church Library Association, First Presbyterian Church of Fernandina Beach is just



one of hundreds of churches of all denominations throughout the United States to benefit from this very excellent and worthwhile organization. For just \$55.00 a year we receive four comprehensive issues of **Libraries Alive** that give advice on making our libraries better places for the use of all church members.

Each issue of **Libraries Alive** contains, as well as helpful information on the running of a church library, book reviews that are a great resource for selecting books for our library. All selections are rated from 1 to 4 and have been reviewed by a well-chosen staff of leaders of all denominations. This particular resource has been very helpful for selecting books for the FPC library.

For our part, making the FPC library a warm and inviting place to linger, study, and be part of the gift of our great library, we have added window seat cushions and shelf labeling. The shelf labeling process is ongoing and is hoped to bring ever greater accessibility to our congregation. As FPC library patrons, your input is always gratefully appreciated.

A beloved companion is a book - a book that is fitly chosen is a life-long friend.

Douglas William Jerrold

Presbyterian Men

Presbyterian Men will meet on Thursday October 8th at 6:30 pm in Jim Thomas Hall. We will start with a meal (\$10). Pastor Doug will lead us through an exercise to identify our *Spiritual Gifts*. We can all use our inventory of spiritual gifts to serve in *Ministry and Mission Opportunities*. Be sure to call in your reservation by 5 pm Tuesday to help us plan the meal. Bring a friend and join us on the 8th.

Interfaith Dinner Network

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. The King will reply, I tell you the truth whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine you did for me."

Matt 25:39 - 40

On September 15 1st Presbyterian church was host to a dinner at Salvation Army Hope House. 9 volunteers prepared and served 63 guests. The menu was Chicken Noodle Casserole, Mixed Vegetables, Mixed Greens with Pears, cranberries and nuts, Rolls, birthday cake and ice cream with Sweet Tea, Lemonade or water. The Interfaith Dinner Network is a very important ministry for our church and community. It is churches in the community working to serve the Homeless and Needy on Amelia Island by serving dinner 4 nights a week at Salvation Army Hope House. First Presbyterian Church is responsible for dinner one night a month.

For the next 3 months our dinners will be on the fourth Tuesday of the month. To make this program continue to be successful we need volunteers. Help!!! We need people to get a group (Sunday School Classes, Bible Study Classes, Groups of eight, committees, friends, or other entities) together to shop, cook, serve, and clean up or we need people to be a Team Leader and we will get volunteers to help. We also need individual volunteers that we can add to our list. If you feel that you cannot physically help we love monetary donations. If you can help out please contact Bill Erickson, Trish Booton, Eunice Kurtz or Marilyn Showalter.

Coffee Service

- October 4th - Lydia Circle
- October 11th - Martha Circle
- October 18th - Finance Committee
- October 25th - Mission Committee



New Face for Youth Activities

With the new school year, we are updating some of the youth programs. We begin a new discipleship program that takes youth through the Bible narrative throughout this school year. I believe this new curriculum will be both insightful and engaging. Allow me to give you an overview of what is coming up this year. First off, we will be taking a holistic approach to spiritual formation, meaning the messages, lessons, and discussions of Sunday School, Sunday Night Live (SNL), and weekly small groups will all work together and focus on the same topics throughout the week. For instance, if the Sunday School lesson for the week is on the Exodus, the SNL message may be on the freedom we have in Christ, and the small group topic may be a character study on Moses. Below is a typical week in the Youth program:

- Middle School Sunday School at 9:50 in the Anchor.
- High School Sunday School after church (12:15pm) in Faith Cafe. Lunch is provided.
- Sunday Night Live in the Anchor @ 6:30 pm. Note that Sunday Night Live will not be held every Sunday. Keep an eye on the Church Calendar for SNL dates in the future.
- Middle School Small Groups and Fellowship following First Cafe (6:15pm) on Wednesdays.
- Thursday Night Thing for Senior High at my house (Faith Cafe until Manse Renovations are complete).
- High School Small groups are going to follow that free market small group model. If your high school student is interested in small groups, have them contact me. We will be getting word out to the kids at SNL and TNT and starting these soon.

Also, every Tuesday morning at 7:30am there will be a prayer meeting in Faith Cafe for Parents and other members of the congregation who would like to pray for the youth.

Wade Preston
Director of Youth and Families



First Presbyterian's Relay for Life team members are joining hands to kick cancer off of Amelia Island. Come join us Saturday, November 7. The Relay will be at Atlantic

Elementary beginning at noon. If you or a loved one would like to participate in the survivor's lap during the opening ceremonies or if you have questions about the Relay, please call Caroline Tunkel at 491.8518. Also, be on the lookout for education information between services in Jim Thomas Hall during October.

The Coalition for the Homeless of Nassau County will be opening a Cold Night Shelter at the Church of Christ on 14th Street on winter nights when the temperature is expected to be below 40 degrees.



Refuge
for the
Homeless

They are seeking church volunteers to staff the shelter on those cold nights. Men and women will be housed separately at the shelter, so both male and female volunteers are needed.

If you feel called to serve in this ministry to the homeless in our midst, please call our church office, 261-3837.

Mission Updates...

The Mission Committee has prepared a new brochure, highlighting the missions sponsored by our church. This congregation is generous to those in need on local, national and international levels. In addition to financial contributions made, many of our members give of their time and energies to organizations that share God's love and goodness with those in less fortunate circumstances. Look for this brochure in the narthex and in Jim Thomas Hall.

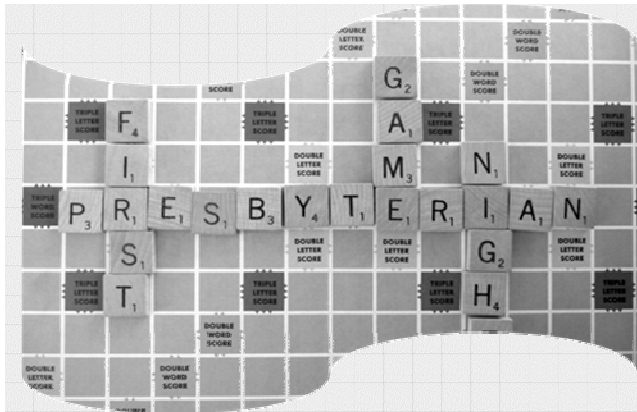
This month's focus is on Theological Scholarships. Sunday, September 20, was Theological Education Sunday, a day when we celebrated the seminarians from our congregation and our care of them. At this time Becca Gillespie, studying at Gordon Conwell, and Michael Whitman, Louisville, are the two members of our church preparing for the ministry. Because of the generosity of the congregation, First Presbyterian is able to provide scholarships to assist them. This financial support for the training of new Ministers of the Word and Sacrament helps to ensure the future leadership of the body of Christ. As they continue in their studies, and as others follow in their paths, let us keep them always in our hearts.

Two Cents a Meal: With grateful hearts for your generosity, the Mission Committee collected almost \$1600 to feed hungry people. Three quarters of this money was sent to the Presbytery of St. Augustine to help with world hunger. Locally, Meals on Wheels received almost \$400; last year's Two Cents a Meal local contribution benefited Barnabas.

BOGO for Barnabas: Use the BOGO (Buy One Get One free) opportunities at local grocery stores. Buy one for yourself; bring the second item to the Barnabas cart in Jim Thomas Hall.

Upcoming Mission Opportunities

- Interfaith Dinner Network at Hope House where FPC feeds the hungry—4th Tuesday
- FPC Team at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life—November 7
- God's Gift Shop—a unique way to honor your friends with donations in their honor
- Operation Christmas Child—shoeboxes of joy for children around the world
- The Salvation Army Christmas Kettle—our own kettle in downtown Fernandina Beach



Young Adult Game Night

Please bring a dessert or light appetizer as we share games, fun and fellowship
Sunday, October 11 at 6:00pm
Pete & Amy Wilking's
1551 Lisa Ave (north end of island)
 Rsvp amy@azaleum.com or 277-3886
Childcare provided at church
for ages 10 and under
with reservation by Thurs, Oct 8th

1st Café Fellowship

Gather around the table with friends and families for heart warming nourishment and delicious food at 5:30 P.M.

October 7th - October 21st
 (No dinner Oct. 28th - WOC Bazaar Set-up)

Weekly 1st Café Dinners:
 (with reservations)

Adults/Youth--\$7.00 each
 Children--\$3.00 each (11 and under)
 Family--\$20.00

Four ways to participate:

1. Call in your reservation to the church of-fice each week by Monday@ 4:30 P.M.
2. Sign up between services on Sunday.
3. Sign up at dinner each week.
4. Pay at the door \$1.00 more without reservations.

MACGOBERFEST at the Bowling's Barn

Thursday, October 15th,
 the MACs will gather
 at the country home
 of Mike and Charlotte Bowling
 on the Bell River
 for a Brats and Burgers Cook-out
 and live musical entertainment,
 the likes of which you've never seen before.
 Don't miss this special opportunity to enjoy
 the Bowling's fabulous Party Barn
 -the Sugar Shack, the lake,
 and the turning of the leaves!
 Cost is \$10.00 per person.
 Reservations by Thursday, Oct. 8th.
 We will car pool from the church at 10:30 a.m.

What Are You Doing Over Spring Break?

Families and youth are invited to a ski trip to Estes Park, Colorado, during spring break week - April 5 - 9. If you are interested in this trip and would like more information, contact Wade Preston, our Director of Youth and Families, at 261-3827 to reserve your space.



Youth Sunday in November

Youth Sunday will take place on Sunday, November 8 at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services. There will be no contemporary Worship service on that day. Youth should plan to be at the church from 9 to noon on Saturday, November 7 for a practice. After the 11 a.m. Youth Sunday service, youth will go to lunch at Peppers.

"You'll Find Jesus There!"

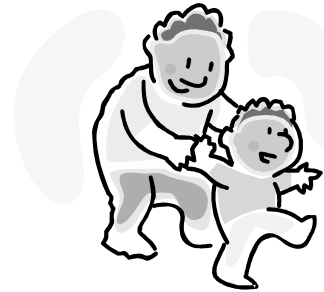
"Tomorrow morning," the surgeon began, "I'll open up your heart ... " *"You'll find Jesus there," the boy interrupted.* The surgeon looked up, annoyed. "I'll cut your heart open," he continued, "to see how much damage has been done ... " *"But when you open up my heart, you'll find Jesus in there."* The surgeon looked to the parents. "When I see how much damage has been done, I'll sew your heart and chest back up and I'll plan what to do next. *"But you'll find Jesus in my heart. The Bible says He lives there. The hymns all say He lives there. You'll find Him in my heart."* The surgeon had had enough. "I'll tell you what I'll find in your heart. I'll find damaged muscle, low blood supply, and weakened vessels. And I'll find out if I can make you well." *"You'll find Jesus there too. He lives there."* After the surgery, the surgeon sat in his office, recording his notes from the surgery, " ... damaged aorta, damaged pulmonary vein, widespread muscle degeneration. No hope for transplant, no hope for cure. Therapy: painkillers and bed rest. Prognosis:," here he paused, "death within one year." He stopped the recorder, but there was more to be said. "Why?" he asked aloud. "Why did You do this? You've put him here; You've put him in this pain; and You've cursed him to an early death. Why?" The Lord answered and said, "The boy, My lamb, was not meant for your flock for long, for he is a part of My flock, and will forever be. Here, in My flock, he will feel no pain, and will be comforted as you cannot imagine. His parents will one day join him here, and they will know peace, and My flock will continue to grow." The surgeon's tears were hot, but his anger was hotter. "You created that boy, and You created that heart. He'll be dead in months. Why?" The Lord answered, "The boy, My lamb, shall return to My flock, for he has done his duty: I did not put My lamb with your flock to lose him, but to retrieve another lost lamb." The surgeon wept. The surgeon sat beside the boy's bed; the boy's parents sat across from him. The boy awoke and whispered, "Did you cut open my heart?" "Yes," said the surgeon. "What did you find?" asked the boy. "I found Jesus there," said the surgeon.

New Brown Bag Bible Study

Exciting news! Get to know Esther during our Fall session of Brown Bag Bible Study. We meet in JTH every Thursday at noon, and will be studying the Beth Moore Esther materials for the next 9 weeks, beginning October 1. Study materials cost \$20 and are available at the church. Join Pastor Doug and the rest of us to learn more about the life and faith of this very strong Old Testament woman.

MOM,ME Playgroup

MOM,ME meets every Wednesday morning 9:30 - 11 a.m. in Noah's Place. MOM,ME is a delightful and interesting group of moms and children growing and nurturing, networking and socializing, sharing and caring with all who come. This gathering of moms and children meets year round. Spread the word. This ministry is open to the public. No reservations are needed, just drop in. Park your stroller out front. You never know who might stop by with a guitar and a song.

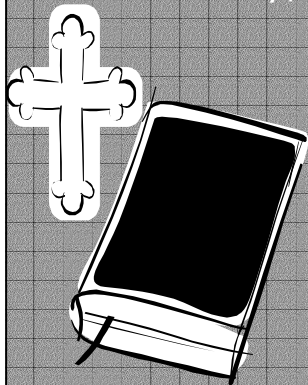


AARP Driving Class

The last AARP Safe Driving class for this year in our area will be held on October 26 and 27 from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Jim Thomas Hall. Refresh your driving skills and update your knowledge of new traffic law changes. You can learn to compensate for reduced eyesight, hearing loss, and reaction time.

You can also save on your car insurance. The cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for others. Call 261-3837 to register. Reverend Bert Swearingen, a certified instructor, will be teaching. Call now as class size is limited.

Children's Sabbath is Sunday, October 18th



Third through Fifth grade students will be presented Bibles during the 11:00a.m. Traditional Worship service. With these Bibles, students will begin a new curriculum, **Footsteps:**

Tools for learning,

in addition to our regular KIDMO Sunday School program.

Footsteps, led by Charlotte Collins, will teach all of the books of the Bible and assist children in becoming comfortable with its use. Adults had better sharpen up their knowledge of the Bible as our young students will be challenging you.

Church Plans Two Trips in 2010

The church is planning two trips in the summer of 2010. If you are interested in one or both of these trips, please contact the church as soon as you can.

- **The Holy Land: June 10-20, 2010**
We invite you to join us for a once-in-a-lifetime experience to see the places where Jesus walked, taught, and lived His earthly life. This journey is not simply about seeing historical sights but is also about experiencing our Lord's earthly existence in such a way that your own life may be dramatically changed.
- **Oberammergau: July 10-20, 2010**
Join us as we travel to Oberammergau, a Bavarian village in Germany famous for its production every ten years of the Passion Play, which depicts the life and death of Jesus Christ. This trip offers opportunities to enjoy the beauty of the area as well as learn about the traditions surrounding the play honoring the life of Christ.



Our Children's Church program for Kindergarten through 2nd grade is being led by different adults each week through the end of the year. We are so pleased by the generous response we have received to our request to staff this important ministry of our church.

Developing the worship skills and instilling the stories of the Bible in the hearts of children is the responsibility of every Christian as we have made our promises at their baptism. Parents, please express your appreciation to these sainted servants:

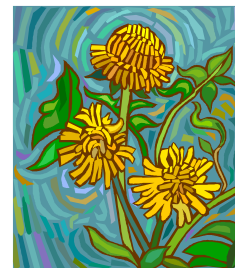
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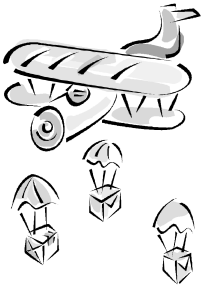
- Oct 4 **Doris Holloway**
- Oct 11 **Dina & Roger Martin**
- Oct 18 **Martha Ann Siegling**
- Oct 25 **Reg & Michelle Goshert**

Our Preschool Children's Church program continues to be lovingly led by Shirley Owens and Kim Scheele in Noah's Place every week.

Flower Calendar

- October 4th - Ann and Dan Kirby in honor of 54 years of marriage. Jim Shaw in loving memory of his wife, Audrey Shaw.
- October 11th - Barbara Burton in loving memory of her husband, Marv Burton.
- October 18th - Betty Long, Jimmy Long and Beth Richey in loving memory of her husband and their father, James L. Long.
- October 25th - The Hardee Girls in loving memory of their parents, Suzanne and Bill Hardee.





Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

Do you have a passion to share the good news of the gospel and spread God's love to those in need? Then we have the ideal mission project for you! You can be an evangelist as well as a missionary without ever leaving home. This year will be the fifth year our congregation has been involved in wrapping, packing, and sending shoeboxes to needy and hurting children all around the world.

The Lord is using Operation Christmas Child to bring not only children but their families and their communities to Himself by touching hearts with Christmas joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ. Here is just one example of how the Lord is transforming hearts and souls for eternity:

In 2008, shoe box gifts were delivered to the children of inmates at a prison in Mongolia. The team who brought them, told the children about God's greatest gift, Jesus Christ, and taught them worship songs. Hearing the Gospel convicted the guards of their own need for a Savior. One of the guards said, "At first we thought this was good for the prisoners. We didn't think we needed to hear the message, but now we realize that we are sinners too and we want to know more about Jesus."

Headquartered in North Carolina, Samaritan's Purse, sponsors Operation Christmas Child and encourages you to be involved in the life-changing project in 2009. We pray that you will help bring God's love to those whom Jesus refers to

as "the least of these" by wrapping and filling shoe boxes which will be given to children who have been traumatized by famines, war, and natural disasters.

Let's wrap some shoeboxes and fill them with things that will delight a child who may not receive anything else for Christmas! Every family in our church should fill at least one shoebox this year. Certainly, we can afford to do that and more. Christmas is still a long way off (thank goodness), but we must act now to make sure that sweet children whom God loves receive something special from Christians around the world. Pick up a shoebox in JTH or dump out some shoes at home and take your box to the store and see how many wonderful things you can cram inside!!

If you have children, have each of them fill a shoebox with gifts that they would like to have. This is a wonderful experience for families to demonstrate, love, caring, sacrifice and generosity. What a lesson for every age. Be the hands and feet of Christ.

Handbell Ringers Wanted

Have you wanted to try out handbell ringing? Now is your opportunity. If you would like to learn how to ring handbells, please contact Gabriella Stegmann at gabidelasca@yahoo.com or Barbara Hooper at barbarahooper@bellsouth.net. Knowing how to read music is not a requirement for handbell ringing, just a desire to make a joyful noise! In the next few weeks there will be a "Learn to Ring" workshop and you are invited to participate.

Out of the Saltshaker

Left Behind? What does the Bible really say about the End Times?

In November the Saltshakers Sunday school class will begin a 6 part study using Dr. D. James Kennedy's CD series, An Historical Perspective on the End Times. If you are interested in this study, please contact Sally Ericksen (261-2329 or ericksenw@bellsouth.net) so an adequate number of study guides can be ordered. All are welcome!



Theologian in Residence-2009

Dr. Thomas G. Long

Bandy Professor of Preaching, Candler School of Theology, Emory University



The Christian Education Committee is pleased to announce that the Rev. Dr. Tom Long will be our Theologian in Residence for Reformation Weekend, October 23-25, 2009. Dr. Long and his wife, Kim, will be welcomed with a dinner at the

home of Roger and Dina Martin on Friday evening. Saturday morning the session will be invited to enjoy breakfast with our Theologian in Residence at 9:00 a.m. in Jim Thomas Hall.

Dr. Long will present his seminar, "Riddles, Puzzles, and Paradoxes: The Parables of Jesus" at 10:00a.m. in the ANCHOR. The congregation as well as the community is invited to participate in this event. Please make your reservations early as seating will be limited. Dr. Long will deliver the morning message at both traditional services on Sunday, October 25th. Please greet him during the coffee hour at

a special reception in his honor.

The Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Long is the Bandy Professor of Preaching at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, and the author or editor of 14 books on preaching and worship. He is ordained in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). He is the chair of the Day 1 Advisory Board, comprised of leading preachers, scholars, and other leaders.

Dr. Long received his BA and M.Div. from Erskine Seminary and his Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1980. He began his career as a preacher at McElroy Presbyterian Church near Atlanta, GA and since that time has taught at a number of seminaries, including Princeton, Columbia, and Candler.

In 1996, Dr. Long was named one of the twelve most effective preachers in the English speaking world by Baylor University, along with the likes of Fred Craddock, Billy Graham, James Forbes, Barbara Brown Taylor and William Willimon. He was ordained by the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and currently his ordination is held by the PCUSA.

Dr. Long's research interests are homiletical theory and biblical hermeneutics and preaching. He also is doing research on the theology and practice of Christian funerals.



On World Communion Sunday, Christians from around the world gather in worship to partake of the elements of bread and wine in remembrance and celebration of the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is also the time to bear witness to the unity of Christians everywhere as we seek to live out Christ's command to work for justice and peace in a world that is deeply divided in conflict

and war. As we gather on this Lord's Day, let us remember and pray for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s 165 partner communions and other organizations worldwide who will be receiving Communion. Whether in theory or practice, Christ calls us into a new way of thinking and acting as we are called to work for justice and peace in the world.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES 8:30a Early Morning Worship 9:30a Coffee Break 9:50a Sunday School 11:00a Traditional & Contemporary Worship 12:15p Sr. High Lunch & Bible Study				1 12p Brown Bag Study 2:30p Pres. Women Comm 6:30p Sr High Thursday Night Thing	2 9a-4p Acts 16:5 @ Camp Montgomery Member Care Winner's Pizza Party	3
4 World Communion Sunday 12:15p Sr High Lunch & Bible Study	5 4p Christian Ed 5p Teen CBS 6:15p Communication 6:30p Youth Comm 8:30p CBS Prayer Grp	6 7:30a Prayer for Youth In Faith Cafe 12p Service of Healing 4p Member Care 5p Mission	7 9:30a MOM,ME 4p Handbells 4:30p Worship 5:30p 1st Café Dinner 6:15p Middle School, Adult & Child. program 7p Choir	8 12p Brown Bag Study 6:30p Presbyterian Men's Dinner-JTH	9	10
11 12p Evangelism Comm 12:15p Sr High Lunch & Bible Study 6:30p Youth Sunday Night Live	12 5p Teen CBS 8:30p CBS Prayer Grp	13 7:30a Prayer for Youth In Faith Cafe 6p Property Comm	14 9:30a MOM,ME 4p Handbells 5:30p 1st Café Dinner 6:15p Middle School, Adult & Children's programs 7p Choir	15 11a MACs Oktoberfest 12p Brown Bag Study 6:30p Sr High Thursday Night Thing	16 7:30p New Member Reception at the Siegling's	17 8:30a-12:30p FREED UP FINANCIAL SEMINAR PART 1
					Theologian in Residence Theologian in Residence	
18 Children's Sabbath 9:50a New Member's Class 12:15p Sr High Lunch & Bible Study 6:30p Sunday Night Live	19 5p Teen CBS 8:30p CBS Prayer Grp	20 7:30a Prayer for Youth In Faith Cafe 4p Finance Comm 5:45p Deacons 7p Session	21 9:30a MOM,ME 4p Handbells 5:30p 1st Café Dinner 6:15p Middle School, Adult & Children's programs 7p Choir	22 12p Brown Bag Study 3-5p Wrap & Pack Party for Operation Christmas Child-JTH 6:30p Sr High Thursday Night Thing	23 Christian Education Committee Dinner for Dr. & Mrs. Tom Long	24 9a Session Breakfast 10a Seminar—Dr. Long "Riddles, Puzzles, and Paradoxes: The Parables of Jesus" in the ANCHOR
Theologian in Residence		26 8:45 - 1p AARP Driving Class 5p Teen CBS 8:30p CBS Prayer Grp	27 7:30a Prayer for Youth 8:45 - 1p AARP Driving Class 	28 9:30a MOM,ME 4p Handbells 7p Choir	29 12p Brown Bag Study 6:30p Sr High Thursday Night Thing	30 FALL BAZAAR
Reformation Sunday Dr. Thomas G. Long At 8:30 & 11a Worship 12:15p - Sr. High Lunch						



Congratulations to Jennifer Tinsley, who was baptized in The Anchor on Sunday, September 20 and to Jareth Rush Lir Flynn, son of Katie Flynn, who was baptized on Sunday, September 27.



Interested in becoming a church member? Join the new member's class, which will be held on

October 18, November 1, and November 8 at 9:50 a.m. in the church parlor. These classes will be led by Dr. Ganyo and Dr. Siegling.

**"So the churches were strengthened in faith and increased in numbers daily."
Acts 16:5**