

PASTOR'S COLUMN

As you may know, Meg and I have been preaching a series of sermons this summer on the Ten Commandments. Next Sunday, I will be preaching on the Eighth Commandment: **“You shall not steal.”**

Back in May, 1987, Ted Koppel delivered the Commencement Address at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. In that address, Mr. Koppel said:

“What Moses brought down from Mt. Sinai were not the Ten Suggestions. They are commandments. Are, not were.”

In her novel, “The Country Of The Pointed Firs,” Sarah Orne Jewel writes about a woman noticing a number of painted wooden stakes around the property of a retired sea captain, Elijah Tilley. The woman asks the captain why those wooden stakes are driven in the ground. Tilley tells her that when he first bought the farm and plowed the ground, every once in a while his plow would snag on a large rock underneath the surface of the ground. These snags not only slowed his progress, but also dulled his plow. So he put up stakes to show where the underground rocks were located, so he could avoid them. That’s what the Ten Commandments are all about... God has said these are trouble spots (like stealing) in life. Avoid these and you won’t as easily snag your plow. And young people, if you are wondering why your parents put so many restrictions on you, remember – they are trying to help you avoid some snags, some trouble spots.

One of the fathers of Presbyterianism, John Calvin, said there were three basic functions of the law.

- (1) The first was a very practical use: to prevent anarchy.
- (2) The second was to expose the depth of our sin and to remind us all of our need of God’s grace.
- (3) And the third use of the law was to give us direction in how we are called to live.

I hope our sermons this summer are exposing our need of God’s grace and giving us direction in how we live.

EDUCATION NEWS

Welcome to Sunday School!

Now is a great time to come, or come back, to Sunday School. Many of our classes are beginning new units within the next few weeks. We offer children’s classes for Preschool, Kindergarten-1st grade, 2nd-3rd grade, and 4th-5th grade. For youth, we have a Middle School Class, and a Sr. High Class. Adults can choose from six classes, including Men’s, Women’s, and Singles. Classes meet each Sunday from 9:30 – 10:30, between the two worship services. For more information on any of our classes, contact Meg.

Promotion Sunday – August 12

Children, youth and parents (as well as any other adults who would like to join us) are invited to a **Sunday School Promotion** ceremony in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. New teachers will be introduced and parents and students will have the opportunity to visit their classrooms.

Children’s Church

We are in need of a new coordinator for the coming year. The Children’s Church coordinator is responsible for scheduling parents to lead Children’s Church each week, and distributing any videos/activities needed. Please speak to Meg if you are interested.

Here are ways to exercise when you don’t have time....

- Talk to people in person instead of using the phone.
- Park far enough away from your workplace that you walk more.
- Walk during a portion of your lunch break.
- If there is a place for privacy near your work place do 15 minutes of working out.
- Persuade co-workers to walk with you during lunch.
- Advocate developing an office exercise facility.
- Exercise when away from work.
- Walk while playing golf.
- Walk your dog.
- Tend a garden of flowers.
- Walk to stores if possible, or walk in the malls.
- Find a group of friends that like to walk.

(source: Courier-Journal Mary Smith, Wellness Comm.)

YOUTH NEWS

Sunday, August 12, 12 Noon – Youth Leadership Team Training

Sunday, August 19, 6 p.m. – Youth/Parent Covered Dish Dinner

Bring a covered dish, and come join us as we plan for the year to come. We need your ideas and volunteer support!

Thank You!

To Jane Werner and Kitty Lambert for chaperoning the Braves game/Mercy Me concert!

Youth Ministry Seeks Youth Director!

The Youth Ministry is now accepting applications for the position of Youth Director. The Youth Director works with the Youth Ministry and volunteers in leading a program which gives youth the opportunity to develop in the areas of faith, community, worship and service. This half-time position includes hours on Sunday and Wednesday evenings, as well as occasional Saturday events and weekend retreats.

This position is open to church members, as well as to others. If you are interested, applications and job description are available from the Church Office. Also, please help us spread the word to anyone you know who might be interested. Contact Meg at mclark@newnanpres.org or 770-253-4405 or Youth Chair, Tonie Mann, at 770-251-8798.

Mission and Outreach

August Mission Offering - - Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering

The Mission Offering for August will be received this Sunday, August 12th. This Mission Offering will go to the **Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering**.

In 1922, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Woman's Auxiliary (PCUS), it was decided that an offering should be made for a definite cause. That same year, Hallie Paxson Winsborough, superintendent of women's work, visited Miss Dowd's School for Girls in Kochi, Japan. Realizing the school's needs, she challenged members of the Women's Auxiliary to give one penny for each year of their life as a birthday gift to the school. Over the years, that tradition has become known as the Birthday Offering. Presbyterian Women have given more than \$29 million in support of mission projects throughout the world.

Coweta Community Food Pantry

320-C Temple Ave
Newnan, GA 30263
678-602-2189 cowetacommunityfoodpantry@yahoo.com
Located inside: One Roof Ecumenical Alliance Outreach

Needs:

Cereal, Grits, Oatmeal, jiffy corn bread mix, peanut butter, jelly, canned spaghetti sauce, spaghetti pasta, mac & cheese, instant potatoes, evaporated milk, juice, tea, sugar, corn, green beans, sweet peas, beans, peas, white potatoes, yams/sweet potatoes, greens(collards/turnips/spinach), tomatoes, tomato sauce, mixed vegetables, fruit, tuna, salmon, canned meat

Requested items:

Toilet tissue, paper towels, bar soap, toothpaste, shaving cream, disposable razors, lotion, shampoo, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, feminine products, disposable diapers, trash bags

From January – June, 2007, the Coweta Community Food Pantry served 566 families, including 1,977 men, women and children in our area. Dick and Donna Mattke coordinate our volunteer efforts at the Food Pantry. Thanks to all who support, directly and indirectly, this local mission!

ChrisCare

New ChristCare Groups coming soon!

Beginning this fall, we will offer two new groups, as well as two on-going groups. Look for a sign-up in your bulletin beginning August 19! If you are looking for a way to connect more deeply with others in the congregation and to grow in your faith, be sure to take advantage of these opportunities!

Wednesday Morning Prayer Group

Meeting: Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Wesley Woods.

Leader: Harry Barrow

Mission: Prayer for the church and world

Summertime Spirituality

Meeting: Thursday, 4:15 – 5:45, August 9, Conference Room 225

Leader: Meg Jackson Clark

We are using "The Road Home: Images for the Spiritual Journey" by Sara Juengst.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

All items to be printed in the newsletter must be submitted to the church office by 4:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to the preparation and mailing of the newsletter. Newsletter length is limited to two pages, front and back. Submissions may be edited for length and/or held until a later issue

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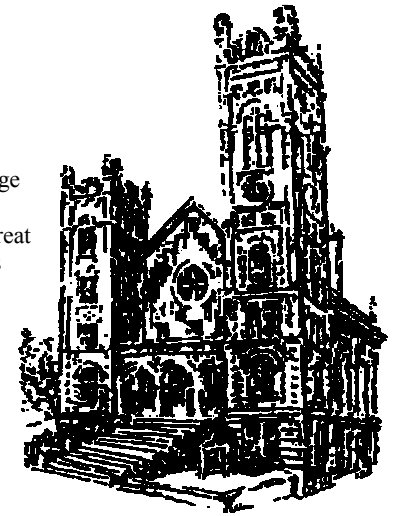
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Organized 1828

179 Years of Heritage
1828-2007

Surrounded by so great
a cloud of witnesses



Mission Statement

Newnan Presbyterian Church

“The mission of the Newnan Presbyterian Church family, having been baptized into the faith through the power of the Holy Spirit, is to

- Strive** to worship faithfully and passionately,
- Commit** to sharing our faith and God-given gifts with our fellow human beings,
- Promise** to strengthen and grow in faith and in number through prayer, worship, study, and fellowship, and
- Respond** to Christ by working for love, justice, and truth in the world in gratitude for the gift of God's forgiving, redeeming, and eternal grace.”

CHURCH WIDE EVENTS

Website...

Please be sure to check out our new website at newnanpres.org. You can also find a calendar of events there. If you would like to receive the Newsletter on line instead of by snail mail, then please get in touch with Linda at the Church Office. The Directory is now also on line. Check it out the next time you visit our website!

FLOWER CALENDAR

The Flower Calendar is on the door of the break room (the room next to Dr. Barrow's Office) in the office annex of the building. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary on a Sunday in 2007, please sign your name on the calendar or call Linda at 770-253-4405.

Care Giver News

Are you an adult offering care to an aging parent or relative? It is difficult to deal with the role reversal. The care giver becomes the care receiver and vice versa.

Like each phase of our lives we have to learn new skills to survive and cope with the changes. Those changes are physical, mental and emotional. But we can cope with any and all of these with prayer and the support of a loving family.

If you are feeling the stress of being a care-giver or you are having a rough time dealing with the role reversal join us. Maybe you are simply having a hard time conveying to those who are not caregivers exactly what you are going through. We are all caregivers and can relate to you. We are not judgmental and what you say stays with the group.

Caring for the Caregiver Support Group

Tuesday, August 28, 2007 @ 7 p.m.

The Georgian Place, 335 Millard Farmer Ind. Blvd.

Lunch & Learn

"Depression & Aging"

Thursday, August 30, 2007 @ 10:30-12

Cambridge House, 2687 Hwy. 154

PRESBYTERY NEWS

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN EDUCATOR TODAY

Saturday, August 25, 2007, 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

4882 LaVista Rd., Tucker, GA 30085

The Committee to Combat Racism of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta invites you to a discussion of the current issues involved in public education on Saturday, August 25. We will have guest speakers, a panel and small group discussion. The speakers are Dr. Ralph Simpson, Principal of Miller Grove High School and the Rev. Arthur Carson, and the panelists will represent a wide range of interests and groups in public education. To register or get more information, call 404-378-6284. Lunch will be provided for a cost of \$5, and please pre-register in order to help plan for lunch. Deadline is Wednesday, August 22nd.

Plan to get with us as we begin a discussion on where education is today, where it needs to go, and how to get there!

Who We Are As Presbyterians...

Theology is a way of thinking about God and God's relation to the world. Reformed theology evolved during the 16th century religious movement known as the Protestant Reformation. It emphasizes God's supremacy over everything and humanity's chief purpose as being to glorify and enjoy God forever.

In its confessions, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) expresses the faith of the Reformed tradition. Central to this tradition is the affirmation of the majesty, holiness, and providence of God who creates, sustains, rules, and redeems the world in the freedom of sovereign righteousness and love. Related to this central affirmation of God's sovereignty are other great themes of the Reformed tradition:

- The election of the people of God for service as well as for salvation; God chooses us before we chose him...
- Covenant life marked by a disciplined concern for order in the church according to the Word of God;
- A faithful stewardship that shuns ostentation and seeks proper use of the gifts of God's creation;
- The recognition of the human tendency to idolatry and tyranny, which calls the people of God to work for the transformation of society by seeking justice and living in obedience to the Word of God. (Book of Order, G-2.0500)

(From the Newsletter of West Point Presbyterian Church)

WORSHIP

Coming Up in Worship

Sunday, August 12

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Harry Barrow, preaching

"The Eighth Commandment – You shall not steal"

Sunday, August 19

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Meg Jackson Clark, preaching

"The Ninth Commandment – You shall not bear false witness"

Sunday, August 26

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Meg Jackson Clark, preaching

"The Tenth Commandment - You shall not covet"

Music by Lynn Huffstickler & Lowry Welch Class

ORGAN FUND BEGUN

An anonymous donor has made a gift to the "Organ Fund," for the purpose of making needed repairs to our organ. If you would like to give to this fund, please indicate "Organ Fund" on your check.

Interested in the Choir?...

Please help the music ministry to plan for the upcoming school year. With a new bell choir being formed and many new children and youth moving into new age groups, THIS YEAR IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO PRE REGISTER for all choirs except Calvin's Crew and the Sanctuary Choir. Please fill out a separate form for each attendee. Forms can be put in the offering plate or in Marian Steed's box or mailed to the church to arrive no later than August 26th

Youth Ensemble (For grades 6-12, rehearses on Sundays, 5 PM, beginning August 12th)

Children's Choirs (For ages 3 through 5th grade rehearse at 5:30 or 5:45, beginning in mid September)

Bell Choir (For teens who read music and adults with some training, rehearsal time to be determined by popular vote, beginning in mid September)

Name _____
Choir(s) you are registering for _____
Address _____
Phone number(s) _____
Email _____
For Children and Youth only: Age _____
Grade _____
Parents' names _____

WE ARE PRAYING FOR:

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mattke (Donna)
15 Stonebridge Way, Newnan, GA 30265, 770-573-7078

Mr. & Mrs. Mark McClanahan (Kristi)
364 Lake Forest Dr., Newnan, GA 30265, 678-423-1117

ASHLEY GLEN HOME – Peachtree City, GA

Mrs. Ann Preston

THE ATRIA – Marietta, GA

Mrs. Laelius Davis

NEWNAN HOSPITAL NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER

Mrs. Beulah Denney – (Mother-In-Law of Linda Denney)

Mrs. Marjorie Vincent – (Mother of Phil Vincent)

CALVIN’S COURT – Atlanta, GA

Mrs. Shirley Dudley

SAVANNAH COURT – Newnan, GA

Mrs. Mildred Chambers

Miss Dot Clark

Mrs. Dena Osborn – (Mother-In-Law of Dick James)

SOUTHLAND NURSING HOME – Peachtree City, GA

Mrs. Annie Langley – (Mother of Roberta Avery and Bobby Langley)

GEORGIAN PLACE – Newnan, GA

Mr. Evan Bowyer

Mrs. Phil Freeburg

WEDGEWOOD AT WESLEY WOODS- Newnan, GA

Mr. Alan Ferguson

Mrs. Dora Holl

Mrs. Sally Howard

Mr. Bill Jones

Mrs. Olivia Murphy

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Owen (Jettie)

Dr. June Plachy

Mrs. Josephine Powers

MISSIONARIES – Bolivia, South America

The Rev Mr. & Mrs. George Haugen (Jeanne), Victoria, Charis,

Michaela, Will

HOME

Mrs. Beverly Barczak

Mr. Brooks Burkhart

Mrs. Ginny Chiostergi

Mr. Kenny Coggin

Mrs. Judy Harper, Tray, Amy & Anna – Stepmother of Jennifer Dreyer

Mr. Dan Holl

Mrs. Susan Jackson

Mrs. Jane Keith

Mrs. Margaret Kilgore

Mr. Bobby Langley

Mrs. Regina Lee

The Family of Mr. Willie Orr – (Friend of the Barrows)

Mr. Chris Pope – (Son of Allen and Lena Pope)

Mrs. Dianne Wade

Mrs. Jennifer Williams

OUT OF TOWN

Mrs. Shirley Barrett – (Cousin of Lucille Matthews), Chicago, IL

Miss Emma Falk – (Friend of Pat Flanigan), Rochester, NY

Mrs. Elizabeth Howard – (Mother of Kitty Lambert), Albany, GA

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keily (Margot) – (Brother & Sister-in-Law of Lena Pope), Franklin, TN

Miss Sophie Ann Kivett – (Teenage daughter of Rev. Dr. Dave Kivett, Pastor of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Atlanta), Jacksonville, FL

Mrs. Danielle McCowan – (Daughter of Dick and Donna Mattke), Lexington, SC

Mrs. Janelle Siegel – (Aunt of Kim Wise), McDonough, GA

Mr. Walter Stone – (Grandfather of Lissa Rand), East Alabama Medical Center, Opelika, AL

NPC MILITARY PERSONNEL

Mr. Alex Doughty, Mr. Drew Doughty, GY. Sgt. Glenn Jackson, Sergeant

Michael E. Jackson, PV2 Kevin Kookogey, Dr. Eric Mitchell, Dr. George

Renison, Mr. Stephen Seawright, Tech. Sergeant Randal Shutt, Chief Warrant

Officer Peter Sullivan, Special Forces Training, Fort Campbell, KY

PRAYER LIST NEXT WEEK

Miss Anne McCollough

1038 Jimmie Stevens Rd., Dublin, GA 310211023

Mr. & Mrs. Larry McDonald (Christine), Charlotte, Madeline

279 Cobblestone Cove, Sharpsburg, GA 30277, 770-304-9472

OFFICER VISITATION:

8. Joe Cook

9. Kay Crosby

10. Larry Harkleroad

11. Jim Hutchinson

12. Barbara Kookogey

13. Kitty Lambert

14. Phil Mallon

15. Tonie Mann

16. Dee Smith

17. Audrey Spragins

18. Haydon Stanley

19. Nancy Teller

20. Brian Thomas

21. Nan Troutman

22. Mark Werner

23. Kim Wise

Elders of the Month: Mark Werner, Roy Yancey

Deacon of the Month: Jan Bowyer

Ushers – Jan Bowyer, Captain; 8:30 - Jan Bowyer, Dabo Davis, Phil Mallon,

Clarence Jackson; 11:00 - Jan & Tim Bowyer, Nancy Ballard, Dick Zechiel,

John Gray, Nancy Howard, Steve Griswold, Carol & Buzz Flannigan

NPC People and Happenings

Welcome New Members

O Sunday, July 29, 2007, two new members joined the Newnan Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Ann Beegle, of 848 Copeland Rd., Newnan, GA 30263, phone 770-254-0947, joined by transfer of letter from the Andrews Chapel United Methodist Church. Ann is a Registered Nurse but since moving to Newnan she is a homemaker, and she also is involved in a number of volunteer organizations. Ann’s son, Mr. Tyler Beddoe, also joined by transfer of letter from the Andrews’ Chapel United Methodist Church. Tyler recently graduated from Elon Univerity, and he will soon be moving to the Los Angeles area, where he will be working with the Daniel Hoff Agency in the commercial side of this casting and talent agency. We welcome Anne and Tyler to the fellowship and mission of Newnan Presbyterian Church!

Presbyterian Women Promotion Sunday -- August 26th

Did you know that every woman at NPC is a member of Presbyterian Women? Not sure what PW is all about? Stop by the Coffee Room on **Sunday, August 26th** and find out ! Members of our Coordinating Team will be on hand to answer questions and tell you about our Circle Groups, mission projects and other special events that we host. We want **YOU** to become more involved with PW this year!

Laura Thomas

Moderator, Presbyterian Women

OOPS!!

Our apologies are extended to Maggie and Ellie Crosby. Their birthdays were left off the “Birthday Calendar” for the month of August. Maggie’s birthday is August 23rd and Ellie’s is August 29th. Ellie and Maggie, we’re so sorry we omitted your birthdays! Hope you both have a very “Happy Birthday!”