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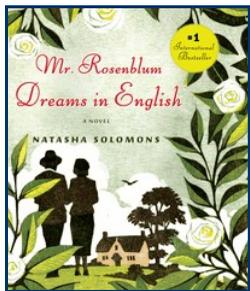
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## BOOK GROUP NEWS

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 8TH, 6:30 P.M.**

The Book Group has a change of meeting time due to a conflict. This change is for one time only. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8th, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sue Taylor, and is open to all women who enjoy reading and discussing books.

The MAY selection is: "Mr. Rosenblum Dreams in English," by Natasha Solomons.



"A journey marked by both heartache and charm - - - Solomons creates a world that is poignant, brutal, but also blessedly comic in its depiction of any small town - - - drawing on her grandparents' own postwar experience in England, Solomons honors the wrenching task of recreating a life, but through a tale that is never far from being utterly charming in its proper English pluck."  
*(Kim Ode, Minneapolis Star Tribune)*

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT: SUE TAYLOR, BOOK GROUP CHAIR**

## Welcome to Golden Isles Presbyterian Church!

Golden Isles is a church that is resolved, as the Apostle Paul said, to know nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified. What we mean by that is that we are a community seeking to discover more of just how amazing the love of God is, as we see it in the Gospel. We long to be a congregation of people in awe of the love of God, who then take the Good News of that love to the world around us. We are glad you are here, and we hope that you will find that there is a place for you at Golden Isles as we worship Christ together.

For those of you with young children we offer Children's Church – children meet their teacher at the back of the room, during the Offering. A nursery is available, which can be found to your left as you exit the sanctuary.

If you are visiting today, please introduce yourself to us by filling in a Visitor Information Card, which you should find in the bulletin. These cards simply help us to know who you are, and how we can best serve you.

**TRUE TO THE BIBLE, THE REFORMED FAITH,  
AND OBEDIENT TO THE GREAT COMMISSION.**

\*those who are able,  
please stand.

## The Lord's Day Morning Worship

April 22, 2012 · 10:30 a.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

“Our soul waits for the LORD;  
He is our help and our shield.

For our heart is glad in Him,  
because we trust in His holy name.”

- Psalm 33:20

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Interlude

### \*Call to Worship

Isaiah 40:28

“The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable.”

### \*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### \*Hymn, “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

No. 38

The Invocation  
is to acknowledge  
that our worship  
is in vain if it is not  
Spirit-inspired.

## · THIS WEEK AT GIPC ·

<b>Sunday, April 22</b>	<b>Serving Today—</b> <b>Greeters:</b> Jerry and Betty Harrell <b>Ushers:</b> Jerry Harrell <b>Nursery:</b> Connie Reed <b>Children's Church:</b> Sara Brown <i>(Sign up to greet or usher at the back of the sanctuary. To volunteer for Nursery/ Children's Church, please contact Sara Brown.)</i>
<b>Tuesday, April 24</b>	<b>6:00-7:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study— “Women of Faith from the Old Testament”</b> <i>(Dr. Diane Bowen's office)</i>
<b>Wednesday, April 25</b>	<b>9:30-11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study— “Women of Faith from the Old Testament”</b> <i>(GIPC; child care provided.)</i> <b>6:30 p.m. Midweek Prayer Meeting at GIPC—</b> A light supper* is served at 6:30, followed by prayer at 7:00. (*\$3/person, reservations are not required)
<b>Sunday, April 29</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Sunday School— <i>Guest Missionary Joshua Tsavatewa</i></b> <b>10:30 a.m. Morning Worship—</b> Sermon series- <i>I Peter: Strangers in a Foreign Land</i> <b>Fellowship Lunch with Guest Missionary</b> (provided by the Missions Committee) <b>6:00 p.m. Evening Worship—</b> Sermon series- <i>Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration</i>

Sunday, April 29th

### Guest Missionary to speak at GIPC

**Joshua Tsavatewa**, from Macon, GA, serves with *Sacred Road Ministries* among the Yakama people in Washington State. Next Sunday Joshua will share about this ministry during the Adult Sunday School class (9:30 a.m.) and at the Evening Worship service (6:00 p.m.). He will also be available during the Sunday Lunch\*.

\*A **Light Lunch** (provided by the missions committee) will be served after the morning service for anyone interested in speaking with Joshua and learning more about this work. *There is no need to sign up and it is free of charge.*

· GOLDEN ISLES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ·

**Church Staff**

Senior Minister  
TE Alexander S. Brown  
Administrative Assistant  
to the Pastor  
Dorothy Garvin

**Elders**

TE Brannon Bowman (Pastor, Grace Church of the Islands, Savannah)  
RE Dan Reed (Golden Isles Presbyterian Church, St. Simons Island)  
TE Brad Waller (Associate Pastor, Independent Presbyterian Church, Savannah)  
*(TE Teaching Elder; RE Ruling Elder)*

**Adult Sunday School— Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.**

Current study: "The Blossoming of the Church: A Look at the Progress of the Church in the 4th and 5th Centuries" (*Church History, Part 2*). Led by Mr. Brown.

**Bible Reading Plan**

Bible place-keeper cutouts, based on Robert Murray McChyne's calendar for daily readings, are available in the *GIPC Connection* monthly newsletter. This system will take you through the Bible in one year, the Psalms and New Testament twice. *Copies of the newsletter are available online (gipc-pca.org) or in the foyer.*

**Children's Ministry**

GIPC offers a Nursery during the morning and evening worship services for ages 0-3 years. Children's Church is available during the sermon portion of the morning service; children meet in the room adjacent to the Nursery. *Info: see the wall display across from the nursery.*



**Fighter Verses**

Fighter Verses are short passages of Scripture selected to equip the believer in the fight of faith. Weekly Verse cut-outs are available in the monthly edition of the *GIPC Connection*.

**General Fund Financial Update**

Income—Actual (YTD through 4/17): \$60,556  
Income—Budget (YTD through 4/30): \$63,400  
Variance: (\$2,844)

**World Missions/Faith Promise**

GIPC uses the 'Faith Promise' method of giving in order to financially support a number of families involved in U.S. and foreign-based mission work.

The Faith Promise funds are maintained as a separate account from tithes and offerings ("General Fund"); *all such gifts should be designated for "Faith Promise."*

Faith Promise commitments are made each year during the Missions Conference in November. The total amount committed determines the missionary support budget for the following calendar year.

**2012 Faith Promise Commitments: \$36,950—what we are trusting God to provide this year.**

**Faith Promise Receipts YTD through April 1st: \$9,362 or 25%.**

Missionary Newsletters are available in the church foyer. Please use these to provide what missionaries say they need the most—*prayer support*.

**\*Confession of Our Faith (responsive)**

***The Heidelberg Catechism***

*Q & A #40-44*

*"He was crucified, died, and was buried,  
He descended into hell..." (from The Apostles' Creed)*

**Minister: Why did Christ have to go all the way to death?**

**All:** Because God's justice and truth demand it, only the death of God's Son could pay for our sin.

**Minister: Why was He "buried"?**

**All:** His burial testifies that He really died.

**Minister: Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?**

**All:** Our death does not pay the debt of our sins. Rather, it puts an end to our sinning and is our entrance into eternal life.

**Minister: What further advantage do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?**

**All:** Through Christ's death our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with Him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but that instead we may dedicate ourselves as an offering of gratitude to Him.

**Minister: Why does the creed add, "He descended into hell"?**

**All:** To assure me in times of personal crisis and temptation that Christ my Lord, by suffering unspeakable anguish, pain, and terror of soul, especially on the cross but also earlier, has delivered me from the anguish and torment of hell.

*Originating in the mid-16<sup>th</sup> Century, the Heidelberg Catechism is regarded as possibly the most ecumenical and influential of the Reformed Catechisms.*

**\*The Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'n-ly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Scripture Reading**

**II Corinthians 3**  
*(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 965)*

We read through  
whole books of the  
Bible so that we see  
the whole sweep of  
Redemptive History  
as it unfolds  
throughout Scripture.

**\*Hymn, "Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"**

**No. 524**

**Prayer of Confession and Intercession**

*Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Pakistan, India, Bangladesh*

Additional  
information may  
be found at:  
[persecution.com](http://persecution.com)

**Offering**

*Children ages four and five are dismissed to the Kindergarten Room for  
Children's Church. The teacher will meet them at the back of the sanctuary.*

**\*Hymn of Response, "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"**

**No. 500**

**\*Benediction**

We recite the Law of God together to remind ourselves of who our Father is, and what He requires of His children. As Christians we do not believe that we earn anything from God by keeping His commandments, but rather we keep His commandments because we are already fully accepted through the work of Jesus Christ.

We read through whole books of the Bible so that we see the whole sweep of Redemptive History as it unfolds throughout Scripture.

## Reading of the Law of God

**Minister:** God spake all these words, saying, I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

**All:** **Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.**  
**Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.**  
**Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.**  
**Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**  
**Honor thy father and thy mother.**  
**Thou shalt not kill.**  
**Thou shalt not commit adultery.**  
**Thou shalt not steal.**  
**Thou shalt not bear false witness.**  
**Thou shalt not covet.**

Hear also the words of our Lord Jesus, how He saith:  
**Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.**

## Prayer of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

I John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

### \*Hymn of Assurance, “*Not What My Hands Have Done*”

No. 461

## Scripture Reading

Joshua 12

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 188)

## Intercessory Prayer

## Sermon, “*A Private Witness*”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

*I Peter: Strangers in a Foreign Land, Part 11*

Text: I Peter 3:1-7

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,  
pg. 1015

### \*Hymn of Response, “*Take My Life, and Let It Be*”

No. 585

### \*Benediction

## The Lord's Day Evening Worship

April 22, 2012 · 6:00 p.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

“Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,  
on those who hope in His steadfast love.”

- Psalm 33:18



### Proverbs 17:22; 18:10

“A joyful heart is good medicine,  
but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.”  
“The name of the LORD is a strong tower;  
the righteous man runs into it and is safe.”

*GIPC Fighter Verse for the week of April 22, 2012.*

For a complete list please see the latest issue of the  
*GIPC Connection* newsletter, available in the foyer or online  
([gipc-pca.org](http://gipc-pca.org)).

### Missionary Prayer Focus of the Week

Rev. Michael Gordon

Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at  
Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD)

Wife—Chris; Children— Elliot, Elsie, and Ezra

*Info, updates available at:* [scad.ruf.org](http://scad.ruf.org)

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

**Psalm 136:1**

“Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,  
for His steadfast love endures forever.”

### \*Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn of Adoration, “*We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator*” No. 97