

GIPC Membership Class May 18 & 19, 2012

The GIPC New Members Class is being offered the weekend of May 18th and 19th and is open to all those who are interested in becoming a member of GIPC, or who simply want to know more about what membership entails.

Over the course of Friday evening (6pm-8pm) and Saturday morning (9am-12pm) we will study the membership vows which all members must take, in order to understand what they require and the implications that they have for us, once we become members.

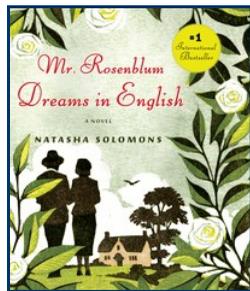
Please notify Alexander Brown or the church office by Sunday, May 13th, if you are planning to attend.

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 29, 2012 - 10:30 a.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

“Whoever finds his life will lose it,
and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.”

- Matthew 10:39

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 100

Minister: **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!**
 Serve the Lord with gladness!
 Come into His presence with singing!
 Know that the Lord, He is God!

Congregation: It is He who made us, and we are His;
 we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
 Enter His gates with thanksgiving,
 and His courts with praise!
 Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

All: **For the Lord is good;**
 His steadfast love endures forever,
 and His faithfulness to all generations.

· THIS WEEK AT GIPC ·

Sunday, April 29	Serving Today— Greeting: Sharon Bolin Ushering: Jerry Harrell Nursery: Sara Brown Children's Church: <i>(The sign-up sheet for greeting and ushering is located at the back of the sanctuary. To volunteer for Nursery or Children's Church, please contact Sara Brown.)</i>
Tuesday, May 1	<i>(There will be no Ladies Bible Studies this week. The Book Group will meet next Tuesday, May 8th. Please see page 12 for details.)</i>
Wednesday, May 2	6:30 p.m. Midweek Prayer Meeting at GIPC— A light supper* is served at 6:30, followed by prayer at 7:00. (*\$3/person, reservations are not required)
Thursday, May 3	6:1st Annual Observance—National Day of Prayer <i>(To learn more about the history of this special day, events taking place throughout the nation, and prayer topics, please visit: nationaldayofprayer.org)</i> 6:00 p.m. WIC Leadership Team Meeting <i>(Dr. Diane Bowen's office)</i> 6:30 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting <i>(Huddleston home)</i>
Sunday, May 6	9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper— <i>Guest Minister, Rev. Tim Foster, Associate Pastor, Independent Presbyterian Church, Savannah</i> 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Today—Guest Missionary at GIPC

Joshua Tsavatewa, from Macon, GA, serves with *Sacred Road Ministries* among the Yakama people in Washington State. 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. *The lunch 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 McCheyne'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 4/22): \$69,589
Income—Budget (YTD through 4/30): \$63,400
Variance: \$ 6,189

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 22nd: \$9,329 or 25%.

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

***Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

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

***Hymn, “Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”**

No. 172

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

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q & A #45

*“The third day He rose again from the dead...”
(from The Apostles’ Creed)*

Minister: How does Christ’s resurrection benefit us?

All: First, by His resurrection He has overcome death, so that He might make us share in the righteousness He won for us by His death.

Second, by His power we too are already now resurrected to a new life.

Third, Christ’s resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

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

***The Gloria Patri**

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

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

From Psalm 91

Additional information may be found at: persecution.com

Scripture Reading

II Corinthians 4
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 965)

*Hymn, “Call Jehovah Your Salvation”

Tune: HYFRYDOL, as in, *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Call Jehovah your salvation, rest beneath th’ Almighty’s shade.
in His secret hab-i-ta-tion dwell, and never be dismayed:
there no tumult shall alarm you, you shall dread no hidden snare;
guile nor violence can harm you, in eternal safeguard there.

From the sword at noonday wasting, from the noisome pestilence,
in the depth of midnight blasting, God shall be your sure defense.
He shall charge His angel legions watch and ward o’er you to keep;
though you walk through hostile regions, though in desert wilds you sleep.

Since, with pure and firm affection, you on God have set your love,
with the wings of His protection, He will shield you from above:
you shall call on Him in trouble, He will hearken, He will save;
here for grief reward you double, crown with life beyond the grave.

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Nepal, Bhutan, Burma

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.

Sermon, “Set the Captives Free”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration, Part 45

Text: Jeremiah 34

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 663

*Hymn of Response, “And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

No. 455

*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

Titus 3:4,5a

“When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy.”

*Hymn of Assurance, “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

No. 521

Scripture Reading

Joshua 13
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 188)

Sermon, “Fearless Faith”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

I Peter: Strangers in a Foreign Land, Part 12

Text: I Peter 3:8-17

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 1015

*Hymn of Response, “Before Jehovah’s Awesome Throne”

No. 65

*Benediction

Lunch—Today

The Missions Committee invites everyone to enjoy a Light Lunch after the Morning Service, with Guest Missionary, Joshua Tsavatewa.

*Food will be served from the kitchen;
we will eat in the Adult Sunday School room.*

There is no charge for the lunch.

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GIPC “Fighter Verse” for the week of April 29, 2012:

Ephesians 4:29



“Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.”

“Fighter Verses” are short passages of Scripture selected to equip the believer in the fight of faith. For a complete list please see the latest issue of the *GIPC Connection* newsletter, available in the foyer or online (gipc-pca.org).

Missionary Prayer Focus of the Week

Rev. Ro Taylor

Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at
Georgia Southern University (GSU) in Statesboro

Information and updates are available at: gsu.ruf.org

The Lord’s Day Evening Worship

April 29, 2012 · 6:00 p.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

“He has told you O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice,
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

- Micah 6:8

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Psalm 115:1

“Not to us, O LORD, not to us,
but to Your name give glory,
for the sake of Your steadfast love
and Your faithfulness!”

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Adoration, “*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*”

No. 342