

GIPC "Fighter Verse" for the week of May 6, 2012:

Ephesians 4:31-32



"Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

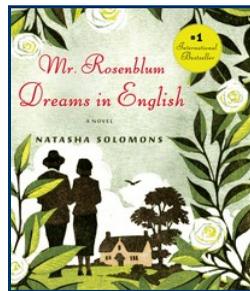
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BOOK GROUP NEWS

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.
We welcome
Rev. Tim Foster
of Independent
Presbyterian Church in
Savannah to our pulpit
this morning.

The Lord's Day Morning Worship & Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

May 6, 2012 • 10:30 a.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

“Make me to know Your ways, O LORD;
teach me Your paths.
Lead me in Your truth and teach me,
for You are the God of my salvation;
for You I wait all the day long.”

- Psalm 25:4,5

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

*Call to Worship

“I will give to the LORD the thanks due to His righteousness,
and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High.”

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*Hymn, “We Come, O Christ, to You”

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

Psalm 7:17

No. 181

• THIS WEEK AT GIPC •

Sunday, May 6	Serving Today— Greeting: Jerry Harrell, Bill Wood Ushering: Clay Huddleston Nursery: 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 8	5:00 p.m. GIPC Stated Session Meeting 6:30 p.m. Book Group for Women— see page 12 for details.
Wednesday, May 9	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 10	6:30 p.m. CE Committee Meeting
Saturday, May 12	8:00 a.m. “Second Saturday” Men's Breakfast and Bible Study— Meet at the Brown home.
Sunday, May 13 “Mother's Day”	9:30 a.m. Sunday School— Church History, Pt. 2: The Blossoming of the Church. 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship— I Peter: Strangers in a Foreign Land. 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship— Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration. <i>On Sunday, May 13th, the CareNet “Change-for-Life” campaign begins—look for details in next week's bulletin.</i>

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.*

· 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 4/30):	\$66,986	Expense—Actual (YTD through 4/30):	\$52,934
Income—Budget (YTD through 4/30):	\$63,400	Expense—Budget (YTD through 4/30):	\$55,271
Variance:	\$ 3,586	Variance:	\$ 2,337

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. **This year’s missions conference is scheduled for November 9-11, 2012.**

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

Faith Promise Receipts YTD through April 30th: \$10,469 or 28%.

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 #46-49

“...He ascended into heaven...” (*from The Apostles’ Creed*)

Minister: What do you mean by saying, ‘He ascended into heaven’?

All: That Christ, while His disciples watched, was lifted up from the earth to heaven and will be there for our good until He comes again to judge the living and the dead.

Minister: But isn’t Christ with us until the end of the world as He promised us?

All: Christ is true man and true God.
In His human nature Christ is not now on earth, but in His divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit He is not absent from us for a moment.

Minister: If His humanity is not present wherever His divinity is, then aren’t the two natures of Christ separated from each other?

All: Certainly not.
Since divinity is not limited and is present everywhere, it is evident that Christ’s divinity is surely beyond the bounds of the humanity He has taken on, but at the same time His divinity is in and remains personally united to His humanity.

Minister: How does Christ’s ascension into heaven benefit us?

All: First, He pleads our cause in heaven in the presence of His Father.
Second, we have our own flesh in heaven—
a guarantee that Christ our head will take us, His members, to Himself in heaven.
Third, He sends His Spirit to us on earth as a further guarantee.
By the Spirit’s power we make the goal of our lives not earthly things, but the things above where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand.

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.

Scripture Reading

II Corinthians 5
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 966)

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

No. 500

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Maldives, Sri Lanka

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, "Listen like your life depended on it. (Because it does.)"

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration, Part 46

Text: Jeremiah 35

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 663

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

Additional
information may
be found at:
persecution.com

***Hymn of Response, "God, in the Gospel of His Son"**

No. 141

***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 Peter 2:24

“He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.”

*Hymn of Assurance, “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

No. 247

Scripture Reading

Joshua 14
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 189)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “Complaint and Criticism”

Text: Numbers 12:1-16

Notes:

Rev. Tim Foster
*Associate Pastor,
Independent Presbyterian
Church (Savannah, GA)*

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 120

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

***Hymn of Preparation, "Jesus Paid It All"**

No. 308
(stanzas 1 & 2)

Invitation to the Sacrament and Fencing of the Table

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Humble Access and Consecration

The Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

***Hymn of Response, "Jesus Paid It All"**

No. 308
(stanzas 3 & 4)

***Benediction**

This Week's Fighter Verse—see pg. 12

Missionary Prayer Focus of the Week

Rev. Tommy Park

Campus Minister with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF)
at the University of North Florida (UNF), Jacksonville

*Information and updates are available in the foyer
or by visiting: unf.ruf.org*

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

May 6, 2012 · 6:00 p.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

*"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and His ears are open to their prayer.
But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."*

- 1 Peter 3:12 (quoting Psalm 34)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 34:2,3

*"My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt His name together!"*

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Adoration, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"**

No. 1

*Based on
Psalm 100*

**those who are
able, please stand*

*It is our custom to
hold each element
until all have been
served, then all
partake together.*