

## 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.

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## Book Group



The Book Group is open to all women who enjoy reading and discussing books! Please note meeting dates and book selections below:

**Tuesday, October 9— 6:30 p.m. at Sue Taylor's home**

*Lesson Before Dying*, by Ernest J. Gaines.

**Wednesday, November 7— 9:30 a.m. at Sara Brown's home**

*The Lost Continent: Travels in Small-Town America*, by Bill Bryson.

**Wednesday, December 5— 9:30 a.m. at Sara Brown's home**

*An Invisible Thread*, by Laura Schroff and Alex Tresniowski.

**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

September 16, 2012 • 10:30 a.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

"He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him.  
But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name,  
He gave the right to become children of God."

- John 1:11,12

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

*Moment for Missions— John Garvin*

### Interlude

### \*Call to Worship

"I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;  
with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness  
to all generations."

**Psalm 89:1**

### \*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### \*Hymn, "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

**No. 311**

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

## • THIS WEEK AT GIPC •

<b>Sunday, September 16</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Sunday School—</b> <i>"The Gospel in Life"</i> <b>10:30 a.m. Morning Worship—</b> <i>Exodus: God, our Savior series</i> <b>6:00 p.m. Evening Worship—</b> <i>Daniel: Faith in the Furnace series</i>
<b>Tuesday, September 18</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study—</b> <i>"Biblical Womanhood" - meet at Dr. Diane Bowen's office, 1015 Arthur J. Moore Drive, SSI</i>
<b>Wednesday, September 19</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study—</b> <i>"Biblical Womanhood" - meet at GIPC; child care is provided.</i> <b>6:30 p.m. Midweek Prayer Meeting—</b> <i>at GIPC Fellowship Supper* at 6:30 p.m., followed by Prayer at 7:00. (*3/person; reservations are not required.)</i>
<b>Thursday, September 20</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. B &amp; G Meeting—</b> <i>at GIPC</i>
<b>Saturday, September 22</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. until... GIPC Work Day</b>
<b>Sunday, September 23</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. Sunday School—</b> <i>"The Gospel in Life"</i> <b>10:30 a.m. Morning Worship—</b> <i>Exodus: God, our Savior series</i> <b>6:00 p.m. Evening Worship—</b> <i>Daniel: Faith in the Furnace series</i>

**Ministry Opportunity—Hospice Meal:** On the 2nd Thursday of each month a meal for four people is prepared and delivered to the *Hospice of the Golden Isles*. A volunteer from Hospice then takes the meal to a family whose loved one is being cared for at home. If you would like to participate, or simply want to learn more, please contact Betty Harrell.

**Officer Nominations** for Ruling Elder and Deacon will be received through September 30th. Nomination forms are available in the foyer or church office. Place completed forms (signed by both the nominee and the church member making the nomination) in the box located in the foyer. If you have any questions about the process, please speak with Mr. Brown. Additional information is available in the September issue of the *GIPC Connection*.

### A NOTE OF THANKS ~

*"On behalf of Hospice of the Golden Isles, please accept our sincere thanks for your continuing support and outreach ministry for our terminally ill patients and their families.*

*Many of our patients are fragile physically and financially and are very grateful to receive the delicious meal prepared by the Golden Isles Presbyterian Church congregation." ~ Sharon Crow, Volunteer Coordinator*

· GOLDEN ISLES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ·

**Church Staff**

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

**Elders**

Chaplain (CAPT) T. Brannon Bowman (165th Airlift Wing, GA)  
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 Gospel in Life.” Learn how the Gospel is able to transform your life, your community, and the world beyond.

**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 9/15): \$137,531  
Income—Budget (YTD through 9/30): \$153,200  
Variance: (\$ 15,669)

**August Totals YTD through 8/31:**

Income—Actual: \$127,359	Expenses—Actual: \$108,523
Income—Budget: \$135,100	Expenses—Budget: \$118,142
Variance: (\$ 7,741)	Variance: \$ 9,619

**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.** Our Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Gary Waldecker, leader of MTW’s Missional Learning and Development Team.

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

**Faith Promise Receipts YTD through 8/31: \$18,499 or 50%.** (Budget YTD through 8/31: \$23,030)

**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 #94-95

*(Part III, Man’s Gratitude, cont.)*

*The First Commandment:*

*“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me.”*

**Minister: What does the Lord require in the first commandment?**

**All:** That I, not wanting to endanger my very salvation, avoid and shun all idolatry, magic, superstitious rites, and prayer to saints or to other creatures.

That I sincerely acknowledge the only true God, trust Him alone, look to Him for every good thing humbly and patiently, love Him, fear Him, and honor Him with all my heart.

In short, that I give up anything rather than go against His will in any way.

**Minister: What is idolatry?**

**All:** Idolatry is having or inventing something in which one trusts in place of or alongside of the only true God, who has revealed Himself in His Word.

*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 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.

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

### Scripture Reading

**Ephesians 3**  
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 977)

**\*Hymn, “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”**

**No. 535**

### Prayer of Confession and Intercession

*Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Indonesia, Brunei, Philippines*

### 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, “In the world, but not of it.”**

**Mr. Alexander S. Brown**

***Daniel: Faith in the Furnace, Part 2***

**Text: Daniel 1:8-16**

**Notes:**

ESV Pew Bible,  
pg. 737

**\*Hymn of Response, “May the Mind of Christ My Savior”**

**No. 644**

**\*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 2:1

“My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”

### \*Hymn, “Jesus Paid It All”

No. 308

### Scripture Reading

Judges 4

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 203)

### Intercessory Prayer

## Sermon, “The Road to Egypt”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Exodus: God, our Savior, Part 11

Text: Exodus 4:18-23

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,  
pg. 47

### \*Hymn of Response, “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

No. 76

from  
Psalm 103

### \*Benediction

## The Lord's Day Evening Worship

September 16, 2012 • 6:00 p.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

“How can a young man keep his way pure?  
By guarding it according to Your word.”

- Psalm 119:9

“Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision  
for the flesh, to gratify its desires.”

- Romans 13:14

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able, please stand

### GIPC “Fighter Verse” for the week of September 16, 2012:



#### I Corinthians 10:23-24

“All things are lawful, but not all things are helpful.  
All things are lawful, but not all things build up.  
Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor.”

*“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](http://gipc-pca.org)). (\*Desiring God Ministries, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Minneapolis, MN)*

### Missionary Prayer Focus of the Week

#### Roger and Dianne Smalling

Roger and Dianne have ministered as missionaries for over thirty years in Europe and Latin America. Dr. Smalling is founder and director of Visión R.E.A.L., dedicated to bringing the Reformation to Latin America by establishing leadership training centers throughout the region and providing sound theological literature in English, Spanish, and now Portuguese.

Visit [www.smallings.com](http://www.smallings.com) to learn more.

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

**Revelation 4:11**

“Worthy are You, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for You created all things,  
and by Your will they existed and were created.”

### \*Prayer of Invocation

### \*Hymn of Adoration, “God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory”

**No. 122**