

Welcome to Golden Isles Presbyterian Church!

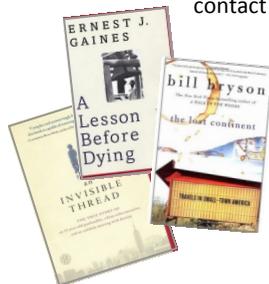
Golden Isles is a church that is resolved, as the Apostle Paul said, to know nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified. What we mean by that is that we are a community seeking to discover more of just how amazing the love of God is, as we see it in the Gospel. We long to be a congregation of people 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.

Book Club for Women

The Book Club is open to all women who enjoy reading and discussing books! The group ordinarily meets on the First Tuesday of each month at the home of Sue Taylor. *Please check the bulletin or weekly announcement emails to confirm dates, as they may change.* If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Sue.



Book selections are noted below:

(October) *A Lesson Before Dying*,
by Ernest J. Gaines.

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

(December) *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 9, 2012 • 10:30 a.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

“The LORD is near to all who call on Him,
to all who call on Him in truth.”

- Psalm 145:18

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

*Call to Worship

I Timothy 1:17

“To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God,
be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.”

*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 •

Sunday, Sept. 9	9:30 a.m. Sunday School— “The Gospel in Life” 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship— Exodus: God, our Savior series 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship— New preaching series— Daniel: Faith in the Furnace
Tuesday, Sept. 11	6:00 p.m. GIPC Stated Session Meeting — (IPC, Savannah)
Wednesday, Sept. 12	6:30 p.m. Midweek Prayer Meeting (at GIPC) <i>We will gather for a light Fellowship Supper* at 6:30 p.m., followed by Prayer at 7:00. Everyone is encouraged to participate. (*3/person, reservations not required.)</i>
Saturday, Sept. 15	8:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast and Bible Study (meeting monthly at the Brown home, 620 Neptune Way, SSI). The new study will be introduced this month: <i>Disciplines of a Godly Man</i> , by R. Kent Hughes. Books are available for \$10. (Questions? See Clay Huddleston or Alexander Brown.)
Sunday, Sept. 16	9:30 a.m. Sunday School— “The Gospel in Life” 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship— Exodus: God, our Savior series 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship— Daniel: Faith in the Furnace series

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*.

Women In the Church

You may sign up for the **Women’s Fall Bible Study, “Biblical Womanhood,”** in the foyer. Two meeting times are offered:

Tuesday evenings, 6:30 p.m. at Dr. Diane Bowen’s office
—beginning September 18th

Wednesday mornings, 9:30 a.m. at GIPC (childcare provided)
—beginning September 19th
(Contact: Sara Brown)

The **Book Club**, which meets once a month, will resume in October. (Please see page 12 for details!)

· 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 9/4): \$134,389
Income—Budget (YTD through 9/30): \$153,200
Variance: (\$ 18,811)

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 #92-93

(Part III, Man’s Gratitude, cont.)

Minister: **What does the Lord say in His law?**

All: 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.
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.

Minister: **How are these commandments divided?**

All: Into two tables.

The first has four commandments,
teaching us what our relation to God should be.
The second has six commandments,
teaching us what we owe our neighbor.

***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.

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

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

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 976)

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

No. 172

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Laos, Vietnam, Malaysia

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.

Special Music

Violinists Luis Haza and Caroline Chéhadé

Duo Concertant
Adagio Moderato
—de Bériot

Sermon, “The Other Side”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Daniel: Faith in the Furnace, Part 1

Text: Daniel 1:1-7

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 737

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

No. 65

***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, “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”**

No. 247

Scripture Reading

Judges 3

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 202)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, “*Salvation belongs to the Lord.*”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Exodus: God, our Savior, Part 10

Text: Exodus 4:10-17

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 47

The Lord's Day Evening Worship

September 9, 2012 • 6:00 p.m.

*those who are
able, please stand

- Gather in silent meditation -

*“Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and Your dominion endures
throughout all generations.”*

- Psalm 145:13

GIPC “Fighter Verse” for the week of September 9, 2012:

I Corinthians 10:13



“No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.”

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*(*Desiring God Ministries, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Minneapolis, MN)*

Prelude

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***Call to Worship**

Psalm 145:21

“My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.”

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Hymn of Adoration, “O Worship the King”**

No. 2