



Back to School!

By Mr. Alexander S. Brown, Minister

After our summer break, the programs of the church will be restarting this month, and I would like to just take a few minutes to tell you about some changes that we have made for the coming year.

On September 7th our midweek Prayer Meeting will resume. Last year, as we were starting the congregational Prayer Meeting, I shared with you some of what C. H. Spurgeon had to say about the importance of the Prayer Meeting in the life of the church. Spurgeon compared the Prayer Meeting to the engine room of a great ocean liner – never the most glamorous part of the ship, but without it the ship would go nowhere.

“Prayer is the engine of the church; it supplies the force. I like to see the engines going; praying, praying, praying, praying! Then the hidden screw, down under the water, drives the huge ship, and causes it to speed towards the appointed haven.”

The Prayer Meeting is the engine room of the church because we know (and as good Calvinists we should know this better than anyone!) that unless the Lord is at work then we are utterly unable to do anything of any spiritual good. We saw this vividly in a recent evening service as the Lord declared that a man has as much ability to change his heart as a leopard has to change his spots. As a church we are called to proclaim the Gospel, but that proclamation will only ever fall on cold hard hearts unless the Holy Spirit has first been at work in hearts to prepare them to receive the Gospel. If we are not praying as a church, then we cannot expect to see any fruit from our ministry.

It was good to see the Prayer Meeting well attended last year, and I hope that this year’s attendance will be just as good – if not better! I warmly invite those of you who never made it last year to come and join us as we pray to God and plead with Him to glorify Himself in His church.

Our format for the Prayer Meeting is a little different this year, with two major changes. First, we will be meeting at 6.30pm for dinner prior to the Prayer Meeting, which will begin at 7.00pm. Our hope is that during this time relationships within the congregation will be strengthened as we fellowship before uniting our hearts in prayer. Secondly, we will have a lot more prayer! The majority of our time will be spent in prayer – praying for the church around the world, praying for our nation, praying for our state, and praying for our island.

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September Calendar

Sunday

Sunday School • 9:30 AM

*“The Gospel of Grace:
Paul’s letter to the Galatians”*

Morning Worship • 10:30 AM
“Mark: A Confrontation with Christ”

Evening Worship • 6:00 PM
“Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration”
(Nursery, Children’s Church available)

Wednesday

Midweek Prayer Meeting • 6:30 PM
(resumes September 7th)

- Thu 9/1 Mission Team Meeting
(6:30 PM, Huddlestons)
- Sun 9/4 Communion, AM Worship
- Mon 9/5 *Labor Day Holiday*
- Tue 9/6 CE Committee Meeting
(6:30 PM, Huddlestons)
- Wed 9/7, 14, 21, 28 Midweek Prayer Meeting, at GIPC
(Light supper, 6:30 PM, followed by Prayer at 7 PM)
- Thu 9/8 Stated Session Meeting
- Sat 9/10 Men’s Monthly Breakfast & Bible Study (8 AM, Brown home)
- Tue 9/20 Women of GIPC Fall Kickoff
(5:30 PM, Nazzaro’s Italian Restaurant)
- Tue 9/27 Women of GIPC Bible Study
(6:30 PM, Brown home)

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The other big change to our ministries which will be introduced this month is the change in the format of the Men's Bible Study. Beginning this month, there will be opportunity for the Men of the Church to gather on the Second Saturday of the month, at 8am, in my home (620 Neptune Way). We will gather for about an hour and a half, enjoy a light breakfast and study the Bible together.

As we study the Bible together in these monthly meetings, we will look at what it means to be a real man, according to the Bible. Our culture provides no shortage of role models but we will seek to see what the Bible says about what it means to be a real man in imitation of the Man above all men, Jesus Christ. I really hope that many of you will make an effort to be at these monthly breakfasts, and that through them we will sharpen one another as iron sharpens iron.

In addition to these modified ministries, the Bible Study and Book Club for the Women of the Church will resume as normal in the next couple of weeks.

It is my sincere hope and prayer that over this next "academic year" many of you will make a concerted effort to attend these meetings and feed your souls. Let us join together and drink deeply from the fountain of living waters. ▪

Women In the Church (WIC) - Fall Kickoff!

September is the month WIC launches its new year, new calendar, new plans and new opportunities for ministry and service.

Tuesday, September 20th, 5:30 p.m. Fall Kickoff Dinner

Nazzaro's Italian Restaurant (Reservations required, sign-up begins 9/4)

Tuesday, September 27th, 6:30 p.m. Fall Bible Study

Counterfeit Gods, by Timothy Keller Brown home

Tuesday, October 4th, 6:00 p.m. "Beyond the Pages" Book Group*

The Art of Racing in the Rain, by Garth Stein Bolin home

Details of these activities and more will be announced at the Fall Kickoff Dinner.

*A Change in Plans



The Book Group will begin meeting on Tuesday, October 4th at 6:00 p.m. I, Sue Taylor, Book Group Leader, will be out of town. The meeting will be held at the home of Sharon Bolin, located in Brockinton, off Demere Rd.

The book to be read and discussed is "The Art of Racing in the Rain," by Garth Stein. It is a delightful story about a young family with a very special dog. A recommendation: "*The Art of Racing in the Rain* is not an instructional manual. It is a fictional novel that pulls at your emotions. Love, devotion, death, and betrayal—life's highs and lows, all paralleled with the sport of automobile racing and narrated by a dog named Enzo." (Nika Rolczewski, Toronto Star) *The book is available in paperback for under \$15.00.*

On Tuesday, November 1st we will meet and discuss the three books on Alzheimer's, planned for October. Thank you for your understanding concerning the change, and enjoy the October book.

—Sue W. Taylor, Book Group Chair

Building & Grounds



▪ Saturday, October 8th is the next scheduled Church Work Day.

- A new air conditioner unit was installed and repairs were made to other units. During this process it was discovered that the third unit servicing the sanctuary is no longer operable and will need replacement before next summer.
- The main transformer for the facility was replaced by GA Power, following damage due to a severe storm.
- The committee will be evaluating and arranging for necessary repairs in order to make sure the building is water-tight.

Significant Sessional Actions

- Approved the use of GIPC's parking lot on Saturday evening, October 15th. A wedding will be held in a home near the church; guests will be allowed to park at the church.
- Approved Vacation Leave for Mr. Brown, September 13-19, 2011.
- Made decision not to renew GIPC's membership in the local Chamber of Commerce.

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The next Stated Session Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 8, 2011.

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Family Worship

Old Testament Reading

Date	Book	Chapter	✓
1	<i>I Samuel</i>	25	<input type="checkbox"/>
2		26	<input type="checkbox"/>
3		27	<input type="checkbox"/>
4		28	<input type="checkbox"/>
5		29,30	<input type="checkbox"/>
6		31	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	<i>II Samuel</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
8		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
9		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
10		4,5	<input type="checkbox"/>
11		6	<input type="checkbox"/>
12		7	<input type="checkbox"/>
13		8,9	<input type="checkbox"/>
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25		21	<input type="checkbox"/>
26		22	<input type="checkbox"/>
27		23	<input type="checkbox"/>
28		24	<input type="checkbox"/>
29	<i>I Kings</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
30		2	<input type="checkbox"/>

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New Testament Reading

Date	Book	Chapter	✓
1	<i>I Corinthians</i>	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
2		7	<input type="checkbox"/>
3		8	<input type="checkbox"/>
4		9	<input type="checkbox"/>
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8		13	<input type="checkbox"/>
9		14	<input type="checkbox"/>
10		15	<input type="checkbox"/>
11		16	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	<i>II Corinthians</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
13		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
14		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
15		4	<input type="checkbox"/>
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25	<i>Galatians</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
26		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
27		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
28		4	<input type="checkbox"/>
29		5	<input type="checkbox"/>
30		6	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Private

Old Testament Reading

Date	Book	Chapter	✓
1	<i>Ezekiel</i>	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
2		5	<input type="checkbox"/>
3		6	<input type="checkbox"/>
4		7	<input type="checkbox"/>
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30		33	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Psalms

Date	Book	Chapter	✓
1	<i>Psalms</i>	40,41	<input type="checkbox"/>
2		42,43	<input type="checkbox"/>
3		44	<input type="checkbox"/>
4		45	<input type="checkbox"/>
5		46,47	<input type="checkbox"/>
6		48	<input type="checkbox"/>
7		49	<input type="checkbox"/>
8		50	<input type="checkbox"/>
9		51	<input type="checkbox"/>
10		52-54	<input type="checkbox"/>
11		55	<input type="checkbox"/>
12		56,57	<input type="checkbox"/>
13		58,59	<input type="checkbox"/>
14		60,61	<input type="checkbox"/>
15		62,63	<input type="checkbox"/>
16		64,65	<input type="checkbox"/>
17		66,67	<input type="checkbox"/>
18		68	<input type="checkbox"/>
19		69	<input type="checkbox"/>
20		70,71	<input type="checkbox"/>
21		72	<input type="checkbox"/>
22		73	<input type="checkbox"/>
23		74	<input type="checkbox"/>
24		75,76	<input type="checkbox"/>
25		77	<input type="checkbox"/>
26		78:1-37	<input type="checkbox"/>
27		78:38-72	<input type="checkbox"/>
28		79	<input type="checkbox"/>
29		80	<input type="checkbox"/>
30		81,82	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Week beginning
AUGUST 28**

II Corinthians 9:6-8
The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

**Week beginning
SEPTEMBER 4**

II Corinthians 12:9
"My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**Week beginning
SEPTEMBER 11**

Isaiah 46:9b-11
"For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all My purpose,' calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it."

**Week beginning
SEPTEMBER 18**

Isaiah 64:4
From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides You, who acts for those who wait for Him.

**Week beginning
SEPTEMBER 25**

Proverbs 1:10
My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.