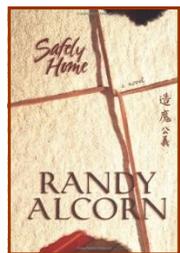

Book Group for Women

Safely Home by Randy Alcorn is a challenging story about Christian persecution in China. The lives of two men who were college roommates played out in very different ways. Reunited after 20 years, they are shocked at what they find out about each other. Thrown together in an hour of encroaching darkness,



both must make choices that determine their destinies. One man (Ben) discovers through the faith of the other (Li) the truth that God does not promise an easy life on earth, only eternal happiness after death. In fact, Ben doesn't believe Li's story about the persecution of Christians until Li is taken to jail.

Chuck Colson called this book "not only a first class story; it's a bracing wake-up call about Christian persecution in China."

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 1st; 9:30 a.m. at Sara Brown's home.

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 28, 2013 • 10:30 a.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

"This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments.
And His commandments are not burdensome."

- I John 5:3

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

*Call to Worship

Psalm 118:28-29

"You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;
You are my God; I will extol You.
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
for His steadfast love endures forever!"

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*Hymn, "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

No. 165

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

· THIS WEEK AT GIPC ·

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| Sunday, April 28 | <p>9:30 a.m. Sunday School— <i>Knowing Scripture: Putting it all together</i></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Morning Worship— <i>Exodus: God, our Savior series</i> Children's Church teacher today— <i>Patti Currier</i> <i>(Children will be dismissed prior to the sermon.)</i></p> <p>6:00 p.m. Evening Worship— <i>Ezra</i></p> |
| Wednesday, May 1 | <p>9:30 a.m. Women's Book Group— <i>Brown home; see announcement, pg 12.</i></p> <p>6:30 p.m. Midweek Prayer Meeting— <i>at GIPC</i> <i>Fellowship Supper* at 6:30 p.m., followed by Prayer at 7:00.</i> <i>(*3/person; reservations are not required.)</i></p> |
| Thursday, May 2 | <p>62nd Annual National Day of Prayer: Learn more— <i>nationaldayofprayer.org</i></p> <p>6:30 p.m. Missions Committee</p> |
| Sunday, May 5 | <p>9:30 a.m. Sunday School— <i>The Hole in Our Holiness</i></p> <p>10:30 a.m. Morning Worship and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper— <i>Exodus: God, our Savior series</i> Children's Church teacher (May 5th)— <i>Connie Reed</i> <i>(Children will be dismissed prior to the sermon.)</i></p> <p>6:00 p.m. Evening Worship— <i>Ezra</i></p> |

CHURCH WORK DAY

Saturday, May 18, 2013

9:00–1:00 at GIPC

Details: see pg 2 of the GIPC Connection

· **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 topic: "Knowing Scripture"; based on the teaching series by R.C. Sproul.

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.*



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

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| Income—Actual (YTD through 4/22): | \$69,282 |
| Income—Budget (YTD through 4/30): | \$72,800 |
| Variance: | (\$ 3,518) |

Hospice Ministry— 2nd Thursday

GIPC provides a meal (for 4) to *Hospice of the Golden Isles* on the 2nd Thursday of each month. A volunteer from Hospice delivers the meal to a family whose loved one is being cared for. If you would like to help, please contact Betty Harrell.

World Missions/Faith Promise

"Prayer needs no passport, visa, or work permit. There is no such thing as a 'closed country' as far as prayer is concerned...much of the history of mission could be written in terms of God moving in response to prayer."

— Rev. Stephen Gaukroger, Baptist minister (UK); Director, The Clarion Trust International

Faith Promise Commitments: \$25,900 —*what we are trusting God to provide this year to support GIPC's missionaries.*

Faith Promise Receipts (YTD through 3/31): \$ 6,579

***Confession of Our Faith (unison)**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell[†].

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church^{††},
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

***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.

As we recite this
3rd-4th century
Christian creed,
we join our voices
with centuries of
Christians who have
gone before us.

[†]the place of the dead

^{††}the universal church

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

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:14-44
(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 859)

***Hymn, “Blessed is the Man”**

No. 564

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

Persecuted Church Focus of the Week: Pakistan, India, Bangladesh

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, “Care and Carelessness”

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Text: Ezra 7

Notes:

*ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 393*

Additional information may be found at: persecution.com

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

No. 172

***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 Corinthians 1:8-9

"[He] will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

*Hymn, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

No. 457

Scripture Reading

I Samuel 8

(ESV Pew Bible, pg. 230)

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon, "God's Will For Your Life"

Mr. Alexander S. Brown

Exodus: God, our Savior, Part 38

Text: Exodus 20:1-2

Notes:

ESV Pew Bible,
pg. 61

*Hymn of Response, "Be Thou My Vision"

No. 642

*Benediction

Congregational Meeting—Sunday, April 28

The Session of Golden Isles Presbyterian Church has called a Congregational Meeting immediately following the morning worship service today for the purpose of electing church officers.

“Fighter Verse” for the week of April 28, 2013:

Romans 12:17-19



“Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

“Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, ‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay,’ says the Lord.”

*Fighter Verses** are published each month in the *GIPC Connection* newsletter, available in the foyer or online: gipc-pca.org/publications.

**A ministry of Desiring God; Bethlehem Baptist Church, Minneapolis, MN.*

Missionary Prayer Focus of the Week

Roger and Dianne Smalling

(MTW / Vision R.E.A.L.—Reformation in Latin America)

In addition to conducting training sessions throughout Latin America, the Smallings have published a number of helpful books including *Joyfully Justified*, *Personal Revival*, *Christian Leadership*, *The Prosperity Movement*, and *Unlocking Grace*. Many of these materials have been translated into Spanish and Portuguese and are available as e-books as well.

To learn more about this important ministry pick up a newsletter in the foyer or visit: smallings.com

The Lord’s Day Evening Worship

April 28, 2013 • 6:00 p.m.

- Gather in silent meditation -

“Seek the LORD and His strength;
seek His presence continually!”

- Psalm 105:4

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Psalm 145:3

“Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and His greatness is unsearchable.”

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Adoration, “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

No. 38

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able, please stand