



EASTER SABBATH

AS GOD was constituting Israel in the Sinai wilderness after rescuing them from Egypt in the Exodus and then solidifying that constitution in the Ceremonial Law, He gave to them two kinds of Sabbaths.

There was to be the weekly Sabbath, held on the last day of every week, in which Israel was to cease working and to stop and remember the twofold debt they owed to God, as both their Creator and Redeemer. Then, there were to be annual “Sabbaths,” which were to be yearly festivals in which they were to devote special attention to the union that they had with God.

In Exodus 23 God commands three festivals to be observed – the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of the Harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering, to which were added the Feast of Trumpets in Numbers 29, the Day of Atonement in Leviticus 23, and the Feast of Purim, which is described in Esther 9.

In these annual celebrations they were to give particular

attention to the different parts of their relationship with God that they remembered each week in the Sabbath.

These sabbatical feasts were intended to be solemn reminders

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that all that they had, and all that they were, was to be understood in light of the relationship they

had with God, by virtue of His being their Creator and Redeemer.

In the New Testament it was only the weekly Sabbath which remained, being moved to the first day of the week (the day of Christ’s resurrection) and becoming the Lord’s Day, but essentially functioning in the same way, being for Christians a day of rest, remembrance and worship.

As the Ceremonial Law went away, having fulfilled its function of preparing the way for the coming of Christ and being fulfilled in His coming (Hebrews 8:13), it was only the weekly Sabbath which remained, rooted as it was, not in the Ceremonial Law, but in the very actions of God in the Creation Week.

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March Calendar

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

“Back to Basics”

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

“Joshua”

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

“Epistles of John: 1 John”

Children’s Church, Nursery available

- Sun 3/1 Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper (10:30 a.m.)
- Mon 3/2, 3/16 Ladies Bible Study (6:00 p.m., Chilton home)
- Wed 3/4 Book Group for Women (9:30 a.m., Brown home)
- Wed 3/4 “First Wednesday” Social Dinner (6:30 p.m., Chilton home)
- Sun 3/8 Daylight Savings begins— clocks “spring forward” 1 hour
- Tue 3/10 Stated Session Meeting (6:00 p.m.)
- Wed 2/11, 18, 25 Ladies Bible Study (9:30 a.m., Brown home)
- Wed 2/11, 18, 25 Prayer Meeting (6:30 p.m., GIPC)
- Sat 3/14 “Second Saturday” Men’s Breakfast (8:00 a.m., Brown home)
- Sun 3/29 Palm Sunday

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HOWEVER, over the course of Church History annual Sabbatical feasts reappeared in the life of the Church, in the form of various liturgical calendars.

In the feasts of Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, Harvest Festivals, and New Year celebrations the Church began to focus on certain aspects of Christ's life and ministry and their implications for our salvation, and our complete reliance upon God for the sustenance of our lives. In these various festivals, the two main emphases of the weekly Sabbath day were given special promotion that we might remember our place before God.

These feasts, of course, were not mandated by the New Testament scriptures. They are not necessary for obedient Christian living, but these "folk" Sabbath festivals are of great use in fixing our attention on the salvific work of God.

THIS YEAR we will celebrate Easter on April 5th, and we will be celebrating it with our Service of Lessons and Hymns.

This service, like our Service of Lessons and Carols, will be structured around a progression of readings, hymns and special music that will lead us to the climactic focus of the service – specifically, we will read through the Christ's Passion, moving from His betrayal to His arrest, to His trial, to His crucifixion and then seeing His triumphant rise from that grave victorious over sin and over death, establishing His glorious Kingdom in which we dwell by faith.

It will be a wonderful, contemplative service, in which we will be brought back to the very central point of our faith, and we will see vividly the deep, deep love of God for sinners that He would send His only Son to die in our place that we might have eternal life.

Although the service is in April, I am writing this now to encourage you to come, and also to be thinking about who you can invite to this wonderful service of contemplation and celebration.

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Holy Week Services

If you go...

Services begin at noon, followed by a light lunch (\$3).

Sponsored by the churches of St. Simons Island

Monday, March 30: Day of Authority

Service Location: St. Simons United Methodist Church
Preacher: Rev. Steve Patton of Wesley UMC at Frederica

Tuesday, March 31: Day of Conflict

Location: First Baptist of St. Simons
Preacher: Rev. Tom Purdy of Christ Church Frederica

Wednesday, April 1: Day of Withdrawal

Location: Wesley United Methodist at Frederica
Preacher: Rev. Alexander Brown of Golden Isles Presbyterian Church
(Special Music by the Glynn Academy Choir, beginning at 11:30 a.m.)

Thursday, April 2: Day of Intimacy

(Services at individual churches)

Friday, April 3: Day of Sacrifice

Location: St. Simons Presbyterian Church
Preacher: Rev. Marcia Cochran of St. Simons UMC

Sunday, April 5: Easter Sunrise Service at the Pier (6:30 a.m.)

Finance

Loan Update

Loan Balance 1/26/15	\$736,288
February Payment:	
Interest	\$ 3,307
Principal	\$ 2,641
Total Payment	\$ 5,948

Men's Ministry

"Second Saturday" Men's Breakfast

March 14, 2015 • 8:00 a.m.
Brown home, 614 Dellwood Ave.
Topic: *Disciplines of a Godly Man*
All men are welcome.

Significant Sessional Actions

- Approved a church-wide Easter Sunday Lunch at the Brown home (in lieu of the "First Wednesday" Social Dinner, which was scheduled for the beginning of April);
- Approved the following schedule for Easter Sunday, April 5th: 10:30 a.m. Worship—*A Service of Lessons and Hymns*; no Sunday School or Evening Worship;
- Approved vacation for Rev. Brown as follows: April 6th-13th, Sunday, June 7th, and June 22nd-July 1st.

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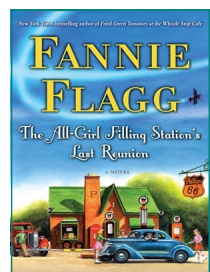
Women's Bible Studies

► Evening— 6:00 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month, at the home of Diane Chilton (106 Arthur J. Moore Dr.). Current topic: *Praying the Names of Jesus*, based on the book by Ann Spangler.

► Morning— 9:30 a.m. each Wednesday (except the first), at Sara Brown's home (614 Dellwood Ave.). The Wednesday group is currently going through the book of *Acts*.

The monthly Book Group for Women will meet on Wednesday, **March 4th**, 9:30 a.m. at the home of Sara Brown, to discuss *The Girls with the Grandmother Faces*, by Frances Weaver (1998 edition).

The **April 1st** selection is: *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion*, by Fannie Flagg. Fannie writes with humor, warmth, and tenderness. This is a delightful book from beginning to end by a master storyteller.




Skookie, around whom the story hinges, is a Southern lady from Point Clear, Alabama, whose identity is wrapped up in her family history. A crisis occurs when she finds out she isn't who she has believed herself to be. She then begins to think of herself as a "nothingburger," a woman who has done no more than marry, raise children, and keep house. Robbed of her identity, and a year older than she had believed, she seeks to learn more about her birth family, while simultaneously consulting Point Clear's only psychiatrist.

Skookie's search for her real family eventually takes her to Wisconsin, where she learns about her birth mother and her mother's interesting sisters, who are the daughters of a Polish immigrant. Their unforgettable adventures give her inspiration for her own life.

Woven into the fabric of this book is a nearly unknown part of American history—the WASPS (Women Air Force Service Pilots) of World War II. These women, who ferried planes from manufacturers to military bases, went for 35 years without recognition because their records of service were sealed and classified. Combined in this book are a review of this special aspect of our country's history and a charming story of southern culture, with a chuckle on nearly every page. ☺

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"First Wednesday" Social Dinner

Wednesday, March 4th
6:30 p.m. (Chilton home)

In lieu of the Midweek Prayer Meeting all are invited to enjoy dinner together at the Chilton home, 106 Arthur J. Moore Drive, on March 4th. Pizza and Pasta will be provided; please sign up in the foyer to bring a salad or dessert.

If you would like to host a dinner please contact Sara Brown.

Midweek Prayer

Each Wednesday evening (except the first) the church gathers for a light supper at 6:30 p.m. followed by a time of prayer for our missionary of the week, countries that are hostile to the Gospel, an unreached people group, and the needs of GIPC.

The meal is \$3 per person; reservations are not required.

World Missions

GIPC seeks to advance the Gospel of Christ by supporting workers serving in a variety of ministries and cultures.

Rich and Crissy serve with Mission to the World's Spiritual Life Department, providing spiritual and emotional care to missionaries and their families so they can effectively carry out the Great Commission.

"Thanks so much for your prayers. How good to know the Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know Him put their trust in Him. He will not forsake those who seek Him. Sing praises to our King and tell among the peoples His deeds! (Psalm 9:9-11)"

MARCH

"Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart." (Luke 2:19)

Family Worship

Old Testament Reading

Date	Book	Chapter	✓
1	<i>Exodus</i>	12:22-51	<input type="checkbox"/>
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28		39	<input type="checkbox"/>
29		40	<input type="checkbox"/>
30	<i>Leviticus</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
31		2,3	<input type="checkbox"/>

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New Testament Reading

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1	<i>Luke</i>	15	<input type="checkbox"/>
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31		21	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Private

Old Testament Reading

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1	<i>Job</i>	30	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Date	Book	Chapter	✓
1	<i>I Corinthians</i>	16	<input type="checkbox"/>
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30		4	<input type="checkbox"/>
31	<i>Colossians</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Week beginning MARCH 1

Matthew 5:21-22

You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.

Week beginning MARCH 8

Matthew 5:23-24

So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Week beginning MARCH 15

Matthew 5:25-26

Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

Week beginning MARCH 22

Matthew 5:27-28

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Week beginning MARCH 29

Matthew 5:29-30

If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.