



April 1, 2015

Sunday, April 5 - Easter



Easter morning worship will be at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. with two identical worship services and an Easter Brunch from 9:30—10:40 a.m. Come to 8:45 worship and then enjoy Brunch or come about 10:15 and enjoy Brunch and then worship at 11 the God you love. If you can come early it will help with parking and seating. Worship at both services will include the Chancel Choir and brass players to enhance and inspire all of us to higher ground. The message will be built around the spiritual, “My Lord, What a Morning.” Can you imagine how the women felt as they made their way out the garden path to the tomb where their friend Jesus had been buried?

One person wrote, “Only that day dawns to which you are awake” and watching. Are you looking for an Easter this year and the hope that God can convey to you this happy holy Easter morning? I hope so and I look forward to seeing you!

Dr. W. Glenn Doak, *Pastor*

Sunday, April 12- Youth Sunday



If you have not yet heard Matthew West’s song, “Do Something,” I encourage you to spend a few minutes listening to his call for action. In it, you hear a man lamenting to God about why He’s not doing more to help those who are suffering in our world...and God replies, “I did, I created YOU!” It’s a powerful

reminder that we each have a responsibility to care for one another. This year, our youth have focused on mission and how even one small act of kindness can make a difference. On Sunday, April 12th, they will lead both worship services reflecting on the question posed in Micah 6:8, “What does the Lord require of you?” Mark your calendar for this special day, so that you too can be inspired by our amazing, thoughtful, justice-seeking youth group. Together, both young and old, we can learn to seek justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with our God.

Kim Ness, *Director of Youth Ministries*

Good Friday Worship

Friday, April 3

Noon & 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Services

Noon in First Pres. Sanctuary
“Darkness Wins ... Almost!”

7:00 p.m. Service

Oconee Presbyterian Church

Hog Mountain Road

Rev. Tara Bulger, preaching

Presbyterian Community

Service

Vacation Bible School at FPC

Join the high seas adventure with *The Pirates Who Don’t Do Anything* from June 15 – 19, Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – Noon and discover what it means to be a hero for God!

True Heroes Know: God is with them, Heroes help God, Heroes do the right thing, Heroes reach out to Jesus, Heroes share God’s love!

Food Bank of Northeast Georgia



In March, we donated 342 pounds of food to the Food Bank

of Northeast Georgia. Thank you for your donations!

Do You Know?

Your child can choose a “kid friendly” entrée at the Wednesday at First dinners at a table set up just for children! You can find the veggies, fruit, etc. at the “adult” table to finish out their meal, so don’t miss out on the fellowship. Bring the whole family. See you there!

Wonderful Wednesdays Summer 2015

Looking for a fun activity for your preschooler this Summer? First Presbyterian Weekday School will offer “Wonderful Wednesdays” June 3 through August 5 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. for children ages walking Thru 5 yrs. old.

Children will bring their lunch, including a drink, and enjoy art and science activities, along with fun with friends! Cost will be \$25.00 per day.

You may register to come as many times as you would like. Call the Weekday Office, (706) 549-8677 for more information. Registration Deadline is 4/15/15.

June 3 – Blowing Bubbles

June 10 – Eric Carle Day

June 24 – Let’s Go Crazy

July 1 – Blast Off to Outer Space

July 8 – Bug Out!

July 15 – Let’s Go Camping

July 22 – Beach Day

July 29 – Moovelous Ice Cream

August 5 – Round-up Rodeo

CAMP WEEKS

June 22 – 25
Construction Mania
(\$95.00/child)

July 20 – 23
Ocean Exploration
(\$95.00/child)

Wednesday Dinners in April

The Wednesday night dinners will continue in April at 5:45 p.m. Children’s Choirs will also continue at 5:00. There will be a forum presentation after dinner each week. The programs will include:

April 8—member Susan Stone: Presbyterian Homes of Georgia and the new Continues Care Retirement Community proposed in Oconee County. Susan is the Director of Development for Presbyterian

April 15—TBA

April 22—Glenn Doak on the state of the church. Glenn will talk about First Pres in 2014-15 and answer questions.

April 29—Andy Cooke, Prebyerian Student Center Pastor, will speak on the new Waddel Fellowship program.

You can make a reservation for Wednesday night by calling the church office or signing on the pew pad on Sunday morning.

Knitting/Crocheting Mission Projects

6” x 6” squares (with long tails left for seaming together) are needed to make Recovery Buddies. My Recovery Buddy (www.myrecoverybuddy.net) was founded as a way to help people through the rough patches they are going through – whether it’s battling addictions, disorders, trauma, or medical or mental illness. My Recovery Buddy has assembled a team of people who hand craft huggable, lovable buddies that are sent to their new forever friend to remind them that they don’t have to be alone in their recovery.

Winter hats for children (any size) are also needed for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes (<http://www.samaritanspurse.org>). A local community group sends about 175 boxes each year and would like to include warm hats in each one.

You can drop off completed projects to Misse Mallino or leave at the front desk. If you need yarn please take some from the shelves in Room 301!

The Need Is Great, and So Is Our Calling



SPECIAL OFFERINGS
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Around the world, people lack access to food, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing

(OGHS) serves to help change the lives of people who are in these challenging situations. The offering provides us a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need.

Funds raised through OGHS support three impactful programs: 1) Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, which works within communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters; 2) The Presbyterian Hunger Program, which takes action to alleviate hunger and its systemic causes and helps create access for entire communities to sufficient and healthy food; 3) Self-Development of People, which partners with people and communities, leveraging development and education to alleviate poverty, oppression, and injustice .

Our OGHS offering will be received on Easter at both services. Your gift will make a difference in the world. Please be generous.

Happy Birthday to:



Happy Birthday

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| Apr. 5 | Allen Crowell | Apr. 10 | Mike Bascle, Collier Cobb,
Parker Nichols |
| Apr. 6 | Greg Daniels,
Nancy Dove,
Harper Havick,
Justin Powers | Apr. 12 | Judy Harrell, Pattie
Thurston, Tom Wilfong |
| Apr. 7 | Scott Collins, Perry Humphreys,
Kevin Johnston, Andy
Osborne, Jessica Padgett | Apr. 13 | Julie Osborne, William
Shirley, Diana Owen |
| Apr. 8 | Bob Colbert,
Karen Middendorf | Apr. 14 | Griff Elder, DeDe Guest |
| Apr. 9 | Randy Calvo, Molly Rentz | Apr. 16 | Bill Berryman, Svea Bogue,
David Hally, Stephen
Simmons, Patty Whitehead |
| | | Apr. 17 | Sherry Beck, Chris Drew,
Ronda Estes, Charlie Logan,
Jane Powell, Paige Simmons |
| | | Apr. 18 | Erik Ness, Grady Wilson |

Adopt-a-Mom for Mother's Day

The Ark and Grandview Nursing Home have identified 150 moms who will go unnoticed and otherwise forgotten on Mother's Day unless you adopt them. For a small donation of \$25 to The Ark's Single Working Mothers' Fund, YOU can officially "Adopt-a-Mom" for Mother's Day in honor or in memory of a mom who has touched your life in a major way. The Single Working Mothers' Fund allows The Ark to help prevent foreclosures, evictions, and disconnections faced by single working mothers who are experiencing unexpected financial hardship due to no fault of their own, such as a job layoff or reduction in working hours. In exchange for your donation, The Ark will deliver flowers and a handwritten card to your adopted mother on Mother's Day. Last year, 106 moms were adopted (half from Iris Place Assisted Living,) and nearly \$4,000 was raised for our SWM fund, allowing us to serve over 150 hard-working mothers/grandmothers throughout 2014. Let's keep that momentum going! Visit our webpage, www.athensark.org to adopt the mom(s) of your choice. You can also choose to submit a personalized message for your adopted mother(s), and we will be sure to include it in her card! Adoptions made in honor or in memory of a mother will be displayed on our webpage through the end of May, and have the option of being printed in Flagpole Magazine. We believe NO mother should go uncelebrated on Mother's Day. Thank you for helping make this possible!

Music Notes by John Coble



Joyful Is the Dark

Joyful is the dark, holy, hidden God, rolling cloud of night beyond all naming:

majesty in darkness, energy of love, Word-in-flesh, the mystery proclaiming.

Joyful is the dark Spirit of the deep, winging wildly o'er the world's creation, silken sheen of midnight plumage black and bright, swooping with the beauty of a raven.

Joyful is the dark, shadowed stable floor; angels flicker, God on earth confessing, as with exultation, Mary, giving birth, hails the infant cry of need and blessing.

Joyful is the dark coolness of the tomb, waiting for the wonder of the morning; never was that midnight touched by dread and gloom: darkness was the cradle of the dawning.

Joyful is the dark depth of love divine, roaring, looming thundercloud of glory, holy, haunting beauty, living loving God. Hallelujah! Sing and tell the story!

(Brian Wren, 1986)



Flower Dedications

In May 2015, the following date is available to dedicate flowers for Sunday morning worship: **May 17, 24 and 31**. The cost for two arrangements is \$100. Please contact Lucy Bell at lbell@firstpresathens.org to schedule a date.

In Memoriam
Jack Lamb Rowland
1926-2014

Our Church Family

In the Hospital:

- Leo Jensen, ARMC

Sympathy:

- To Jeffie Rowland on the death of her husband, Jack Lamb Rowland, on March 22, 2015.

Congratulations:

- To Jinx Baldwin and Skeets Baldwin on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Anne Rosemond Hecker. Born March 25 in Atlanta, GA, Anne is the daughter of Katherine and Nick Hecker.

Thank You:

- Thank you for all of the notes, cards, thoughts and prayers showered on us since the death of my mother. Your sympathy is comforting and deeply appreciated. - Ginny Doak

Bible Readings

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| Apr. 5 | John 1:1-18 |
| Apr. 6 | Acts 2:14, 22-32 |
| Apr. 7 | John 14:15-31 |
| Apr. 8 | Micah 7:7-15 |
| Apr. 9 | Acts 3:11-26 |
| Apr. 10 | John 16:1-15 |
| Apr. 11 | Isaiah 25:1-9 |
| Apr. 12 | 1 Peter 2:2-10 |
| Apr. 13 | John 17:1-11 |
| Apr. 14 | Daniel 2:1-16 |
| Apr. 15 | 1 John 2:12-17 |
| Apr. 16 | Luke 3:1-14 |
| Apr. 17 | Daniel 3:1-18 |
| Apr. 18 | 1 John 3:11-18 |

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9:30 a.m. Easter Brunch, Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 6 - Easter Holiday, Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, April 7

10:00 a.m. WDS Chapel, Children's Ministry Suite

1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls, Bride's Room

Wednesday, April 8

10:00 a.m. WDS Chapel, Children's Ministry Suite

10:00 a.m. Tai Chi Group, Room 310

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room

2:00 p.m. Gentle Yoga, Room 310

3:00 p.m. Bridge, Room 302

4:30 p.m. Athens Tutorial Program, Children's Ministry Suite

5:00 p.m. Children's Choir, Choir Room

5:00 p.m. Prayers for Healing, Sanctuary

5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner, Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Forum, Susan Stone, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 9

2:00 p.m. Mellows, ACCA Bentley Center, 135 Hoyt St.

4:45 p.m. Worship and Music Commission Meeting, Staff Conference Room

6:00 p.m. WDS Committee Meeting, Children's Ministry Suite

6:00 p.m. Lay Caller's Meeting, Staff Conference Room

Sunday, April 12

12:15 p.m. Presbyterian Women's Joint Circle Meeting and Lunch, Fellowship Hall/Moses Waddel Room

4:00 p.m. Children's Choir, Choir Room

5:00 p.m. Health and Wellness Committee Meeting, Nurse's Office

Monday, April 13

1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room

5:15 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting, Moses Waddel Room

6:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting, Moses Waddel Room

Tuesday, April 14

10:00 a.m. WDS Chapel, Children's Ministry Suite

1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls, Bride's Room

Sundays
at First Presbyterian

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**Dr. Doak preaching,
*My Lord, What a Morning***

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Youth Sunday**

April 5

There will be no **Sunday School** on Sunday, April 5.

Children's Church Children, ages 4 through grade 2, may leave worship service with Misse Mallino for activities in the Children's Ministry Suite.

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