



Sunday, May 31 - Trinity Sunday



Trinity Sunday is always a challenge for the preacher. When you speak of the Trinity in relation to God, you are asking the “who” question. Is God the Creator figure, is God the Son, and/or is God the Holy Spirit? The Bible does not teach the doctrine of the Trinity. The word Trinity doesn’t appear anywhere in scripture. But the language of God in three forms is in scripture.

When we talk and sing about Father, Son and Holy Spirit it raises who exactly we are talking about and brings us back to the “who” question. Scripture says enough about God to make the doctrine of the Trinity necessary.

The scripture text for this Sunday comes from Isaiah 6:1-8. It is a vision that the young man Isaiah had in a time of national crisis. The king, Uzziah, had just died, and the people were in an uproar about what the nation would do. He is worshipping in the Temple in Jerusalem. In the midst of worship, Isaiah has a vision and sees the Lord God seated on a throne surrounded by seraphs and other heavenly beings.

This scripture talks about one aspect of the Trinity: God. It tells us at least three things about this God and God’s relationship with humans. See you in church this Sunday.

Sunday, June 7 - Lessons from the Psalms

June 7, I will begin a summer sermon series entitled “Some Cures from the Psalms.” Beginning on June 7, *A Cure for Worry*; June 14, *A Cure for Fear* and June 28, *A Cure for Depression*. The series will pick up again in August.

The Psalms are a source of comfort for many people. I hope they are for you? If you have gotten out of the habit of reading them regularly, perhaps this series will be a good excuse for opening them up again.

The Bible knows a lot about our burdens, worries and cares. Lots of people carry a burden of worry around with them every day. Can you remember the things you worried about 10 years ago, or even six weeks ago? If not, then you have learned to release some of your worries. See you in church in June, and let’s talk about letting go of our worries.

Dr. W. Glenn Doak, *Pastor*

Casa de Amistad Cocinando para Casa

Casa de Amistad is hosting Cocinando para Casa



(Cooking for Casa) on Sunday, May 31 in Fellowship Hall from 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The event will feature Athens’ top restaurants vs. community home cooks, preparing authentic Latin American dishes. Regular admission is \$25, \$15 for students with ID, \$10 for military/veterans with ID, \$10 for educators with ID and \$5 for children 12 and under.

IHN Host Week

Interfaith Hospitality Network Host Week will be June 21-28. Please contact Terry Nestor at terrynestor@hotmail.com to volunteer.

Athens Area Emergency Food Bank



In May, we donated 261 food items to the Athens Area Emergency Food Bank. For our collection on June 7, the Food Bank needs canned pasta, juice boxes/pouches and canned sweet potatoes. Thank you for your donations!

Habitat Build Slated to Start in July

Get your work gloves ready! On July 11, we plan to break ground for construction of a Habitat For Humanity house at 145 Carter



Street. Ebenezer Baptist Church and the Presbyterian Student Center will work with us in a revival of PEP (Presbyterian-Ebenezer Partnership). The house for a family of four is to be funded by gifts set aside for this purpose during the recent capital campaign. Don DeMaria and Richard Lane will co-chair this project. Stay tuned for how you can help.

Honoring Our Graduates



We would like to honor all of our graduates that completed a degree track this year.

If you know of a student who is completing college or other higher education programs, please email Emily McBride at emily@firstpresathens.org. These graduates will be listed in the newsletter and celebrated by our congregation!

Blood Drive Thank You

Thanks to all who supported the Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, May 17. Forty-six persons showed up to donate, resulting in 40 pints, surpassing our goal of 38. That translates into possibly saving 120 lives. Jane McGown did an excellent job coordinating the drive, and the volunteers who assisted with registration and snacks were most valuable. Every day in the US roughly 44,000 pints of blood are needed. Yet only 38% of the population is eligible to donate. Thanks to all who answered the call to help!

Bringing Good News

Bringing Good News: 40 Stories of Congregations and the Ministries that Transformed Them celebrates innovative ministry programs around the country. One of the stories is about Sarah Carlton Proctor and First Presbyterian Church. Drawn directly from applications over the years for the Union Presbyterian Seminary Congregational Leadership Awards, these stories invite the reader to hear the authentic voices of those involved. The stories come from diverse congregations – all sizes, urban and rural – possessing varying amounts of resources. “They describe effective ministries that met the needs of particular people at particular times and places,” said Christian Educator Rita Boyer. “That is the moment in time captured in these narratives.” 40 congregations were chosen from the Congregational Leadership Award stories and First Presbyterian Church is in the book with its story of Miss Sarah. “This book is a testament to every level of leadership in congregations small and large,” says Professor Emeritus of Christian Education Henry Simmons, “It recognizes these congregations’ resolve to follow God’s lead into new, often imaginative, always responsive kinds of ministry.” It is available now on Amazon.com and free to read for Kindle owners!

Vacation Bible School Donations Needed!

We are collecting egg cartons for The Food Bank of Northeast Georgia, which receives eggs in large industrial size cartons and needs empty family size cartons to transfer the eggs into for distribution. We are also collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House families. Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities provides temporary housing and support services to families of ill and injured children being treated at local hospitals. No family is turned away if they cannot afford the \$20 per night contribution, and many of these families stay at the Ronald McDonald House for weeks, and sometimes months, while their children receive treatment at local children’s hospitals. Snack donations may be dropped off at the front desk and labeled “VBS.” Please buy snack items that do not contain peanuts or peanut butter. Favorite snacks include: goldfish, animal crackers, pretzels and gummies.

VBS Volunteers Needed!



This year, Vacation Bible School will be from June 15-19 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Volunteer to help at VBS for an hour, a day, or more. Registration volunteers are needed to register and check in children. These volunteers will be needed on Monday from 8:20-9:10 a.m., Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 a.m. and Wednesday-Friday from 8:45-9:00 a.m. Drop-off greeters are needed Tuesday-Friday from 8:30-9:00 a.m. to greet and

direct children as they are dropped off. Pick-up security volunteers are needed Monday-Friday from 11:45 a.m. to noon to ensure that no child leaves Fellowship Hall without a parent. Group leaders are needed Monday-Friday from 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. to lead a group of children to their activity stations. Veggie Time Station volunteers are needed Monday-Friday from 11:00-11:55 a.m. to connect the Bible story to a Veggie Tale song and story. Bible Story Station volunteers are needed Monday-Friday from 9:25-10:25 a.m. to help the children learn the Bible story of the day. Snack station volunteers are needed Monday-Friday from 10:30-10:55 a.m. to prepare and serve snacks. Mission Station volunteers are needed Monday-Friday from 11:00-11:55 a.m. to connect the mission projects to the children’s lives. Craft Station volunteers are needed Monday-Friday from 9:25-10:25 a.m. to help the children do the craft for the day. Friday or Saturday before and after VBS, we will need set-up and take-down crews to help create Camp Veggie and pack it up at the end of the day. To volunteer, please call 706-543-4338.

Happy Birthday to:



Happy Birthday

May 31
Amy Cowsert,
Suzanne King,
Lucy MacMillan,
Robert W.
Simmons, Georgia
Blue Simmons

June 1 Brita
Barry, Georgia Calhoun, Jon
Chambers, Marie Ledford,
John McAndrews

June 2 Bob Cobb, John Hays, David
Porras, Harrison Powell,
Rebecca Watson

June 3 Sarah Baines, Joe Boyles,
Cael Farley, Aidan Farley,
Bill Gilmore, Mary Kim,
Gus Stemke

June 4 Nikolai McArthur

June 5 Harry Shuford, Elizabeth
Swanson, Owen Walsh

June 6 Emily Gaskill, Sarah Powers,
Melinda Raser

June 7 Audrey Cheek, Clyde Noble

June 8 Will Cox, Mike Estes, Andy
Mullins, Ned Phares, Catie
Beth Kirch, Diane Trap

June 9 Betsy Arrington-Tsao, Andy
Latimer, Avery McLean,
Katherine Queen

June 10 Dallas Bono, Caitlin Burch,
Martha Harris, Patsy
Lawson, Montana Perry,
Drew Watkins

June 11 Dustin Barrett, Mary Gunn,
Cort McCormack

June 12 Emily Barrow, Duane
Carnes, Johnny Carr, Linda
Childers, Sarah Heath,
Darryl Magrino, John
Waldrip

June 13 Robyn Ansley, Fiona Liken,
Jim London, Willard Smith,
Joe Waldrip

Benevolence Market Committee Needs

Looking for a way to get more involved in the life of First Presbyterian? The Holiday Benevolence Market Committee could put you to work! The Market takes place in December, but the work begins in June. Committee members are from FPC and other area congregations. Most of the work involves contacting the agencies which are part of the Market, verifying contact information, and helping to organize the music and publicity. The first meeting for 2015 is June 11th, at 5:30 in the Conference Room. Most of our other meetings are done through email. Visit <http://www.firstpresathens.org/benevolencemarket> for more information. If you are interested and would like to meet interesting people plus help our local agencies who do so much for our friends and neighbors in Athens, please contact Carla Wilson Buss on cbuss@uga.edu or 706-347-3536.

Music Notes by John Coble



If you've never sung in a choir, have you wondered what it's like? Maybe you have sung in a school or in church choir in the past and might consider doing it again. Perhaps you do like to sing, but can't commit to Wednesday night rehearsals during the regular season. Beginning Sunday, June 7 through July 26, we will have a Summer Choir, meeting at 9:15 a.m. in June, and 9:00 a.m. in July, in the choir room to rehearse music for that Sunday morning's service. Our Chancel Choir will still be singing, but we would like to invite members of the congregation to join us on any single Sunday, or for as many as you like, with no commitment required. It would be helpful to know who will join us in advance, so we can be prepared, but we welcome anyone who joins us on Sunday mornings. Interested singers may contact me at jcoble@firstpresathens.org or call me at 770-312-8864. I am happy to answer any questions. We look forward to seeing and hearing you in the choir!



Flower Dedications

In June 2015, the following dates are available to dedicate flowers for Sunday morning worship: **June 14 and 21**. The cost for two arrangements is \$100. Please contact Lucy Bell at lbell@firstpresathens.org to schedule a date.

In Memoriam
Ann Stancil
1929-2015

Our Church Family

Sympathy:

- To Julie Bowles on the death of her nephew, Charles David Rightmeyer, on May 17, 2015 in Tappan, NY.
- To Clay Stancil on the death of his mother, Ann Stancil, on May 20, 2015.
- To Ned and Beverly Phares on the death of Ned's mother, Elise Donohue, on May 21, 2015 in Rochester, MN.

Elder On-Call:

The elder on call is Allen Crowell. You may contact Allen, June 1-15, at 706-543-9561. The elder on-call is available if there is an emergency that requires support.

Bible Readings

May 31 John 1:1-18
June 1 Deuteronomy 11:13-19
June 2 2 Corinthians 6:3-13
June 3 Luke 17:20-37
June 4 Deuteronomy 16:18-20
June 5 2 Corinthians 8:16-24
June 6 Luke 18:15-30
June 7 Deuteronomy 29:16-29
June 8 2 Corinthians 10:1-18
June 9 Luke 19:1-10
June 10 Deuteronomy 30:11-20
June 11 2 Corinthians 12:1-10
June 12 Luke 19:41-48
June 13 Song of Sol. 5:10-16



Return Service Requested

Sunday, May 31

- 11:00 a.m. Casa de Amistad Dinner (\$25), Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Health & Wellness Meeting, Staff Conference Room

Monday, June 1

- 10:00 a.m. Circle 2, home of Ella Stewart, 380 Woodhaven Pkwy
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room

Tuesday, June 2

- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls, Bride's Room
- 2:00 p.m. Circle 3-4, home of Kitty Donnan, 1050 Simonton Way
- 7:00 p.m. Circle 6, home of Ann Dunn, 425 Southview Dr.

Wednesday, June 3

- 9:00 a.m. Wonderful Wednesdays Blowing Bubbles, WDS
- 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi Group, Room 310
- 12:00 p.m. Our Daily Bread, First Baptist Church
- 3:00 p.m. Bridge, Room 302
- 5:00 p.m. Prayers for Healing, Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Fellowship & Evangelism Commission Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. Middle School Mayhem - Jump Into Summer, The PIT

Thursday, June 4

- 5:15 p.m. Nominations & Elections Committee Meeting, Staff Conference Room

Friday, June 5

- 5:00 p.m. Marriage Enrichment Retreat, Lavonia

Saturday, June 6

- 8:00 a.m. Marriage Enrichment Retreat, Lavonia

Monday, June 8

- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite

Tuesday, June 9

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

Sundays
at First Presbyterian

Sunday, May 31

Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Dr. Doak preaching,
Breathing in the Spirit

Sunday, June 7

Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Dr. Doak preaching,
Some Cures from the Psalms
1. A Cure for Worry

May 31 and June 7

No Sunday School during summer worship schedule.

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

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