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FROM THE PASTOR

Thirsty? You know, most folks are these days. It seems that dehydration has replaced the cold as the most common ailment. No, I am not talking about physical health. I am talking about spiritual health. Folks are just getting all dried up. The more observant ones recognize that they are thirsty, but they belly up to the wrong bar. There are many things that offer to quench our thirst, but most of them leave us even drier than before. But, there is a place you can go. You can go to the Well.

You know, even though the heat of summer has yet to die down, there are other signals that summer is

coming to an end. For example, if you are a child or have children then you are all too aware that “Back to School” time is upon us. Here at the church, that means our summer programs will be coming to an end and our regular programs will be cranking back up. It begins with Rally Day and gains momentum from there.

As a church, what is our goal with this activity? Our goal is to be the Well for a parched humanity. Our goal is to draw you closer to the true living water that is Jesus Christ. His promise is that he can help us with our dehydration. His promise is that he can give us water that will

allow us to “never thirst.” He goes on to promise that this water will become in us a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

So, why come to church when you could be doing so many other things? Most of those “other things” will leave you bone dry and still craving more. So, bring your parched soul to the Well that offers living water! The invitation is to all and the water is real! It’s been a hot dry summer. Come on in and get refreshed. I will meet you at the Well!

In Christ,

Kevin T. Hicks

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The Newsletter

The Newsletter is a monthly publication of Vidalia Presbyterian Church and is free to members and friends of the church.

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**Loaves and Fishes
and
Every Member
Prayer Program**

**OUR CHURCH
LEADERSHIP**

Building & Grounds—

Charles Page (2011)
Glenn Goode (2013)

Christian Education—

Doug Roper (2012)
Mike Hagan (2013)

**Congregational Care
& Fellowship—**

Julia Musgrove (2011)
Howard Holman (2012)

Stewardship Committee—

Guy Branch (2011)

Witness & Service—

Oliver Whipple (2011)
Marvin McIntyre (2013)

Worship & Music—

Marcia Suber (2012)
Charles Lane (2013)

Clerk of Session—

Karen Hilton (2012)

By purchasing and donating the items on the grocery shopping list below, you can feed a family of four people for two days. Our congregation is divided by neighborhood into 12 Shepherd groups. Each month a different Shepherd Group will be asked to lead us in our *Loaves and Fishes* project.

August's Shepherd Group is the "Hosea" Shepherd Group.

Please pray for these members throughout the month of August:

HOSEA GROUP

- Guy and Melissa Branch
- Ricky Branch
- Tommy Branch
- The Ben Davis Family
- Jane Davis
- Johnny and Mary Davis
- The Rob DeJarnette family
- The Howard Hill family
- Susan Hill
- The Rob Hilton family
- Carline Hilton
- Sarah Hilton
- Will Lowe
- Savanna Martin
- Tom and Angie Meredith
- Van and Joy Page
- Frances Price
- The Allen Rice family
- Ken and Charlotte Sission
- John, Shirley & Jess Somers
- Scott Sisson

Please provide the following items if your name is on the list below:

- 2 cans of meat
- 2 cans of fruit
- 1 macaroni & cheese or bag of rice
- 1 can evaporated milk
- 1 jar peanut butter
- 2 cans vegetables
- 2 cans soup
- 1 lb. dry beans or can baked beans
- 1 pkg. powdered milk
- 1 box dry soup
- 1 jar jelly

Thank You!!!!

The role of liturgist, helping people to worship through the reading of scripture, through prayers, and through calling the people to participate, is an important ministry of any church. Thank you to the following for your willingness to serve:

- Rob and Roseanne DeJarnette
- Howard and Barbara Hill
- Howard and Rose Anne Holman
- Susan and Anna McIntyre
- Grover and Emma Salzer
- Stephen Sisson and Charlotte Sisson
- Oliver and Roseanne Whipple
- Charlie and Angela Lane
- Doug Roper and Julia Musgrove
- Mike and Leesa Hagan
- John and Helen Payne
- Chuck and Cathy Bondurant
- Mac and Marcia Suber
- Hal and Lisa Chesser
- Sue Williams
- Geoff and Jill Conner
- Linda Page



July 3	\$3,760
July 10	\$3,416.30
July 17	\$2,519
July 24	\$2,672.33

Children's Church List



Date	Name
8/7/11	Robert & Roseann DeJarnette
8/14/11	Garrett & Blythe Wilcox
8/21/11	Mary Ellen Davis
8/28/11	Bart & Christy

Vidalia Presbyterian Church
Sunday School Classes for 2011-2012
Meet on Sunday mornings 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

Nursery for ages birth to 3 1/2 years of age

Teacher: Teacher: Trinidad Garcia



PreK-K-5-1st grade

•Curriculum: Faith Weaver
 Teacher: Lisa & Hal Chesser

2nd grade through 5th grade

•Curriculum: Faith Weaver
 Teacher: Melinda Hicks

6th grade through 12th grade

•Curriculum: "We Believe - FAQ - Faithfully asking questions" (published by PCUSA)
 •Teacher: Karen & Rob Hilton



The Ewell Nelson Class meets in the Ewell Nelson Classroom on the 1st Floor.

- Curriculum: "The Present Word" (student booklets provided)
- Teachers: Sue Williams, Kevin Hicks
- Teaching Style: Lecture/Discussion

This study has been developed by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and serves as a forum for the study and reflection of biblical text and its meaning for our lives. This Old Testament study focuses on the great celebrations of the Christian church and on how God's messages of so long ago still ring true today.

The Other Adult Class meets in the VPC office kitchen.

- Curriculum: A Study in Psalms
- Teachers: Mike Hagan
- Teaching Style: Small Group Discussion

This class seeks to become stronger disciples for the glory of God through in-depth Bible study, thoughtful discussions of topical issues as seen through the lens of our Christian faith, as well as, prayer and small group fellowship.



Children's Church for children ages 3 ½ through 1st grade

- Curriculum: "Kids Own Worship"
- Leadership Team: Robert and Roseann DeJarnette, Bart and Christy Davis, Mary Ellen Davis Garrett and Blythe Wilcox
- When: During the Sunday morning worship service, children, ages 3 ½ through 1st grade, may leave the Sanctuary to attend Children's Church. Children will experience worship through fun songs, timeless Bible stories, and creative activities. When children worship God, amazing things happen. Come join us and feel the love of Jesus.



Vidalia Presbyterian Church Other Programs and Ministries for 2010-2011

Family Night Supper – Fellowship Hall on Wednesday 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Enjoy a catered meal and fellowship.

Children's Choir - Upstairs in Educational Building (2nd - 5th grade classroom) Wednesday 6:30 -7:30 p.m.

Presbyterian Youth Fellowship (PYF)

- Youth Leader: Jimmy Wilbanks
- When: Wednesday 6:30– 7:30 p.m.
- Where: Upstairs in Educational Building (Youth room)
- Curriculum: We Believe—Faith questions (PCUSA material)



Wednesday Night Adult Study - Fellowship Hall on Wednesday 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

- Curriculum: Varies
- Teacher: Varies
- Teaching Style: Varies – Lecture/ Video Series/ Small Group Discussion



Vidalia Presbyterian Women - As Vidalia Presbyterian Women, we commit to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study; to support the mission of the church worldwide; to work for justice and peace; and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

Circle I meets 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays in the Ewell Nelson Classroom at the church

- Class Contact: Sue Williams
- Curriculum: Horizons: "Confessing the Beatitudes"
- Teacher: Sue Williams

Circle II meets 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Ewell Nelson Classroom at the church

- Class Contact: Cleo Morris and Bea Daniloff
- Curriculum: Horizons: "Confessing the Beatitudes"
- Teacher: Varies

August 2011

Devotional Calendar

Monday August 1

Morning: Ps. 62, 145
Evening: Ps. 73, 9
2 Sam. 7:1–17
Acts 18:1–11
Mark 8:11–21

Tuesday August 2

Morning: Ps. 12, 146
Evening: Ps. 36, 7
2 Sam. 7:18–29
Acts 18:12–28
Mark 8:22–33

Wednesday August 3

Morning: Ps. 96, 147:1–11
Evening: Ps. 132, 134
2 Sam. 9:1–13
Acts 19:1–10
Mark 8:34–9:1

Thursday August 4

Morning: Ps. 116, 147:12–20
Evening: Ps. 26, 130
2 Sam. 11:1–27
Acts 19:11–20
Mark 9:2–13

Friday August 5

Morning: Ps. 84, 148
Evening: Ps. 25, 40
2 Sam. 12:1–14
Acts 19:21–41
Mark 9:14–29

Saturday August 6

Morning: Ps. 63, 149
Evening: Ps. 125, 90
2 Sam. 12:15–31
Acts 20:1–16
Mark 9:30–41

Sunday August 7

Morning: Ps. 103, 150
Evening: Ps. 117, 139
2 Sam. 13:1–22
Rom. 15:1–13
John 3:22–36

Monday August 8

Morning: Ps. 5, 145
Evening: Ps. 82, 29
2 Sam. 13:23–39
Acts 20:17–38
Mark 9:42–50

Tuesday August 9

Morning: Ps. 42, 146
Evening: Ps. 102, 133
2 Sam. 14:1–20
Acts 21:1–14
Mark 10:1–16

Wednesday August 10

Morning: Ps. 89:1–18, 147:1–11
Evening: Ps. 1, 33
2 Sam. 14:21–33
Acts 21:15–26
Mark 10:17–31

Thursday August 11

Morning: Ps. 97, 147:12–20
Evening: Ps. 16, 62
2 Sam. 15:1–18
Acts 21:27–36
Mark 10:32–45

Friday August 12

Morning: Ps. 51, 148
Evening: Ps. 142, 65
2 Sam. 15:19–37
Acts 21:37–22:16
Mark 10:46–52

Saturday August 13

Morning: Ps. 104, 149
Evening: Ps. 138, 98
2 Sam. 16:1–23
Acts 22:17–29
Mark 11:1–11

Sunday August 14

Morning: Ps. 19, 150
Evening: Ps. 81, 113
2 Sam. 17:1–23
Gal. 3:6–14
John 5:30–47

Monday August 15

Morning: Ps. 135, 145
Evening: Ps. 97, 112
2 Sam. 17:24–18:8
Acts 22:30–23:11
Mark 11:12–26

Tuesday August 16

Morning: Ps. 123, 146
Evening: Ps. 30, 86
2 Sam. 18:9–18
Acts 23:12–24

Mark 11:27–12:12

Wednesday August 17

Morning: Ps. 15, 147:1–11
Evening: Ps. 48, 4
2 Sam. 18:19–33
Acts 23:23–35
Mark 12:13–27

Thursday August 18

Morning: Ps. 36, 147:12–20
Evening: Ps. 80, 27
2 Sam. 19:1–23
Acts 24:1–23
Mark 12:28–34

Friday August 19

Morning: Ps. 130, 148
Evening: Ps. 32, 139
2 Sam. 19:24–43
Acts 24:24–25:12
Mark 12:35–44

Saturday August 20

Morning: Ps. 56, 149
Evening: Ps. 118, 111
2 Sam. 23:1–7, 13–17
Acts 25:13–27
Mark 13:1–13

Sunday August 21

Morning: Ps. 67, 150
Evening: Ps. 46, 93
2 Sam. 24:1–2, 10–25
Gal. 3:23–4:7
John 8:12–20

Monday August 22

Morning: Ps. 57, 145
Evening: Ps. 85, 47
1 Kings 1:(1–4) 5–31
Acts 26:1–23
Mark 13:14–27

Tuesday August 23

Morning: Ps. 54, 146
Evening: Ps. 28, 99
1 Kings 1:32–2:4 (5–46a) 46b
Acts 26:24–27:8
Mark 13:28–37

Wednesday August 24

Morning: Ps. 65, 147:1–11
Evening: Ps. 125, 91
1 Kings 3:1–15

Acts 27:9–26

Mark 14:1–11

Thursday August 25

Morning: Ps. 143, 147:12–20
Evening: Ps. 81, 116
1 Kings 3:16–28
Acts 27:27–44
Mark 14:12–26

Friday August 26

Morning: Ps. 88, 148
Evening: Ps. 6, 20
1 Kings 5:1–6:1, 7
Acts 28:1–16
Mark 14:27–42

Saturday August 27

Morning: Ps. 122, 149
Evening: Ps. 100, 63
1 Kings 7:51–8:21
Acts 28:17–31
Mark 14:43–52

Sunday August 28

Morning: Ps. 108, 150
Evening: Ps. 66, 23
1 Kings 8:22–30 (31–40)
1 Tim. 4:7b–16
John 8:47–59

Monday August 29

Morning: Ps. 62, 145
Evening: Ps. 73, 9
2 Chron. 6:32–7:7
James 2:1–13
Mark 14:53–65

Tuesday August 30

Morning: Ps. 12, 146
Evening: Ps. 36, 7
1 Kings 8:65–9:9
James 2:14–26
Mark 14:66–72

Wednesday August 31

Morning: Ps. 96, 147:1–11
Evening: Ps. 132, 134
1 Kings 9:24–10:13
James 3:1–12
Mark 15:1–11



Kristen Kaufold	2	Robert DeJarnette	6
Jes Somers	6	Savannah Jackson	8
Ken Smith	8	Lorie Owens	8
Marly Roper	8	Blythe Wilcox	10
Elizabeth Holman	11	Rebecca King	12
Savanna Martin	13	Doug Arnette	14
Todd Lambert	14	Faith Burke	15
Lauren Holland	15	Kasey Jackson	16
Nancy Rice	21	Karen Hilton	22
Veronica Arnette	23	Marge Davis	23
Linda Page	24	Meredith Wade	25
Brittany Ledford	27	Camden Jackson	28
Matt Suber	30		

Publication Deadlines:

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Bulletin Insert information is due by 1:00 pm on **Wednesdays**

Email: vpcoffice@bellsouth.net or call Jody at 537-3500

Congratulations to all of you who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month. **May God bless you on your special day.**

Surprise someone you may not know very well and send them a card.


If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or is incorrect, please let the church office know.

-Your Church Family



<i>Andrew & Ashley McIntyre</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>2 year</i>
<i>Hibby & Barbara Bedingfield</i>	<i>8th</i>	<i>42 years</i>
<i>Rich & Tracey Williams</i>	<i>14th</i>	<i>9 years</i>
<i>Lloyd & Loretta Darby</i>	<i>16th</i>	<i>53 years</i>
<i>Sam & Lorie Owens</i>	<i>17th</i>	<i>20 years</i>
<i>Todd & Annie Wiggins</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>6 years</i>
<i>Charles & Angela Lane</i>	<i>25th</i>	<i>21 years</i>
<i>Wesley & Jan Luhn</i>	<i>26th</i>	<i>44 years</i>
<i>Art & Wendy Genereux</i>	<i>27th</i>	<i>23 years</i>

AUGUST 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
					Back to School for Robert Toombs Christian Academy	
				Kevin on vacation		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Morning Worship Service with guest speaker John Law Communion			6:00 pm CE Rally Day Clean-up	Back to School for Vidalia City & Montgomery County Schools		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
RALLY DAY 9:30 am Breakfast 11:00 am Morning Worship Service			Teacher & Leader Gathering (Time and Place to be announced)			
				Church Secretary on Vacation		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Morning Worship Service	Back to School for Toombs County Schools					
28	29	30	31			
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Morning Worship Service						

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RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED



Back to School....Back to Church! Vidalia Presbyterian Church will kick off a new church year with RALLY DAY on Sunday, August 15th, 2011. Come join in light breakfast at 9:45 am, meet the new teachers, and find out what the new year holds. Prior attendance of Sunday School is not required. Event is open to all ages.