

THE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PASTOR

I am 44. I am out of shape. And, every time I sneeze I get a sharp pain in my lower back...and it seems like I am sneezing a lot these days. I am feeling old. I know, I know, wait until you turn 50! Or 60 or 80! Or heck, why not 100! I know it's all relative, but the point is that I am FEELING old. (Is this middle age?)

The way I figure it, I either need to start exercising regularly or I need to throw in the towel and start investing in the accoutrements of old age. For the record, my children have voted for the exercise plan. And, I get it. They want me around for a while longer. And the truth is that I would like to be able to keep up with them for a while longer as well. So...exercise here we come! I am just telling

you this so that you can hold me accountable... and pray for me...pray hard!

Now, as important as exercise is, the very mention of it reminds me of Paul's words to Timothy. Do you remember what he told him? Paul said, "Train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance. That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe."

So, while you hold me accountable in my physical training, I want to hold you accountable

in your spiritual training. First, come to church and invite others to do the same. Remember, this is a team sport. We do it together. Second, remember the fundamentals. You can't be formed by the Word of God if you do not read or hear the Word of God. You will be formed daily. The questions is what will you allow to form you? And third, pray every day! Pray for yourself, but don't forget to pray for others as well. Especially, pray for your enemies. You will be amazed how it forms you.

So, I'm off to exercise. And I hope you are too! May God bless your training efforts. It's never too late to start. October is the perfect time!

In Christ,
Kevin T. Hicks

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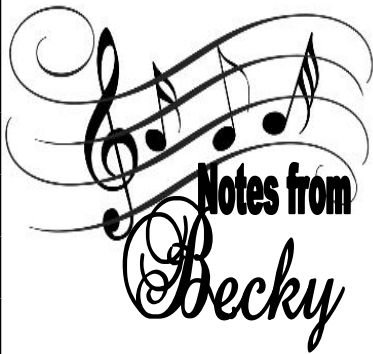
Sarah Montford
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The Newsletter

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The Lord's Prayer is familiar to all of us - perhaps so familiar that we sometimes recite it on autopilot! On Fall Festival Sunday, October 9, the morning service will be a HymnFest based on Jesus' answers to the disciples' request to teach them to pray, answers which we know as the "Lord's Prayer". Kevin will speak on each phrase of the Prayer, followed by a hymn appropriate

to the phrase. The congregation, choir and soloists will join in the hymns as we learn more about the Lord's Prayer. Invite a friend to visit for this special service and the lunch and activities to follow.

October 30 is Reformation Sunday and plans are in the works to also celebrate All Saints Sunday on that day. Marcia Suber will be asking if you have a clan plaid to use in the sanctuary, and

we will be remembering the saints who have joined the Church Triumphant.

Plans are also in the beginning stages to insert a short bit of singing into our children's Wednesday night activities, with the possibility of them taking part in a service during Advent. If you are musical, we need your help to keep our kids singing - please see Marcia to volunteer!

OUR CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Building & Grounds—

Charles Page (2011)
Glenn Goode (2013)

Christian Education—

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)

To the person or family that anonymously gave the Bread Baskets and Bread Cloths in memory of Jennifer Dykes Brown, we are deeply honored and sincerely grateful.

Our Heartfelt Thanks
And Love,
Dobbie Thompson and Family

YOUTH NEWS

Attendance at recent youth events has been phenomenal—way to go! Stay on the alert for a tailgate party - TBA. Youth Connect is Oct. 7-8 at Statesboro FPC. Celtic Cross from the Presbyterian College will provide the inspiration and leadership. Cost is only \$25. Don't forget Fall Festival on October 9th.

At the last parents' meeting, a decision was made to add a new fund raiser. From Cod's Creation Fund-Raising Products, several items will be offered, not only for Christmas, but on a year round basis. Items such as calendars, greeting cards, and magnetic notepads will be offered.

Poinsettias will go

on sale before long, so get prepared as we are ordering 100 this year.

Promotion and sign-up for the Holiday Retreat (Ski Trip) is underway. The dates are 12/18—12/21 or 12/22 as we are fine tuning whether to ski two or three days.

Mr. Jimmy



Thursday Morning Bible Study



Upcoming Schedule of Events

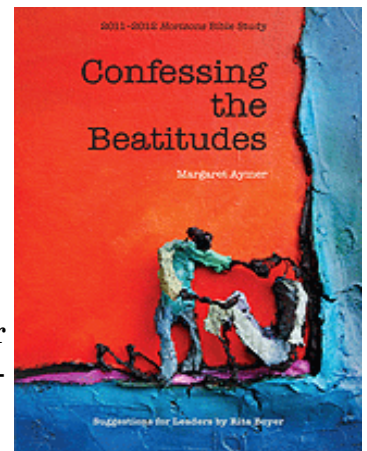
- October 6 *Unexpected Blessings—The Beatitudes Expanded* by Debbie Ingram Schmidt
- October 13 *Unexpected Blessings*
- October 20 *Unexpected Blessings*
- October 27 *Unexpected Blessings*

Presbyterian Women’s Circle

Circle I will meet October 11th at 10:00 a.m. in the Ewell Nelson Classroom

Circle II will meet October 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Ewell Nelson Classroom

Vidalia Presbyterian Women offer convenient times to match your schedule, small group to promote friendliness, and Biblical teaching to further your walk with God. Come check us out.



Child’s First Communion

A First Communion Class for children 2nd Grade and up will be taught by Rev. Kevin during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, November 6th. Class members will be invited to join the congregation in observing communion during the Morning Worship Service.





Sunday October 9

12:00 noon until-

In the Fellowship Hall
and on the grounds of
Vidalia Presbyterian
Church

What's for Dinner?

We are having an old-time Barbeque Dinner!

- Pork Ribs
- Pulled Pork
- Bar-b-q Chicken
- Green Beans
- Cole Slaw
- Potato Salad

Please bring something to share following this list:

Last Names A—L: Salads

Last Names M—Z: Desserts

THE GREAT AMERICAN

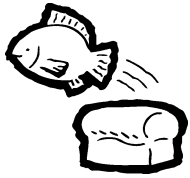
PIE CONTEST

Bring a pie and compete for the braggin' rights to best pie of 2011!

Carnival outside for the kids!

Featuring: face painting, games, pumpkin painting and more.





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

Our Loaves and Fishes project provides emergency food relief to families in our community each month. Our donations go to God's Storehouse and the Salvation Army. As the unemployment rate rises, so does the number of families knocking on their doors in need of help. The food from the shopping list of staples is an enormous help to the Salvation Army and God's Storehouse. It provides basic nutrition and does not have to be refrigerated.

Please take the list with you on your shopping trips and purchase items to feed hungry families. Your donations should be placed in the bins that line the hallway in the Educational Building. At the end of each month, the Witness and Service committee members will distribute the food to the local food banks.

We divide our congregation into groups called Shepherd Groups. Each month, a different group is chosen to lead the Loaves and Fishes food drive. This month, we call on the JEREMIAH Group. This in no way means that if you aren't in the JEREMIAH group you can't provide food as well. No donation will be turned away!

The families in the JEREMIAH group are:

- Melba Claxton
- Bea Daniloff
- Emory and Marge Davis
- Ti and Rebecca Dean
- Mark and Melony Denmark
- Marion Hutcheson
- Marvin and Mary McIntyre
- Beth Merritt
- Glen and Vicki Mixon
- Sarah and Dwight Montford
- Clio Morris
- Cindy Riddles
- Sue Williams

Grocery Shopping List

- 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.

Prayer Program

Please pray daily for your church family, using the list of families above. If your family is not in a Shepherd group, call (537-3500) or email (vpcoffice@bellsouth.net) the office and we will place you in one.

Children's Church List



Date	Name
10/2/11	Robert & Roseann DeJarnette
10/9/11	Garrett & Blythe Wilcox
10/16/11	Mary Ellen Davis
10/23/11	Bart & Christy Davis
10/30/11	Robert and Roseann DeJarnette



September 4	\$2,316.00
September 11	\$7,794.50
September 18	\$2973.50
September 25	\$5,105.30

The Kids Page
Answer: heart to give,
cheerful giver

Wednesday Night Parent Helpers

10/5/11	Garrett Wilcox
10/12/11	Bart or Christy Davis
10/19/11	Rich or Tracy Williams
10/26/11	Mike or Leesa Hagan
11/2/11	Roseann DeJarnette

A guide for giving

"I do not believe on can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc. is up to the standard common among those wit the same in come as our own, we are probably giving away too little.

"If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot because our charitable expenditures exclude them.."

*please find a sub if you are not going to be here on your scheduled date.

A COOKIE SMILE

Make these cheerful lollipop cookies to share.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- 1 roll of sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Cookie sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Cellophane treat bags
- Ribbon



What you do:

1. Freeze the roll of dough.
2. Cut dough into ¼-inch slices.
3. Place slices 2 inches apart on cookie sheet.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for five minutes.
5. Remove cookies from oven and place a stick into the bottom of each cookie (about 1 inch into the dough).
6. Return cookies to the oven until done, three to five more minutes.
7. After cookies are cool, make a “face” on each one, using frosting and sprinkles.
8. Put cookies into bags and tie with a ribbon. Then give away these edible smiles!

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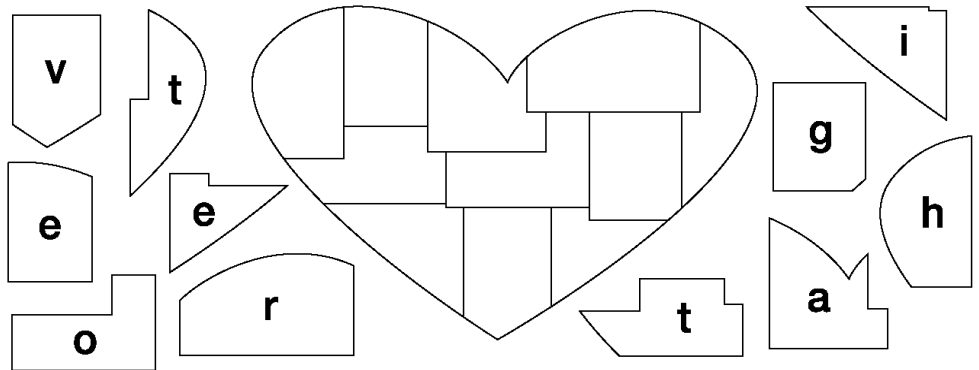


HOW TO GIVE

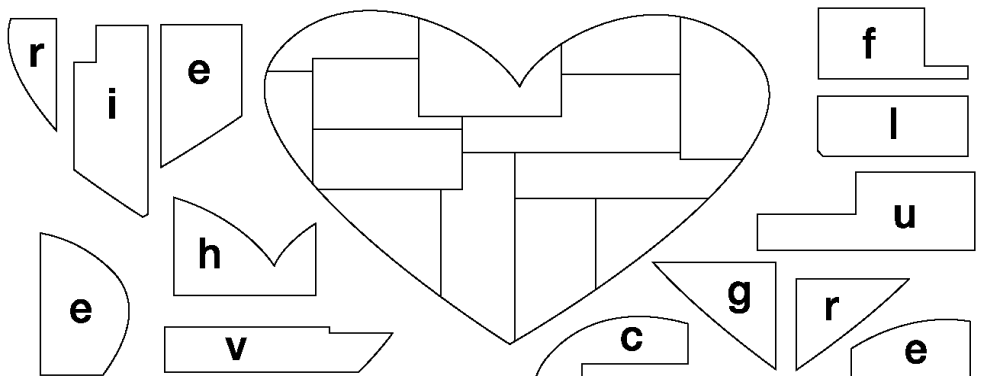
We can give in a variety of ways, including our money, possessions and time. But God says there's only one attitude to have when we give.

Finish the puzzles by matching the pieces and writing out the letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV.

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your ...



... not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a ...



_____.”

October 2011

Devotional Calendar

Saturday October 1

Morning: Ps. 63, 149
Evening: Ps. 125, 90
2 Kings 19:21–36
1 Cor. 10:1–13
Matt. 8:18–27

Sunday October 2

Morning: Ps. 103, 150
Evening: Ps. 117, 139
2 Kings 20:1–21
Acts 12:1–17
Luke 7:11–17

Monday October 3

Morning: Ps. 5, 145
Evening: Ps. 82, 29
2 Kings 21:1–18
1 Cor. 10:14–11:1
Matt. 8:28–34

Tuesday October 4

Morning: Ps. 42, 146
Evening: Ps. 102, 133
2 Kings 22:1–13
1 Cor. 11:2 (3–16) 17–22
Matt. 9:1–8

Wednesday October 5

Morning: Ps. 89:1–18, 147:1–11
Evening: Ps. 1, 33
2 Kings 22:14–23:3
1 Cor. 11:23–34
Matt. 9:9–17

Thursday October 6

Morning: Ps. 97, 147:12–20
Evening: Ps. 16, 62
2 Kings 23:4–25
1 Cor. 12:1–11
Matt. 9:18–26

Friday October 7

Morning: Ps. 51, 148
Evening: Ps. 142, 65
2 Kings 23:36–24:17
1 Cor. 12:12–26
Matt. 9:27–34

Saturday October 8

Morning: Ps. 104, 149
Evening: Ps. 138, 98
Jer. 35:1–19
1 Cor. 12:27–13:3
Matt. 9:35–10:4

Sunday October 9

Morning: Ps. 19, 150
Evening: Ps. 81, 113
Jer. 36:1–10
Acts 14:8–18
Luke 7:36–50

Monday October 10

Morning: Ps. 135, 145
Evening: Ps. 97, 112
Jer. 36:11–26
1 Cor. 13:(1–3) 4–13
Matt. 10:5–15

TUESDAY OCTOBER 11

Morning: Ps. 123, 146
Evening: Ps. 30, 86
Jer. 36:27–37:2
1 Cor. 14:1–12
Matt. 10:16–23

Wednesday October 12

Morning: Ps. 15, 147:1–11
Evening: Ps. 48, 4
Jer. 37:3–21
1 Cor. 14:13–25
Matt. 10:24–33

Thursday October 13

Morning: Ps. 36, 147:12–20
Evening: Ps. 80, 27
Jer. 38:1–13
1 Cor. 14:26–33a (33b–36)
37–40
Matt. 10:34–42

Friday October 14

Morning: Ps. 130, 148
Evening: Ps. 32, 139
Jer. 38:14–28
1 Cor. 15:1–11
Matt. 11:1–6

Saturday October 15

Morning: Ps. 56, 149
Evening: Ps. 118, 111
Jer. 52:1–34
1 Cor. 15:12–29
Matt. 11:7–15

Sunday October 16

Morning: Ps. 67, 150
Evening: Ps. 46, 93
Jer. 29:1, 4–14 or Jer.
39:11–40:6
Acts 16:6–15
Luke 10:1–12, 17–20

Monday October 17

Morning: Ps. 57, 145
Evening: Ps. 85, 47
Jer. 44:1–14 or Jer. 29:1, 4–14

1 Cor. 15:30–41

Matt. 11:16–24

Tuesday October 18

Morning: Ps. 54, 146
Evening: Ps. 28, 99
Lam. 1:1–5 (6–9) 10–12 or
Jer. 40:7–41:3
1 Cor. 15:41–50
Matt. 11:25–30

Wednesday October 19

Morning: Ps. 65, 147:1–11
Evening: Ps. 125, 91
Lam. 2:8–15 or Jer. 41:4–18
1 Cor. 15:51–58
Matt. 12:1–14

Thursday October 20

Morning: Ps. 143, 147:12–20
Evening: Ps. 81, 116
Ezra 1:1–11 or Jer. 42:1–22
1 Cor. 16:1–9
Matt. 12:15–21

Friday October 21

Morning: Ps. 88, 148
Evening: Ps. 6, 20
Ezra 3:1–13 or Jer. 43:1–13
1 Cor. 16:10–24
Matt. 12:22–32

Saturday October 22

Morning: Ps. 122, 149
Evening: Ps. 100, 63
Ezra 4:7, 11–24 or Jer.
44:1–14
Philem. 1–25
Matt. 12:33–42

Sunday October 23

Morning: Ps. 108, 150
Evening: Ps. 66, 23
Hag. 1:1–2:9 or Jer.
44:15–30

Acts 18:24–19:7

Luke 10:25–37

Monday October 24

Morning: Ps. 62, 145
Evening: Ps. 73, 9

Zech. 1:7–17 or Jer. 45:1–5
Rev. 1:4–20

Matt. 12:43–50

Tuesday October 25

Morning: Ps. 12, 146
Evening: Ps. 36, 7
Ezra 5:1–17 or Lam. 1:1–5
(6–9) 10–12
Rev. 4:1–11
Matt. 13:1–9

Wednesday October 26

Morning: Ps. 96, 147:1–11
Evening: Ps. 132, 134
Ezra 6:1–22 or Lam. 2:8–15
Rev. 5:1–10
Matt. 13:10–17

Thursday October 27

Morning: Ps. 116, 147:12–20
Evening: Ps. 26, 130
Neh. 1:1–11 or Lam. 2:16–22
Rev. 5:11–6:11

Matt. 13:18–23

Friday October 28

Morning: Ps. 84, 148
Evening: Ps. 25, 40
Neh. 2:1–20 or Lam. 4:1–22
Rev. 6:12–7:4
Matt. 13:24–30

Saturday October 29

Morning: Ps. 63, 149
Evening: Ps. 125, 90
Neh. 4:1–23 or Lam 5:1–22
Rev. 7:(4–8) 9–17

Matt. 13:31–35

Sunday October 30

Morning: Ps. 103, 150
Evening: Ps. 117, 139
Neh. 5:1–9 or Ezra 1:1–11
Acts 20:7–12
Luke 12:22–31

Monday October 31

Morning: Ps. 5, 145
Evening: Ps. 82, 29
Neh. 6:1–19 or Ezra 3:1–13
Rev. 10:1–11
Matt. 13:36–43



Melissa Warthen	1	Melissa Davis	14
Bess Wilcox	1	Ashton Craft	15
Donna Libby	2	Chuck Bondurant	18
Barbara Hill	4	Wesley Luhn	21
Beth Merritt	4	Leigh Ann Beck	23
Beth Benton	5	Kendra Gilham	26
Ken Sisson	6	Debbie Clifton	27
Hal Chesser	7	Jimmy Musgrove	28
Mary Frances Smith	9	Kelly Weber	28
Roseann DeJarnette	10	Keith Williamson	28
Pamela Langston	10	Presley Craft	29
Vicktor Tollison	11	Daniel Scott	30
Will Lowe III	12	Jordan Davis	31
Shirley Somers	12	Alex Downie	31
Cate Wilcox	12	Gaston Wilkes	31
Tracey Leaver-Williams	13		



<i>Larry & Nancy McDonald</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>46 years</i>
<i>Andy & Audrey Anderson</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>56 years</i>
<i>Sonny & Susan Bargeron</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>28 years</i>
<i>Reid & Lettie McArthur</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>27 years</i>
<i>Allen & Nancy Rice</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>26 years</i>

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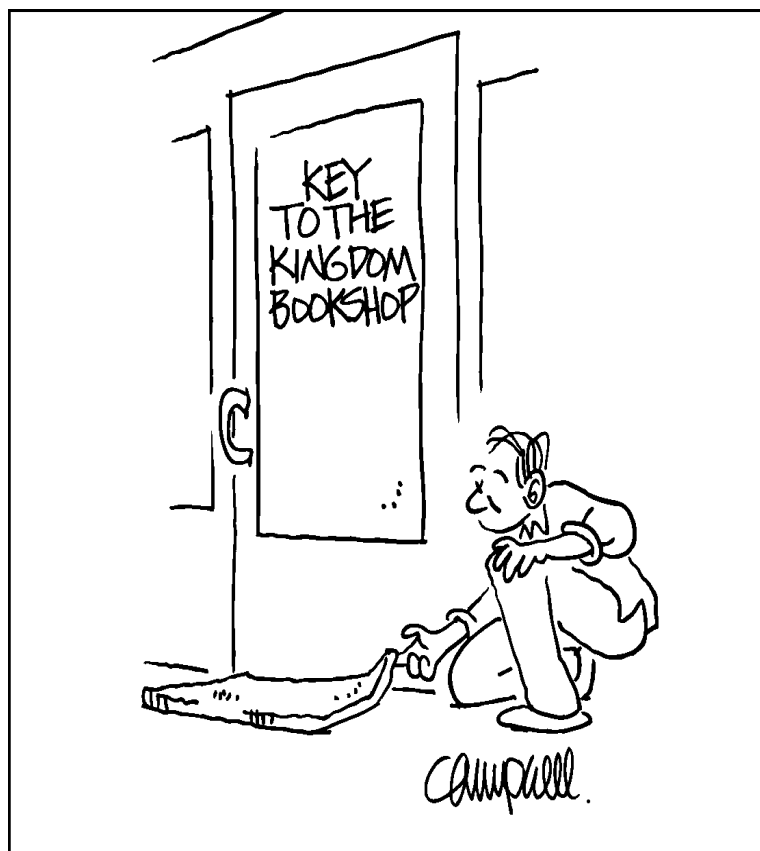
Email: vpcoffice@bellsouth.net or call Jody at 537-3500

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



October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2  Congregational Meeting to elect the Elder Nominating Committee</p>	<p>3 Sharing @ Shoney's</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 6:00 pm FNS 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study, Youth Bible Study, Children's Activities</p>	<p>6  Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>7 Fall Youth Connect @ First Pres, Statesboro</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 5:00 pm PYF  FALL FESTIVAL Stewardship Campaign</p>	<p>10 Sharing @ Shoney's Columbus Day </p>	<p>11  Women's Circle</p>	<p>12 6:00 pm FNS 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study, Youth Bible Study, Children's Activities</p>	<p>13  Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>14 Jody out of the</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship office 5:00 pm PYF</p>	<p>17 Sharing @ Shoney's</p>	<p>18 McGregor Pres Homecoming</p>	<p>19 12:00 CE Meeting 6:00 pm FNS 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study, Youth Bible Study, Children's Activities</p>	<p>20  Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 4:00 pm Parent's Meeting 5:00 pm PYF</p>	<p>24 Sharing @ Shoney's</p>	<p>25 Presbytery Stated Meeting (Waycross)</p>	<p>26 6:00 pm FNS 6:30 pm Adult and Youth Bible Studies, Children's Activities, Session Meeting</p>	<p>27  Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>28 Kevin on Continuing Education Leave</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 5:00 pm PYF <i>Reformation Sunday</i></p>	<p>31 Sharing @ Shoney's <i>Halloween</i></p>					

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RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

Many new parents choose “Bible names” for their babies. Of the following names, which two (one boy’s and one girl’s) are not found in Scripture?

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|--------------|-----------|
| A. Eunice | E. Derek |
| B. Priscilla | F. Obed |
| C. Judith | G. Reuben |
| D. Clara | H. Joel |



Answer: D (see John 1:42.)

+ Christian Symbols +

Harp

The multi-stringed musical instrument is associated with David, who played to soothe King Saul and later wrote many psalms. The harp also represents praise music in general, as well as all the instruments people use to glorify God (see Psalm 71:22). The idea that angels play harps comes from Revelation 14:2 (“And I heard a voice from heaven like the sound of ... Harpists playing on their harps”).

