

THE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PASTOR

OK folks, the vote is in. The results of the mini-survey have been tallied. Our Wednesday night program has been chosen. And the winner is...*The Bible from Scratch: The New Testament for Beginners*. And what a great place to start off our studies.

This is an eight week study that will take us from Matthew to Revelation. When we are finished, you will have a much better idea how Luke and John differ and how they are the same. You will get to know Paul and the letters he wrote. You will read the other letters as well. And, we wont

even shy away from Revelation, but will spend an entire session on it to wrap things up. From there, who knows where we will go. (Actually, I have some ideas, but I will let you help choose!)

And for those who are interested in (worried about?) finances, our little survey showed a great interest in Financial Peace University by Dave Ramsey. We will try to put that together for a winter study. Keep your eyes and ears open for more news on that. If it sounds like something that you would like to help organize and/or lead, just let me know.

For those who

seek community and a chance to get to know others in your congregation, you can't beat Wednesday evenings. It's a good old family time gathering with a little something for everyone. So, come on by and enjoy the food, fellowship, and study!

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—

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.

September's Shepherd Group is the "ISIAIAH" Shepherd Group.

Please pray for these members throughout the month of September:

ISIAIAH GROUP

Ben and Leigh Ann Beck family
Hibby & Barbara Bedingfield
Bill and Ann Bedinfield
Frances Clark
Ti and Rebecca Dean family
Andrea Fernwalt
Glenn and Leba Goode
Charles & Linda Page
Ken and Mary Frances Smith
Mac & Marcia Suber
Maddie Suber

If your family is not in a Shepherd group and you would like to be, call (537-3500) or email (vpcoffice@bellsouth.net) the office .

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

YOUTH NEWS

Great News for all youth — school is back in session! This means that plans for the fall and early winter are being made. Our next parents' meeting will be September 18, 2011 at 4:00 pm when we can finalize plans.

Besides all the fun activities we did this year, the highlights had to be the mission trip

(Remember Chris) and the Bethany Nursing Home birthday party for June. The next birthday party we can do is on December 29, 2011.

Thanks to all the church member who support the youth program through you prayers and financial contributions. Thanks to the parent who supply the pools for pool parties and even movies

by the pool. You chaperone, provide food, transportation and great ideas.

Looking forward to the mission presentation at Wednesday Family Night Supper on September 7, 2011

Faithfully yours,

Mr. Jimmy

You are invited to a celebration of

Mell Whipple's 100th Birthday

Saturday, September 24th
Drop by between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Altama Gallery
611 Jackson Street
Vidalia, Georgia

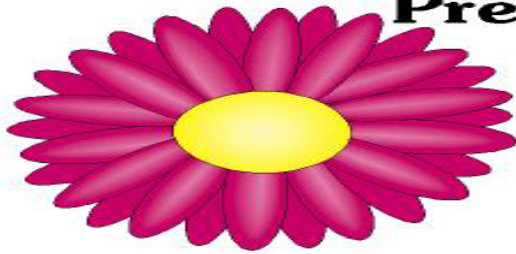
Anne and Carlyle Rood

Camella and Don Duerr

Annette Ewing

No gifts, please

Vidalia Presbyterian Women



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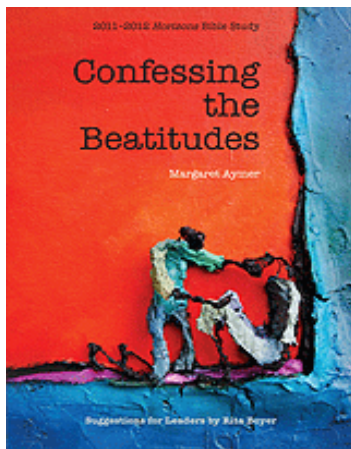
Thursday Morning Bible Study



The word “blessing” carries such a sense of extravagant goodness! We all crave blessings. We yearn for the favor and goodwill of those we love and respect. Above all, we need to know that a loving God smiles on us - that God will bless us.

Early in his ministry Jesus pronounced a series of blessings that we have come to call “the beatitudes.” These are some of the best known words of Jesus. In this nine session study, **Unexpected Blessings: The Beatitudes Expanded**, Debbie Schmidt explores and unpacks the beauty and the meaning of these beloved words. Beginning September 8, the Thursday Morning Bible Study will start this study on the beatitudes. Books cost \$8.50 and are available in the church office or at the Bible study.

New Circle Study



The Beatitudes are some of the most beloved teachings of Jesus, yet they may well be some of the most pointed. We may miss their point, however, if we do not study them within their literary, historical, and cultural contexts. In this study, Margaret Aymer invites us to consider the Beatitudes as they might have been heard when Jesus spoke them — during the time of the Roman Empire. While great in many respects, Rome was a cruel and brutal regime that did not stop short of executing anyone who challenged its authority.

Confessing the Beatitudes is aptly named, as we are invited at the end of each lesson to enter into a process of confession. The ancient practice of confession marks Christians as a people who recognize the truth, learn about the truth, and speak the truth — both about God and about ourselves. Come join Circle I at 10 am or Circle II at 7 pm on September 13th.

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Answer: “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)



Date	Amount
August 7	\$3,178.25
August 14	\$5,548
August 21	\$4108
August 28	\$6,847.12

Children’s Church List



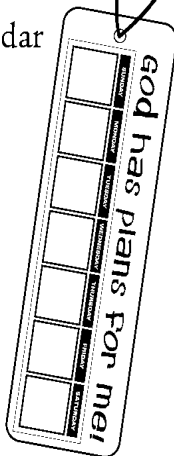
Date	Name
9/4/11	Robert & Roseann DeJarnette
9/11/11	Garrett & Blythe Wilcox
9/18/11	Mary Ellen Davis
9/25/11	Bart & Christy Davis

A daily reminder

Make this bookmark to remind you that God is with you every day.

What you need:

- An old calendar
- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Glue stick
- Pencil or marker
- Stickers
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or yarn



What you do:

1. Cut out the first line of squares from an old calendar, including the days of the week along the top.
2. Cut the cardstock into a rectangle a little larger than the calendar section.
3. Glue the calendar section onto the cardstock.
4. Write "God has plans for me" (Jeremiah 29:11) on the bookmark.
5. Add stickers or other decorations on the back.
6. Punch a hole on one end of the bookmark.
7. Loop some ribbon or yarn through the hole.



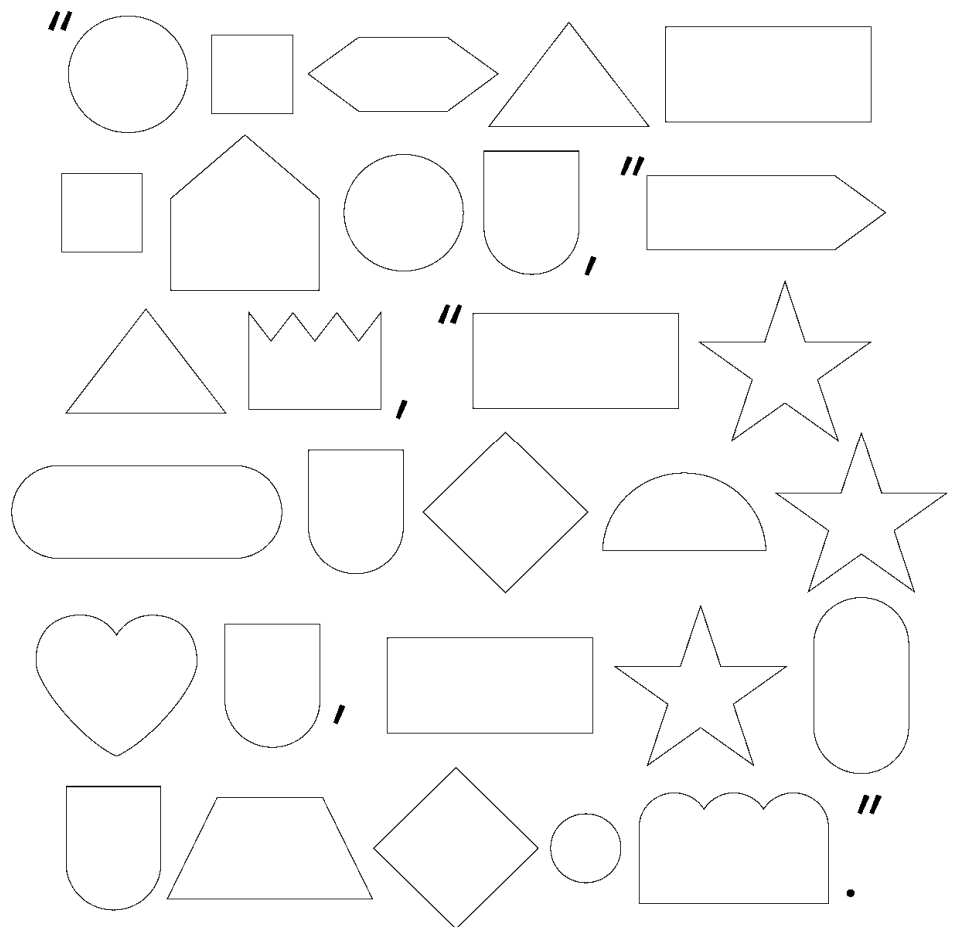
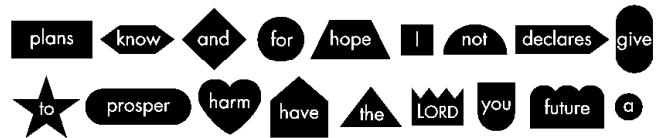
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GOD'S PLAN

When we ask God for guidance, he will show us his perfect plan for our lives.

Directions: Use the shape code to the right to write out Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.



September 2011

Devotional Calendar

Thursday September 1

Morning: Ps. 116, 147:12–20

Evening: Ps. 26, 130

1 Kings 11:1–13

James 3:13–4:12

Mark 15:12–21

Friday September 2

Morning: Ps. 84, 148

Evening: Ps. 25, 40

1 Kings 11:26–43

James 4:13–5:6

Mark 15:22–32

Saturday September 3

Morning: Ps. 63, 149

Evening: Ps. 125, 90

1 Kings 12:1–20

James 5:7–20

Mark 15:33–39

Sunday September 4

Morning: Ps. 103, 150

Evening: Ps. 117, 139

1 Kings 12:21–33

Acts 4:18–31

John 10:31–42

Monday September 5

Morning: Ps. 5, 145

Evening: Ps. 82, 29

1 Kings 13:1–10

Phil. 1:1–11

Mark 15:40–47

Tuesday September 6

Morning: Ps. 42, 146

Evening: Ps. 102, 133

1 Kings 16:23–34

Phil. 1:12–30

Mark 16:1–8 (9–20)

Wednesday September 7

Morning: Ps. 89:1–18, 147:1–11

Evening: Ps. 1, 33

1 Kings 17:1–24

Phil. 2:1–11

Matt. 2:1–12

Thursday September 8

Morning: Ps. 97, 147:12–20

Evening: Ps. 16, 62

1 Kings 18:1–19

Phil. 2:12–30

Matt. 2:13–23

Friday September 9

Morning: Ps. 51, 148

Evening: Ps. 142, 65

1 Kings 18:20–40

Phil. 3:1–16

Matt. 3:1–12

Saturday September 10

Morning: Ps. 104, 149

Evening: Ps. 138, 98

1 Kings 18:41–19:8

Phil. 3:17–4:7

Matt. 3:13–17

Sunday September 11

Morning: Ps. 19, 150

Evening: Ps. 81, 113

1 Kings 19:8–21

Acts 5:34–42

John 11:45–57

Monday September 12

Morning: Ps. 135, 145

Evening: Ps. 97, 112

1 Kings 21:1–16

1 Cor. 1:1–19

Matt. 4:1–11

Tuesday September 13

Morning: Ps. 123, 146

Evening: Ps. 30, 86

1 Kings 21:17–29

1 Cor. 1:20–31

Matt. 4:12–17

Wednesday September 14

Morning: Ps. 15, 147:1–11

Evening: Ps. 48, 4

1 Kings 22:1–28

1 Cor. 2:1–13

Matt. 4:18–25

Thursday September 15

Morning: Ps. 36, 147:12–20

Evening: Ps. 80, 27

1 Kings 22:29–45

1 Cor. 2:14–3:15

Matt. 5:1–10

Friday September 16

Morning: Ps. 130, 148

Evening: Ps. 32, 139

2 Kings 1:2–17

1 Cor. 3:16–23

Matt. 5:11–16

Saturday September 17

Morning: Ps. 56, 149

Evening: Ps. 118, 111

2 Kings 2:1–18

1 Cor. 4:1–7 Matt. 5:17–20

Sunday September 18

Morning: Ps. 67, 150

Evening: Ps. 46, 93

2 Kings 4:8–37

Acts 9:10–31

Luke 3:7–18

Monday September 19

Morning: Ps. 57, 145

Evening: Ps. 85, 47

2 Kings 5:1–19

1 Cor. 4:8–21

Matt. 5:21–26

Tuesday September 20

Morning: Ps. 54, 146

Evening: Ps. 28, 99

2 Kings 5:19–27

1 Cor. 5:1–8

Matt. 5:27–37

Wednesday September 21

Morning: Ps. 65, 147:1–11

Evening: Ps. 125, 91

2 Kings 6:1–23

1 Cor. 5:9–6:11

Matt. 5:38–48

Thursday September 22

Morning: Ps. 143, 147:12–20

Evening: Ps. 81, 116

2 Kings 9:1–16

1 Cor. 6:12–20

Matt. 6:1–6, 16–18

Friday September 23

Morning: Ps. 88, 148

Evening: Ps. 6, 20

2 Kings 9:17–37

1 Cor. 7:1–9

Matt. 6:7–15

Saturday September 24

Morning: Ps. 122, 149

Evening: Ps. 100, 63

2 Kings 11:1–20a

1 Cor. 7:10–24

Matt. 6:19–24

Sunday September 25

Morning: Ps. 108, 150

Evening: Ps. 66, 23

2 Kings 17:1–18

Acts 9:36–43

Luke 5:1–11

Monday September 26

Morning: Ps. 62, 145

Evening: Ps. 73, 9

2 Kings 17:24–41

1 Cor. 7:25–31

Matt. 6:25–34

Tuesday September 27

Morning: Ps. 12, 146

Evening: Ps. 36, 7

2 Chron. 29:1–3, 30:1 (2–9) 10–27

1 Cor. 7:32–40

Matt. 7:1–12

Wednesday September 28

Morning: Ps. 96, 147:1–11

Evening: Ps. 132, 134

2 Kings 18:9–25

1 Cor. 8:1–13

Matt. 7:13–21

Thursday September 29

Morning: Ps. 116, 147:12–20

Evening: Ps. 26, 130

2 Kings 18:28–37

1 Cor. 9:1–15

Matt. 7:22–29

Friday September 30

Morning: Ps. 84, 148

Evening: Ps. 25, 40

2 Kings 19:1–20

1 Cor. 9:16–27

Matt. 8:1–17



Darby Thompson	1	Nichole Fountain	20
Bill Torrance	1	Mary Beth McRae	20
Bill Bedingfield	2	Angela Wolfe	21
Connie Chesser	2	Jan Luhn	22
Micah Davis	2	Jenni Thompson	22
Angela Lane	3	Molly Gilham	22
Sarah Hilton	4	Whit Brown	23
Hank DeJarnette	4	Charlotte Sisson	24
Julia Musgrove	5	Chip Matheson	24
Johnny Davis	7	Mark Chesser	24
Art Genereux	7	Josh Davis	24
Beth Pollock	8	Paul Bone	25
Annie Kaufold-Wiggins	8	Geoff Conner	25
Mike Holland	8	Cody Achenbach	25
Henry Dean Adams	9	Luke Rutz	25
Phil Barfield	9	Taylor Genereux	27
Stephaney Clark	10	Chris Munoz	27
Mark Matheson	13	Reid McArthur	28
Marcia Suber	17	Meghan Kramer	28
Lou Wilkes	19	Wendy Genereux	30



Brennan Limehouse Dean

born August 10, 2011 to Ti and Rebecca Dean
weighing 8lbs 4 oz.

Proud Grandparents are Emory and Marge Davis.

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



Dr. Archie J. (AJ) Morris, Jr., on August 10, 2011.

Jane Oliver Robbins on August 17, 2011.



Tom and Angie Meredith 2 40 years

Mark and Lisa Matheson 6 14 years

Wright and Dusty Gres 7 43 years




Jimmy and B.J. Davis 13 42 years

Glenn and Vicki Mixon 14 37 years

Wayne and Faith Burke 26 7 years

Joshua and Melissa Davis 30 5 years

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Morning Worship Service with Communion No PYF	5 Sharing @ Shoneys  Office Closed	6	7 6:00 pm Family Night Supper 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study, Youth Bible Study,	1 8 10:00 am Thursday Morning Bible Study	2	3
11 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Morning Worship 5:00 pm PYF  Congregational Dinner	12 Sharing @ Shoneys 5:30 pm Steward- ship Committee Meeting	13 Circle I Circle II	14 6:00 pm Family Night Supper 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study, Youth Bible Study,	15 10:00 am Thursday Morning Bible Study	16	17
18 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Morning Worship Service 4:00 pm Youth Parent's Meeting 5:00 pm PYF	19 Sharing @ Shoneys	20	21 6:00 pm Family Night Supper 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study, Youth Bible Study,	22 10:00 am Thursday Morning Bible Study	23	24
25 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Morning Worship Service 5:00 pm PYF	26 Sharing at Shoneys	27	28 6:00 pm Family Night Supper 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study, Youth Bible Study, Session 	29 10:00 am Thursday Morning Bible Study	30	

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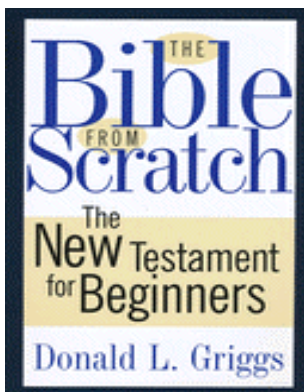


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RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED

Wednesday Night Bible Study



Family Night
Supper will resume
on September 7th
with an eight-week
study of *The Bible
from Scratch: The
New Testament
for Beginners* by
Donald L. Griggs, a
respected Christian

Educator, author, and former teacher
at Union Presbyterian Seminary in
Richmond, Virginia.

*The Bible from Scratch: The New
Testament for Beginners* is an easy-
to-understand overview of the Bible for
adults who have—or fear they have—

little or no bible knowledge. Griggs
guides us through the Bible and
introduces basic tools and skills for Bible
Study and presents basic themes,
histories, personalities and meanings
of the bible.

Family Night Supper
Wednesdays beginning
September 7th.