

# GOOD NEWS AT VPC



August 2023

## GLAD TIDINGS FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

What a wonderful 5th Sunday yesterday, July 30th! Yes, we had a smaller summer group in the sanctuary, but there was a lot of good dialogue and not too much monologue (I hope). There was diversity in our thoughts, but the climax was our understanding of God's Presence and Love for all of God's children, young and older alike.

We finished our next to the last day of July with a trip to visit and break bread with our Latina friends at Iglesia Latina. The food was wonderful, the children took turns hitting the pinata and enjoying the candy within it, the water slides helped keep the children cool, and even Pastor Ozeas decided to slide in his clothes.

So, as I write this, tomorrow will be the first day of August. This is a time where we look forward to finishing wonderful summer vacations, school will soon be starting, the session will resume our regular monthly meetings, and final plans for Sunday School and First Sunday Lunches will be made as we move towards September.

My friends, Vidalia Presbyterian Church continues to be a vital place where love and care for one another is present. We also extend God's love to ministries and sharing our Fellowship Hall outside of the congregation including Iglesia Latina, Narcotics Anonymous, Alanon, women's exercise, twirling, Rotary Club, DAR, Agape Ministries and others.

This fall I will begin my fifth year as your Pastor. It is my hope to serve as your pastor for a few more years, health permitting. If that is the wish of the congregation let us join hands in continued vitality and in the Love of our God and the love of our neighbor here at VPC.

Grace and Peace,

Russell



Blythe Wilcox	10
Ethan Gray	10
Elizabeth Holman	11
Faith Burke	15
Kasey Jackson	16
Russell Gladding	17
Karen Hilton	22
Linda Page	25

Henry & Wanda Cline	20th 45yrs
Russell & Kathy Gladding	24th 45yrs
Charles & Angela Lane	25th 33yrs

Congratulations to all of you who are celebration birthdays and anniversaries this month . . .

*May God Bless you on your special day!*

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact Danielle in the church office at (912) 537-3500 so that we can correct our records.

## PRAYER LIST

Our College Students

Bess Wilcox - Georgia Southern University

Jansen Killian - University of Georgia School of Law - 107 Cherrywood Dr., Vidalia, GA 30474

Our Friends and Family

Melba Claxton - Home

Elizabeth Killian-Wilkes

Carol Anne Claxton Baker

Melissa Branch

Judy Rhodes

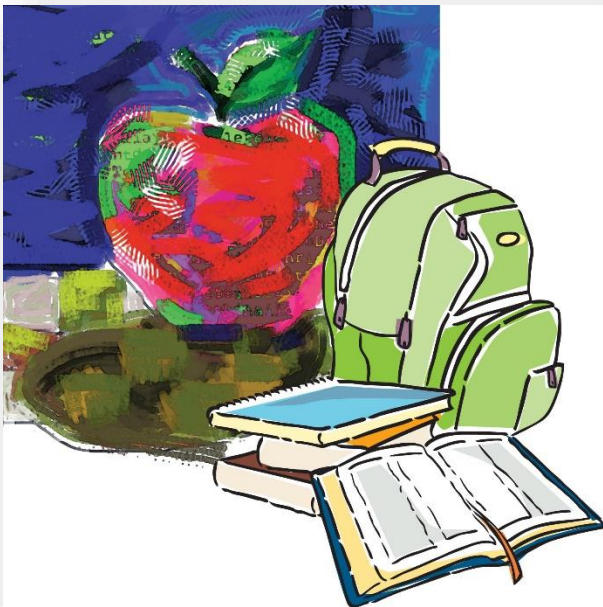
James & Peggy Thompson

Ozeas Silva

Vicki Mixon

## SERMONS FOR AUGUST

6th	"The Miracle We Are Called To"	Matthew 14:13-21
13th	"Getting Out of the Boat"	Matthew 14:22-33
20th	"Eating Crumbs"	Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28
27th	"Never the Less, The Church Will Prevail"	Matthew 16:13-20



### BE A GREETER

Would you like to serve as a greeter at the front door of the church, welcoming members and visitors as they arrive? To sign up, just go to [signup.com](http://signup.com) and choose a date, or simply call the church office. It takes only minutes and it's a fun way to welcome people to church.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Presbyterians believe in the education of God's people. This is a life-long learning process, starting with our children as we seek to know more about who God, Christ, Jesus, and other persons in scripture and literature are. By learning about them, we become aware in our lives of what God's creation is including us and what life can be about. Consider joining on Wednesday evenings as we start up in September to learn and grow together.



## SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH

We are looking forward to starting back with our Second Sunday Lunches in September. We have posted a sign-up sheet to host these on the table in front of the bulletin board.

## STEWARDSHIP AS A LIFESTYLE

Stewardship is a noun, but it is through the actions of people that stewardship is truly defined. It is the verbs of people who care, share, protect, feed, prepare, speak, endure, plant, try, develop, mentor, give, donate, trust, & love. As a new school year begins, how can we be good stewards of our youth? What will you do to make a difference?

## LITURGISTS SPRING SCHEDULE

A liturgist schedule is posted on the bulletin board outside of the Sanctuary. This is for July through September. A new schedule will be posted later this month for October through December. If you are interested in becoming a Liturgist, please contact Pastor Russell.

## LADIES LUNCH GROUP

The ladies had a great time in July, enjoying each other's company and fellowship at Osaka's in Vidalia. We will be going to Guacamole in Lyons (beside Chatter's) on August 9th. We hope you will be able to join!

Vidalia Presbyterian Church joined Iglesia Latina in Swainsboro celebrated a time of family fun and fellowship. The Fiesta was a success! Thank you for everyone who participated and contributed to making this event come together!





# MUSIC News



I was recently honored to be asked to play for my high school chorus teacher's funeral. In choosing music for the service, I began to focus on hymns that had lyrics about singing. Through my browsing, it was enlightening to come across some of my favorites that I had not sung for several years. I played the songs listed below especially for Mrs. Owens and the many years that she dedicated her life to music education. She touched so many lives in our high school (Wheeler County) and in our community.

- *His Eye Is On the Sparrow*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Df3P4cO4Co0>
- *When We All Get to Heaven*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FGMMRjcUGtA>
- *Wonderful Words of Life*  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pvh--AlfkH4&list=RDPvh--AlfkH4&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pvh--AlfkH4&list=RDPvh--AlfkH4&start_radio=1)
- *He Keeps Me Singing*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kmYhR6TlhQM>
- *Blessed Assurance*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S3TGrRKf4H8>
- *How Can I Keep From Singing?*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rE086BWdhU4>

----Sarah Montford



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### The Session

Kelly Brand-Class of 2023  
Kyle Montford-Class of 2023  
Mike Walton-Class of 2023  
Angela Lane-Class of 2024  
Cissy Alderman-Class of 2024  
Ben Davis-Class of 2024  
Angela Cloud-Class of 2025  
Glenn Goode-Class of 2025

### Officer & Associates reporting to the Session

Cissy Alderman (2024) - Clerk of Session  
James Thompson - Treasurer  
Mike Walton - Associate Treasurer

### Staff

Rev. Russell B. Gladding, Jr., Pastor  
Sarah Montford, Director of Music  
Danielle Cannady, Office Administrator  
Samuel L. Dixon, Sexton

## ***Publication Deadlines:***

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**Thursdays.**

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