

THE GOOD NEWS AT VPC



October 2023

GLAD TIDINGS FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

VIDALIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The first Sunday is October 1st and it is World Communion Sunday for many Christians and other Faiths. It is a very special time as we come to Christ's table knowing the world is also coming to commune with God from all around the globe on this Sunday. I hope you will be with us on this special day.

Fall is in the air as we enter into, October 2023! But don't forget, we often have some summer-like days during the tenth month of the year. This is a season for many things: The Baseball Playoffs and World Series(Go Braves!), Football with Georgia, Georgia Tech, and the Falcons, and lest we forget there will be Church services on Sundays and Wednesdays with Sinning Like a Christian, as our book and Bible study. Books are available in the church office. Some of you might come on Wednesday for this study since you won't be in church on Sundays! 😊

We are planning for our Homecoming weekend- in October 2024. So, we will be in touch with all of you to be a part of making this a very special time. Speaking of time, it will fly by, so stay tuned as Angela Lane and her committee leaders will be contacting you.

VPC's office hours have been changed. Danielle, our office administrator, will be working from 8A.M. until 2P.M. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. The office will be closed on Wednesdays. However, I will be working on Wednesdays, in the office, some of that time, usually from 9A.M. until 12 P.M. You can always reach me by phone, (912 223 2791).

Our 2nd Sunday lunch is a barbeque feast provided for, by Donnie Alderman's Famous BBQ. Sides and desserts for this will be provided by you all! Hope to see you after our Worship Service on October 8th.

The 5th Sunday Congregational Conversation will be in the Sanctuary on October 29th at 10:30 A.M. The feedback we have received has been good and positive. I have enjoyed sharing my thoughts and hearing yours! If you have not joined us in this time of dialogue and discussion, I hope you will give it a try.

Grace and Peace to you all,

Russell



Birthdays



Anniversaries

BESS WILCOX	1
STEPHEN SISSON	1
BARBARA HILL	4
AMANDA MONTFORD	4
CRAIG ADAMS	6
MIKE WALTON	6
PAM LANGSTON	10
CATE WILCOX	12
LEIGH ANN BECK	23
KELLY WEBER BRAND	28
JORDAN DAVIS	31

Larry and Nancy McDonald	10 th	59 yrs
Shaun and Regan Foley	21 st	6 yrs
Reid and Letty McArthur	22 nd	40 yrs
Allen and Nancy Rice	26 th	38 yrs

Congratulations to all of you who are celebrating 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

Our Friends and Family

Melba Claxton

James & Peggy Thompson

Kathy Buder

Ozeas Silva

Jimmy & Rosalyn Carter

Angela Cloud

Charlotte Sisson

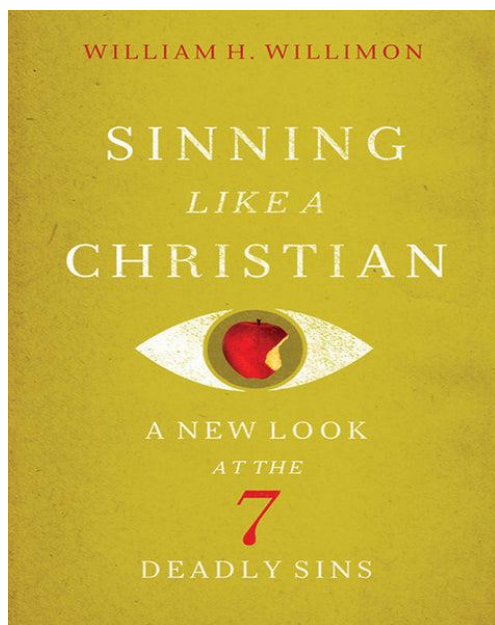
Stephen Sisson

SERMONS FOR OCTOBER

1st	"The Other Son"	Luke 15:25-32
8th	"Christ's Church"	Matthew 21:33-46
15th	"Just Show Up"	Matthew 22:1-14
22nd	"Check Mate"	Matthew 22:34-46
29 th	5 th Sunday Congregational Discussion	

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 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

The Wednesday evening Book and Bible Study Group resume on October 4th. We will be meeting in the Ewell Nelson Room from 5:30pm-6:45pm discussing the book '*Sinning Like A Christian*' by Will Willimon. Everyone is encouraged to bring a snack or light dinner. Books are available in the office. Please reach out to Danielle or Pastor Russell if you would like to join.

LADIES LUNCH GROUP

Come join your fellow church ladies as we gather on the second Wednesday of each month at a local restaurant for food and fellowship. The ladies had a great time in September at 1903 (formerly Burgers on Broad) Lyons Ga. For October we will be going to Tappas on the 11th @ 11:3am. We hope you will be able to join!



LITURGISTS SPRING SCHEDULE

A liturgist schedule is posted on the bulletin board outside of the Sanctuary for October through December. If you are interested in becoming a Liturgist, please contact Pastor Russell.

STEWARDSHIP AS A LIFESTYLE

We are each and all uniquely gifted by God in a variety of ways. Owning up to those gifts is not prideful or egotistical but true humility when we credit God with our gifts and put them in His service.

Our unique gifts include our very lives and the time we have been given, our faith and the Church, our relationships, our work and vocations, our abilities and interests, experiences and passions, our intellects and personalities, our money and possessions, the environment and our citizenship, even our obstacles, weaknesses and mistakes. Once we realize how generous God has been to us, we respond with gratitude by developing all our gifts to their full potential, using them well to serve others, building up the kingdom of God, and sharing them generously in proportion to what we have been given.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sarah Montford and Kelly Brand are teaching our children on Sundays as we start back with Sunday school. We can always use more help, so please consider volunteering for approximately 20-25 minutes once or twice a month.

SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH

A huge 'Thank you' goes out to Leba Goode for the amazing job she did last month for our congregational lunch! Donnie & Cissy Alderman will be hosting our Second Sunday Lunch on October 8th. Please bring a side dish to pair with their BBQ.

FINANCE

VPC income and expenses are within the annual budget. The restructuring of our savings accounts mentioned in last month's news is mostly done. Stewardship plans are being considered; watch for more news soon regarding a request for 2024 Pledges. Year to date statements will be sent out this month so you can verify against your giving plans/pledge for 2023. Thank you for your consistent support for our church!





"Spafford family photographic album, ca. 1880. [Manuscript Division](#), Library of Congress"

"It Is Well With My Soul"

Horatio Spafford

Annie, Maggie, Bessie, and Tanetta - these are the names of the four daughters that Horatio and Anna Spafford lost in one nightmare instant after a ship wreck at sea. The girls and their mother were traveling to Europe for a vacation. Horatio Spafford, a prosperous lawyer and Presbyterian Church elder in Chicago, was planning to go with them, but had to stay behind for business. The *S. S. Ville du Havre* was hit by a British ship and sank in November, 1873. Anna survived the ship wreck and was taken to Cardiff, Wales, where she telegraphed her husband that she was "saved alone." Horatio left Chicago immediately to go to his wife. As he was crossing the Atlantic, the captain of his ship told him when they passed over the spot where the ship wreck occurred. The story is told that Horatio wrote the lyrics to the hymn "It Is Well With My Soul" as he crossed over the area where he lost his daughters.

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."
It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.
Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
My sin, O, the bliss of this glorious thought -
My sin - not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so," it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

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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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