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Christian Motivations

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (John 14:6)

People are complicated. We respond to various types of motivations. Some are inspired by fear, like late-night just before the due date term-paper writing; others are inspired by love of the task. A spectrum of motivations lies between these two. Our Creator, above all, knows this about us. Some buy Chevys, some buy Fords. Some are drawn to Christ by fear of the terrors of hell, others by love for the beauty of His person.

I plan to write a couple of newsletters about key motivational insights in my own life. I'll present them chronologically, as I am able to recall them, trusting that they might be motivational for you as well.

John 14:6 (above) is the first that I am able to recollect. I became convinced at an early age that Jesus was the one way of salvation. I don't remember ever not believing that there is "salvation in no one else" (Acts 4:12). A sermon on hell proved particularly motivational. Heaven and hell, life and death, eternity and time, light and darkness, truth and error were all absolute categories for me at a very early age, for which I am eternally grateful to my family and to the churches I attended in my childhood and youth.

What this meant in practice was that I was always, it seems, conscious that my behavior might impact whether or not

another person might become a Christian. Whether or not I was kind or mean, truthful or deceiving, loving or hateful, bold or timid might make the difference for some lost soul.

I recall having one of my boyhood friends spend the night. We turned out the lights. I felt convicted that I needed to ask him if he believed. I paused. Finally I got up the nerve. "Do you believe in Jesus?" I asked. A long silence followed. Finally, out of the darkness a weak voice said, "Yes." That was the end of it. I had no idea of what to say next. But I was concerned about his soul and *I had to ask*.

I was the ringleader in my youth group, asking, begging, pleading with my circle of friends to get involved. Most of them did. I used to badger our youth director to teach a lesson (he had a bad habit of telling jokes the whole Sunday School hour). Why? Two reasons. I was concerned for the salvation of my friends. Why? John 14: 6. I believed in heaven and hell. I wanted my friends to be saved. I didn't want them to spend eternity in hell. My second motivation was a personal sense of responsibility. I was privileged to know the truth. The privilege carries a responsibility to tell others. I could not be silent. It would be irresponsible. Mine were not the highest motivations, yet they were valid motivations: concern for lost souls, and my responsibility toward them.

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IPC Day Camp AT POINT PLEASANT 2014

Summary

CHRISTIAN MOTIVATIONS

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Biblical, theological convictions are critical in motivating believers. Faith alone, in Jesus alone, saves. Unbelievers seem to understand the connection between conviction and outreach. A recent apologetics blog cites Michael, a Dartmouth student and atheist, who said, "I really can't consider a Christian a good, moral person if he isn't trying to convert me." Similarly, Penn Jillette, the atheist illusionist and comedian said, "I don't respect people who don't proselytize. I don't respect that at all. If you believe that there's a heaven and hell and people could be going to hell or not getting eternal life or whatever, and you think that it's not really worth telling them this because it would make it socially awkward...How much do you have to hate somebody to believe that everlasting life is possible and not tell them that?" Michael's words are worth pondering: "Christianity is something that if you really believed it, it would change your life and you would want to change [the lives] of others. I haven't seen too much of that."

Becoming convinced that the gospel is true is a vital step in motivating Christian ministry: outreach, witness, evangelism, church-planting, and world missions. Why do we expend so much energy, time and treasure in these endeavors? Because we are convinced that Jesus is *the way*, *the truth*, and *the life*, and that we can only come to the Father through Him. Let this truth sink into our souls and we will find it affecting every aspect of our lives, "taking every thought captive," as the Apostle Paul might say, that sinners might be saved.

Terry Johnson

We are thankful for the good 2014 summer day camp. We enjoyed another camp season free from serious injury and filled with many good experiences. Thank you to all who prayed for the health and safety of campers and staff as well. The camp season was eight one week sessions beginning June 2 and ending August 2. No camp was held the week of July 14-18 as the youth group used Point Pleasant as its base camp for "Mission Savannah." Camp filled very quickly again this year and we were unable to accommodate over 200 new applicants. We continue "graduating" many eleven year-olds who have been coming to camp since they were five! The camp is an evangelistic outreach tool with the gospel being clearly proclaimed on a daily basis. It is also an excellent opportunity for our middle school, high school, and college-aged people to learn service, leadership, and teamwork. One of my greatest joys in directing the camp is working with the staff through the many challenges that occur daily and seeing them grow in their relationships with each other. The Point Pleasant property is a near ideal facility for a venture of this sort and our growing youth program goes a long way in providing the needed staff. I believe that the participation of many of our older staff together in the Peruvian Day camp trip in December continues to have a great effect on their working well with each other at Point Pleasant. Here is a summary of our 2014 day camp.

- Eight one-week sessions were held between June 4 and August 2.
- 642 camp spots were filled: 116 (18%) by IPC members and 526 (82%) by non-members.
- Transportation was provided to 165 campers over the eight-week period.
- 12 scholarships were awarded in varying amounts totaling \$1800. Eight scholarships were extended

to children from the Urban Hope ministry. Thanks go to all who contributed to the scholarship fund.

- The camp employed: one director and one assistant director for a period of eight weeks and 36 high school, college, and college grad staff for periods ranging from one to eight weeks. The program for middle school volunteers (IPC members only) continued this summer and 9 of our middle schoolers participated.
- We hosted 4 college students from the Glasgow City Free Church of Scotland each for a month this summer to work at camp. They were all very involved in the life of our church – worship, Bible studies, formal and informal gatherings and fellowship. Thanks to all who housed, fed, and transported them during that time.
- The camp program included Bible, Sports and Games, Swimming, Challenge Course, Arts and Crafts, Canoeing and Kayaking, BB riflery, as well as other assorted activities. Most popular new event in camp this summer – Crate Climbing (Octoball was a close second).
- A closing program and slide show was held each Friday and attended by approximately 60 parents each week. A CD of the slide show and brochures and informational materials about IPC were made available to parents at the end of each Friday's closing ceremony.

Thanks to Judy Daniell, Tevis Garnett, Amy Martin, Lucy Brannen, Lucy Biemiller, Lindsey VanPuffelen, Edith Brunson, and Pam Wiggins for hosting Monday night staff meetings. Thanks for the delicious food and wonderful hospitality.

Thanks to Kristi Zerbe (SCAD student and RUF member) for designing a new camp tee shirt for use on tie-dye day. It features two climbers scaling and our beloved Cacky

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Point Pleasant Day Camp!

Summer 2014





Steeple Work Completed

The steeple which adorns our beautiful meeting house now gleaming against the blue skies of Savannah has been one of the city's most significant architectural landmarks for 123 years. The work which began on March 18, 2014 is now complete and with grand results. The repairs and painting were managed by the Rives E. Worrell Construction Company assisted by a host of skilled sub-contractors. The work was completed within budget guidelines and on time. We are especially thankful that there were no injuries during the work.

This important work was financed by your Trustees from funds that they manage. By underwriting the cost of these repairs, the Trustees made it possible for the congregation's tithes and offerings to continue to be devoted to the ministry of the church. We are very thankful to the Trustees for their responsiveness to this need. Thanks also to the congregation and our visitors for enduring inconveniences prompted by safety concerns.

The now brilliant white steeple has real drawing power and reminds us of Mr. Johnson's statement that, "our steeple is worth more than a gospel tract" because of its ability to attract worshipers to our services. When visitors enter our doors for worship they find a service where the gospel is heralded in the context of God-centered reverence and faithful biblical exposition.

The following was printed in the Savannah Morning News dated March 7, 1891.

"Work upon the iron steeple of the Independent Presbyterian church has been in progress for several days. The Lane Brothers Construction Company of Newark, Ohio, has the contract to furnish the material and to build the steeple. The steeple will be something unequaled in its line in Savannah, or in the whole state, in height and appearance. It is modeled after the old steeple, but will be of iron instead of wood, and consequently fireproof. It will be, when complete, 223 feet above the level of the street. The iron tower will be divided into four sections of about equal height. The first and second sections, beginning from the base, will be of the Corinthian order, with columns and entablatures. The third section will be of the composite order, with dentile cornices and bulls'-eye windows. The fourth section is the pyramid, the height of which will be about one-third of the height of the whole tower. It will be of copper plates upon an iron frame work, and will be surmounted by a weather vane 20 feet high, bearing two gilded balls, the first about 3 feet in diameter and the second, or one above, about 1 foot in diameter. The total cost of the tower will be \$16,400. The contractors expect to complete the work about May 1. The bell for the tower is given by Mrs. Alfred E. Mills and weighs 3,150 pounds. The large tower clock is given by Mrs. Jacob Rauers. It will be placed at the top of the stone work and will have four eight-foot dials."

Ron Parrish

Music Ministry

Thank you to all the young people who have played instruments and have sung for our services over the summer months, and to all the men and women who participated in choir during August.

During September, all the choirs will begin for the season.

Sanctuary Choir

No Audition required—you must be able to carry a tune. (high school-adult) Begins Wednesday, September 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Youth Choir

(7th grade-12th) College students are welcome, too. Begins Sunday, September 7, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Chapel Choir

(2nd-6th grade) Begins Sunday, September 7, 7:00-7:45 p.m. Rehearsal and Ice Cream!

Handbell Choir

Begins Wednesday, September 17, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead:

Dress Rehearsal December 13

Lesson and Carol Service December 14

Children **MUST** be attending rehearsals to participate.

Is serving in the Choir for you?
I hope you will prayerfully consider it.

In Christ's Service,
Kathryn Van Eck



C. H. Spurgeon on Expository Preaching and Reading

C. H. Spurgeon, who ordinarily preached on single verses, and is often cited as an advocate for topical preaching, lamented the decline of the expository sermon in his day. "The present plan of preaching from short texts, together with the great neglect of commenting publicly upon the word is very unsatisfactory," he maintained. "We cannot expect to deliver much of the teaching of Holy Scripture by picking out verse by verse, and holding these up at random."¹ His solution to the problem was the expository reading.

Nowadays since expository preaching is not so common as it ought to be, there is more necessity for our commenting during the time of our reading the Scriptures. Since topical preaching, hortatory preaching, experimental preaching, and so on – all exceedingly useful in their way – have almost pushed proper expository preaching out of place, there is the more need that we should, when we read passages of Holy Writ, habitually give running comments about them.²

¹C.H. Spurgeon, *Commenting and Commentaries*, New Updated Edition (1876; Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1988), 25.

²Ibid., 26

Family Corner

SEPTEMBER 2014

YEARS 1-10

PSALM OF THE MONTH

PSALM 68

Verses 1-8

Based on Scottish Psalter, 1650;

vv. 1-6, *The Book of Psalms*

with Music, 1950;

vv. 7,8, *The Book of Psalms for Singing*, 1973

- 1 Let God arise, and scattered far
Be all His enemies;
And let all those who do Him hate
Before His presence flee,
- 2 As smoke is driven, drive Thou them;
As wax melts by the fire,
Let wicked men before God's face
So perish in His ire.
- 3 But let all righteous men be glad;
Let them before God's sight
Be very joyful; yea, let them
Rejoice with all their might.
- 4 Sing praise to God; prepare His way;
Jehovah is His name,
Who rideth through the wilderness;
Before Him joy proclaim.
- 5 He takes a father's place to those
Who are left fatherless;
The widow's judge is God, within
His place of holiness.
- 6 Yea, God the solitary sets
In families; from bands
The chained doth free; but rebels do
Inhabit desert lands.
- 7 O God, the time Thy going forth
Was at Thy people's head,
The time when Thy majestic march
Into the desert led,
- 8 Then at God's presence trembled earth;
The melting heavens fell;
This Sinai quaked, for God was there,
The God of Israel.

TUNE: WEYMOUTH CMD

Theodore P. Ferris, 1941

YEARS 11-15

HYMN OF THE MONTH

“HOLY, GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME”

Based on *Tē Deum*, ca. 4th cent.

Attr. to Ignace Franz, ca. 1774

Tr. by Clarence A. Walworth, 1853; alt. 1990, mod.

Holy God, we praise your name,
Lord of all, we bow before you;
All on earth your scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
Everlasting is your reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.

Lo! the apostolic train
Join Your sacred Name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the white robed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun,
Through the Church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name You;
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim You,
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own this mystery.

TUNE: GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH 7.8.7.8.7.7.

Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, ca. 1774
(#103)

Psalm 68

The commentators identify the occasion of Psalm 68 with the transportation of the ark from the house of Obed-Edom to Jerusalem (2 Samuel 6:12ff; cf. 1 Chronicles 15:1-28).

As the ark moved in procession (cf. verses 24,25) the people of God recalled the journey of the ark from Sinai (verse 1 echoes Numbers 10:35, the outset of that journey) to Zion, the victories won and provisions made as God went before His people “when thou didst march through the wilderness” (verse 7).

We may also say that it anticipates the ascension of Christ, in which He led captivity captive and gave gifts to His church (verse 6; cf. Ephesians 4:7-16; Acts 2:33). From early times this has been a Psalm for Pentecost.

Youth Ministry

We capped off an end to my first summer in Savannah with a Dock Party at Point Pleasant. There we had a lot of fun and said, "Thank You" to two interns for their tremendous service this summer. Thank you again Rachel and Abby!

Here are some details concerning the launch of our Fall calendar of events:

September 3, we will launch our Wednesday night youth activities. These begin at 6:30 with dinner, games at 7 and a study from 7:30-8:15.

Sunday, September 7, is Promotion Sunday and our first Sunday evening back downtown from Point Pleasant. Parents are invited to eat their supper on the 3rd floor of the Whitaker Building and discuss the fall schedule. Students will eat on the 4th floor before having an extended time of intercessory prayer.

For our first month I will teach from a series I am calling, "In Such a Way," taken from 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 which says:

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

I am looking forward to a fun fall with the youth, but more significantly, one where we improve the manner in which we together run hard after our God.

Thank You,
Paul Rodgers



Women's Ministry



When we refer to the WOC, we are referring to all of the women of our church. We are talking about women of all ages in all stages of life. We do not mean only a certain kind of woman or a certain group of women. Some of us or a few of us are not enough of us. If God brought you to our church, we need you. Something will be lacking without your participation, and we need all of our parts to be whole.

We set aside one Saturday morning each year for all of the women of our church to be together. We enjoy each other's company as we encourage one another in the Lord. We stand together in support of biblical womanhood and thank God for those women who came before us laying the foundations of who we are today.

At the meeting our own women do the speaking, provide the music, and prepare the food. We sit with members of our care groups and work together to set the tables and decorate the room. We work hard and could only do this one time a year, but it is worth all that we do to make this day meaningful.

This year Wendy Sutton will share her journey of faith with us in the years preceding Ruth Anne's adoption. We saw her joy when Ruth Anne became part of their family, but most of us do not know what the Lord taught her through the circumstances surrounding the adoption. Her story is part of our story as we watch Ruth Anne grow up among us. We look forward to what the Lord will teach us through Wendy.

We will also introduce our Bible teachers and talk about ways in which women serve in the church. Come if you need to be involved, or come to help others be involved. There is a place for everyone, and we want everyone to take her place among us. Come to be encouraged, or come to encourage others. Come to welcome new women to the church, and come to spend time with dear friends. Please contact your Care Group elder's wife, and let her know that you will be a part of this once a year gathering of all of the women in our church.

Jane Boatright

The Women of
Independent Presbyterian Church
Are Invited to Our
Annual Meeting and Luncheon-Tea
Saturday, September 27
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Point Pleasant



WOC Fall Events and Opportunities for Service

Annual Meeting and Luncheon-Tea

Saturday morning September 27th from 10:00 until 1:00
Point Pleasant

A Saturday Morning Fellowship Event

Preparing a Tea Party at Home
October 25th from 9:30 until 11:30
Third Floor of the Whitaker Street Building

Holiday Hospitality

Saturday Morning November 15th from 9:30 until 12:00
Fellowship Hall

Decorating the Church for the Season

Friday morning December 12th at 9:00
Call Carolyn Hodges (656-1635) or Carol Scott (656-0664)
for more information.

Moral Concerns

THE TRUE PRO-LIFE ACTIVISM

Prayer

In 1987, a small organization outside Sacramento, California built what came to be known as America's first "Life Chain." Marshaling over 2000 people, **PLEASE LET ME LIVE** organized what they hoped would be "a serious firststep to pro-life activism." Participants were asked to stand publicly for one hour, while holding pro-life signs and praying through the topics printed on the back of them. The event took place and was declared a success. As the years went by, several more chains were formed in other locations. The number of participants increased dramatically and the focus drifted away from prayer and onto numbers. Then, the numbers began to decline—the inevitable result of turning away from "seeking the face of God" to "joining a cause." In 1994, the Life Chains once again became "prayer chains." Now, in cities across America and Canada, Life Chains form to spread the message of truth—about abortion and about God's love, forgiveness, and healing. Ex. 20:13; 1 John 4:8; 1 John 1:9; Ps.103:1-5

On October 5, 2014, we, the members of IPC, have the privilege of joining with our fellow churches in Savannah to stand for life. This will be a time of **quiet, respectful "activism."** Our purpose in this, as in all things, is to bring glory to God. Our focus will be **personal, reverential prayer** as we cry out to God for the cleansing of our own hearts and for His mercy on us and on our nation.

"The fetus though enclosed in the womb of its mother is already a human being...if it seems more horrible to kill a man in his own house than in a field, because a man's house is his place of most secure refuge, it ought surely to be deemed more atrocious to destroy a fetus in the womb before it has come to light."

— John Calvin



Yes! The womb should be the place of "most secure refuge." However, this is not so. Since the 1973 Roe V. Wade decision, more than 56,000,000 babies have been murdered in the name of abortion. Please prayerfully consider taking part in the 2014 Coastal Empire Life Chain. Perhaps, this will be a "serious first step to pro-life activism" for you.

Cindy Sutlive
Moral Concerns Committee

During the Life Chain hour excessive chatting, frivolity, and **all verbal and physical responses to passing motorists are strongly discouraged.**

Information on Please Let Me Live gathered from nationallifechain.org.

DAY CAMP 2014

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the dog atop the climbing tower. Some campers were disappointed to reach the top of the tower and discover that Cacky was not actually up there.

The deepwater dock continues to be put to good use for canoeing, kayaking, swimming, fishing, crabbing, etc. Its function as a meeting place, launch point for canoeing and kayaking, platform for swimming/diving/jumping in Turner's Creek has made it an invaluable part of our camp program. Thanks to Chuck Moore (job foreman) and Josh Espinosa for helping to build nice benches along two sides of the pier head – good for sitting and launching a nice jump into the creek.

In reviewing all my records in order to write this report, I am again reminded of the wonderful support and contributions by so many at IPC in order to make this camp the success that it is. God bless you all.

Frankie Daniell

The Church Budget and Giving

Month	Received	Needed	Over/Short
1 st Quarter	\$440,827	\$508,495	-\$67,668
2 nd Quarter	\$459,542	\$508,495	-\$48,953
July	\$136,326	\$156,460	-\$20,134
August**	\$105,930	\$117,345	-\$11,415
Totals	\$1,142,625	\$1,290,795	-\$148,170

** 3 Sundays only

Announcements & Events

MEN'S READING CLUB

The Men's Reading Club will meet on Thursday, September 25, 12:00 p.m. The assignment to read is: Institutes, IV.xiv.1-IV.xvi.32, pages 1276-1359. Bring your brown-bag lunch and join Reverends Parrish and Johnson in the Administration Bldg., in the upstairs classroom.

SESSION/DIACONATE MEETING

Our regular Session/Diaconate meeting will be held on Monday, September 22, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

FALL INQUIRERS' CLASS

The Fall Inquirers' Class will begin September 28, and will continue every Sunday through November 9, at 9:30 a.m. in the Mary Telfair Chapel. The objective of this class is to introduce interested person to the history, doctrine, practices, and people of our church. All are welcome to participate. Nursery will be

THE LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper in our evening service on Sunday, September 7. Because of the exceptional blessing we have in this sacrament and the danger of eating and drinking unworthily, it is necessary that we come to it with knowledge, faith, repentance, love and with hungering and thirsting souls after Christ and His benefits. The congregation is encouraged to use all appointed means, public and private, to come to the Lord's Table, depending upon God for the gracious preparation of the heart according to His promise (Psalm 10:17).

BEREAVEMENT

The congregation of Independent Presbyterian Church extends sincere sympathy to:

... *Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Chisholm, Jr.* and family on the death of Alice's sister-in-law, *Patricia George*, who passed away on Wednesday, July 31, 2014, in Springfield, VA.

... *Mr. and Mrs. Robert Breer* and family on the death of Murle's brother, *Gordon MacKenzie*, who passed away on Tuesday, August 12, 2014, in Florida.

... *Mr. and Mrs. William R. Hansill* and family on the death of Karen's brother, *Norman "Nick" Ellis Cooley, II*, who passed away on Wednesday, August 13, 2014, in Phoenix, AZ.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

"I surely miss the Tuesday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast meetings at IPC. I believe if a man wants genuine fellowship in the Spirit, taking part in good discussion on the Psalms, singing to His glory, participating in the prayers of the saints... and enjoying a wonderful breakfast, he absolutely should avail himself of this grand opportunity. What a great time in the Lord!!"

Your brother in Christ,
Bob Fletcher
(recently moved to Lookout Mountain)

BIRTHS

Congratulations to...

... *CAPT and Mrs. Jared Klajnbart (Madeline)* on the birth of their twin boys, *Mason Forrest* and *Nolan Blake Klajnbart*, born Friday, August 1, 2014.

... *Mr. and Mrs. Steven McAllister (Grace)* on the birth of their daughter, *Leila Emily McAllister*, born Wednesday, August 6, 2014. The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Timothy M. Ragen (Emmy).

... *CAPT and Mrs. Brian Hottel (Ruth Ann)* on the birth of their son, *John Clarence Hottel*, born Thursday, August 7, 2014, in N. Canton, OH.

CHANGES IN ADDRESS

The following are changes in members' address and/or telephone information. Please note them in your directory.

Mr. Louis Oswald
110 Barnard Street, Apt. 411
Savannah, GA 31401-3246

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Lt. Col. & Dr. Jonathan Shine (Ashley)
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Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jones (Heidi)
5612 Travis Green Lane
Austin, TX 78735

Mr. Ben Johnson
120 West Campus Drive, Apt. 4110
Milledgeville, GA 31061-1922

September Birthdays

1 Carol Bowman	8 Ashley Lanier	19 Mary Carpenter	28 Quinn Saleeby
1 Will Robinson	8 Isobel Weikert	20 Callie Monroe	28 Stephen UpDeGraft
1 John Woods	10 Mabel Brown	21 Tyson Gross	29 Marcia Cook
2 William Henderson	10 Marsha Oliver	22 Carol Benefield	29 Luke Hazeltine
2 Abby Johnson	10 Clark Gibson	22 Bonnie Borgelt	29 Emma Moody
2 Tim Foster	10 James Spencer	22 Lucy Kelly	29 Candice Sutlive
2 Kari Thompson	11 Jonathan Van Eck	23 Drew Johnson	30 Allison Kelly
2 Steve Thompson	12 Ruth Wilson	23 Catherine McLean	
2 Pam Wiggins	12 Donna Best	25 Nannelle Chan	
3 Raymond Parker	12 Jeff Sutton	26 Andrew Brodmann, Jr.	
4 Will Brodmann, Jr.	14 Mary Kendrick Oliver	26 Benjamin Ward	
4 Bernard Drew	15 David Schenk	26 Dax Williams	
5 Richard Sasnett	15 Veronica Micke	27 Cynthia DeLoach	
6 Adair Woods	16 Carey Murns	27 Jo Hart	
7 Emma Kornegay	16 Caroline Boatright	28 Annette Hartley	
7 Katie MacMillan	17 Caroline Foster	28 Will Oliver	
7 Isaac VanPuffelen	17 John Garnett	28 Ben Gibson	
8 Nelia Grills	17 Roy Thompson, IV	28 Barbara Rustine	

Children's Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We are moving on up! September 7th is our promotion Sunday for our fall quarter. Our summer Sunday School teachers have done a wonderful and faithful job teaching our covenant children during these hot months. Deepest appreciation to Linden Helmly and Jamie McKee (four year olds), Cindy Sutlive (kindergarten), Candace Sutlive (1st/2nd grade), Kevin Heritage (3rd/4th grade), and Charlie Martin (5th/6th grade.) These servants gave their time and efforts this summer and it was a job well done! Please take a moment to thank these members for their service.

Welcome back to Linden Helmly and Jamie McKee to our four year olds. Carol Dusek and Candace Sutlive will be teaching our kindergartners. Sue Hinely will be teaching our 1st/2nd graders, while Bev VanGrouw is returning to our 3rd/4th grades. John and Tevis Garnett will be with our 5th/6th grade class.

Bless and thank these wonderful servants as they fulfill the vow we take at our covenant children's baptism.

Amy Martin



FALL FAMILY NIGHT

Fall Family Night is just around the corner! Circle Friday, October 31st on your family calendar for a night of fun, candy, rides, and prizes! This year we will have all new rides and back by popular demand...the photo booth! The big petting zoo will return as well as the candy corn eating contest with the \$100 grand prize... bring your appetite for hot dogs, cotton candy, and popcorn and we will see you there!



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A Good Beginning and a Good Ending

The older women in my life who had teenage children warned me. "Wait until your children are older, you will be busier," they said. I didn't believe them until I became that "older woman". Now that most of our children are in their teens, I am busier than ever before, not only physically, but also emotionally. And as my duties at church have expanded from managing the kitchen, to overseeing the cleaning staff, taking IPC event photographs, and now directing communications, I realize that the time left with our children is very short, and I need to return home to be a full-time mom again.

It has been an exciting adventure serving as your Church Cook since 2007. I had the privilege of witnessing growth in the evening service attendance, where friendships of young and old grew stronger over shared meals. Our kitchen staff provided not only the regularly scheduled meals, but developed to assist with and provide meals for 20+ annual church ministry events. And how exciting it was to participate in the planning of the fellowship hall and kitchen renovation and expansion to meet the needs of our growing congregation!

As I leave my post, my heart is full of thanksgiving knowing that our gracious God has equipped Cheryl Murray throughout the last four years to take the helm in the kitchen. This young lady came to IPC uncertain of her future. She would be the first one to confess that she didn't know how to scramble an egg, and her diet consisted mainly of Ramen noodles in a cup. I had the wonderful privilege of watching her grow and gain confidence in baking and cooking, but above all, in her increasing love for this congregation, especially for the children. I began as her supervisor, graduated to be a mentor, then a friend, and now we are fellow church cooks. She is fully capable to assume all the food service responsibilities of IPC.



In the area of communications, God has more than answered our prayers by sending Josh Espinosa as our administrator. With his vast technical knowledge and great people skills, Josh was able to quickly implement all the ideas and plans that were formed to improve communications at IPC. It will be thrilling to watch how God will use Josh to serve the congregation as creative artists join him in his work.

For me, a Martha by nature, it will be a big adjustment to learn to sit and have the heart and mind of Mary. But I know that for this season of my life, this is the right place to be and a good ending after seven years of doing joyful tasks for IPC. *Thank you* for giving me the privilege of serving you.

With sincere love and gratitude,
Kay Heritage

IPC Food Service Recipes can be found on
thechurchcook.blogspot.com