



# The Scroll

As faithful followers of Jesus Christ our mission is:  
"To Proclaim His Gospel,  
To Pray and study His Word,  
To Share His love with others.

August 2011  
www.sjaxpc.org

## Karaoke Night

Sunday, August 7,  
in Harvin Hall from 5-7  
(see page 8 for details)



## Coming This Fall

Heritage Singers in Concert.

More information to come.

Wholly Wednesday returns September 7 with dinner followed by education.

Ten at 10  
Ten weeks at 10:00

Currently in progress thru September 4

With the economy still struggling, national security an issue, and continual advances in technology, Americans have pushed the reset button regarding their lifestyle and future expectations.

According to a leading researcher, George Barna, the reshaping of the American Dream is a reaction to mistakes of the recent past. Those missteps include:

- Living beyond one's means, in the expectation that future financial from housing and employment will cover the burden
- Piling on unsustainable levels of household debt
- The absence of savings, trusting that the future will provide increased income and decreased prices
- Accepting products and services that are not the most expensive, prestigious, exotic, or exclusive

"One of the keys to understanding where we are headed," explains George Barna, "is how willing people are to engage in acts of self-discipline. We see such restraint being forced on people economically." But later in his book, Futurecast, Barna laments, "we are not seeing evidence of such discipline in areas such as moral values or spiritual commitment."

These are challenging times to be the church. Part of our task, it seems to me, is to tell the old, old story that is implicit in the cross, that one has to deny oneself, engage in the sacrifice of self-discipline, for the greater reward of character. This way of life works well for our financial well-being and our spiritual and moral well-being.

This message will always be unpopular, because there are some that think that the moral values taught in the Christian faith are out of date and irrelevant. Regardless of whether our message is "in style" or "out of style" we have something to offer that the world needs to hear. Let's not be shy in telling that story and living it in our lives. Even if it falls on deaf ears.

Peace!  
Vince





# Benefit Concert

to feed the soul . . . and the hungry.



Featuring celebrated recitalist  
**Rodney Cleveland**

Organ duet finale of *Stars & Stripes Forever*  
with Zach Klobnak, All Saints Episcopal

**Sunday, August 7 • 6 p.m.**  
**Lakewood Presbyterian Church**  
**2001 University Boulevard, West**

**Donations of monetary gifts and non-perishable  
food items will benefit UCOM**

Enjoy an evening of music, from Bach to Broadway

Reception following the performance.

Rodney Cleveland has performed internationally, including St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican and St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, Ireland. He has been a guest soloist and performer with the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra and currently is Minister of Music at Lakewood Presbyterian Church.



United Community Outreach Ministry  
UCOM's food pantry, which serves Southside neighborhoods, is struggling to keep food on its shelves to feed the 2,600 people seeking its help annually.



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**The deadline for the  
September Scroll Newsletter is  
Monday, August 22nd.**

### The Stethoscope

A nurse on the pediatric ward, before listening to the little ones' chests, would plug the stethoscope into their ears and let them listen to their own heart. Their eyes would always light up with awe, but she never got a response equal to four-year old David's comment. Gently she tucked the stethoscope into his ears and placed the disk over his heart. "Listen," she said. "What do you suppose that is?" He drew his eyebrows together in a puzzled line and looked up as if lost in the mystery of the strange tap-tap-tapping deep in his chest.

Then, his face broke out in a wondrous grin and he asked,  
"Is that Jesus knocking?"


Alice Mickles



## ***MOM'S RETREAT – DANGEROUS WOMEN***



*Join other moms at Montgomery Presbyterian Center on Friday & Saturday, September 16-18 and experience a weekend to build bonds of friendship, grow deeper in your relationship with God and just get away and relax. **Pick up a registration flyer at the Ask-Me-Desk or call Cal Findeiss, Montgomery Program Director at 352-473-4516.** Cost: \$99 before July 31; \$125 after*

MONTHLY JUNE	 <b>BUDGET REPORT</b>		YTD	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
<b>Pledges</b>	\$ 31,967	\$ 46,900	\$ 332,461	\$ 364,145
<b>Other Income</b>	\$ 14,067	\$ 11,156	\$ 62,309	\$ 56,198
<b>Expenses</b>	<u>\$ 59,686</u>	<u>\$ 69,543</u>	<u>\$ 391,810</u>	<u>\$ 395,974</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<u>(\$ 13,652)</u>	<u>\$ 11,487</u>	<u>\$ 2,960</u>	<u>\$ 24,369</u>

***Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.  
Luke 18:1 NIV***

If you would like someone listed on the *Care and Prayer List*, **call the office or speak to a pastor.** Please also let us know when the person can be removed from the list. Copies of the prayer list are always available at the Ask-Me-Desk and in the narthex. **You may also indicate on your communication card to let us know that you would like to receive the prayer list by email each Friday afternoon.** Join your church family in praying for each other.



***Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2***



*From the Desk of the Associate Pastor:*

**Many of you asked for a copy of the prayer that Bryan Coker and I prayed on July 10, “Solace for the Children” Sunday. Here is a copy of this powerful prayer:**

## **“A Prayer for the Children”**

by Ina J. Hughes

We pray for the children  
who put chocolate fingers everywhere,  
who like to be tickled,  
who stomp in puddles and ruin their new pants,  
who sneak popsicles before supper,  
who erase holes in math workbooks,  
who can never find their shoes.

And we pray for those  
who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire,  
who’ve never squeaked across the floor in new sneakers,  
who never had crayons to count,  
who are born in places we wouldn’t be caught dead,  
who never go to the circus,  
who live in an X-rated world.

We pray for children  
who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions,  
who sleep with the dog and bury goldfish,  
who give hugs in a hurry and forget their lunch money,  
who cover themselves with Band-Aids and sing off-key,  
who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink,  
who slurp their soup.

And we pray for those  
who never get dessert,  
who watch their parents watch them die,  
who have no safe blanket to drag behind,  
who can’t find any bread to steal,  
who don’t have any rooms to clean up,  
whose pictures aren’t on anybody’s dresser,

## “A Prayer for the Children” continued

We pray for children  
Who spend all their allowance before Tuesday,  
Who throw tantrums in the grocery store and pick at their food,  
Who like ghost stories,

who shove dirty clothes under the bed,  
who never rinse out the tub,  
who get visits from the tooth fairy,  
who don't like to be kissed in front of the school,  
who squirm in church or temple or mosque  
and scream in the phone,  
whose tears we sometimes laugh at and  
whose smiles can make us cry.

And we pray for those  
whose nightmares come in the daytime,  
who will eat anything,  
who aren't spoiled by anybody,  
who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep,  
who live and move, but have no being.

We pray for children who want to be carried,  
and for those who must.

For those we never give up on,  
and for those who never get a chance.

For those we smother with our love,  
and for those who will grab the hand of anybody  
kind enough to offer it.

Amen.

I give thanks for the open hearts and loving homes of so many of you in this congregation who embraced the “Solace for the Children” mission this summer. The children that were helped by your generosity and love will never forget the kindness and friendship they encountered here in Jacksonville. May we all continue to pray for the children of Afghanistan, and indeed those in every corner of God’s creation - those we have had the privilege to know this summer, and those we may never meet.

*Soli Deo Gloria,*  
*Susan*



From the Youth Directors

### **Mission Trip, Matt “The Gator”, and August Dates**

#### **New Orleans Mission 2011**

In June, the congregation of SJPC sent 15 youth and 2 adults to New Orleans for a week of mission work. We started at the Annunciation Mission - an old education building that had been converted into a permanent work camp after Katrina. The beautiful but small sanctuary attached to the first floor had over three feet of water for weeks following the levee breach. It was here that the priest, Duane, explained to us the horrific emotional toll on the people of New Orleans, long hidden by the urgency of the physical recovery of the city. The emotional trauma, he explained to us, meant that no matter how much we'd paint, scrape, dig, or build, the largest impact we would have would be emotional support. With that in mind, we spent the week working hard but taking every chance we had to listen to those who wanted to share their stories.

**Miss Sue:** Miss Sue lives in the upper middle class neighborhood of Lake View. Just blocks from a levy that broke, Miss Sue and her neighbors had 8 feet of standing water in their neighborhood for over a month. Honestly, when we pulled up on day one we weren't at all sure why this obviously wealthy woman would need our help. The hard work of gutting the first floor had been complete for years and we were set to the task of fixing up the exterior paint. But Miss Sue and her husband are in their mid-70s and they have spent their entire savings on fixing the house their kids grew up in so they could sell it for a more manageable space. Born and raised in New Orleans, Miss Sue talked about how their lives had been completely disrupted. Her husband was diagnosed with cancer just months before the storm and during the evacuation contracted an infection that kept them at the hospital in Atlanta for the next three months. It had taken them 3 years to return home but according to Miss Sue things would never go back to normal. We came to love Miss Sue that week and were happy for the opportunity to help – even if the help we offered wasn't what we expected.

**Connie:** Connie founded the Homecoming Center that arranged our volunteer activities in New Orleans. A former tennis pro, she returned to the city with her husband in January of the following year. She joined us for a day of planting and painting in Gentilly, a poorer African American neighborhood. She talked about the depression she experienced living in a city that she only describe as a ghost town in those early years and the helplessness she felt until one day she decided to just get out and help the neighbors who were beginning to move back. Her home quickly became the informal base for the neighborhood working together to fix up houses as people returned home. It grew and the homecoming center was incorporated and has helped put thousands of volunteers to work over the past five years. Connie, still at it, could be seen at our site wildly wielding a shovel one moment, asking the neighbors if we could use their bathroom, and speaking with potential “clients” on the phone. We started the day working on two nearly adjacent houses, there was a ruined home being raised between the two, and by the end of the day the work had spread to two additional homes. Connie never turns down a soul who asks for help.

**Patrice:** Our day in Gentilly not only brought us into contact with Connie but also Patrice in whose yard we planted a garden and several trees. Cole even mowed her grass. But the coolest thing by far was when Peyton found a pocket watch while digging in the garden. It looked like it had been lost at sea covered with green and white crust. But when Peyton showed it to Miss Patrice she was overjoyed. The watch had been an anniversary gift for her husband that had been lost with the rest of their possessions when the flood ravaged their neighborhood. What was lost was found.

**James:** James lives and works at the Annunciation Mission and his stories probably had the deepest impact on the group as a whole. Expecting to be back to work within days after the storm, James didn't leave when the evacuation orders came through so he was there several days after the storm passed through when the levees broke and water rushed into the city. Seeing folks struggling and wanting to help, James along with six of his friends, waded into the water to try to save their neighbors. According to James, only two of that original group of would be rescuers returned alive. He spoke of the horrors of seeing bodies float by in the swift current that had days before been a street. He spoke of a one bottle of water ration for every two hours. He spoke of a grandmother running down his street screaming when she had discovered her 7 year old grandchild's body under a mattress 18 months after the storm. He broke our hearts but he also offered us hope: hope that the support we were offering him by just listening was therapeutically healing; hope that the work we did makes a deeper impact than we could possible know.

**The People of New Orleans:** Which leads me to the People of New Orleans who regardless of where we were or how we were dressed knew to watch for work vans and paint flecks and went out of their way to thank us for being there. From the man selling Mardi Gras beads in the French Quarter, to the couple who taught us to line dance in Mulates, to the woman signing us in the use a fitness center pool for free, to the dozens of cars who honked and waved as we drove down the road and worked at our sites. It didn't matter that we didn't know them, their gratitude amazed us and continues to amaze me every time I think of it.

Thank you for supporting us. It is our hope that we have made you proud of our efforts in New Orleans and that you will join us in praying for the people we have mentioned above. Glory be to God.



As you may have already heard, Matt is going to be a Gator this fall. He has resigned from his teaching position at Sandalwood High School in order to begin work on a Master's degree in Religious Studies at the University of Florida. We will continue to work at the church and live in St. Nicholas. Matt will commute four days a week for classes and a Teacher's Assistantship. Rest assured our commitment to this church and its youth and families is not changing. We look forward to a great year of youth ministry!

### **August Dates**

Date	Day	Event	Time	Location
7-August	Sun	Karaoke Night!	5:00-7:00 pm	Church
10-August	Wed	Mystery August	6:00-8:00 pm	TBA
14-August	Sun	Mystery August	TBA	TBA
17-August	Wed	Mystery August	6:00-8:00 pm	TBA
21-August	Sun	Mystery August	TBA	TBA
24-August	Wed	Youth Sunday Rehearsal	6:00-8:00 pm	Church
27-August	Sat	Fall 2011 Kick-off	TBA	TBA
28-August	Sun	Youth Sunday	9:00-11:30 am	Church
31-August	Wed	Mystery August	6:00-8:00 pm	TBA

# Fall Enrichment '11

## September 10, 2011



“Enrichment” is the premier event in the Presbytery of St. Augustine, enriching the lives of all of our brothers and sisters in every one of our churches. There will be a wide variety of classes and workshops offering spiritual growth and education.

**Celebrate your Presbyterian identity  
by joining us to learn and grow together.**

Registration is \$20 and includes lunch. Childcare is available for \$15 per child

**Saturday, September 3, 2011 ~ 9 AM - 3:15 PM**

**Palms Presbyterian Church  
3410 S. Third Street  
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250  
(904)246-6427**

**Registration brochures are available at the AskMeDesk  
or [www.staugpres.org](http://www.staugpres.org)**

## Experiencing the Presence of God: A Spiritual Retreat

You are invited to a spiritual retreat focused on experiencing the presence of God in everyday life.

Some of the spiritual offerings include gentle & Vinyasa flow yoga, energy medicine, walking the labyrinth, Celtic spirituality and more.



**Friday evening and Saturday September 30 - October 1, 2011**

**Montgomery Presbyterian Center  
88 SE 75th Street  
Starke, FL 32091  
(352) 473-4516**

**Registration brochures are available at the AskMeDesk  
or [www.staugpres.org](http://www.staugpres.org)**

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### *2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL KARAOKE NIGHT*



Join your church family on *Sunday, August 7, in Harvin Hall from 5-7* for some fun and fellowship! Pizza, popcorn & lemonade will be provided. *RSVP to Auburn McClure at [scsmcclure@comcast.net](mailto:scsmcclure@comcast.net) or 619-8885. Join us for a very fun evening!*



## OUR SJPC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BEST!

This year, the week of June 27 – July 1, the halls of SJPC were filled with energy, laughter, singing and fun as over 80 children enjoyed learning about God through Bible stories, arts & crafts, music and singing, recreation, drama, science experiments, and of course, snacks!

We could not have done such a great job without our volunteers! A very special thank-you goes to our director, Ashley Johnson, and co-director, Cathy McClure. With their solid leadership, things ran smoothly, efficiently, and everyone had a great time! Over sixty-six volunteers of all ages gave of their time and energy to help in all aspects of the week's programming! Please thank these volunteers as you see them – they truly helped our children have a fabulous week!



Ellie Adams	Sarah Adams	Melinda Anderson
Brooke Argus	Morgaen Brandler	Judy Breitmoser
Ethel Carrie	Debbie Coates	Macy Crouch
Cheryl Dore	Colby Dunkley	Olivia Ellis
Pam Ellis	Linda Everett	Deanna Fene Holland
Katherine Garner	Carol Garner	Kathy Hartland
Matt Hartley	Reid Harmon	Dia Houser
Grace Houser	Rosemary Jackson	Ashley Johnson
Rob Johnson	Lanie Kirchoff	Mary Ann Lindsey
Angela Lopez	Christina Lopez	Eleanor Lyon
Cathy McClure	Wanda McDaniel	Qendressa Zekaj
Zamir Zekaj	Austin McGowen	Mary McGowen
Carol Meek	Becky Mercer	Chris Messer
Georgia Messer	Katie Messer	Jacob Middleton
Peyton Middleton	Jim Montgomery	Leslie Morgan
Christian Mortimer	Erica Mortimer	Ashley Moseley
Jordan Mullens	Catherine Norton	Hazel O'Dell
Brendan Ranney	Jack Ranney	Jenny Reid
Julia Robbie	Kitty Robbie	Allison Rodabaugh
Dan Rush	Nancy Rush	Eleanor Samuels
Virginia Samuels	Brandon Stallard	Caitlynn Stallard
Allison Turknett	Chase Turknett	Casey Vockell

If I inadvertently left anyone out, I do apologize and I do appreciate you!

*Thank you again to everyone for making  
"Galactic Blast 2011" such a great adventure!*

*Your sister-in-Christ,  
Pastor Susan*



01 Lucille Oliva	10 Ann Anderson	22 Katie Prusiecki	28 Anne Irby
01 Sue Patton	10 Joel Baker	22 John Wightman	28 David Dunkley Jr.
01 Beverly Campbell	11 Auburn McClure	23 Casey Vockell	28 James Huntley
02 Forrest Addington	12 Jeanne Harmon	23 Hays Lewallen	29 David Goedtke
02 Donna Schwichtenberg	12 Mike McDowell	24 Brendan Ranney	29 Stuart Smith
04 Kitty Robbie	13 Casey Middleton	25 Angela Lopez	29 Frances Ripley
04 Gabriela Weber	14 Cole Houser	25 Jim Grinnan	29 Frank Dunahoe
05 Pierson Duce	15 Frank Perritt	25 Rory Jenkins	29 Philip Hartman
06 Davis Ellis	15 Joe Bernard	26 Kelly King	29 Charlie Eddins
06 Allison Wise	16 Andy Monas	26 David Breitmoser	30 Laura DeMotte
06 Becky Mercer	17 James Tilbrook	27 Tom Norton	30 Jane Daniels
07 Sean Ballasso	18 Kelly Legler	28 Charlotte Rosenberg	31 Kristen Isbell
08 Amelia Legler	20 Charlie Reid	28 Skip Waggoner	31 Mal Redington
10 Rocco Costiloe	21 Rebekah Houser	28 Ellis Zahra	31 Annie McMillan

### *First Annual Summer Salad Luncheon*

**Monday, August 8, 11am in Harvin Hall.** You will not want to miss this opportunity, sponsored by Presbyterian Women to fellowship and have fun with all the women of SJPC! **Bring your favorite salad and \$2!** Dessert & drinks will be provided, so mark your calendar and join us! **Childcare will be provided!** Mark your card in church, sign up on the PW board, or email Gayle at [gayle.sheffield@sjaxpc.org](mailto:gayle.sheffield@sjaxpc.org)

## Preschool News

Registration is in full swing for fall @ SJPP. If you are looking for a preschool home for your family, I'd like to invite you in for a tour to see what we have to offer at our wonderful little preschool. If you know someone who may be looking, please send them our way! **We have openings in our 1 year, 2 year and 4 year classes!! Registration forms can be found at the Ask -Me -Desk.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at the preschool office (904-398-3727) or send me a quick email ([charlotte.mercer@sjaxpc.org](mailto:charlotte.mercer@sjaxpc.org)) and I would be happy to get back in touch with you. **Thank you, Charlotte Mercer.**



U.C.O.M.  
Meals on  
Wheels

**Volunteer drivers are needed** to deliver hot meals to needy families on the Southside. Drivers leave from Lakewood Presbyterian Church on University Blvd. about 10:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and delivery of the meals takes about an hour. If you can spare one hour a month and would like to volunteer to help, please contact Twilight McKnight, MOW Coordinator at 866-6391 or 396-2401 between 9:30am -12:30pm.

### **FOOD for UCOM**

**This month's requests are:**  
**Peanut butter and jelly, jello, green beans, ramen noodles and bottle of juice.**

Also always needed are paper & plastic bags!  
**Please leave your items @ the Ask-Me-Desk.**



## ICARE NEWS



**I.C.A.R.E**

On June 14<sup>th</sup> 150 ICARE Leaders met at St. Paul AME Church for ICARE's Annual Celebration and Investment Drive Kickoff. 15 congregations received awards in four categories: bringing 50%, 75% or 100% of their average worship attendance to this year's Nehemiah Assembly and for meeting or exceeding their congregation's turnout goal. South Jacksonville Presbyterian was recognized for exceeding our Nehemiah Assembly turnout goal and for exceeding our average worship attendance by 75%! Our "Nehemiah Bricks" are on display at the Ask Me Desk.

The gathered community received issue updates about restorative justice in our high crime neighborhoods, the status of conversations with the mayor-elect Alvin Brown with regard to the homeless day drop-in center, and the current implementation strategy for corrective reading for our below grade level students in Duval Public Schools. 536 elementary and middle school students will be starting the Corrective Reading curriculum in the fall. We also received a new challenge: 3,000 people at the Nehemiah Assembly for 2012!

ICARE's corporate investment drive is going well, and with nearly 60 visits scheduled and \$42,000 committed, we are well on our way towards meeting the \$60,000 goal. The Justice Ministry Networks of each of ICARE's 25 congregations reported \$26,956 of committed investments at the caucus at the end of the evening. This puts us well on the way towards meeting the \$45,000 goal and combined with corporate investments, we are well on our way to the goal of 50% ownership in our organization.

Two trainees will work with ICARE this summer and fall to engage more congregations to join our coalition. A 4<sup>th</sup> organizer will be joining the staff in November of 2011. Finally, ICARE has a new website: [www.icarejax.org](http://www.icarejax.org)

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## WHAT IS THE PASTOR READING?

### Parting the Waters:

America in the King Years 1954-63 by Taylor Branch

Pillar of Fire: America in the King Years 1963-1965 by Taylor Branch

### The Book of Pastoral Rule, St. Gregory the Great

Are you growing as a Christian? The way to grow in Christ is to ready and study!

Find a great book in our church library or find one of these books and have a conversation with Pastor Vince about it!



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## ***August***

### ***God's Beauty Tips***



For attractive lips, speak words of kindness. For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others.

To lose weight, let go of stress, hatred, anger, discontentment, and the need to control others.

To improve your ears, listen to the Word of God.

For poise, walk with knowledge and self-esteem.

To strengthen your arms, hug at least three people a day; touch someone with your love.

To strengthen your heart, forgive yourself and others.

For the ultimate in business, casual or evening attire, put on the robe of Christ; it fits like a glove, but allows room for growth.

Best of all, it never goes out of style and is appropriate for any occasion.

Doing these things on a daily basis will certainly make you a more beautiful person.

~ Author Unknown  
Alice Mickles