



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.

October 2011
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FALL SCHEDULE



Sundays

Contemporary Worship
@ 9am

Sunday School @ 10am

Traditional Worship
@ 11am

Wednesdays
Dinner & Fellowship
@ 5pm

Adult & Youth Education
@ 6pm

Worship
the
Father
in
spirit
and
truth.
John 4:23



When was the last time you played tag? When I was a kid, we played it for hours. Basic run and touch tag. Complex tag where you had to touch certain places and every house's porch was safe. Team tag where you could get your friends out of "prison." Flashlight tag at night. It was always so much fun, unless you were the younger brother or sister who could never catch anyone once you got "it." Or if you were the last person who still wanted to play when everyone else had enough.

When Paul describes Christian faith in the New Testament, it looks like he is describing a game of tag. God tagged Paul; Paul tagged the Thessalonians, Corinthians, Ephesians; and then the witnesses in those house churches in those ancient cities proceeded to touch others all across the Roman Empire.

In the world in which we live, Christian faith increasingly feels like a solitary endeavor. It is so easy to feel ourselves cut off from the wider movement of God throughout the world and history. We forget that we are not the first ones to believe in Christ in the midst of a radically diverse culture where plenty of people think such faith is misguided and foolish. We forget that we are not the only ones torn between conforming to a self-centered lifestyle and the self-giving nature of faith. We think so often that we are alone.

As you continue to worship, pray, serve, and obey, remember you are not alone! We have been picked, chosen by God through those he tagged ahead of us at South Jacksonville Presbyterian Church. And if we are going to keep having fun, experiencing the joy of faith, then we are going to have to do our part to tag some of the ones in front of us.

Peace!
Vince



Pass it
On!

Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding. Jeremiah 3:15



SABBATICAL

Leadership and Administration

In 2007, South Jacksonville Presbyterian Church adopted a Sabbatical Policy for the pastoral staff. The policy sabbatical has specific guidelines and allows for pastors to take a sabbatical after 7 years of pastoral service. The committee is in the process of planning a sabbatical for Dr. Kolb in the spring of 2012.

A sabbatical for pastors is a break from teaching and administrative responsibilities in order to pursue research projects. For pastoral leaders, a sabbatical provides time apart from the persistent obligations of daily parish life and an opportunity for renewal and reflection. A sabbatical is not a vacation, but a season for exploring and pondering, for regaining enthusiasm and creativity for ministry, for rededicating oneself to God as the source and summit of vocation and life abundant.

Dr. Kolb has completed an extensive pastoral grant application to The Louisville Institute. This grant application along with a signed letter of recommendation from the Leadership and Administration committee have been submitted to the Louisville Institute. This sabbatical grant for pastoral leaders entails several steps to be completed. Notification of whether Dr. Kolb's application will be awarded will be made in December of 2011.

A sabbatical is designed to make pastors better leaders. South Jacksonville Presbyterian Church will certainly benefit from this time of reflection and renewal.

The committee is planning several opportunities for you in the congregation to ask questions. The dates and times will be announced in the near future.

The committee thanks you for your continued prayers and support!

Sincerely,
Leadership and Administration Committee

SOUTH JACKSONVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF MEMBERS

Dr. Vincent Kolb, *Pastor*
Rev. Susan Takis, *Associate Pastor*
Michael Dell, *Director of Music*
Matt & Andrea Hartley,
Part-Time Directors of Youth
Charlotte Mercer, *Preschool Director*
Alice Mickles, *Office Manager*
Gayle Sheffield, *Administrative Assistant*
Alice Rockliffe, *Bookkeeper*
Gary Oldenburg, *Maintenance Tech*



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**The deadline for the
November Scroll Newsletter is
Thursday, October 20th**



Presbyterian Women has planned an exciting program for the ladies of the church on October 17th at 11:00 o'clock.



Our speaker for this event is Jane Wood, author of award winning children's' books. Jane has won the "Mom's Choice Award" for each of the four books she has published. This award is presented only to those who are "family friendly."

Being family friendly is more important than ever in this day and age. These are the kind of books we want our children and grandchildren to read. Jane will have some of her books on hand so it will be a great time to buy exceptionally good books for your Christmas list. Be sure to get one for yourself to read to the younger children.

Jane's books are filled with fun history of the areas she writes about. Her presentation is outstanding, so please jot down October 17, to hear her speak.

Want to go green?

Paper Retriever is a great way for our community to do two things:

Recycle paper products to keep them out of our landfills, and raise funds for our church at the same time. The bin is in the back of the parking lot. Start collecting the items that can go in the bin and bring them to church each time you come!



What can you put in the bin?

magazines, catalogs, newspapers,
old mail, office and schools papers



MONTHLY

AUGUST

BUDGET REPORT

YTD

	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Pledges	\$ 55,895	\$ 44,555	\$ 433,293	\$ 448,900
Other Income	\$ 8,534	\$ 9,700	\$ 79,378	\$ 75, 190
Expenses	<u>\$ 69,682</u>	<u>\$ 64,708</u>	<u>\$ 519,661</u>	<u>\$ 530,140</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>(\$ 5,253)</u>	<u>(\$ 10,453)</u>	<u>(\$ 6,970)</u>	<u>(\$ 6,050)</u>

*Answer me when I call to you, O my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress;
be merciful to me and hear my prayer. Psalm 4:1*

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



Preschool News

Happy Fall Y'all!! We are well into our second month of the school year here at the preschool. We are so blessed to have such a great preschool family.

We recently hosted our annual Book Fair and Parent Night which turned out many families in support of the preschool. Thank you to all those who continue to support our preschool through volunteering and referrals, your time and effort makes a world of difference.



In celebration of fall and the tradition of treating, we will host our annual “Trunk or Treat” out back on Thacker Avenue on October 31, 2011. The entire preschool looks forward to this special event each year. For those of you interested in participating, the event begins at 9:30am and runs until the last preschooler has received treats at the trunks of our volunteers. Students dress in their favorite child friendly costumes and visit car “trunks” that parents have decorated with fall themes. It is a great event everyone enjoys!

There are still a few preschool spots remaining. We offer classes for children ages 1 through 5. If you are looking for a preschool home for your child, please stop by for a tour. I would love to show you around and share with you what our preschool is all about. Please don't hesitate to give us a call at 398-3727, email with any questions at charlotte.mercer@sjaxpc.org.

Warmest blessings,

Charlotte Mercer



This years CROP walk will be held on *Sunday, November 6th.* Looking to make a difference in these trying times, the Jacksonville CROP Hunger Walk has sets out to help stop hunger and poverty here in our community and around the world, through self-help initiatives. A portion of the funds raised here in Jax will go to the United Christian Outreach ministries (UCOM).

Last year, SJPC Walkers raised more than \$1800.00 in their locally organized CROP Hunger Walk.

This year Southside Jax and some 2,000 cities and towns nationwide are joining together in interfaith community CROP Hunger Walks around the theme "Ending hunger one step at a time." CROP Walkers will be proclaiming their solidarity with the millions of neighbors around the world who have to walk to live -- as well as with the millions served by local food pantries, food banks, and meal sites here in the U.S. These local ministries share in the funds raised by CROP Hunger Walks.

Haiti is one part of the world where CROP Hunger Walks are making a big difference. In the aftermath of the killer earthquake, Church World Service was there with much-needed emergency assistance. With the recovery effort in full swing, CWS is helping families and communities to rebuild homes, food supplies and livelihoods.

CROP Hunger Walks also play a role in the U.S., helping communities ravaged by floods and tornadoes to recover.

For more information about the CROP Hunger Walk, contact Cindy Cheatwood, 904-269-8850, ckcheatwood@hotmail.com, or in the church courtyard on Sundays in October. Thank you in advance for your support as a sponsor, as a walker, and/or as a cookie donor.



CROP HUNGER WALK -- We walk because they walk.



Happy
Birthday

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|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 02 Alex Meek | 08 James Baughman | 14 Mary Beth Samuels | 21 Charles Daniels |
| 02 Bryan Turknett | 08 Kristen Wilson | 14 Barbara Goldsberry | 21 Jim Tilbrook |
| 02 Robert Faust | 08 James Griffin | 14 Don Knox | 21 Travis Holbrook |
| 02 Martha Forbes | 08 Dorothy Lunda | 15 Maria Ibach | 22 Shannon Smith |
| 02 Mary Sue Grinnan | 08 William Sample | 15 Judy Tygart | 25 Suzanne Perritt |
| 03 Robert Crouch | 09 Gin Taylor | 16 Alea Farah | 25 Christine Gartner |
| 03 Savannah Mortimer | 09 Harry Kenning | 16 Lib Huntley | 26 Cynthia Montgomery |
| 03 Pete Kenning | 09 Matthew Lopez | 17 Lou Lothman | 28 Mary Beth Bird |
| 04 Donna Zahra | 10 Jan Kenning | 18 Betty Baughman | 28 David Ragsdale |
| 04 Ashley Johnson | 10 Virginia Janes | 18 Bill Kelbaugh | 28 John Duce |
| 06 Leslie Morgan | 10 Dick Cheatwood | 19 Karli Vockell | 29 Raymond Carnes |
| 06 Rene Pollard | 10 Mary Sharp | 20 Grace Isaac | 29 Lila Hartley |
| 06 Raymond Johnson | 11 Chase Turknett | 20 Judy Row | 30 Merck Soud |
| 06 Collin Sawyer | 11 Sherrill Mullens | 20 Macy Crouch | 30 Dawn Geer |
| 07 Laura Lothman | 13 Benny Cleghorn | 20 Graham Smith | 31 Archie Jenkins |

United Community Outreach Services
(U.C.O.M)



This month's requests from UCOM: canned meats and green beans. Also needed are paper bags! (No Plastic!) You may leave the items in the basket behind the Ask-Me-Desk.



Sponsors "Team in Training" marathon, half-marathon and triathlon events around the United States to raise money for the goal of finding a cure for leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma. *Jonathan Soud's older sister Natalie will be participating in the Savannah Rock 'n Roll Marathon on November 5th, 2011 in memory of her brother Jonathan.* If you would like to make a donation to this great cause, go to: <http://pages.teamintraining.org/vtnt/rnrsav11/nsoudl>

ICARE NEWS



OUR JUSTICE MINISTRY

The listening process for our justice ministry is underway! If you have not already participated in a house meeting, there is still time to be involved!

The purpose of the house meetings is to:

Build and deepen the relationships among members of our congregation;

Identify community problems for research and action; and

Expand our congregation's Justice Ministry Network so that more of us are doing justice. Out of the listening process in the 25 congregations in ICARE last year, the problems of youth crime, low graduation rates, and homelessness became the focus for research and action at the Nehemiah Assembly. We want to hear from you! When you wake up at 3 am in the morning what are you worried about? Come tell us at one of the following meetings that have yet to be held:

October 4, Tuesday, 7PM at Judy Lothman's, 3734 San Viscaya Drive

October 4, Tuesday, 7PM at Marcia Doby's, 5030 Paradise Pond Ln., #101

October 6, Thursday, 7PM at Sandra Wallace's, 929 Waterman Road, N

October 10, Monday, 7PM at Church (Dr. Kolb's)



Michael G. Dell
PIANO • ORGAN • KEYBOARD
Improvisation • Music Theory
Lessons
(In-Home or My San Marco Location)
Special Events
Weddings • Receptions
Accompanying
Individuals & Groups
Arranging / Composing
Music & Text
904-434-4625
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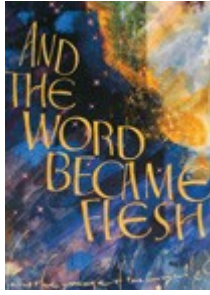


WHAT IS THE PASTOR READING?

How to Keep a Spiritual Journal by
Ron Klug

This Odd and Wondrous Calling by
Lillian Daniel and Martin Copenhaver

Are you growing as a Christian? The way to grow in Christ is to read 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!



The Saint John's Bible

The First Handwritten Bible to be Commissioned by a Benedictine Monastery in more than 500 Years

The Saint John's Bible is a fifteen year collaboration of scripture scholars and theologians at Saint John's Abbey and University in Collegeville, Minnesota with a team of artists and calligraphers at the scriptorium in Wales, United Kingdom under the direction of Donald Jackson, one of the world's foremost calligraphers and Senior Scribe to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Crown Office at the House of Lords. Written and drawn entirely by hand using quills and paints hand-ground from precious minerals and stones such as malachite, silver, and 24-karat gold, *The Saint John's Bible* celebrates the tradition of medieval manuscripts while embracing 21st century technology to facilitate the design process and collaboration between Saint John's in Collegeville and the scriptorium in Wales.

"Now that I have inscribed the final *Amen*, I realize that over the long years of this task, a boyhood dream, I have gradually absorbed an enduring conviction of the pin-sharp relevance of these ancient Biblical Texts to the past, present and the future of our personal and public life and experience. These texts have a life of their own and their life is a mirror of the human spirit and experience." (D. Jackson)

In the tradition of great medieval Bibles, *The Saint John's Bible* is monumental — two feet tall and three feet wide when opened and nearly 1,150 pages bound in seven distinct volumes. Saint John's Abbey and University are dedicated to ecumenism, and the text, translation and imagery in *The Saint John's Bible* reflect this commitment. Theologians and scholars at Saint John's University selected the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) as the translation for *The Saint John's Bible*. Though each letter is rendered by hand, *The Saint John's Bible* uses state-of-the-art computer technology to create and manage page layouts as well as employing contemporary scripts and illumination.

For more information, please visit www.saintjohnsbible.org.

*"Experiencing the Word Come to Life:
A Presentation of the St. John's Bible"*
Friday, October 21, 11am in Harvin Hall - Lunch is \$10
The Rev. Dr. John Ragsdale, presenting



Sponsored by S.A.M.





Church is Fun

Ask any of the youth and they'll tell you, "Church is fun". Isn't that music to your ears? On a regular basis we hear about all the young people who are leaving the church never to return. We're told that the future of the church is in jeopardy. But at South Jax that is just hard to believe. Just weeks ago we saw over 25 youth participate in leading worship. We heard testimonies from three who proclaimed the difference our church has made in their lives, especially by providing them opportunities to travel to summer conferences and mission trips. We took 21 to a huge Christian concert event in Orlando and welcomed 37 to our very first LOGOS of the season. Church is fun and because church is fun a growing group of youth is learning to love South Jax and the faith that we hold so dear.

Lake House Day

Every year we kick things off by taking a little trip to a nearby lake house for a day of tubing, swimming, fun and games. This year we have the Houser and Duce families to thank for opening their doors to 20 rambunctious and energetic youth. It's a fun way to jump start the year, make new friends, and catch up with those we haven't seen all summer.

Rock the Universe

For the fifth year in a row we took a group to Universal Studios in Orlando for a huge Christian concert event. While only a small portion of the group actually catches the concerts the atmosphere at the park is decidedly heaven on earth. There are teenagers everywhere hugging on each other and openly declaring their love for God. It's fun, but it's also amazing to thousands of kids from around the state together to worship God in music and in loving each other.

LOGOS

Much to our delight 37 youth showed up to our first LOGOS of the season. What is LOGOS, you may ask. Every Sunday night the youth of South Jax come back to church for two-and-a-half hours of dinner fellowship, bible study, worship skills, and recreation play. It's a fun way to invite friends to church, develop deep relationships with the adults who participate, and learn about our faith.

What's Next

Confirmation starts this month, we'll have LOGOS October 2, 9, 23, and 30, AND we'll take our middle school group on a mystery "LOGOS on the Road" trip October 14 through 16. To get weekly updates send an email to hartley.matt@gmail.com.

Wholly Wednesday Dinner Menu



5th – Sweet and Sour Chicken
w/ vegetables

Rice

Asian Salad

KID OPTION – Chicken Nuggets,
Green Beans, Veggie Sticks

19th – Low Country Boil
Biscuits

Garden Salad

KID OPTION – Chicken Nuggets,
Green Beans, Veggie Sticks

12th – Shredded BBQ Pork (optional bun)

Au Gratin Potato

Green Beans

Slaw

KID OPTION – Chicken Nuggets,
Green Beans, Veggie Sticks

26th – Baked Pork Chops

Diced Potatoes

Glazed Carrots

Field Salad w/ Fruit and Nuts

KID OPTION – Chicken Nuggets,
Green Beans, Veggie Sticks



Transformations is one of Jacksonville's most loved events. Every year hundreds of supporters come out to celebrate the lives that are transformed through the Sulzbacher Center's comprehensive programs each and every day.

Thursday, October 6, 2011
Hyatt Regency Riverfront

5:30 p.m. Reception

Join us before the show for great food, drink, live music and the opportunity to mingle with people who care about the Jacksonville community.

7:00 p.m. Transformations Tribute

Hear first hand how the comprehensive services the Sulzbacher Center provides are transforming lives on the First Coast every day.

8:00 p.m. Post-Show Dessert Reception

Come together after the show to enjoy coffee, desserts and place your final bid on fabulous silent auction packages.



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*We are thankful for our pastors.
Happy Pastors Appreciation Month.*



OCTOBER

History in October

1977 Department Of Energy established
1971 Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida opens
1969 Concorde 001 test flight breaks sound barrier
1908 Henry Ford introduces Model T car
1896 Yosemite becomes a National Park
1890 Congress creates Weather Bureau