



"Sermon Series Heaven"

One of the latest ways that folk like to receive the word is through Sermon Series'. I don't know if you like sermon series' or not, and I don't suppose I know the why's of your preferences either. But, I would suggest that a sermon series allows pastors to take a theme and put much more information in than you normally could in one short sermon. And with a series, church people feel that they can delve into a subject, getting a reminder each week of what they learned the week before, and then move forward from there so that it becomes a journey. I like the idea of a journey.

Frankly, our faith is a journey anyway, so why not let our sermons be a journey? Don't misunderstand, I still like the lectionary since I think it helps keep us in tune with the Christian Year, and keeps pastors like me from simply picking our favorites and only preaching those scriptures. But this spring, I am excited to preach 2 sermon series. One has already begun—and some of you know we have been looking at Commitment, using some great biblical characters as example and contrast.

After Easter, beginning on May 1, I will begin a **New Sermon Series on Community**. I believe Community is something that we have nearly lost in recent years with our suburban attitudes. We must reclaim our communities. We have the power to do this, and in fact we have the CALL to do it.

I am in preparation for this series right now, and I'm asking your help. Send me your thoughts or questions about community. Any tidbits you have, and even "devil's advocate" type questions are welcome. I listen to my community of believers and trust that God works through you as well as through me. Come on out, invite your friends, and we may just have a very powerful experience together in May. I'm counting on it!

Love in Christ,




Every year, I hear the question, "Why does Easter seem to jump around on the calendar?" It does seem to fluctuate quite a bit. It comes in mid March sometimes, forcing Easter outfits to hide under winter coats, and in late April other times, confusing our social calendars and wrecking havoc with school events.

Well, here is how the date is set: Easter is always the first Sunday following the Paschal Full Moon. The name "paschal" is derived from "Pascha", a transliteration of the Greek word, which is itself a transliteration of the Hebrew *pesach*, both words meaning Passover. This was an attempt in the early church to assure that Easter would always be in the same season, and that there could be agreement. It always falls somewhere between March 22 and April 25. So, this year, it is almost as late as it will ever be again.

Early or late, Easter makes its mark on us all. It centers our being—not so much because of when it comes, but because it DOES come. Easter is THE changing event, revealing God's glory through the Son, and granting resurrection life to all who believe. Easter is actually less about time and its changes, and more about eternity for us all. Time stands still in Christ, who was and is and is to come. So my prayer this year is that Easter would be more about letting Christ change us, and less about a particular date on the calendar.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday - April 17
"Stepping Up?" - Matthew 20:20-28

Maundy Thursday Service - April 21 at 7 pm

Easter Sunday - April 24
"Imperfect Belief" - John 20:20-28

New Sermon Series on Community
begins Sunday, May 1

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAYS

8:45 am Traditional Worship
9:50 am Sunday School
11:00 am Contemporary Worship
4:30 pm UMYF, Youth Center

**A nursery is available on Sunday
mornings from 8:45 am - 12 pm.**

WEDNESDAYS

9:30 am Visitation
5:00 pm Senior Dinner, Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm Dinner, Fellowship Hall

Activities for Children & Youth

6:15 pm Junior Choir (1st-5th grades), Chapel
Youth Choir, Choir Room
7:00 pm Faith Friends, Room 108
Life Groups, Youth Center
8:00 pm Homework Haven (all ages),
Fellowship Hall

Adult Activities

6:15 pm Prayer Force, CB Room 313
6:30 pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
7:30 pm Worship Choir, Sanctuary
Praise Band, Sanctuary

**A nursery is available on Wednesdays
from 6:15 pm until 8:30 pm.**

NOTE: Wednesday Night Fellowship (WNF)

- No WNF on April 6 due to spring break.
- May 11 will be the last WNF for summer.
- We will resume WNF in August.

1st & 3rd THURSDAYS

6:30 pm Stephen Ministry, Huber's Home

Doughnut Ministry

Come and join us in the Fellowship Hall
on Sunday mornings before Sunday School
for our "Coffee and Doughnut" gatherings.

This time provides an opportunity for fellowship
between PSFUMC families and guests.

Baptism

William Connor Pritchett

Will was baptized on
March 27, 2011.

Parents: Jason & Michelle

Big Brother: Caleb



News for Your Health

The following information was published in Success Magazine
(September 2010) concerning a recent survey of people who
volunteer:

68% say it makes them feel physically healthier,
73% say it lowers their stress level,
92% say it enriches their sense of purpose in life!

Now that's good news for your health. And did you know that your
Church has plenty of opportunities to volunteer? From working with
the children or youth to working in the sound room on Sunday morn-
ings to leading a Sunday school class, there's something for everyone.
You will find a number of opportunities in this and every edition of
Love Notes and in the weekly bulletins. You can also talk to any
Church Council member about finding a place to serve. Remember,
it's not only good for your health, but when you add in the spiritual
rewards, you'll find that volunteering is an amazing opportunity!

EASTER EGG HUNT!

Saturday, April 16 10:00 am

Egg Hunt for kids up to 12 years of age

Egg Hunts divided by ages

Cookies and lemonade served

Easter crafts

Petting Zoo

Please join us and bring your friends!



Welcome New Members

Welcome Micah & Jason Lowe!

When Jason and Micah Lowe joined the church, a lot of folks thought they were already members. Micah volunteers in the nursery and loves meeting people at the Welcome Center. Jason often runs sound at the 8:45 service and has taken photos at church events. They are both "computer people" and have worked on the logo. Micah says they kept coming back because of Reverend Susan. The traditional service and the friendly people made them feel at home.



Welcome Nancy Ramsey!

Nancy Ramsey had driven past the church many times when she decided it was time to visit. People here greeted her and made her feel welcome. She joined a few weeks ago and is attending the Disciples class. Nancy wants to get involved in local missions like visiting the elderly or the children's home. She enjoys creating gift baskets for families in need. She has lived in Powder Springs for 17 years and works for the Paulding County School District.

Knight's Round Table GOD! ARE YOU UP THERE?



My husband Henry and I had just driven fifty miles from our work in Atlanta to our old farm in the country. The season was still early, but there was a hint of spring in the air. On this day in the seventies, God was in His heaven, and all was well. Life was good.

We headed toward the pasture to feed our cows, quickening our steps as it started to sprinkle. We really didn't know a lot about cows, but so far, they appeared to be happy. Now, though, something was not right. Where was our biggest cow?

Walking even faster, we hurried toward the end of the pasture. Suddenly, we saw her lying at the very edge of the creek. We were horrified and saddened to find her dead, but why?

It was raining a little harder now as we hurried back to gather the other cows at their feeding spot. Then we noticed another cow staggering around like she was drunk, and the others did not look too steady. What could have happened to them in the safety of their own home?

By now, we were getting wet from rain pelting us and the puny cows. It was almost dark and we felt so helpless.

Suddenly, Henry looked up and yelled, "GOD, ARE YOU UP THERE?" The sky immediately turned black. There was a lengthy, deafening peal of thunder, and lightening stretched across the black sky as far as we could see. I watched wide-eyed as a shocked Henry answered God with a loud "YES SIR!"

We fed the cows as best we could and walked dripping wet back to the house. We asked the Lord to help us in this situation where we felt so helpless. Sure enough, we were able to get the veterinarian out the next morning. He said our cows had been so hungry for something green that they ate the first green leaves they saw and these plants were poisonous. He gave them shots and immediately, they began to improve. He also said the county would remove the dead cow. We were so thankful.

Have you ever felt as if God were absent? Well, no one ever felt the absence of God more than Jesus as He was dying on the cross that first Good Friday. He cried out, "MY GOD, MY GOD. WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"

The next day was Saturday and His followers felt nothing but hopelessness. God was silent. But then came Resurrection Sunday, with the glorious reality that Jesus had risen from the dead. Because He lives, we can face life's curve balls even when God seems silent.

Mary Knight

FIRST News

Do you enjoy singing, or play the guitar or piano? Then do we have a ministry for you! Once a month a group from PSFUMC visits Bethel Gardens and sings for the residents. We sing mostly hymns with some praise music sprinkled in. It's always a blessing both to the residents and to those volunteers who participate. All are welcome to join us! For more information, contact Julie Banks, 404-229-2057 or tiggersjule@bellsouth.net.

Coming Soon to a Location Near You! "What?" you may ask. It's SMALL GROUPS. Again, "What?!" It's a small group of fellow worshippers getting together to study the Bible, Life, share a common interest, or support each other. They might meet in a home, at church, in the park or at a coffee house. I need your help. Would you be willing to lead a group, or maybe host a group? Do you have ideas for studies or common interest groups? Do you already belong to a PSFUMC small group that we may not know about? Call me with your suggestions, ideas or to volunteer – or just to find out more about Small Groups! Roxy 770-819-4486 or roksea@bellsouth.net

The Men's Club & Youth Ministry will have a yard sale May 7! Clean out your closets, tidy up the garage, and support our yard sale with your donations. Contact Scott Cupp at cupp_scott@yahoo.com to schedule drop offs or pick-ups.

Men's Bible Study: Come join us Mondays at 7:00 pm in the Main Building, room 101.

Women's Bible Study: We have completed our current study and will take a break from meeting. Please plan to join us when we resume in August.

Recordings of our Sunday morning services are online at powderspringsfumc.org. DVDs are also available. Please contact the Church Office to order a DVD.

Ushers needed! We are in need of ushers at both of our morning services. Whichever hour or style of worship you attend could use you to serve as an usher. For information or to sign-up, contact Tom Adams at 770.355.539.

Remember to dedicate flowers to honor your loved ones and beautify our Sunday services. Reserve your dates at the Welcome Center or contact the Church Office.

Trustee News

Church Break-In: As most of you are already aware, our church was broken into sometime during the night of March 15, 2011. Both the chapel building and fellowship hall were entered. Damage and loss in the chapel building was minimal with one door to a Sunday School classroom being damaged. A glass door to the fellowship hall was broken as well as the door to Rev. Susan's office. The sound board, our Dell projector and Tom Race's mixer were stolen.

While damages and loss were significant, we are blessed that they were not as bad as they could have been. The Trustees are working with our insurance company to file a claim and make the needed repairs and replacements. We will also be reviewing the need for additional security throughout the church.

It is extremely important that all church members be aware of basic security measures for our facilities. If you use the church facilities outside of Sunday morning and Wednesday night activities, please make sure all doors and windows are locked when you leave. Your help in keeping our facilities secure is the first step in preventing vandalism & theft.

Fellowship Hall Furnace: A new natural gas furnace has been installed in the fellowship hall. This was necessary as the previous electrical heating system was not keeping the building comfortable. Fortunately thanks to the good management and stewardship of our Finance Committee, PSFUMC had capital funds available to make this upgrade. We hope everyone enjoys having this new system.

Work Day: We had a very productive work day on March 12, 2011. The Trustees appreciate the support of everyone who came out to help. The main job of the day was to paint the fellowship hall. In addition some people worked on specific jobs. Those jobs and the people who did them included:

Painting the hand rails outside the sanctuary building (Brenda Smith and Ann Piper)

Replacing toilets in the chapel building (Bill Honiker) Replacing light bulbs in the sanctuary (Matt Manley)

Installing new cabinets in the sound room (Andrew Vick)

Hanging Things on Our Walls: With the painting of the fellowship hall the Trustees ask that nothing be permanently fixed to the walls without approval. Also, please refrain from placing nails, tacks, etc. in the walls as these leave permanent holes. If items need to be hung, please use materials that will not leave holes, marks, etc. The "10 Commandments of Room Use" are posted in the fellowship hall and classrooms for your reference. These apply to all rooms in the church and not just the fellowship hall. Our facilities get extensive use and we want to keep them as nice as possible.

Mike Doe

Mission Committee Update

MUST Ministries Easter Meal. Must needs the following donations to make the meal a success:

20-25 Pre-sliced hams

4 – 6 large Sweet Potato Casseroles or ingredients to make a casserole

(12 #10 size cans of Yams, sugar, brown sugar, butter, eggs and nuts for topping)

4 – 6 large Green Bean Casserole or ingredients to make a casserole

(12 #10 size cans of Green Beans, mushroom soup and French fried onions for topping)

Tossed salad: Salad Mix, carrots, tomatoes, red onions, cucumbers and Salad Dressings

Rolls and Desserts

MUST Summer Lunch Program: The Missions Committee is planning on participating in the MUST Summer Lunch Program again this year. Please consider joining our efforts in supplying 500 sack lunches for children that will not have lunch once school is out for the summer. We will have available dates from MUST mid April and will begin to schedule our participation. As in the past, Missions will need you to supply the bread and ham, make the sandwiches, fill and deliver the bags. Please look for details including dates, guidelines, and specifications to follow.

How Can You Help with Lunches?

Make a monetary donation to the Missions Committee to help offset the cost of supplies and food.

Volunteer your group to:

Make sandwiches (the group will also need to purchase meat & bread)

Prepare the lunch bags with all other items

Deliver the lunches by 9 am

Help decorate the paper lunch bags. (Please see specifications)

If you are interested in helping with the Easter meal donations, the Summer Lunch Program, or would like to join our Mission Committee please contact me at Deidri@cumbiefamily.org.

Deidri Cumbie, Missions Chairperson

C.A.M.P. Corner

We are in the season of Lent and will be celebrating Christ's ascension into heaven on Easter. But let us not forget Good Friday (April 22nd) and the power of that moment in Christ's life and our lives. CAMP would like to invite you to their Good Friday Community Worship Service hosted by Austell Presbyterian Church, 5895 Love Street. The service begins at 12 noon and continues until 3 p.m. symbolic of the time Jesus hung on the cross. This special service consists of 7 sermons delivered by 7 local pastors of various denominations. Each sermon topic is based on one of the last seven words spoken by Christ from the cross. Worshipers have the opportunity to come and go as their schedules allow. Nursery services will be provided during the entire three hour program.

CAMP has the following urgent needs:

Clothes Closet Special Programs:

Feminine Products

Diapers sizes 3, 4, 5 and 6 also Pull-Ups; Diaper Bags

Personal Hygiene, soap, toothpaste, deodorant

Receiving Blankets, Onesies, and Newborn Socks & Bibs

Food Pantry:

Rice

Beans

And as always they need plastic shopping bags and egg cartons.

In the Atrium, there is a cabinet where donations can be deposited. Please keep those donations coming.



God calls us to serve. Let us continue to improve the lives of all those in need. Providing a helping hand allows those in need to touch His hem and see His face.

David Beem

Preschool News

Spring is here and we love all the opportunities to be outside. The nice weather makes our walks to Bethel Gardens and Cobb County Public Library so nice. More sun and warm temperatures mean more time on the playground! To me, there is nothing like the sound of a child's laughter as they play with friends. We had a wonderful puppet show last month. Mr. Hart made us all smile and laugh. April brings one of our favorite activities, the petting zoo. We should have between 12 to 14 animals for the children to pet and feed. We also will celebrate Easter with an egg hunt. May has a celebration of our moms, end of year celebration and then graduation for our four year old classes. This season is one of our busiest but we enjoy every minute. We hope your spring is a great time for you too!

It is not too late to register for the 2011-12 preschool year! Please call for me for more information at 770.943.5869.

We hope that each of you join us for our Annual Preschool Art Show on Wednesday night, April 27, during dinner.

Rene' Doe, Preschool Director



Children's Ministry



Egg Hunt for kids up to 12 years
Egg Hunts divided by ages
Cookies & lemonade served
Easter crafts & Petting Zoo!

Donations and volunteers are needed for our Easter Egg Hunt on April 16 at 10 am. Please sign up in Welcome Center. Invite your family and friends!

Sunday mornings

Sunday School ~ 9:50 am

Parents: Please look over the take home sheets from Sunday School each week. There are some great activities to do at home to reinforce our lessons.

Children's Church during 11:00 am service

Wednesday nights

6:15 **Choir** ~ 7 pm **Faith Friends** ~ 8 pm **Homework Haven**

Faith Friends: End of Year Party!!! May 11, 7:30-8:00 pm

This will be our last Wednesday for the summer.

Wednesday Night Fellowship will resume in August.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
You don't want to miss the
Junior Choir Musical!
"King of the Jungle"
May 15 at 6 pm



Vacation Bible School
Coming this summer!

June 27-30 ~ 9 am- 12 pm

Cost will be \$5 per child ~ \$10 family maximum

Volunteers Needed!!!!!!

Please contact Candy DeHart at
children@powderspringsfumc.org to volunteer.

Donations needed:

Bible times costumes & decorations
(more detailed lists to come later).

Register online beginning May 26

at powderspringsfumc.org or
pick up a registration form
at the Welcome Center.

YIPPEE YOUTH YODALS!



Man, this time of year FLIES by. It's bittersweet as we graduate Seniors and watch them go onto the next chapter of their lives but are so proud of their accomplishments and blessed to have watched them grow into men and women of God. At the same time, we will be confirming and baptizing new members into our congregation as they will have completed their classes and make the decision to Claim the Name of Jesus as a life they want to live! Such accomplishments for both groups that this church should be rejoicing about - the foundation of their faith started here to carry out to all the world! It doesn't get any better than that!

April 10th - UMYF - join us as we journey over to St. Andrews UMC for a concert. Oswald Brothers Band will be performing - oswaldbrothersband.com/ - check them out. Our Youth Gathering time will be changed so that we can attend the concert. We will leave the church at 5:00, stop for fast food and travel to St Andrews. Concert is free but they do ask for a love offering of \$5.00. Need parent drivers! Let me know if you will be going so that we have enough cars.

April 16th - Easter Egg Hunt - All youth are encouraged to come help with Children's Ministry. 10am-12

May 22nd - Graduation Sunday - Please let us know about any graduation for 2011. Your Church Family wants to celebrate with you!!

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES - ALL YOUTH NEEDED!

May 7th - Church Yard Sale - Save and collect all your treasures to be sold at the Yard Sale. Friday night we will be organizing and setting up for the early sale on Saturday morning. Sign up to work a shift.

May 14th - Brasstown Bike Ride - We've been doing this fundraiser for years and it is a blessing. Youth work the rest/snack stops for the bikers and offer a smile of encouragement. We will travel up Friday night for some fun bonding time and stay in a cabin. We need at least 12 youth (parent drivers/chaperones needed too) to make our teams. Sign up to be a part of this great weekend in the mountains!

SUMMER CAMPS

June 7-9 Mission Week in and Around PS

Three days of mission: MUST, CAMP, Soup Kitchen, sandwiches on the streets in ATL, Church needs Stay at host homes - girls/boys. Speaker at night/music

June 20-24 Xtreme Conference in PCB, FL

July 10-15 Venture Crew Camp

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

*1st Sunday of each month - Communion Servers and *5th Sundays - Ushers and Greeters

No Regrets!

June

PSFUMC YOUTH CHOIR

What a group of talented youth our church is blessed with.

We were filled beyond measure with two shows of hearing God's word through the form of music.

You guys rock!!



To My Church Family, SPRC, and the Choir: Thank you for the gracious reception and gifts. I love and appreciate you all!!! *Stacey Wood*

To My Church Family: Thank you for the prayers, calls, and food. Special thanks to the women of PSFUMC who made the hats for Jean. *Kent & Jean Gaines*

To My Church Family: Thank you for the prayers and cards after the loss of Mike's mother. *Mike & Dot Lott*

To My Church Family: Thanks to all of you for your calls, visits, and prayers during the loss of our mother. I really do appreciate having a church family like you. *Thanks again, Billy and Ophelia Dunn*

Save up to 10% or more on your car insurance: Know Distractions: A Defensive Driving Course & Defensive Driving Course Alive @ 25. This educational course, led by Ange' Rae, Certified Instructor by the National Safety Council and The Department of Driver Safety, will provide lots of safe driving information. It is designed to define vehicle crash causation, improve driver behavior and help drivers avoid future traffic citations and reduce vehicle crash involvements. Those who complete the course are eligible for discounts on their car insurance. Classes are held on select Saturdays from 9 am until 4 pm in the Chapel Building, RM 322. Contact 770.630.3325 for more information.



Did You Know?

Betty Parks brought a newspaper clipping to the church office the other day that she wanted to share. Her family had a tradition of cutting out pictures and articles of friends and family from the newspaper and placing them in the family Bible. On the back of one of the old clippings she happened to notice an article about the origin of Sunday School. Upon further research online, this is what we have learned. **Thanks Betty for sharing this treasure!**

Robert Raikes (14 Sept 1736 – 5 Ap 1811) was an English philanthropist and Anglican layman, noted for his promotion of Sunday schools. Pre-dating state schooling and by 1831 schooling 1,250,000 children, they are seen as the first schools of the English state school system.

The movement started with a school for boys in the slums. Raikes had been involved with those incarcerated at the county Poor Law (part of the jail at that time) and saw that vice would be better prevented than cured. He saw schooling as the best intervention. The best available time was Sunday as the boys were often working in the factories the other six days. The best available teachers, were lay people. The textbook was the Bible, and the originally intended curriculum started with learning to read and then progressed to the catechism.

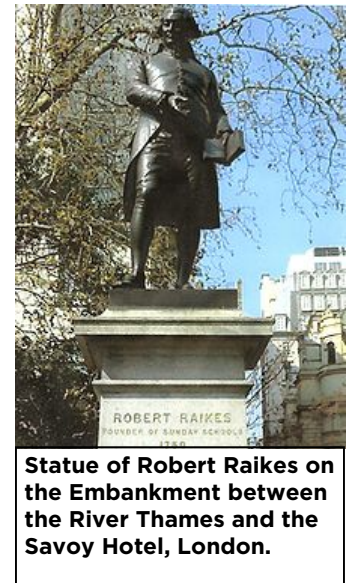
Raikes used the paper to publicize the schools and bore most of the cost in the early years. The movement began in July 1780 in the home of a Mrs Meredith. Only boys attended, and she heard the lessons of the older boys who coached the younger. Later, girls also attended. Within two years, several schools opened in and around Gloucester. He published an account on 3 November 1783 of Sunday schools in his paper, and later word of the work spread through the *Gentleman's Magazine*, and in 1784, a letter to the *Arminian Magazine*.

The original schedule for the schools, as written by Raikes was *"The children were to come after ten in the morning, and stay till twelve; they were then to go home and return at one; and after reading a lesson, they were to be conducted to Church. After Church, they were to be employed in repeating the catechism till after five, and then dismissed, with an injunction to go home without making a noise."*

There were disputes about the movement in the early years. The schools were derisively called *"Raikes' Ragged School"*. Criticisms raised included that it would weaken home-based religious education, that it might be a desecration of the Sabbath, and that Christians should not be employed on the Sabbath. "Sabbatarian disputes" in the 1790s led many Sunday schools to cease their teaching of writing.

By 1831, Sunday schools in Great Britain were teaching weekly 1,250,000 children, approximately 25 percent of the population. As these schools preceded the first state funding of schools for the general public, they are seen as the forerunners of the current English school system. ^[1]

Queen Charlotte, wife of George III, granted Raikes an audience and encouraged others to follow his example. He was continually widening his interests and was involved in the establishment of the Gloucester Infirmary and a new and improved prison. He is an example of the zeal for social reform released in the aftermath of the great 18th century evangelical awakening. The establishment of Sunday Schools was one small part of the great social changes that were to change the face of society over the next quarter of a century. ^[2]



Statue of Robert Raikes on the Embankment between the River Thames and the Savoy Hotel, London.

^[1]www.wikipedia.org/wiki/robert_raikes; ^[2] www.gracemagazine.org.uk/articles/historical/raikes.htm



PSFUMC had several participants in the annual Spring Run benefitting Sweetwater Valley CAMP!

Pictured: Julie Beem, Katie Pflugradt, Anne Moore, Jordan Moore, Libby Beem, Mark Cumbie, Deidri Cumbie, Duke, Ciara Cumbie, Pam Bailey, Julie Banks, Will Moore, Mike Dae, Kevin Dave, Heather Cumbie, Chuck Preston, Teresa Preston, Will Pritchett, Michelle Pritchett, Jason Pritchett, and Thomas Bailey.

Congratulations to Will Moore and Ciara Cumbie who brought home ribbons from the Chicken Run!

2011 Graduates: Graduation is almost here, and it's our honor to recognize our 2011 High School and College Graduates on Graduation Sunday, May 22, at the 11 am service.

Please email the following information with photos attached to the church office at jgraham@powderspringsfumc.org **by May 2:**

- **the school you are graduating from**
- **any accomplishments or honors that you will be receiving upon graduating**
- **fall plans**
- **High School Seniors Only: 5-6 photos (ranging in ages - please include a Senior picture)**



GRADUATES



April 1 Elaine Harcourt
 April 2 Lorraine Frady
 Loretta Hall
 Sharon Harmon
 April 4 Linda Beshers
 Jeff Oldham
 April 5 Jose Rodriguez
 April 7 Candy DeHart
 Charles Haynes
 Carrie Miller
 April 9 Kellie Wizner
 April 11 Ema Rainwater
 April 13 Donna Anderson
 Garry Kinsey
 April 14 Jack Frady
 April 15 Thomas Bailey
 Daniella Korwek
 Jason Lowe
 Thomas Slaton
 April 17 Sandi Kessloff
 Steve Smith
 Marc Thayer
 April 18 Dennis Korwek
 April 19 Derek Shallenberger
 April 20 Madelyn Paintin
 Carolyn Piper
 April 21 Lynda Buice

April 21 Crystal Pitts
 April 22 Stephen Arnold
 Kevin Dae
 Dena Hudson
 April 23 Brian Belcher
 April 24 Brett Hudson
 April 25 Chuck Preston
 April 27 Greg Morrison
 April 28 Steve Shallenberger
 April 29 Larry Cupp
 April 30 Alec Shallenberger
 May 1 Kyle Branan
 May 2 Margaret Pulk
 May 4 Bobby DeCoux
 May 5 Angela Morrison
 May 6 Mark Cumbie
 May 8 Opal Isley
 May 9 Dustin Fortson
 Karen Slaton
 May 10 Andie Ashe
 May 12 Michael Honiker
 Will Pritchett
 May 14 Ann Piper
 May 16 Virginia Wheeler
 May 19 Gabriel Rodriguez
 Ange' Rae
 May 21 Dora Fortson
 May 23 Bo Dunn
 May 24 Lloyd Leinbaugh
 May 26 Renee' Manley
 Katie Pflugradt
 Dot Williams

May 26 Logan Woodall
 May 27 Don Haynie
 May 27 Amanda Paintin
 May 29 Sharliss Arnold
 May 30 Elizabeth Guthrie



April 1 Willie & Betty Robinson
 April 6 Maynard & Carolyn Piper
 April 10 Dennis & Jackie Korwek
 April 19 Thomas & Dona
 Cangelosi
 April 20 Chuck & Connie Williams
 April 27 Dale & Judy
 Westmoreland
 April 28 Andrew & Christine Vick
 May 9 Steve & Mary
 Shallenberger
 May 10 John & Dee Kendrick
 May 19 Mike & Rene' Dae
 May 20 Danny & Dana Willis
 May 24 Ryan & Sara Freeman
 Bill & Debbie Harrison
 May 25 Steve & Amanda Paintin
 May 27 Lloyd & Helen Leinbaugh
 May 31 Rod & Dora Fortson
 Tom & Cassie Race

Emergency Pastoral Care



Please remember to notify us when you have a family or personal crisis. We care about each of you and want to be there for you in times of need. Please call 678.772.9836.

We have a great group of volunteers in our Visitation Team! This ministry is available for all in our church who are in need of a friendly visit on Wednesday mornings. Please contact the church office at 770.943.5130 if you are in need of a visit or wish to join our team.

Please Remember In Prayer

We extend our deepest Christian sympathy to:

Wilson & Pat Cole and their family in the loss of Pat's mother, Jean Watson ;

Ed Elliott and his family in the loss of his uncle;

Jim & Shelby Morris in the loss of their brother-in-law;

Chris & Penny Wizner and their family in the loss of Penny's sisters, Janet Matthews and Debbie Sparks.

Church Family Immediate Needs: Lynda Buice, Wilson and Pat Cole & Family, Ann Connally, Larry Cupp, Billy Dunn & Family, Jimmy Ford, Dora Fortson, Jean & Kent Gaines, Frankie Gilpatrick, Patrick Guthrie, Sylvia & Dick Huber, William James, Renee' Manley, Nancy Ramsey, The Wizner Family.

Church Family Ongoing Needs: Randolph Atcheson, Casey Babin, Libby Beem, Ron Bennett, Bob Burkette, Peggy Chastain, Carmen Cobb, Kevin Dae, Roy & Elaine Harcourt, Mildred Kellett, Lavinia Lindley, Wilbur Reid, Linton & Helen Spratlin, Diane Wells, Dot Williams, Branson Wood.

Our Extended Family: Kathy Alred, Dell Anderson, Judith Anderson, Jackie and Amy Bennett, Weston Crusselle, Laura Heath Gary, Ray Gary, Ashley Hulsey, Jack Hulsey, Sheila Idol, Ella Kilgore, Sam Oldham, Jim Porter, Trey Steed.

Our Military Personnel & Families: Devin Brown, Daniel Van Buren, Andrew Fulton, Corey Hopkins, Cale Long, Robert Rish, Adam Stokes, Clay Stokes, James Watson.



Updating

Our Prayer List

We all know the power of prayer in our lives and in the lives of others. Because of the many requests we receive for prayers, our prayer list tends to grow very long.

We would like your help in updating our prayer list. On the last Sunday of each month we will update our prayer list. We will remove all names from the prayer list and only add the names submitted for update. (If the person you are asking to be added to the prayer list is not a member of your family, be sure you have that person's permission before adding the name. This insures that everyone's privacy is respected.)

When you see the shorter list each first Sunday you may realize that a name has been removed that you feel should still be on the list. Simply write the name down and either drop it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor and it will be

Stephen Ministry

Did you know that we have Stephen Ministers who are trained, caring members of PSFUMC providing Christian one-on-one care to those who are experiencing difficulties or crisis in life? This can be an immediate need, or one whose burden the care receiver has carried for too long alone. Strict confidentiality is a cornerstone of Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministers are assigned to one specific care receiver to give one-one distinctively Christian care. You can request a Stephen Minister by calling Sylvia Huber at 770.943.5650.



Cody Isley
from Gene & Lynda Buice,
Manning & Movel Hatcher

Frances Dunn
from Bobby & Misty DeCoux,
Mary Long, Janet Moore,
The Followers Sunday School Class,
PSFUMC Men's Club

Verna Lott
from Gene & Lynda Buice,
Mary Cole,
Bonnie Myers,
The Followers Sunday School Class

Jean Watson
from Julie Banks,
Gene & Lynda Buice,
Jack & Lorraine Frady
Manning & Movel Hatcher,
Matt & Renee' Manley,
Janet Moore, Maglean Oglesby,
Debbie Perkins,
John & Brooke Skelton,
Ann Stokes, Randy Watson,
The Friendly Fellowship Class

Our Faithfulness Year to Date Through February 28, 2011

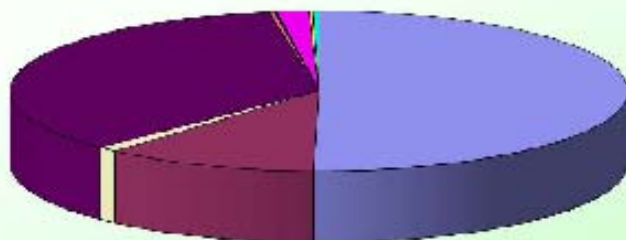
Total Needed for Budget: \$80,473 Total Received for Budget: \$76,141

2011 NARRATIVE BUDGET REPORT

February 28, 2011

	BUDGET		SPENDING	
Church Staff & Other Expense	\$269,342	55.8%	\$ 42,411	50.3%
Apportionments	\$47,058	9.7%	\$ 9,412	11.2%
Children & Youth	\$18,200	3.8%	\$ 865	1.0%
Staff Parish	\$900	0.2%	\$ -	0.0%
Trustees	\$114,920	23.8%	\$ 29,472	34.9%
Finance	\$1,750	0.4%	\$ 226	0.3%
Lay Delegate	\$1,000	0.2%	\$ -	0.0%
Nominations & Leadership	\$1,260	0.3%	\$ -	0.0%
Nurturing & Growth	\$4,500	0.9%	\$ 125	0.1%
Service Ministries	\$12,620	2.6%	\$ 1,370	1.6%
Welcome Center	\$4,800	1.0%	\$ 198	0.2%
Worship Expense	\$6,485	1.3%	\$ 271	0.3%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$482,835	100.0%	\$ 84,348	100.0%
TOTAL CHURCH INCOME			\$ 76,141	
CHECKING ACCOUNT TOTAL BALANCE			\$ 19,846	

SPENDING



- Church Staff & Other Expense
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- Trustees
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Return Service Requested

Dates to Remember

Men's Club Breakfast

April 10 & May 1 at 7:45 am

We meet in the Fellowship Hall. We have the best biscuits around, an inspirational message, and wrap-up in time to attend the 8:45 am service.

United Methodist Women (UMW)

April 21 and May 19 at 2 pm
 in the Fellowship Hall

Men's Club & Youth Ministry Yard Sale

Saturday, May 7

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 8

Last Wednesday Night Fellowship

May 11 ~ Will resume in August

**Church Council Meeting
& Leadership Training**

Saturday, May 14, 8-12pm in the Fellowship Hall

PSFUMC Preschool Dates

May 20: Last Day of Preschool

Church Office Closed

Memorial Day, May 30

Attention Youth

- **Youth Gathering** ~ Sundays ~ 4:30-6:30 pm
- **LifeGroups** ~ Wednesdays ~ 7:15-8:15 pm
 May 11 will be our last LifeGroup for summer.
- **Youth Council** ~ April 10 & May 8 at 3:30 pm

See *Yippee Youth Yodals!*, page 7, for more info!

**Articles and/or Bulletin Board announcements
 for the June/July Love Notes
 must be received by May 13.**



THREE DAYS OF MISSION

IN & AROUND POWDER SPRINGS

**MUST MINISTRIES • SWEETWATER VALLEY C.A.M.P. • SOUP KITCHEN
 SANDWICHES ON THE STREETS IN ATLANTA • PSFUMC CHURCH NEEDS**

JUNE 7-9

Our youth will be the hands and feet of Jesus!

We need you to:

- **Inform us of ways we can assist the needs of our church family and community.**
- **Pray for spiritual growth that our youth will gain through serving and ministering to those in need.**

IF ANYONE HAS MATERIAL POSSESSIONS AND SEES HIS BROTHER IN NEED BUT HAS NO PITY ON HIM, HOW CAN THE LOVE OF GOD BE IN HIM? DEAR CHILDREN, LET US NOT LOVE WITH WORDS OR TONGUE BUT WITH ACTIONS AND IN TRUTH."

1 JOHN 3:17-18

Join a Sunday School Class!

Class	Leader	Location
Back to Basics	Betty Smith	CB Rm 311
Christianity 102	Renee' Manley	CB Rm 313
Faith Seekers	Brooke Skelton	CB Rm 323
Followers	Paul Anderson	CB Rm 322
Friendly Fellowship	Jim Morris	Fellowship Hall
Stuck on 39	Thomas Bailey	CB Rm 321
Young Adult	Andrew Vick	CB Rm 324
"Living Inside Out" 3 years - 5th grade	Candy DeHart, Barbara Guthrie, Denise Turpin	MB Rm 109
Youth (MS & HS)	Chuck & Teresa Preston	Youth Center