

Welcome to Southminster

Christ's love is here for YOU!

WELCOME, Friends in Christ. We are glad you chose to worship with us today, and it is our hope that you will be blessed by our time of praise and worship. We hope that you feel welcome and that you will join us again. Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Pad and visitors are asked to include their name and address.

Prayer Requests:

Jan Boehm, Jamee Johnson, Chris La Vine serving in Afghanistan, Stella Moore (Ken's mother having radiation treatment), Pam Moseley (traveling mercies), Charles Nyaga, Bill Pearce recuperating from shoulder surgery, Kay Schuler, George Shelor (Bob's father), SPC Nominating Committee, Janet Wright, Julius Nyaga Church, our sister church in Magumoni Parish in Kenya

August 28, 2011-Prayers for Inquirers and Candidates under the care of Cherokee

Presbytery: Clyde Bearss (Ray-Thomas), Silvio Estevez (Ray-Thomas), Stephen Fearing (Dalton), Bermsoo Kris Kim (Bethany), Elizabeth Luangphakdy (Brazilian Christian), Charles Nyaga (Southminster), Samuel Pack (Bethany), Ana Sara Pinto (Brazilian Christian), Raphael Pinto (Brazilian Christian), Carolyn Smith (Dalton), Joseph Song (Bethany), Kira Stringer (Marietta First), Camille Townsend (Macland), William Yoo (Bethany).

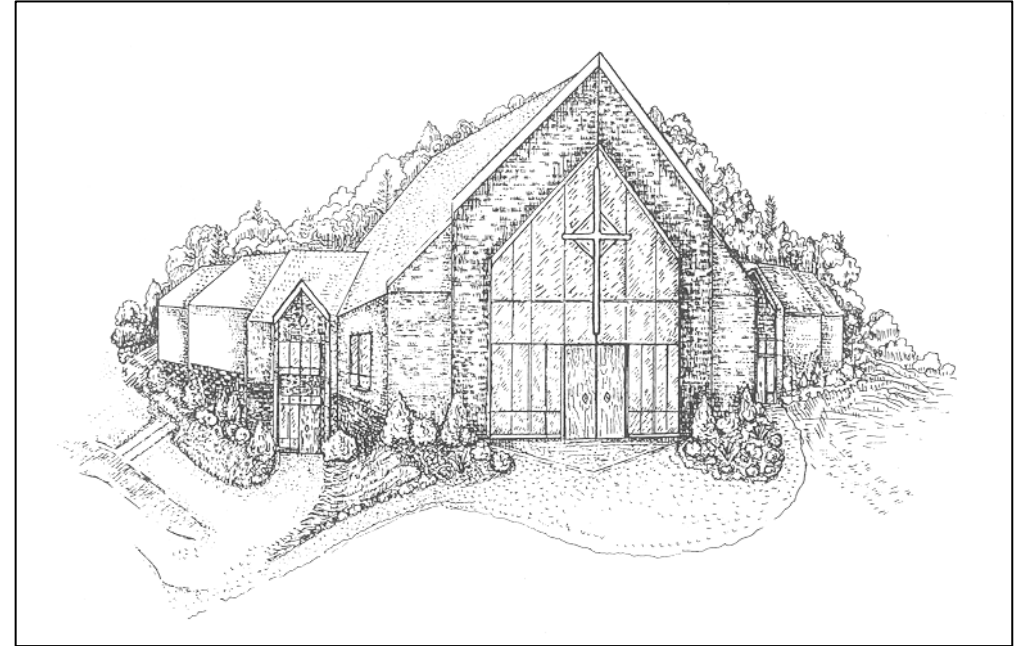
This Week's Calendar:

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| Today | August 28 | 9:30 a.m. | Adult Sunday school |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | Worship |
| Monday | August 29 | 6:00 p.m. | Bible Study with Golda Fuller & Charles Nyaga |
| Wednesday | August 31 | 6:30 p.m. | "Living the Vision: Becoming a Community Ministry" program @ Calvary (5 th session) |
| Thursday | September 1 | 7:00 p.m. | Choir rehearsal-new members welcomed |
| Sunday | September 4 | 9:30 a.m. | Adult Sunday school |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | Worship/Holy Communion/PATH offering |

"Living the Vision: Becoming a Community Ministry"

Join us in this program to learn how we can become a viable ministry in South Cobb County as we move forward to form our new church entity. We will continue to meet at the Calvary Presbyterian Church for the final Wednesday evening, August 31. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the classes will run from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. each week. The meals are free. A \$5 contribution is suggested if you can do that. Don't miss out on this very important opportunity to learn about our community and how we as individuals and as a new church entity can minister to it.

Southminster Presbyterian Church



Welcome! There's a place for YOU at Southminster!

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August 28, 2011, 11:00 a.m. - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

OPENING VOLUNTARY

(Please use the time before the service begins to review the announcements in the bulletin and to quietly prepare your heart for the worship of God.)

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

GREETINGS, WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Beloved in Christ, let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good.
All: Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.
One: For in this way God's glory will be made known and all people will praise God.

*HYMN 191 *"God is our Refuge and Our Strength"*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, Lord: you have set your way before us, and we tremble to see it. It is not just suffering we are afraid to bear, but also the weight of your call: your command to excel in love, rejoice in hope, and live peaceably with all—your appeal to overcome evil with good. Who are we to live in such a way? We do not merit your confidence. Merciful God, forgive our fear and faithlessness. Help us to see what you see, to follow where you go, and to live in awe at your presence, which is our help and encouragement. Hear us now, O Lord, as we continue to pray silently...Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
All: May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*GLORIA PATRI (unison) Hymn 579

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.
(Please exchange greetings of peace with those near you.)

The Word

*HYMN 371 *"Lift High the Cross"*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN'S TIME

DISMISSAL SONG *"Jesus Loves the Little Children"*
(Children 4 years through 5th grade are dismissed to Children's Church.)

RESPONSIVE PSALTER READING Psalm 105:1-6 Pew Bible, page 556

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 3:1-15 Pew Bible, page 50

SPECIAL MUSIC *"The Love of God"* Choir

GOSPEL READING Matthew 16:21-28 Pew Bible, page 18

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *"No Business as Usual"* Rev. Paulsen

Response to the Word

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) Page 14 in front of Hymnal

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** (unison) Hymn 592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER SONG

*All your anxiety, all your care, Bring to the Mercy Seat and leave it there,
Never a burden He doth not bear, Never a friend like Jesus.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (traditional) Hymnal page 16

Sending

***HYMN 448** *"Lead On, O King Eternal"* (verses 1 and 2)

*BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE—Hymn 448** *"Lead On, O King Eternal"* (verse 3)

Assisting in worship today:

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| Pam Hudson—Church Musician | Charlie Allen—Pulpit Assistant |
| Dave Markle—Song Leader | Pete Paulsen—Children's Time |
| Betty and Neal Cheek—Greeters | Helen James—Children's Church |

*All who are able, please stand Nursery provided for infants & children to 3 years—First floor