

Welcome to Southminster

Christ's love is here for YOU!

Prayer Requests:

Shirley Allen, Jan Boehm, Larry Cheek (Neal's brother recuperating from triple bypass surgery), Betty Cole (former member of SPC), Dennis Grimm, Jamee Johnson, Jill & Mike Kerns, Chris La Vine serving in Afghanistan, Stella Moore (Ken's mother having radiation treatment), Lewis Passmore (Ashley Vaughn's grandfather), Bill Pearce, Kay Schuler, Janet Wright, Julius Nyaga Church, our sister church in Magumoni Parish in Kenya

July 24, 2011 –*Cherokee Presbytery Church of the week*: First Presbyterian Church, Marietta, the oldest and largest church in Cherokee Presbytery. The church was organized in 1835 in Cobb County at 189 Church Street in Marietta. The Associate Pastors are the Reverend Denise Beltzner, the Reverend Keith Gunter, and the Reverend John Wells. Membership is 2325. Hal McClain is the Clerk of Session.

This Week's Calendar:

Today	July 24	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		12:15 p.m.	Stated Session Meeting
Monday	July 25	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study with Golda Fuller & Charles Nyaga
Sunday	July 31	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
		11:00 a.m.	Worship

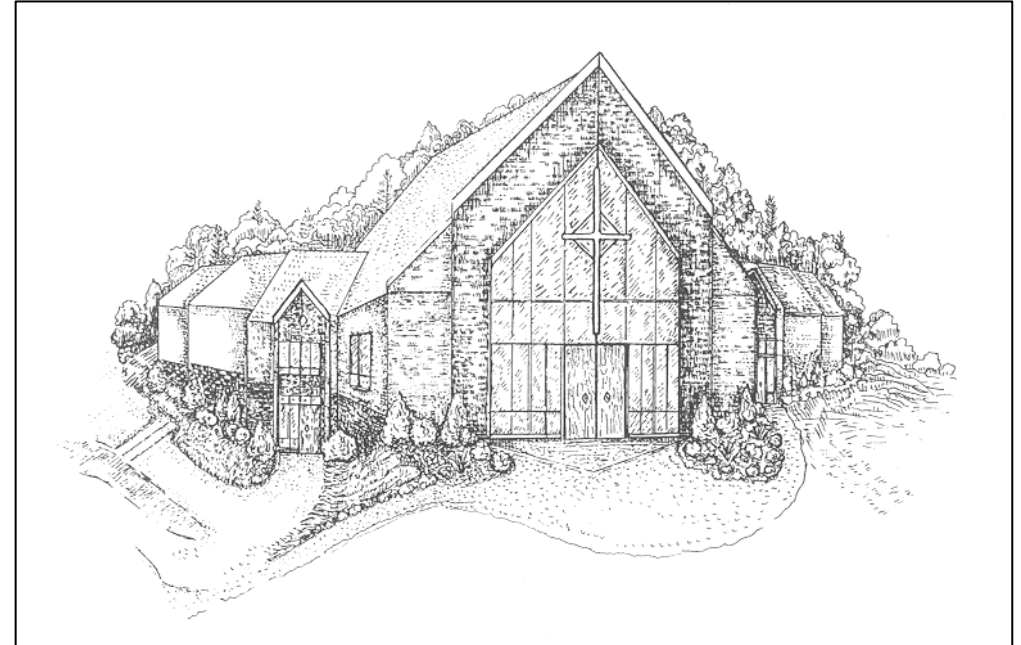
"Living the Vision: Becoming a Community Ministry"

Join us in this five-session 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 meet at the Calvary Presbyterian Church on each of the five Wednesday evenings in August (3, 10, 17, 24, & 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 ladies, let's all celebrate!

You are invited to a baby shower for Jackie Searles on Saturday, August 6, at 2:00 p.m., at the home of Jackie McCown, 2571 Creekview Drive, Marietta, GA. 30008. Please let Jackie McCown know by phone 770 312-5407 or e-mail gmmccown2003@yahoo.com whether or not you are planning on attending. Knowing how many guests to expect will be very helpful in planning this special event!

Southminster Presbyterian Church



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

Proclaim Build Create Serve
The Reverend Peter M. Paulsen, Minister

1507 Hurt Road, S. W.
Marietta, Georgia 30008
770-436-4010

Fax: 770-436-4027 Web: <http://spcmarietta.org>

Email: pastor@spcmarietta.org

Southminster Presbyterian Church

July 24, 2011, 11:00 a.m.- Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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: Give thanks to God and call upon God's name.

All: **Make God's deeds known among all people.**

One: Sing to God, sing praises.

All: **Let the hearts of all who seek the Holy God rejoice.**

*HYMN 491

"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Help us, O God: We do not know how to pray as we ought. We are accustomed to hiding our faults; we scarcely know them well enough to confess them to you. Forgive our dimness of vision, our dearth of compassion, our failures to remember and appreciate your wonderful works of faithfulness and mercy. Make us patient in our trials, confident of your love, and joyful in your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear us now, O Lord, as we continue to pray silently...Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

All: **Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.**

*GLORIA PATRI (unison)

Hymn 579

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Believe the Good News and go forth to live in peace.

All: **Amen.**

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 365

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN'S TIME

DISMISSAL SONG

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

(Children ages 6 and up return to your seats with your family.)

UNISON PSALTER READING

Psalm 105: 1-11

Pew Bible, page 556

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 29:15-28

Pew Bible, page 26

SPECIAL MUSIC

"His Eye Is On the Sparrow"

Dave Markle

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Pew Bible, page 14

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Signs of God's Kingdom."

Rev. Paulsen

Response to the Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Westminster Confession, 1647)

The light of nature shows that there is a God, who has lordship and sovereignty over all; is good, and does good to all; and is therefore to be feared, loved, praised, called upon, trusted in, and served with all the heart, and with all the soul, and with all the might. But the acceptable way of worshipping the true God is instituted by himself, and so limited by his own revealed will, that he may not be worshipped according to the imaginations and devices of men, or the suggestions of Satan, under any visible representation or any other way not prescribed in the Holy Scripture.

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 333

"Seek Ye First"

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE—Hymn 586

"Amen"

Assisting in worship today:

Pam Hudson—Church Musician

Charles Allen—Pulpit Assistant

Dave Markle—Song Leader

Rosalie Morgan—Children's Time

Bill Kershaw and Jackie McCown—Greeters

*All who are able, please stand

Nursery provided for infants and children to 5 years—First floor