

# Welcome to Southminster

*Christ's love is here for YOU!*

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## 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), Pam Moseley (traveling mercies), Lewis Passmore (Ashley Vaughn's grandfather), Bill Pearce, Kay Schuler, Janet Wright, Julius Nyaga Church, our sister church in Magumoni Parish in Kenya

**July 31, 2011** –*Cherokee Presbytery Church of the week:* Mars Hill Presbyterian Church, organized in 1837 in Cobb County and located at 3385 Mars Hill Road in Acworth. Active membership is 490. The Reverend Bryant Harris is the Pastor. Ernie Hawley is clerk of session.

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## This Week's Calendar:

Today	July 31	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday	August 1	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study with Golda Fuller & Charles Nyaga
Wednesday	August 3	6:30 p.m.	"Living the Vision: Becoming a Community Ministry" program @ Calvary (1 <sup>st</sup> session)
Saturday	August 6	2 p.m.	Baby shower for Jackie Searles @ Jackie McCown's home
Sunday	August 7	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
		11:00 a.m.	Worship—Holy Communion & PATH Offering

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## "Living the Vision: Becoming a Community Ministry"

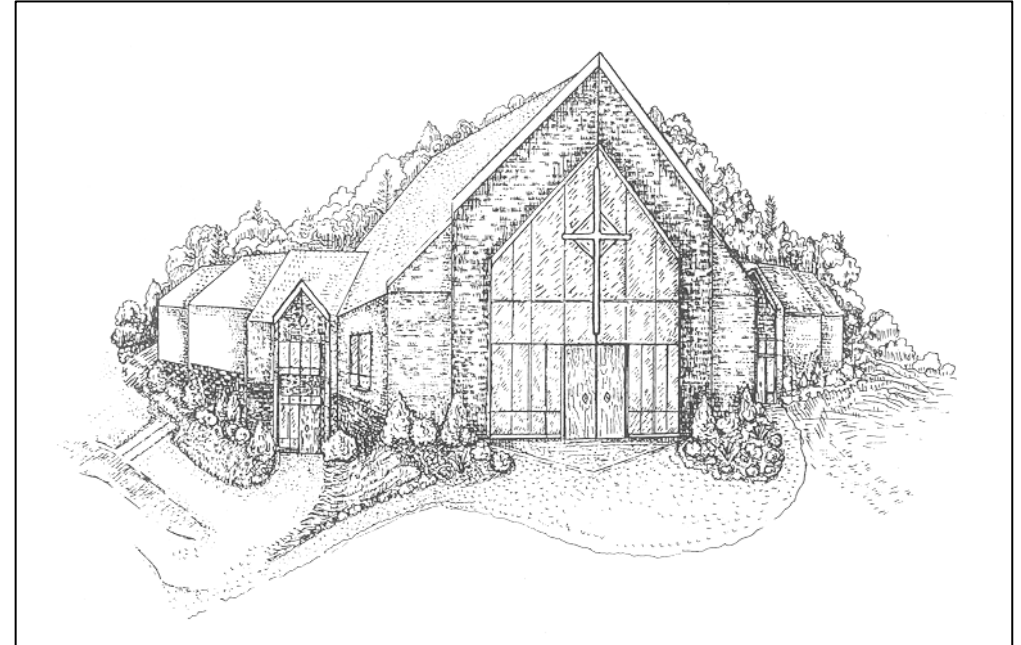
Join us in this five-session program to learn how we can become a viable ministry in South Cobb County as we move forward to form our new church entity. We will meet at the Calvary Presbyterian Church on each of the five Wednesday evenings in August (3, 10, 17, 24, & 31). Dinner will be served at 6:30 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](mailto: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 welcomes to the pulpit today a member of this congregation, Elder Charles Nyaga. He is a candidate for the ministry under the care of Cherokee Presbytery.

# Southminster Presbyterian Church



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

*Proclaim Build Create Serve*

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# Southminster Presbyterian Church

July 31, 2011, 11:00 a.m.- Seventh 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: The eyes of all look to God.

**All: God provides for all in need.**

One: The way of the Holy One is justice and kindness.

**All: God is near to all who call and watches over all who love God.**

### \*HYMN 341

*“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine”*

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**“You give them something to eat,” Jesus told his disciples as evening crept over the countryside. Gracious God, we confess that we are those disciples, expecting people to fend for themselves and afraid to take responsibility for others. We forget the blessings we have received at others’ hands and resist the common life to which you call us. O God, forgive us for hearing only what we want to hear, for underestimating your claim upon us and your power to change us, for pursuing goals that serve no greater good. Teach us to follow and obey you, that we may receive your gifts and share them gladly, and so be satisfied with the life you intend for us. Hear us now, O Lord, as we continue to pray silently...Amen.**

### \*WORDS OF ASSURANCE Romans 8:28-30

One: We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

**All: For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.**

One: You are justified and glorified. Go and live in peace.

### \*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

*“Guide My Feet”*

### \*HYMN 354

### 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.)*

### RESPONSIVE PSALTER READING

Psalm 17: 1-7

Pew Bible, page 496

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leviticus 18:24-30

Pew Bible, page 105

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*“Here I Am Lord”*

Kate Tutwiler and Chris Curschmann

### EPISTLE READINGS

Romans 12:1-4, I John 2:15-17

Pew Bible, pages 161, 239

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

*“Living a Lie”*

Elder Charles Nyaga

## 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 281

*“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”*

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE—Hymn 587 (sung twice)

*“Amen”*

### Assisting in worship today:

Pam Hudson—Church Musician

Ukpabia Ozor—Pulpit Assistant

Dave Markle—Song Leader

Kate Tutwiler—Children’s Time

Doris Kidney and Robert Holman—Greeters

\*All who are able, please stand

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