

Welcome to Southminster

Christ's love is here for YOU!

Prayer Requests:

Susan Austin (Doris Kidney's friend), Jan Boehm having radiation therapy, Judy Curlee recuperating from surgery, Jamee Johnson, Jill & Mike Kerns, J J Larsen at Parris Island, Marine Boot Camp, Chris LaVine serving in Afghanistan, Ify Noyela (family member of B Q Orinika), Julius Nyaga Church, our sister church Magamoni Parish in Kenya

Cherokee Presbytery Prayer Calendar, March 13, 2011 – Christ Fellowship Presbyterian Church, formerly John Calvin Church, was organized in 1983 in *north Catoosa County* near Chattanooga, and is located at 1176 Three Notch Road in Ringgold. Active membership is 359. The Reverend Ed Craft is the pastor and Judy North is the Clerk of Session.

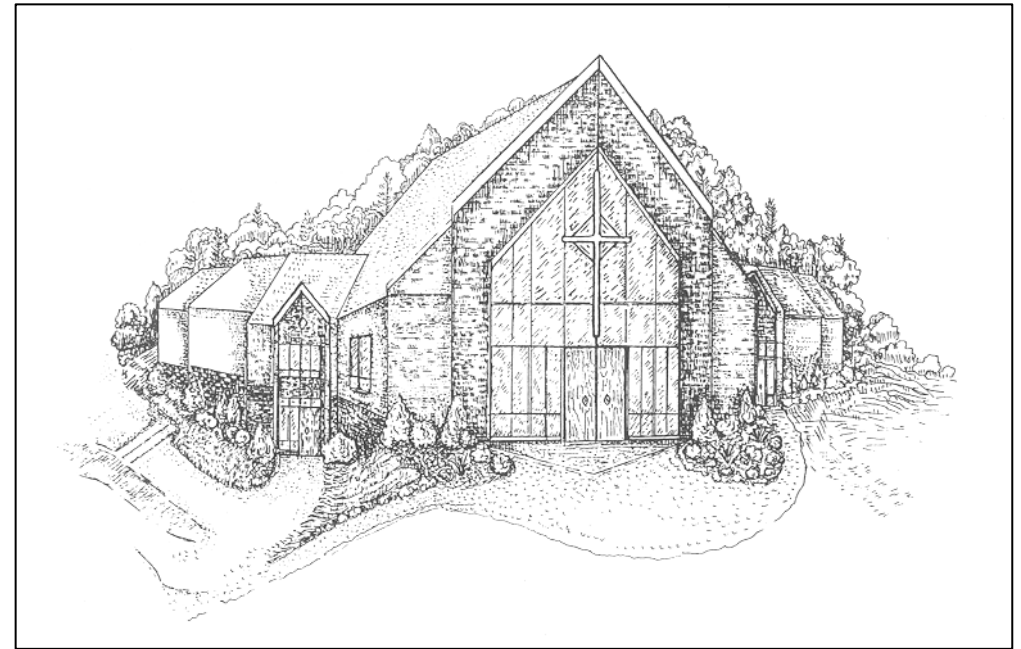
This Week's Calendar:

Today	March 13	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
		10:30 a.m.	Choir warm-up
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		11:30 a.m.	Children's Church
		12:15 p.m.	Stated Session Meeting
Monday	March 14	6:00 p.m.	Bible study with Golda Fuller & Charles Nyaga
.		7:30 p.m.	PW Evening Circle at the home of Mary York
Thursday	March 17	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	March 19	7:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Sunday	March 20	9:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday school
		10:30 a.m.	Choir warm-up
		11:00 a.m.	Worship/NAMI Nickel Sunday
		11:30 a.m.	Children's Church

On March 27, 2011, the third Sunday in Lent, Southminster PW will conduct the annual *Celebrate the Gifts of Women* worship service with a mission emphasis. Elizabeth Turk, Mission Specialist for Healthcare, will be the guest speaker. She and her husband Dan (Mission Specialist in Forestry and Environment) are on leave from their assignment in Madagascar and are residing at Mission Haven in Decatur until July.

Easter Offering: Sharing Resources, Changing Lives—Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through *One Great Hour of Sharing* to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities. Where does the money go? *The Presbyterian Hunger Program* receives 36% of undesignated *One Great Hour of Sharing* gifts, while the *Self-Development of People* and *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance* each receive 32%. Learn more by visiting www.pcusa.org. We will receive this offering on Easter Sunday, April 24.

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March 13, 2011, 11:00 a.m. – First Sunday in Lent

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: We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

All: We come to find the Living Word.

One: We come seeking Holy Wisdom.

All: We come to worship the Eternal God.

*HYMN (see insert)

“Wonderful Words of Life”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you beckon us to take refuge in you, trusting you to preserve us from trouble. Instead we hide from you, not wanting you to see our ingratitude, our guilt—the sinfulness that drives us to choose trouble over you. In your presence we confess how we fall for lies that prey upon our insecurities; how we deny our limits and our need of you; how we desire things other than what you graciously bestow; how we wander from your ways and disregard your love. Forgive us, we pray. Surround us with the abundance of your grace and the free gift of your righteousness, so that we may be happy, hidden in you. Hear us now, O Lord, as we continue to pray silently... *(Please use these moments of silence to offer your personal prayer of confession.)*
Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: My brothers and sisters, our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: As a shepherd who seeks a lost sheep, our God seeks and saves the lost.

One: Know that we are forgiven and be at 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

*HYMN 80

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

CHILDREN’S TIME

DISMISSAL SONG

“Jesus Loves the Little Children”

(Children ages four years through fifth grade are dismissed to Children’s Church.)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Pew Bible, page 2

ANTHEM

“Jesus Heal Us”

Choir

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:1-11

Pew Bible, page 3

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Sin Is So Attractive”

Rev. Paulsen

Response to the Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-(from the Heidelberg Catechism, 1562)

Q. 2. How many things must you know that you may live and die in the blessedness of God’s comfort?

All: Three. First, the greatness of my sin and wretchedness. Second, how I am freed from all my sins and their wretched consequences. Third, what gratitude I owe to God for such redemption.

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 101

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (vs.1 - 3)

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hymn 101 (verse 4)

POSTLUDE

Assisting in Worship: Pam Hudson—Church Musician

Jennifer Whitehead—Pulpit Assistant

Pete Paulsen—Children’s Time

Dave Markle—Song Leader

Doin Kibaara & Mary York—Children’s Church

*All who are able, please stand.

Nursery provided—First Floor