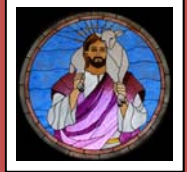




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Plans Underway for Community Garden

We are putting together a Community Garden and would love to have you join us! In the back yard at Good Shepherd we have the dirt, we have the water, we have the sunshine, what we need is . . . Gardeners!

Have you picked a fresh, red, ripe tomato off the vine, grown by you? Do you remember the taste of a tomato like that?

Are you a gardener or have you thought of being a gardener, a community gardener? Here is your chance to be social and grow vegetables for you and yours or grow them for a charity. Bib overalls are optional.

Here is an overview of the proposed plan.

In the back of the church we have a 55ft X 55ft square in which we plan to have 13 plots. The five small plots are 4ft X 8ft. The five medium size plots are 8ft X 12ft. The three large plots are 8ft X 20ft. All will have water to them.

If you are new to gardening, welcome. This is your chance to learn from people with experience. Using basic gardening methods you can grow great vegetables, flowers or fruits. If you are an experienced gardener, this is a chance to pass on some of the things you have learned to the agriculturally-challenged.

If you are in a wheel chair or disabled don't let that stop you. We are planning two of the raised beds for your access and work needs. One of the beds will be at about two feet high and another at three feet high. Call me and let's see if we can make it work.

If you are interested, please contact Bob Moeller by phone or text to 801-707-4353 or email him at bmoelle1@gmail.com. Please leave your name and how you would like to be contacted.

Ash Wednesday Services

Easter comes a couple of weeks earlier this year so it's time to begin thinking about Ash Wednesday, Lent, Palm Sunday, Good Friday and the Resurrection of our Lord.

Ash Wednesday has been observed by the Christian Church since about the 4th century. For Presbyterians and Protestants Ash Wednesday was a causality of the Protestant Reformation and only in the last 50 years has been reclaimed by the Reformed as day of penitence and repentance as we begin our journey toward the joy of Easter.

This year, on February 18th, we will have two services: one at 11:00 am and our traditional service at 7:00 pm. Rev. Ralph encourages all of us to take this time of worship to again refocus our lives on the living Christ – to see honestly where we are and who we are in Christ and who we may yet become.

Prayer Concerns

Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it John 14:13-14

Bob Prinselaar Larry Laubscher
Cathy Overkamp Barbara & Guy Schultzman
Ruth Combes Dick Babb

Wendy Christianson as she continues her studies for the ministry in India
Our sister congregation in Dorogobuzh, Russia
Those Serving Our Country

Welcome New Members

Alan & Sandy Paige

If you are interested in joining our fellowship, please see Rev. Ralph or Session Clerk Ruth Ann Horvath

Deadline for February Newsletter

February 21, 2015

Worship Schedule

8:45 – 9:00 am
Service of Morning Prayer and Holy Communion - Sanctuary

9:00 – 9:45 am
Adult Education with Rev. Ralph
CE Building

An Examination of the Lord's Prayer

10:15 am
Children's Sunday School

10:30 am
Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

11:45 am
Fellowship Time

Ruling Elders Monthly Scriptures

Each month at our stated Session meetings, our Teaching and Ruling Elders are invited to share any scripture that has spoken to their hearts in the previous month as part of their report. I encourage our congregation, as part of their prayer life for the congregation, our Session and Pastor, to review their selections and continue to uphold them and one another in prayer.

The scriptures for January were:

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|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Rev. Ralph | John 15:4-5 | True Vine |
| Elder Ruth Ann Horvath | Gal. 6:2-10 | Law of Christ |
| Elder Amy Craig | James 1:17-18 | Perfect gift |
| Elder Chris Schleter | 1 Timothy 2:1-4 | Prayers for all |
| Elder Anne Patten | Joshua 1:9 | Be Strong |
| Elder Scott Florence | Lamentations 3:22-23 | Lord's Mercy |
| Elder Carolyn Jentzer | Phil. 4:4-7 | Rejoice in the Lord |
| Elder Gay Cunningham | Psalms 77 | Remembering God |

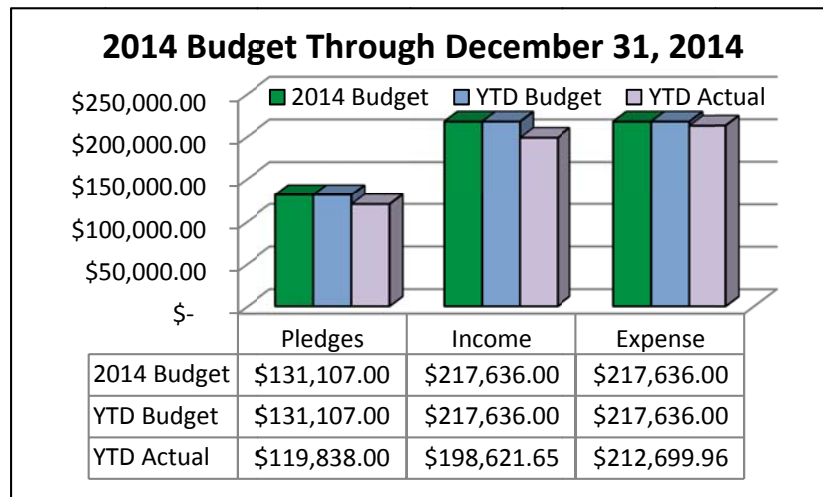
Thanks to our Volunteers

| | Flowers | Fellowship |
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| February | | |
| February 1 | Jan Hirschi | Potluck Sunday |
| February 8 | <i>Available</i> | Ann Abbott & Jan Hirschi |
| February 15 | <i>Available</i> | Cheryl Bordon & Nancy Higgins |
| February 22 | <i>Available</i> | S. Fromknecht, C. Hurlbut, D. Nichols |
| March | | |
| March 1 | <i>Available</i> | Potluck Sunday |
| March 8 | <i>Available</i> | <i>Available</i> |
| March 15 | <i>Available</i> | <i>Available</i> |
| March 22 | <i>Available</i> | <i>Available</i> |
| March 29 | <i>Available</i> | Palm Sunday Breakfast |

Signup on the boards between the narthex and the Fellowship Hall or on our Website gspscg.org

Treasurer's Report

| General Fund | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| As of December 31, 2014 | |
| November | |
| Receipts | \$ 18,565.24 |
| Expenditures | \$ 20,009.49 |
| 2014 YTD Budget vs Actual | |
| YTD Budgeted Receipts | \$ 216,736.00 |
| Actual Receipts | \$ 198,621.65 |
| YTD Budgeted Expenditures | \$ 218,736.00 |
| Actual Expenditures | \$ 212,699.96 |
| Building Fund | |
| Building Fund Cash | \$ 71,405.30 |
| Loan Balance | \$ 165,936.81 |
| Net Building Fund | \$ (94,531.51) |
| Fund Balances | |
| General Fund | \$ 25,781.22 |
| Memorial Fund | \$ 10,571.75 |
| Capital Reserve Fund | \$ 23,075.52 |



Pastor's Page

"So the churches were being strengthened in the faith, and were increasing in number daily."

Acts 16:5 (NAB)

Rev. Ralph's Food for Thought



"The two years that I have belonged to this congregation have been the happiest church years of my life."

"I was so warmly welcomed that I knew this was the church family for me"

As a pastor, comments like the ones made by two of our new members above warm our hearts and are "music to our ears." They speak of a congregation that is faithfully living out its mission in service to our Lord Jesus Christ. Reaching out in love and welcome in His name.

As we look forward to 2015, I believe the comments above speak to the vitality and life of our congregation and reflect a very positive year in our congregation's life and history.

Our congregation continues to experience generally across the board growth, our church life continues to grow and steadily increase with our membership and activities.

In this past year a majority of our Bible studies have grown in attendance. So have our topical class that meets Sunday morning in the CE Building and the Sunday night Bible studies that meet in our home. Currently we are in the process of developing our small group ministry under the Acts 16:5 Initiative.

Our Stephen ministry trained and commissioned a class of four new Stephen Ministers this year, some of whom have already begun their ministry. We anticipate training an additional class sometime in the year ahead.

Our Parish Nursing Ministry has continued to offer monthly speakers on a wide range of topics that affect the lives of our congregation and community as well as providing monthly blood pressure checks and periodic blood drives. Along with our Senior Ministries our Parish Nursing Ministry continues to explore the possibility of a future Senior daycare program being offered in our facility.

The Session continues to review projects and dreams as we seek to prayerfully discern where our Lord is calling us into our common future as the body of Christ here in Saint George in 2015 and beyond.

We continue to greet visitors every Sunday, and we continue to hear of the welcome, love, and joy that they experienced in their visit with us. A number have continued to visit and eventually united with our congregation.

I want to thank you all for your excellent service and love for this congregation and pastor. I perceive our congregations growth and vitality as continuing to strengthen, a testament to the leading of the Holy Spirit and strong love for the Lord as evidenced by our love for Him and for one another.

We begin this year looking forward, thankful and rejoicing, and as your pastor I do so as well with great gratitude and love for our Lord Jesus Christ and for you all.

*In Christ,
Rev. Ralph*

****Home Communion****

If you have difficulty getting to worship and would like to have the Visitation Pastor or Pastor serve you the Lord's Supper at home, please call the church office (628-9158).

****Pastor Note Regarding Hospital Visitation: ****

Please keep in mind that with the federal laws that went into force a number of years ago, hospitals are no longer allowed to give out any information in regards to patients to visitors, including clergy. Unless a visitor requests a specific name, the hospital desk is not allowed to give out any information, including religious affiliation.

So, if you or a family member is hospitalized please alert the Pastor, your Deacon, or the church office. Otherwise, we will not be informed of your presence there and unable to assist or offer pastoral care.

The Acts 16:5 Initiative

"Day after day the congregations became stronger in faith and larger in size." (Acts 16:5)

Take The Adventure COMPASSION

*By Dr. E. Stanley Ott
Founder and President, Vital Churches Institute*

A short moving video was in the news last summer. The Pope traveling in southern Italy noticed a bedridden girl with her family along the side of the road and had his car pull over. He kissed the girl, touched a baby held up to him and touched many others before leaving with sounds of many people crying, "Grazie (thank you)." You can view the video on [YouTube](#)

It reminds me of a story that must have been amazing to watch unfold. Jesus is walking to a town called Nain and his disciples and a large crowd were walking with him. He comes upon the funeral procession of the only son of a widow walking out from the town accompanied by a large crowd.

With these two large crowds intermingling and looking on, Jesus immediately has compassion for this mother and says, "Do not weep," walks over and says, "Young man, I say to you arise." The dead man sat up, spoke and Jesus gave him to his mother. If the people there spoke Italian, believe me you would have heard a lot people crying, "Grazie."

The verb translated, "compassion," means to move in the inward parts. In other words, Jesus saw the desperation of the mother and he felt it with her. His stomach tightened and he acted in love.

When you see a person in distress and feel your inner self tighten in identity and sorrow with that person, then find some way to insert your presence and love into that person's life. Jesus will be feeling the same thing and acting with you.

Joy to you

Courtesy of The Vital Churches Institute

Building One Another TIME OUT!

*By Dr. E. Stanley Ott
Founder and President, Vital Churches Institute*

The beginning of a new year is a good time to reaffirm the rhythms that care for your soul.

Consider this somewhat frenzied moment in the life of Jesus. The cousin of Jesus, John the Baptist, has been killed and surely that loss was difficult for Jesus. At the same time, Jesus' disciples had just returned from short mission trips and wanted to tell Jesus what happened.

On top of all that we read, "Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest'" Mark 6:31.*

In the times his life was busy, Jesus didn't slow down, he took time out!

He used that time out to get by himself or take his disciples on a retreat for refreshment and to reconnect with God, his Father

In your busy life make sure that you are taking such regular time outs.

Take some time each day to read your Bible and to pray.

Set aside a Sabbath day each week for worship and rest.

Observe other times in which you step out of your busyness!

Reconnect with your Lord and with your own soul!

Joy to you

Courtesy of The Vital Churches Institute

Deacons

As I write this, we are looking forward to the Deacons and Session members holding their annual orientation and training on January 31. We will make parish assignments at that meeting and your Deacon will contact you in early February.

The Deacons have been giving rides to those members who otherwise would not be able to attend our services and are always available for home visits if requested. Also please remember that we have a Deacons' closet full of health aids for you to use. We will place someone in charge of the supply at our meeting in January but, in the meantime, please get in touch with me if you need to borrow something.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call me at 435-574-3614.

Tineke Ingold, Moderator

Fellowship

We will be celebrating the Scottish heritage of the Presbyterian Church on February 7 when we'll be following the traditions of Robert Burns Night festivities. There will be pipers and dancers and, of course, a haggis. Come join us for Shepherd's Pie and Scottish music and fun.

The photo sessions for the new Directory went well. We will be receiving our new directories in April.

Ash Wednesday is February 18, very early this year. Look for information about Ralph's famous Palm Sunday Breakfast and about our Easter Brunch on April 5.

*Yours in Christ,
Carolyn Jentzer*

Mission/Outreach

February will be a donation-centered month at Good Shepherd as we continue our tradition of collecting food and money for Dixie Care and Share on the first Sunday and start a new tradition of collecting much-needed supplies for the Community Soup Kitchen with Grace on the third Sunday.

February 1st, which is our monthly Care & Share Sunday is also Super Bowl Sunday this year and we will again participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring with all proceeds going to Dixie Care & Share. Last year we donated over 150 pounds of food and over \$900 on this special Sunday. Let's go for 200 pounds of food and \$1000 this year!

On February 15th (and the THIRD Sunday of the EVEN numbered months), we'll have Soup Kitchen Supply Sunday. We are asking you to bring supplies (paper goods, plates, bowls, latex free gloves, cups, plastic forks and spoons, etc.) to help the Soup Kitchen in their work. Gloria Reynolds will tell you more about Supply Sunday during announcements in February.

Plans for our trip to Russia are continuing with Ralph and me in the process of learning Russian. We know we won't be fluent but it's the thought that counts. In order to defray the cost of the trip, we'll be holding some fund raisers during the first part of the year and hope you'll support us as we go forth to meet our brothers and sisters in Russia.

The new Community Resource Center, Switchpoint, is looking for volunteers. They need everything from light administrative work to laundry workers. If you're interested, give them a call at 627-4663 or email Volunteer Manager [Julie Duckett](#).

Finally, we have the final report on our area's results for Operation Christmas Child. Southwest Utah donated 1503 shoeboxes this year which is a nearly 40% increase over last year! Our congregation accounted for 99 of those shoeboxes and all of the Southwest Utah shoeboxes went to children in Mexico. Thanks to all who contributed.

Chris Schleiter

Parish Nursing

On Wednesday, January 21, Chris Schleiter, our Website Editor, with careers in both Athletic Photography and Data Processing as well project manager for seven Olympic Games and solver of all computer problems along with many other talents, presented a very helpful Brown Bag talk on how to protect your computer. There simply isn't space here to cover everything he talked about; however, a full summary as well as an audio recording is available on our website gspcsg.org. Just click on Ministries then Parish Nursing Ministry and follow the link titled Computer Security on the right.

Parish Nursing, continued

On February 25th at Noon, Jim Cossey will be the presenter at Soup and Fellowship. He'll share his knowledge about submarines.

At our Brown Bag Lunch on March 11th at Noon, Teri Koenig, certified health and wellness coach and gerontologist, will tell us about IHC's LiVe Well Center

We are seeking to add new members to our committee. You need not be a professional nurse but if you have an interest in serving as a resource to the congregation regarding health of the body and mind, we'd like to have you join us. Please contact either Mitzi Rak (435-674-1204) or Alicia Kitzman (435-272-4614).

Alicia Kitzman & Mitzi Rak

Session News

Session held their regular monthly meeting on January 13, 2015. Here is a synopsis of the actions taken:

- Met and welcomed Alan and Sandy Paige as new members.
- Approved the appointment of Ruth Ann Horvath as Ruling Elder member of the Nominating Committee
- Approved the appointment of Carolynn Thomas as Treasurer
- Approved the installation of weed mat and landscape rock.
- Approved the purchase of a wireless microphone.
- Approved the formation of a Strategic Study and Planning Committee to create a 5 year plan for the church.
- At a Corporation meeting, trustees elected officers of the Corporation: Chris Schleiter, Chair; Gay Cunningham, Vice Chair; Ruth Ann Horvath, Secretary, Carolynn Thomas, Treasurer.

Ruth Ann Horvath, Clerk

Stewardship

Pledge Campaign: Thank you to all of you who have generously pledged to the budget of the coming year. To date we have received 47 pledges totaling \$117,574 towards our goal of \$132,132!

Being a Faithful Steward

Each household has its own routine. We go to work; we help the kids with their homework and attend their events; we make the meals, clean the house, and do the laundry. Our days are full – sometimes too full. So full that time for the Lord is abbreviated or omitted altogether. Then comes Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. It's just what we need to get back on track. We gather together for worship. We hear again about Jesus' ministry, about the events that eventually lead up to his crucifixion, about his zeal for the Lord's house. We hear his prayer for his disciples and his words of comfort and preparation to them.

Our hearts are turned to Christ instead of toward ourselves. We ask for grace to love and serve as he did, sacrificing self for the good of others. "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). Paul comments, "Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:7-8). God loved and chose us, the unlovely, to shed his grace upon. We are reminded that, "since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11).

"Love one another." Not just our close friends or those who agree with us, but "one another." We can't do it, can we? Some people are just too hard to love. Some people are not deserving of our gifts and our attention. Some people aren't interested in the love we have to offer. The command remains: "Love one another."

Now is a good time to read John 15. Here we find the secret of loving and serving. Here we find the source of love, of faith, of everything we need. That source is Jesus. He is the Vine. He sustains and nurtures us, the branches. He enables us to bear fruit, to "love one another." He calls those who obey him. His friends and tells us he will give us whatever we ask in his name. So we pray, Lord, let us "love one another."

Too often we fail to understand that Christian instruction about money is one of the best opportunities we have to teach our children about God's love for us, and his ownership of all things.

The way we use money is the extension of our personal characteristics.

By teaching our children the Christian use of money, affording them control of money and the need to make decisions about money, we also confront them with the meaning of discipleship and Christian stewardship.

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Amy Craig

FEBRUARY 2015

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|---|
| 1 Dixie Care & Share Souper Bowl of Caring 8:45 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Communion Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev Ralph's Home | 2 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm | 3 9:30 Calendar am Coordinating Council Meeting 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph 3:45 Bell Choir pm | 4 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Promenade Bakery 1:00 Stephen Ministry pm Group Supervision Meeting | 5 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm | 6 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's | 7 5:00 2 nd Annual Scottish Ceilidh (Scottish Dinner) pm |
| 8 8:45 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 11:45 Blood Pressures am Taken 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev Ralph's Home | 9 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm | 10 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph 3:45 Bell Choir pm 5:15 Session Meeting pm | 11 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Promenade Bakery 12:00 Soup & Fellowship – Noon Jim Cossey on Submarines 6:30 Safe Harbor Support Group pm | 12 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm | 13 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's | 14 |
| 15 Soup Kitchen Supply Sunday 8:45 Prayer/Communion am Service 9:00 Adult Education am 10:30 Worship am 11:45 Fellowship am 5:00 Bible Study pm @Rev Ralph's Home | 16 1:00 Shawl Ministry pm | 17 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Egg & I 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph 3:45 Bell Choir pm | 18 Ash Wednesday 11:00 Ash Wednesday am Service 11:00 Women's Bible Study am @ Promenade Bakery 7:00 Ash Wednesday pm Service | 19 11:00 Men's Bible Study @ am Cracker Barrel 3:00 Exercise with Rev pm Ralph 3:45 Chancel Choir pm | 20 7:45 Men's Bible Study @ am Bishop's | 21 Newsletter Deadline |
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PLEASE NOTE: This calendar is subject to change. Always check the church website gspsc.org for the latest information.

Congregation News

Death of Betty Locasio reported

We have learned of the death of Betty Locasio who joined our church in February of 1992. Betty had been living in Folsom, California, for several years. Our heartfelt condolences go out to her family.

Grounds Work Day Scheduled

Please mark your calendars and plan to spend the morning of Feb 28 spreading landscape rock on the area next to the memorial garden. Bring your gloves, a flat shovel, rock rake and wheelbarrow if you have one. We will already have the weed mat in place and are working on getting 6-8 strong, young student volunteers from DSU to help with the heavy lifting (filling the wheelbarrows and moving the rock) so that "all" the church members have to do is rake it out!

Switchpoint Needs Volunteers

The new Community Resource Center, Switchpoint, is looking for volunteers. They need everything from light administrative work to laundry workers. If you're interested, give them a call at 627-4663 or email Volunteer Manager [Julie Duckett](mailto:Julie.Duckett@gspsc.org).

Lectionary Readings for February

| Date | Reading 1 | Reading 2 | Reading 3 |
|--|--|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Sunday, February 1 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany | Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 | 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 | Mark 1:21-28 |
| Tuesday, February 8 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany | Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11,20c | 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 | Mark 1:29-39 |
| Sunday, February 15 Transfiguration of the Lord | 2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 | 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 | Mark 9:2-9 |
| Wednesday, February 18 Ash Wednesday | Joel 2:1-2,12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 51:1-17 | 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 | Matthew 6:1-6,16-21 |
| Thursday, February 25 First Sunday of Lent | Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 | 1 Peter 3:18-22 | Mark 1:9-15 |

Lectionary Readings for March

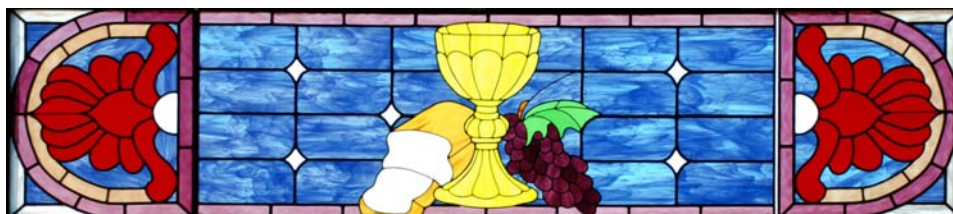
| Date | Reading 1 | Reading 2 | Reading 3 |
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| Sunday, March 1 Second Sunday in Lent | Genesis 17:1-7,15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 | Romans 4:13-25 | Mark 8:31-38 |
| Sunday, March 8 Third Sunday in Lent | Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 | 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 | John 2:13-22 |
| Sunday, March 15 Fourth Sunday in Lent | Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3,17-22 | Ephesians 2:1-10 | John 3:14-21 |
| Sunday, March 22 Fifth Sunday in Lent | Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16 | Hebrews 5:5-10 | John 12:20-33 |
| Sunday, March 29 Passion/Palm Sunday | <i>Liturgy of the Palms</i> Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16 Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 <i>Liturgy of the Passion</i> | Philippians 2:5-11 | Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47) |
| Monday, March 30 Monday of Holy Week | Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11 | Hebrews 9:11-15 | John 12:1-11 |
| Tuesday, March 31 Tuesday of Holy Week | Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14 | 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 | John 12:20-36 |

Prayer Chain

I would ask anyone in the congregation that would like to join in prayers for the ill, people with problems, or those with happy news like a mending body to please contact Louise Routh at 628-7725 or on her cell 229-4733.

All prayers are important.

Louise Routh



Regularly Scheduled Activities

Dixie Care & Share – contributions of money & food – 1st Sunday of each Month
 Safe Harbor Support Group – 2nd Wednesday of each Month – 6:30 pm in the CE Building

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| Shawl Ministry | Monday | 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm | Conklin Hall |
| Exercise with Rev. Ralph | Tuesday | 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm | Conklin Hall |
| | Thursday | 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm | Conklin Hall |
| Co-Ed Bible Study | Sunday | 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm | Rev. Ralph's home |
| Women's Bible Studies | Tuesday | 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon | The Egg & I |
| | Wednesday | 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon | Paradise Bakery @Promenade Mall |
| Men's Bible Studies | Thursday | 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon | The Cracker Barrel Restaurant |
| | Friday | 7:45 am to 8:45 am | Bishop's Restaurant |
| Choir Practices | Tuesday | 4:00 pm | Bell Choir Sanctuary |
| | Thursday | 3:45 pm | Chancel Choir Sanctuary |



Building Fund Update

As you all know, we have a mortgage payment of \$1,343.51 due each month. The mortgage has a principal of \$184,117 and a 15 year term which means that if it goes for its full term (although we hope to continue our tradition of paying off our mortgages early), we will pay a total of \$241,831.80. We also need to replenish the \$45,000 that was in the fund when we began the project meaning we need to raise almost \$287,000.

Through January 25th, we had received pledges totaling \$68,881.00 and cash donations of \$27,333 for a total of \$96,214 or about 33.5% of the way to the \$287,000 goal.

If you have pledged to the building fund, thank you. If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider how you can help us to pay off the mortgage early and free funds to be used for additional improvements that we need to make.

Church Contact Information

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| Office email | presch7@msn.com |
| Pastor's Office Hours | Mon-Thu 9:00 am - 11:00 am 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm |
| Pastor's Cell | 435-705-1867 |
| Pastor's email | RevRalph1@msn.com |
| Prayer Chain | Louise Routh 435-628-7725 |
| Website | www.gspcsg.org |
| Website Editor | Chris Schleter |
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| Music Director | Barbara McConnell |
| Info on Stephen Ministry | www.stephenministries.org |

Church Leadership 2015

Elders

| | | | |
|---------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Class of 2015 | Ruth Ann Horvath | 773-6790 | Clerk of Session |
| | Carolyn Jentzer | 673-0442 | Fellowship |
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