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The Messenger



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Time to Rally! Join us for Rally Day on August 15!

It is hard to believe it is August! August is often a time of transition for people. For many, it means the start of school – time to finish up that summer reading, get those school supplies, and get ready for another school year. For others, August means just a few short weeks left of summer – time to soak up all the summer sun and fun we can until Labor Day officially catapults us into fall.

Here at Westminster Presbyterian Church, August means...it's time to rally! **Join us for Rally Day Sunday on August 15!** In worship that morning, we'll be starting a new sermon series centered around our *Bring-Grow-Send* mission statement and designed to help us deepen our understanding of Christ's mission for His Church. We'll also present Bibles to all first graders during worship. During the Sunday School hour (10:10-11:05am), all children will move up to their new grade levels. For all adults, we will have a special adult discipleship forum at 10:10am in the Sanctuary, where you will have an opportunity to hear about the exciting opportunities we have planned for the fall.

Rally Day Sunday will be a day you will not want to miss, as we kick off an exciting fall season. Consider inviting a friend to join you, as it will be a great day to help neighbors, co-workers, family, and other friends get plugged in as well!

Whatever kind of transition August brings in your life, may it be a time to rally – to rally around Jesus Christ, the strength of His grace, and the promise of our hope in Him. We look forward to a great season of rallying together in faith this fall!

In Christ,

Nicole Lock
Associate Pastor for Adult Discipleship

<u>August 1st</u>	<u>August 8th</u>	<u>August 15th</u>	<u>August 22nd</u>	<u>August 29th</u>
Dr. Mike Garrett	Rev. Scott Huie	Dr. Mike Garrett	Dr. Mike Garrett	Dr. Mike Garrett
"Staying In Love With Your Spouse."	"Christianity and Islam."	"Grow"	"Bring"	"Send"
Genesis 2:18-25	Genesis 21:8-21	Matthew 28:16-20	John 1:43-51	Luke 9:1-6
Communion				

Announcements must be in the Church Office by 10 am on Wednesday in order to be included in the following Sunday's bulletin.

Announcements for the Messenger must be in by August 15. Place them in the Messenger mailbox, turn in to the Church office or e-mail to kmdutton@comcast.net (75 word Maximum)

Every Week

Sundays

8:30am Chapel Service (YC)
9:00am Contemporary Service (S)
9:20am Early Sunday School (YC)
10:10am Sunday School
11:00am ECSI Worship (YC)
11:15am Traditional Service

Tuesdays

10:00am Calvin Cove (FC)
10:30am Encouragers
1:30pm Staff Mtg.
6:30pm Contemporary Practice (S)

Wednesdays

9:30am Truthseekers (P)
10:00am Calvin Cove (FC)
7:30pm Chancel Choir (CR)
*No Westminster Wednesday
Till August 18th*

Thursdays

10:00am Calvin Cove (FC)

S Sanctuary
FC Fellowship Center
BR Brides Room
CR Choir Room
CY Court Yard
L Library
P Parlor
PS Pulse Room
YC Youth Center
YK Youth Kitchen
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Adult Education

Sunday Morning Adult Education Classes

Be on the lookout for new studies starting on August 22!!!

Biblical Stewardship - Acts 29 Class, Room 22
Judges/Ruth - Serendipity Class, Room 7

Foundation of Christian Commitment, I & II
Thessalonians – Friendship Class, Room 10/
Library

Women of the Old Testament - Women at the Well Class, Room 5

The Ten Commandments In Today's World – Believers Class, Room 8

The Mayberry Bible Study - Christian Living, Rm. 6

Genesis - Early Class (9:20-10:10am), Youth Center

The Prophets – Pilgrim Class, Room 13

Adult Discipleship Rally Day Celebration

Sunday, August 15, 10:10am in the Sanctuary

Calling all adults! On Sunday, August 15, you are invited to a special adult discipleship forum. Join us at 10:10am in the Sanctuary as we hear about exciting opportunities this fall at WPC, including Sunday morning adult education, small groups, book studies, men's and women's groups, Wednesday night studies, and much, much more. Afterwards, we'll enjoy some coffee, breakfast goodies, and fellowship in the courtyard. If you have been looking for a good opportunity to get plugged into a class or Bible study, you don't want to miss this special forum! So mark your calendars, and join us for this special day! All adult Sunday School classes will meet in the Sanctuary on August 15. For more information, contact Nicole Lock at 770-979-9676 or nicolelock@wpcsnellville.org

NEW Men's Study:

Tony Dungy's Quiet Strength

Join us for six weeks as we explore our "Quiet Strength". You'll discover a game plan for life, redefine what strength truly is and begin to understand your legacy. Through Biblical reflection and Coach Tony Dungy's (Super Bowl Winning Head Coach of the Indianapolis Colts) experiences both on and off the field, we'll get to the answers of six questions that men often ask but yearn to answer. This study was the first one explored by WestMen on Thursday mornings last spring and was well received. Try something different on Sunday morning. Join us at 10:10am in the Parlor on Sunday mornings, August 22-October 3 (no class on Labor Day weekend, September 5). For more information, contact class facilitator Paul Brundage.

NEW Book Study Group:

Unbinding the Gospel

Interested in discovering how to share your faith with others in natural, genuine, everyday ways? Then check out our new book study group, Holy Bookworms! This fall the group will be reading and discussing Martha Grace Reese's *Unbinding the Gospel*. Join us for a fun and transforming discussion! The group meets from 6:00-7:00pm in Room 22 on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning August 10. For more information, please contact Nicole Lock at 770-979-9676 or nicolelock@wpcsnellville.org.

A Life Worth Living: Sunday Evenings...Starting September 26!

Discover how to live the Christian life positively, practically, and joyfully! Join us each Sunday evening, September 26-November 21, from 6:00-8:00pm. Each Sunday we'll begin with a relaxing dinner and fun conversation. Then through video presentation and small-group discussion, we'll explore the book of Philippians and learn how to experience life to the full - a life worth living! Bring a friend, and join us for a fun and inspiring study! All adults are welcome. As this study is designed to be a follow-up to the Alpha course, all Alpha Express and Alpha Course participants are especially encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Nicole Lock at 770-979-9676 or nicolelock@wpcsnellville.org.

Explorers

The next gathering of the Explorers will be 11:30 am Tuesday, August 3, at Longhorn's. Those 45 and over are welcome to join them for great food and fellowship. For more information call Betty Singletary.

Women Of Westminster

Save the date: Saturday, September 11 at 11:30 the Women of Westminster will hold their annual fall luncheon. Our guest speaker will be Jai Covington. Jai is an instructor with Bible Study Fellowship (BFS), mother of 4 and an interior designer. (She is also Thelma Grant's daughter) The luncheon will be catered by our own Susan Eanes. Save the date and invite a friend for some great fellowship and food.

Fun Ambassadors

Fun Ambassadors will have an organizational meeting on Wednesday, August 11 at 1:30 PM in the front of the Youth Center kitchen. Please come if you are interested in working with this fun group of people and bring any craft ideas that you have.

Youth News

Sunday, August 1st: Youth Ministry Meeting: 12:15 pm. It's the last one of the year with our current team, so be there.

Thursday, August 5th: 12th Annual GRADUATED SENIORS ONLY and Collegians Trip to Tallulah Gorge: 9 am-6 pm. College-bound and work-bound WPCers don't miss this special outing where we will hike down into Tallulah Gorge in North Georgia for swimming and hiking in some of the most beautiful scenery in the state. We'll have a special time to celebrate and reflect on this significant transition point in your life. Bring hiking shoes, swim wear, change of clothes, towel, and lunch money.

Sunday, August 8th: Youth (Senior High and PULSE) Cookout Bash at Briscoe Park with Ultimate Frisbee and Volleyball Tournaments with Other Church Groups. \$5. 5-8 pm. It's summer's last hurrah as we gather with Snellville Christian, Good Shepherd Presbyterian, and other church youth groups for a hamburger/hot dog cook-out bash at our favorite local park, Briscoe. We'll also play beach volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, and other games as we get ready for the resumption of school. Meet and be picked up at the park itself (2500 Sawyer Pkwy in Snellville—right off Lenora Church Road). \$5 for dinner, but the fun is free!

Wednesday, August 11th: Youth Advisor and Teacher Dinner and Training Seminar in the Fellowship Center. 6-8 pm. Bring \$5 for dinner, and get ready for the new year with teacher and advisor training as we kick off a new season with our young people. Any adults who want to assist in our youth program, see Scott Huie as soon as possible.

Sunday, August 15th: Senior High and PULSE Fellowship: Surprise! 6-8 pm. Don't let the mystery fool you. Be there, and bring your friends. Also, we'll elect a new class of Senior High officers.

Rally Day at WPC. It's a great time to renew one's commitment to spiritual formation as we begin a new year in Christian education. Come ready to discover a new curriculum and the new set of teachers!

Wednesday, August 18th: Senior High and PULSE "Digging Deeper" Bible Study: 6:45-7:45 pm at the Church. Back to school means back to Westminster Wednesday's and we resume youth "Digging Deeper" Bible studies. Also, everybody, join your church family for dinner (\$5) at 6 pm every Wednesday in the Fellowship Center.

Senior High Sanctuary Care: 7:45-8 pm.

Sunday, August 22nd: Parent/Youth Kick-Off Night. 6-8 pm. Attention all youth in grades 6-



12 and all your parents, you are invited to our traditional kick-off youth event at the church. Our guest speaker will be Lisa McLeod, author and motivational speaker, who will share about finding our place in the world through story, humor, and inspiration. You'll also meet all the new advisors (see me if interested) for 2010-2011. And oh yeah, we'll eat a great dinner for only \$3 a pop. **Senior High and PULSE Serve Homeless Breakfast at First Presbyterian, Atlanta. 6-9:30 am.** Faith without works is dead, so don't be dead. Make faith real. Join us as we serve the least of these. And bring breakfast bucks for afterwards.

Wednesday, August 25th: Senior High Movie Night at Scott and Madison Huie's Home: 7-9:30 pm. Come watch another movie with a message. Mapquest 2422 Waterscape Trail in Snellville for directions.

PULSE "Digging Deeper" Bible Study:-6:45-7:45 pm at the Church.

Saturday, August 28th: Senior High and PULSE Serve at Atlanta Community Food Bank. 8 am-1:30 pm. Together, we will go downtown to sort and pack donations of non-perishable food for distribution to the needy in the community. Bring fast food bucks for lunch. Everybody is invited, even non-youth. No sandals or flip flops please.

Sunday, August 29th: Senior High and PULSE Fellowship: Surprise! Surprise! 6-8 pm. The surprises expand. As always, bring your friends.

Sunday August 1st
12:15pm Youth Ministry Mtg (YO)
1:00pm ECSI Baptism Celebration (FC)
6:00pm Hot Topics Reheated (P)
7:00pm Prayer Vigil (S)

Monday August 2nd

Tuesday August 3rd
11:30am Explorers (Longhorn's)
5:00pm Fireside Chatter (P)

Wednesday August 4th

Thursday August 5th
9:00am Graduated Seniors And Collegians At Tallulah Falls

Friday August 6th
Fromme/Palmer Rehearsal (S)
6:00pm ECSI Convention (YC)

Saturday August 7th
2:00pm Fromme/Palmer Wedding and Reception (S, FC)
6:00pm ECSI Convention (YC)

Sunday August 8th
12:30pm Hot Topics Reheated (P)
12:30pm Finance and Budget (S)
5:00pm Youth Cookout At Briscoe

Monday August 9th
GCPS starts
7:00pm Member Connections (22)

Tuesday August 10th
7:00am General Primary Run Off (YC)
5:15pm Worship and Music (L)
6:00pm Holy Bookworms (22)
7:00pm Mission and Evangelism (22)

Wednesday August 11th
6:00pm Teacher Dinner, Training and Prayer (FC,S)

Thursday August 12th

Friday August 13th

Saturday August 14th

S Sanctuary
FC Fellowship Center
BR Brides Room
CR Choir Room
CY Court Yard
L Library
P Parlor
PS Pulse Room
YC Youth Center
YK Youth Kitchen
YO Youth Office
13 Room 13
22 Room 22

Children's Ministry

August 15th, Rally Day. All children will move up in to their new Sunday School classes on August 15th. Also, rising 1st graders will receive their Bibles. Please email your child's name (as you wish it to appear on their Bible) and the service you regularly attend to Miss Clary by August 9th.

Preschool Bible Story Books. This year we will begin giving Bible Story Books to our three year olds when they enter the preschool Sunday School class. We will recognize all our preschool children on Rally Day. Please email Miss Clary the service that you regularly attend so that your preschooler can be recognized.

Sunday August 15th

*Messenger Deadline
Rally Day*

- 12:30pm Session Mtg. (22)
- 6:00pm Parent/Youth Kickoff
- 7:00pm Prayer Vigil (S)

Monday August 16th

Tuesday August 17th

- 12:00pm Bridge (P)
- 5:00pm Fireside Chatter (P)

Wednesday August 18th

*Westminster Wednesdays
Starts*

- 6:00pm Dinner (FC)
- 6:45pm Youth Bible Study
- 7:45pm Sr High Sanctuary Care (S)

Thursday August 19th

Friday August 20th

Saturday August 21st

- 8:00am Men's Breakfast

Sunday August 22nd

- 6:00am Youth Serve Homeless
- 12:30pm Congregational Care (FC)
- 6:00pm Youth Surprise
- 7:00pm Session Prayer Time (S)

Monday August 23rd

Tuesday August 24th

- 6:30pm Personnel (P)
- 6:30pm WCWM Board Mtg (22)

Wednesday August 25th

- 6:00pm Dinner (FC)
- Westminster Wednesdays*

Thursday August 26th

- 10:00am Calvin Cove Caregiver Support (2)

Friday August 27th

Saturday August 28st

- 8:00am Youth At Food Bank

Sunday August 29th

- 6:00pm Youth Surprise

Monday August 30th

Tuesday August 31st

- S Sanctuary
- FC Fellowship Center
- BR Brides Room
- CR Choir Room
- CY Court Yard
- L Library
- P Parlor
- PS Pulse Room
- YC Youth Center
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Congregational Concerns

Sympathy is Extended to:

The family and friends of former WPC member, T.E. Leeper, after his death, Saturday, June 26, 2010, in his hometown of Wooster, Ohio.

Natalie, Jon and Madison Craytor after the death of Natalie's mother, Sue Shearl, Friday, July 16, 2010.

New members July 18

Ralph and Sarah Murchison - Transfer from Midway Presbyterian Church in Decatur

Warren and Nancy Van Hutten - Reaffirmation of Faith

Kenan Burba -Reaffirmation of Faith



Westminster Wednesdays

Wednesday, August 11:

Teacher Dinner, Prayer Gathering, and Training

6:00-8:00pm

Calling all leaders of children, youth, and adult ministries for the 2010-2011 school year! Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a special dinner, time of prayer and worship, and training on August 11. This wonderful evening will begin with dinner together at 6:00pm in Fellowship Center. After dinner, we will gather in the sanctuary at 6:30pm to pray for our education and discipleship ministries, participants, and classes. Then from 7:00-8:00pm we will divide into our three ministry areas (children, youth, adult) for training and discussion. All Sunday School, small group, circle, book discussion, and affinity group leaders are encouraged to attend. Don't miss this important event! **Please RSVP by August 4 by contacting the church office at 770-979-9676.**

Westminster Wednesdays

This fall we will be offering several different classes and opportunities every Wednesday. Below is a description of just a few of these exciting studies. Look for more information coming soon, and make plans to join us every week! **Dinner will be served at 6:00pm in Fellowship Center, followed by classes for all ages at 6:45pm.**

Westminster Wednesdays Fall Adult Classes

August 18-September 8:

Joining the Family

Joining The Family is a great time to meet new people, learn what makes Westminster unique, consider the foundations of the Christian faith, and move toward membership if you decide you are ready. Dinner will be served prior to the class at 6pm, so please bring your family and come be our guest. Childcare and children's opportunities are also available for those with children. For more information, contact John Burt, elder for Member Connections.

August 18-September 8:

Adult Bible Study:

Ephesians: Being the Ancient Church in the Modern World

What was life like for the early church? The challenges the early church faced are much like the challenges we face today in our modern, pluralistic world. How do we keep "first things first" and be who we are called to be as the body of Christ? Join us for this four-week study of God's word to the church of Ephesus...and the church of today.

September 15-November 3:

LifeKeys

Why are you here? What do you do best? What are you passionate about? What do you value? What are your priorities? LifeKeys will help you explore these questions and more! Join us for this great class to discover who you are, what gifts God has given you, and what your purpose is.

September 8-December 8:

Financial Peace University:

Imagine Life Debt-Free...

- 13 Weeks can change your life!
- 13 weeks can change your marriage.
- 13 weeks can change your outlook.

Imagine what rest could be like if the house was paid for, college was paid for and you had the ability (not desire) to give to anything or anyone that you wanted. That is "financial peace"! You can get there through Dave Ramsey's program. Call Paul Brundage for more information.

Keeping-In-Touch

To help you keep in-touch with members who are not able to come to church often, we are providing the names, addresses, & phone numbers of folks, who you might like to write, call or visit.

Home-Touch Members I (Members living at Home)

NOTE:WPC does not post address/phone information on The website version of the newsletter.

Please contact the Church office for more information...

Arnie Almand	Margaret Krieger
Virginia Austin	Hazel Monforte
Rosie Gresham	Adele Schwier
Marie Harris	Diane Spencer

Home-Touch Members II (Members living in Assisted Living, Retirement Communities, or Nursing)

Ray Andersen	Mimi Roberts
Eloise Bowden	Jo Roesler
Malley Evitt	Louise Rowe
Frances Mann	Anita Smith

First Impressions Gifts:

In memory of ...

Dot Bollinger
Al Gresham
Helen Mueller
Jane Taylor

The First Impressions Lasting Memorial Fund is a program for refurbishing/maintaining the Courtyard and Narthex at Westminster; it is a long-term project and the Courtyard Committee anticipates making additional improvements as funds become available. Brochures containing more information are located in convenient locations around the church as well as in the office.

Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to all the saints at Westminster. Your prayers, food, phone calls, and cards were such an expression of care and concern during my bout with asthmatic bronchitis and sinus infection. Then laryngitis kept me from talking to you - for me a situation worse than anything else that could have happened - but you sent me cards with notes and I was comforted.

Thank you dear friends.
Anne Elliott

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Dear Westminster Church Family.

Wow! Words cannot express our gratitude for your countless demonstrations of God's love and care to us during Nicole's recent surgery and recovery. Thank you for your prayers, kind words, phone calls, meals, and more. It is truly a gift to be a part of the body of Christ here at Westminster Presbyterian Church. We are thankful for each of you.

In Christ,
James and Nicole Lock

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Dear WPC Friends,
Thank you so much for the cards, visits and calls during my recent illness and hospitalization. Such an outpouring of love helped me through a very difficult and challenging time and I will be forever grateful. It is so wonderful to be part of such a caring congregation.

Thankful for you and Christ's love,
Shirley Chesley

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The Women of Westminster would like to send a big THANK YOU to Mike Skeeters, Del Doe, Roland Black, Jim Yockel, Trent Thomason, and Susan Eanes for taking their time to clean the oven in the Fellowship Center kitchen. It was a big job that was sorely needed!

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

DEACONS ON CALL

August 1-7

Jon Craytor
Roberta Howard
David Taylor

August 8-14

Joe Drueke
Doris Miller
Betty Singletary

August 15-21

Gail Frangoulis
Tom Kilpatrick
Gavin Williams

August 22-28

Mary Allen
Steve Ross
Gail Flowers

August 29-31

Pat Black
Jean Todd
Phillip Anderson

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