

## RHPC Announcements 08/03/08

The sanctuary flowers today are placed to glorify God and to celebrate Hallie and Bob Caldwell's 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by their children and grandchildren.

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### Welcome to Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church

Today's worship service continues a special theme. It culminates a week of "Surfin' Through the Scriptures." Our entire congregation will have the opportunity to praise God in ways like those we have used at our all-ages "Beach Party" Vacation Bible School. "Hang Ten" and enjoy the ride.

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If you are ready to take on the privileges and responsibilities of membership in this household of faith – or if you are interested but you aren't available next Sunday evening – please call Pastor Greg at 756-2339 early this week. He can talk with you about the process and answer any questions you have.

Do you know someone who would like to receive a copy of our monthly "Happenings" newsletter. Provide their names and addresses to the church office, and we will send a paper copy each month. You can also encourage someone to send an e-mail to [rhc@coastalnow.net](mailto:rhc@coastalnow.net) to request an e-mail with the full newsletter. A PDF document is sent monthly to those who prefer an online version.

Add Ellen Parker's email address, [Jaus3rd@coastalnow.net](mailto:Jaus3rd@coastalnow.net), to your list of contacts to assure you are receiving the prayer list by email. Better still, check the website: [WWW.RHPchurch.com](http://WWW.RHPchurch.com), news & events.

### About Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church

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-- from our Church Information Form, 6/15/2007

## 08/03/08

### Psalm 119 is the Psalm of the Month

Please read this psalm several times during the week.

- Create enough space and time that it can become a spiritual blessing to you.
- See if there is a phrase or a mental image which is raised up from the words of the text.
- How does your understanding shift or deepen on repeated readings?

#### Today:

Deacon's meeting at 12:30 in the church house.

Session packets are in the conference room mailboxes.

#### This week:

Youth Planning Team, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Budget & Stewardship, Tuesday, 8-5, 7 p.m.

The launch of the new year for Sunday School will be spread over two big weekends. The Christian Education Committee has moved the Promotion Sunday ceremonies into the 11:00 worship service on August 10, in order that the entire congregation can celebrate and bless our learners and our teachers.

**Dinner on the Grounds** will be a back-to-school picnic after worship on August 17. *Dress casually* for Sunday School and worship that day, then stay for an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship. Invite a friend or neighbor to be here too.

#### Planning Ahead:

- August 11: Christian Education meeting, 7 p.m.
- August 16: A rescheduled date for "Will Work For Food" workday
- August 17: New Sunday School age groups begin at 9:45
- August 17: Dress casually for worship; stay for picnic lunch
- August 20: Senior adults gather for Third Wednesday luncheon
- August 24: Groundbreaking at Christ Church NCD, Pooler (4 pm)
- August 24: "Operation Andrew" Luncheon
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7/27/08 # in worship 163	Offering \$ 3380	77% July expenses met
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## RHPC Announcements 08/10/08

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**Welcome to worship** at Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church. As the new school year and the new program year begin, there are several things you will want to know about our weekend schedule.

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Our **Sunday morning classes** are now ready to emphasize a 9:45 starting time. When the class activities start promptly at 9:45, it honors the commitment of our teachers, allows proper time to present and learn the material, and gives adequate time for conversation with friends and newcomers between Sunday School and worship. (It also assists our deacons, ushers and choir members.) Thank you for your efforts to arrive before 9:45.

Starting next Sunday, our **order of worship begins a revised format**. A time of announcements, greetings and news of the church will be shared in the sanctuary starting at 10:50 or as soon thereafter as worshipers are seated. This celebrates the community nature of a Biblical fellowship, which is a preferred style of many people. The worship service will now officially begin at 11:00. An opening medley of praise songs, instrumental music, or another type of spiritual preparation now will be within the 11:00 hour of worship. This recognizes the Biblical calling to present ourselves to encounter God within the sanctuary in ways that are unique and different than other parts of our week. It honors the preferred style of many people who like meditation, prayer or praise as a way to enter worship.

Give yourself time to become accustomed to this format. It will be reviewed over the next several months, and the pastor and worship committee will welcome your comments and suggestions.

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Senior adults' activity group and luncheon will meet together on August 20<sup>th</sup>. The group invites all that are interested. The dates, times and locations are subject to change, depending on the program, trip or activity scheduled each month.

Christ Church, a new church development at 1743 Quacco Rd, Pooler, Georgia will celebrate their ground-breaking ceremonies on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. For further details, visit their website at [www.christpc.net](http://www.christpc.net).

RHPC has a new membership in the Regional Resource Center, a video lending library cosponsored by our Synod of South Atlantic. This gives us the privilege to borrow Christian videos and DVDs for use in classes, home Bible studies, youth groups and other settings. The only cost is return postage. Browse the catalog at [www.regionalresource.org](http://www.regionalresource.org).

### *"Beach Party Scoreboard"*

VBS Attendance	98	Mission Money raised	\$656.00
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- August 11: Christian Education meeting, 7 p.m.
- August 14: Presbyterian Women, 7 p.m. at Linda Brown's home
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#### **Psalm 119 is the Psalm of the Month for August**

- 1-16 (Obedience to the Law)
- 25-40 (Coming back to God's ways)
- 41-56 (Show me how to trust)
- 137-152 (Plea for deliverance)
- 161-168 (Seven times each day)
- 121-136 (I long to follow God's teaching)
- 153-160 (Your saving promises)
- 169-176 (I will sing and praise you)

Consider prayerfully what the Lord seems to be saying specifically to you today. Write in a journal, use art, or talk about this message with someone close to you.

## RHPC Announcements 08/17/08

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Please stay after worship today for our **Dinner on the Grounds**. Picnic fixin's are provided for you. There will be games and activities well into the afternoon.

The elders of RHPC welcomed five new members into our household of faith last weekend. Please make them feel welcomed, include them in your prayers, and introduce yourself *by name* to them the next 7 *times* you speak with them.

**Susanna Kirby** (39 Maxwell Ct, Richmond Hill, 727-5500) comes to us from RH Methodist Church. She is actively involved in the choir and working to help organize our senior adult ministry.

**Fred and Shirley Giebrich** (783 Laurel Circle, 756-3541) returned to RHPC membership after several years away. They are retired and members of the choir and involved in the senior adult ministry.

**Don and Jennifer Hartley**, (381 Strathy Hall Dr., 727-5696) have been active in worship and Sunday School here for about nine months. She is a commercial financial attorney and he is the national director of Cynergy Data. They have two children, Annabelle and Finn, and a third is expected late in the year.

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Get ready. Greg Gillispie will teach a class on the entire Bible in just one evening! Be here for "**66 Books in 2 Hours**". Come for this helpful, insight overview. It will be Sunday evening, September 7, starting at 6:30. Bring a Bible and bring a friend.

Information for the September "Happenings" newsletter is due this week. Please send it to Bobbie Lynes at [rhpc@coastalnow.net](mailto:rhpc@coastalnow.net).

The Planning Council will meet at 7 p.m. next Sunday. We ask that each work group and committee have a representative attend.

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The elders of the church have scheduled a business meeting of the congregation at 10:50 a.m. on August 31, in order that we may elect this year's nominating committee. These people will not necessarily be our newest deacons and elders, but they will have the responsibility to recommend to us the nominees to become officers.

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8/10/08 # in worship 140	Offering \$ 4357	38% August expense met
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### This week:

- Aug. 19: Worship Committee Meeting 7 p.m.
- Aug. 20: Senior adults Third Wednesday luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
- Aug. 24: Commitment Witness & Service, 12:15 p.m.
- Aug. 24: Groundbreaking at Christ Church NCD, Pooler 4 p.m.
- Aug. 24: "Operation Andrew" Luncheon
- Aug. 24: Planning Council Meets at 7 p.m.

### Planning Ahead:

- Aug. 31: Congregational Mtg, Nominating Committee, 10:50 a.m.
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Kings Kid's is a worship service for children 3rd-6th grade, who no longer attend children's church, but are still *preparing* for worship service in the sanctuary. We teach the children why we include certain aspects in our worship service and what they mean. This helps children understand, and in many instances feel more comfortable attending worship services. Immediately following the children's sermon, kids are invited to go upstairs to the adult Sunday School room in the church house.

Gifts to the Evelyn Helmly Sound System Fund now total \$6,382. Thank you for your generous participation in this needed project. Additional gifts may be made at any time in August and September.

8/17/08 # in worship 130	Offering \$ 3759	55% August expense met
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### This week:

- Aug. 24: Commitment Witness & Service, 12:15 p.m.
- Aug. 24: "Operation Andrew" Luncheon following worship today
- Aug. 26: Budget & Stewardship meeting, 7 p.m.
- Aug. 27: Session Packet information due Wednesday by 5 p.m.
- Aug. 31: Congregational Mtg, Nominating Committee, 10:50 a.m.

### Planning Ahead:

- Sept. 3: Children's Choir begins at 3:30 in the Sanctuary
- Sept. 7: 66 Books in Two Hours!
- Oct. 17-19: RHPC Boiled Peanuts at the Seafood Festival
- Nov. 9: Dinner on the Grounds

September's **Psalm of the Month** is Psalm 84. Return to it multiple times throughout the month. Use it with your family, or perhaps with a Sunday School class or church group. Find where Psalm 84 speaks to *your* home in God's care.

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Today our congregation holds a brief **business meeting to elect an officer nominating committee**. The elders have elected Kathy Prusa to be the moderator of this committee. The rest of the committee must be comprised of another session member, a member of the current deacons board, and at least four members from the congregation at large. Based upon recommendations at recent meetings of committees, a proposed slate includes: **Janie Moore, Jane Levine, Burnard Exley, David Day, Melanie Collum, Catie Bell and Kathy Prusa**. Additional nominations can be made during this morning's meeting. The committee you elect will then begin the process to discern who God is calling to be our next group of deacons and elders. Those nominees will be presented to you in the next month or so.

**66 Books (plus 1 story) in 2 Hours!** How would you like to learn the entire Bible, but you wish you could do so without a huge commitment of time? Pastor Greg will offer a fast-paced, one-night trip through all of the Scriptures next Sunday evening, September 7, at 6:30 in the RHPC sanctuary. Bring a Bible, and bring a friend. Free child care will be offered, plus please call in advance to request it.

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- ❖ If you are interested but not available that Sunday evening, or
- ❖ If you are curious and have questions about church membership but don't want to make that decision yet –

– please call Pastor Greg at 756-2339 or 312-4943. He can talk with you about the process and answer any questions you have.

Kings Kid's helps prepare children for worship using the same elements (Doxology, Lord's Prayer, Apostles Creed etc.) as the adult service. The sermons focus on the same principles, but are tailored to a younger audience and kids get more of an in-depth look at all of the "elements" that are included in the order of worship. I encourage all parents who have a child attending Kings Kid's to observe the wonderful things taking place in this ministry. We are always looking for volunteers and teachers! Please contact Michelle Wilson 756-2106 for training and/or information on how you can volunteer in this worthwhile ministry.

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8/24/08 # in worship 130	Offering \$ 2333	66% August expense met
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### This week:

- Sept. 1: Church office will be closed on Labor Day
- Sept. 3: Children's Choir begins at 3:30 in the Sanctuary
- Sept. 3: Session Packet information due
- Sept. 6: Youth Kidnapping 4 p.m. at the Bell's home (727-4435)
- Sept. 7: Please bring canned goods to support Ways Station
- Sept. 7: Deacon's meeting at 12:30, following worship

### Planning Ahead:

- Sept. 14: Second Cup following worship
- Sept. 14: Session meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 21: Family Night Supper at the manse at 6 p.m.
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Psalm 84 is our **Psalm of the Month**. Read it, pray it or sing it each day throughout September. Perhaps you will benefit by discussing its significance with someone else. Perhaps you will write in a journal or draw a picture of it. *Some possible topics to guide your meditation:*

- ❖ Why does a single day with God outshine a thousand days of doing anything else?
- ❖ How can it feel when your heart becomes God's magnificent dwelling place?
- ❖ Go bird watching, to see evidence of how the Lord provides shelter near his altar, even for the sparrows and the swallows.

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# Let's Go to the Mountains! Montreat, North Carolina

October 6-10 2008

We will stay at the Reynolds Lodge

Dine at the Grove Park Inn

Picnic on the Blue Ridge Parkway

Do a little shopping in downtown Asheville  
and visit the Farmer's Market

**Cost Per Person ~ \$200.00**

(includes lodging, linens, breakfasts, and  
transportation by church vans)

## Additional Costs

(lunches, evening meals, optional day trips, souvenirs)

Participants are urged to share a room.  
(\$50.00 extra charge for private room )

## Other Highlights

~ Daily Worship ~ Tour of Montreat Conference Center ~

~ Optional Day Trips ~

(Biltmore Estate, Botanical Gardens, Lindville  
Caverns)

**Reservation Deposit of \$50.00 DUE NOW!**

**Reservation Deadline Sept 1, 2008**

For more information: call First Presbyterian Church St. Marys  
Pastor Rick Douylliez – 882-4650 or Ann Barackman – 673-1993

