

## Church Calendar

### SUNDAY—SEPTEMBER 13

Singing Time	9:05 A.M.
Sunday School	9:20 A.M.
Fellowship in the Foyer	10:20 A.M.
Worship Service	10:45 A.M.
Missions Team Meeting	12:15 P.M.

### MONDAY—SEPTEMBER 14

Deacons Meeting	6:30 P.M.
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### TUESDAY—SEPTEMBER 15

Men's Prayer Breakfast	6:30 A.M.
Good News Club	2:30 P.M.

### WEDNESDAY—SEPTEMBER 16

Orchestra Rehearsal	4:15 P.M.
Choirs	4:45 P.M.
Supper	5:15 P.M.
Classes for all ages ( <i>nursery for birth through age three</i> )	6:00 P.M.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:05 P.M.

### SUNDAY—SEPTEMBER 20

Singing Time	9:05 A.M.
Sunday School	9:20 A.M.
Fellowship in the Foyer	10:20 A.M.
Worship Service	10:45 A.M.
Missions Summer 2010 Info Meeting	12:15 P.M.
Clinton Small Group ( <i>Meet at Fleury's</i> )	5:00 P.M.
Laurens Small Group ( <i>Meet at Moores</i> )	5:00 P.M.

#### Upcoming Events

Ladies Craft Night	September 25
Men of the Covenant Retreat	October 2, 3
Church-wide/Community Workday	October 17
Reformation Celebration	October 28
Annual trip to Caro-Mi	October 30

## Sunday School

### ADULT

<i>Proverbs</i> .....	Dick Gillen
<i>1, 2 Thessalonians</i> .....	Wayne Smith
<i>Satan's Greatest Hits</i> (College - Early Career) .....	Jim Roberts

### YOUTH

Senior High.....	Jay and Suzanne Ragin
Junior High .....	Leigh and Tacy Fleury

### CHILDREN

5th/6th grade.....	Tommy and Nancy Motes
3rd - 4th grade.....	Paul and Sandy Moore
1st - 2nd grade .....	Jody Lipford/Robin Roberts
4 - 5 yr. olds .....	Pete and Jen Partee
2 - 3 yr. olds .....	Laura Lipford/Betsy McKinney
Toddlers.....	Anne Edwards/Fran Arscott

### Nursery

#### In the nursery this week

*Babies*..... C. and B. Miller  
*Preschool* .....J. and K. Davidson

#### In the nursery next week

*Babies*..... S. Moore/R. Kelly  
*Preschool* .....M. and T. Stewart

## Prayer Concerns

### THE CHURCH AT LARGE

Bailey Manor—Joe Reiland - activities director  
 Presbytery—Fulton PC, Greer, Grover Timms  
 Denomination—Ridge Haven Conference Center, Morse Up De Graff  
 Missionaries—Beth Rocker, South Africa

### CHURCH MEMBER REQUESTS

Drew Rice—surgeries and therapy  
 Homes that need to sell

### PRAISES

Great fellowship on Wednesday nights  
 Lynn Gresham—progress with physical therapy

### THOSE EXPECTING

Kelli (Mrs. Rob) Roper—due in October  
 Tacy Fleury—due in March

### OTHERS

National Leadership—Vice President Joe Biden  
 State Leadership—Sen. Lindsay Graham  
 Local Leadership—Public Safety Chief Stacy Drakeford  
 Homebound, Military and their families  
 Teachers as students settle in

#### To put requests on the prayer chain, contact

Anne Edwards—683-5757, email  
 Marilyn Daniluk—833-4359, phone  
 or the church office during the day

#### Our Staff

**Pastor**  
 Rev. Jim Roberts                      833-4583

**Assistant Pastor**  
 Rev. Dick Gillen                      938-0334

**Director of Music and Outreach**  
 Dr. Leigh Fleury                      833-6530

**Director of Children's Ministries**  
 Penny Greer                              833-2955

#### August Financial Report

Week 1	\$4,283.89
Week 2	\$9,332.32
Week 3	\$5,510.00
Week 4	\$6,254.57
Week 5	\$5,808.95
Month Total	\$31,189.73
YTD Total	\$251,903.25
YTD Budget	\$255,564.00
YTD Expenses	\$257,732.71

#### Serving You

**Deacons** for September.....Jody Lipford, Robbie Strickland

**Ushers** for September .....Jody Lipford, Robbie Strickland  
 Wes Leonard, Dan Orr

### September 13, 2009

*\* Those who are able, please stand ♦ Ushers may seat at this time  
 Hearing devices and large-print bulletins are available from the ushers*

#### Meditation

Isaiah 40:28–31

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

#### Prelude

Jesus Never Fails ~ arr. B. Greer

#### \* Call to Worship

Psalm 146:1-6, 10

Mr. Dick Gillen

Leader: Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

Congregation: *I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.*

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save. When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.

Congregation: *Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them— the LORD, who remains faithful forever.*

All: *The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD.*

#### \*♦ Hymn of Adoration

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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#### \* Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

**Confession of Sin**

**Call to Confession** Jeremiah 3:21-25

**Silent Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

*Father God, we confess that far too often we are like the children of Israel, children who have perverted our ways and have forgotten you. We have turned to idols of our own making—looking to them to save us. We have often gone through our days without seeking your face, we have taken on responsibilities, failing to seek your will, and we have lost hope, forgetting that you are always present with us. Forgive us, O Lord, and help us turn to you every day and in every circumstance. Help us to trust in your constant presence. We pray this in the name of our Savior, amen.*

**Assurance of Pardon** Hebrews 10:14

**Ministry Minute** Outreach Ministry Team Mr. Jay Ragin

**Ministry Minute** Discipleship Ministry Team Mr. Wayne Smith

**Pastoral Prayer**

♦ **Welcome** (Please date, sign, and pass the friendship registers.)

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory Sentences** Malachi 3:10

**Offertory Music** Praise Canon ~ M. Sharp Sanctuary Choir

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever.  
From age to age His love remains, give thanks and praise His name.  
Who can count the blessings of the Lord? Who can understand His grace  
Who can tell of all His wondrous deeds? Who can fully declare His praise?

\* **Response** We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator #97

*We Praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.*

\* **Offertory Prayer**

\* **Song of Preparation**

I Lift My Eyes Up to the Mountains (Psalm 121) ~ B. Doerksen

Musical notation for the first line of the song. Chords: C, F, C, F, C, F, C, G. Lyrics: I lift my eyes up to the moun-tains where does my help come from

Musical notation for the second line of the song. Chords: C, F, C, F. Lyrics: My help comes from you mak - er of heav - en

Musical notation for the third line of the song. Chords: C, F, C, G, C. Lyrics: cre - a - tor of the earth. (Note: G chord is marked 'Last Time only')

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn. Chords: C/E, F, C/E, F, C/E, F, C, G. Lyrics: Oh how I need You Lord—You are my on - ly hope— You're my on - ly prayer.

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn. Chords: C/E, F, C/E, F. Lyrics: So I will wait for You— to come and res - cue me—

Musical notation for the third line of the hymn. Chords: C/E, F, C, G. Lyrics: — come and give me life.

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 121

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** A REASON FOR HOPE: GOD WITH US Mr. Jim Roberts

\* **Hymn of Response** Psalm 121

Psalm 121 DUNDEE C.M.  
1912 Psalter Scottish Psalter, 1615

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn. Key signature: one sharp (F#), 4/4 time.

I to the hills will lift my eyes from  
He will not let thy foot be moved, Thy  
Thy faith - ful keep - er is the Lord, thy  
From e - vil He will keep thee safe, for

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn.

whence shall come my aid? My help is from the  
guard - ian ne - ver sleeps; with watch - ful and un -  
Shel - ter and thy Shade; 'Neath sun or moon, by  
thee He will pro - vide; thy go - ing out, thy

Musical notation for the third line of the hymn.

Lord a - lone who heav'n and earth has made.  
slum - br'ing care, His own He safe - ly keeps.  
day or night, thou shalt not be a - fraid.  
com - ing in, for - ev - er He will guide.

\* **Benediction**

**Postlude** In You Is Gladness (BWV 615) ~ J. S. Bach



**Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church!** Our desire is that you will find joyful, reverent worship and warm, genuine fellowship. If we may minister to you in any way, do not hesitate to speak with the pastor or one of the elders following the service.

**Missions Ministry Team** will meet today after the worship service.

**Deacons** will meet tomorrow night at 6:30 P.M.

**Session** will meet next Monday, September 21, 6:30 P.M.

**The Women in the Church** will gather at WPC on Friday, September 25, 7:00-9:00 P.M. for an evening of fellowship as we put together tray favors for the Laurens Hospital Auxiliary. Please let Robin Roberts (833-4583) or Nancy Motes (682-4810) know if you plan to be here.

**Westminster Men of the Covenant** will have an overnight retreat at the Clinton House on Friday, October 2, with speaker Ron Hughes from Keowee PCA. All men are urged to take part in this retreat. The cost is \$35.00 (\$10.00 if you do not spend the night but you will miss out!). Scholarships are available (see Wayne Smith or Jim Roberts). You may come any time after 5:00 P.M. and dinner will be served at 6:00 P.M. Reservations are necessary by September 27. Please respond to Wayne Smith or the church office.

**2010 Missions Planning Meeting** will be held next Sunday, September 20, after the worship service. Anyone interested in a mission trip to Cusco, Peru or Cherokee, NC next summer is encouraged to attend. This is not a commitment, but an informational meeting to help you make a decision about your possible involvement.

**Wednesday supper** this week will be *meatball subs, chips*. Use the friendship register to let us know how many adults and children from your family will be here for supper.

**Mountville Presbyterian and Baptist Churches** have held joint revival services annually since 1929. You are invited to join them this year, September 20-23, for a series of sermons on holiness, delivered by Rev. Dick Gillen. Services will be held nightly at 7:00 P.M. at the Mountville Baptist Church. You are welcome to join them for dinner on the grounds on Wednesday at 6:00 P.M. For directions to the church, call the church office or contact Scott or Pat Watts.

**Save the date! Invite your friends!** Adults and youth will present a Reformation Celebration for the younger children on Wednesday evening, October 28. Adult friends may enjoy learning more about the Reformation, too, so invite those in your neighborhood or work place for this special evening of fun and remembrance of these reformers.