

Church Calendar

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 Planning Meeting	12:15 P.M.
Clinton Small Group <i>(Meet at Fleurys')</i>	5:00 P.M.
Laurens Small Group <i>(Meet at Moores')</i>	5:00 P.M.

MONDAY—SEPTEMBER 21

Session Meeting	6:30 P.M.
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TUESDAY—SEPTEMBER 22

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

WEDNESDAY—SEPTEMBER 23

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.

THURSDAY—SEPTEMBER 24

L.I.F.E - Bailey Manor Small Group	11:A.M.
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FRIDAY—SEPTEMBER 25

Ladies Craft Night	7:00P.M.
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SUNDAY—SEPTEMBER 27

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.

Upcoming Events

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 Arcscott

Nursery

In the nursery <u>this week</u>	In the nursery <u>next week</u>
<i>Toddlers</i>L. Lipford/R. Kelly	<i>Toddlers</i>T. Gillen/E. Davis
<i>Preschool</i>S. Moore/S. Moore	<i>Preschool</i>C. Davis/E. Orr

Prayer Concerns

THE CHURCH AT LARGE

Bailey Manor—Assisted living - residents and staff
 Presbytery—Philadelphia PC, Landrum, David Oliphant
 Denomination—Insurance, Annuities and Relief, James Hughes
 Missionaries—Gary & Lois Watanabe, NY, NY

CHURCH MEMBER REQUESTS

Gary Lewis—continued progress and recovery
 Drew Rice—upcoming surgeries
 Charles Mckinney—hematoma
 Leslie Jackson—healing after by-pass
 Homes that need to sell

PRAISES

Great start to Good News Club
 Many volunteers who serve in our community

THOSE EXPECTING

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

OTHERS

National Leadership—Secretary of State Hillary Clinton
 State Leadership—Sen. Danny Verdin
 Local Leadership—Laurens County Council
 Homebound, Military and their families

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	

September Financial Report

Week 1	\$5,826.21
Week 2	\$10,615.15
Week 3	
Week 4	
Week 5	
Month Total	\$16,441.96
YTD Total	\$268,347.65
YTD Budget	\$271,536.76
YTD Expenses	\$274,385.99

Serving You

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

Ushers for SeptemberJody Lipford, Robbie Strickland
 Wes Leonard, Dan Orr

September 20, 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 Psalm 56:12–13

I am under vows to you, O God; I will present my thank offerings to you. For you have delivered me from death and my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

Prelude Offertoire sur les grands jeux ~ F. Couperin

Call to Worship Psalm 117 Mr. Jay Ragin

Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD.

*♦ **Hymn of Adoration** God is Known among His People #66

* **Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

Confession of Sin
Call to Confession 1 John 1:5–10

Silent Confession

Prayer of Confession
Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church; we have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; we have not heard the cry of the needy, we have not fulfilled our vows to you. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon 1 John 2:1–2

Ministry Minute Missions Ministry Team Mr. Jim Edwards

Ministry Minute Women in the Church Mrs. Robin Roberts

Pastoral Prayer

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

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Sentences Psalm 116:17-19
Offertory Music Sanctuary Choir and Amy Jessee, violin

Nearer, My God to Thee ~ arr. Knapp & Schram

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee! Even though it be a cross that raises me. Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee! I am like the wanderer, darkness all around. Show me the way to heaven, Lord, send Your mercy down. Waking or in my dreams, I hear Your voice, it seems; beckoning, calling me nearer to Thee. Nearer, my God to Thee.

* **Response** Doxology #732

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

* **Offertory Prayer**

* **Confession of Faith** Nicene Creed¹

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic² and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

* **Song of Preparation** You Are Worthy of My Praise ~ D. Ruis

I will worship (I will worship) with all of my heart (with all of my heart); I will praise You (I will praise You) with all my strength (all my strength). I will seek You (I will seek You) all of my days (all of my days), I will follow (I will follow) all of Your ways (all Your ways).

I will give You all my worship, I will give You all my praise. You alone I long to worship, You alone are worthy of my praise.

I will bow down (I will bow down) hail You as King (hail You as King); I will serve You (I will serve You) give You ev'rything (give You ev'rything). I will lift up (I will lift up) my eyes to Your throne (my eyes to Your throne); I will trust You (I will trust You) trust You alone (trust You alone).

I will give You all my worship, I will give You all my praise. You alone I long to worship, You alone are worthy of my praise.

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Scripture Reading Psalm 66:13-15; Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon TO VOW OR NOT TO VOW Mr. Jim Roberts

* **Hymn of Response** Baptized into Your Name Most Holy NEUMARK



1. Bap-tized in - to your name most ho - ly. O Fa - ther, Son, and
2. My lov - ing Fa - ther, me you've tak - en for - e'er to be your
3. And I have vowed to fear and love you, and to o - bey you,
4. My faith - ful God, your Word fails nev - er, your cov - 'nant sure - ly
5. Yes, all I am and love most dear - ly I of - fer now, O
6. And nev - er let my pur - pose fal - ter, O Fa - ther, Son, and



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
child and heir; my faith - ful Sav - ior, me you've giv - en
Lord, a - lone; be - cause the Ho - ly Spir - it moved me,
will a - bide; oh, cast me not a - way for - ev - er,
Lord, to You. Oh, let me make my vows sin - cere - ly,
Ho - ly Ghost, but keep me faith - ful to your al - tar,



a - mong your seed, your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
your righ - teous, ho - ly life to share; O Ho - ly Spir - it,
I dared to pledge my - self your own, re - nounc - ing sin to
should I trans - gress it on my side! Though I have oft my
and what I say, help me to do. Let naught with - in me,
till you shall call me from my post. So un - to you I



dead to sin: your Spir - it e'er shall live with - in.
you will be a com - fort, guide, and help to me.
keep the faith and war with e - vil un - to death.
soul de - filed, in love for - give, re - store your child.
naught I own, serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.
live and die and praise you ev - er - more on high.

* **Benediction**

Postlude Grand Jeu (Livre d'Orgue) ~ P. DuMage



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church! Our desire is that you will find joyful, reverent worship and warm, genuine fellowship. Please fill out and pass the friendship registers at the time of welcome. 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.

We welcome children who are able to sit with their families during worship. We also provide excellent **NURSERY** facilities and care, as well as a place for mothers whose babies are nursing or become uncomfortable.

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

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

The Women in the Church will gather at WPC this 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 by Tuesday, September 22, 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.

Mountville Presbyterian and Baptist Churches have held joint revival services annually since 1929 and 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.

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

PC students if you have not yet received a "goodie bag" to help kick off your year, please pick up one on your way out today. They are available in the narthex.

¹The original Nicene Creed was first adopted in 325 at the First Council of Nicaea. In 381 the creed was amended at the Second Council of Nicaea.

²The word "catholic" means "universal."