



An Invitation

By Alexander S. Brown, Minister



ON WEDNESDAY 4th September we are having our annual Fall Kick-Off Dinner, and I want to invite all of you to come, if you can possibly make it. The dinner is sure to be absolutely wonderful as we enjoy fried chicken and fixin's, and then judge our annual Pie Contest.

But eating, of course, is not the main reason that I want you to come – the Kick-Off will be a great way for us to come together as a church, enjoy being together as a community and look forward to a new season of ministry.



As many of you know, our summer break was a little different than planned. Our scheduled picnic, which was intended to give us a touch-stone during the summer break, had to be cancelled due to poor weather. What that means is that we have all been apart from each other for quite some time, and it will be good for us in the Kick-Off to get back together and enjoy being with one another again.

In addition to the fellowship aspect of the dinner we will be hearing from the various ministries of the church, and you will be reminded of the various opportunities that there are to get involved at GIPC. If you are feeling a little on the fringe of life, or if you are wanting some way to use your talents or find a small group that you can plug into, this is a great opportunity for you to find out or get refreshed about what is available.

We will be hearing from our committees as they report to us on what they have been doing, and what this next semester looks like for them. If you have a talent, or a particular passion or ability that you could share by joining a committee, this is a great opportunity to do it – I know that the committee chairmen are always on the lookout for those who are willing and able to join them, and so come, listen to the reports and consider whether or not there might be a place for you to serve.

The Kick-Off is also a great opportunity to sign up for something that you haven't been involved with before. We will hear about plans for our main small group meetings – our Men's Saturday Study and our Women's Bible Study, and, like with the committees, if you haven't been involved in one of these before, now could be a great chance to jump in. These small group meetings are so important for our church health and vitality – they provide a more intimate venue for discipleship and friendship as we gather together and study the Bible and the Christian life.

So, if you are free on Wednesday 4th September, come and join us – the food will be great, but more importantly, come and find out about how you can get involved in GIPC in the Fall of 2013! ▪

September Calendar

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
The Holy Spirit

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
Exodus: God, our Savior

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
The Gospel of John

Communion— 1st Sunday, AM
Children's Church, Nursery available

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- Mon 9/2 Labor Day Holiday
 - Wed 9/4 GIPC Fall Kick-Off!
(6PM, GIPC)
 - Tue 9/10 GIPC Stated Session
Meeting (6PM, GIPC)
 - Wed 9/11, 18, 25 Ladies Bible Study
(9:30AM, Brown home)
 - Wed 9/11, 18, 25 Midweek Prayer
Meeting (6:30PM, GIPC)
 - Sat 9/21 Men's Breakfast Bible
Study (8AM, Brown home)

Wed. 9/4 6pm **Fall Kick Off**
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Praise and Prayer

If you have been keeping your eye on page 10 of your bulletins, you will have seen that we are doing very well financially this year. We ran a bit of a deficit for the first half of the year, but God was good and provided for us so that we now have a modest surplus in our income.

However, things are not quite as positive in the expenses category. While our ordinary spending throughout the year has been below budget, we have just been hit by a significant extraordinary expense, in the form of a (you guessed it!) air conditioning repair.

The Building and Grounds Committee budgeted to replace one air conditioning unit this year, but we have had two fail – the one that cools the office, and the third unit that cools the sanctuary. We have hobbled along with the failing sanctuary unit this summer, but it has finally given up the ghost and is in need of replacement, and we needed to replace it before GIPC hosts Presbytery in October.

We are thankful that in the Lord's provision we have enough money in our reserves to be able to go ahead and replace this unit, but it will mean that our reserves will take a significant hit – \$6,575 to be exact.

And that is where you come in – first and foremost, as always, our greatest need is prayer. It has been wonderful to see how the Lord has provided for us throughout this year. It has been a genuine thrill to see how God has provided for His Church, and to see our financial situation become a lot more stable through His provision. And so, the first thing that we are asking for is that you pray that the cost of this unit would be provided for, and we would be able to make up this unexpected expense. And secondly, please consider if you would be willing and able to be part of the answer to that prayer – if you are able to contribute to cover some of this expense, we would be very grateful. •

Building & Grounds



Efforts continue to be made to maintain the quality and beauty of our grounds and facilities. Repairs to areas of the roof and to several external doors were completed in August. Additional improvements are planned for the building interior to include painting the Kitchen/Dining area. Plans to replace the third and final HVAC unit in the sanctuary are in process.

Mark your calendars! A fall Work Day has been scheduled for Saturday, October 19th.

Finance Committee

GIPC Update: Loan Balance

Loan Balance 1/1/13	\$807,308
Principal Paid YTD	\$ 24,540
Loan Balance 8/19/13	\$782,768
September Payment:	
Interest	\$ 2,473
Principal	\$ 2,778
Total Payment	\$ 5,251

Significant Sessional Actions

- Established a date for the next Stated Session meeting: Tuesday, September 10th, 6 p.m. at GIPC.

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

A teaching series by
Dr. Sinclair Ferguson

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

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DINNER AND CHURCH CALENDAR PREVIEW

FALL KICK-OFF

Wednesday, September 4th—6PM at GIPC

Fried Chicken Dinner, provided by the church.

► Please bring a side to share.

► Enter a pie in the "Pie Contest"! Prizes awarded for best fruit, best cream, and best all-around pie.

6:45PM: Church Calendar preview & ministry sign-ups.

Cost: \$3/person; kids eat free.

✓ Sign up in the foyer.

For more information contact Sara Brown.

Ladies Bible Study

The Ladies Bible Study, which meets each Wednesday morning (except the first), will resume on Wednesday, September 11th. The new study will be based on the book of Galatians. Childcare is available. All women are welcome to attend.

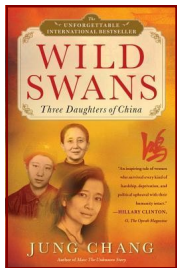
September Meetings:

Wednesday, September 11th, 18th, and 25th
9:30 a.m. at the Brown home, 614 Dellwood Ave.
Questions? Contact Sara Brown.

Monthly Book Group

The Book Group, which meets on the first Wednesday of each month (October through May), is open to all women who enjoy reading and discussing books.

The women will resume meeting on Wednesday, October 2nd to discuss *Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China*, by Jung Chang.



Set in the 20th century, beginning with the early days of Mao's revolution, three generations of women struggle with the hardships of that era. The book is filled with drama, heartbreak, and horror for this extraordinary family, as their lives mirror China's century of turbulence. The author recounts the evocative, unsettling, and insistently gripping story of how these women fared in the political maelstrom and difficulties of the times.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 2nd
9:30 a.m. at the Brown home, 614 Dellwood Ave.
Questions? Contact Sharon Bolin or Sara Brown.

Looking Ahead:

For Wednesday, November 6th: *A Guide to the Birds of East Africa*,
by Nicholas Drayson

For Wednesday, December 4th: *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit*,
by Judith Kerr.

"Let every word that God has spoken be Law and Gospel to you.
Never trifle with it; never try to evade its force or to change its meaning.
God speaks to you in this book as much as if again He came to the top of Sinai
and lifted up His voice in thunder. I like to open the Bible and to pray,

**Lord God, let the words leap out of the page into my soul,
Thyself making them vivid, quick, powerful, and fresh to my heart. . .**

To trifle with Scripture is to deprive yourself of its aid.
Reverence it, I beseech you, and look up to God with devout gratitude
for having given it to you." (from a sermon by C.H. Spurgeon)



Men's Ministry

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

Saturday, September 21st
8:00 a.m. at the Brown home
614 Dellwood, SSI

The monthly Men's Breakfast and Bible Study will resume meeting on the 3rd Saturday of September (9/21), continuing in the study based on R. Kent Hughes' book, *Disciplines of a Godly Man*.

Note: beginning in October, the meetings will be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Questions?

Please contact Clay Huddleston.

World Missions

"People on a Mission!"

One of the highlights of GIPC's year is the Annual World Missions Conference. This year's event will take place during the first weekend in November: **November 1-3, 2013**.

Dr. John R. Sittema, Pastor of Christ Church Mandarin in Jacksonville, Florida, and President of WorldServe Ministries will present the Keynote Address on Friday evening immediately following the International (potluck) Dinner.

On Saturday morning and during the Adult Sunday School class on November 3rd, guests Calvin and Geeta will share about their work in Asia serving leprosy-affected communities.

Dr. Sittema, along with his wife Carol, will present the work of WorldServe Ministries at the Saturday morning gathering and he will preach Sunday morning and evening.

2013 Faith Promise Commitments:
\$25,900

Receipts YTD: \$16,817 (65%)

MIDWEEK PRAYER MEETING

Beginning Wednesday,
September 11th,
6:30 p.m. at GIPC

SEPTEMBER

"The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul." (Psalm 19:7)

Family Worship

Old Testament Reading

Date	Book	Chapter	✓
1	<i>I Samuel</i>	25	<input type="checkbox"/>
2		26	<input type="checkbox"/>
3		27	<input type="checkbox"/>
4		28	<input type="checkbox"/>
5		29,30	<input type="checkbox"/>
6		31	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	<i>II Samuel</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
8		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
9		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
10		4,5	<input type="checkbox"/>
11		6	<input type="checkbox"/>
12		7	<input type="checkbox"/>
13		8,9	<input type="checkbox"/>
14		10	<input type="checkbox"/>
15		11	<input type="checkbox"/>
16		12	<input type="checkbox"/>
17		13	<input type="checkbox"/>
18		14	<input type="checkbox"/>
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25		21	<input type="checkbox"/>
26		22	<input type="checkbox"/>
27		23	<input type="checkbox"/>
28		24	<input type="checkbox"/>
29	<i>I Kings</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
30		2	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Family Worship

New Testament Reading

Date	Book	Chapter	✓
1	<i>I Corinthians</i>	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
2		7	<input type="checkbox"/>
3		8	<input type="checkbox"/>
4		9	<input type="checkbox"/>
5		10	<input type="checkbox"/>
6		11	<input type="checkbox"/>
7		12	<input type="checkbox"/>
8		13	<input type="checkbox"/>
9		14	<input type="checkbox"/>
10		15	<input type="checkbox"/>
11		16	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	<i>II Corinthians</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
13		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
14		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
15		4	<input type="checkbox"/>
16		5	<input type="checkbox"/>
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23		12	<input type="checkbox"/>
24		13	<input type="checkbox"/>
25	<i>Galatians</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
26		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
27		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
28		4	<input type="checkbox"/>
29		5	<input type="checkbox"/>
30		6	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Private

Old Testament Reading

Date	Book	Chapter	✓
1	<i>Ezekiel</i>	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
2		5	<input type="checkbox"/>
3		6	<input type="checkbox"/>
4		7	<input type="checkbox"/>
5		8	<input type="checkbox"/>
6		9	<input type="checkbox"/>
7		10	<input type="checkbox"/>
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27		30	<input type="checkbox"/>
28		31	<input type="checkbox"/>
29		32	<input type="checkbox"/>
30		33	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Psalms

Date	Book	Chapter	✓
1	<i>Psalms</i>	40,41	<input type="checkbox"/>
2		42,43	<input type="checkbox"/>
3		44	<input type="checkbox"/>
4		45	<input type="checkbox"/>
5		46,47	<input type="checkbox"/>
6		48	<input type="checkbox"/>
7		49	<input type="checkbox"/>
8		50	<input type="checkbox"/>
9		51	<input type="checkbox"/>
10		52-54	<input type="checkbox"/>
11		55	<input type="checkbox"/>
12		56,57	<input type="checkbox"/>
13		58,59	<input type="checkbox"/>
14		60,61	<input type="checkbox"/>
15		62,63	<input type="checkbox"/>
16		64,65	<input type="checkbox"/>
17		66,67	<input type="checkbox"/>
18		68	<input type="checkbox"/>
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20		70,71	<input type="checkbox"/>
21		72	<input type="checkbox"/>
22		73	<input type="checkbox"/>
23		74	<input type="checkbox"/>
24		75,76	<input type="checkbox"/>
25		77	<input type="checkbox"/>
26		78:1-37	<input type="checkbox"/>
27		78:38-72	<input type="checkbox"/>
28		79	<input type="checkbox"/>
29		80	<input type="checkbox"/>
30		81,82	<input type="checkbox"/>

Week beginning SEPTEMBER 1

Hebrews 3:12-13

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Week beginning SEPTEMBER 8

Hebrews 10:39 and Proverbs 22:1

But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls. A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.

Week beginning SEPTEMBER 15

Proverbs 26:20

For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases.

Week beginning SEPTEMBER 22

Psalms 18:30-31

This God — His way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him. For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?

Week beginning SEPTEMBER 29

Psalms 19:7-8

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.