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CHANGES

TERRY L. JOHNSON

*T*im Foster preached his first sermon at IPC as an intern in the summer of 2006. The Johnson family was away on vacation, of course. When I returned to the church office, I was greeted in the hall with questions by Art Broadwick, who, as many of you will know, is not given to exaggeration. Our interaction went like this:

"Have you listened to Tim's sermon?"

"No."

"Extraordinary."

"Extraordinary?"

"Extraordinary!"

By any standard, especially that of an intern just graduated from seminary, it was an extraordinary sermon. For 15 years we have been treated to Tim Foster's excellent sermons, and in my opinion, his even more excellent classroom teaching. Gifted with a million-dollar voice, a logical mind, and near perfect word choice, Tim could fill most any pulpit or lectern in all of Christendom.

Tim has received a call from the pulpit committee of Grace Church of the Islands. Confirmation of that call by the congregation should be a mere formality. As he, Caroline, and their children leave they will leave a gap that will be difficult to fill. Your session has asked Matthew Burt to assist with pastoral care, partially filling in the gap left first by Ron Parrish and the



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additional gap now anticipated as Tim leaves. He will take over the Primes Bible Study and help with the regular pastoral care of the elderly part of our congregation.

We have long known that Tim needs to be preaching every Sunday. His opportunity to do so finally has arrived. We pray weekly that the pulpits of the nearby PCA churches will be filled by men who philosophically are compatible with us. Grace Church of the Islands' decision to call Tim Foster answers both needs: weekly preaching for Tim, and a fellow colleague in Savannah.

2022 COMMUNION SEASON

The Love of Christ

Friday, August 5 - Sunday, August 7, 2022



Rev. David T. Irving

Rev. David T. Irving is the Minister of Woodland Presbyterian Church in Hattiesburg, MS. Prior to Woodland, David served the Raymond Presbyterian Church in Raymond, MS from 2013-2019. He was raised in New Hampshire and attended Dartmouth College (B.A.), where he studied history, competed in track and field, and most importantly, came to faith in Jesus Christ. He is a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, MS (M.Div.) and a PhD candidate in the History Department of the University of Mississippi, writing a dissertation on presbyterians in Mississippi after the Civil War. He is the author of *Devote Yourself to Prayer: The Duty, Difficulty, Discipline, and Delight of the Pastor's Ministry of Private Prayer* (forthcoming, Reformation Heritage Books). David is married to Sarah Grafton (née Peaster) and they have four children; Camp (7), Mac (5), Jack (3), and Elsie (1).

8/5 - FRIDAY

SUPPER - 5:30PM

SERVICE - 6:30PM

Love that Surpasses Knowledge (Ephesians 3:19)

8/6 - SATURDAY

BREAKFAST - 9:00 AM

SERVICE - 10:00AM

Love that Doesn't Break (Romans 8:35-39)

8/7 - SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:00AM

Love You Can "See" (John 14:21)

MORNING WORSHIP - 10:00AM

Love that Gives (Galatians 2:20)

EVENING WORSHIP - 5:30PM

Love that Compels (2 Corinthians 5:14-15)

SUPPER - 6:30PM

PROFIT SHARING

BARBARA RUSTINE • DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

IPC's Session has determined that for a time our children's Sunday School program (PreK - 5th grade) will rotate teachers each quarter, much like in our adult Sunday School program. They've also moved to place two teachers in each classroom, in compliance with IPC's Child Protection Policy.

Having two new co-teachers every 13 weeks for each of our classrooms means opportunity for many members to teach. Could that be you? We understand, teaching means some time away from your peers, a Sunday evening dinner-time training session, and preparation each time you teach. It means coming a little earlier each Lord's Day. But consider for a minute some of the benefits of serving as a teacher:

1. You get to know the children of IPC. We've got some really delightful kids. You don't want to miss getting to know them!
2. The children of IPC get to know you. There's nothing like recognition and a hug from a student.
3. You get to know parents and families from other demographics in the church. See a trend here? Teaching builds relationships.
4. You get to study and share God's Word. As you prepare to teach, you'll be delving deeper into Scripture. You'll grow as a result, maybe more than the children.
5. Co-teaching means preparing to teach only every other week, with a built-in sub if you need to be away.
6. Watching your co-teacher, you'll learn new and helpful things to implement in the classroom or at home.
7. You get to keep your promise. Remember your vow at each baptism to "assist the parents in the Christian nurture of this child"? Here's an excellent way for you to fulfill that promise.

In case you're wondering, the benefits are not only for you. Others profit from your participation in the classroom as well. How?

1. A greater number of teachers means our children are connected to a greater number of godly adults in our congregation: more adults who love them and point them to Jesus!
2. IPC's children will have the opportunity to see the Scriptures with fresh eyes each quarter, as new teachers with fresh energy and fresh perspective share the Good News. We never want the story of Jesus to grow old.
3. IPC's children will hear an affirmation of what Dad and Mom are teaching at home from many adults. That's helpful in solidifying the truth of the Gospel in young hearts.
4. Parents will interact with more individuals who support them in building godly homes.
5. Parents serving as co-teachers will learn new ideas and methods for sharing and living out the Gospel at home.

IPC's Session is looking for individuals to invite as co-teachers and substitutes who have been members in good standing at IPC for at least 6 months, and are actively involved in the life of the church. No formal teaching experience is necessary. Your greatest qualification is a love for the Lord and for His Word. That's the most meaningful treasure we can share with coming generations, so their hearts will be drawn to our beautiful Savior. The salvation and spiritual growth of the children of our church is the eternal profit for which we serve and pray.

Interested in investing this way? Talk to a pastor, your elder, or me.

By His Grace,
Barbara Rustine
Director of Children's Sunday School

See ipcav.org/children for more information about the children's ministry at IPC.



FAMILY CORNER

AUGUST *Psalms & Hymns of the Month*

ABOUT THE PSALMS

PSALM 133

How are we to regard our fellow pilgrims? They are our brothers (v 1). What does this mean in practice? That we are to be like-minded, as well as mutually supportive and concerned. We are not meant to be believers in isolation. More particularly, the psalm commends brothers who live together “in unity” (v 1) from Mt. Zion in the south to Mt. Hermon in the north, representing the whole people of God. When there is common purpose, common convictions, and shared labor, rather than bickering and conflict, it is “good and pleasant” (v 1). What is the effect? Refreshment. It is like “precious oil” (v 2) and the “dew of Hermon” (v 3). As for the ultimate source: the Lord’s blessing (v 36).

PSALM 141

The particular evil that David faced that is the occasion of this psalm is undisclosed. Unjust judges (v 6) and the traps and snares of evildoers are mentioned (vv 8-10). His response on the one hand is silence (vv 1-6), yet

About the Psalms, cont.

a silence, on the other hand, that he is able to maintain because he is talking much to God. His prayer is not periodic or emergency prayer, but prayer that is part of a disciplined life of prayer, as he orders his devotional life according to the pattern of morning and evening sacrifices (v 2).

(Year 1-10)

PSALM 133

Behold how good a thing it is,
And how becoming well,
When those that brethren are delight
In unity to dwell.

For it is like the precious oil
Poured out on Aaron’s head,
That, going down upon his beard,
Upon his garments spread.

Like Hermon’s dew upon the hills
Of Zion that descends,
The LORD commands His blessing there,
Ev’n life that never ends.

TUNE: MANOAH CM
Based on *Scottish Psalter*, 1650

(Year 11-15)

PSALM 141

O LORD, My God, to Thee I cry;
Swift to my aid in mercy fly;
And when to Thee my cries ascend,
In pity to my voice attend.
As fragrant incense on the air,
So mount to heav’n my early prayer;
And let my hands uplifted be,
As evening sacrifice to Thee.

Set, LORD, a watch my mouth before,
And of my lips keep Thou the door;
Nor leave my sinful heart to stray
Where evil footsteps lead the way.
Let me not of the feast partake
Which wicked men delight to make;
Let righteous men in mercy smite,
In their reproofs I’ll take delight.

Let righteous lips my errors chide,
Like healing oil the accents glide;
If voice of faithful friend reprove,
Such smiting comes to me in love.
For them, when they are in distress,
To God I will my prayer address;
Their judges cast on rocky ground,
Then sweet to them my words shall sound.

Around the graves our bones are left,
As branches by the woodman cleft.
To Thee, Lord God, I lift my eyes;
On Thee my helpless soul relies.
Preserve me from the secret net,
The toils which im-pious hands have set;
In their own snares let sinners fall,
While I by grace escape them all.

TUNE: CANONBURY LM (18C)
("Lord Speak to Me that I May Speak")
Book of Psalms, 1871

SEPTEMBER

Psalms & Hymns of the Month

(Year 1-10)

#628

COME, MY SOUL, THY SUIT PREPARE

John Newton, 1779

Come, my soul, thy suit prepare:
Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He himself has bid thee pray,
Therefore will not say thee nay;
Therefore will not say thee nay.

Thou art coming to a King,
Large petitions with thee bring;
For his grace and pow'r are such,
None can ever ask too much;
None can ever ask too much.

With my burden I begin:
"Lord, remove this load of sin;
Let thy blood, for sinners spilt,
Set my conscience free from guilt;
Set my conscience free from guilt."

"Lord, I come to thee for rest,
Take possession of my breast;
There thy blood-bought right maintain,
And without a rival reign;
And without a rival reign."

"While I am a pilgrim here,
Let thy love my spirit cheer;
As my Guide, my Guard, my Friend,
Lead me to my journey's end;
Lead me to my journey's end."

"Show me what I have to do,
Ev'ry hour my strength renew:
Let me live a life of faith,
Let me die thy people's death,
Let me die thy people's death."

TUNE: HENDON 7.7.7.7.rep.
Henri A. César Malan (1827)

(Year 11-15)

#213

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

Traditional English carol
Adapted by William C. Dix, ca. 1865

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;
The cross be borne for me, for you:
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby:
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary.

TUNE: GREENSLEEVES 8.7.8.7.ref.
English melody, 16th cent.

NOTES TO THE CHURCH

To our IPC family,

Thank you all for the outpouring of love we received after the death of John's mother. We were blessed with cards, texts and meals provided by our IPC family. We are so thankful to be a part of this congregation. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in our time of mourning.

Love,
John & Tevis Garnett

IPC,

Thank you isn't enough to express what you all, the body of Christ, meant to our family during Neill's long battle with cancer. First and foremost IPC is a place where the Word is taught, preached, sung and prayed, and because of that my husband of 52 years heard, realized, and accepted Christ as his Savior. Thank you for your comfort and care!

Love,
Our entire
Stevens Family



MUSIC UPDATES

JACOB FUHRMAN • ORGANIST DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

The choirs have been enjoying their summer off, and we are getting ready to resume for the fall. If you haven't been involved in choirs before but would like to give them a try, please do! Write jfuhrman@ipsav.org, or just show up at a rehearsal. Youth Choir members, you are warmly invited to join the Women's Chorus and Men's Chorus for these last few weeks of the summer.

- Women's Chorus: rehearsals on Wednesdays, August 3 and 10 (6:30pm); Sunday mornings, August 7 and 14 (meet in the choir room at 8:30am).
- Men's Chorus: rehearsals on Wednesdays, August 17 and 24 (6:30pm); Sunday mornings, August 21 and 28 (meet in the choir room at 8:30am).
- Full Sanctuary Choir: rehearsals resume for the fall on Wednesday, September 7 (6:30pm).

PSALMS AND HYMNS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following children, who have completed their Psalms and Hymns of the Month for January-June 2022:

Emory Corbitt

Stephen Milling

Clara Crowe

Elijah Oliver

Matthew Crowe

Annie Shaw

Elizah Gear

Edie Steward

Hannah Goeser

Ruth Anne Sutton

Emily Hazeltine

Births

Benedict James "Ben" Melville was born on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 to *Mr. & Mrs. Alec Melville (Landry)*.

Luke David Cruzado was born on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 to *Mr. & Mrs. D. Bryand Cruzado (Jessica)*.

Benjamin Michael Rodenberg was born Thursday, July 14, 2022 to *Mr. & Mrs. R. Todd Rodenberg (Megan)*.

James Patrick Barron was born on Monday, July 18, 2022 to *Mr. & Mrs. J. Richard Barron (Rick) (Mary)*.

IN MEMORIAM

Barbara Ann Smith Austin

Entered the Lord's presence on Sunday, July 24, 2022.

Blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord.
Revelation 14:13

Wedding

Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas G. Kootsikis (Nick) (Sophia) were united in marriage by Mr. Gear on July 2, 2022. Mrs. Kootsikis is the former Miss Sophia V. Meza.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Donna Loyd	8 Boone Johnson	16 David Gross	26 Don McLaurin
2 Sally Jackson	9 Marc Chester	18 Will DeMott	27 Leah Nyce
2 Nick Kootsikis	9 Drew Rodgers	18 Isaac Harris	28 Ragen Pavlo
3 Isaac Espinosa	10 Carolyn Hodges	18 Robert Johns	29 Caroline Brodmann
3 Matt Haddad	11 Kay Dean	19 John Langley	29 Greg Brunson
3 Jan Johnson	11 David Goesser	19 Ty Robinson	29 Debele Maner
3 Josh Poppell	11 Kendra Miller	20 Laura Jackson	29 Andy Nix
3 Ellis Reid	11 Dottie Mitchell	20 Larry McAlpine	30 Nate Brunson
3 Claire Webb	12 Rhett Mathews	20 Asher Ward	30 Micah Miller
4 Brooks Langley	13 Rachel Carpenter	21 Simon Steward	30 Ron Morris
4 Grace McAllister	13 Evan Gear	22 Kirstie Brodmann	30 Elizabeth Poppell
6 Patrick Brodmann	13 Paul Johansen	23 Mollie Cribbs	31 Sue Hinely
6 Leila McAllister	13 Debbie Laing	23 Dale Johnson	31 David Parrish
7 Reid McKee	14 Matthew Burt	25 Santi Clavijo	31 Anders Ward
7 Bob Meng	15 Nora Coleman	25 Tom Maganini	
7 Ginny Shaw	15 Michelle Kim	25 Steve Stone	
8 Anthony Howard	15 Emily McLeroy	25 Howell Up De Graff	

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Doug Patterson	8 Nelia Grills	17 Caroline Foster	23 William Warren
1 John Woods	8 Ashley Lanier	17 John Garnett	24 Emmaline Kim
2 Tim Foster	10 Mabel Brown	17 Roy Thompson	25 Nannelle Chan
2 Kari Thompson	10 Marsha Oliver	18 Arthur Nolan	25 Emily Groover
2 Steve Thompson	11 Roger Dean	19 Sarah Martin	25 Matthew Roth
2 Pam Wiggins	12 Donna Best	20 Manny Hernandez	26 Benjamin Ward
3 Norah Corbitt	12 Jeff Sutton	20 Silas Piet	26 Dax Williams
3 Jimmy Dugal	13 Diane Deegan-Slotke	21 Jay Carpenter	27 Cynthia DeLoach
3 Cameron Fuhrman	13 Lois Dugal	21 Tyson Gross	27 Jo Hart
3 Raymond Parker	14 Mary Kendrick Oliver	21 Laura Reid	28 Abby Blevins
4 Will Brodmann	14 Bill Trout	22 Carol Benefield	28 Will Oliver
5 Maddie Oliver	15 Austin Glang	22 Evie Espinosa	28 Barbara Rustine
5 Mary Shaw	15 Donna Taylor	22 Faith Espinosa	28 Stephen Up De Graff
6 Adair Woods	16 Kim Breland	22 Lucy Kelly	29 Luke Hazeltine
7 Tom Cooper	16 Caroline Johnson	23 Alli Corbitt	29 Candace Sutlive
7 Jacob Fuhrman	16 Carey Murns	23 Drew Johnson	30 Allison Kelly
7 Brittney Howard	16 Ken Wood	23 Catherine McLean	30 Elijah Oliver
7 Katie MacMillan	17 Sharon Brown	23 Don Pease	

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WOC Fall 2022

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, September 10

WOMEN'S ANNUAL TEA

"Seek to Serve: Loving and Serving the Church"

10am-12pm • Downtown at IPC

WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY

Begins Tuesday, September 13/Wednesday, September 14

Study information TBA - Watch for updates



Women of the Church Survey

Interested in becoming more involved with the ministry of the women of the church? Please fill out the survey by scanning the QR code (or use the link). It will give you a chance to indicate areas of interest. This is not making a commitment to anything, but will allow us to contact you with opportunities suited to your interests.

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