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HAPPENING THIS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8

Dr. Mark Douglas is our special guest on Sunday. He will teach during the Sunday School hour, beginning at 9:30, in the Sanctuary and also preach at the 10:30 service.

We also welcome the Reverend Julie Bailey, who is the Senior Director of Development and Seminary Relations at Columbia Theological Seminary.

More details on page 2.

Click this link to download the bulletin.

Click this link to watch the livestream service.

Special Guest Dr. Mark Douglas November 8 & 10



Mark Douglas is an ordained PCUSA minister and the J. Erskine Love Professor of Christian Ethics at Columbia Theological Seminary, where he directs the Center for Theology and Contested Publics. His most recent books include *Christian Pacifism for an Environmental Age (Cambridge UP, 2019) and Modernity, the Environment, and the Christian Just War Tradition* (Cambridge UP, 2023) and he is currently working on a new book, *Wars in a Warming World: Religion, Resources, and Refugees.*

POTLUCK LUNCH THIS SUNDAY

BRING A DISH TO SHARE

CHURCH PROVIDES FRIED CHICKEN & DRINKS



THIS SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 8

On **November 8 at 9:30 a.m**, Dr. Douglas will be speaking during the Sunday School hour in the Sanctuary. The topic is ***"When Red and Blue Don't Make Purple: The Church and Political Dysfunction."*** That we are living in one of the most politically polarized times in memory is no surprise to anyone who turns on a television, fires up a computer, or glances at the feed on their smartphone. And although this is not the first time U.S. society has been so polarized, the forces shaping polarization today look different than they have in the past. What are some of those forces? Where have they come from? What role has the church played in shaping them? And how might the church respond to them? These are big and important questions.

Join Dr. Douglas and the GSPC community to think through such questions in hopes that we might shape a faithful and useful public Christian witness during these politically dysfunctional times.

Dr. Douglas will also be preaching on **November 8 during the 10:30 a.m.** worship service. His sermon is titled "The Renewing of Our Minds," from Proverbs 1: 1-7 and Romans 12: 1-13.



TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 10

On Tuesday, November 10 at 9 a.m., the congregation is invited to join other members of the Presbytery of South Alabama at the meeting at GSPC. Dr. Douglas' presentation "Reformed Responses to Christian Nationalism," will help us understand Christian Nationalism and how it is changing. Using our Reformed tradition, Dr. Douglas will suggest some ways the PC(USA) might engage with and respond to this changing expression in our country.

SIP and SEE ~ November 15

After church on November 15th, there will be a Sip & See at the Guesnard House. We will celebrate:

- Watterson McNeil Majure, son of Will and Hannah Majure
- Mary Louise Majure, son of Christopher and Paden Majure
- Travis Bedsole Goodloe IV, son of Travis and Sally Goodloe
- Robert Milton Hope IV, son of Robert and Emma Goodloe Hope
- Grant Carlisle Riis, son of Burruss and Carly Riis

If anyone has a baby that they would like to celebrate and share with their church family, please let the church office know, or email jennifer@gspcmobile.org.



PW Circles of Hope & Joy

Circles of Hope and Joy will meet THIS Monday, **November 9** at 5:30 p.m. at the Guesnard House. Questions: contact Shelley Hood or Sallye Irvine



Rev. Trey Doyle
First Baptist Church



Rabbi Eric Lazar
Springhill Avenue Temple



Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar
GSPC

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TWO PASTORS AND A RABBI

Fall Interfaith Bible Study Dates

Thursday, November 12, 2026 || 5:30-7 PM || First Baptist Church

Worship Dates

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Thursday, Nov. 19 || 5:30 PM || Spring Hill Ave. Temple
***Bring frozen turkeys or canned goods for Central Pres. Food Pantry**

Next Sunday - November 15

Join us next Sunday, November 15, 2026, as Reverend Lamar continues her sermon series "Steadfast." She will preach on Matthew 14:22-33 with a sermon on worship titled, "Do Not Fear." Music includes our Made for Praise Children's Choir singing two of their favorites. The Sanctuary Choir begins with an Introit from the Psalms, "Enter His Presence." The choral anthem is from the Russian Sacred School by Mikhail Ippolitiv-Ivanov, "O Bless the Lord My Soul." The organ prelude and postlude are by Douglas E. Wagner: "Soliloquy from Psalm 139" and "Variations in G Minor on Psalm 52."

FLOWER DEDICATIONS

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact Ann Adams at 251-591-8586, or *email her by clicking this link.*



MEMORIAL SERVICES

The Memorial Service for **Gary Curran** has been rescheduled for Thursday, **November 19** at 11 a.m. with a reception following in the Library.

Read Gary Curran's obituary here.

The Memorial Service for **Nancy Graham** is scheduled for Saturday, **January 16** at 10 a.m.

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CHRISTIAN FORMATION

SUNDAYS

- Sunday Book Study for Adults: 9:30 a.m. in the Church Library.
- Gospel 101 Sunday School for Adults: 9:30 a.m. upstairs in the Multi-purpose room.
- Children and Youth Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (Children begin with singing in the corner Children's classroom on the 1st floor before dividing by age.) Youth meet in the youth room upstairs.

MONDAYS

- Circles of Hope and Joy: Next meeting is Monday the 9th at the Guesnard House, The gathering begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Bible study at 6 p.m. All are welcome. Contact: Sallye Irvine or Shelley Hood.

TUESDAYS

- Bible Study for Women, 9 a.m. at the home of Ann Adams
- Bible Study for Women, 10 a.m. at the church and via Zoom. Contact: Mary Elizabeth Perry.

WEDNESDAYS

- The Wednesday Bible Study Group meets at noon at the home of Beth Rouse.
- Men's Bible Study meets at 6 p.m. at the church and via Zoom. Contact: Bo Perry.

STUDY FOR WOMEN

- Young Women's Bible Study: Monthly in the Guesnard House.



NANCY SMITH'S SCHEDULE:

I am always happy to talk with anyone and visitors are most welcome. My times at church are as follows: Sunday 8:30-12; Monday 9-1, 4:30-7:30; Tuesday 9-2;Wednesday 9-1, 4:30-8:30; Thursday 9-2. Friday mornings, I work from home, and can always be reached via email, text or phone (678-602-1613). My home email is *nsmithmusdir@gmail.com.*

MADE FOR PRAISE!!
CHILDREN'S CHOIR

PARENTS ~ We need all of your children at rehearsal this coming **Sunday, November 8** at 9:30, and again next **Sunday, November 15** at 9:30. We will sing in worship that day! Flyers will be sent home with children this coming Sunday. This wonderful quote from musician Nancy Kopman gives a joyful insight to singing children. "Every child has a song inside. It's our job to turn up the volume!"

Parents, we love the opportunity to make music with your children. We look forward to seeing all of them on Sunday!
with love and prayers,

Ms. Nancy and Ms. Gabi

ADULT MUSIC MINISTRIES

SANCTUARY CHOIR continues work on anthems and introits for Sundays, as well as our upcoming Lessons and Carols on **Sunday, December 20** at 10:30 a.m. If you love Celtic Music, come and join us for rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. We welcome anyone, youth and adults, who would like to sing with us for this festive service of the ancient Lessons, Carols and Celtic Anthems. Oh, did I mention bagpipes? All Are Welcome!

CHANCEL BELLS will be playing for us on Sunday, **November 22!** They have been working hard on their music for Christ the King/Thanksgiving Sunday, and also on pieces for Christmas Eve. We have an awesome group of women and one dear gentleman (my hubby, H.T.) who ring with joy on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. Thank you to this amazing group for their time, talents and beautiful presence.

WINTER SOLSTICE BLUE CHRISTMAS: MONDAY, DECEMBER 21 at 5:30 p.m.
Please join us for this quiet service of Prose, Poetry and Piano. This service is for those who are mourning, lonely, or just need a quiet reflective time in the hustle and bustle of the coming Season. Come listen, light candles and let your prayers rise as incense.

VESPER BELLS continues work on the EPIPHANY BELL AND CAROL CONCERT, on **Sunday, January 10 at 4 P.M**. This concert will be a festive end to the Christmas Season. Please plan to invite your family and friends for an afternoon of music and a cozy reception of hot cider and goodies. Musical events are a great way to invite a friend to church. Plan now to bring everyone you know!



TUESDAY LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

Come to lunch! The congregation and community are invited to the fall "Tuesday Lunch and Learn at GSPC" series. Each week through November 17, we'll have a lunch with a guest speaker from the community. The lunches are held from noon to 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The cost is $10, which includes drinks and dessert.

Nov. 10: No Speaker

Nov. 17: Jack Brunet, author of ***My Story: Medic,*** a memoir of his year in Vietnam.

Last Tuesday we had a great crowd for the Tuesday Lunch and Learn! Our guest speaker was Sandy Stimpson, chairman of the Mobile Airport Authority.



LUNCH & LEARN WILL CONTINUE IN JANUARY

and we need your help!

If you have a suggestion for a guest speaker or a topic that you would be interested in learning more about, please contact the church office.



ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree will be set up in the lobby area on **November 15.** Please stop by, pick an angel from the tree, and buy Christmas presents for someone in need. More information concerning deadlines, etc., will be coming soon, so stay tuned.

CALLING ALL CHEFS!

The Congregational Care Committee is asking for volunteers to help prepare food for Memorial Receptions, Take Them A Meal, and other GSPC events. If you are interested in preparing food for our congregation, please let the church office know. Email jennifer@gspcmobile.org.





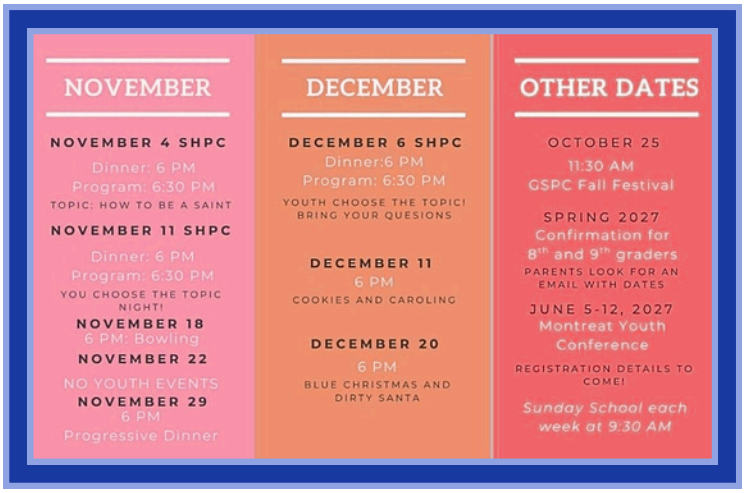
HELP NEEDED

Making Scented Sachets for McKemie Place

Members of the **Missions Committee** are seeking volunteers to help make holiday sachets for the women of McKemie Place. These are small, hand-stitched or embroidered scented sachets. If you would like to participate in this project, please contact Meredith Johnston at 251-323-5954 or mwjohnston@crimson.ua.edu. Thanks to those who have already committed to participate in this project.

YOUTH

NEXT MEETING is Wednesday, November 11:
Meet at Spring Hill Presbyterian Church at 6 p.m. for dinner. Program begins at 6:30 p.m.







Parents of Nursery - 3K Children:

Join us at Hackmeyer Park as we learn fun and creative ways to pray! Bring your little ones along with a towel or blanket to sit on. We'll also have time for a snack and to play with church friends. We hope to see you there!

Please sign up using the Facebook event. Hackmeyer park is in the Llanfair subdivision. The address is 300 Amruth Drive. *See the map here.*



GSPC members are encouraged to upload a photo to their Realm profile. Having a photo in the directory helps the people who are new to our community! If you need help, call Jennifer at 251- 432-1749, or email her your photo to *jennifer@gspcmobile.org* and she will upload it for you. Need help logging in for the first time? Call Jennifer. She is happy to help.

STILL SEARCHING

for the next Director of Christian Formation / Associate Pastor for Christian Formation

The church staff is seeking applicants for the following position: **Director of Christian Formation / Associate Pastor for Christian Formation.** GSPC has partnered with Ministry Architects to conduct a search for a Director of Christian Formation / Associate Pastor for Christian Formation.

This is the link to the job posting.

The job link is also available on the *GSPC website.*

Cick here to view more details about this job opportunity and to apply.



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To add your prayer request online, scan the QR code. You may also email the church office at jennifer@gspcmobile.org or contact Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar.

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Prayers for Support:

- The congregation extends Christian sympathy to **the family of Nancy Graham**.
- The congregation extends Christian sympathy to **the family of Gary Curran**.
- The congregation extends Christian sympathy to **Barbara Williams** and her family following the death of her son, Brandon Shute.

Prayers for Safety and Strength:

- All those affected by Hurricane Isaias.
- Love and prayers for Sallye Irvine's first coursin, **Dan English**, who is fighting cancer.
- Prayers for peace for **Ellen Sheedy**, (Dan English's daugher and cousin of Sallye Irvine) and a safe delivery of her baby girl, who is due in the coming weeks.

Prayers for Thanksgiving:

- Sally Pearsall requests prayers for the safe return of her grandchildren, **Emily and David Ericson,** from Europe, and for the safe return of Emily's fiance **Maxime**.
- **Thomas Patrick Jackson,** who is home following a stay in the NICU after an early arrival on 10/3/2026.
- **Gene Glass**, Susan Ashbee's brother-in-law, discovered his bile duct cancer is Stage 1 with no metastasis. He is regaining strength in rehab. Susan thanks the congregation for their prayers.

Prayers for Healing:

- Prayers for Marlyn Ogburn's sister, **Mary Ann Long,** who is recovering from a fall resulting in cracked ribs and stitches. Mary Ann is doing better, but still unable to resume her duties as the caregiver for her husband. Please pray for healing and support for them both.
- **Sarah Hale**, mother of Carter Hale, is at Palm Gardens Nursing Home on hospice care.
- **John Peebles** requests continued prayers for his good friend, who is recovering from pancreatic surgery.
- **Charlotte Crockett** is receiving medical treatment in Tuscaloosa.
- **Carter Hale, Jr.** Prayers for continued healing following his August scooter accident. He had a second procedure for wound care on his leg. He is off crutches and will resume physical therapy soon.
- **Beth Morrissette** requests prayers for a friend who has complicated and widespread cancer that was discovered late. She asks for prayers for her family, friends and treatment team.
- **Elizabeth Trice**, mother of Frank Trice, following a stroke in September.
- Jane Hale's friend, **Jennifer Morgan**, will soon begin treatment for kidney cancer.
- Lynn McDaniel requests prayers for a positive outcome for **Tommie Major** who is starting chemo and radiation treatment this week.