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VIEWS FROM INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evening at IPC with the Rev. Dr. F. Morgan Roberts

The IPC Annual Giving Campaign receives an encouraging send off this fall with the return of former IPC interim pastor, **The Rev. Dr. F. Morgan Roberts**, who will deliver a message to the entire congregation on **Tuesday night, September 20, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are invited to attend.** Dr. and Mrs. Roberts will greet old friends and meet new ones immediately following his sermon at a reception in the Parlor. Please make plans to attend. A nursery will be provided.

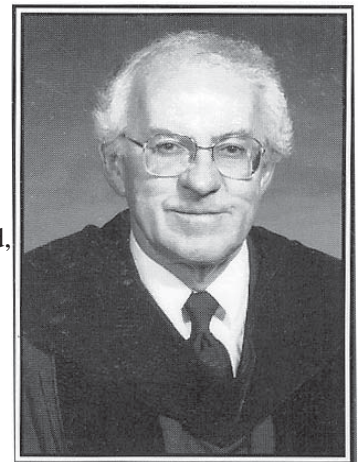
Whatever You Do

Building on the past two year's themes of "Blessed to Be A Blessing," the Stewardship Committee chose a simple but profound stewardship theme this year based on the scripture found in Colossians 3:17 "Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, GIVING THANKS to God the Father through him."

"Give Thanks" enfolds our understanding that all that we have, and all that we are, belong to God. How we steward (that is, how we take care of, and make decisions about) our resources is a way we give God Thanks. The resources of our time, the money in our care, and even our God-given talents and abilities are gifts from God, and our decision about what we "do" with these gifts is our way of GIVING THANKS to God for all God's blessings to us. We are blessed with our families, our church, our vocations and careers, our emotions, our intellect, our volunteer service, our creative talents, and especially our opportunities to serve Christ in "whatever we do." All that we do, including our participation in supporting the annual budget of IPC, is an act of thanks to God in the name of our Lord Jesus.

Give Thanks

So, this year, GIVE THANKS. By making a pledge of support for the church you have been called to, the church you have joined, and where volunteer opportunities abound to be involved in the life of the church, and in the practice of Christian fellowship and mission "follow-ship" of our Lord.



Rev. Dr. F. Morgan Roberts
IPC Interim Pastor
1995-1998

Show Thanks

IPC is truly blessed with faithful members who trust God and who "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good." (Psalm 107:1) **This year, our prayer is that EVERY MEMBER will "Give Thanks" to God and "Show Thanks."**

Let us know how we can help you in your thankfulness.

*The Stewardship Committee –
Beth Adams and Jimmy Holloway, Co-Chairs*

Look for this logo in the weekly Eupdate, on the IPC website, through directed mailings and on postings around the church. Think "*thankfulness.*" Pray fervently. And respond when asked to SHOW your thanks. It isn't always the AMOUNT of the response, but THAT you respond that allows God to bless and multiply all our collective gifts of thanks to our good Lord.

give
Thanks
Colossians 3:17



The Rev. Dr. Conrad Sharps

Giving Thanks

“Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, GIVING THANKS to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17


Ask most mature young adults what the most precious thing their parents ever gave, and I'm betting they will tell you "Time." How true this is in other important human relationships as well. Although I may have many responsibilities as a pastor -- one responsibility that never fades from my mind is that of pastoral care. But this is not only true for pastors. All people need time. It is the most precious gift (given in the form of our presence) that we give others to show how much we care.

Although I didn't know it at the time, I was on the receiving end of this "gift of presence" when my father was very ill in Florida. At my father's funeral, someone asked if I would like to meet a minister who had visited with my father. I said, "Yes, of course." And he introduced me to Dr. Morgan Roberts. Growing up in Pittsburgh and later throughout the Presbyterian Church and Louisville Seminary, I had known Morgan only by reputation but had never met him. I will never forget his kindness and his pastoral care to my father and to me. I give thanks to God for Nora and Morgan Roberts who so graciously gave of their time to visit my father and mother in their time of need.

Now, I am very excited that Morgan is again giving of his time to come and speak once more to our congregation for this year's Stewardship Kickoff. (Tuesday, September 20, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are invited to attend.)

We all have much for which to be thankful, especially our opportunities to serve Christ in everything we do. The result is pure joy from giving thanks to God through fruitful acts of Christian discipleship and commitment.

I also give thanks to God for you, the congregation. I am thankful for your steadfast faith and your many acts of discipleship. To be a disciple of Jesus Christ is to be in the truest sense a person dedicated to God. Discipleship is the action believers take by following Christ, worshipping God, growing in our faith, showing our thanks by sharing generously, and serving Christ in our world.

Let us all *"do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."* And like the faithful before us, let us humble ourselves before God, seeking first his face, and then withholding nothing from our labors. 

"Giving thanks to God through fruitful acts of Christian discipleship and commitment."

LIVING IN SERVICE TO OTHERS...

SUGGESTED FOOD PANTRY ITEMS

September 4

Cereal &

Canned/Dry Milk

September 11

Peanut Butter

Crackers

September 18

Chili/Canned Beans

September 25

Breakfast Bars

First Light Women's Shelter Items

for September

Towels/Wash Cloths/

Dish Towels

CALL FOR A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

September 11, 2011.

The meeting of the Independent Presbyterian Church is hereby called for Sunday, September 11, 2011, to be convened with the opening prayer at the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary. The business meeting will begin immediately following the worship service.

The purposes of the meeting are:

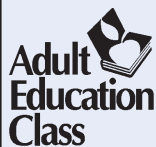
1. That the office of trustee of Independent Presbyterian Church (IPC), which is currently vested in the Board of Directors of the IPC Foundation, be reassigned to the IPC Session;
2. To elect elders for the class of 2014.
3. To elect deacons for the class of 2014.
4. To elect a President and Vice-President of the Congregation.
5. To elect members of the IPC Foundation Board of Directors
6. To elect the Representative Nominating Committee class of 2014
7. To consider the sale of property at 465 Park Ave. and 513 Park Avenue.
8. To receive as information the action of Session to function under the current requirements of the *Book of Order* in regard to meeting notification and quorum until such time as new bylaws and a manual of operations are prepared and approved.

No other business may be transacted at this meeting.

By order of the Session, Conrad Sharps, Moderator Jeanne Monk, Clerk

Upcoming Events at IPC

September 7 - Nov. 16 Wednesday night Fall classes
 September 7 All Children & Youth Choirs begin
 September 8 IPC Presbyterian Women Kick Off Event
 September 11 Congregational Meeting: Election of Church Officers
 September 11 Teacher Commissioning in worship
 September 11 - November 27 Fall Term Classes
 September 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2 Grace Groups Registration
 September 11 A 9/11 Remembrance Service: Prayers, hymns, readings & Faure's Requiem
 September 20 4th Quarter Morning Coffee/History discussion by historian Jim Phillips
 September 20 6 p.m. Dr. Morgan Roberts in Sanctuary
 September 29 4th Quarter Bus Tour of Bham with historian Jim Phillips & lunch at John's Restaurant
 October 2 Choir Dedication Sunday
 October 3 STAIR begins
 October 9 - Nov. 19 Fall Grace Groups
 October 13 - 4th Quarter Fall trip to Mentone
 October 16 IPC Fall Festival at Fresh Air Farm
 October 30 All Saints' Evensong
 November 6, 13, 20 November Organ Series
 December 4 IPC Choir Christmas Concert
 December 10 & 11 Holiday House Tour
 December 18 Evening Prayer
 December 22 Westminster Choir Christmas Tour
 December 24 Nativity Service, noon
 December 24 Service of Nine lessons and Carols, 4 pm and 6 pm



LEARNING
 ADULT FALL TERM
 CLASSES 2011
 September 11 - November 27

**"Wednesday Night" begins
 September 7**

Fall term adult classes begin on Sunday, September 11, and end Sunday, November 27. Fall term Wednesday night classes begin Wednesday, September 7, and end Wednesday, November 16. Weekday classes begin during the month of September and continue into December. Please look for the Adult Education brochure with more details in early September.

Please note: Dr. Sharps' Sunday School class, "Life Applications," which was scheduled to meet in the Chapel beginning in September, has been postponed.

The Day School

will hold Visitation as well as beginning classes on Tuesday, September 6 and Wednesday, September 7. School will not be in session on Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day.

The staff is looking forward to another wonderful year in the Day School and welcomes new staff members Betsy Belser and Anne Snyder. Carol Boudreaux is now the Day School Administrative Assistant and Nancy Riley is our Day School Secretary.



Birmingham Men's Club Back on Mondays

The Birmingham Men's Club, a program for men of the church and community, will kick off an awesome new year of luncheon meetings on Monday, September 26, and we hope you'll join us! The reasonably priced lunch you'll be served (\$8.00) is guaranteed to be delicious....and no dues or other fees are ever required. The events begin with a Social Hour at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor, followed by a program and luncheon at 11:00 a.m. in the Great Hall.

Mike Warren, Chairman of the Board of Children's Hospital and former Chairman of the Board of Energen and Alabama Gas, will serve as keynote speaker for the September meeting and remember that our monthly meetings are now back on Mondays! Please contact Jeannine Usher (933-3694 or jusher@ipc-usa.org)

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 933-1830

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Aly Butts, Director Youth Ministries
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Nate Sell, Assistant Director
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IPC Africa Mission Team Tell Their Story

Join members of the Mwandi Mission team as they recount their most recent trip to Zambia on **Sunday, September 4, at 10:00 in room 305-307**. A special DVD presentation produced by IPC member **Adam Sutherland** will be shown, and other members of the team will share their stories and experiences. All adults and youth are invited to attend!

Preschool Sunday School and Worship Care

Our age levels at IPC are based on the same requirements as the Alabama school systems of being born on or before September 1 of a particular year. A child stays with the same class for the entire year and should not be promoted out of a class and into the next age level after a birthday. Promotion Sunday is the first Sunday in June each year.

God Loves Me, a curriculum written in a Reformed tradition, presents Bible stories in 52 sessions to take the older toddlers and twos on a journey through the Bible in a variety of ways. They will hear faith stories to help them understand that God loves us and gives us good gifts.

Preschool 2s – Room G05

Wee Believe is Presbyterian Church (USA) curriculum that will be taught in the preschool Church School classes. Throughout the year children will be introduced to major personalities of the Old and New Testaments. The fall term begins with the story of Joseph and moves through the Exodus and Exile of the children of Israel. The winter terms starts with the birth of Jesus and moves on to the baptism and miracles of Jesus.

Three-Year-Olds – Rooms G08

Four-Year-Olds – Rooms G12

Music: Two-year-olds through four-year-olds go to the Music Room every Sunday to sing their favorite songs and to learn new ones as part of their Church School program.

Worship Care is available during worship services:

Infants and Toddlers – Room G25,

Early Service: 8:30 a.m.

Two through Five-year-olds – Room G25

Late Service: 10:50 a.m.

Two-year-olds – G05

Three-year-olds – G08

Four-year-olds – G12

Nursery Care is available from 8:30 to 12:15 Room 25



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We Believe is a Presbyterian Church (USA) curriculum that will be taught in kindergarten and first grade. This curriculum tells the stories of our faith in a variety of ways to allow for different learning styles as well as for age appropriateness. This curriculum encourages biblical literacy at all age levels.

Kindergarten & First Grade – 108/110

Old Testament Servants of God is a *Faith for Life 2* curriculum that will be taught in the second grade class. This curriculum introduces the children to many men and women of faith in the Old Testament. Through these faithful people, they will learn that just as the people of Bible times were called to be God's servants, so persons today, including children, are called to serve God.

Second Grade - 112

God's People Worship is a *Faith for Life 2* curriculum that will be taught in the third grade class. This curriculum focuses on worship as something we do and teaches the children about the different parts of worship. The purpose of this class is to help the children gain a better understanding of what it means to worship.

Third Grade – 113

I Know My Bible is a Presbyterian Church (USA) curriculum that will be taught in the fourth grade class. This curriculum is designed to be an overview course of the Bible that will help the children know the major stories of the Bible and where they are in the Bible, as well as how the Bible flows from book to book. The purpose of this course is to help the children gain the knowledge and assurance to say, "I know my Bible!" Fourth Grade will review Old and New Testaments and Fifth Grade will study the New Testament.

Fourth Grade – Rooms 111

Fifth Grade – Room 109

Faithfully Asking Questions is a Presbyterian Church (USA) curriculum that will be taught in sixth grade. This quarterly curriculum connects faith questions collected from Presbyterian youth with questions from the Study Catechism: Confirmation Version. The children will bring their questions to the Bible and learn to navigate Scripture as they address issues of life and faith.

Sixth Grade – Room 107

IPC Youth

Big things are happening with IPC Youth! A new website, a newly renovated youth space, and most importantly, many new faces are all reasons to celebrate as we begin another school year. The youth kicked off the year with a Sr. High Lock-in, a Back to School Party, and an Open House showing off the new youth wing. We are looking forward to working with our new confirmation class, which is offered to IPC 9th graders, beginning on Aug. 28. We also would love for all of our Jr. and Sr. High youth to participate in a small group this year. These groups begin on Sept. 18, and are a great way to talk about faith, have a meal together, and get to know youth your own age. Keep an eye out for more details!

Coming up, we have a coffee hour for parents during the Sunday school hour on Sept. 18. We hope that this will be an opportunity to visit with fellow parents, talk to Aly and Nate, and to learn more about our program. Please check our new youth page at www.ipcyouth.org frequently for upcoming events, info, and pictures. You can also access the Youth website through the IPC website (click on [Youth](#)). As always, please email Aly (abutts@ipc-usa.org) or Nate (nsell@ipc-usa.org) with any questions. We look forward to spending time with our youth, growing in our faith, and having a great year together!

Thanks!

Nate Sell

Assistant Youth Director

Wednesday Nights at IPC

There is so much you and your family can be involved in on Wednesday nights

September 7-November 16, 2011:

Dinner with your family:

The dinner line opens at 5:00 and reservations must be made by noon Monday. Call Nancy Skinner at 933-1830 to reserve a place for dinner. **CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE.** DINNER PRICES: Adults and Youth (12-18)--\$8.00 nightly; Seniors (65+)--\$5.00 nightly; Salad bar without dessert--\$5.00 nightly; Salad bar with dessert--\$6.00 nightly; Children (preschool)--\$3.00 nightly; Children (5-11)--\$4.00 nightly; family maximum \$25.00 per night.

Children's and Youth Choirs:

Te Deum choir 5:00 to 6:00 – Grades 4-6

Junior choir 6:45 to 7:15 – Grades K-3

Westminster Choir 5:30 to 6:30 -- Grades 7-12

Contact Beth Middleton at 933-3675 for more information.

Children's Bible Study

Preschool Ages 3&4 – 6:00 – 7:15 Room G08 – Bible Stories

Grades K-3 – 5:45 – 6:45 Room 108/110 – *Bible Time Anytime – Journey With Paul*

Grades 4-6 – 6:15 – 7:15 Room 107 – *Be Tween – Exploring Faith and Christian Life*

For more information contact Cindy Coulter at ccoulter@ipc-usa.org or at 933-3730 or Mary Beasley and Kay Roller at marykay@ipc-usa.org or 933-3690

We will have several **mission/service opportunities** for Kindergarten through Sixth graders during the first semester.

Youth Bible Study (6:30 – 7:30):

Dinner at 5:00

Westminster Choir 5:30-6:30

Youth Fellowship 6:30-7:30

For more information contact Aly Butts at abutts@ipc-usa.org or at 933-3734 or Nate Sell at nsell@ipc-usa.org or at 933-3708.

Adult Classes (6:15 – 7:15):

Bible Study with Bill Casey – Room 308. William Barclay's *The Mind of Jesus* will be used as the text for this class.

Byzantium – Bonnie O'Dell Campos presents this DVD series in room 301.

The Christ-Haunted Landscape – The Altamont School's Jim Palmer reprises this course in room 307. Southern authors, including Flannery O'Connor who dubbed the American South as "Christ-haunted," are featured in this study.

Embrace – Room 303 – Bible Study for young women; led by Lauren Sharps (begins at 7:00). This group will use *Work in Progress* by Kristin Armstrong.

From Snapshots to Photographs – Local photographer and IPC member Virginia Jones will meet for this five-week course (September 7-October 5) designed for the amateur photographer who wants to improve the quality of their photographs. Class is limited to ten participants, who must commit to the one and one-half hour class (6:15-7:45). Class meets in room 309. Registration is available with Virginia at virgjones@gmail.com.

Helping Our Children Grow in Faith in Today's World – Join Kay Roller and Cindy Shaw in room 304 for a discussion group aimed at women raising children in today's world.

**In September
What's Cooking?**



IPC Wednesday Night Dinners

**SALAD BAR, ROLLS,
CORN BREAD, &
DESSERT FOR EVERY
WEDNESDAY NIGHT
DINNER**

SEPTEMBER 7

STUFFED CHICKEN
MARSALA, GARLIC
MASHED POTATOES,
FRESH GREEN
BEANS

Children:

CHICKEN SANDWICH
CHIPS

SEPTEMBER 14

MEAT LOAF, FRIED
CREAMED CORN,
BLACK-EYED PEAS

Children:

CHEESEBURGER
FRIES

SEPTEMBER 21

SMOKED PORK,
BAKED POTATO BAR,
BARBEQUE BEANS

Children:

HOT DOGS
MAC & CHEESE

SEPTEMBER 28

CHICKEN W/CAPERS
& CREAM SAUCE,
ANGEL HAIR PASTA,
BROCCOLI AND
CARROTS

Children:

CHICKEN TENDERS
FRIES

**Kim Martin,
Director,
Food Service
IPC**

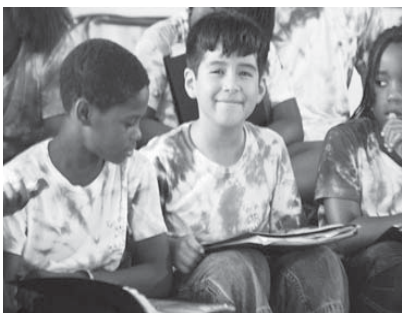
SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM

A Letter Home from Camp

Dear Church Family,

Can it really be possible that the second year of our Summer Learning Program has ended? It has to be true, because I distinctly remember our closing ceremony at the Pavilion at the Farm July 29. Many of you were so kind to come, and I really appreciate it. Our music teacher, Susie Bagwell, did an outstanding job of creating a program that showcased the stars of the show; the children.

Over the course of the summer, there were days that were a blur, while others seemed suspended in time. Our last field trip to the McWane Center was a little of both: a blur because the children had so much fun that the day flew by, but also memorable because they were totally engrossed in the experience. But that day is suspended for not such a great reason, too. On the way to the McWane Center, one of our little girls pointed out a young man in traffic near us, and correctly identified him as being a gang



member. She said that the people who dressed like him always shot guns in her neighborhood. Another day started with the news from several of our campers that they couldn't sleep the night before because of the gunfire near their homes. Almost daily, the language used and rap songs sung by the children was cruel and degrading. These children have been exposed to the worst of life, and it is a part of our mission to offer positive thoughts and concepts to counter and hopefully to replace the negative ones.

We had one such victory as we practiced for the closing ceremony. A few children began to rap using one of our key scriptures from Psalms, "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it." It caught on quickly, and soon all of the children were rapping scripture, which we included in the ceremony. This was totally child



created and driven without any suggestion whatsoever from the adults. It was a perfect affirmation that we have made a difference in the lives of our children.

IPC gave the children a wonderful academic and enriching six week camp in a loving and nurturing and safe environment. The program was a success on many independent levels, combining together to be one fabulous mission. Your many gifts were blessed by God to make a success of the summer learning program, and I am truly grateful for the love and support each of you has shown to this program and to me.

Seeds were planted at the Farm this summer. Please join me in praying that God will continue to use us for the nurturance of these tender souls.

Love in Christ, **Gini**

Gini Williams Children's Fresh Air Farm Director
Independent Presbyterian Church (photos by Virginia Jones) 6



This is what your STAIR student will look like after one year with you as tutor!

Training provided for New Tutors and New Substitute Tutors (and veterans who want a refresher). Choose one session, and please let Evelyn know which one you will attend.

Wednesday, September 7, 3:30 till 5:30

Monday, September 12, 3:00 till 5:00

Monday, September 26, 3:00 till 5:00

All training will be at Independent Presbyterian on the first floor.

Questions: Contact Evelyn Puckett
stair@ipc-usa.org 933-3684 Office

LIBRARY NOTES

Why Jesus Matters is a revision of George W. Stroup's *Jesus Christ for Today*, first published in 1982. It was written for the lay Christian rather than professional theologians and attempts to explain two issues – why Christology is so important and why theologians continue to write books about Jesus.

Old Testament Wisdom was written by James L. Crenshaw. The Princeton Seminary Bulletin describes Crenshaw as one of the leading specialists in the Old Testament Wisdom literature. This third edition contains a new chapter on knowledge about God and the ancient sages' understanding about revelation, also a revision on his treatment of Psalms, and an assessment of how the Gospels depict Jesus' teachings regarding Job and Ecclesiastes.

The Meal Jesus Gave Us, by Tom Wright, Bishop of Durham, "explains in clear and vivid style the background to the Last Supper, the ways in which Christians have interpreted this event over the centuries, and what it all means for us today."

Grieving Your Path Back to Peace is James R. White's offering to show us the importance of grieving our losses. He points out that each of us processes grief in our own ways, even with the similarities of the experiences we go through, and offers hope for peace as we work through this difficult time.

Meryl Doney's *How the Bible Came to Us* is subtitled *The story of the book that changed the world*. It contains information and many illustrations concerning writers of both Old and New Testaments, timelines of events during Bible times, the many translators and translations, and the spread of the Bible throughout the world. Though designed for children, someone of any age will have a better understanding of how we came to have this most important book.

The Library Committee

4th Quarter Lunch Bunch
 Join us & celebrate Fall!
Tuesday, Sept. 27
12:00 noon
Surin West Restaurant
 located in Crestline

Call Jeannine Usher (933-3694) for reservations, then meet us at Surin West on the 27th!

Presbyterian Women (all women at IPC)

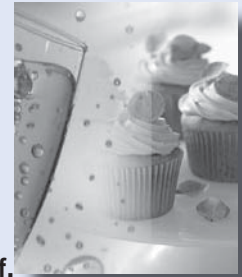
You're invited! Enjoy the sunset and celebrate!

Join us for *Dessert & Bubbly* for a fun evening with fellow women of our church.

Thursday, September 8, 2011 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
 Plaza Level at the Capri on Caldwell
 1300 27th Place South 35205
 (Lauren & Conrad's condominium building)

Call Betsy Middlebrooks 933-3731
 (reservations by Sept. 1)

Childcare provided at IPC by the church Nursery staff.



4th Quarter Returns to Mentone in October!

The 4th Quarter group will return to Mentone this Fall, on **Thursday, October 13**, for a fun-filled day trip to the mountain homes of Libby Kidd and Nancy Skinner, which will include another delicious lunch, a tour around to take in the Fall leaves....and a chance to relax and visit with your IPC friends. Cindy Shaw has all the details about this now-annual event.

IPC Fall Festival
October 16 at the Farm

The Partner's Committee is proud and excited to announce plans for this year's Fall Festival. The Festival will be held on Sunday, October 16, at the Children's Fresh Air Farm. Events will include live music, dinner, games for the kids, a bonfire and more. More details and registration forms will be available soon!

All are invited!! Come join the fun!!



4th Quarter: Two-part September Event!

Morning Coffee: Tuesday, Sept. 20 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon in Great Hall Cost: \$6.00 (includes refreshments & speaker fee)
 Historian Jim Phillips will share his knowledge of Birmingham and bring his portable museum of Birmingham artifacts. As a follow-up to the historical presentation, Jim will lead a Bus Tour around Birmingham on Thursday, September 29, then the group will enjoy lunch together at John's Restaurant.

Bus Tour & Lunch: Thursday, Sept. 29 Begins at 10:00 a.m. Cost: \$10.00 + the cost of lunch. *Tickets are limited for this event.* Reservations must be made separately for each of these events, as space is limited for the Bus Tour on September 29. Contact Cindy Shaw (933-3696) or Jeannine Usher (933-3694).

CHANGES IN COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Clothing Closet

Community Ministries is making a transition with regard to the Clothing Closet. In recent years, we have had less traffic and less demand for our clothing closet. In years past, our Fresh Air Farm families were here at IPC at least 7 or 8 times during a year. With changes in our Fresh Air Farm programming, that is no longer the case. The current space being used for the Clothing Closet is small, and we quickly are overloaded, making it difficult to keep it organized.



The 23rd Street Baptist Church, home church to **André Asberry**, our Facilities Manager, has a Clothing Closet which sees much more activity than ours. We will be transferring the items that are currently in our Closet to the **23rd Street Baptist Church (331 23rd Street South, Birmingham, AL 35233)**

Members may take clothes directly to the Baptist Church or if they leave clothing items in the Community Ministries area, we will have a schedule of delivering to the new location. This change will enable us to move our current Food Pantry into a larger space which is more accessible to Community Ministries.

Dale Head, Assistant Director, Community Ministries

GRACE GROUPS
REGISTRATION BEGINS IN
SEPTEMBER



The always-hectic Fall will be here soon! To help you with your planning, here's some information about Fall Grace

Groups. We do hope that you'll be able to join a Grace Group and take part in this wonderful opportunity to learn, grow and get to know other church members.

Registration: Sunday, Sept. 11, 18, 25 & Oct. 2 – Parlor
Fall Session: October 9 – November 19
Study: The Beatitudes

Cindy Shaw is currently looking for new Grace Group leaders. Please contact Cindy (933-3696 or cshaw@ipc-usa.org) if you have an interest in serving as a Grace Group leader or if you have any questions about our Fall Grace Groups.



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From the Music Suite

MUSIC DEPARTMENT EVENTS FOR THE FALL

September 11 – 9/11 Remembrance Service featuring the Requiem of Gabriel Faure, 7:00 p.m.

October 2 – Choir Dedication Sunday (all choirs at the 11:00 service)

NOVEMBER ORGAN RECITAL SERIES, 4:00 p.m.

(Organ concerts to be held at local churches while our new organ is being installed)

Nov. 6 Isabelle Demers performs at St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands Episcopal Church

Nov. 13 Christopher Houllihan performs at Reid Chapel, Samford University

Nov. 20 Jeremy Filsell performs at The Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Vestavia Hills

December 4 – IPC Choir Christmas Concert, 4:00 p.m.

December 22 – Westminster Choir Christmas Tour

December 24 – Nativity Service, noon

December 24 – Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, 4:00 & 6:00 p.m.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHOIRS BEGIN SEPT. 7

There is a choir for you - won't you join us?

Junior Choir (Grades K-3) focuses on developing rhythm and singing tone in young singers. Through entertaining liturgical songs/anthems and games, singers will begin to develop their individual musical skills. The Junior Choir will robe and sing on Choir Dedication Sunday, Christmas Eve and Palm Sunday. Rehearsals are Wednesdays 6:45-7:15 p.m.

Te Deum Choir (Grades 4-6) – Te Deum means “*We Praise Thee, O God.*” This choir is a rehearsal choir that will sing monthly during the Fall and for Palm Sunday in the Spring. During rehearsal, singers focus on good musicianship, advancing ear training/sight singing, and the development of the adolescent voice. No previous choir experience is required! Rehearsals are Wednesdays 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Westminster Choir (Grades 7-12) continues the development of the changing voice. This choir sings monthly in worship, and for special services that will be announced. Rehearsals are Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Primary Players (Grades 3-6) is a new musical group that will consist of a maximum of 8 players. The members will learn beginning handbells, Orff instruments, and drumming. We will enjoy playing during special musical services and as accompaniment to anthems. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 4:30-5:00 p.m.

Choir Dedication Sunday is October 2. The IPC Choir will be singing the 8:45 service, and the 11:00 service will feature ALL of the choirs of IPC - Jr. Choir, Te Deum, Westminster Choir and the IPC Choir!

A SPECIAL 9/11 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE will be held in our sanctuary on September 11, 7:00 p.m. Along with prayers, hymns, and readings, the IPC Choir will sing Gabriel Faure's *Requiem*. *All are invited.*

