



INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
*Christ our Cornerstone*



Holy Week



*The Window*

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VIEWS FROM INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## The Great Vigil of Easter

**Celebrating what God has done, is doing, and will do.**

**The Great Vigil of Easter Service will be held jointly with the choirs and congregations of IPC and Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of Mountain Brook Presbyterian. Plan to come and be a part of this fantastic service!**

**The Great Vigil of Easter is the brightest jewel of Christian liturgy traced to early Christian times.**

It proclaims the universal significance of God's saving acts in history through four related services held on the same occasion:

### THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

*The service begins in the darkness of night.* In kindling new fire and lighting the paschal candle, we are reminded that Christ came as a light shining in darkness. Through the use of fire, candles, words, movement, and music, the worshipping community becomes the pilgrim people of God following the "pillar of fire" given to us in Jesus Christ, the light of the world. The paschal candle is used throughout the service as a symbol for Jesus Christ. This candle is carried, leading every procession during the vigil. Christ, the light of the world, thus provides the unifying thread to the service.

### THE SERVICE OF READINGS

The second part of the vigil consists of a series of readings from the Old and New Testaments. These lessons provide a panoramic view of what God has done for humanity. We are reminded of our delivery from the bondage in the exodus, of God's calling us to faithfulness

through the cry of the prophets, of God dwelling among us in Jesus Christ, and Christ's rising in victory from the tomb. The readings thus retell our "holy history" as God's children, summarizing the faith into which we are baptized.

### THE SERVICE OF BAPTISM

In the earliest years of the Christian church, baptisms commonly took place at the vigil. So this vigil includes the renewal of the baptismal covenant. As with the natural symbol of light, water plays a critical role in the vigil. The image of water giving life—nurturing crops, sustaining life, and cleansing our bodies—cannot be missed in this part of the vigil. Nor is the ability of water to inflict death in drowning overlooked. Water brings both life and death. So also there is death and life in Baptism, for in Baptism we die to sin and are raised to life. Baptism unites believers to Christ's death and resurrection.

### SERVICE OF THE EUCHARIST

The vigil climaxes in a joyous celebration of the feast of the people of God. **The risen Lord invites all to participate in the new life he brings by sharing the feast which he has prepared.** We thus look forward to the great Messianic feast of the kingdom of God when the redeemed from every time and place "will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God."

***The vigil thus celebrates what God has done, is doing, and will do.***



The Rev. Dr. Conrad Sharps

*Christ literally took the sting of death and the grave upon himself on the cross, and now we live in light of the Resurrection.*

**LIVING IN SERVICE TO OTHERS...**

**SUGGESTED FOOD PANTRY ITEMS**

- April 3  
Canned Fruit/Vegetables
- April 10  
Rice & Dried Beans
- April 17  
Peanut Butter & Jelly
- April 24  
Canned Meats/Chicken
- First Light Women's Shelter Items  
for April
- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste

## A Parent's Sacrifice

Every year as the celebration of Easter approaches, I recall a story that reveals to me the wonder of God's sacrificial love made known in Jesus Christ.

A man was driving down a country road with his son on a beautiful spring day. The windows of the car were open in order to appreciate the warm, gentle breezes and the fresh country air.

The father, not wanting the beauty of God's creation to go unnoticed, pulled over to the shoulder of the road where he and his son could observe a scenic panorama of the countryside. As he stopped the car, a bumblebee flew in and was buzzing around his son. This was of grave concern to the father because his son had been diagnosed as highly allergic to bee stings.

Acting very quickly the father reached out, grabbed the bee and attempted to throw him out the car window. The bee, however—now disoriented and agitated—flew right back in and landed on the child's shoulder. The father, now frantic, again seized the bee. This time, he clutched the bee in his fist until he was certain that the bee could no longer harm his child. His certainty lay in the fact that the bee's stinger was now buried deep within his own flesh.

The celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Day follows a week in which we acknowledge Christ's passion and sacrifice. We can celebrate because we know that God's love is even greater than that of a father's who, loving a child so deeply, takes the sting of a bee in order to protect the health and welfare of his child. Indeed, God, our heavenly Father, sent his own son that we might not perish, but have life abundant and eternal.

I am reminded of a portion of Paul's letter to the church at Corinth where he begins by quoting the Old Testament Book of Genesis and then applies it to the New Testament promise of victory in Jesus Christ.

*“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”*

*The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:55-57)*

Whatever struggles you face today, whatever temptations you fight or fears from which you run, take just a moment to lift them to God in prayer and rejoice in the good news that sin in our lives and in our world has been defeated. There is no longer any reason to dread life or fear death, for their sting is gone! Christ literally took the sting of death and the grave upon himself on the cross, and now we live in light of the Resurrection. Our hope is as real as any child whose father or mother loves deeply enough to make the supreme sacrifice, for this is what God has done for you and me in Jesus Christ.

**Starting today, let's live beyond the fear of the sting of death. Let us live in the knowledge of our victory in Jesus Christ.**



### The IPC Foundation: “Receiving” Thanks

The IPC Foundation “gives” grants annually, but throughout the year the Foundation receives thanks from many grant recipients. Beneficiaries locally and globally express their appreciation and describe the impact of the Foundation funds on their efforts to “serve humankind.”

*“How am I going to pay for all this?” A young woman asked me this question after I listened to her heart wrenching story of the 3 children she had rescued and taken into her home. I told her that we would figure out what she could do financially and then we would find the rest. I made this statement with the realization that beloved people around this city would have to fulfill my promise by offering support. Thank you for being an answer to this prayer!”* **From Restoration Academy, Fairfield**

Imagine the other “thank yous” that would be possible if the Foundation had more resources. Contact Executive Director Jim Wooten or Rev. Bobbie Epting at 933.1830 if you would like to help...and **THANK YOU!**

# Upcoming Events at IPC

- April 2** Youth Service Day at Whatley School  
**April 8** Parents Night Out at IPC  
**April 10** Youth Sunday and CROP Walk  
**April 15 & 16** Youth Spring Retreat at CFAF  
**April 17** Palm Sunday & IPC Easter Egg Hunt  
**April 20** Seder Meal for children K-6th grade  
**April 21** Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m.  
**April 22** Good Friday Service 12 noon;  
 church offices close at noon  
**April 23** Great Vigil of Easter: 7:00 p.m.  
 IPC choir and congregation join  
 Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church  
 at Mountain Brook Presbyterian  
**April 24** IPC Easter Sunday Service at the  
 Alabama Theatre at 10:00 a.m.  
**April 27** Spring term Wednesday Night ends  
**May 1** Resume worship services at 8:45 & 11:00  
 with church school at 10:00 a.m.  
**May 5** Cinco de Mayo with Youth Great Hall  
**May 5 & 6** 4th Quarter trip to Monroeville/ Gee's Bend  
**May 15 & 16** Focus on Faith with Dr. Tony Campolo  
**May 23-25** Montreat Conference - IPC co-sponsor  
**May 29** Spring term church school ends  
**May 28-June 11** Tentative dates for Africa Mission Trip  
**June 5-11** Senior High Youth Montreat  
**June 13-17** Vacation Bible School  
**June 13-17** BibleTimes Marketplace  
**June 19** IPC Choir Bon Voyage Concert  
**July 20-24** Montreat Middle School Conference  
**July 15-24** IPC Mexico Mission Trip

## Parents' Night Out April 8 (new date!)

Our next **Parents' Night Out** is Friday, April 8, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Cost is \$7.00/child, and you can register online, fill out a form & return it to Congregational Care or contact Jeannine Usher (933-3694 or [jusher@ipc-usa.org](mailto:jusher@ipc-usa.org)). Deadline for registering is Friday noon, day of the event! For children up to age 10.

## 4th Quarter Group:

### *A Day at the Lake in May!*

IPC's 4th Quarter group will enjoy a day at the Monks' Lake Martin Getaway:



**Thursday, May 12**  
**9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Ann & Richard Monk's Lake Martin Home**

**Day Includes: Lunch & Boat Rides**  
**Cost: \$35.00 (Price includes lunch & church transportation)**

We hope you'll join us for a fun-filled day in the sun with your IPC friends...enjoying great fellowship, delicious food and boat rides! **Space is limited, so make your reservations now by contacting Jeannine Usher (933-3694 or [jusher@ipc-usa.org](mailto:jusher@ipc-usa.org)).**

## MONTREAT is Calling!

What could be more compelling than answering a call to attend an informative conference with friends at a beautiful and spiritually enhancing North Carolina mountain retreat and conference center? Please consider joining members of the IPC Stewardship Committee and the IPC Foundation Development Committee

**May 23 - 25** as IPC co-sponsors **"Creating Congregational Cultures of Generosity"** with The Lake Institute on Faith and Giving (Indiana University.) Please contact Rev. Bobbie Epting at 933.3729 or [bepting@ipc-usa.org](mailto:bepting@ipc-usa.org) for additional details.

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Please join us for the  
 Presbyterian Women

## Spring Brunch Tuesday, May 3

11:00 in the Great Hall

The Rev. Susan Clayton will present a program on ***The Children's Fresh Air Farm—Then and Now*** with an emphasis on the role played by IPC women in the establishment of the Farm and its program.

Tickets are \$10.00; your check is your reservation, which is due **no later than Tuesday April 26**. Childcare is available; please make those reservations when you turn in your check to the church receptionist. **Make plans to be there!**



Montreat Conference  
 Center in  
 North Carolina



# HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

## *Holy Week April 17 - 24*

*“All of Holy Week points toward the passion — the death and resurrection of Christ. The week’s three final days (from sunset Thursday through sunset on Easter) complete the commemoration of Christ’s passion. What happens on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil forms a continuous dramatic story.”\**

• **PASSION/PALM SUNDAY, April 17**, 8:00; 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Morning Worship

The Service for Passion/Palm Sunday creates a contrast between the joyful entry of the palm processional and the somberness of the passion, the focus of Holy Week.

• **HOLY WEDNESDAY, April 20**, 12:00 Noon Chapel Service and Holy Communion. Also, Wednesday evening **SEDER MEAL for Grades K-6**, 6:15 p.m. 1st Floor . At the evening Seder meal, children will experience a traditional Passover celebration--the same festival of the Passover that Jesus and his disciples experienced and what became for all of us The Lord's Supper.

• **MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 21**, 7:00 p.m. Evening Service & Holy Communion in the Great Hall. This is a special communion service in the sanctuary led by the IPC Choir at 7:00 p.m. which is concluded with the stripping of the paraments during the chanting of Psalm 22. Maundy Thursday takes its name from the Latin word *mandatum* or *commandment*. On this night, Jesus gave his disciples the new commandment to *love one another*. (John 13:34) At the Lord’s Supper we celebrate the mystery of our faith through our participation in the meal that Christ established. Stripping the sanctuary of paraments at the end of the Maundy Thursday service is a powerful symbol of the stark reality of Christ’s suffering and death. (John 13 & 14) We depart in silence.

• **GOOD FRIDAY, April 10**, 12:00 noon Good Friday in the Great Hall. Penitential Service. This is a solemn service at noon featuring the reading of the Passion Story, and the Solemn Procession and Reproaches of the Cross. Rooted in ancient Christian practices, solemn and penitential, the Good Friday service also reminds us of the Good News of the cross. John 18:1 - 19:42

• **THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER, April 23**, 7:00 p.m. at Mountain Brook Presbyterian. Will be held jointly with IPC choir and congregation. The Great Vigil of Easter is the brightest jewel of Christian liturgy traced to early Christian times. (See page 1 for details)


• **EASTER, Sunday, April 24**, Resurrection of the Lord. This year there will be **ONE IPC Festival Easter service at 10:00 a.m. at the Alabama Theatre downtown**. The service features the IPC Choir, brass and timpani. With the dawning of a new day, we discover that love is stronger than death, and that Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*\*Excerpts from Ideas for Church Leaders, PC(USA)*

## **EASTER:**

IPC will be celebrating the Resurrection of Christ at one morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. at the downtown Alabama Theatre for Easter 2011. **This will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for all IPC members to worship together!**

## **Easter details:**

- **Easter Sunday**
- **April 24, 2011**
- **One Service**
- **10:00 a.m.** 
- **Alabama Theatre**  
1817 Third Avenue North  
Birmingham, AL 35203
- Security Officers at the Ala. Theatre and at IPC
- You can meet others at the IPC parking lot and carpool to the Alabama Theatre
- Parking in Central Parking lots near the Alabama Theatre
- Two lots closest to the Theatre are on the corner of 3rd Ave. North and 19th Street; another on the corner of 2nd Avenue North and 18th Street.
- Also free weekend parking on the street near the Theatre
- Valet Parking for those with special needs or disabilities.
- Nursery care at IPC for preschool and younger. (Times to be announced)
- There will be an emergency contact number at the Alabama Theatre.
- Memorial Easter Lilies at the service at the Theatre



**IPC Seder Meal  
for Grades K-6  
Wednesday, April 20  
6:15 p.m. 1st Floor**

**Seder Meal (Kindergarten-6th grade).** Come experience a Seder Meal as Jesus would have had with his disciples.

We will taste some of the traditional foods of the Seder and experience the importance of the Passover. You do not want to miss this important event during Holy Week.

**Reservations** must be made with Anna Stinnett at 933-3724 or astinnett@ipc-usa.org **by Monday, April 18.**

**On Palm Sunday, April 17,  
we at IPC will dedicate our OGHS  
ONE GREAT HOUR OF  
SHARING offering at all services.**

During the Lenten season, look for the bulletin inserts and gift envelopes which will tell you more about the use of OGHS gifts through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People.

In 2010, we witnessed devastations that left us counting the seconds, minutes, and days. The earthquake in Haiti lasted over forty seconds, the Gulf Coast oil spill went on for three months, and Chile's earthquake occurred for about ninety seconds. In sixty minutes of ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING, we at IPC can make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Presbyterians' gifts to OGHS are for all God's children. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Presbyterian Hunger Program provided seeds and tools for thousands of Haitian farmers to grow enough food for hundreds of thousands of displaced Haitians, allowing Haitians to participate in their own recovery and making use of indigenous seeds and grain. Within the US, Self-Development of People has partnered with community leaders in Detroit, Michigan, to use vacant lots to cooperatively grow and produce foods and provides a base for long-term sustainable income and community redevelopment.

Through our gifts and gifts of other congregations across the church, the One Great Hour of Sharing offering will continue to be a reminder that through the simple act of sharing, we are blessed and experience God's abundance in surprising ways.



**2011 ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
SHARING BRINGS JOY.  
TO OTHERS, TO GOD, AND TO US.**

**IPC Easter Egg Hunt!  
Sunday, April 17 (Palm Sunday)  
Right after 11:00 Worship Service  
In the Park by the Church--  
*just walk over!***



**For Children 2nd grade and Younger**  
*Children bring your Easter baskets! Parents bring your cameras!*  
**Sponsored by IPC Partners Committee**

**Rev. Lucy Turner Granted Sabbatical Leave**

**E**ffective January 1, 2007, the Session of IPC adopted a policy granting sabbatical leave to the full-time ordained staff members of IPC who have completed six years of continuous service. The rationale in the policy reads:



*The purpose of the Sabbatical Leave is to provide ministers who are ordained staff with an extended period of time to strategically disengage from regular responsibilities so that ministry and mission may be viewed from a new perspective because of a planned time of focus. During this time, the minister will pursue a plan of personal renewal and growth that may combine study, travel, relaxation, education and/or research. The Sabbatical is an opportunity for those who have given consistently of their lives to refill their own hearts and resources in order that they might continue in effective service to God and His church.*

The sabbatical leave is for a period of three continuous months; it is approved by the Personnel Committee after a written plan of activity for the leave is presented by the minister. **Lucy has been granted leave for the months of June, July and August, 2011.**

The plan she presented to the Personnel Committee included:

- Reading about traditional grief counseling practices as well as studies which challenge the long-held belief that grief is a sequence of identifiable stages. Selected authors include: Alan D. Wolfelt, John Claypool, Elizabeth Harper Neeld, Jerry Sittser and Ruth Davis Konigsberg.
- Writing a funeral planning guide for IPC members. This would be an aid for families at the time of death when they want to honor the wishes of the deceased but lack clear guidance or instructions.
- Researching liturgies for special prayer and evensong services. This may include attendance at the Mississippi Conference of Music and Liturgy in August.
- Studying iPad applications for ministry.

The sabbatical leave will not be all reading and research. Lucy plans to play more golf, ride her bike and attend a family wedding in Seattle. Of course, she is always looking for ways to spend more time with her nephew Will!

During Lucy's absence, her pastoral care responsibilities will be covered by Conrad, Susan and Bobbie. Plans will be in place before the end of May to ensure that all IPC members can communicate easily and effectively with the pastoral staff to receive the care they need in a timely manner. More about this plan will be shared in the weeks leading up to Lucy's summer leave.

## Funeral Ushers Needed

Do you like to help someone in a time of need, but sometimes wonder what you have to offer? Are you at a loss for words when you try to express your condolences at a time of death? Would you believe it if you were told you that ushering at funeral and memorial services can be a most rewarding experience for you as well as a tangible way for you to offer your support to those who grieve? We need to expand our list of volunteers...men and women...for this important ministry at IPC. Since we only have one or two days' notice before a service is held, we understand that some volunteers will not be available when we need them. This makes it even more important to have a large pool of volunteers from which to draw. **Please contact Jeannine Usher in Congregational Care at 933-3694 to add your name to the list.**

**If you have questions about the duties or time commitment, please call Lucy Turner at 933-3706.**



## LIBRARY NOTES

*Were You There?: Finding Ourselves at the Foot of the Cross*, by Erik Kolbell, presents the last days of Jesus' life and explores the responses of many of those around him during that time. William Sloane Coffin said "This very readable book is a mirror to our humanity and no less a window to the divine love always there for human salvation."

*The Scriptures, the Cross & the Power of God* is a collection of reflections for Holy Week written by Tom (N. T.) Wright. He uses texts from the Gospel of Matthew for Palm Sunday through Maundy Thursday morning and also for the Easter Vigil. Maundy Thursday evening, Good Friday, and Easter morning focus on texts from the Gospel of John.

Among other books of meditations in our collection are *Prayers for Lent, Easter, and Pentecost*, by Donna E. Schaper, and *From Advent's Alleluia to Easter's Morning Light*, by Ann Weems.

*The Easter Story* uses masterworks contained in the collection of the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. to tell the story of Christ's last days and of events from the Resurrection to Pentecost. The illustrations are accompanied by selections from the King James Bible, as well as excerpts from the works of great English poets such as John Milton, Christina Rossetti, and Gerard Manley Hopkins.

*Atlas of the Christian Church*, edited by Henry Chadwick and G.R. Evans, offers an authoritative survey of the Christian tradition through nearly two millennia. It is organized into three sections: up to 500 AD, 500 to 1500AD, and 1500 to the late 20th century.

*The Story of Easter*, written by Aileen Fisher and illustrated by Stefano Vitale, explains to children how and why people around the world celebrate Easter.

In *The Story of the Easter Robin*, written by Dandi Daley Mackall and illustrated by Anna Vojtech, young Tressa watches as robins build their nest and then as eggs appear. As she waits for the babies to hatch, Gran tells her the legend of how the robin got its red breast.

*The Library Committee*

## In April What's Cooking?



### IPC Wednesday Night Dinners

#### SALAD BAR AND DESSERT FOR EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

**APRIL 6**  
**Breakfast Night**  
**Pancakes and Sausage**  
**children:**  
Same as Adults

**APRIL 13**  
Chicken Cordon Bleu  
with Cream Sauce  
Rice/Steamed Broccoli  
Rolls  
**children:**  
Chicken Sandwich  
Chips

**APRIL 20**  
Hamburger Steak  
Mashed Potatoes  
Baked Beans  
Corn on the Cob  
Rolls  
**children:**  
Cheese Burger  
Fries

**APRIL 27**  
Crispy Onion Chicken  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Steamed Green Beans  
Rolls  
**children:**  
Hot Dogs and Chips

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

### Birmingham Men's Club Welcomes Well-Known War Veteran to April Meeting: April 26

Sgt. Noah Galloway, an inspirational war veteran who lost two limbs during his service in Iraq, will serve as speaker at the Birmingham Men's Club April 26 gathering. A former infantry soldier, Sgt. Galloway gives numerous presentations detailing his personal experiences and also serves as a Lakeshore Foundation representative.

The Birmingham Men's Club gathers in the IPC Parlor beginning at 10:30 a.m., and the luncheon speaker will begin speaking at 11:00 a.m. in the Great Hall. Cost of the delicious lunch is just \$8.00, but advance reservations are required. Call Jeannine Usher at 933-3694.



### 4th Quarter Lunch Bunch Tuesday, April 19, 12 noon Dyron's Restaurant Crestline Village

The 4th Quarter Lunch Bunch group will visit Dyron's Restaurant, noted for its Lowcountry fare, as well as a diverse selection of lunchtime dishes. We hope you'll join us! Call Jeannine Usher at the church 933-3694.

## IPC TRIP TO ISRAEL JANUARY 2-11, 2012

Plans are in place for an IPC trip to Israel January 2-11, 2012. **Led by Dr. and Mrs. Conrad Sharps, along with Dr. James Charlesworth,** the trip will offer a wonderful opportunity to visit the Holy Land. **Participants will meet the best experts in biblical research and archaeology,** and there will be ample time for individual and group reflection or meditation.

**Unique to this trip are visits to sites ordinarily closed to tourists.**

The group will travel from Birmingham to Tel Aviv via Newark and journey to Caesarea, Tiberias, and Nazareth, then on to Migdal, Capernaum, Caesarea Phillipi, and then to Jerusalem and many other sites in that area. The trip has been planned with the comfort of the traveler in mind.



*Jerusalem*

### Informational Meeting

**Sunday, April 10, 10:35am**

**An informational meeting about this trip is planned for 10:35 a.m. on Sunday, April 10, in Room 222 (the large dining room off the Great Hall).** Dr. Sharps and Dick Darden, who has travelled with Dr. Charlesworth, will be present at that time to discuss more details about the trip.

## IPC Day School Implements New Curriculum

**T**he IPC Day School has expanded its curriculum to include hands-on science and social studies learning.



Our **Social Studies curriculum** provides lessons to develop a positive sense of self and a love for all people and communities. Through songs, games and literature, the children explore God's creation and their unique role in it. **Mrs. Betsy Henley, right,** with the help of Lucky the dog and Pointer Pig, presents social studies as the study of our world, its people and cultures. She uses her love of song and dance to get her lessons rockin' and rollin'.

The **Science curriculum** challenges the children to be curious about their world and to strengthen their problem solving skills. The students actively participate in the scientific method through hands-on experiments, collecting data and drawing conclusions. **"Professor" Paige Ritchey, left,** is bringing science to students through experiences using the five senses. The children's faces light up when Professor Paige explodes on the scene with her wacky experiments.



*photo by Paul Romjue*

**T**he monthly **Window** publication is not a full color publication, so readers are not able to

see the **BRILLIANT color of the IPC stained glass images that Paul Romjue is capturing and posting weekly on Thursdays in the "IPC EUpdate."** If you have not added your e-mail address to the 1000+ members of the congregation and others who are keeping up with "everything IPC" on a weekly basis, you are **MISSING OUT.** Please go to the IPC website to sign up at [www.ipc-usa.org/ipcemail](http://www.ipc-usa.org/ipcemail) or contact Marsha Harbin at [mharbin@ipc-usa.org](mailto:mharbin@ipc-usa.org) to add your name to the list so you, too, can **see this image and dozens of others in LIVING COLOR.** Remember: You do not have to be a member to sign up for the EUpdate weekly emails. **Thank you!**

## IPC Art Gallery

**V**isit the art gallery located on the second floor to see acrylic paintings done by members of the winter term Wednesday night class "Psalms and Strokes." Teacher Jane Timberlake Cooper led the group through eight weeks of instruction and painting, with each session being opened with a devotion presented by The Rev. Bobbie Epting, a class participant. Mrs. Cooper has volunteered to repeat the class during the next winter term Wednesday night session. **The exhibit will be in place at least through the middle of April.**



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## IPC Focus on Faith presents

**Dr. Tony Campolo**  
**May 15 & 16, 2011**



Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Eastern University  
and Associate Pastor at Mount Carmel Baptist Church  
in West Philadelphia

- **Preaching Sunday, May 15, at 8:45 and 11:00 worship services**  
Sermon: *"When Love Trumps Power"* (Phil. 2:1-11)
- **Lecturing Monday, May 16, at 10:00 in the Great Hall, followed by lunch at 11:30**  
Topic: *"Good News During Troubled Times"* (Matt. 13:24-30).

All events are free and are open to the public, although there is a charge for lunch.  
See the IPC website [www.ipc-usa.org](http://www.ipc-usa.org) or call 933-1830 for more details.