

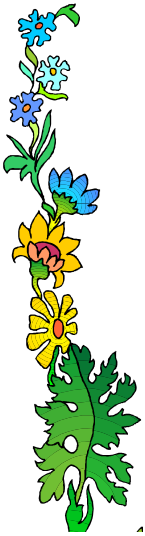
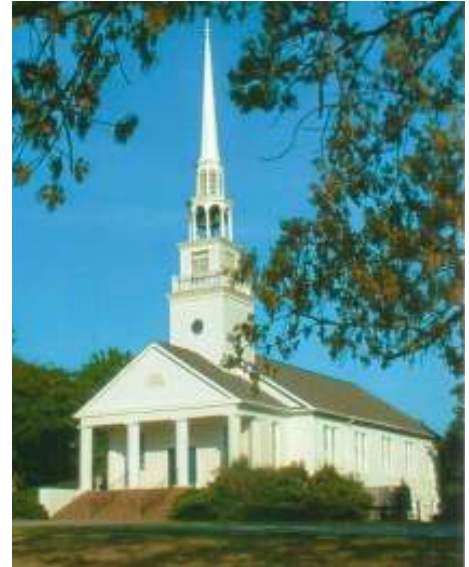
# Words of Friendship

SEPTEMBER 2011

*Friendship Presbyterian Church (USA)*

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English Adult Sunday School 9:40 am

English Sunday Worship 11:00 am

## *From Your Pastor:*

*Member:* A member of an organization attends regular meetings of the organization, pays their dues, participates in organization activities, serves in leadership roles, and recruits new members for the organization. The mindset of an organization's member is typically focused on what the organization can do for the member – what benefit the members will receive from the organization, even philanthropic & religious ones.

*Disciple:* A disciple of Jesus Christ worships God in both the worship setting of the church and in personal prayer and devotion; generously gives time, money, energy and gifts out of response to God's love; discerns a call to serve in various ways in the church to help others and to share the Good News of God's love; and seeks out people who are lonely or lost and expresses God's love to them through a loving relationship. The mindset of a disciple is typically focused on God and how the disciple can discern and do God's Will. The church is a vehicle through which the disciple is able to receive the strength, encouragement, and nurture needed to be able to go out from the church to do the ministry of God in the world.

So basically, members and disciples do similar things but with a very different focus. To have only a "member mindset" in the church is to miss the point of being a part of the church. We are called to be disciples who come together as the church to equip each other for that which God has called us to do. The focus of the church is external – on God rather than internal – on us. This is not to deny the logistics of a church – budgets, buildings, programs, care for members, etc., but to shift the emphasis. To say that all those things are not ends unto themselves but means to the end, which is serving and glorifying God.

My goal and my challenge for Friendship is for us to think of ourselves not simply as *members* of a church but as *disciples of Jesus Christ*, called to Friendship to be nurtured, supported, and called to God's service. May God's Spirit work in each of our hearts to guide and direct our lives.

*Grace and peace,  
Mari*



**Women's Circle 1**



Circle one will meet on Tuesday morning, September 13, at the church at 9:45am. The Circle will discuss the Introduction to the Horizons Bible Studybook - *Confessing the Beatitudes* by Margaret Aymer. Visitors are always welcomed!



The Men's Club will meet September 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Friendship Room for dinner and a program. All men are invited.



**September 25  
Your Spiritual Gifts  
Inventory**

The Pastor will lead a session on identifying and using our Spiritual Gifts on Sunday, September 25 at 9:40 in the Fellowship Hall. Come and learn how to identify your own Spiritual gifts and discern how your gifts can be used in service to God and others.



**YOUTH GROUP  
SCHEDULE**

- Sept 18 – 4:30-6pm, Random Acts of Kindness
- Sept 25 – 4:30-6pm, Worship: Why do we do what we do?
- Looking ahead...
- October 15-16, Presbytery Youth Retreat (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)
- November 5, Youth Sunday (Tentative)



**FRIENDSHIP ROOM SUNDAY SCHOOL** will reconvene September 11 and September 18 to organize for an extended, individualized study of Karen Armstrong's book, "Twelve Steps to a More Compassionate Life." Thereafter, thru May, 2012, participants will meet every 3-4 weeks as

a support group to (1) study a \*new\* step, and (2) offer encouragement and perspective (been there done that) to those still working on earlier steps. (Attempting to keep everyone in sync through the steps would not work.)

You are most welcome to participate in this study. Please advise the class coordinator so that you can be added to the roll and a book can be ordered for you. For more info you can contact Donna McGinty [dmcginty8@bellsouth.net](mailto:dmcginty8@bellsouth.net) or 706-227-0444.

(A copy of the book is available in the office for preview. Also, check Amazon.com for details.)



# SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Money Counters
4			Ted Walker
11	David Ivy	Maggie Ivy	Pattie Ivy
18	Emily Sanders	Will Turner	David Ivy
25	Beverly Davis	Wynn Ivy	Beverly Davis

Linda Kelly for sprucing up some of the trees around the education building.

Lizbet Adams, Pattie Ivy, Henry Hibbs and Ted Walker for their service on the Session and Betty Forbus, Mery Moron, and Suzanne White for their service as deacons.



Thanks to Judy Hibbs, Beffie Morse (co-worker of Judy) for providing and serving the meal at the Homeless Shelter in August.

Bev Davis, Linda Kelly, Dori Allen, Jane Towles, and Nancy Graham for providing lunch for our Preschool Teachers.

The Athens Recorder Ensemble (including Friendship's Wendy Arthur, Kevin Kelly, Nan McMurry, and Kathie Shinholser), Walt & Emily Sanders, and Wallace and Rosemary Salter for sharing their gift of music and helping to lead us in worship this month.

Ernie Perry & Alan White for sharing their expertise with the congregation at the Outreach Event.

Bev Davis, Henry Hibbs, Dori Allen, Emily Sanders and Dave Coons for serving on the Nominating Committee.



## Westminster Fellowship Reunion

a day of remembering and  
reflection

A reunion for those who were involved at Westminster House (now the Presbyterian Student Center) between 1955 and 1966 is planned for the weekend of October 8. The ministers for those years, Bill Rogers, Corky King, and Roland Perdue, will be honored for their leadership, especially during the desegregation of the University of Georgia 50 years ago.

Anyone who has questions or who wants to pass along names of people who might be interested, please get in touch with

Ms Winston Stephens,  
[winstep84@charter.net](mailto:winstep84@charter.net),  
706-425-4385.



Hosted by  
Connecting Point Church  
1030 Commerce Ct. Bogart, GA  
Saturday, Sept. 10th  
9:30 am-5:30 pm  
\$20 (conference, breakfast, lunch,  
and snacks)

*For tickets & info:*  
<http://yourcp.org/simulcast>  
Leah Quillian 706.540.4332



Music Notes  
by: Kevin Kelly

## JOHANN PACHELBEL

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706) was born on Sept. 1; this fact, and because his music is often featured in my organ preludes, warrants the following biographical sketch for our September newsletter.

Pachelbel brought the German organ tradition to a peak in the second half of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, and he is ranked among the most important composers of this middle Baroque era. In both his instrumental and vocal music, he preferred a lucid, uncomplicated style that emphasized melodic and harmonic clarity, and his music became a model for composers of south and central Germany.

Pachelbel was born in Nuremberg, where he received his primary education. After attending the university at Regensburg, Pachelbel moved to Vienna, where he served as organist at the prestigious St. Stephen Cathedral. In 1677 Pachelbel moved to Eisenach, where he took employment as court organist for the Duke. Eisenach was the home city of J. S. Bach's father Ambrosius, and here Pachelbel met members of the Bach family.

In 1678 Pachelbel changed jobs again, this time as church organist at Erfurt, where the Bach family was also well known. Pachelbel became godfather to Ambrosius' daughter Johanna Juditha, and taught Ambrosius' son Johann Christoph (eldest brother of J. S. Bach). Pachelbel remained in Erfurt for twelve years, there establishing a reputation as one of the leading organ composers of the day. One of his most characteristic works of this time was the chorale prelude, a short liturgical composition using a chorale (German for "hymn tune") as the basis for counterpoint (where the different melodic lines imitate each other in succession). Pachelbel's contract at Erfurt specifically required him to compose preludes for church services, presumably as introductions to congregational hymns. He was also required to compose large-scale vocal works, and maintain the organ.

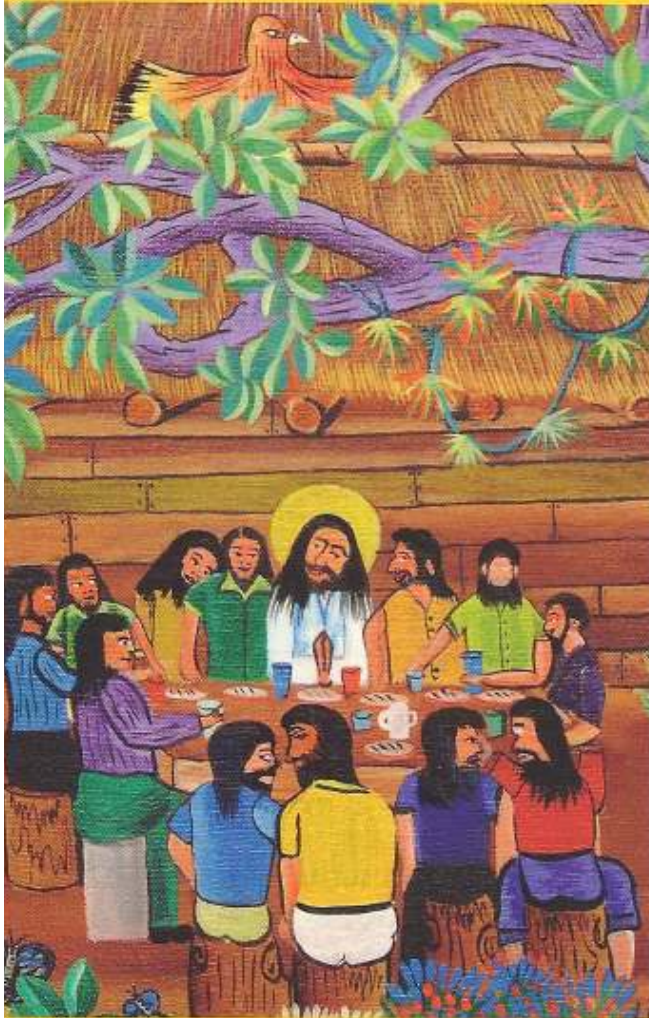
Pachelbel married twice during his tenure at Erfurt. His first wife (and son) died during a plague in 1683. With his second wife, Pachelbel had five sons and two daughters. Two of the sons (Wilhelm Hieronymus and Charles Theodore) also became organ composers. Moreover, Charles Theodore moved to the American colonies in 1734 – one of the first European composers to live in America. Thus, Johann Pachelbel bore an indirect influence on American church music of the colonial era.

In 1695 Pachelbel moved to Nuremberg, where he spent the remaining eleven years of his life.

As the Baroque style went out of fashion during the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the majority of Baroque composers were largely forgotten. It was only in 1829, at a concert given by Felix Mendelssohn of J. S. Bach's St. Matthew Passion, that interest in Bach's music was revived. And it was not until the early 20<sup>th</sup> century with its attention to music of the earlier Baroque period, that Pachelbel's works began to be studied and performed. It is ironic that Pachelbel, in spite of his being primarily a composer of organ and vocal music, is most known today for his Canon in D, a work for strings that attained universal popularity in the 1970s.



## 2011 PEACEMAKING OFFERING



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

*"A harvest of justice is sown in peace"*

(James 3:18)



The Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering supports the efforts of Presbyterians through their congregations, presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly to work for peace by tearing down walls that divide. The day recommended for congregations to receive the Offering is World Communion Sunday, which is a celebration of the unity of the worldwide church through Christ. Christians in congregations around the world participate in the Lord's Supper.

Gifts to the Offering are used in a variety of peacemaking efforts at all levels of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

- 25% is retained by congregations
- 25% is used by presbyteries and synods
- 50% is allocated to General Assembly ministries

Friendship will collect the Peacemaking Offering on October 2, 2011



Welcome  
Our New  
Members

Recently we have had the opportunity to welcome two new members to our congregation!

Linda Kelly joined with us by transfer of letter from Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA. She and her husband Greg live in Hull, and Linda has jumped right into activity at Friendship.

Linda's contact info is: 896 Ed Coile Rd, Hull, GA 30646

lhkelly@windstream.net

706-788-7881 (home) / 678-910-6537 (cell)

Wendy Arthur, longtime member of the choir and active participant in the life of our congregation, made her reaffirmation of faith and became an official member. Wendy has been elected to serve as an elder in the class of 2014.

Friendship Presbyterian Church will celebrate the ordination and installation of our officers on Sunday, September 18, at the 11:00 worship service. Elders include Jason Adams (2013), Wendy Arthur (2014), Donna McGinty (2013), Katie Roberts (2012), and Bud Wiley (2014). Our new Deacon will be Rebecca Hill (2012). Returning officers are elders Bev Davis (2012) and David Ivy (2012) and Deacons Dori Allen (2012), Amy Ivy (2012), and Kathie Shinholser (2013).



A Pharmacist from Kroger will be in the Friendship Room on Tuesday, Sept 20, and Friday, Sept 23 from 9:00-11:00am administering flu shots. The cost is \$25 or if you have Medicare Part B coverage bring your red/white/blue card and the shot is free.



*What is the NE GA Presbytery Committee for the Preparation of Ministry?*

*Submitted by Dori Allen*

Friendship is part of the NE GA Presbytery. A number of our members are or have served on various Presbytery committees. I've been on the CPM, Committee for the Preparation of Ministry for 4 years and am currently the c-chair. CPM's mission is to meet, approve/disapprove, guide, support and "be there" for those in the NE Presbytery who are studying to become Ministers of the Word and Sacrament, Christian Educators or Certified Lay Pastors. There are currently 12 such dedicated individuals. Recently, one completed the entire process and was ordained in the First Presbyterian Church of Union Point. His name is Bob Abernathy and I had been his Liaison with the Presbytery. The following is part of what I spoke at that service.

"As Reformed Christians, Presbyterians understand the church as a community called into being by Jesus Christ. It is Christ who gives the church its faith and life, its unity and mission, its offices and ordinances, and Christ who is its head in all things. Presbyterians believe in the priesthood of all believers---that is, that all church members, regardless of their occupational choice, are engaged in ministry. That is their Christian vocation. Some among them may be called by the Holy Spirit, through the church, to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament

Bob Abernathy felt that call to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament at various times in his life. Eventually it became strong enough to convince him

In the Presbyterian Church USA, there are specific steps for a person to be Ordained.

The first step is becoming an Inquirer. Bob began this step in August 2006. This process involves the individual, his Session and the Presbytery's Committee for the Preparation of Ministry. In Bob's case, he had been an Active member of First Presbyterian Church, Gainesville for several years. Session wholeheartedly approved his efforts and Elder Steve Nobel became Bob's Session Liaison. Later, Roscoe McMillan would serve in that role.

At the CPM meeting, Bob discussed his faith journey, answered a number of questions and was received as an official Inquirer—one who inquires and examines his beliefs to determine if the call is to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. Bob also attended a Presbytery meeting where he was presented to the participants.

That fall, Bob enrolled at Columbia Theological Seminary where he undertook the joys of learning Greek and Hebrew, as well as courses in theology, church polity and the Bible.

From that point on, Bob met with CPM on a yearly basis.

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Bob undertook the second major step April 2008. He moved from Inquirer to Candidate status, indicating his conviction that his Call was to Ministry of the Word and Sacrament. At that time, I became Bob's Liaison from CPM. This was the first time I was a Liaison and Bob made the task easy for me by responding in a timely manner, staying in touch and keeping his CPM commitments. Over the years, we've developed a friendship.

In the summer of 2008, Bob did a Supervised Ministry at Culdee Presbyterian Church in West End, NC with Rev. Chris Bobo. He had an opportunity to practice his Sermon writing and delivering skills, as well as other aspects of church ministry. As a result of his fine work there, he received the Indiantown Country Church Award which recognizes outstanding work by a student in a rural ministry. Bob characteristically credits Chris for much of his success.

And in the fall of 2008, as a result of an essay Bob wrote, he received a scholarship to attend a 3 month program at Westminster College, Cambridge, UK. Quite an accomplishment.

As graduation neared, Bob had to pass 5 ordination exams--Bible content, Bible Exegesis, Polity, Theology and Worship & Sacraments. Bob aced them all. Then on May 15, 2010, he graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary with an MDiv

But before he could be ordained, Bob had to receive a call from a Congregation. This year, the First Presbyterian Church of Union Point issued a Call to Bob. Following that call, Bob was examined by the Committee on Ministry as well as the Presbytery where he was approved for Ordination.

As you can tell, this has been a long and demanding process with many hours of study and prayer. He has had some wonderful experiences, received awards and grown in his faith. Many people have supported and sustained him during this process. I have mentioned several of them today, but there are so many others. I would be remiss, however, if I did not mention that Bob has often spoken of the encouragement of his wife, Susan.

In conclusion I am honored to be a part of the Service of Ordination for Robert Coleman Abernathy, Sr."

By the way, Bob is a retired phone company exec and is 69 years young.



## Scouting at Friendship

By

**Scoutmaster Paul Matthews**



With the start of the new school year, things are back in swing for Scouts not only in the Troop, but also in the Pack and Crew. The Cub Scout Pack held its “Back to the Pack” event at Oconee Veterans Park, and has set its yearly schedule with activities like a trip to the USS Yorktown, a campout at Sandy Creek, the annual Pinewood Derby, and more. Fall school round-up recruiting is also underway. The Venturing Crew is planning to take part in hiking, snow sports, fishing, waterskiing, kayaking, sailing and caving activities during the upcoming year, and is voting on their Crew officers at the end of August. The Troop has also planned its program year, with camping events every month that range from rifle/shotgun (September), hiking (October), caving (November), lock-in (December), “Klondike derby” camporee (January), snow skiing (February), climbing/rappelling (March), wilderness survival (April), deep sea fishing (May), Philmont Scout Ranch (June), Camp Rainey Mountain (July), tubing/rafting (July), and waterskiing (August). Plus, each Patrol will be doing its own trip or activity every six months, including upcoming trips for canoeing, hiking, and even auto mechanics!

Speaking of waterskiing, in August, 30 from our Troop and about another 30 from Troop 537 went to Lake Oconee for a water sports weekend, where our Scouts worked on skiing, lifesaving, and swimming merit badges. Despite some thunderstorms, we had a great trip and enjoyed our time in and on (and in some cases, being dragged through) the water. Our Scouts also did a half-day leadership training session in August, to learn about the specifics of their positions of responsibility as well as overall leadership strategies. And many of our newer Scouts completed a five-mile day hike at Sandy Creek.

At our meetings, we’re working on Personal Fitness merit badge, Backpacking merit badge, First Aid, and camping training. Service project activities also continue, and our Scouts are doing a lot of rank advancement in preparation for our upcoming Troop Court of Honor, starting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 20—please come by if you can! We expect to be awarding hundreds of merit badges and dozens of rank advancements. Also, at the August district Eagle Board of Review, James Padgett became Troop 149’s newest Eagle Scout—congratulations! He will have his own separate Eagle court of honor soon.



Photo: Troop 149 Scouts on the trail at Sandy Creek Park

On behalf of the Troop, Crew and Pack, thanks for your continued support of our programs.



## Preschool Happenings

By: Kelly Jones,  
Preschool Director



# Preschool is off to a great year!



A lot goes into getting ready for a new school year. The Preschool would like to thank the following for helping in making the start of the 2011-2012 School year a Success:

- Tommy Gagnani and the Boy Scout Troop for spreading the mulch and sand in the playground.
- Marks Towles and Chester Lee for various maintenance jobs
- Linda Kelly for trimming the bushes and trees
- The Preschool Committee and friends - Bev Davis, Nancy Graham, Jane Towles, Dori Allen, Linda Kelly, and Mari Turner - for providing lunch to all the staff during Preplanning
- Entire congregation for the school supplies




Worship Attendance & Giving in August				
	July 31	Aug 7	Aug 14	Aug 21
Attendance	34	43	32	29
General Giving	\$1561.00	\$10525.42	\$1519.00	\$1194.00

Friendship Presbyterian Church				
Year-To-Date Through July 2011				
			Over / (Under)	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual (1)</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
<b>Receipts</b>				
Receipts from Congregation	70,404	77,435	7,032	56%
Dye House Rent	5,653	5,653	(1)	4%
Support from Preschool	35,350	35,350	-	26%
Multicultural Grants	14,051	19,464	5,413	14%
All Other Income	<u>146</u>	<u>320</u>	<u>174</u>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>125,603</b>	<b>138,222</b>	<b>12,618</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>				
Ministry	75,362	75,606		
Administration	70,058	71,504		
Outreach	<u>2,155</u>	<u>2,127</u>		
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b><u>147,575</u></b>	<b><u>149,237</u></b>	<b><u>1,662</u></b>	
<b>Net Income / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(21,971)</b>	<b>(11,015)</b>	<b>10,956</b>	
<b>Cash in Bank July 2011</b>				
General Fund	1,454.82			
Restricted Fund	5,130.37			
<b>Total Cash in Bank</b>		6,585.19		
<b>Kerry Hill Educational Fund</b>		5,920.46		
<b>Savings July 2011</b>		65,130.73		
<b>Mortgage Debt</b>		146,958.56		



**SEPTEMBER 2011**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> Preschool Sunday <i>Sue Harris</i> <b>9:45 AM</b> Adult English Sunday School <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship Service <b>12:00 PM</b> Lunch & Discussion <b>4:00 PM</b> Youth Group	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scout Troop 149	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Men's Club	<b>2</b> <i>Pino Moron</i>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>9:45 AM</b> Adult English Sunday School <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship Service	<b>5</b>  <i>Chester Lee</i> Church Office Closed	<b>6</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Boy Scout Troop 149 <b>7:30 PM</b> Chamber Singers Rehearsal	<b>7</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> FPC Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> <i>Swanton Jr. &amp; Pattie Ivy</i>	<b>9</b> <i>Pino &amp; Mery Moron</i>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <b>9:45 AM</b> Adult English Sunday School <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship Service	<b>12</b> <i>Leon &amp; Doris Allen</i> <b>5:30 PM</b> FPC provides and serves meal @ Homeless Shelter <b>7:00 PM</b> Athens Recorder Ensemble	<b>13</b> <b>9:45 AM</b> Circle One <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scout Troop 149 <b>7:30 PM</b> Chamber Singers Rehearsal	<b>14</b> <i>Don &amp; Kathy Roberts</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> FPC Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Ordination and Installation Sunday <b>9:45 AM</b> Adult English Sunday School <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship Service <b>4:30 PM</b> Youth Group	<b>19</b> <i>Wynn Ivy</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> Athens Recorder Ensemble <b>7:00 PM</b> Session Meeting	<b>20</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Boy Scout Troop 149- Court of Honor <b>7:30 PM</b> Chamber Singers Rehearsal	<b>21</b> <i>Maurice &amp; Caren Snook</i> <b>7:00 PM</b> FPC Choir Rehearsal	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>Blake Wiley Garrett Hibbs</i>
<b>25</b> <b>9:40 AM</b> Your Spiritual Gifts Inventory <b>9:45 AM</b> Adult English Sunday School <b>11:00 AM</b> Worship Service <b>4:30 PM</b> Youth Group	<b>26</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Athens Recorder Ensemble	<b>27</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scout Troop 149 <b>7:30 PM</b> Chamber Singers Rehearsal	<b>28</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> FPC Choir Rehearsal	<b>29</b> <i>Don Harris Ken Swindle</i>	<b>30</b> <i>Amy Ivy Linda Kelly</i>	<b>1</b>





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Friendship Choir  
Wednesdays @ 7:00pm beginning September 7th  
Athens Chamber Singers  
Tuesdays @ 7:30pm beginning September 6th  
Athens Recorder Ensemble  
Mondays @ 7:00pm beginning September 12th

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Mari: [pastor@gotofriendship.org](mailto:pastor@gotofriendship.org)

Please check out our website @  
[www.gotofriendship.org](http://www.gotofriendship.org) for our online calendar

Please submit news for the October edition of  
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to the church office no later than

**Sunday, Sept 25, 2011.**

Due to office schedule submissions after this date may  
not appear in next month's newsletter.  
All submissions are subject to editing.

**FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT**

As followers of Jesus Christ, assured of God's unconditional love for everyone, we strive to be an accepting and joyful community that centers upon worship, encourages personal growth, celebrates diversity, nurtures individual gifts, and moves beyond boundaries to share, through service, Jesus' love, compassion, and justice in an uncertain world.

Grace to you and peace, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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