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Let's practice discipleship together

The 11 disciples go to Galilee to meet the resurrected Jesus. He comes to them as he promised and says this: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20) As your new Associate Pastor for Discipleship, I have been thinking a lot about definitions of "discipleship" and "disciple." So, I decided to take another look at Matthew 28:18-20, and here's what I discovered.

First, that "therefore" is important. Subordinate conjunctions are critical in the Bible because they remind us that we are subordinate and dependent. We are subordinate to Jesus Christ and dependent upon our connection to Him. This subordinate conjunction status both empowers and humbles us. We are empowered because we are commissioned and equipped by Jesus Christ who has been given all and everlasting authority. We are humbled because whatever fruit is borne is not due to our own abilities or strengths but has come because God has given the growth. Discipleship is subordinate and dependent work.

Second, all of those actions that the risen Christ commands are plural. The "go" and "discipling" and "baptizing" and "teaching" are all second person plural. Jesus says (or I'd like to think He says), "Y'all go and make disciples and baptize and teach." Discipleship is communal. We are in this together. We are the body of Christ with different gifts from the same spirit, and we can't be disciples or make disciples alone. Like it or not, it is the Church, us together, who've been given this Great Commission.

Finally, discipleship is outwardly directed, active and expansive. GO. Make disciples! Baptize. Teach. ALL nations. ALL that I have commanded you. There is nothing small or insular or safe about this discipleship work. It calls us beyond ourselves and beyond our walls and beyond our comfort zones. But there is another small conjunction in this text that we don't want to overlook: "and."

AND remember, "I am with you always to the end of the age." Discipleship is intimately connected to Christ. We are never alone. Jesus Christ works with us and through us. THEREFORE, I rejoice in being called to be y'all's Associate Pastor for Discipleship.



**Rally Day
August 21**

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Jill

Requesting care from Shandon's pastors

The pastoral staff of Shandon Presbyterian is committed to providing love, care and support to our congregation.

If you are in need of pastoral care, please don't hesitate to notify the church office. Here is some helpful information:

Each pastor schedules a weekday to make hospital visits and to respond to phone calls notifying us of concerns such as the death of an extended family member. Weekdays are covered as follows: Monday/Agnes, Tuesday/Jill, Wednesday/John, Thursday/David and Friday/Tom.

On weekends, one of the pastors is "on call." If you call the main church number (771-4408), the voice mail will give you a phone number to report a pastoral emergency (730-3037). Calling that number rings the cell phone of the pastor on call.

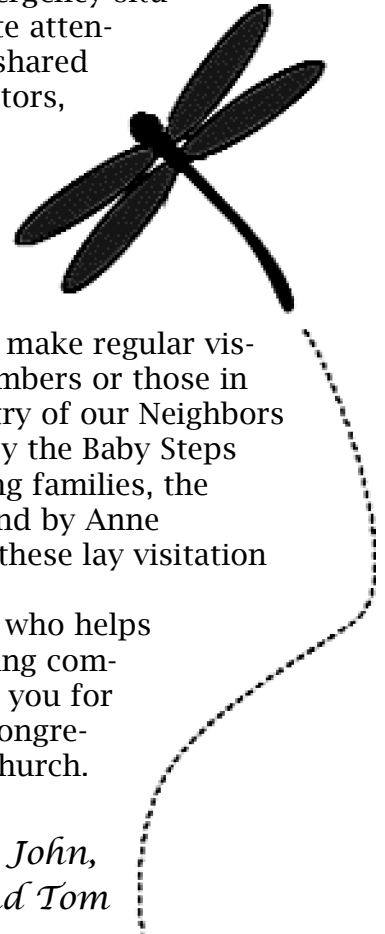
This is how we need your help and support for providing the best response for pastoral care: Please call the church office to notify us of any pastoral concern instead of e-mailing or texting one pastor on the church staff. The pastors take a Sabbath rest from e-mail on our days off and vacations, and we cannot rely on Facebook or text messages to

keep us up to date on emergency situations that need immediate attention. Because coverage is shared among Shandon's five pastors, the most timely response will happen if the church office knows of a hospitalization or other need for pastoral care first.

We are also blessed by a large group of laity who make regular visits to our homebound members or those in special need by the ministry of our Neighbors in Network care leaders, by the Baby Steps team reaching out to young families, the Senior Adult Care Team and by Anne Walkup's coordination of these lay visitation efforts.

Thanks to each of you who helps make Shandon such a caring community of faith and thank you for helping us attend to the congregational concerns of the church.

*Agnes, Jill, John,
David and Tom*



Men's breakfast fall sessions begin Sept. 8

The men's breakfast fellowship meets weekly at 7 a.m. Thursday in the McDonald Youth Center. The first fall session will be held Sept. 8.

The meal is served on the hour and is followed at 7:30 a.m. by prayer, a brief meditative scripture reading and a book discussion. The purpose of the group is to develop a relationship with God through prayer and other faith practices. The session concludes at 8:30 a.m.

This fall we will continue our study of "True Spirituality" by Francis Schaeffer.

The group welcomes all men of Shandon and their guests who are interested in joining. Contact either Tommy Fitzgerald at tfitzgerald@shandonpres.org or (803) 771-4408 ext. 26 or Robert Cely at robertcely@hotmail.com, (803) 776-6478, for information. Reservations are not required.



Presbyterian Women annual meeting Aug. 23

All women of the church are invited to the annual meeting of Shandon Presbyterian Women at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, in Davis Hall. Please join us for this special evening of intergenerational fellowship as we install new officers and recognize this year's Honorary Life Member.

Plan to bring your favorite appetizer or dessert finger foods to share during the reception following the meeting.

This is a great opportunity to learn about the contributions to the life of our church that Presbyterian Women provide and ways you can participate.

Childcare is available with a reservation. Call Judy Cannon, (803) 790-1966.

Mark your calendars for Rally Day

Sunday, Aug. 21

Join us for Rally Day as we return to two Sunday worship services at 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. and introduce a new cycle of educational opportunities at Shandon.

After a long, hot summer of comings and goings, we will join together in the Activity Center at 9:45 a.m. to enjoy a potluck breakfast and fellowship together. Please bring breakfast items to share (casseroles, muffins, fruit, yogurt, etc.). Beverages will be provided by the Christian Education Committee.



A mid-August Christian education brochure will outline all of the program and class offerings, some beginning in August and others launching after Labor Day when Wednesdays at Shandon begins again on Sept. 7.

Lift up your voice and sing

It's time to dust off your vocal cords, your trumpet, piano, or whatever instrument you prefer, and get ready to join one of the ensembles that enrich our worship services and community gatherings. We have excellent leaders who are waiting and hoping that you will share your gifts this year in our music ministry.

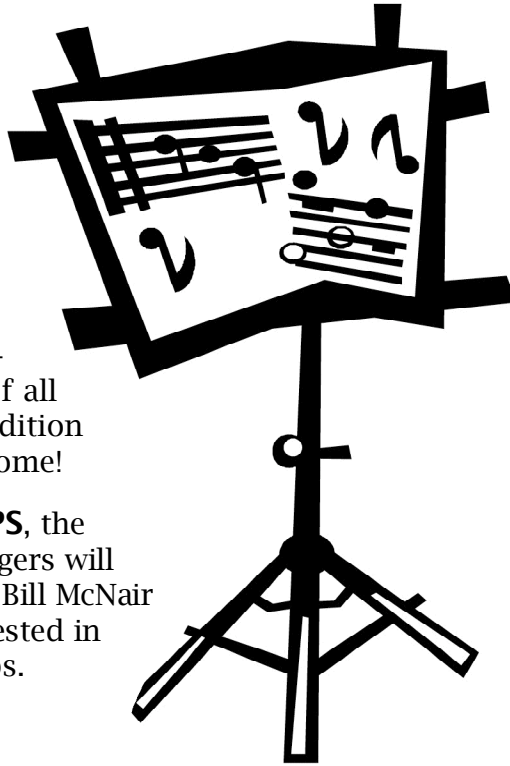
CHANCEL CHOIR

rehearsals begin Aug. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the choir rehearsal room. This is for adults of all ages and stages. We don't audition singers and everyone is welcome!

ADULT HANDBELL GROUPS, the Tintinnabulators and Key Ringers will begin Aug. 29. Please contact Bill McNair at the church if you are interested in playing with one of the groups.

- Key Ringers, 4:30 p.m.
- Tintinnabulators, 6 p.m.

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES are always busy preparing to assist with special music for services or playing for a church picnic or another event. Please contact Janet or Fred Teuber at 799-4019 to let them know your instrument.



Children & youth choirs

Middler Youth Choir for 6th-8th graders will begin Aug. 14 at 4:45 p.m. in the choir room.

Senior High Youth Choir for 9th-12th graders will begin Aug. 14 at 6:15 p.m. in the choir room.

Singing and handbell choirs for children will begin on Sept. 7 as part of the Wednesdays at Shandon (WAS) activities.

- 4:30 p.m. Chimer bell choir (grades 3 to 5)
- 5 p.m. Youth bell choir (grades 6 to 12)
- 5 p.m. Kinder choir (4-5K in room 202)
- 6 p.m. Arise choir (1-2 grades in room 202)
- 6:30 p.m. Shine choir (3-5 grades in room 202)



The Spire

We welcome your news and events for Shandon Presbyterian's newsletter.

September deadline: August 12

Please send information to:
spire@shandonpres.org

Questions?
Call Carol Ward 803.771.4408, ext. 10,
or e-mail cward@shandonpres.org

Find more news and events on our website:
shandonpres.org

Boy Scout open house Aug. 15

Boy Scout Troop 5 will have an open house in Davis Hall from 7-8 p.m. Aug. 15 for boys interested in joining the Boy Scouts.

Boys ages 12-17 are eligible to join. Refreshments will be served. Scouts and Scout leaders will be on hand to answer questions. Please make plans to drop by.



School supplies drive: The Cooperative Ministry's Annual School Supplies drive is under way. Please bring donations to the church and place them in the boxes, marked Cooperative Ministry, in the hallway near the reception desk. The drive will last until Sept. 1.

A complete list of needed supplies is on a flier above the collection boxes, but here are some examples: spiral notebooks; three-ring binders; folders with brackets or pockets; loose-leaf paper; pens and pencils; crayons and colored pencils; markers and highlighters; scissors; glue (bottle or stick); four-function calculators; index cards; pencil cases; lunch boxes; book bags; rulers and protractors.



Bookbags needed: Hand Middle School needs sturdy/heavy duty book bags for children

who cannot afford them. This drive will last until Sept. 1. Place your donation in the box labeled Hand Middle in the hallway near the reception desk.



Second Saturday outreach:

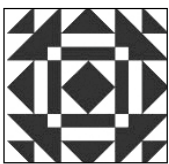
Meet at McDonald Youth Center on Saturday, Aug. 13, for a light breakfast, fellowship and devotion, followed by an outreach project to be announced. Expect to be finished by noon.

Spend a penny for Harvest Hope:

If you spend \$10 or more (before coupons) at Publix on Wednesdays, you can purchase a mystery item for a penny. Try this simple idea from a Shandon member: purchase the penny item and drop it off in the Harvest Hope collection bins near the church office. A recent penny item was a 64-ounce bottle of apple juice. (Most stores require the coupon from Wednesday's newspaper.)

Briefly ...

Shandon Quilt Group



Join us for fun and fellowship on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 9:30

a.m. in room 224. Call Joan Edwards, (803) 647-1398, for information.

Don't toss that magazine

Do you hate to throw away magazines? Bring your family-friendly publications to Shandon for an exchange. Leave them on the table in the reception area, and feel free to take one or two left there by someone else. Questions? Contact Eunice Youngblood, (803) 776-7207, or Kay White, (803) 787-0872.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is coming to Shandon this fall

What is Financial Peace University? It is a 13-week life-changing program that empowers and teaches you how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals and God's plan for your life. Taught by best-selling author and financial counselor Dave Ramsey, the course includes practical lessons on eliminating debt, building wealth, giving like never before and more.

Who is Financial Peace University for?

Everyone, from the financially secure to the financially distressed. More than 1 million families and individuals have attended Financial Peace University.

When: Sunday nights Sept. 11 through Dec. 11. Childcare provided upon request.

Free course preview: Sunday, Aug. 7, in the church library after worship

More information:

Paige Parsons, (803) 776-8773



Sign up for extended care

The extended care schedule for the next quarter (October, November and December) will be posted outside Deborah Goodwin's office from Aug. 7 to Aug. 28. Please come by and sign up for a Sunday that works with your schedule. You will automatically be assigned a Sunday if you don't have an opportunity to come by.

Worship readiness classes

Rising first graders will have worship readiness classes from Sept. 11 through Oct. 16. They will attend worship with their parents and leave after "Word for Children" to look at different parts of our worship service. Until Sept. 11, these children may continue to go to extended care during the worship hour.

HAVE A SAFE AND FUN SUMMER.

As summer vacations continue, please remember to keep giving to Shandon. Our mission does not stop during the summer.



ACOLYTE TRAINING ON AUG. 7

Training for new and old acolytes will be Sunday, Aug. 7, directly after the 10 a.m. service. Please meet at the front of the sanctuary with your child. We will be learning the importance of acolytes to our service, giving each child an opportunity to practice being an acolyte and gathering important information from the parents. Thanks to Susan Kay for coordinating this year.



SHANDON'S NEW ARRIVALS

Carys Lleulu Arthur, June 30
Parents: David and Shannon Arthur

Victoria Jane Shifflett, July 7
Parents: Andy and Audrey Shifflett



Information is just a click away

Looking for upcoming Shandon events, a staff directory, a copy of a recent sermon? You can find all of these things and more on our website, shandonpres.org. Go online to find:

Sunday School information
Worship schedules
Recent issues of The Spire
A church calendar
Sunday bulletins
Photos of church events
Shandon news

Stewardship information
Church history
Wedding booklet
Ministry directory
Outreach opportunities
Children & youth information





AUGUST 2011 EXTENDED CARE SCHEDULE

10 a.m. service • Monthly coordinator is Carrie Moss • 351-2532
Crib Room - 107B, Toddlers - 107, Two's and Three's - 104, Four's/Five's Room - 105



DATE	CRIB	TODDLER	TWO'S/THREE'S	FOUR'S/FIVE'S
8/7/11	Jessica Hall 783-8765 Laurie Taylor 381-1523	Paul Taylor 381-1523 Michelle Henry 429-0524	Amy Acker 252-5589 Carrie Moss 351-2532	Patrick Hall 783-8765 Kenny Acker 252-5589
8/14/11	Nicole McLean 783-7198 Christina Woodham 695-2184	Melissa Sanderson 254-9951 Emily Mikell 787-3501	Suzanne Hampton 779-4585 Lee Mikell 787-3501	Bill McLean 783-7198 Leslie Woodham 695-2184

8:45 a.m. service • Monthly coordinator is Deborah Goodwin • 782-1272
Crib Room - 107B, Toddlers/Two's - 107, Three's/Four's/Five's Room - 105

DATE	CRIB	TODDLER/TWO'S	THREE'S/FOUR'S/FIVE'S
8/21/11 Rally Day	Marcia Bacon 738-1788 Ashley Thomas 727-4460	Barry Thomas 727-4460	Robin Bacon 738-1788 Carolyn White 782-9032
8/28/11	Elizabeth Ponder 254-0256 Patsy Powell 776-3899	David Ross rossdr2000@yahoo.com 864-933-4418	Lisa Ross 256-6286 Trent Moss 255-0234

11 a.m. service • Monthly coordinator is Carrie Moss • 351-2532
Crib Room - 107B, Toddlers - 107, Two's - 104, Three's-102, Four's/Five's - 105

DATE	CRIB	TODDLER	TWO'S	THREE'S	FOUR'S/FIVE'S
8/21/11 Rally Day	Millie Bates 771-2069 Cheryl Rogers 376-4559	Shelley Cadena 788-5305	Debbie Sawyer 798-5317 Jay Rogers 376-4559	Mike Sawyer 798-5317 John Cadena 788-5305	Jefferson Bates 771-2067 Melissa Sawyer 240-4091
8/28/11	Erika Swann 319-9951 Chris Boring 269-4039	Lawton Swann 397-7848	Shane Boring 269-4039 Mary Rutledge Fowler 695-4392	Eugene Wang 695-4392 Brady Wilke 254-0365	Paul Blackburn 520-4737 Nicole Wilke 254-0365



Thank you

To my Shandon family,

Thanks for all your notes and cards, phone calls, and, especially, your prayers during my recent stay in the hospital. I am now home and hope to continue improving as the days go by.

Bob Williams

Your thank you notes are an important part of The Spire, and we welcome them for publication. Depending on space, editing for length might be necessary.

Milestones

In Memoriam

Wave Josey Parks

November 6, 1917 – June 26, 2011

Memorial service will be at

11 a.m. August 4 in the sanctuary

The sympathy of Shandon reaches out to the family of:

Jim Masek in the death of his father, Richard Masek of Columbia; **Nancy Woods** in the death of her brother, Jim Anderson of Ohio; **Fred Teuber** in the death of his brother, Ralph Teuber of Flint, Mich.

Memorials & Honorariums

General Memorial Fund

In Memory of Eleanor Blizard - Barbara Hartt, Alston and Leah Gore; **In Memory of Louise**

Holland (mother of Donald Holland) - Lynn and Barbara Kelley; Barbara Hartt; **In Memory of Ruth Hutchinson** (sister of Sara Freeman) - Barbara Hartt; **In Memory of F. Allen Gill** - Allan Schurr, Christine Henkel, Pete and Georgene Tapp, Barbara Hartt, Mr. & Mrs. Robert P. King; **In Memory of Evelyn Wise** - Pete and Georgene Tapp, Barbara Hartt; **In Memory of Danny Kellogg** - Lynn and Barbara Kelley, Barbara Hartt; **In Memory of Jean Walvoord** (mother of Chuck Walvoord) - Barbara Hartt; **In Memory of Wave Parks** - Ray Riddle Sunday School Class; **In Memory of Ethel D. Chappell** (mother of Mark Chappell) - Robert and Debby Cely; **In Memory of Barbara Hayes** - Robert and Debby Cely; **In Memory of Steven Fowler** - Robert and Debby Cely

Pastor's Fund

In honor of Bob and Jewell Hill on their 50th wedding anniversary - Cathy Byers; **In Memory of Wave Parks** - Bob and Jewell Hill; **In Memory of Martha Lorena Lee** (sister of Margaret Yandell) - Bob and Jewell Hill; **In Memory of David Lee Stricklin** (father of Joe Stricklin) - Wayne Bryan and Mimi Parrott; **In Memory of Mary Jarman Anderson** (mother of Ruth Anderson Chisolm) - Wayne Bryan and Mimi Parrott

Margaret H. Davis Organ Endowment Fund

In Memory of Louise Holland (mother of Donald Holland) - Wayne Bryan and Mimi Parrott; **In Memory of Ruth Hutchinson** (sister of Sara Freeman) - Wayne Bryan and Mimi Parrott; **In Memory of F. Allen Gill** - Wayne Bryan and Mimi Parrott

Gene Lindler Memorial Music Endowment Fund

In Memory of F. Allen Gill - Donald Holland; **In Memory of Barbara Hayes** - Donald Holland

J. Chappell Moore CDC Scholarship

Endowment Fund

In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. Chappell Moore - Lucie Moore Hughes