

# Gautier Presbyterian Times

April & May 2008

## Passport Mission Camps for Youth and Children

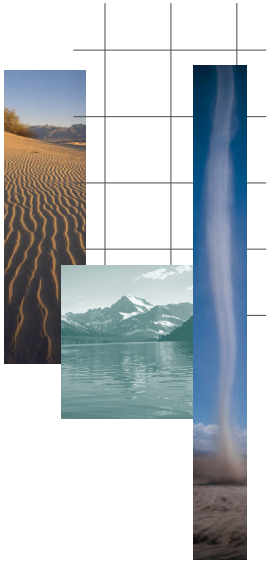
### PASSPORT

Our Confirmands will attend the **Passport Camp** to be held in New Orleans June 22nd - 27th at Dillard's University. A Passport Camp is a combination of a youth camp and a Mission Trip.

Campers have a morning devotion and Bible study to prepare as they head out for the daily Mission Projects. There is Free Time in the mid afternoon where Campers can choose activities. Worship invites teens to interact with the presence of God in their lives. Cost to attend the Passport Camp is \$350 each.

**Our younger children will have the opportunity to attend a Passport camp for Kids** in Pensacola, FL; June - 24th - 27th. The "Kids" camp has the same type of activities as the teens except they will meet a missionary and do an action project to share Christ's love with others. The cost for this camp is \$230 each.

If you are interested in your child or grandchild attending a Passport Camp please talk to Pastor Chris or contact the office for more information.



**Four boys from our church will be attending the camp:**

**Noah, Dameon, Tony and David**

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### The Choir of The Palmer Home for Children will be here May 4th!

The children will be singing for us May 4<sup>th</sup> and joining us for a potluck after worship.

This is a great opportunity to invite your friends to Church. We hope we have a full church when they come to sing.



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## Camp Pinetreat

Camp Pinetreat, located in South Alabama helps Youth build relationships with peers, adults and God by attending. It gives them the opportunity to expand their experiences in a safe environment through fun activities lead by trained & supportive counselors. Housing is in air-conditioned lodges. Facilities: dining hall, swimming pool, pavilion, arts & crafts shelter & several other athletic areas.

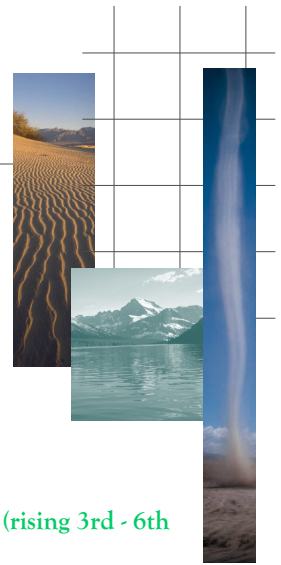


There are hiking trails, cookout areas and a lake for canoeing. If you have Children or Grandchildren who would like to attend contact the office.

**Night Owls (rising 7th - 9th graders)**  
June 22-27  
and/or July 27-  
August 1

**Journey (rising 3rd - 6th graders)**  
July 13-18 and/or  
July 20-25

**Footsteps Mini-Camp (rising 1st - 3rd graders)**  
July 9-11



### Session Notes

- Session minutes are available on the back table in the Sanctuary.
- Bill Fishinger has agreed to serve as Chair of the Worship Team.
- We agreed to match a donation from a church member (total of \$200) to be sent to Nuhad Tomeh to be spent on Bibles in Lebanon and Syria.
- We continue to work on our New Sanctuary and met with the Architect on Friday, April 4th.
- We held a Session Retreat here at the church all day, Saturday, April 5th.
- Dan Woodward will preach while Pastor Chris is in South Africa.

From Nuhad Tomeh

Dear Rev. Chris

Christ is Risen. Easter greetings from Beirut. This email message is to let you know that I just received your letter of no date but from the stamped envelope could tell that it was mailed from Gautier on March 21. with the enclosed check of U\$ 200.00 which as you have said is from a member of your church matched by your church . I will use this amount to provide Bibles for churches in Syria and Lebanon and will send you a short report of the use.

Thanks again for your support. God's Peace

Nuhad Tomeh

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## My family and I are headed to South Africa

You may know that Karen and I have both journeyed to Africa for short term Mission Trips. In 1998, I went to Ghana in Western Africa, to spend time with local Presbyterian Ministers there.

It was an incredible experience.

In 2003, my wife, Karen joined a group from her Presbytery on a trip to South Africa. There she made lasting relationships, especially with a the J.L. Zwane church in the

Black township of Gugulethu (outside of Cape Town).

After much prayer and preparation, Karen and I and Noah are preparing to journey to South Africa in late May.

We will be spending much of our time with the J.L. Zwane Church, learning about how ministry is happening in glorious ways in that part of the world.

Specifically, we will spend time with their AIDS ministry. This disease, as we all know, is devast-

tating that part of the world and their children's ministries.

Karen and I will also spend some time dialoguing with their pastor about Church Renewal and Transformation in South Africa.

At the end of our time, we will also see some of the beauty of that country on a Safari near the border of Botswana.

Please keep us in your prayers. We covet them.

*Rev. Chris Balk*



## Opportunities and Events

- **Happy Mother's Day!**  
Blessings on all Mothers and Grandmothers everywhere!!
  - **The Woodward's Tuesday Evening Bible Study** will begin meeting twice a month starting April 15th in the home of Gerry Anne and Dan Woodward
  - **If anyone is interested in teaching or substituting** for Sunday School please contact Pam Martin at 826-4439
  - **Alcoholics Anonymous** meets on Monday evenings at 8:00 in the Fellowship Hall.
  - **The Bridge Group** meets on Wednesday morning at 10am & Thursday evening at 6 pm
  - **Weight Watchers** is now holding its meetings in our Fellowship Hall Tuesday's at 12 noon. If you would like more information you can call Shannon van Duijvendijk, Weight Watchers Leader, at (228) 218-5924
  - **Food Pantry:** Our Food Pantry is open once a month on the 2nd Thursday. It is now serving approximately 130 families in the Gautier area each month.
- Everyone who comes to the pantry is so appreciative of all that we do to help them.

If you are interested in helping contact Mary Wise ( 826 - 4133 ) .

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**April Ushers**

6th Mary & Jerry Wise  
13th Daphne Henne & Dick Poole  
20th Mill Fishinger & Leon Beverage  
27th Mikaela Ewing & Eddie Jackson

**April Liturgist**

6th Tony LaGanga  
13th Biju Chakkungal  
20th Dameion Wise  
27th Noah Wamsteker

**April Flowers**

6th Dick Poole  
13th Joyce Chivers  
20th Donnis & Rick Torgerson  
27th Linda & Dixon McDowell

**April Birthday's**

1st Dixon McDowell  
8th Heather Searcy  
13th Joyce Chivers  
21st Anna Chakkungal  
22nd Jerry Wise

## Mississippi Presbyterian Cursillo

This month Mississippi will establish its own Mississippi Cursillo.

MPC #1 will be held at Paul B. Johnson State Park near Hattiesburg April 24th-27th. Anyone who has not attended a Cursillo is encouraged to consider attending. It is a wonderful and life changing experience.

