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**Sunday Schedule**

9:30 am **Worship Service**  
11:00 am **Sunday School**  
6:30 pm **Evening Service**

**Worship Volunteers**

**September**

**Head Usher David Linde**

9/6 Ken Coltellino, Jerry Washburn, James Deck, Luke Bae, Kee Bae  
9/13 Jerry Lankford, Paul Marshner, Peter Render, George Winsor, Tim Kraemer  
9/20 Kia Schrodtt, David Spinnato, David Ingersoll, Les Heineken, Tom Hayes  
9/27 Ford Waggoner, George Tilghman, Jared Votta, Bill Taylor, Henry Nyce

**Guest Services Team**

Bruce & Debbie Ford, Bill & Suzanne Taylor

**Refreshments**

9/6 Kevin & Tammi Griswold  
9/13 Bob & Joanne Hayes  
9/20 Barbara & Ravi Ayra  
9/27 Tim & Debbie Kraemer

**Children's Church**

9/6 Debbie, Bruce & Amaris Ford  
9/13 Barbara & Luke Coltellino, Haley Biggs  
9/20 The Smeltzer Family  
9/27 Emily Cross & Amaris Ford

**Nursery**

9/6 Kate Huntington, Pam Render, Donna Anderson, Jon & Ilsa Lewis  
9/13 Connie & Hannah Libby, Greta Downes, Mary Laurenzano, Emily Cross, Angela Conley  
9/20 Donna Griffith, Luke Franklin, Josh Franklin, Dana & Lauren Fickenscher, Dean Franklin  
9/27 Patty & Haley Biggs, Trish Robins, Tim, Sarah & Luke Harr

**Church Open & Lock-Up**

9/6 Eric Schultes  
9/13 Dave Smith  
9/20 David Linde  
9/27 Gary Brown

**Communion Service**

9/27 Bob & Lauren Cross

**October**

**Head Usher Paul Katzaman**

10/4 Jon Sherwell, Andy Anderson, Michael Munday, David Banks, Dan Bacon  
10/11 Richard Townsend, Eric Catellier, Steve Brezler, Bob Hall, George Conner  
10/18 Jonathan Freed, Joshua Franklin, Ted Cogswell, Joe Cote, Steve Keim  
10/25 Greg Smeltzer, Jerry Washburn, Jimmy Garrity, Patrick Singer, Matt Smith

**Guest Services Team**

Mike & Kathy Price, Ford & Leslie Waggoner

**Refreshments**

10/4 Tom & Joy Hayes  
10/11 Kirk & Grace Franks  
10/18 Kevin & Tammi Griswold  
10/25 Barbara & Ravi Ayra

**Children's Church**

10/4 Sue & Luke Harr  
10/11 Debbie, Bruce & Amaris Ford  
10/18 Lee Buchley & Helper  
10/25 Ben & Nathan Katzaman

**Nursery**

10/4 Kate Huntington, Pam Render, Donna Anderson, Jon & Ilsa Lewis  
10/11 Debbie, Elizabeth & Emily Price, Katie Cote, Lori & Luke Williams  
10/18 Amy & Amanda Ingersoll, Elizabeth Webster, Rob Anderson, Hope Harr  
10/25 Kathy & Hannah Townsend, Suzanne Taylor, Barbara & Luke Coltellino, Meaghan Conley

**Church Open & Lock-Up**

10/4 Dan Bacon  
10/11 Dave Schrey  
10/18 Tim Kraemer  
10/25 Kevin Griswold

**Communion Service**

9/27 Andy & Nancy Anderson

**September 2009**

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When Do We Grow Up? From the pastor

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Now there's a taxing question for the all the anthropologists, sociologists, psychologists, historians and culture watchers. Is it when you're 18 and can finally vote? Is it 21, when you can legally buy a "strong" drink? How about when you're old enough to have children of your own? Maybe it's when you are a land owner? Perhaps it's when you've made a great deal of money? Or is it when you have some kind of "professional" certification? Certainly everybody is "grown up" when they're married? Some would tell us that it's that pinnacle in personal achievement that allows you to do whatever you want with your spare time and money! Hmm...actually, you could reach all these milestones chronologically, economically and socially and still be quite immature.

Considering this matter biblically is enlightening and necessary. This list of passages is not meant to be exhaustive but Scripture would seem to indicate that you've "grown up" when you act responsibly: toward God (*Mark 12:28-30*) toward your mate & family (*Genesis 2:24; Ephesians 5 & 6*) toward your fellow man (*Mark 12:31*) toward Christ's Church (*Hebrews 10:23-25; 1 Corinthians 3:1-7; Ephesians 5:22-33; 1 Corinthians 12:12-26; Romans 12*) toward your vocation or calling (*Colossians 3:23, 24*). Wow...in light of these texts, isn't it possible for us to "grow down" if we're not careful? You know, attitudes like these: "the church is for us" (we really don't exist for it); "the people around us are a chore" (we have given enough already); "our family has grown and gone" (we have no obligation to any other families); "we prefer mechanisms and methods that maintain our comfort and minimize any ventures of faith."

The only way to combat the "black hole" of mediocrity and monotony is to be caught in the grace-life of passages like *Colossians 3:3*, "For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God." *Mark 8:35*, "For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's shall save it." and *Mark 9:35*, "If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all, and servant of all." If I'm not careful, I can lull myself into forgetting that we disciple people to enable them to engage and embrace a lost world. May God help us to "grow up" and to be vigilant against "growing down" during our pilgrimage.

Pastor Shelton

*challenging people to know what they believe  
...and why...*

### Membership Class

Membership Class will occur during Sunday School on Five (5) consecutive Sundays (September 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>).

Please let the pastor or Church Office know of your intention to participate.

### Did You know? The Pastoral Relations

- 22-1 The various pastoral relations are pastor, associate pastor, and assistant pastor.
- 22-2 The pastor and assistant pastor are elected by the congregation using the form of call in BCO 20-6. Being elected by the congregation, they become members of the Session.
- 22-3 An assistant pastor is called by the Session, by the permission and approval of Presbytery, under provisions of BCO-20-1 and 13-2, with Presbytery membership being governed by the same provisions that apply to pastors. He is not a member of the Session, but may be appointed on special occasions to moderate the Session under the provisions of BCO 12-4.
- 22-4 The relationship of the associate pastor to the church is determined by the congregation. The relationship of the assistant pastor to the church is determined by the Session. The dissolution of the relationship of both is governed by the provision of BCO—23

*The Book of Church Order  
Chapter 22—The Pastoral Relations*



This year's speaker: David B. Garner, Associate Professor of Systemic Theology, Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA (B.S. UNC 1987; Th. M., Dallas Theological Seminary, 1992; Ph.D., Westminster Theological Seminary, 2002). Dr. Garner has also taught at Philadelphia College of the Bible, Geneva College and served as Pastoral Assistant and scholar in residence at Proclamation Presbyterian Church.

REFORMATION CONFERENCE,  
NOVEMBER 6-8, 2009  
PLEASE MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR FOR THIS SPECIAL  
CONFERENCE

## Get Plugged In This Fall



### Covenant Groups...

Keith Franklin will be leading a Covenant group, meeting at the Fickenscher's home. They will be studying "Instructing a Child's Heart" by Tedd Tripp. Starting date and time TBD.

Paul Griswold will be leading a Covenant group, meeting at his home. Starting date and time TBD.

We will be developing more groups as the Fall goes on.

**If you are interested in getting involved in a weekly or biweekly Covenant group Bible study this Fall see Keith Franklin.**

### Men's Small Groups...

Jim Hart will be leading a Men's small group Bible Study, meeting at the church every other Tuesday at 9am. They are currently studying the Book of Genesis.

Keith Franklin will be leading a Men's small group Bible study, meeting at Panera Bread every other Monday at 7am. They are currently studying "Living in a Pluralistic Society" by Tim Keller.

Kevin Griswold will be leading a Men's small group Bible study, meeting at his home every other Wednesday at 7pm. They are currently studying the Prophets.

We will be developing more groups as the Fall goes on.

**If you are interested in getting involved in a weekly or biweekly Covenant group Bible study this Fall see Keith Franklin.**

*In an effort to keep these groups "Small group Bible studies" we are limiting the amount of people in each group. Please don't let this scare you away - we are always willing to start new Bible studies to accommodate everyone. See Keith Franklin if you would like to get involved.*

### Youth News....

Junior High youth group will be moving to a new night. Starting September 2 they will be meeting on Wednesday nights at the church at 7:30pm.

Save the date - September 26 all Junior Highs are invited to go to a corn maze. Come on out and join the fun! More information to come.

Senior Highs will continue to meet on Wednesday nights at the church at 7:30pm.

Save the date - September 4 all Senior Highs are invited to a Shorebirds game. Come on out and join the fun. More information to come.

## ESL

Starts Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. This will be our fourth year!

Please remember we sincerely appreciate your prayers, monetary giving, and love shown to our students. PPC is committed to this outreach ministry. We pray the ESL ministry will again be successful in the coming year by giving us students and sharing the gospel with them, as well as teaching them English at the same time. We covet your prayers for the coming year for success of this ministry. Registration is September 10<sup>th</sup> and classes begin on September 17<sup>th</sup>.