

*Welcome to Southminster*  
*Christ's love is here for YOU!*

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Prayer Requests:

Lee Adair, Edie and O. B. Chaffee, Mildred Cunard, Judy Curlee, Brian Dean, Golda Fuller, Cody Gilbert, Dennis Grimm, the Kibaara family, Lottie Kershaw, Beverly Larsen, Mikayla Larsen, Chris LaVine, Pete Logan, Nancy Patrick, Bill Pearce, Eugene Shaffer, Tom Shaffer, Callie Summers, Ricky Tanner, and Becky Willingham

Cherokee Presbytery Calendar, September 16

**SOUTHMINSTER CHURCH** – The Southminster Church, organized in 1969, is located in *south Cobb County* at 1507 Hurt Road, SW, in Marietta, where they are neighbors with the Presbyterian Village. Southminster is the 27th oldest church in Cherokee Presbytery. Membership is 141. The Reverend Pete Paulsen is the Stated Supply Pastor.

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This Week's Calendar:

Today	Sept. 16	9:30 a.m.	New member class begins Adult Sunday school
		11:00 a.m.	Worship & Beginning of Stewardship Emphasis
		12:15 p.m.	Lunch Bunch @ Italian Oven
Monday	Sept. 17	6:00 p.m.	N.A.M.I. Night – Light supper
Tuesday	Sept. 18	7:30 p.m.	Link Council Meeting
Wednesday	Sept. 19	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
		7:30 p.m.	Stated Session Meeting
Thursday	Sept. 20	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
Sunday	Sept. 23	9:30 a.m.	New member class # 3 Adult Sunday school First day of Autumn!

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**NEW MEMBER CLASSES IN SEPTEMBER**

You are invited to join the fellowship of Southminster Presbyterian Church by accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior or by renewing your commitment to Him in a new church home. Last Sunday, Rev. Paulsen began conducting a four-week series of new member classes which will continue through the next 2 Sundays in September. If you are curious about Southminster's people and what we believe, or are interested in growing in your faith or uniting with this congregation, please speak with Rev. Paulsen to register for these classes. Members are received by Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, by Reaffirmation of Faith, or by Transfer of Letter from another Christian church.

# Southminster Presbyterian Church



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# Southminster Presbyterian Church

September 16, 2007, 11:00 a.m. –  
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Gathering

### Opening Voluntary

*Please use the time before the service begins to review the announcements in the bulletin and to quietly prepare your heart for the worship of God.*

### Striking of the Hour

### Greetings, Welcome, and Ritual of Friendship and Stewardship Time

### \*Call to Worship Psalm 14 (selected verses)

**Leader:** Fools say in their heart, “There is no God.” All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

**People:** **The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.**

**Leader:** Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; there is none who does good; no, not one.

**People:** **Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, but the Lord is their refuge.**

**All:** **Oh, that Israel’s deliverance would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of the chosen people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.**

### \*Hymn No. 376 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

### \*Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Hear us now, O Lord, as we continue to pray silently...**

*(Please use these moments of silence to offer your personal prayer of confession.) Amen*

### \*Words of Assurance

**Leader:** Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.

**People:** **and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

### \*Gloria Patri (unison)

### \*The Passing of the Peace

**Leader:** Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

*(Please exchange greetings of peace with those near you.)*

## The Word

### \*Hymn No. 164 “Lord, Who May Dwell Within Your House”

### Prayer of Illumination

### Children’s Time

### Dismissal Song

*“Jesus Loves the Little Children”*

*Children ages three years through fifth grade are dismissed to Sunday school.*

### Epistle Reading

I Timothy 1:12-17

Pew Bible, page 208

### \*Chorus No. 387 (in Great Hymns of the Faith) “True-Hearted, Whole-Hearted”

### Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-10

Pew Bible, page 78

**Leader:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

### Sermon

“Searching”

Rev. Paulsen

## Response to the Word

### \*Affirmation of Faith

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

### Offering of our Gifts and Ourselves

### Offertory

### \*Doxology (unison)

### \*Prayer of Dedication

### Call to Prayer Song

*All your anxiety, all your care, Bring to the Mercy Seat and leave it there,  
Never a burden He doth not bear, Never a friend like Jesus.*

### Prayers of the People

### Lord’s Prayer

## Sending

### \*Hymn 514 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

### \*Benediction

### \*Benediction Response Hymn 587 “Amen” (sing twice)

### Postlude

Assisting in Worship: Lynn Kamm – Accompanist; Dave Markle – Song Leader

Charles K. Nyaga – Pulpit Assistant; Rosalie Morgan – Children’s Time

\*All who are able, please stand.

## **SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAY PRAYER SERVICES**

*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! Psalm 133:1*

You are invited to attend the next prayer service on Tuesday, September 25, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Every second and fourth Tuesday we will meet together with members of Church of the Holy Trinity, one of our resident congregations, in Southminster's sanctuary. Members of all local churches are most welcome. Bring your family, friends and neighbors and experience the blessings and joy of community prayer.

Kate Tutwiler, Chairperson, Southminster's Prayer Fellowship

Dianne Monroe, Church of the Holy Trinity

## **GOD OWNS EVERYTHING: REMEMBERING AND RENEWAL**

*For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. Psalm 50:10 NRSV*

The theme for this year's stewardship campaign is "God Owns Everything: Remembering and Renewal." Beginning today and continuing through September and October we will be reflecting on how graciously God has blessed Southminster and her people for the past thirty-eight years. He has enabled us to be a blessing not only to one another but through our various ministry programs we have lovingly served our neighbors in this community and beyond into the world. Today Dave Markle, Co-Chairman of the 2007 Stewardship Campaign Program, will give us an overview of this year's theme, the theme song, the goals and the highlights of the schedule of events.

2007 Stewardship Committee Team

Dave Markle, Co-Chairperson

Ruth Webb, Co-Chairperson

Bill Kershaw

Jackie McCown

Linwood Swain