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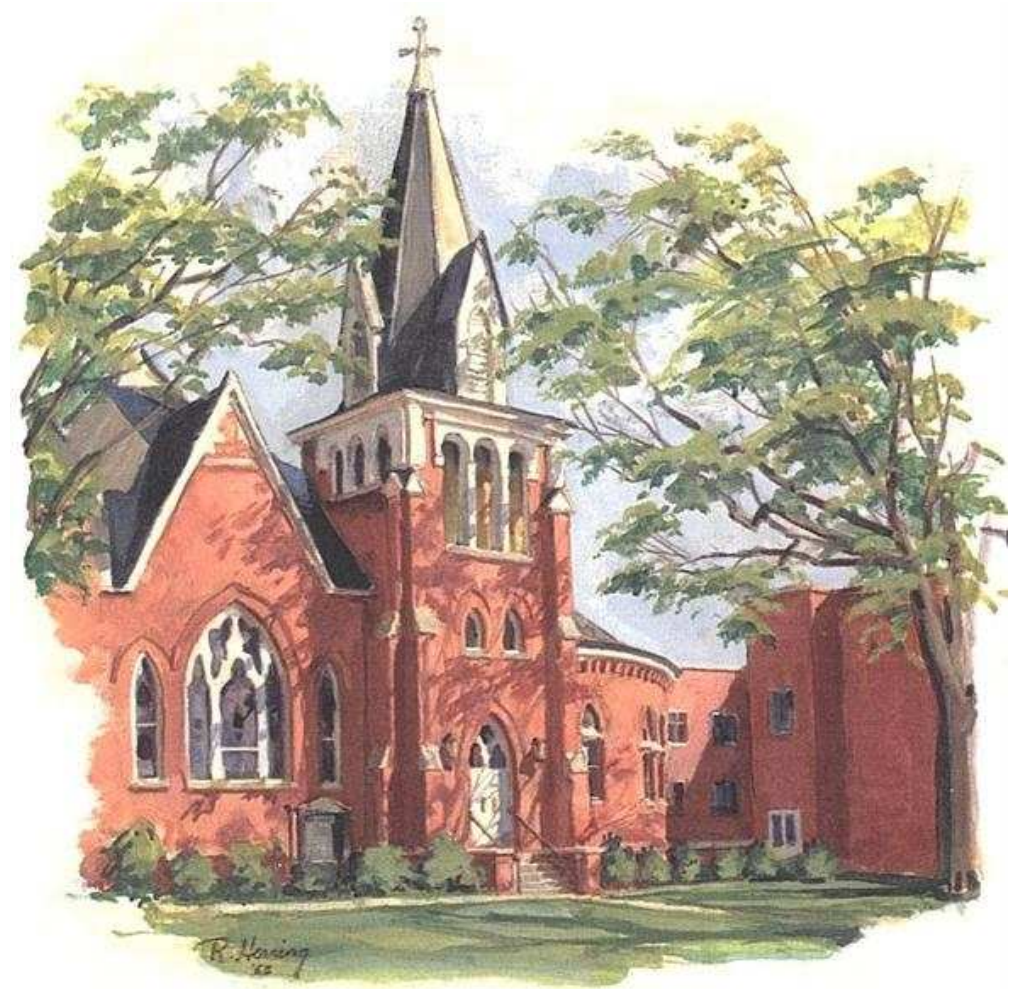
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Loving God... Loving People... Making Disciples

November 11, 2007

11:00 a.m. Worship

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Calendar (Week of November 11-18, 2007)

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Worship with Logos Choir
8:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast with Rev. Clay Brown
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
3:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parlor
4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF
5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club
7:00 p.m. - Committee Meetings

Monday: 2:00 p.m. - Circle No. 1 in the parlor
6:15 p.m. - Blessed in Christ (No. 3) in the parlor
7:00 p.m. - Executive Committee in the Library
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fred & Jean Coates

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - *Mom's Touch* in the Session room
10:00 a.m. - Circle of Faith in the parlor
12:00 p.m. - Women of the Word (No. 5) at the home of Sandra Harris
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scout Den meetings

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study with Fronnie Gardner
4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM Thanksgiving celebration
6:15 p.m. - HS Supper Club at Wendy's

Thursday: 9:15 a.m. - Saints Alive trip to the Southern Christmas Show
9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home
6:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
7:00 p.m. - PW Coordinating Team
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

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¹They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. ²And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. ³He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, ⁴for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. ⁵Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. ⁶And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him.

⁷And crying out with a loud voice, he said, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.” ⁸For he was saying to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!” ⁹And Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” He replied, “My name is Legion, for we are many.” ¹⁰And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. ¹¹Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, ¹²and they begged him, saying, “Send us to the pigs; let us enter them.” ¹³So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out, and entered the pigs, and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and were drowned in the sea.

¹⁴The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. ¹⁵And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ¹⁶And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. ¹⁷And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region.

¹⁸As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. ¹⁹And he did not permit him but said to him, “Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” ²⁰And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

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