

Morning Worship Service 9:00 AM
July 29, 2012
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Air for the G String - J.S. Bach

Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord.

Call to Worship

Psalm 29:1, 2, & 9

- Leader:** Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD
glory and strength.
- People:** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the
LORD in the splendor of his holiness.
- ALL:** The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the
forests bare. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

**** Glorifying God in Song**

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Hymn #100

**** The Invocation**

**** The Apostles' Creed**

“I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.”

The First Scripture Lesson

¹ The two angels arrived at Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gateway of the city. When he saw them, he got up to meet them and bowed down with his face to the ground. ²“My lords,” he said, “please turn aside to your servant’s house. You can wash your feet and spend the night and then go on your way early in the morning.” “No,” they answered, “we will spend the night in the square.” ³But he insisted so strongly that they did go with him and entered his house. He prepared a meal for them, baking bread without yeast, and they ate. ⁴Before they had gone to bed, all the men from every part of the city of Sodom — both young and old—surrounded the house. ⁵They called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them.” ⁶Lot went outside to meet them and shut the door behind him ⁷and said, “No, my friends. Don’t do this wicked thing. ⁸Look, I have two daughters who have never slept with a man. Let me bring them out to you, and you can do what you like with them. But don’t do anything to these men, for they have come under the protection of my roof.” ⁹“Get out of our way,” they replied. And they said, “This fellow came here as an alien, and now he wants to play the judge! We’ll treat you worse than them.” They kept bringing pressure on Lot and moved forward to break down the door. ¹⁰But the men inside reached out and pulled Lot back into the house and shut the door. ¹¹Then they struck the men who were at the door of the house, young and old, with blindness so that they could not find the door. ¹²The two men said to Lot, “Do you have anyone else here—sons-in-law, sons or daughters, or anyone else in the city who belongs to you? Get them out of here, ¹³because we are going to destroy this place. The outcry to the Lord against its people is so great that he has sent us to destroy it.” ¹⁴So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were pledged to marry his daughters. He said, “Hurry and get out of this place, because the Lord is about to destroy the city!” But his sons-in-law thought he was joking. ¹⁵With the coming of dawn, the angels urged Lot, saying, “Hurry! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away when the city is punished.” ¹⁶When he hesitated, the men grasped his hand and the hands of his wife and of his two daughters and led

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them safely out of the city, for the Lord was merciful to them. ¹⁷ As soon as they had brought them out, one of them said, “Flee for your lives! Don’t look back, and don’t stop anywhere in the plain! Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away!” ¹⁸ But Lot said to them, “No, my lords, please! ¹⁹ Your servant has found favor in your eyes, and you have shown great kindness to me in sparing my life. But I can’t flee to the mountains; this disaster will overtake me, and I’ll die. ²⁰ Look, here is a town near enough to run to, and it is small. Let me flee to it—it is very small, isn’t it? Then my life will be spared.” ²¹ He said to him, “Very well, I will grant this request too; I will not overthrow the town you speak of. ²² But flee there quickly, because I cannot do anything until you reach it.” (That is why the town was called Zoar.) ²³ By the time Lot reached Zoar, the sun had risen over the land. ²⁴ Then the Lord rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah — from the Lord out of the heavens. ²⁵ Thus he overthrew those cities and the entire plain, including all those living in the cities—and also the vegetation in the land. ²⁶ But Lot’s wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt. ²⁷ Early the next morning Abraham got up and returned to the place where he had stood before the Lord. ²⁸ He looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, toward all the land of the plain, and he saw dense smoke rising from the land, like smoke from a furnace. ²⁹ So when God destroyed the cities of the plain, he remembered Abraham, and he brought Lot out of the catastrophe that overthrew the cities where Lot had lived.

³⁰ Lot and his two daughters left Zoar and settled in the mountains, for he was afraid to stay in Zoar. He and his two daughters lived in a cave. ³¹ One day the older daughter said to the younger, “Our father is old, and there is no man around here to lie with us, as is the custom all over the earth. ³² Let’s get our father to drink wine and then lie with him and preserve our family line through our father.” ³³ That night they got their father to drink wine, and the older daughter went in and lay with him. He was not aware of it when she lay down or when she got up. ³⁴ The next day the older daughter said to the younger, “Last night I lay with my father. Let’s get him to drink wine again tonight, and you go in and lie with him so we can preserve our family line through our father.” ³⁵ So they got their father to drink wine that night also, and the younger daughter went and lay with him. Again he was not aware of it when she lay down or when she got up. ³⁶ So both of Lot’s daughters became pregnant by their father. ³⁷ The older daughter had a son, and she named him Moab; he is the father of the Moabites of today. ³⁸ The younger daughter also had a son, and she named him Ben-Ammi; he is the father of the Ammonites of today.

Genesis 19

Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

The Confession of Our Sins

*“O God of grace, I bewail my cold, listless, heartless prayers;
their poverty adds sin to sin.*

*If my hope were in them I should be undone,
But the worth of Jesus perfumes my feeble breathings,
and wins their acceptance.*

*Flood my soul with repentance
that my heart may be broken for sin and unto sin.*

*O my great high priest,
pour down upon me streams of needful grace,
bless me in all my undertakings,
in every thought of my mind,
every word of my lips,
every step of my feet,
every deed of my hands.*

*O give sincerity to my desires,
earnestness to my supplications,
fervor to my love. AMEN”*

—The Valley of Vision

Assurance of Pardon

Musical Offering

The Second Scripture Lesson

⁴For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment; ⁵if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others; ⁶if he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; ⁷and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the filthy lives of lawless men ⁸(for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)— ⁹if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment.

2 Peter 2:4-9

Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Third Scripture Lesson

²⁰ Then Jesus began to denounce the cities in which most of his miracles had been performed, because they did not repent. ²¹ “Woe to you, Korazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you. ²³ And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to the skies? No, you will go down to the depths. If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day. ²⁴ But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.”

Matthew 11:20-24

Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

**** Offertory Hymn**

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Hymn #1

**** Offertory Statement & Prayer of Dedication**

¹⁷ For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. ¹⁸ He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹ And you are to love those who are aliens, for you yourselves were aliens in Egypt.

Deuteronomy 10:17-19

The Offertory
Andante - Felix Mendelssohn

*PLEASE FILL OUT THE CONNECTION CARD IN THE BULLETIN
TO INDICATE YOUR ATTENDANCE.*

**** The Doxology**

(Hymn # 731)

Children K4 – K5 may be dismissed to Children's Church.

The Message
Rev. Danny Dalton
Associate Pastor

**** Glorifying God in Song**
'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
Hymn #679

**** Benediction**

Postlude
Toccata on "Lobe den Herren" - Gordon Young

*** All who are able, please stand*

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Welcome to Our Visitors

We welcome you in the name of Christ! You can find more information about us on our website at www.seminolepca.org. For questions or to share a prayer concern, call the office at 774-3881, ext. 700 or email us at: church@seminolepca.org.

Deacons' Mercy Line (813) 774-3881, Ext. 744

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please call this church phone extension; a deacon generally checks the line daily.

SPC Family Matters



Youth Excursion:
Ichetucknee River Float

*(Wednesday, August 1;
8:00 am-8:30 pm; \$20)*

The Iche-what!? You don't need to know how to pronounce it to enjoy it. The beautiful Ichetucknee river is spring fed and flows slowly through shaded hammocks and wetlands. The water is crystal clear and too chilly for alligators so you can relax on your own tube as our floatilla meanders down the river. Laugh, relax, swim, and have a blast! How long can you stand on your tube without falling? What happens if you flip Danny? All exciting questions you'll just have to come to find out. Join us for 1½ trips down this awesome north Florida river.

- **Sign-up by TODAY! Sunday, July 29th**
- Required: \$20, notarized Med/Release Form
- Bring: Modest swimsuit, towel, change of dry clothes, money for dinner on the way home (\$10)



Costa Rica Missions Information Meeting

Save the Date for **Monday, August 13 at 7 p.m.** In order to facilitate the development a relationship with the MTW Costa Rica Team leader Rodney Davila and his wife Jana, Seminole will be hosting them for an all-church Costa Rica Missions information meeting. More details will be forthcoming, but for now – save the date!

Children's Sunday School News & Teacher Recruitment

Dear Seminole Family,

It is with the prompting of the Spirit, the encouragement of others, and the support of the Session that I, Jamie Dalton, now count it a great privilege to serve Seminole as your Sunday School Coordinator for the elementary grades. Some of my immediate goals are:

- recruit teachers for the upcoming school year: September 2, 2012 – May 26, 2013
- host a Sunday School Teacher workshop/lunch Sunday, August 29th (12-4pm)
- get any updated supplies and materials for each classroom
- act as a substitute teacher if a teacher has a conflict in schedule

I will be contacting those who have served as a teacher or teacher's aid in the past for our children's Sunday school program to get your feedback. In the mean time, **I would like to have all teacher and teacher's aide positions filled for this coming school year by August 5th**. If you feel called to join Seminole in fulfilling the Great Commission, please contact Jamie Dalton at realdaltongang@gmail.com / (863) 221-7888, or fill out the tan insert in this bulletin and put it into the offering plate. We are recruiting for these grade levels:

Grade Level	Teacher	Teacher's Aid
Preschool (K4-K5)		
Lower Elementary (1-2)		
Upper Elementary (3-5)	<i>Filled</i>	



In Christian Sympathy - We are saddened to learn that our sister in Christ, **Jean Glaze**, passed away Tuesday, July 24 from stomach cancer complications. However, we can rejoice that she is now free from her pain and suffering, resting in the arms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. A memorial service is being planned at Seminole in the near future; details will be forthcoming. In the meantime, please lift up Jeannie's husband, Jack, in your prayers; may the Lord provide him much comfort in this time of grief and sorrow.

Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

Prayer/Praise:

- Jack Glaze – on the loss of his wife, Jean
- Larry Dickey – pray for continual healing and recovery
- Kim Dostal (DIL of Judy Dostal) - ongoing rehabilitation
- Servy & Raquel Fernandez' parents – health issues
- Amarnath Boodoosingh – better employment

Pray for our missionaries:

- Don & Judy Vander Ploeg, Wycliffe/JAARS; on furlough
- Dave Hawes, Navigators – training and development
- Jeff Lee, Reformed University Ministries @ USF

E-mail: prayer-list@lists.seminolepca.org

Christian Education – Adults, Youth, & Children

Class/Grade	Class Teacher(s)	Class Room
Ages 2-3 / Toddlers	Bev Thomson	#115
Ages 4-5 / K4-K5	Diane Keen & Grace Keen	#111
Ages 6-7 / 1 st - 2 nd Grade	Liz Hickerson & Raquel Fernandez	#105
Ages 8-10 / 3 rd -5 th Grade	Sally Quick & Sarah Zak	#109
Jr. High / 6 th -8 th Grade	Danny Dalton & Richard Zak	#107
Sr. High / 9 th -12 th Grade	Gregg Quick & Randy Johnson	#101
Adult – Walden Class	Bill Earnest	#108
Adult – St. Augustine	Bryan Toenes	Church Office
Adult – Old Testament	Steve Strickland	#102

Current Adult Classes

Walden Class – Update - Room 108

Teacher: Elder Bill Earnest

WOH! This Church fell asleep some where between being founded by a missionary (maybe Paul or one of the others we read about in the book of Acts), and John's vision. No modern day church would ever admit to being like the Church of Sardis. It would not enter their minds! That is the problem, and the problem is that we can see their problem, but we will never recognize our own problem in this area! (Maybe we should read that sentence again!) It is true; one will not see his problem if he is asleep. So as you read the words of Christ given to this church, remember, they needed a good shaking to wake them up! Like most of us in our churches, we need a good shaking from time to time to wake us up. Christ says to them in Revelation 3:2-4: "Wake Up"! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God. Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; Obey it, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you." Two questions to consider: 1. Are we ever finished with the Lords work so we can take a nap?; and, 2. Is a sleeping Christian committing a big sin? All are welcome to join us in class today as we discuss the Church of Sardis, and maybe Seminole? See you in class!

Doctor of Grace: The Life and Thought of St. Augustine – Church Office

Teacher: Bryan Toenes

This summer Bryan Toenes is leading a study of both the life and teachings of one of the greatest Christian minds of all time. Today we begin discussing the Pelagian Controversy from which Augustine ultimately earned his moniker "Doctor of Grace". What was the nature of the controversy, and what role did Augustine play in defining the Church's doctrines of grace? How did Augustine define the doctrine of Original Sin in opposition to the Pelagian heresy? What are we to understand about the transmission of the guilt of Adam's sin to all other human beings? Join us today as we answer these questions and more in our study of the universal sinfulness of man.

Old Testament Survey – Room 102

Teacher: Steve Strickland

Paul's letter to Timothy says that "all Scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." Paul is speaking about the Old Testament here. If we want to have a richer, fuller understanding of Jesus and the gospel, we need to know the Old Testament better. At times, however, the language and customs of the Old Testament can seem foreign to believers making it difficult to understand. Join us this summer as we examine God's unfolding plan to build His kingdom and redeem a people for Himself. Emphasizing a Christ-centered reading of Scripture, we will see how the Old Testament shapes our minds, our hearts, and the way we live.

This Week at SPC ~ July 29-August 4

SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:00 am
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am
Sunday School, 10:45 am

WEDNESDAY: Youth Excursion – River Float, 8 am



August 6 – 10: HS Urban Immersion

August 13: Costa Rica Missions Project
Information Meeting, 7 pm

September 22: Seminole Heights Fine Arts Series:
Lopez-Tabor Duo, 6 pm



SEMINOLE AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 119

Last Sunday's Offering: \$19,403.95

For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have. 2 Cor. 8:12

Volunteers

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Helper</u>	<u>Banner Bearer</u>
Today:	Lisa Johnson	Emily Johnson	Dominick Zak
Next Week:	Therese McKenzie	Paul McKenzie	Nora Fernandez
Aug. 12:	Laura Strickland	Rachel Strickland	Kathryn White

Children's Church for children in K4/K5 meets in Room 109.

Coffee Volunteers

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Today:	Brian Waugh
Next Week:	Andy Thomson
Aug 12:	Randa Gravanti

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Tami Pothoven 8/4	Brittany Connolly 8/19
Ken Smith, Jr. 8/6	Judy Vander Ploeg 8/22
Bill Bergen 8/8	Don Vander Ploeg 8/26
Carolyn Keen 8/12	Larry Dickey 8/29
Steve Pothoven 8/17	Juanita Shreve 8/30
Servy Fernandez 8/19	

Anniversaries

Richard & Sarah Zak 8/7
Matthew & Therese McKenzie 8/7
Frank & Connie Frail 8/16
Al & Debbie Vincent 8/26

SERMON NOTES