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The LOGOS Ministry

South East Regional Newsletter

Summer 2008



Dear LOGOS Friend,

Our regional newsletters are now electronic! We hope that you will share this newsletter with the folks in your congregation, your community and your region. If you have news to share, please contact **Suzie Lane** at suzielane@thelogosministry.org.

Upcoming Public Training Events in the South East

LOGOS Powering UP! in Roswell, GA -- September 6, 2008

Roswell Presbyterian Church

755 Mimosa Blvd.

Roswell, GA 30075

1 day multi-topic sessions that allow attendees to choose specific subjects of interest for in-depth sharing and learning. \$79 per person or 1 training seat per Ministry Member

The LOGOS Encounter in Mooresville, NC -- October 4, 2008

First Presbyterian Church

249 W. McLelland Avenue

Mooresville, NC 28115

1 day basic foundations training for new LOGOS ministries or to give those in existing ministries an overview and experience. Take-home materials extend your learning and provide opportunities to share with others in your church. \$340 per person or 1 training seat per Ministry Member

[Register Here!](#)

Contracted Private Training Events in August 2008

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**The First Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, AL**, a LOGOS Ministry Member church, is training their Sunday school and LOGOS Bible study teachers using a LOGOS workshop called "**The Teacher's Toolbox**". This event will be led by LOGOS Training Leader Suzie Lane.

A **LOGOS Powering Up!** has been contracted for the **First Presbyterian Church of Myrtle Beach, SC** (a Ministry Member Church) and the **Shallotte Presbyterian Church, Shallotte, NC** (a Mission Partner church). This event is being led by the Rev. Toby Mueller and the Rev. Keith Strain, both experienced LOGOS Training Leaders.

### **South East Churches Who Have Attended Training So Far in 2008**

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- First Presbyterian Church, Alabaster, AL
- First Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, GA
- First Presbyterian Church, Cornelia, GA
- First Presbyterian Church, Foley, AL
- First Presbyterian Church, Greenwood, SC
- First Presbyterian Church, Maitland, FL
- First Presbyterian Church, Tuscaloosa, AL
- First Scots Presbyterian Church, Charleston, SC
- North Lake Presbyterian Church, Lady Lake, FL
- Palms Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville Beach, FL
- St. James United Methodist Church, Palatka, FL
- St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, FL
- The Presbyterian Church, Danville, KY

### **South East Churches Exploring a LOGOS Ministry**

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- Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church, Greensboro, NC
- St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, FL

## What Churches in the South East are Saying about LOGOS

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"The greatest joy is to observe children and youth building strong relationships with adults in a caring, small group setting. Students feel comfortable and many times do share events in their life that are causing them anxiety. They know the LOGOS teachers and helpers love them and want to listen."

"LOGOS continues to knit us together as a family. We have also gotten more adults involved in sharing their talents and abilities during Recreation Play. A retired nurse taught first aid, a man with carpentry skills helped them design and build birdhouses, and our kids made communion bread from scratch for our Three Crosses/Communion service. The kids cooked up some delicious treats to send to our college-aged members with the help of two older members who had not been involved in a long, long time. The kids went on photo scavenger hunts through downtown, and learned a thing or two about lighting and framing a picture. Keeping them busy with different activities each week has cut down on disciplinary issues and has been fun for the kids and the adults. I came away from my LOGOS training convinced that the single simplest thing I could do to improve LOGOS was to help Table Parents see how important they really are. So I made a "TABLE PARENT" handbook, with info on family time, a reminder about "good manners," a schedule of dinner activities, "ice breaker" suggestions, a "devotional" type article on the value of eating together, and a list of all their kids and birthdays. We started the year with lots of activities that the tables did as a TEAM, so that they could bond with each other. That seems to have worked well. Although there is still room for improvement, we have made giant steps forward in this area."

"LOGOS has brought meaning to our church for our youth and kids and volunteers. I have seen it bring our youth closer together and connect them through Family Time. I have seen the excitement in our kids coming to LOGOS, and I have gotten to know volunteers become active and love being part of LOGOS. Our parents have made it a priority to bring their kids every Wednesday. Wednesdays has been a day people in our church have begun to look forward to because they like what they are doing and they are enjoying the people they are working with. You know it's a great thing for your church when it's not so difficult to get volunteers to help out. I am seeing some members that are not or can not participate sense that they are missing out on a good thing that others are getting. My hope is that in time they will find time or make time to be part of LOGOS. We have over 40 volunteers and for our small church that is FABULOUS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

"I can think of two particular children I have watched grow up in this church whose behaviors have changed tremendously over the years. For each of them, this is the first year they have not been in my office for "cool out" time on a regular basis. One of them did not have to come to me once for discipline issues and the other only had to visit with me once and was able to admit his wrong and write a letter of apology to the volunteer he hurt. I know they have grown because they have been surrounded in Christian community for a consistent time. I cannot give LOGOS sole credit because we also have an awesome Sunday morning ministry as well as excellent summer programs and other support ministries for children and their families, but I do know that LOGOS is a very vital part of the whole."

South East Churches Attending 2008 Summer LOGOS Conference

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Florence, AL
First Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, AL
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Maryville, TN

Serving LOGOS Beyond Their Local Congregation in the South East

Brad Sanko, Training Leader, Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Dyersburg, TN
Ginny Soll, Training Leader/Regional Ambassador, Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, Black Mountain, NC
Lorraine Frey, Training Leader/Board Member, Sanibel Community Church, Sanibel, FL
Rev. Gary Meade, Training Leader, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Dyersburg, TN
Rev. Paula Hoffman, Training Leader, First Presbyterian Church, Warner Robins, GA
Rev. Toby Mueller, Training Leader/Regional Advisor, Providence Presbyterian Church, Mobile, AL
Roxann Harvey, Training Leader/Regional Advisor, St. James United Methodist Church, Palatka, FL
Tom Bryant, Training Leader, Germantown Presbyterian Church, Germantown, TN

LOGOS South East Regional Support

Regional Advisors and Regional Coordinators are your resource people for questions, concerns, ideas, support, or anything regarding your local LOGOS Ministry. They welcome your calls and emails! Your **South East Regional Coordinator is Suzie Lane** and she can be contacted at (877-937-2572, EXT 244) or at [suzielane@thelogosministry.org].

In **Southern Alabama**, contact **Rev. Toby Mueller** [tobymueller10@hotmail.com].

We are in the process of calling more regional supporters. If you are interested in finding out about serving LOGOS in a variety of possibilities, please contact Suzie.

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