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Jim Taylor - Good News
Jim Wilhide - Clerk

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Kathryn Morganelli -Worship
Jack Noë - Good News
Mark Wishart - Fellowship

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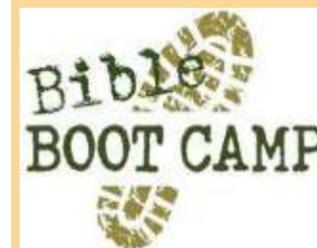


Sunday School - Stretching Your Faith
Worship - Seeking Truth
Sunday Evening - Simple Basic Training Bootcamp
Wednesdays - Stronger Together

SEPTEMBER

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
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| 2 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/Communion | 3 Labor Day Church Office Closed | 4 10:30 Support Group 7:00 YOGA | 5 12:15 Chair YOGA 7:30 Chancel Choir | 6 1:30 SOPC Quilters Group | 7 6:45 Lanterns | 8 New Members Class |
| 9 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:30 Bootcamp/JAM/Confirm | 10 10:30 Bible Study 4:00 Congreg Care, CE 5:30 Good News, Missions, Worship, Admin. B&G 6:30 Ministry Chairs 7:15 Fellowship | 11 7:00 YOGA | 12 12:15 Chair YOGA 5:30 KOINONIA 7:30 Chancel Choir | 13 | 14 6:45 Lanterns | 15 |
| 16 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Luncheon 5:30 Bootcamp/JAM/Confirm | 17 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 Ladies Luncheon 7:00 Session Meeting | 18 7:00 YOGA | 19 12:15 Chair YOGA 5:30 KOINONIA 7:30 Chancel Choir | 20 5:00 Singles | 21 6:45 Lanterns 6:00 Kids Night Out | 22 |
| 23 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship - New Members 5:30 Bootcamp/JAM/Confirm | 24 10:30 Bible Study 10:30 Prayer Circle | 25 7:00 YOGA | 26 12:15 Chair YOGA 5:30 KOINONIA 7:30 Chancel Choir | 27 | 28 6:45 Lanterns | 29 |

Our members are linked every month with a member to pray for. Please pray for this person or family by name each day. Thanks for being part of this important ministry as we continue to lift each other in prayer.



“SIMPLE BASIC TRAINING”
Sunday 5:30 p.m.
Dinner and Music 6:30 p.m.

All ages are invited to walk with us as we study 'The Bible Project', a simple, condensed online resource that guides us through the Bible. It helps us to answer the questions:

Why should we study? What are we studying? What is the purpose of God's story in our lives? All classes will study similar material each week so that everyone can develop conversations about walking in faith. Children will be engaged in music weekly with the purpose of being an active part of worship monthly. You are invited to Simple Basic Training, where we are exploring the basics of faith.

- ♦ Adults - Fellowship Classroom (Building B)
- ♦ Middle school -youth room (upstairs, building B),
- ♦ 5th grade and under - Room of Acts (building A,)
- ♦ High Schoolers are invited to enlist as a Youth Leader for all ages. They are an integral part of making our Bible Boot Camp possible.





Last week in worship I was reminded why Jesus calls us to 'Let the little children come to me' or instructs us as disciples to have 'Faith like a child'. When the children marched down the sanctuary aisle chanting, 'We Walk, By Faith, I put my trust in you', there was pure joy in the air. Did you feel it?

God's children are a little bit like sponges, ready to absorb the goodness that the church and a faith walk in Christ has to offer. Scripture says that part of our mission is to train them up in the way they should go. Seven Oaks is taking that seriously this year, living into our Baptismal vows. There are Sunday school classes, worship opportunities, music and speaking venues, and most importantly, a place to ask questions and to seek a closer walk with God for kids of all ages.

Faithfully I also ask, is there an age limit on being God's child? Aren't we all children who are faithfully trying to follow? If you answered yes to this question, then this year at Seven Oaks is here for you too. You are invited to attend any of our classes included in this brochure, worship and Wednesday night suppers (Koinonia) where we can practice being stronger together. Need a ride? Let us know!

If you, however, are a child of God who is looking for faith like a child or to be strengthened in an experience that is both playful and learning filled, practice saying the words 'We Walk, By Faith, I put my trust in you' and then march on down to the Bible Bootcamp class on Sunday nights. As Uncle Sam says, 'We Want YOU' on the journey to grow in Christ.

See you there!
Pastor Jana

STRETCH YOUR FAITH
Sunday School
9:45 a.m.



The Nursery is from birth to age 3 (meets in Building A)

There is a nursery provided during Sunday School and the Worship Service

The Godly Play - Ages 4 - 5th Grade
(meets in the Godly Play Room in building A)

"The Godly Play approach helps children to explore their

faith through story, to gain religious language, and to enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play. Based on Montessori principles and developed using a spiral curriculum, the Godly Play method serves children through early, middle and late childhood and beyond." (The Godly Play Foundation)



Godly Play is a way of telling the stories of God and God's people that is faithful and imaginative. In Godly Play the children do not just learn about God, but the ultimate relationship between the child and God is nurtured. Lessons include:

- Listening to the Story – a story is told using manipulatives, then children are given the opportunity to answer "wondering questions" and listen to others.
- Response to story – each child can decide to journal, use story materials, read the story in the Bible, use art such as clay, painting, drawing, beads, etc.
- Feast and Prayer – students and teachers pray together, then enjoy a snack while conversing and building community.



Middle School Sunday School:
(meets in the Youth Room)

Each lesson is packed with a variety of activities, discussion questions and games, providing leaders the flexibility to use any time of year. Each study is editable to be customized for our group. This will allow our teachers the opportunity to work along side our youth in formulating the best class possible for them.

SESSION NEWS

At its last Stated Meeting, your Session...

1. Approved the use of our facilities for an all day program on Sept. 29 for the Exploring Club for girls, sponsored by the BSA.
2. Learned that Rev. Creighton is hard at work getting to know the members of SOPC.
3. Approved Rev. Creighton being away on October 11 - 14. Rev. Odell will preach.
4. Heard that Rev. Odell will work with the Grief Support Group monthly and they will meet on September 4.
5. Learned that Ministry meetings will meet on September 10.
6. Approved John Whitfield and Fred Holbrook to attend the Presbytery Revitalization meeting on Aug. 26.
7. Was reminded that the PW officers were installed on August 12.
8. Received the Fellowship, Mission, and Worship Ministry portions of the Policy and Procedure Manual for a first reading. Since the meeting, elders have also received the Christian Education portion of the manual.
9. Approved four members of SOPC to travel to Cuba as representatives of SOPC and in coordination with the Synod of Havana, to explore the possibilities of forming a formal partnership between SOPC and a sister Presbyterian Church in Cuba.
10. Approved the opening of a Cuban Mission account under the Missions Ministry's 300 reserve account.
11. Heard about many of the programs that have been funded thru the Missions Ministry.
12. Saw the menus that have been planned for Koinonia and Church Night Suppers.
13. Learned that the Fellowship Ministry is making plans for a golf tournament.
14. Signed and addressed cards to members who have recently experienced sorrow or illness.
15. Heard that the new Visitor Bags are soon to be in the Narthex.
16. Approved Mark Johnson, Mary Dempster, and Guy San Fratello as Sunday School teachers.
17. Approved the new Brewing Faith Sunday School class, be taught by Ben Smith and Rusty Creighton.
18. Approved all new Sunday School class outline and curriculum.
19. Approved the new Sunday Night Program, Bible Boot Camp.
20. Approved the curriculum for Confirmation - "Big God, Big Questions: Confirmation For A Growing Faith" by PCUSA.
21. Approved the curriculum for JAM and Children's Church.
22. Approved the Adult Bible Study curriculum, THE BIBLE PROJECT by Tim Mackil and Jon Collins.
23. Approved the Koinonia speakers for the first session.

Elder Jim Wilhide
Clerk of Session

Calling all single
Ladies and
Gentlemen.
Join us for
dinner and
a movie.

**SINGLES
NIGHT
OUT**

Thursdays
5:00 p.m.
Location will be
determined by
R.S.V.P
Invite a friend!
Sept. 20th

Contact Kitsie Miller 463-6958



THANK YOU'S

Our loving pastors and family church congregation, We offer you our most sincere gratitude and love for being there with us in our difficult time. Thank you for the strength when ours was gone, for the prayers when we lost our words, and for the non-wavering faith to sustain us. Your expressions of sympathy will never be forgotten. We are truly blessed to have such a caring church family. Sincerely - John and Charlene Carter, Christy Carter, Kelly and Kevin Hughes

My heartfelt thank you to all of you, for your prayers, concerns and cards during my sister's illness and being welcomed home to our Lord. The family felt the prayers and love you sent to us all. I was truly blessed when I made SOPC my home church. Thank you again - Pat Byrne

We appreciate so much all of the calls, cards, emails, and especially the prayers from our church family for our daughter-in-law, Kathy Killian. They have meant so much to us and to Kathy and her family. We all would appreciate the continued prayerful support for Kathy and her family during this difficult time as she travels this lengthy journey. In Christian Love - Ben and Linda Killian

Thank you so very much for the prayers, cards, texts, and phone calls in the recent death of my sister. As I read each condolence, it comforted me to know I have such loving and caring Christian friends and extended family. May the Lord continue to bless us all! - Jack Noë

The Creighton family would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, birthday cards and thoughtfulness of the congregation for our family. You make birthday's extra special. - The Creighton's

I wanted to thank all of your church members for the school supplies and for a lovely breakfast. Your members are the hands of our Lord. They show the heart of our Lord as well. I appreciate their love and support. - Katie Nichalson, 3rd Grade teacher



New Members Class: Join us on Saturday, Sept. 8th from 9:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. to hear what we believe as Presbyterians and have the opportunity to ask questions. We would like to welcome you as members during our worship service on Sunday, Sept. 23rd during worship.



Monday Morning Bible Study begins September 10th at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Classroom. We will be studying the book of Genesis and will begin our discussion from Creation, the first murder, Jacob and all of his women, the Tower of Babel and more... Come and be a part of this study.



Anxious? Overwhelmed? Grieving? Troubled? If you are looking for support through a difficult time, this group was created for you. Rev. Alice will be guiding in a time of reflection, prayer and whatever you need this time to be. We will meet the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Library.

Family Promise of the Midlands is on the move!!

We need your help to find the very best new location for our Day Center. We need a space on the city bus line that has ample parking on the outside and space inside for a family room and 3 offices. We are also willing to work with donated or very affordable spaces that lack one or more of these criteria. If you have an idea please contact Sally Hafner at 803-261-0612 or sfhafner@aol.com.



High School Sunday School:
(meets in the Youth Room)

We are studying "Faith Questions". Each session encourages our youth to look to Scripture as well as our faith traditions in relevant and responsive ways.



Brewing Faith *(meets in Session Room)*

Is our newest Sunday School class that is open to all adults who seek an unconventional approach. We are studying the Bible for its over-arching message, finding the continuity in Scripture to help us read the Bible to discern its message for us in the 21st century, both as individual Christians and collectively as the body of Christ in the world.

Crossroads Class *(meets in the Crossroads room)* is a more traditional Bible Study class, reviewing books of the Bible in a leader-based study approach. All ages are welcome however this class has typically been attended by our seniors. Come and try this class and see if it is the one for you.



Roads and Anchors Class
(meets in the Roads & Anchors room)

is currently studying "the Wired Word", a weekly email based series which presents current events that have made the headlines the past week, along with relevant scripture references that provide a Christian perspective on the issue. The class sits in a large circle and is heavily discussion and open-ended question based.

Fellowship Class *(meets in the Fellowship classroom)*

chooses a variety of material dealing with the books of the Bible and reformed theology, usually using study guides from PCUSA or books by current authors and presented by a variety of leaders in a lecture style format.



SUNDAY EVENING CHILDREN'S EVENT

J.A.M. "Jesus and Me" - ages 5th Grade and under *(Sundays at 5:30 p.m.)*

We have a good time learning the Bible. We start in Genesis and continue exploring the wonderful stories, exciting adventures and captivating journeys until the end. We will enjoy music together before joining our families for dinner. We will form a choir that will participate in worship.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

3 Billy Rawl
5 Anne Crook
5 Joe Gause
6 Byron Dickson
7 Chris Laughter
7 Sharon Watkins
8 Mimi Jackson
14 Jane Anderson
17 Mary Hilyer
18 Cassandra Marshall
21 Gail Bookout
22 Ernie Bussells
25 OB Drayton
28 Alison Forbes

FELLOWSHIP

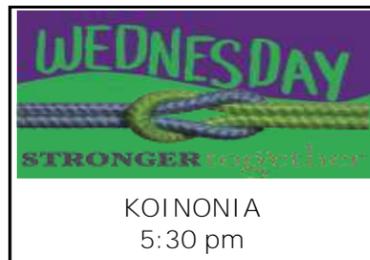
CALLING ALL GOLFERS (Men & Women) The Fellowship Ministry is again excited to announce that we will be holding the SOPC Golf Tournament on Thursday, October 11th at Mid-Carolina Golf Club. We'll be playing Captains Choice with a Shot Gun Start at 1:30pm. We will be joined by golfers from McGregor and Westminster Presbyterian Churches. The cost will be \$40.00/pp which will include a hamburger/hot dog cookout with all the fixings.

Please let Ken O'Mellan (komellan@sc.rr.com) or Bill Seigler (wrseigler@gmail.com) know, as soon as possible if you'll be joining us for fellowship and a fun time!

Registration deadline is Sunday, October 7th.



Church Luncheon: Please join your church friends and enjoy a delicious luncheon after church on Sunday, September 16th. Menu will include Fried Chicken, Mac and Cheese, Turnip Greens, Cole Slaw, Corn Bread, Rolls and Dessert. Don't forget to sign the Friendship registry if you are planning to attend or call the office by noon Wednesday, Sept 12 to make your reservation.



Sept 12 St. Andrews Rd Corridor Revitalization (Elizabeth Taylor)

Menu: Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Toast, Dessert

Sept 19 SCDJJ Dept. of Rehabilitation Services (Danny Loffredo)

Menu: Pork Chops, Black Eyed Peas, Rice Pilaf, Cole Slaw, Corn Bread, Dessert

Sept 26 Lighthouse For Life - Human Trafficking (Jen Thompson)

Menu: Shrimp (Chicken) Alfredo, Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

Presbyterian Women PW 101

This is a series of PW basics for those new to PW and those who sense some gaps in their PW knowledge

PW 101.3: The Mission Pledge: PW's Annual Fund.

Presbyterian Women's annual fund is the Mission Pledge. The Mission Pledge makes possible PW at all levels of the church: from local and regional to national! PW is independently funded; that means that the gifts you give to your church or to the PC(USA) do not provide for Presbyterian Women. Gifts given to Presbyterian Women, however, do support the work of the PC(USA) in multiple ways because PW supports the work of the PC(USA) in multiple ways. Financial gifts to the Mission Pledge, PW's annual fund, are often collected in PWC circle meetings. But there are other ways to give (online, by check, and through estate planning). Presbyterian women are always encouraged to give as we are blessed! (See www.presbyterianwomen.org/missionpledge for more information.)



ADMINISTRATION - Fred Holbrook,

148,000 Given and 62,000 Pledge

Total = \$210,000



SHEPHERD'S CENTER OF ST. ANDREWS

The Fall Session of the Shepherd's Center of St. Andrews will be September 18 – November 13. Shepherd's Center is an interfaith learning program for adults 50 and older. SOPC is a sponsoring congregation. This fall there will be classes on *100 Years of Broadway Musicals*, *Understanding the Apocrypha*, *War on a Shoestring*, *Cuba*, and others. The programs will be from 9:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. The registration fee is \$20.00. Registration is limited to 285 so early registration is important. Brochures are in the Narthex or you may contact Hal Bowman for more information.

MISSIONS



Collections for September
Our Sharing God's Love collection:

We will be collecting
boxes of Mac & Cheese and Spaghettios.

Thank you!



Our ongoing collections are: Pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and Box Tops for Education for Seven Oaks Elementary School. We also continue to collect for Two Cents a Meal for the hungry in the red ribbon jars at our meals. You may leave your items in the Missions drop off room or the black baskets in the narthex. Thank you.

Family Promise: Last month our congregation hosted three homeless families. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped set up the rooms, cooked, served, hosted and cleaned up. Also a special thank you to members who supported Family Promise by purchasing tickets to the Fireflies games.

Providence Home: On September 11, the Missions Ministry will provide a meal to the men of Providence Home. We always appreciate help with these meals. If you plan to help with this meal, please contact Robert or Kitsie Miller. Thank you to the Millers and everyone who helps provide this meal for the men who live there.

September Missions Donations

\$2079.08 Trinity Presbytery
\$500 Sharing God's Love
\$900 Presbyterian Foreign Missions
\$500 Presbyterian Student Association

Soup Kitchen 2018 - Oliver Gospel Mission

Those of you who are signed up will make sandwiches for the men of Oliver Gospel Mission at Centennial ARP church on the following dates this year: September 8, November 10 and January 12, 2019. Thanks to Greg Mixon for coordinating this ministry and to everyone who helps.

Loving Our Neighbors: The Missions Ministry last month

- * The Millers and members provided a meal to the men of Providence Home for Men.
- * Collected peanut butter, jelly and other items for Sharing God's Love.
- * Collected school supplies for Seven Oaks Elementary School.
- * Started packing food backpacks for the children of Seven Oaks Elementary School.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered time and gave donations this past month, you are a blessing to those in need.