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Walking in Faith!

Worship - Seeking Truth

Wednesdays - Stronger Together

Sunday School - Stretching Your Faith

Sunday Evening - Simple Basic Training Bootcamp

“We walk by FAITH, not by sight”

2 Corinthians. 5:7



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday:

- 11:00 am Worship Service
The first Sunday of each month is Communion
Children's Church
for elementary children during worship
- 12:15 pm Covenant Ringers Practice
5:30 pm **Children's Worship Team practice**
(during J.A.M.)

Wednesday:

- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice



We have Acolytes,
ages 12 and under,
who are vital
to our Worship.



Volunteers present
"Time With the Children"
each service to our children.

Getting to know our neighbors!



- JAN 16 Zoo Slide Program - speaker will be Jim Wilhide
Menu: Spaghetti
- JAN. 23 Christian Mental Health - speaker will be Lloyd Pilkington
Menu: Pork Chops and the fixins
- JAN. 30 **Laughter & Lessons with "Andy Griffith" and "I Love Lucy"**
Menu: Chicken or Shrimp Alfredo
- FEB. 6 **Laughter & Lessons with "Andy Griffith" and "I Love Lucy"**
Menu: Chicken Cordon Blue
- FEB. 13 **Valentine's Dinner and Program**
Menu: To be announced
- FEB. 20 Burmese Meal and Dress - speaker from the Chin Church
Menu: Foods from the Chin Culture
- FEB. 27 Shaw Industries, Expansion and Hiring - speaker, Larry Jones
Menu: Country Fried Steak with country side dishes
- MARCH 6 Special Ash Wednesday Service
Menu: Soups and Cornbread



- Jan. 27, Lunch - Fried Chicken and sides
- Feb. 17, Dinner - Chili Competition
- March 17 Lunch - **St. Patrick's Day Meal**
- April 21 Breakfast - Grits Bar
- May 19 Cookout under the Pavilion

STRETCH

YOUR FAITH
Sunday School
9:45 a.m.



Nursery

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)

Spice Rack is a downloadable Bible curriculum perfect for middle school students, with 15 individual studies that cover an entire year. Each lesson is packed with a variety of activities, discussion questions, and games, providing leaders the flexibility to use any time.



High 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)

For approximately the next three months, Brewing Faith will be studying "What Presbyterians Believe." We will be exploring and discussing our Reformed tradition and Calvinist theology, comparing and contrasting these convictions with the beliefs of our sister

Christian denominations. As our main texts, we will use the Bible, the Book of Confessions, the Book of Order, and various PC(USA) publications. We will study **what it means to be "a confessing church", as well as how Presbyterians view baptism and communion, and how these sacraments/ordinances speak to us, and yes, we will even discuss what "predestination" really means!** If you are interested in learning how our Reformed tradition developed, how speaks to us today, and how it differs from our Methodist, Lutheran, Episcopal, Catholic, or Baptist friends, we heartily invite you come join us in Brewing Faith.

Roads and Anchors class *(meets in the Roads & Anchors room)* studies a variety of contemporary Christian authors

and current events. "The Wired Word", is 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. Other authors we are studying are Henri Nouwen, Adam Hamilton, Martha Grace Reese and Debby Irving. 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.





SIMPLE BASIC TRAINING

Sunday Evenings

We are studying 'The Bible Project', a simple, condensed online resource that is guiding us through the Bible. It helps us to answer the questions: Why should we study, what are we studying, and what is the purpose of **God's story in our lives?** All age classes are studying similar material each week so that families can develop conversations about what we are learning. Children are also engaged in music weekly with the purpose of their being an active part of worship monthly alongside our adult choir. Monthly we are inviting everyone to a fellowship event in the community to build bonds and explore the community. No matter what, there is something for everyone. You are invited to Simple Basic Training, where we are exploring the basics of faith.

- ◆ Adults are meeting in the Fellowship Classroom (Building B, bottom floor)
- ◆ Middle schoolers are meeting in the youth room (upstairs, building B),
- ◆ 5th grade and under will meet in the Room of Acts (building A, beside the fellowship hall)
- ◆ 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.



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

- ◆ 5:30 p.m. - Classes Begin
- ◆ 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Dinner and Music in the Fellowship Hall

Bible Bootcamp is all about the basics

Can you handle the truth?

God left us the Bible as a written testimony of His Word. His truth is found in the Bible. Some sayings are simple rewordings of biblical truth, but others are dangerous heresy. Despite how clever or even edifying a quote may be, if it isn't in the Bible, we have no guarantee that it is the Word of God. The only way we'll know is if we study the Bible.

IN THE BIBLE

- ◆ *The Blind Leading the Blind*
- ◆ *By the Skin of Your Teeth*
- ◆ *Cast the First Stone*
- ◆ *Drop in a Bucket*
- ◆ *He who lives by the sword, dies by the sword*
- ◆ *The Love of Money is the Root of All Evil*

NOT IN THE BIBLE

- ◆ God helps those who help themselves.
- ◆ Cleanliness is next to godliness.
- ◆ God works in mysterious ways.
- ◆ Moderation in all things.
- ◆ Give a man a fish and he'll eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he'll eat for a lifetime.

Dear Beloved Child of God,

Welcome to Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church! You've made the first step into a journey of faith growing and faith strengthening by meeting God in this space today. We pray the presence of the Spirit is upon you and calls you to return in the coming weeks and months. We will lift you up in prayer as we grow to know one another.

Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church is striving to be your place of refuge in the world. Our leaders are working in prayer and body towards the purpose of all God's people, 'To love God and Enjoy God Forever' which appears in worship, fellowship, education and mission for God's people. Though our mission statement reads 'Loving our neighbor, sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ' and we strive to be this; more specifically, this church strives to be a place where all can come and find rest in the Lord.

In a world that can be daunting and challenging, we trust this is a place where you can find community, seek maturity, ask questions about God and each other, and search for belonging. To that end, enclosed is a prayer card that you may leave in the offering plate so that we may pray specifically and powerfully for you and your loved ones.

We welcome your questions, thoughts, joys and concerns. Contact me at Jana@SOPC.net or the leadership of Seven Oaks at 803-772-1761 at any time to begin a relationship anew in the Lord.

In Christ Always,
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