

Sunday, August 25, 2019

Greeters: Hal Bowman, Suzy Bowman, Kathy Keane
Ushers: Greg Mixon, Richard Brinkley, Monroe Swearingen, Mary Johnson
Attendance: Mark & Mary Johnson, Marty Spearman
Counters: Jim Taylor, Shelagh Wirth
Time with Children: Janice Holbrook
Children's Church: Beverly Hudson
Nursery: Amy Schwartz
Sound: Marty Hilyer
Acolyte: Finn Bundrick

Sunday, September 1, 2019

Greeters: Bev Elbert, Joe Gause, Myrna Gause, Carol Griffith
Ushers: Ron Kesterson, Bev Elbert, Fred Holbrook, Daniel Perriero, Betty Shuler, Tom Shuler
Attendance: Barbara Fowler, Marion W. Wishart, Shelagh Wirth
Counters: Mark Wishart, Byron Dickson
Time with Children: Mark Johnson
Children's Church: Kitsie Miller, Sue Kesterson
Nursery: Amy Schwartz
Sound: Ken Watkins
Church Opening: Ron Kesterson
Flowers: Monroe and Charlotte Swearingen
Extended Communion: Tish Lowe, Kathy Morganelli

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Fred Holbrook - Administration Chair
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Shelagh Wirth - Building/Grounds Chair
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Carol Griffith- Fellowship Chair
Ed Keelen- Christian Ed. Chair
Mark Pilkington - Christian Education
Sharon Staton - Administration
Jim Taylor - Missions
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Treasurer: Hal Bowman

THIS WEEK AT SOPC

Aug 25, Sunday
9:45 am Sunday School*
11:00 am Worship Service*
6:00 pm BBQ—Pavilion
Chin Worship Service
Chin Church Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm
Aug 26, Monday
7:00 pm NANA
Aug 27, Tuesday
9:00 am Greater Columbia Quilters
7:00 pm YOGA & NANA
Aug 28, Wednesday
6:00 pm Chin Bible Study
7:00 pm NANA
Aug 29, Thursday
Aug 30, Friday
6:45 am Lanterns
7:00 pm Chin Church Band
Aug 31, Saturday
10:00 am Overeaters
Sept 1, Sunday
9:45 am Sunday School*
11:00 am Worship Service*
Communion
6:00 pm Chin Worship Service

*Nursery is provided

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SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Worship Service - August 25, 2019

Welcome! We pray that you will truly experience God's love and grace as you worship!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Let All Creation Bless the Lord*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS: Rev. Jana Creighton
(Please pass and sign the Friendship Register)

PRELUDE: *All Creatures of our God and King* Molly Ijames

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS: *Corinthians 5:17-19*
Leader: It is the beginning of a new school year, and God is a God of new beginnings and new creations. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, new life, blessed it and called it good.

People: We give thanks for a new year and for new beginnings. We give thanks that you call us good.

Leader: In the beginning, the heavens shone forth a star when our Savior was born. In the beginning of his ministry, the heavens opened up and called him God's beloved.

People: We give thanks that you know our pathways and what it means to be human. We give thanks that you call us your beloved children.

Leader: O God of new beginnings, new life, and new journeys, you sent Abraham and Sarah into a new land; you led Moses, Aaron and Miriam out of Egypt and into liberation; you led your Son our Savior to earth, to the cross, and into resurrection. Walk with us, we pray, as we enter into a new year, a new path, new opportunities. Let us worship the God of all things new and old alike.

*HYMN # 15: *All Creatures of our God and King*
(Verses 1, 2 4, 6)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION: Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:
Holy God, hear our prayer:
For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness in the church, classroom and world; hear our prayers.
For the healing of our souls, disheartened by the world around us; Lord, hear our prayers.
For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist; Lord, hear our prayers.
For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us; Lord, hear our prayers.
We pray for the courage to admit our fault, The strength to amend our actions, And the hope that your grace awaits us. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI: **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN: Blessing of the Backpacks Michael Craven, Rev Jana Creighton
EQUIPPING THE SAINTS. Janice Holbrook

ANTHEM: *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* arr. Lloyd Larson
Ernie Bussells - Soloist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Jana Creighton

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS: 1 Timothy 4:11-16
Ephesians 6:10-20

One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE: *Tools for School*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #729: *Lord I want to be a Christian*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Dr. Barry Shatzer

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *The Journey Is Our Home* Alan Pote
Chancel Choir

CONGREGATION RESPONSE # 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN # 839: Blessed Assurance

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE: *As Your Family*

POSTLUDE: *Come Labor On* T. Tertius Noble
**Please stand in body or in spirit*

Shepherding News

PRAYER REQUESTS: Sarah Drayton, Linda Floyd, Nan Foster, Rafe Glymph, Cathy Martin, mother of Mary Dempster, Lyle Menzel, brother of Sarah Park, Al Morganelli, Kathy Morganelli, Margaret Royals, Dick and Barbara Schneider, Patricia Williams, Kirk Wirth

CELEBRATIONS: **Sandra Johnson** on publication of her new book and affirmation in her new job!
Vern & Alene Rogers are proud great grandparents of Baby girl Harper Leigh Barnhardt, granddaughter of Jeff and Karen R Swanson, daughter of Carter & Erika S. Barnhardt, niece of Collin Swanson, and grandniece of Lori R. Remensnyder. Born August 22, 2019 at 6:41 am, weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz and 19 3/4" long.

During the Welcome and Announcements, please pass and sign the Friendship Books to record your presence here today. You are invited to greet each other with the love of Christ after worship.

Nursery: A nursery is available in Building A for ages 0 - 3. If you have any questions please see anyone of our volunteers with an "ASK ME" badge.

Children's Worship: Every Sunday following "A Time with the Children", ages 4-4th grade can either choose to continue to worship with their families, or go to Children's Church. Please pick up children from Building A. Worship Bags for wiggly children ages 4-12 are hanging on the coat rack in the Narthex.

Guests are invited to stop by the Guest Table in the narthex. Please leave your information when you take a goody bag as a reminder of God's love. If you have questions please ask a volunteer with an "ASK ME" badge.

Worship CD's of services. Contact the office, ask a Sound System Volunteer in the balcony, or listen/download to podcast at www.sopc.net/sermons.

Music Notes: *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* is a spiritual whose early use may have been in camp meetings where Native Americans, African Americans and Anglo Americans met together to sing and hear God's Word preached. The choir's anthem reminds us that in our life's journey we move forward by faith and with love as we follow our Savior and Lord.

Flowers: The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God by Jim Wilhide and in memory of his loving wife, Joan, on this day which would have been her 80th birthday.

Missions Collections: Peanut butter & jelly for Sharing God's Love. **Summer Collections:** Snack Pack Items, PB&J, small mac & cheese, and beanie weenies.

Every day collections: Pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and Box Tops for Education for SOES.

BBQ OPPORTUNITY!

Today is the BBQ dinner with all the trimmings in the pavilion at 6:00. The Boston Butts will be ready for pick up today after church or at the BBQ.

Children & Youth, backpacks will be blessed today for Back to School Blessings. Welcome to any from SOES and our local schools!

RALLY DAY, Breaking down the walls, is September 8, 2019. Even if you don't usually attend please plan to join us! We will explore the new events, small groups, and all of the amazing activities happening in the 2020 church year. If any groups within the church would like a table and have not yet let Michaela know, please do so TODAY. Come hungry for breakfast, fellowship and an exciting morning of exploring the Seven Oaks Church Community. Be there or be square!!! Who's your Plus One?

Join us for lunch, 3rd Monday of each month starting with Monday, September 16, 2019 at 12:00 noon. We

will meet at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, 148 Harbison Blvd., Columbia, SC. If you wish to attend, please notify Margaret Royals, 803 957-0430.

Firetruck Pull and Fall Festival

Have you heard that our youth have a heart for mission? The firetruck pull is a youth created concept that will support the Autism Academy to be held with the fall festival on October 27th (Sunday) from 3-7pm. Now is the time to get busy for all of us. We need YOU in order to spread the word! How?

- Recruit teams (10-12 persons per team) this could be teams from families, schools, classes, teams, other churches, stores you visit, there will even be an over 80 cheering group!

- Recruit donors - the amount of donations determines what kind of advertisement the company gets (t-shirt, signage on property, etc). Know someone with a business? Know someone who needs to get their name out there? Know someone who has a family affected by autism? Ask them to be a part! See the office for more details.

- Recruit sponsors- if someone has a business and they want to be on site (say craft tables or selling candles, etc.), they may pay a small fee and park on the property to sell

- Know someone who can donate goodie bag treats? Ask them and bring them in!

Want to participate but don't want to pull? Stay tuned...we have lots of volunteer spots available, see Michaela or come by the office!

Let's break down the stigma walls around mental health!

We had a great time Tuesday, Aug 20 at the SOES back to school breakfast, serving about 70 teachers, staff and administrators, who were most appreciative. Thanks to Robert, Kitsie, Mark, John, Melanie and Jana for buying supplies, making coffee, setting up, serving, and being "the face of SOPC" to our neighbors. Jana welcomed everyone and offered a prayer of thanksgiving. Robert raffled off a surprise gift of one of his creations, an embroidered apron that said, "If you can read this, thank a teacher."

Volunteers needed for 5th Thursday (Aug 29) at Mission Lexington (formerly LICS) Thrift Store. Shifts 9-12 & 12-3. Call Robert Miller 807 7380.

Bible Study returns Monday, Sept. 9 @ 10:30 am in the Fellowship Classroom. We will be studying Leviticus from an anthropological standpoint. Bring a friend and we'll see you there!!!

Did you know? The small group concept is centered around our natural rhythms of education. Most people find the comfort of "seasons" of learning throughout the year comforting and beneficial for spiritual growth. What small group will you be a part of? Come to learn more on Rally Day!