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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.

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Class of 2020 - Session
Jeanne LeBoeuf - C.E.
Tish Lowe - Missions
Jack Noë - Good News
Monroe Swearingen- B&G
Mark Wishart - Fellowship

Class of 2021 - Session
Richard Brinkley - Admin.
Fred Holbrook - Admin.
Melanie Mixon - Good News
John Whitfield - Missions
Shelagh Wirth - Worship

Class of 2022—Session
Byron Dickson- B&G
Carol Griffith- Fellowship
Ed Keelen- C.E.
Mark Pilkington - C.E.
Sharon Staton - Admin.
Jim Taylor - Missions

Trustees
Lucretia Seigler
Beverly Hudson
Frank Sheppard

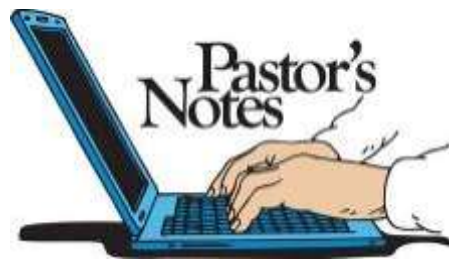
Treasurer Hal Bowman



Celebrating Scout Sunday on February 9



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 J.A.M. 12:15 Covenant Ringers 6:00 Chin Worship	2 10:30 Bible Study 5:30 Ministry Mtgs. 6:30 Chairs Meeting 7:00 NANA	3 7:00 NANA & Yoga	4 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 NANA	5 9:00 Quilters 12:00 Praying in Color 12:15 Chair Yoga	6 6:45 Lanterns	7 9:00 Boy Scouts 10:00 Overeaters Anonymous 6:00 Chin Bible Study
8 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Covenant Ringers 5:30 Chili Cook-off 6:00 Chin Worship	9 10:30 Bible Study 4:30 Women's Coordinating Team 7:00 NANA	10 11:00 Mary/Martha Circle 11:00 Pres. Comm. Circle 2:00 Rachel Circle 7:00 NANA & Yoga	11 5:00 Session Docket Items Due 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 NANA	12 10:30 Ruth Circle 12:00 Praying in Color 12:15 Chair Yoga 6:30 Hannah Circle	13 6:45 Lanterns	14 10:00 Overeaters Anonymous 11:15 CM Intergroup 6:00 Chin Bible Study
15 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Youth Hiwire 12:15 Covenant Ringers 6:00 Chin Worship	16 10:30 Bible Study 6:30 Session Mtg. 7:00 NANA	17 St. Patrick's Day 8:30 GC Quilter's Board 9:00 GC Quilters 7:00 NANA & YOGA	18 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 NANA Easter Lily Order Deadline 	19 12:00 Praying in Color 12:15 Chair Yoga	20 6:45 Lanterns	21 10:00 Overeaters Anonymous 6:00 Chin Bible Study
22 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Covenant Ringers 6:00 Chin Worship	23 10:30 Bible Study 7:00 NANA	24 9:30 Comfort Quilters 7:00 NANA & Yoga	25 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:00 NANA	26 12:00 Praying in Color 12:15 Chair Yoga	27 6:45 Lanterns	28 10:00 Overeaters Anonymous 6:00 Chin Bible Study
29 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Congregational Meeting 6:00 Chin Worship	30 10:30 Bible Study 6:30 MORE Justice (Trinity Cathedral) 7:00 NANA	31 7:00 NANA & Yoga				



The Season of Lent is defined as a noun in the dictionary meaning 'an annual season of fasting and penitence in preparation for Easter, beginning on Ash Wednesday and lasting 40 weekdays to Easter'.

In 2020, we are working to experience this 'noun' of Lent in growth group format. Three opportunities are before you. These include Spiritual Disciplines on Sunday morning, Christ's presence in community utilizing Christ and the Chocolateries at 3 separate times and locations, and finally a group that is learning to pray in color (no artistic skill required)! We choose to study these things in groups because together, we prepare one another for the good news of the Easter resurrection. It is something that we do, a noun.

Did you know that the word Lent in the dictionary is also described as a verb: *the act of lending*? Naturally we may have a negative connotation with lending (either we haven't been paid back or it is the act of profiting off of someone else). But the verb *lent* has 3 distinct meanings as well. In each of these definitions, we see Lent in a new, perhaps more personal, light.

Firstly, the verb lent means: *to grant use of something that it will be returned*. This means that we grant the use of our bodies, our actions, our thoughts during Lent to devotion to God. God will return them at the end of the 40 days we pray, full of the Holy Spirit that we have been hard at work to center ourselves in during this time. There is no better gift to God than this.

Secondly, the verb lent means: *to give or contribute obligingly*. Lent is not about fasting so that we will be miserable and unhappy during this season, though there is nothing like that first bite of chocolate after some time away! Lent is about giving of ourselves to God first and putting our human needs aside so that God may be our focus entirely, adapting ourselves to what God may need within and from each of our lives. Obligingly we give this time to God that God may be at work through us and God's church. It is with this obliging nature that everyone is invited to join a Growth group if you haven't already!

Thirdly and the final definition of the verb lent means: *to lend one's aid to a cause*. During the season of Lent, we are lending our souls to the work of God. Our aid is to God's glorification in and through the church. Everything we do is of import to our Lord, and during this time we are spending time in praise, in prayer, and in discipline with God. We give to God through the church and God's church then benefits the world.

Lent is about so much more than just donning our ashes and going through the motions. Lent is about finding comfort in places of study, prayer, and willing service as Christ heads to the cross. This Lent consider what Christ lent to you on that very cross (verb), and then consider what you are willing to lend (noun) in return. Let us prepare our hearts.

Pastor Jana

Good News



We need YOU!

Would you like to make a difference and show care to our St. Andrews neighbors? Our church will be hosting our 2nd annual Drive-thru Coffee and Prayer event on the morning of Friday, March 6th, which is World Day of Prayer 2020.

From 7- 9 a.m. we will hold up signs inviting passersby to drive through our driveway and have a cup of coffee to go, as well as have someone pray with them while they are in their car. If you would like to be present to help out, please contact Melanie Mixon at (803) 319-7199 or glmixon@msn.com

Christian Education



There will be JAM on Sunday, March 1st in the Fellowship Hall following worship for children 3 years—3rd grade.



Youth, 4th grade and up are invited to join us for a trip to HiWire following worship Sunday, March 15th. Please let Michaela know if you plan to attend as additional permission forms are required for this



Join the Youth on Sunday, March 8th at 5:30 p.m. as they host a Chili-Cook-Off Fundraiser for the Summer Trips.

Bring a crock pot of your best chili recipe for a chance to earn the title of SOPC's Chili Master.

Both the meal and the voting will be donation based. Drinks and dessert will be provided.



Middle and High Schoolers

REGISTER NOW!

Montreat 2020
July 18th—25th



Donations needed for VBS

- small pieces of wood (roughly 4 inches by 4 inches)
- markers or paint (optional)
- bobby pins
- craft sticks/popsicle sticks
- craft glue
- Styrofoam bowls (salad size)
- thick yarn
- tape
- quart-sized plastic storage bags with sliders
- duct tape in various styles
- Large pieces of cardboard (a mixture of flattened boxes and scraps)
- Wide masking tape
- Tarps
- 2 laundry baskets
- 1 camping tent
- gallon-sized resealable plastic bags
- dried fruit
- meal bars
- milk
- peanut-butter crackers
- hand sanitizer
- toothbrush and toothpaste sample
- water bottles
- pairs of socks
- lip balm
- hand warmers
- preloaded rail or bus pass
- adhesive bandages
- string
- tape
- toothpicks
- large opaque blanket (may get dirty)
- Large lighted glow stick bracelets
- 8 feet of webbing or rope
- Bandanas
- 5 hula hoops
- "Bunch O Balloons" Water balloons



WHO IS my neighbor?
June 23rd-27th
5pm-Dinner
5:30-7:30pm-VBS Programming
FREE for ages Preschool-4th Grade



signed up to volunteer for VBS yet?

Teaching Roles

- Teaching Leader
- Preschool teacher and assistant
- 4 teachers and 4 assistants for elementary age children
- 2 Simulation station assistants
- Craft leader
- 4 Craft assistants
- Music assistant leader

Youth roles

- Youth Work Crew
- Youth Music/Energizer Crew

Drama/Music Roles

- Drama Leader
- 5 Actors/Actresses for opening
- 1 Music assistant

Kitchen

- Kitchen assistants

Other volunteers needed:

- Set design leader and volunteers
- Volunteer coordinator
- Publicity coordinator
- Special needs coordinator
- Photographer



Administration Ministry

From the Administration Ministry: Keeping your pledge up to date helps us plan and fulfill the programs of the church. Last month's offering and the year-to-date information are shown below:

	Giving	Budgeted	Difference
January	\$ 23,112	\$ 28,708	\$ (5,596)
YTD 2020	\$ 23,112	\$ 28,708	\$ (5,596)

Total revenue for the first month of the year 2020 (including other income in addition to offerings) and total expenses are shown below.

Total Revenue through January	\$23,493
Total Expenses through January	\$31,161

Expenses in excess of Revenues (\$ 7,668)

Missions



Sharing God's Love: Our monthly collection items for March for Sharing God's Love are Peanut Butter and Jelly. Please remember that we are now collecting these items on the first Sunday of each month. Items may be placed in the black baskets in the narthex, or in the mission closet.



Serving Sandwiches at Oliver Gospel Mission



Seven Oaks has been making sandwiches on Saturdays for the Oliver Gospel Mission for many years. We go to Centennial Presbyterian Church about 4 times a year. If you are interested in joining this mission, please contact Greg Mixon, (803) 781- 6490 or gmix309@gmail.com.

Thank you!

A big **THANK YOU** goes to 26 volunteers from SOPC and 12 from McGregor Presbyterian who generously provided set-up/clean-up, hot meals, math tutoring, and loving hospitality to two families experiencing homelessness—a couple with 2 babies and a single mom with 3 preteen/teenage children. We are happy to report that both families are expected to graduate from the program in February, having obtained jobs and housing. SOPC volunteers included: Jason Bundrick, Finn, Jana, and Sawyer Creighton, Anne Crook, Carol Griffith, Marty Hilyer, Mark and Mary Johnson, Kathy Keene, Ron and Sue Kesterson, Tish Lowe, Robert and Kitsie Miller, Greg and Melanie Mixon, Polly Robinson, Betty and Megan Shuler, Ben and Dallene Smith, Elizabeth Taylor, John and Tara Whitfield, and Shelagh Wirth.

Fellowship Ministry



The **March Ladies' luncheon** will be held on March 16th, noon at M Kitchen, 340 Columbiana Dr., Columbia. If attending, please notify Margaret Royals at 803-957-0430 or mroyals052@gmail.com.

Community Corner



On Friday, February 14, 2020, Mr. Ben Killian was inducted into the Brookland Cayce High School Hall of Fame for his 11 years as their baseball coach. During his years as Coach he led the team to a State Championship, among many other awards. Family and friends were present to watch Ben and 3 other people inducted into the Hall of Fame for their dedicated service to Brookland Cayce HS. I heard some terrific stories tonight, on Ben's coaching, his life and his sense of humor. Congratulations Ben, well deserved!!



Worship Buddies



Barbara Fowler with her new puppy, Ginger.

Worship Ministry

The **Worship Ministry** would like to say **"Thank You"** to the Elders who are helping with Sunday Worship Services. We appreciate you stepping out of your comfort zone to lend a hand. If any member would like to help with Sunday Worship Services, please contact Shelagh Wirth either via email swirth1949@gmail.com or via cell phone (803) 629-7851 with a call or text.



Easter lilies will be available for order to adorn the sanctuary for Easter and the Sunday following Easter. Order forms will be in the pews from March 1st-15th. The cost of the lilies will be \$14.

The **2020 Flower Calendar** is now in the narthex. Please sign up for flowers by both signing beside the date you want **AND** taking an envelope. Complete the information on the envelope and either put it in the offering plate or take it to the church office. **May and July dates available: May 10, 17, 24; July dates available: July 5, 19, 26.**

Thank you for your willingness to place flowers in the sanctuary in 2020!

Schedules



Children's Church Schedule

3/1	Janice Reiser
3/8	Carol Griffith
3/15	Melanie Mixon
3/22	Marion Watson-Wishart
3/29	Kitsie Miller
4/5	Mary Dempster
4/12	Sue Kesterson
4/19	Janice Reiser and Kitsie Miller
4/26	Jean Mandeville

Acolyte Schedule

3/1	N/A Communion
3/8	Sydney Edwards
3/15	Eli Bundrick
3/22	Laura Crosby
3/29	Abby Dempster
4/5	N/A Communion
4/12	Finn Bundrick
4/19	Sydney Edwards
4/26	Eli Bundrick

Time with Children

3/1	Sue Kesterson
3/8	Mark Johnson
3/15	Jean Mandeville
3/22	Marty Hilyer
3/29	Judy Barnes
4/5	Tish Lowe
4/12	Julie Bussells
4/19	Rusty Creighton
4/26	Michaela Craven

News from your Session

At its last STATED Meeting on February 17, 2020

1. Heard report from the Safety Committee that working phones will be installed in all buildings.
2. Approved sending the congregation the Report of SOPC Session Meeting with the Committee on Ministry, Jim Rowell.
3. Approved a task force to listen and learn from the congregation that will also draft and distribute (after session approval) a statement of support for the direction and future of Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church.
4. Approved and signed official exit interview materials for Alice Odell.
5. Approved establishing a Tree Committee to care for the trees on SOPC campus.
6. Approved Rev. Kevin Cartee to preach Sunday, February 23, 2020.
7. Approved having a called congregational meeting on March 29, 2020 to elect Elders and Trustee.
8. Approved reducing the Class of 2021 to 5 members.
9. Approved maintaining the Building Reserve at a minimum level of \$40,000.
10. Approved Myanmar Berea Church to use the Fellowship Hall on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.
11. Approved having drive-thru prayer and coffee on World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 6, 2020 from 7-9 am.
12. Approved half-day Women's retreat for the church and community Saturday, September 19, 2020 featuring One Purpose.
13. Approved Roni Klemick as a teacher for the "Praying in Color" Growth Group.
14. Approved CYP training on May 24, 2020.
15. Approved VBS Training dates: June 8,10, and 11, 2020.
16. Approved Barry Shatzer to work as a parish associate through December 31, 2020.

Polly Robinson, Clerk of Session



Quilts Sunday

Sunday, February 16, 2020

For we are God's own handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. Ephesians 2:10

All Things Seven Oaks

Find and circle the words below. After finding the words, use the unused letters to discover the hidden message.

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| BUILDINGS AND | HANNAH | SCOUTS |
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March Birthdays

- 3/1 Kathy Locklair
- 3/1 Elizabeth Taylor
- 3/5 Alene Rogers
- 3/7 David Locklair
- 3/7 Jonathan Locklair
- 3/8 Shelagh Wirth
- 3/9 Betty Anderson
- 3/9 Greg Mixon
- 3/10 Brenda Turner
- 3/12 Sharon Witherell
- 3/13 Finn Creighton
- 3/16 Sarah Robinson Bryan
- 3/17 Marty Spearman
- 3/21 David Waugh
- 3/22 Dick Schneider
- 3/24 Savannah Tapler
- 3/28 Kyle Mixon
- 3/28 Weston Pilkington
- 3/29 Bev Elbert

If we have missed your birthday, please let the church office know and we will update our files.

