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The Weekly Newsletter from Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church



Birthdays!!

- Will Watkins 1/21
- Rachel Cheung 1/22
- Barbara Fowler 1/23
- Janice Holbrook 1/23
- Jenny Lynn Fogle 1/24
- Aussie Noë 1/25

This week at SOPC

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| Friday, January 22, 2021 | Monday, January 25, 2021 |
| 7:00 am - Lanterns | 12:15 pm - Virtual Chair Yoga |
| 4:30 pm - worship practice | |
| | Tuesday, January 26, 2021 |
| Sunday, January 24, 2021 | 9:30 am - Virtual Staff Meeting |
| 9:00 am - Virtual Adult | |
| Sunday School | Wednesday, January 27, 2021 |
| 11:00 am - Virtual Worship | 12:00 pm - Virtual Prayer Meeting |
| Service | |

(zoom links on last page)

Please join us for Virtual Worship Service

Sunday, January 27 at 11 a.m. as Rev. Dan Loffredo brings his message, "Hope brings healing"

Stephanie Marsden, Texas Presbyterian Foundation, to Join us on Sunday, January 24

Have you wondered about the value and impact legacy gifts could have on the mission of Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church, or the options of making such a gift? Have you ever thought about how a family member might be honored or memorialized by a gift, or what the tax benefits might be?

SOPC's relationship with the Texas Presbyterian Foundation has established a vehicle for gifts to be received and invested so as to have an ongoing impact on the mission of the church. On Sunday, January 24th, Stephanie Marsden of TPF will be present as a part of our zoom worship service to share information with us. We have asked her to stay with us after the service to answer any questions the congregation might have.

We look forward to welcoming Stephanie on Sunday and learning more about TPF.

Sunday, January 31, 2021
Annual Congregation Meeting
Immediately following worship service

Hope for 2021

SOPC Family,

When you're preaching every Sunday, sometimes some of your best stories end up on the cutting room floor and don't make it into your Sunday sermon. Looking back on this past Sunday, maybe I should have shared the story below instead of the story about baseball from the movie "Money Ball."

My mom always watches the YouTube videos the Monday after I preach for SOPC and we talk about my sermon. This Monday she said to me: "Dan I loved the sermon. I really needed to hear that. But you lost me in that story about baseball. When you started talking about the math of being on base (On Base Percentage) you lost me. I understood the part about the homerun and clinging to first base, but you could have tightened up that story a little." Momma will always give it to you straight.

So below is an addendum to my sermon on Sunday. This is the story I should have shared instead of the baseball story. I have loved baseball ever since I was four years old so I can really "nerd out" sometimes talking about it.

Christian Author Carolyn Arends shared this story in the February 2011 edition of Christianity Today.
"Satan's a Goner: A lesson from a Headless Snake"

As a kid, I loved Mission Sundays, when missionaries on furlough brought special reports in place of a sermon There is one visit I've never forgotten. The missionaries were a married couple stationed in what appeared to be a particularly steamy jungle. I'm sure they gave a full report on churches planted or commitments made or translations begun. I don't remember much of that. What has always stayed with me is the story they shared about a snake.

One day, they told us, an enormous snake—much longer than a man—slithered its way right through their front door and into the kitchen of their simple home. Terrified, they ran outside and searched frantically for a local who might know what to do. A machete-wielding neighbor came to the rescue, calmly marching into their house and decapitating the snake with one clean chop.

The neighbor reemerged triumphant and assured the missionaries that the reptile had been defeated. But there was a catch, he warned: It was going to take a while for the snake to realize it was dead.

A snake's neurology and blood flow are such that it can take considerable time for it to stop moving even after decapitation. For the next several hours, the missionaries were forced to wait outside while the snake thrashed about, smashing furniture and flailing against walls and windows, wreaking havoc until its body finally understood that it no longer had a head.

Sweating in the heat, they had felt frustrated and a little sickened but also grateful that the snake's rampage wouldn't last forever. And at some point in their waiting, they told us, they had a mutual epiphany.

I leaned in with the rest of the congregation, queasy and fascinated. "Do you see it?" asked the husband. "Satan is a lot like that big old snake. He's already been defeated. He just doesn't know it yet. In the meantime, he's going to do some damage. But never forget that he's a goner."

That story still haunts me because I have come to believe it is an accurate picture of the universe. We are in the thrashing time, a season characterized by our pervasive capacity to do violence to each other and ourselves. The temptation is to despair. We have to remember, though, that it won't last forever. Jesus has already crushed the serpent's head.

Christus Victor!!!

Pastor Dan

January 24, 2021

Scripture: Luke 4:38-44

Message: "Hope Brings Healing"

January 31, 2021

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

Message: "Hope Has Purpose"

From the Administration Ministry: Thank you for keeping your pledge up to date, as this 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	
December	\$ 38,759	\$ 28,708	\$ 10,051
YTD 2020	\$355,244	\$373,205	(\$17,961)

Total revenue for the full twelve months of 2020 (including other income in addition to offerings) and total expenses are shown below.

Total Revenue through December	\$356,871
Total Expenses through December	\$378,657
Expenses in excess of Revenues	(\$ 21,786)

Upcoming events

Sunday, January 31, 2021
Annual Congregation Meeting
Immediately following worship service



To honor our season of rest this January, there will be no children's SS, official youth programs, or small groups. We will have a variety of servants leading worship throughout this month. We will resume in February with the joy and experiences of discerning God's call for the new year, together over Lent!



Sunday, February 7, 2021 is Souper Bowl of caring. This year we will be accepting monetary donations for Sharing God's Love. Please go online to donate or mail checks to SOPC with a note for Souper Bowl of Caring.

Contact information for our parish associate interim and youth minister Dan Loffredo:
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 Email: jbssc@yahoo.com

This Week at SOPC

Sunday

Adult Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

[https://zoom.us/j/508111743?](https://zoom.us/j/508111743?pwd=WUUpnelhCV2ICTTBKRTczY3l0YU8yZz09)

<https://zoom.us/j/508111743?pwd=WUUpnelhCV2ICTTBKRTczY3l0YU8yZz09>

Meeting ID: 508 111 743 Password: 046739

By Phone: 1(646)558-8656 508111743 #

Sunday Service at 11:00 a.m.

[https://zoom.us/j/743754044?](https://zoom.us/j/743754044?pwd=bWlHWWJWOFr4UG1zQkZuRVRIAe41dz09)

<https://zoom.us/j/743754044?pwd=bWlHWWJWOFr4UG1zQkZuRVRIAe41dz09>

Meeting ID: 743 754 044 Password: 072863

By Phone: 1(646)558-8656 743754044 #

Monday

Chair Yoga at 12:15 p.m.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7734180282?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7734180282?pwd=WnBRRVB3bGVodm94a1E0SEVub3gvQT09)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7734180282?pwd=WnBRRVB3bGVodm94a1E0SEVub3gvQT09>

Meeting ID: 773 418 0282 Password: Namaste

Wednesday

Lunch & Prayer: Wednesday at Noon

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89705113395?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89705113395?pwd=d3JZSTROa3RFVtIvd0U3WnZwNmhnZz09)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89705113395?pwd=d3JZSTROa3RFVtIvd0U3WnZwNmhnZz09>

Meeting ID: 897 0511 3395 Password: 300498

By Phone: 1(301)715-8592 89705113395#

Friday

Lanterns: Fridays at 7:00 a.m.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81316561956?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81316561956?pwd=eHVpcHdtNEkvUEExOj0hmbWpaNnhsZz09)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81316561956?pwd=eHVpcHdtNEkvUEExOj0hmbWpaNnhsZz09>

Meeting ID: 813 1656 1956 Passcode: 168424

Ways to Give to Seven Oaks

To give via text:

Step 1

Enter 732-56
after To:



Step 2

Type Sevenoaks You will be prompted to
your message and click a link in order to
hit send complete your gift.



Step 3



To Give via mail:

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To give via our website:

Step 1

go to sopc.net Click on "Give" at the
top right. A window
will open that will
guide you through the
process.

Step 2



Know God.
Find Community.