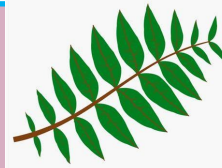


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The Leaflet



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FEBRUARY

Word of the Month

LOVE



Word of the month emails go out each Wednesday with a different explanation for the month's word. If you would like to discuss the explanation, please contact Ed Keelen or Pastor Jana.

Sunday events:

**Worship Link: [https://zoom.us/j/743754044?](https://zoom.us/j/743754044?pwd=bWIHWWJWOFR4UG1zQkZuRVRIaE41dz09)
[pwd=bWIHWWJWOFR4UG1zQkZuRVRIaE41dz09](https://zoom.us/j/743754044?pwd=bWIHWWJWOFR4UG1zQkZuRVRIaE41dz09)
Meeting ID: 743 754 044**

**Join us for Adult Sunday School every Sunday!
Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/508111743>
Passcode: 095858**

**9:45 am - Adult SS Classes
9:45 am - Children & Youth Sunday School classes**

FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE

**Mondays - 7:30 pm NANA
Tuesdays - 9:30 am Staff Meeting
7:30 pm NANA
Wednesdays - 5:45 pm NAMI in pavilion
7:30 pm NANA
Thursdays - 2:00 pm - Care Givers Meet - Fellowship Classroom
Fridays - 6:45 am Lanterns
Sundays - 9:45 am Sunday School - for all ages
11:00 am Worship Service
3:30 - 5:30 pm Love Revolution
5:30 - Youth**



**Sunday, February 19 - 12:15 pm - Youth/children decorating FH
Monday, February 20 - 6:30 pm - Session Meeting - Zoom
Wednesday, February 22 - Koinonia Dinner/Bible Study
Saturday, February 25 - Mary Kay Training - Youth Room
10:00 am - Cuban Women's Feminine Project - FH**

SOPC Updates

ReShape: We have completed SEVEN of the 28 high priority ReShape action items!! Please look forward to a bulletin insert, a newsletter section and a Minute for Mission from Ed Keelen next week to celebrate this accomplishment, learn about what we are working on now, and how you can "plug in" and get involved.

Sharing God's Love: Please bring any of the following Items: Grocery Bags, Grits, Oatmeal, Pancake Syrup, Jelly, Ravioli, SpaghettiOs (Lunch Can), Elbow Pasta, and Pasta sauce. Please leave them in the Missions' closet or in the black baskets in the Narthex!

Small Groups

KOINONIA DATES: Wednesdays, starts February 15 through Wednesday, April 5

Dinner starts 5:30 pm

Bible Study - 6:15 pm

Women in Fellowship Hall

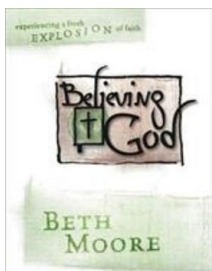
Men in Fellowship Classroom

Dinner Cost - \$6/adults - No charge for children/youth

Choir - 7:30 pm

The church office has ordered both copies of these books, slightly used, \$5 each.

Women's Bible Study:



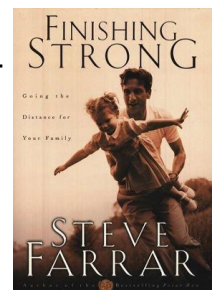
Believing God: Experiencing a Fresh Explosion of Faith by Beth Moore is based on Isaiah 43:10 and explores what it means to not only believe in God but to believe Him.

Do you take God at God's Word, believing what God has told you, or do you just believe in God's existence and the salvation offered? Beth Moore came face-to-face with this question well into adulthood. At first, her response to God was, "Lord, of course I believe in You. I've believed in You all my life." Over time, the Holy Spirit led her to understand God was saying, "I didn't ask you to believe in Me. I asked you to believe Me."

Come along on this interactive Bible study journey as a body of believers drawing close to God and one another in our faith walk. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall where we can spread out with our books, view our videos and learn together.

Men's Bible Study:

Have you ever wanted to attend the Lanterns Men's Prayer Group but it was too early or you had other conflicts? Now is your chance to experience the camaraderie and memorable stories guided by a best selling author, on a topic that each of us will learn from - *Finishing Strong*. It doesn't matter if you've had a great start in the Christian life, or a rough one. It doesn't matter if you've stumbled time and again, or even fallen flat on your face. What matters most in this all-important race of life is how you finish. Our author, Steve Farrar, offers lively use of Scripture, contemporary illustrations, and great study questions to equip the men who join in this study to finish strong in this race of life.



SOPC Updates

ASH WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday, February 22, Ash Wednesday, we will again offer our drive by ash/pray/coffee event, from 8:00 am - 10:00 am. The sanctuary will be open for prayer 12:00 pm. - 1:00 pm. If you would be interested in helping for any of this event, please contact the church office. You can also receive your ashes at Koinonia.



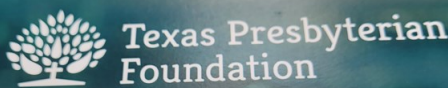
Koinonia Meal on Wednesday, February 22, will be a pancake dinner fundraiser for children/youth summer camps. Please come and support our SOPC children/youth.

CONGRATUATIONS to Kathy & Bubba Locklair on the birth of their first grandchild, Elsie Anne Locklair, proud parents are Jonathan & Jeanna Locklair.



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Leave your legacy of love today.



A gift to your church allows you to enhance its mission and change the lives of others. TPF can help you plan your gift that will impact generations to come and capitalize on available tax savings.

Cuban Feminine Project is off to a great start!!! Almost 50% of items are traced, cut out and ready to sew!!! We will be meeting again Saturday, February 25 to do some more work, please join us in the Fellowship Hall, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. We will feed you lunch!!! If you have questions, please contact Kitsie Miller, 803 463 6958.

Community Updates

The Love Revolution

Every Sunday from 3:30 - 5:30 pm The Love Revolution is proving to be a blessing to our community. Food, love and hope are being provided weekly to those in need around us.

This event is open to everyone.

Bring a dish and/or a smile to share God's love.

Community partners in this effort are:

Ashland United Methodist Church - first Sunday of the month

If you know of a business that would be interested in partnering with our church, please let the church office know.

Help us Bless our community! Donations for the clothing closet are always welcome! Drop off clothing items in the black baskets in the narthex/lobby or bring by the church office during office hours.



Please do not trash your wire hangers, bring **them to the Clothing Closet, we can use them!!!** **Clothing Closet**



SOPC Blessing Box

Non-perishable food donations for the Blessing Box can be placed inside the box at any time. If you place items, please be sure they are securely wrapped as ants get into the food. If the box is full, please bring your items to the office. SOPC thanks KJ's Grocery Store for donations they provide for our Blessing Box. When you shop at the KJ's across from the church, you can purchase a bag of groceries for \$5.99 to add to the collection.

Live Oak Counselling Center is located near Shandon PC at 600 King Street Columbia, 29205. The director says when you donate to LOCC you are giving hope to their clients which 'drives people to forward motion, to new life.' Thanks go to Eastminster, Forest Lake, McGregor, Seven Oaks, Shandon & Spring Valley for their continued support.



The scale of the disaster facing Syria and Turkey after the Feb. 6 earthquake is becoming clearer. The 7.8-magnitude quake and its aftershocks have left more than 11,000 people dead and thousands more injured; these numbers will rise as search and rescue continues. Buildings have been reduced to rubble, and roads and bridges have been severely damaged, resulting in dangerous conditions for first responders. In some places, such as Aleppo, this destruction is compounding the damage of the now 11-year war in Syria.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery in the impacted areas through long-standing partners in Syria, in addition to ACT Alliance members in Syria and Turkey, all of whom are already on the ground. PDA will remain active throughout the entire recovery process, accompanying our partners in the area as they determine long-term program needs and providing financial support for building and resilience.

GIVE. ACT. PRAY.

GIVE:

Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to [DR999999-ST earthquake](#). Gifts can be made [online by clicking here](#), by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with "[DR999999-ST Earthquake](#)" written on the memo line and mailed to

**Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.),
P.O. Box 643700,
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.**

Dear God, be with those who weep, who are angry, who have lost hope, who mourn out loud and in silence, who don't know what the future will bring. May the prayers of your children rise to you.

May they feel your presence and comfort in the embrace of a stranger, your love in the care of their neighbors and loved ones, your grace in every word and every silence, and may your Spirit mourn with them and bring healing.

We pray that you may guide us as we look for ways to share your compassion and hope with those who suffer. That we may be ambassadors of your peace, your mercy and your abundant love.

Through Jesus, who weeps with those who weep and heals every heart, amen.

-Rev. Edwin González-Castillo, Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

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Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday - 10 am - 2
pm

If you use the church facilities for any reason please remember to turn off lights, turn the air off, make sure no water is running (toilets or sinks) and lock the doors. Please also let Karl know when you leave by calling or texting 803-237-4519 so we can keep the facilities clean and sanitized. Thank you!

If you have information to be included in the weekly bulletin or newsletter, please have your information to the church office (sopc@sopc.net) no later than 10:00 am Tuesday the week of publication. Thank you!

Ways to Give to Seven Oaks

To give via text:

Step 1

Enter 732-56
After to

Step 2

Type Sevenoaks as
your message and hit
send

Step 3

Enter 732-56

To Give via mail:

530 St. Andrews Rd.
Columbia, SC 29210

To give via our website:

Step 1

go to sopc.net

Step 2

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

The screenshot shows the online giving interface for Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC. The page title is "Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church" and "Columbia, SC". The main heading is "How much would you like to give?". There are two input fields: "Amount" with a value of "\$0.00" and "Fund" with a dropdown menu showing "Birthday Fund - TPF". Below these is a "Memo" field. There is a "+ Another Fund" button. Below the memo field are two buttons: "GIVE ONCE" and "GIVE MULTIPLE TIMES". There is a "Gift date" dropdown menu showing "Today". Below that is an "Email address" field. At the bottom, there is a "SUMMARY" section showing a total of "\$0.00" and a "Continue" button. At the very bottom, there is a footer that says "POWERED BY REALM" and "Terms and Conditions Privacy Policy".