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FROM THE PASTOR



Guilt by Association?

Many of you may know that I am a fan of the comedian Nate Bargatze. I have seen all of his specials, was a regular listener to his Nateland podcast, and went on the Nateland Cruise with Nate and about 20 other comedians earlier this year. I like

him because he is, as the tagline for his company states, “good, clean and funny.”

I also like him because he is not a political comedian. He had steered clear of politics altogether until a photo was posted revealing he had been present at the UFC fight hosted at the White House on June 14. Bargatze was pilloried on social media, less for his support of UFC fighting, but for supposedly revealing by his attendance that he was a supporter of President Trump. Many social media posters stated they felt they could no longer be fans and were unwilling to watch Nate’s specials or attend his comedy events in the future because he was MAGA.

I was troubled not only by the tone and content of many of the posts, but also at yet another example of the inability of many Americans to be a fan of, support, or even tolerate those who might hold different political views, particularly about someone as polarizing as we know this president to be. It also made me think about the “guilt by association” allegations which were enough for many to decide whether they will continue to enjoy Bargatze’s apolitical humor.

Every two years when our denomination, the PC(USA), has a General Assembly (GA), I think about that phrase “guilt by association.” Sometimes, this is due to my own discomfort with some of the decisions made at GA. Other times, I know decisions there will be upsetting to my congregation and I will have to try to interpret the implications of what happened there for us here. This can be frustrating, especially when GA actions are either difficult for me to support or I perceive they distract from our main mission of sharing Christ’s love and his offer of salvation with all people.

I see my role as a pastor as that of keeping the flock together, even when we have very different views about issues. To that end, it was my suggestion that “theological diversity” be one of SPC’s core values, which reflects not only my approach to ministry, but I think best reflects this congregation, which I always describe as “purple” (meaning having both Democrats and Republicans, but I use to mean having both theological progressives and evangelicals, as well).

This General Assembly did not disappoint in issuing statements or recommending amendments to our constitution about which there will be disagreement. It should not be a

surprise to most of you that our denomination is progressive on most social and theological issues. For some, that is why you sought out a PC(USA) congregation. Others, aware of this decades-long trend, have seen the denomination shift past where you are in terms of theology and/or social issues. Frankly, the PC(USA) has shifted past where I am regarding some issues, too.

The challenge with theological diversity is determining what must be kept at the center, i.e. what are the essential beliefs to which one must adhere as part of the body of Christ. We do need to be able to name and teach this, not to exclude, but to faithfully fulfill the great commission of “making disciples of all nations, teaching them everything I have commanded.” To me, this means teaching that Jesus Christ is the unique Son of God and the one through whom we receive forgiveness of sins when we place our faith in him. This is the beginning of a relationship that is characterized by faithfully following Jesus and obeying his commands.

While it is important to advocate for social justice, which I would argue has become the primary focus of our denomination, doing so must flow out of that relationship with Christ. He is the remedy to our world’s issues; our advocacy for those issues should come *as a result* of a transformed heart. Social justice can also be a tricky topic, as we’ve seen a broadening of those who place themselves in a category of oppression and who are requesting (demanding) our advocacy. My list includes the unborn and minors who don’t have the maturity yet to make decisions about their lives or bodies. My list also includes those who don’t have the same opportunities I have had because of the color of their skin. The many times Scripture tells us God cares about the “widow, orphan and the foreigner” tells me I should prioritize helping these folks, too. Jesus’ instruction about loving our enemies means it matters how we speak to and about people with whom we disagree.

Each of these is sometimes labeled a “Democratic issue” or a “Republican issue.” I believe they are “Christian issues” which neither party perfectly represents. This is why our allegiance must always be first and foremost to Jesus Christ, above party, nation, and even denomination. We must constantly be seeking to be transformed by the renewing of our minds as we study God’s Word and pray for the Spirit’s discernment (Romans 12:2).

I am weaving back and forth from politics to our General Assembly because there are politics there, too. Additionally, we can debate as to whether GA is influencing or being influenced by the culture. For some of us, an issue may be one of such importance to us that our church’s association with a GA decision becomes untenable.

SPC’s Session has not met since the General Assembly, and

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the first time we do so will be August 17. We will begin reviewing the many decisions, statements, and amendments from GA that will be sent to the presbyteries for their vote in the coming months.

We might be pushed on what it means to adhere to our value of theological diversity. We might need to re-identify the non-negotiable beliefs that we think must be central to disciples of Christ. We might need to recommit to our priorities as we seek to be faithful to the mission we believe God has given us at this point in time.

Until then, I will seek to faithfully preach the gospel and be guided by God's Word. I commit to keeping Christ at the center, and to live out my call in keeping with the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 2:2: "For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified."

Pastor Anita Herbert



Sermon Series

We will wrap up our summer series with additional sermons on King David and his son, King Solomon. We'll consider some interesting themes, including David's significant failures even though God has identified him as a man after His own heart and is the one with whom He chose to make his everlasting covenant. What is it about David that makes him different, when he fails so spectacularly? What does he do that serves as a model for us when we make mistakes? Join us in worship as we find out!

Date	Focus/Title	OT Scripture(s)	Overview	NT Scripture(s)	Overview
8/2/26	David: Kindness	2 Samuel 9 (19)	David is kind to Jonathan's son Mephibosheth	Colossians 3:12-13	Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, etc.
8/9/26	David: Confession	Psalms 51 2 Samuel 11-12	David commits adultery, is confronted by Nathan, confesses his sin	1 John 1:8-10	If we confess our sin, God forgives
8/16/26	David: Bad Parenting	2 Samuel 13	David doesn't punish his son Amnon; Absalom takes matters into his own hands	Ephesians 6:1-4	Fathers, do not exasperate your children...
8/23/26	David: Good Parenting	Proverbs 22:6 1 Kings 2:1-4	Train up a child... Wise words from father to son – be faithful to God		
8/30/26	Solomon: Wisdom	1 Kings 3	Solomon prays for wisdom, makes a wise judgment	James 3:17-18	The wisdom from above...
9/6/26	Solomon: Worship	1 Kings 8	Solomon dedicates the temple	Hebrews 12:28-29	Let us offer God acceptable worship



Week 32: August 1-7
2 Corinthians 7-11
Week 33: Aug 8-14
2 Corinthians 12-Galatians 3
Week 34: Aug 15-21
Galatians 4-Ephesians 2
Week 35: Aug 22-28
Ephesians 3-Philippians 1



WORSHIP MUSIC



Traditional Worship

We have had a great summer at SPC! First a group of us traveled for the Montreat Music and Worship Conference and learned a lot! Pastor Anita and Ralph were able to join us this year and we have

lots of great ideas to share with the church in the future. Our Chancel Choir and Jewel Tones teamed up to present an America 250 concert on July 12th. This was great fun to put together and we really enjoyed honoring the history of our country. After that, our ensembles took a well needed break but will return in the fall.

Our handbells have been sent out for refurbishment. This important maintenance procedure is completed every few years to keep our bells in top shape and sounding great! We are excited to get them back and begin ringing again.

As we move into the fall we look forward to our “kickoff Sunday” on August 30th. This will be a great day to find out more information about how you can get involved in the music ministry at SPC! We will also turn our attention to the Christmas Cantata. (Christmas in July! We know, right?!) The fall is a great time to get involved. We would love to speak with you about joining any of our ensembles! Please reach out to William at summervillepresmusic@gmail.com.

William Bennett
Director of Music

Music Ministry Opportunities

- * **HANDBELLS**—Rehearses Tuesdays at 5:30 pm
- * **CHANCEL CHOIR**—Rehearses Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (7:30 pm during Wednesday Night Live)
- * **PRAISE TEAM**—Rehearses Wednesdays at 6:00 pm (audition required)
- * **JEWEL TONES**—Rehearses Tuesdays at 6:30 pm (audition required)

Contemporary Worship

Hello, church family!

As summer winds down and we begin looking toward a new season of ministry, August is a wonderful time to reconnect, recharge, and get involved in the life of our church. We are grateful for the ways God continues to work through our congregation and look forward to all that is ahead this fall.



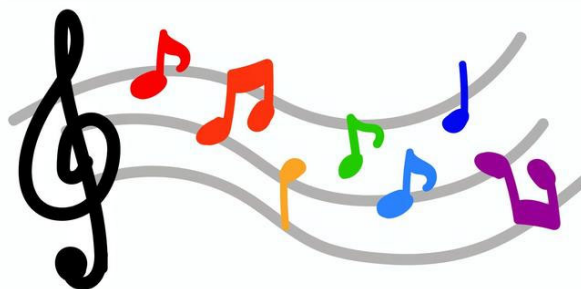
One of the highlights of the month is Fall KickOff! This event is a great opportunity to learn about the many ministry teams our church offers. Whether you’ve been here for years or are new to our congregation, there’s a place for you. We hope to see you there!

The praise team is introducing a new song this month entitled, “God So Loved” by We The Kingdom. This song focuses on John 3:16 and reminds us of the greatest truth of the gospel: God’s incredible love for the world and His gift of salvation through Jesus Christ.

We hope you will join us for our 10am Contemporary Service in the SPC gym.

*“For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever”*

Julia Miller and Joe Swisher
Co-Directors of Contemporary Worship



SPC KICKOFF SUNDAY 2026

SAVE THE DATE:

SPC KICKOFF SUNDAY '26

Join us as we kick off a new ministry season with a football-themed morning of fellowship, interactive ministry experiences, a tailgate brunch, and opportunities to discover your next step in faith.



Wear your favorite football jersey or team colors!
Share Christ. Serve Others. Grow Together in Faith.
More details coming soon!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
WHAT'S YOUR NEXT PLAY?

**KICK OFF A
WINNING SEASON
OF FAITH!**

**Score big with your
faith this season!**

**Joy Kids & Youth
Don't sit on the
sidelines!**

**Get in the Game—Join
a Small Group**

**Suit Up for
Sunday School!**

**"AND LET US CONSIDER HOW TO
STIR UP ONE ANOTHER TO LOVE
AND GOOD WORKS, NOT
NEGLECTING TO MEET
TOGETHER... BUT ENCOURAGING
ONE ANOTHER."
— HEBREWS 10:24-25**



**JOIN US ON AUGUST 30 AS WE GATHER TO
WORSHIP, CONNECT, PRAY, AND DISCOVER
OUR NEXT STEP IN FOLLOWING CHRIST.**

WHAT'S YOUR NEXT PLAY?

SPIRITUAL GROWTH



Happy end-of-Summer, SPC!

And, for those of you in education or with kids in school, happy back-to-school!

We are getting ready for some really fun and exciting things this semester! I'm already looking forward to a new Sunday

School session, new Joy Kids and Youth groups, small groups picking back up, and our fall/winter events that everyone enjoys so much!

That being said, let's not get too far ahead of ourselves; we'll start with Joy Kids. This year, we will run Joy Kids on Monday nights from 5:30-7:00 pm, as long as DD2 has school on that Monday. Dinner will be served every week, and we will be working on lessons that teach us about God's love and have fun playing games or doing crafts together. Joy Kids is open to kids in Kindergarten-5th grade. I will be leading it, but am looking for one or two volunteers to help out each week. If you're interested, please send me an email at spcspiritualgrowth@gmail.com. Our first night will be Monday, September 14, (the week after Labor Day), and we will run through mid-November.

For children's and youth Sunday School, we are in need of some help for the September-December session. We have two rotating spots in the Pre-readers class, the second Sunday of the month in Readers, and the first Sunday of the month available in Tweens. We are also in need of a couple of subs that would be willing to hop in as needed. Please let me know if you are willing and able to teach; lessons are provided for you.

Looking forward to KICKING OFF this season with you all!

In Christ,

Sara



THANK YOU!

VBS and Summer Sunday School Success

The Spiritual Growth Ministry Team was initially apprehensive about staffing VBS. We were also contemplating eliminating Sunday School for the youth and children, as our year-long teachers requested a summer break. However, after sharing these concerns with the congregation, the response was incredible. We had 53 volunteers step forward for VBS, allowing us to fill all available spaces. Additionally, your willingness to teach Sunday School classes has allowed us to maintain that routine for our youth and children. Your participation and support truly demonstrate your love for the younger members of our congregation, and the team greatly appreciates it.

Now that many of you have experienced how rewarding it is to work with our children and youth, we would love for you to consider joining us for the upcoming year. We are currently staffing Sunday School for the 2026-2027 term. If your summer experience has inspired you to consider teaching, please reach out to us, and we can provide details on what to expect. All classes operate on a rotation, so you will not be expected to teach every Sunday, and all lesson plans are prepared in advance.

If you feel called to continue in this vital role, please contact Sara at spcspiritualgrowth@gmail.com or Hunter at hsharris3@gmail.com.



The ladies of the **Share, Word, Pray** small group have one last summer outing on Monday, 8/17 at 5pm!

They will kickoff the new season with their first meeting on Monday, August 31 in the Genesis classroom at 5pm. Thereafter, they meet every Monday.

If you're interested in joining in on the fun, please contact Julie McCormick in the church office.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH



MOTHERS MORNING OUT



Happy August! We are back to school this month. We are welcoming two new teachers to our staff family, and over 30 new students to our school family. It is beyond exciting to be able to continue to share God's love with the children. I worked really hard alongside Bob Hirsch, Shirley Gay, and John Wilson to get all our classroom floors resurfaced and rooms revamped to best support our teachers and students. I think they look amazing and can't wait to see them all filled up again. I am excited to announce a specific opportunity for you all to meet some of our school families as well as help support our school. We will be having a spaghetti dinner and silent auction on September 12th from 4:30-6:30pm. For more information on purchasing tickets, or if you want to make a donation for the auction, please reach out to me or Julie at the front office.

Donations needed: We are back in session, so we need snacks! We provide two snacks every day for each of our 80+ students. The children enjoy pretzels, Goldfish, applesauce pouches, animal crackers, fruit snacks, crackers, fruit cups and chips. We are always encouraging the children to try new things, so anything nut-free is wonderful!

I am still looking for anyone interested in giving a chapel lesson. You could choose a theme to teach, or pick a rotating calendar slot. Additionally the children enjoy special guest readers. For more information or to sign up for either opportunity, please reach out.

Sheila Wilson
MMO Director



MMO MEET THE TEACHER—AUG 6
MMO SCHOOL STARTS—AUG 12



NURTURE

Deacons, Congregational Care and Stephen Ministry – Why do we need all three?

There are nearly twenty separate ministries under the Nurture Team umbrella that serve our members and our community in various ways. Among them are three ministries that directly provide support to our members in their daily lives and in their times of need: our Board of Deacons, Congregational Care and Stephen Ministry. You may ask why we need all three of these ministries if they all serve the same purpose. The simple answer is that while each supplements the mission of the others, they each respond in unique ways depending on the specific concern of the member in need.

The Board of Deacons consists of fifteen Deacons, elected by the congregation, whose responsibility is to communicate with the members of their “flock” and address their needs on a regular basis. Each Deacon is responsible for approximately twenty families and they offer compassion, witness and service to these same families during the three years of their term.

Whereas the Deacons maintain a regular relationship with their flock, Congregational Care responds to those members in need of immediate care who may be experiencing grief, health issues, spiritual crises or other personal and family life struggles. They promptly respond to those needs with calls, cards, flowers, and/or visits, as well as delivering prayer shawls and meals when appropriate. In addition, they also coordinate the receptions following funerals and memorials. Congregational Care also provides up-to-date information on those who are experiencing difficult times to their respective deacon and shares current concerns to our members through the Prayer Covenant each week.

We are all aware that grief from the loss of a loved one, chronic or terminal illness, divorce, or family and employment issues seldom “goes away” in a matter of days or even weeks. To address these long-term issues, the grieving person has the option of asking for a Stephen Minister who will accompany him or her on their grief journey for a period of weeks, months or even a year or more. Their Stephen Minister who has received over 50 hours of specialized training will meet with them weekly to provide one-on-one care as they process their grief. While not offering counseling, the

Stephen Minister will provide a caring, non-judgmental listening ear in order to allow that person to share their most intimate concerns with the knowledge that all communication between the two of them will be held in strict confidence.



A Stephen Ministry Testimonial of Hope and Healing

A testimony from Rose Warrell

This is what Stephen Ministry has done for me. The Stephen Minister gave me comfort to let me talk about my husband Dick, who passed away in 2023. Since he has passed I can still remember him and anything I feel is OK. The Stephen Minister helps me get through the difficult times. I have been able to find a new life for myself because of this help I have received. I am very thankful for this program.

THANKYOU!

Dear SPC family, On behalf of my family, I want to thank you all for your cards, texts, and visits after the loss of my mom. The prayer shawl and the lovely reception after her service were greatly appreciated. It is so comforting to know we have such wonderful support during difficult times.

Sincerely, **Ramona Jasso**

Dear Congregational Care team, Thank you so much for the bouquet of flowers and nice cards. I am still getting better from my right-sided stroke. Please continue with your prayers for my recovery.

Nancy J. Fleury

Cane Bay High School is so thankful for your support! We appreciate your letting us use your oven to prepare potatoes for our teacher's appreciation lunch on May 6th.

To Congregational Care, Thank you all for all your calls and cards during my recent knee replacement. I'm confident all your prayers contributed to a successful healing. Blessings to all, **Phyllis Dyke**

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to everyone for your prayers, flowers, phone calls and for your continued love and support during my recovery. I feel truly blessed to be part of such a warm and caring church family. **Adriaan Kwist**

Dear SPC, Thank you so much for the prayers, the calls, the cards, and the flowers during George's recent surgery and recovery for knee surgery. Your care and concern meant so much to both of us. **George & Ethel Croft**

Friends of SPC, Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl. It is soft and cozy. Love, **Jan Gay**

THANK YOU'S & MILITARY LIST

Dear ladies, Thank you for all your efforts for our over "90's" party. I especially loved the opportunity to see some of my longtime friends after being separated for such a long time. We all seem to be handicapped in one way or another, but at least we still remember each other. And in addition, Suzanne delivered church flowers to my apartment at The Village, and it happened to be my 93rd birthday. Thank you everyone for a great time throughout the weekend. Sincerely, **"Snookie" Trippe**

I am so fortunate to be a member of SPC's congregation! Between Scott's sudden death, the dog's surgery and my spinal procedure, the past couple of months could have been so much worse if not for the amazing help, presence, comfort, delicious food, flowers, rides, prayer shawl and encouragement of so many of you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I appreciate all of you more than words can tell. **Dotty Wright**

Barbara and JC Simmons wish to express grateful appreciation for the support of the church family during the recent death of our granddaughter, Ashley Benson.

My heartfelt thanks to the ladies who honored us with the "Club 90" Luau in June. The gym was decorated with a lush, tropical air, Jim provided music and there was a seemingly endless passing of delicious food. It was wonderful to see so many familiar, sweet and caring ladies and to meet some new ones. Your efforts were much appreciated! And finally thanks to Paul Hromoga for our parting gift of a pretty, hand decorated basket. What a surprise to be so honored just for growing old! **Betty Jones**

Dear Church Family, Bill & I are so grateful for your kind thoughtfulness. The flower arrangement was lovely. We want to thank you for the cards & prayers as well. The melanoma was successfully removed, but scalps take a very long time to heal. Thank you for your support during this time ~ especially for the prayers. Gratefully, **Bill and Fran Harbeson**

Dear Summerville Presbyterian Church,
On behalf of our League Team and the Summerville Baptist Church and staff, we are so grateful for your partnership for the Upward Volleyball League. The size and impact of the league is not possible without your partnership. I am thankful for your members Hunter Harris & Mark Stewart being a huge help also. It has been a pleasure getting to know some of you and working with you. Grateful to be serving the Lord together.
Aimee Gerber, Upward Director & FCA Ministry Coordinator



Military Prayer List

- ♦ Michael Arnold (Nancy Piscatella's grandson) Army, Hunter Air Field, Savannah, GA
- ♦ Cade Carpenter, USAF, Italy, and Zoë Carpenter, USAF, Joint Base Charleston, SC (Kathy Whittle's nephew and niece)
- ♦ Derek Craver (son of Don and Patricia Craver) Navy, Jacksonville, FL
- ♦ Quincy D'Antonio (Linda Wigfield's grandson) Health Clinic, Navy Base, BHC Diego Garcia, Indian Ocean
- ♦ Elijah Kellar (Robert and Sue Wearn's nephew) US Navy, Gulfport Navy Base, Gulfport, MS
- ♦ Andre Maurice Moncrief (son of Sherry Roberts) Army Reserve, Modesto, CA
- ♦ Lt. Commander Parker Northrop (son-in-law of Hunter and Perry Harris) Navy, Baltimore, MD
- ♦ Wyatt Stahel, (Matt and Vicky Methot's grandson) Marines, Okinawa, Japan
- ♦ Capt. Charles Young, USNR, NAVWAR, CYBER EAST, Fort Orchard, WA (Tony and Claudette Young's son)
- ♦ HM1 (FMF) Nathan Herrington, Seabee Unit, Port Hueneme, CA (Tony and Claudette Young's grandson)

Please let the church office know when changes occur. Thank you.

To more effectively serve our military families, the Nurture Ministry Team would like to update our **Military Prayer List**. If you have a family member you would like us to support, please complete the form below and return it to the office. Your efforts will help us to be able to send cards, letters, and/or packages to keep in touch with our military.

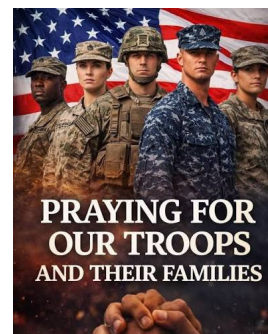
Name of service member:

Address/Base of service member:

Name/Address/Phone of local family:

Service person birthday:

Relationship to SPC Member:



(cut along line and send in to the church office)

SERVICE & OUTREACH



HANDS OF CHRIST DISTRIBUTION DAY

Sunday, August 2

Setup (12-2 pm)

Distribution (3-5:30 pm)

Volunteer Meeting

Saturday, August 1, 6 pm

By the time you read this, we will be in the thick of our donation season. We are hoping to serve close to 300 families this year at our distribution. The volunteer meeting is August 1st at 6:00 pm. If you have signed up for a new position or are new to this event, please come to the meeting so that you can be trained on what to do during the distribution on August 2nd. Our distribution is from 3:00-5:30 pm on August 2nd, with setup starting right after the contemporary service that morning. All volunteers will meet in Lanneau Hall at 2:45 pm on the 2nd. If you haven't signed up to help with the distribution yet, it is not too late. Contact Sheila and she will find a spot to get you involved. We are so grateful to everyone who came out this summer to help with all the organizing and counting. This event is so special, and we would not be able to do it without the support from the entire church family on the day but also all the helpers throughout the year. If you are interested in getting more involved outside of the distribution day, please reach out to Heather, Sheila or Ellen Burns.

Thank you, Sheila Wilson and Heather Kemble



NEEDS FOR ANCHOR HOUSE & LIGHT HOUSE

- Bath towels
- Foot powder
- Disposable bowls, cups and utensils
- Sugar
- Non-perishables

Also needed: Bicycles for Anchor House
(new or gently-used in working order)

MEAL DELIVERY

Please sign up to provide meals for our residents.
Home-cooked meals, pizza, sandwiches
and other options are welcome.
Call Anchor House (843-469-8858)
or Light House (843-771-2094) to schedule your de-
livery.

VOLUNTEERING

If you or your group are interested in volunteering,
please email us at info@keystochangesc.org
to learn more about how to get involved.



**OUR NEXT
COMMUNITY MEAL
WILL BE HELD
SUNDAY,
AUGUST 23
12:30 pm—1:30 pm
IN THE SPC GYM**

*If you would like to join the Grace Table team of
volunteers, please contact Vicky Methot at
vickymethotrealtor@gmail.com or contact
the church office with any questions.*



BLESSING BAG NEEDS:
Chips, sandwich crackers
and cookies, small bottles of
Gatorade and water.

Thank you for all your
donations!

FELLOWSHIP

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Wednesday Night Live!
FOOD. FUN. FAITH. FRIENDS.

SEPTEMBER 16 - OCTOBER 28

5:30 PM DINNER
Good food. Great fellowship.

6:00 PM GAME TIME!
Bring your game face and join the fun!

6:30 PM BIBLE STUDY
Choose from two classes!

CLASS 1 OR CLASS 2

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

All are welcome! | WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!



NEW LUNCH BUNCH!

The lunch bunch is a new group formerly the Ladies Luncheon group. This new group is inviting all church members to come and enjoy fellowship and a lunch once a month at a local restaurant. All lunches start at 11:30 am. For questions and reservations, please contact Claudette Young at claudettemariyoung@yahoo.com or call her at 843-991-1057.

BELOW IS THE 2026 SCHEDULE:

Thursday, August 27 - Sunrise Bistro
110 Miles Jamison Rd, Summerville

Thursday, September 24 - Palmetto Flats
975 Bacons Bridge Rd, Ste 148
Summerville

Thursday, October 22 - Italian Bistro
1605 Central Ave, Summerville

Tuesday, November 24 - Wild Ginger
Asian Bistro, 608 Bacons Bridge Rd,
Summerville

Tuesday, December 22 - Oscar's
207 W 5th North St, Summerville



FALL SALT SHAKER KICK OFF!

The fall session of Salt Shakers will begin with a covered dish supper on August 6 at 6:00 pm in Lanneau Hall. We will meet as a large group then for the months of September, October and November, we will break up into smaller groups to meet in local restaurants. Questions? Call or email Merrilyn Long.



YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A 5:30 PM DINNER AT MONTREUX AND THE ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL ON AUGUST 14 AT 7:30 PM.



Don't forget to come and enjoy a treat during the Coffee Fellowship time in Lanneau Hall on Backpack Sunday August 2nd!

FINANCE & SESSION UPDATES



The offerings along with monies received for the use of facilities, and the total expenses for the month of **June** and year-to-date, are as follows:

	Monthly	Year-to-Date
Receipts	\$ 55,935.00	\$532,653.00
Expenses	\$ 77,113.00	\$427,005.00
Excess (deficit)	\$(21,178.00)	\$105,648.00

Monthly Receipts and Expenses fluctuate, which has resulted in 2026 year-to-date excess revenues over expenses of \$105,648.00. The Finance Committee would like to thank everyone for financially supporting our church.

Session



Greetings!

Below are several items of interest of recent Session activity:

- In June, Session approved six new members as well as minor revisions to the SPC Disaster Plan. This plan is primarily focused on the protection of SPC physical property/electronic files and anyone on site during an event (e.g. hurricane, fire, tornado, intruder, etc.).
- Session members have taken turns at each meeting this year reviewing a Ministry Collaborative article selected by Pastor Anita. Beginning in August we will begin reading the book "Canoeing the Mountains." Both are leadership focused and will help Session continue to be forward looking as well as enabling us to develop and refine the SPC Strategy. This is the next step in our Vision process, with the Mission and Core Values completed.
- The MMO request for a fence in the courtyard area is still under discussion. I will provide an update once a decision is reached.

If you have any questions, please feel free to see me or contact me at Summervillepresclerk@gmail.com.

Blessings,

Oden Semones
Clerk of Session

GUESS WHO?



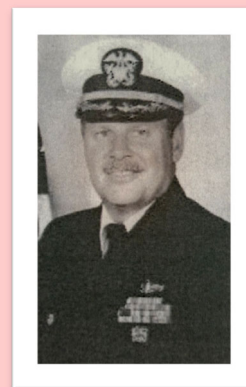
Who is this darling baby girl?

Hint: She is a long-time church member with beautiful silver-haired locks and has a granddaughter named Talon.

Submit your guess to the church office at summervillepres@gmail.com

First correct answer receives a a gift card prize!

The answer to the June/July Guess Who...was **Colin Martin**

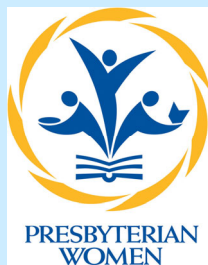


Congratulations to Wayne Mayberry who guessed correctly!

BIRTHDAYS



Cheryl	Durand	1	Harper	Lybrand	18
Charlotte	Fulmer	1	Jason	Lybrand	18
Debra	Priest	2	Caroline	Hanna	19
Terry	Branstetter	4	Ethel	Croft	20
Gayle	Alfreds	8	Sandra	Hess	20
Dwight	Van Horn	8	Linda	Wigfield	20
Mary	Summers	9	Jane	Stevens	22
Barbara	Thornton	9	Tina	Brauner	23
Heidi	Dyson	11	Barbara	Norris	23
Walter	Frizzell	11	Jeff	Queen	23
Kitty	McIntosh	11	John	Crofts	24
James	Bailey	12	Loreli	Brobst	25
Aleatha	Howard	13	Charlene	Amweg	26
Nora	Hutnik	13	Frances Anne	Anderson	27
Nancy	Piscatella	13	Merze	French	27
Jo Ann	Spearman	13	Jimmy	Tupper	27
Annette	Crofts	14	Leo	Lorenz	28
Charles	Harris	14	Robert	Quinn	28
Julie	Strawn	15	Joshua	Sanchez	28
Patricia	Taylor	15	Wilson	Hanna	30
Marcia	Todd	15	Walter	Morgan	30
Liz	Boyd	17	Jason	Winstead	30
Bill	Harbeson	18	Tara	Bailey	31
Dorothy	Hetu	18	Shane	Haton	31



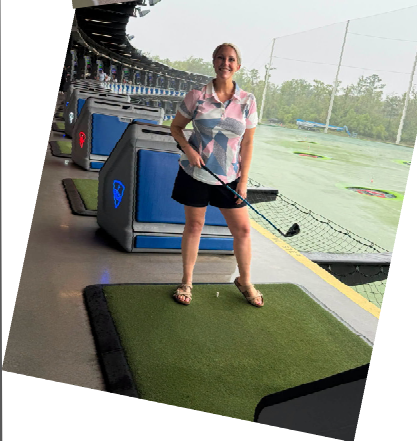
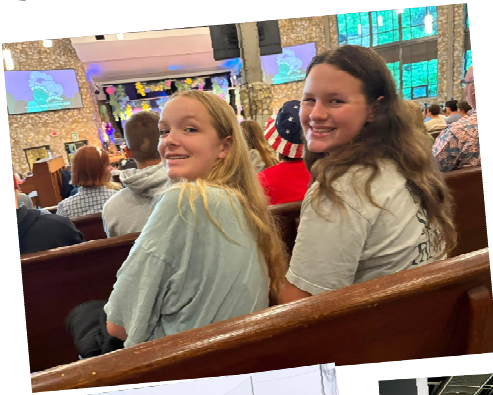
All SPC women interested in joining or learning about **The Presbyterian Women group are invited to the PW kick-off potluck luncheon at noon on August 4th in Lanneau Hall.** Presently, there are three circles (groups) who meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to discuss spiritual books or studies that might help us increase our intimacy with God and live out our lives in a way that is pleasing to Him and consequently beneficial to us.

This Fall, the Miriam circle moderated by Betty Cowen (bjmh4@hotmail.com/301-758-5653) will be trying to gain insights from the book, *Bad Girls of the Bible: and what we can learn from them*, by Liz Curtis Higgs. This book focuses on how we can learn to avoid some of the pitfalls of life. This group meets at 1pm in Lanneau Hall.

The Lydia circle moderated by Cindy Van Horn (ckvanhorn22@gmail.com/904-343-2741) will continue reading and discussing the 6th chapter of Max Lucado's book, *Before Amen: The Power of a Simple Prayer*, which discusses ways to deepen our prayer life. Since the chapters are independent of each other, joining in is not a problem. Additionally, if you get your book before the September meeting, it is an easy read. This group meets at 10am at the home of a different group member each month. Either group would welcome new members.

We are pleased to announce a third circle, the Ruth Circle, that Claudette Young has organized and is moderating for our ladies living at the Village. This group is using *Ten Women of the Bible* by Max Lucado. They meet at 10am on the 4th Thursday of the month at The Presbyterian Village. In recognition that it might be helpful for some women to have an evening study, we are exploring the possibility of starting a fourth circle. Please stop by our table on Kick Off Sunday or contact Candace Hayes (Candacehs06@gmail.com/646-660-1682) if you might be interested in this group. There have been some changes in leadership this year for PW. We thank Mary Lou Semones, Rose Warrell, and Elizabeth Brown for their faithful service to us! Cindy Van Horn has succeeded Rose as moderator of the Lydia Circle. Tonya Holmes is our new treasurer. Candace Hayes is the new PW moderator.

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