



The Window

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Message From the Sabbatical Pastor

Practicing Sabbath This Summer

"Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy."

Exodus 20:8

"For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."

Isaiah 30:15

Sabbath is...

- Entering God's rest.
- Dropping our beliefs that Sabbath keeping is doing nothing.
- Shedding our professional skins.
- Risking that the world will survive while we are off the clock.
- Being with one who knows us well.
- Experiencing salvation more fully.
- Worshipping regularly.

Symptoms of Sabbath Ignoring are...

- Believing that time is way to short for what God's called us to do — kingdom panic!
- Dry and brittle faith.
- Glazed over eyes when someone is sharing his/her story.
- Heightened escape fantasies.
- Cringing when the phone rings or a text bings.
- Believing that if we work harder the world will be saved.

How's your Summer Sabbath Practice going so far? For many of us, we are finding Sabbath-keeping is more challenging than we imagined. The larger culture around us suggests that success is highly correlated with busy-ness. We are constantly receiving messages from nearly everyone that we should be busier than we are. So to detach from the myth that busy-ness equals success...we need faith. Our calling is to trust that God is active in this world, transforming the world toward the kingdom. God will accomplish what God sets out to do. Thus, we don't need to panic or worry about our small parts of God's mission. Even more, practicing Sabbath actually makes us far more effective as people when we are involved in God's mission.

So, let's practice our faith. Let's integrate Sabbath-keeping into our lives, finding that Jesus' yoke is easy and burden is light.

Mark E. Tidsworth, Sabbatical Pastor

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Joining together on a journey of Christian faith, we seek to be Disciples of Christ and to share God's love in our community and around the world.

We do this as we Glorify God, Grow Disciples, Meet Human Needs.

Weekly Lectionary Scriptures

8/5 11th Sunday after Pentecost
2 Sam. 11:26-12:13a; Ps. 5:1-12;
Eph. 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

8/12 12th Sunday after Pentecost
2 Sam. 18:5-9, 15, 31-33;
Ps. 130; Eph. 4:25-5:2;
John 6:35, 41-51

8/19 13th Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14;
Psalm 111; Eph. 5:15-20;
John 6:51-58

8/26 14th Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43
Ps. 84; Eph. 6:10-20;
John 6:56-69



Choir Corner

Are you ready to rumba? It's that time when everything kicks off, literally and figuratively! The dance begins...

August is the time to begin anew as folks have that last vacation getaway, students start back to school, and everyone goes shopping.

Summer has allowed a great break from the routine. The Chancel Choir was off the month of July, and we were blessed with incredible talents of various individuals each week. Now plans are for singing groups to resume. Chancel Choir and Joyful Noise resume for the 10:45 and 8:30 services, respectively. Chancel Bells (adult ringers) along with Strong Praises and Singers of Christ (elementary and mid-highs) start back in September. As I say every year in this article, **it's a perfect time to be part of music ministry here at Fort Hill.** If you sing, ring, play an instrument, or just like to listen, we welcome the sharing of your gifts!!!

Chancel Choir starts Wednesday, August 1, at 7:30 in room E-207. Speak to Margaret MacKay or a choir member about becoming a part. Strong Praises (K-3rd grade) and Singers of Christ (grades 4-8) will be on Wednesday evenings starting September 5. Put the dates on your calendars now and bring your young folks to sing and make music.

Please let me know if you have questions. And remember...

Keep smiling-n-singing,

Margaret

September 2018 The Window Deadline

The deadline for articles, announcements, and features for the **September** issue of *The Window* is **Wednesday, August 15.**

Please email your item as a Microsoft Word document to the church office at window@forthillchurch.org or type the item directly into your email and send. If possible, please keep your articles to 500 words or less.

Inside the "Den"

We're gearing up for the fall!

This summer has been filled with lots of great events! From our intergenerational mission trip to Guatemala (see picture) to Wild Wednesdays to the Montreat Youth Conference, we have been joining together on a journey of faith in many ways and across many different places.



As we look forward to beginning a new school year, we also look forward to the start of youth group at Fort Hill. After our last Wild Wednesday on August 15, more than 40 youth and adult leaders will be traveling to Asbury Hills Retreat Center in Cleveland, SC, for our first-ever Youth Fall Kick-Off Retreat. We will spend a weekend taking part in recreation, fellowship, and exploring our youth ministry theme for the 2018-19 year: Real Issues of Faith.

This next year holds great potential for our young people as they discover new aspects of their faith and grow in their relationship with God and one another. And the best way for those opportunities to happen is for your child to be an active part of our youth ministry at Fort Hill. Whether that means taking part in the Bridge, youth group, Johnny & the Tulips band practice, confirmation, serving on a ministry team, or serving in any other number of ways with church, I trust that the Holy Spirit will work through our young people (and you!) and lead us all to some incredible new places in our faith.

As the 2018-19 school year gets underway, know that I am in prayer for you, your family, and this amazing community of disciples at Fort Hill.

Joyfully,

Dana

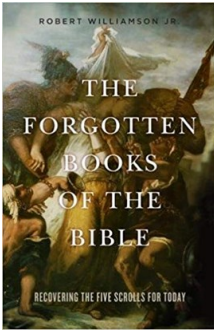
FIRST SUNDAY
Breakfast

Sunday, August 5
9:30-10:30 in Tartan Hall

Please join church members for fellowship and food as we continue this Fort Hill summer tradition.

Coffee and juice will be provided. Church members are asked to bring a breakfast item to share.

Do Not Overlook These Scriptures



You're probably missing some of the most interesting books of the Bible. In print August 1st you can begin to change that by joining one of Fort Hill's own young adults in exploring five books of the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) that are often overlooked. ***The Forgotten Books of the Bible: Recovering the Five Scrolls for Today*** by the Rev. Dr. Robert Williamson, Jr., provides an in-depth, refreshing and challenging exploration into the Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, and Esther.

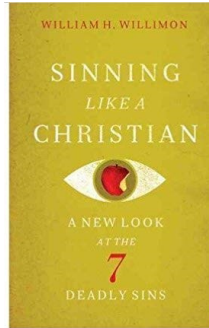


Robert Williams Jr. (PhD, Emory University) is associate professor of religious studies at Hendrix College and founding pastor of Mercy Community Church of Little Rock, a multi-denominational worshipping community that welcomes all people, especially those living on the streets.

Bobby is the son of Bob and Eva Williamson of Fort Hill, a Clemson graduate and PSA alum!

Sojourners Class Update for August

The Sojourners are studying [Sinning Like a Christian: A New Look at the 7 Deadly Sins](#), by William H. Willimon, Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry at Duke University Divinity School who *brings his blunt, eloquent, and humorous style to bear on the question of sin. He says, "For Christians, sin is not so much inherent in the human condition, though it is that; rather, sin is the problem we have between us and God. It is rebellion against our true Sovereign, an offense against the way the Creator has created us to be."* Willimon's penetrating observations will be welcomed by readers who are dissatisfied with shallow, feel-good Christianity (from the left or the right) that does not attempt to grapple with our propensity to do evil.



Invitation to Dinner for Eight

"Dinner for Eight" is a Fort Hill social activity and you are invited. It is a great way to get to know or know better your fellow church members. There are four dinners, each with different people. They occur in October, November, January, and February. You will be host for one dinner and provide a different course for each of the other dinners. What month you host, what course you provide, and who you will be dining with will be sent to you on a schedule. The host is responsible for coordinating a date with their group for that month. If you do not want to commit to all four dinners we also need substitutes. To sign up contact Debbie Durland at ddurland@charter.net or call (864) 719-0062 with any questions. Please sign up with a partner or I will try to find you a partner. Please provide your name, email address and phone number. The sign-up deadline is September 9.



Hope to dine with you.

Debbie Durland

Sunday Servants

Pastor on Call

8/5-8/7	Mark Tidsworth
8/8-8/11	Dana Waters
8/12-8/14	Mark Tidsworth
8/15-8/16	Dana Waters
8/17-8/18	Al Masters
8/19-8/21	Mark Tidsworth
8/22-8/25	Mary Morrison
8/26-9/3	Mary Morrison

Elder at the Font—8:30 Service

8/5	Chuck Moede
8/12	Raymond MacKay
8/19	Todd Latiff
8/26	Ronda Ricks

Elder at the Font—10:45 Service

8/5	Kenny Mohr
8/12	Linda Parsons
8/19	Dusty Oates
8/26	Michael Steele

Birth—2 Year Old Nursery

8/5	Barbara Madison
8/12	Amy Worley
8/19	Don & Janna McKale
8/26	Judy Blackwell

3 & 4 Year Old Nursery

8/5	Stella Hudak
8/12	Ellen Torrence
8/19	Billie Jackson
8/26	Laura Crenshaw

Welcome Back BBQ

Sunday, September 2
after 10:45 worship

Mark your calendar to come and enjoy BBQ with your Circle of Care and meet your Deacon. BBQ with all the fixin's will be provided by the Fellowship Ministry. Reservations are needed for this large gathering so please

RSVP by Wednesday, August 29

to the church office by calling (864) 654-2061.



Get ready for a Sunday **LIFT!**

The Discipleship Ministry invites you to **LIFT — Living In Faith Together!**

What: An intergenerational program

When: 9:30—10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings, beginning in September

Why: As described in Acts 2:42: *"The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers."*

Who: LIFT is for all ages! We will offer nursery for the very young, but activities are developed for all, from four year olds through adults.

Each week one of the elements described below will be the priority in focus and time, while the other three elements will also be included each week.

- **Breaking Bread Together** — Enjoy eating together each week. When we eat together it allows us to build relationships through conversation. The first Sunday of each month we will have potluck breakfast, and some snacks will be provided on the other Sundays. At tables we will introduce and teach the monthly theme, provide Scriptures as nourishment for our **study together**, and feast on the Word as Bread of Life (Priority for first Sundays)
- **Hands-on Together** — Explore the Word of God deeper through a hands-on activity for action/reflection. Occasionally we will divide into age-appropriate activity groups so that the application really works. We will also have cross generational discussions about what God's Word is saying to each of us. It is important for **different generations to learn from each other** when interpreting Scripture. In each session you will find discussion questions to guide conversation. (Priority for second Sundays)
- **Fort Hill "To Go" Together** — Practice and take away activities for individuals and families to live the theme each week at home or on the go. We will **practice faith together**. An example is that we worship and praise God through prayer. Prayer comes in lots of different styles and can be done in lots of different ways. Most often we will end our time together in prayer. (Priority for third Sundays)
- **Re-create Together** — Engage creatively with play, having fun with the theme. Play comes in many shapes and forms. We may craft, play games or trivia, learn new skills and hobbies, work with puzzles or art. What is important is that we are **playing together**. It is helpful if this play is non-competitive. (Priority for fourth Sundays)

Every Sessional ministry and the Deacons are invited to share in **Living In Faith Together**.

The schedule of monthly themes related to each of the faith practices and the ministries invited to help plan and lead the program are listed below.



Danny & Angie Winchester and family in the death of Danny's son, Clint Winchester, on July 1 in Arkansas.

Devon & Leanne Broome and family in the death of Leanne's father, Rob Black, on July 7 in Anderson, SC.

- September — Worship weekly — Worship
- October — Give generously — Finance
- November — Serve eagerly — CAM and Mission Outreach
- December — Advent — Discipleship
- January — Study Scripture purposefully — University and Discipleship
- February — Build Relationships intentionally — Membership and Building & Grounds
- March — Lent — Discipleship
- April — Share the Good News joyfully — Planning and Personnel & Program Support
- May — Pray Daily — Deacons

The Discipleship Ministry

LIFT Group: Mary Morrison, Dana Waters, Katie Wilson, Jacquie Worley, Cathy Olker, Nina Moede



Michael Andrew Sanchez, AP for University Ministry



The Associate Pastor for University Ministry Nominating Committee is pleased to introduce Michael Andrew Sanchez.

An introduction to Michael in his own words:

"My name is Michael Sanchez, and I am a "most of life" Presbyterian and have been a member of my home church Westminster Presbyterian Church in Snellville, GA since middle school. As a high schooler, I would begin to sense the call to ministry and would eventually head to Georgia State University in Atlanta, GA to pursue a degree in Religious Studies. My time at GSU was fantastic and was the first place that I got the chance to serve with college students in a ministry setting. It was here that I fell in love with campus ministry and working with students. I loved the questions they brought up, the adulthood conversations we had, and just providing a community for the students at Georgia State as we all transitioned from childhood into young adulthood. I would follow my call to Columbia Theological Seminary."

Answer to the question **"Describe the ministry setting to which you believe God is calling you."**
(From Michael's Personal Information Form).

My time in seminary has forced me to reexamine what I believe my ideal setting and call look like. I believe that seminary has taught me the value of community. I have seen the community of Columbia embrace people — from international students who are only here for a semester to faculty who have been here for decades. My ideal setting is a place like this — a place where college students who are among the most transient can find a community. College is a time for many students where they are away from home and family for the first time, while simultaneously having to wrestle with some of the biggest issues and questions they ever will have in their lives. It is for this reason that my ideal setting is a place where students can feel welcome and safe. I wish to be in a setting where students can come in with a variety of questions and concerns, knowing that they are welcome in that space. My ideal setting is a place that provides a small chunk of home for each of these students who are constantly on the move. I believe having a space like this helps to allow for tough questions to be asked, which to me is important to my ideal setting. I wish to be in a setting that nurtures learning and growth even when topics and issues can be challenging — a place that welcomes questions, joys, doubts, and embraces everyone who walks through the threshold of the ministry.

Since Michael comes to us as a *Candidate* for ordination as a Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA), this means he is in the process of completing all of his required preparation for ministry. While Michael has been examined by the Foothills Presbytery Examination Commission and they approved him to "move onto the field" at Fort Hill, he still has one more examination to complete. That examination will be before the entire Foothills Presbytery at its next meeting which will be November 13th. That examination "on the floor of presbytery" will be led by the Examination Commission. Once Michael completes that floor exam, the presbytery will approve him for ordination to the office of Teaching Elder. A service of ordination and installation will be planned for Michael and once he is ordained he receives the title The Reverend.

An important way to support Michael for this final examination is for church members to attend that presbytery meeting on November 13th at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 2240 Woodruff Road, Simpsonville, SC 29681. So mark your calendars now to attend!

Camille Schatzle, Administrative Assistant

The Personnel & Program Support Ministry is pleased to introduce Camille Schatzle as our new Administrative Assistant. Camille's first day at Fort Hill is Monday, August 6, and will be working with Judy for a few days of transition to help her settle in.

Camille recently moved to the Upstate from Atlanta, but she was born and raised in Easley. She was brought up in the Presbyterian Church and graduated from the College of Charleston with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish. Camille has 2 children, Roland (14) and Lydia (12), and a Teacup Yorkie named Gizmo. Camille loves the outdoors and hiking to find waterfalls. Her favorite hobbies include quilting, gardening, and watching the birds in her backyard.

Please introduce yourself to Camille when you call the church office or if you come by the church during the work week!



Church Mouse



I have been roaming the halls of Fort Hill and have had so much fun watching the children at VBS here and at the Baptist Church. Special Thanks for all those great people who helped: **Cyndi Davis and Nina Moede who coordinated it plus Katie Wilson, Debbie Collins, Aleta Robinson, Pastor Dana, Leanne Broome, Pastor Mary, Mimi Borick, Marcia Barker, Suzan Simmons, Katie Blondeau.** I had fun running around amid the rice while the children and MANY, MANY adults (ages 6 to 94) packed over 10,000 meals for the needy all under the direction of **Rose Marie McDonald.** **I tried to keep up with all who helped but they were hard to recognize under their hair nets.** But thanks to all who unloaded, set up, scooped up food, weighed the packages, sealed them, packed boxes and cleaned up. It was definitely a community effort. The Sunday after VBS **Grace Cook, Sue and Mary Limber, and Mark Morrison** hosted a reception for the retirement of **Cyndi Davis from Children's Ministry Coordinator.** Communion was prepared by **Tom Hunter, Robin Denny and Ally Young** then served by **Greg Bearden, Melanie Job, Mark Morrison, Cathy and Gregg Morton, and Catherine Sosebee.** The search committee for Children's Ministry Coordinator of **Marcia Barker, Josh Young, Nina Moede, Mark Kwist, Jillian McLaurin, and Mary Morrison** selected our own **Katie Wilson.** Our youth and their advisors were commissioned before they left for Montreat: **Ellen and Ethan Ackerman, Katie Blondeau, Bennett Bost, Hallie Conrad, Amy Elrod, Benton and Elise Halbig, Cooper Hays, Elyse Hollingsworth, Alyssa Howard, Catherine Jones, Andrew Latiff, Mac Martin, Clay Mohr, Olivia Mueller, Mercer Phlegar, Cody Satzger, Adam Scott, Stephanie Smith, Cathy Spragins, Pastor Dana, Katherine Whisler, and Calia Worley.**

Summer is so much fun at Fort Hill.



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THANK YOU to all who stepped up to serve in positions of leadership! We really appreciate your willingness to go the extra mile to do all that needs to be done in our PW family!

If you have been considering taking a more active role in PW and are willing to serve, please volunteer! We have many jobs! Please contact your circle leader or Linda Gahan (see above contact info) for more details!

We are looking forward to seeing you in September, studying the scriptures, growing our faith, and enjoying the fellowship of our sisters in Christ! Come and bring your friends!

August Sabbatical Notes



Hi Friends,

By now we will have landed back on U.S. soil. Home sweet home. In our final month of sabbatical, I look forward to some quiet days to reflect and rest. I am sure all those books I hoped to have read by now will be beckoning! I hope by now, I will have worshiped in a variety of places and have listened and learned what God is teaching me. I look forward to times of being still and knowing God is God. I also hope to reflect on all the ways God is active and moving in new ways — whether in an intentional Christian Community on a foreign shore or for us as a church living in a new era. I believe it is those daily Faith Practices that keep us in the Way of Christ.

One of the areas I will explore is Celtic and Benedictine Spirituality. The Northumbrian Community falls into this tradition. In their seeking to be faithful Trevor Miller writes, “The greatest discovery was that the heart of Celtic spirituality was simply living the life, following the Way, travelling the journey in the everyday ordinariness of life — the pain and pleasure, the heartaches and the hopes, the disappointment and the dreams. This is of great importance because this is essentially what spirituality is.” Esther De Waal puts it well; ‘The Celtic approach to God opens up a world in which nothing is too common to be exalted and nothing is so exalted that it cannot be made common.’ They believed that the presence of God infused daily life and thus transforms it, so that at any moment, any object, any job of work, can become a place for an encounter with God. In everyday happenings and ordinary ways, so that we have prayers for getting up, lighting the fire, getting dressed, milking the cow, etc. To read more about Celtic Spirituality go to <https://www.northumbriacommunity.org/articles/celtic-spirituality-a-beginners-guide/>.

I look forward to reuniting with you in September and learning how God has been working in your lives!

In Faith,

Laura Conrad, Pastor

Mission Accomplished! 2018 El Faro, Guatemala Mission Trip

On June 9th, 12 adventuresome youth and 18 adults headed to Atlanta, expecting to reach El Faro the next day. However, airline cancellations and delays finally set us down in Guatemala on Tuesday. God watched over us and we enjoyed worshipping in Dana’s great-grandfather’s “Philadelphia Presbyterian Church” Sunday in Atlanta, doubling their attendance, and receiving warm welcomes and hugs.

Tuesday afternoon the Fort Hill volunteers started the construction project by carrying loads of concrete blocks, shoveling sand and rocks to make concrete and working with missionary Tommy plus 5 local men to build the new wall on the Mother’s Room.

From 9:00 am to 3:00 pm the team of ages 13 to 65 sweated it out under the blazing sun, each doing one’s fare share of work. Also, the team painted rooms in the hospital, cleaned storage areas of moldy tiles, and even visited the young hospitalized patients — sharing God’s love by bringing crayons and coloring books, polishing little girls’ nails and delivering Beanie Babies to patients and siblings alike. This time of laughter and joy was a true blessing to all!

One day the team visited two local families, noting dogs and chickens wandering through the houses, but focusing on the smiles of welcome. One family had an old house but a new one under construction. Dana led a blessing upon the new house, which brought tears to all who witnessed God’s word. Time restraints limited our visits to others in the village.

During a visit to a local orphanage, children were given toy musical instruments, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, big bouncy balls and even piggy back rides! Such glee and laughter ensued! As time neared for us to leave, Beth Chapman asked Mother Superior what was needed on our next visit? SHOES!! By providence, the priest from a nearby village was scheduled to meet us to receive our large bag of “Shoes That Grow” but he did not show up. So, the Holy Spirit led us to give Mother Superior 28 pairs of shoes, one for each child in the orphanage plus some extras. There was not a dry eye in the group.

In late afternoon, when the team left the construction site and rode the motorboat across the lake, there was time for R&R, swimming, meditation or exploring. The Fort Hill youth joined with Rev. Jon Keehn’s Guatemalan youth Saturday afternoon in Bible studies, singing and small group activities with gusto and laughter and no language barrier while celebrating the Glory of God.

Every evening after dinner, we had a time of reflection and sharing our day’s experiences. As cultural preconceived ideas began to change and inspiration and compassion emerged, the feelings of community began to grow stronger within our group.

Thank you Fort Hill for making this important trip to El Faro possible by your generous financial support, your prayers and your blessings. It was a huge success. Thank you to the hard-working youth and adults and the amazing leadership and preparation by Beth Chapman and Rev. Dana Waters. The team looks forward to the next mission adventure to El Faro.



Joan Dixon

August Fort Hill Church Activities

Wednesday, August 1

- 6:00 pm Wild Wednesday — First Baptist Church
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir (starts back today) — Choir Room

Saturday, August 4

- 9:00 am NAMI — Club Room

Sunday, August 5

- 8:30 am Worship Service — Tartan Hall
- 9:30 am First Sunday Breakfast — Tartan Hall
- 10:45 am Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 11:45 am Reception for Michael Sanchez — Tartan Hall
- 1:00 pm NAMI — PW Room
- 2:00 pm Children's Ministry Meeting — E-209
- Home Communion

Monday, August 6

- 6:30 pm Boy Scout Court of Honor — Sanctuary/Tartan Hall
- 7:00 pm Habitat Meeting — Conference Room

Tuesday, August 7

- 8:00 am Men of the Church Breakfast — Paw's Diner
- 9:30 am Staff Meeting — Conference Room
- 5:00 pm Planning Team — Conference Room
- 5:00 pm Mission Outreach Committee — Club Room
- 5:30 pm University Ministry — PSA Student Center
- 6:00 pm Christian Action Ministry — Library
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry Team Meeting — Den
- 7:00 pm Personnel & Program Support Ministry Meeting — Conference Room
- 7:00 pm Fellowship Ministry Meeting — Club Room

Wednesday, August 8

- 6:00 pm Wild Wednesday — First Baptist Church
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir — Choir Room

Thursday, August 9

- 5:00 pm Discipleship Ministry Meeting — E-209

Saturday, August 11

- 9:00 am NAMI — Club Room
- 9:00 am Children's Car Wash — Porte-cochere

Sunday, August 12

- 8:30 am Worship Service — Tartan Hall
- 9:30 am Faith Formation Classes — Nest, E-209, Arcade
- 10:45 am Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 1:00 pm NAMI — Club Room

Monday, August 13

- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts — Club Room / Tartan Hall

Tuesday, August 14

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting — Conference Room
- 3:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting — Conference Room
- 5:30 pm Folk Dancing — Tartan Hall
- 5:45 pm Music Ministry Meeting — Conference Room
- 6:30 pm Worship Ministry Meeting — Conference Room
- 6:30 pm Finance Ministry Meeting — Club Room

Wednesday, August 15

- 6:00 pm Wild Wednesday — First Baptist Church
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir — Choir Room

Friday, August 17

- 6:00 pm Youth Kick-off Retreat

Sunday, August 19

- Blessing of the Backpacks (8:30 & 10:45 services)
- 8:30 am Worship Service — Tartan Hall
- 9:30 am Faith Formation Classes — Nest, E-209, Arcade
- 11:45 am Discovering Faith Class — Conference Room
- 1:00 pm NAMI — Club Room
- 2:30 pm Cub Scouts — Ed Building, Tartan Hall
- 4:00 pm Family Fun Fellowship (Back to School Bash) — Nest
- 6:00 pm College Dinner, Worship & Discussion — PSA Center

Monday, August 20

- First Day of School Pickens/Anderson/Oconee Counties
- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry — Hazel Sparks' home
- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts — Club Room / Tartan Hall

Tuesday, August 21

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting — Conference Room
- 5:30 pm Folk Dancing — Tartan Hall
- 7:00 pm Session Meeting — Club Room

Wednesday, August 22

- First Day of Class — Clemson University
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir — Choir Room

Sunday, August 26

- 8:30 am Worship Service — Tartan Hall
- 9:30 am Faith Formation Classes — Nest, E-209, Arcade
- 10:45 am Worship Service — Sanctuary
- 11:45 am Deacon Meeting — Club Room
- 2:00 pm NAMI — Club Room
- 5:00 pm Mid-High Youth — Youth Nest
- 5:00 pm Senior High Youth — Youth Den
- 6:00 pm College Dinner, Worship & Discussion — PSA Center

Monday, August 27

- 4:00 pm Girl Scouts — Education Building
- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts — Club Room / Tartan Hall

Tuesday, August 28

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting — Conference Room
- 5:30 pm Membership Meeting — Conference Room
- 5:30 pm Folk Dancing — Tartan Hall

Wednesday, August 29

- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir — Choir Room

Weekly AA Meetings

Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings at 8:00 pm and Friday at 12:30 pm in Room E205 of the Education Building.



August BIRTHDAYS

8/2 Billy Gregory
Ed Hutson

8/3 Raenota Merrill
Phil Prince

8/5 Linda Parsons

8/6 Katie Johnson
Corey Norris
Ryan Poetz

8/7 Pat Gardner

8/8 Paul Kantzler

8/9 Anne Cash
Rosalee Christenbury
Cathy McInnis
Chris Torres

8/11 Lois Bro
Keven Christenbury
Amy Worley

8/12 Helen Crader
Helen Mohr
Coleman Wright

8/13 Nancy Stone

8/14 Ann Rash

8/15 Lauren Fields
Kristen McInnis
Steve Pettigrew

8/16 Jacob Chavis
Jerry Waddle

8/17 Ed Halbig
Shane Turner

8/18 Laura Crenshaw

8/19 Bob Fant
Jenifer Griffis
Catherine Jones

8/19 Mary Courtney Norris
Lanny Parsons

8/20 Steve Best
Dian Opfer

8/21 Judy Blackwell

8/22 Eric Bost
Sam Burchfield
Jerry Christenbury
Kay Dearing
Nick Greene

8/23 Laura Torres

8/24 Jim Palmer

8/25 Jane Sosebee

8/26 Diane Egan

8/27 Sarah Allen
Myra Cato

8/28 Pete Crowther
Heidi Martin
Hannah Smith
Mark Stokes

8/29 Sam Blondeau
Hap Carr

8/29 Jerry Champman
Jim London
Scott Massios
Caroline Oates

8/30 Nancy Oates

8/31 Paul Caley
Tommie Jones
Jeb Martin



August ANNIVERSARIES

8/1 Brian & Jan Kenney

8/2 Gregg & Cathy Morton

8/3 Garland & Cynthia Gravely
Alan & Ellen Torrence

8/4 Dewayne Lawson &
Bridget Trogden

Nathan & Shelly Wilson

8/5 Tom & Gensie Waldrop

8/8 John & Nancy Brown
Dick & Laura Shick

8/13 Jere & Rosemary Ross

8/14 David & Bitsy Barkley
Shane & Mary Stuart Turner

8/16 Tom & Sue Hunter
Jim & Donna McCubbin
Jake McKinney & Rose Marie
McDonald

8/17 Lee & Linda Davis

8/19 Jim & Jane Van Senus

8/20 Stephen & Rebecca
Ackerman

8/21 Doug & Lynn Carlson
Larry & Linda Gahan

8/22 John & Gayle McGregor

8/23 Bill & Myra Cato
Jim & Vernie Roberts

8/26 Craig & Eileen Homan

8/27 David & Joan Alexander
Harold & Arlene Cheatham

8/29 Joe & Anne Dickey
John & Ann Gilreath
Kenny & Helen Mohr

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