



AUGUST 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:30 AM AA Mtg.	2 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 AA Mtg.	3	4
5 12:15 Called Session Meeting (Greg Lathrop)	6 7:00 AA Mtg.	7 9:00 Early Risers 7:00 Boy Scouts	8 7:30 AM AA Mtg. 7:00 Choir Rehearsal Resumes	9 7:00 AA Mtg.	10	11
12 (TBD)	13 7:00 AA Mtg.	14 9:00 Early Risers 7:00 Boy Scouts	15 7:30 AM AA Mtg. 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	16 10:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Resources Mtg. 7:00 AA Mtg.	17	18 9-2:00 Presbytery Meeting
19 12:15 Witness Meeting (Jeffrey Cochran)	20 7:00 AA Mtg.	21 9:00 Early Risers 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Stated Session Mtg.	22 7:30 AM AA Mtg. 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	23 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 AA Mtg.	24	25
26 (Lee Hart)	27 7:00 AA Mtg.	28 9:00 Early Risers 7:00 Boy Scouts	29 7:30 AM AA Mtg. 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	30 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 AA Mtg.	31	

	Aug 4 Matt Holcombe	Aug 29 Gerald Taylor
	Aug 4 Cooper Keller	
	Aug 5 Edna Fisher	
	Aug 6 Jo Linda Ingram	
	Aug 6 Cindy Mott	
	Aug 10 Monica Coutin-Baxter	
	Aug 12 Ken Roberts	
	Aug 15 Sarah McQuade	
	Aug 19 Janna Szeto	
	Aug 23 Sophie Szeto	
	Aug 24 Elle Roberts	

Spirit LEAD me where my TRUST is without BORDERS

SPC SPOTLIGHT

The Church At The Bridge

Some of you know that one of my very favorite Bible verses of all time is Colossians 3:1-4:

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

These are excellent instructions but not always easy to follow! Sometimes I feel like much of scripture is God imploring us, again and again, to pay attention to him: pray, think about him, talk to him, be aware of him. Look UP, in other words. And our answer is, No, you look down! Look at what I need, what I want, all the struggles I'm facing, all the things I need you to fix.

We know that God loves us dearly and intervenes in our lives quite often to supply what we need and also to bring us comfort and sometimes (if we allow it!) even peace. But too often we are so stubbornly "earthbound" that we forget God is always available to us and we become bogged down in worry, trying to fix the unfixable, not FEELING God's presence and wondering why he's ignoring our problems, and sometimes, eventually ... hopelessness.

Which is why I'm working very hard to keep asking myself this question, regardless of circumstances: Where have I seen God lately? Because if we just pay attention, we realize that God is showing up (and sometimes showing off!) all the time.

I'm very weary of the cane (whine!) but my instructions are to keep using it till I have my hip replaced, which I'm actually in NO hurry to do. Here's one of the things I've learned about walking with a cane: It seems to bring out the very best in people. I've had young men literally run across a restaurant floor to hold the door for me. Heaven forbid I drop something - 10 people will come to pick it up. As I maneuver down the platform on Sunday mornings, lov-

ing people stand ready to help. I absolutely, completely see God in these things. It touches my heart to feel cared for, and it makes people genuinely HAPPY to help!

When I come home in the evening and my little dog Catie is so thrilled to see me she just about does back flips, I remember God's love.

I love mountains. (Not to climb. Just to look at. From afar, thank you.) They're gorgeous and majestic, and God made them. Truly awesome.

A few days ago I received a thank you note from a congregation member that made me cry - in a good way - and I'll keep that thing forever and ever, just in case I start doubting that Jesus loves me.

Where have I seen God lately? EVERYWHERE. All I have to do is pay attention and give thanks. If I'm not paying attention, if I stay stuck in the cares and worries of life on earth, it's not a pretty picture!

So now it's your turn. On Sunday, August 5, you all can remember God's goodness by telling each other where YOU'VE seen God lately. It's a service of celebration and thanksgiving. I absolutely can't wait to hear where God has been showing up in YOUR life! Much love to you all. See you in church!

Susan

UPCOMING SERMONS	
Aug 5	Lamentations 3:19-26 Philippians 4:4-7 "Where Have You Seen God Lately?"
Aug 12	Psalms 130 John 6:35, 41-51 Guest Speaker, Elder Jim Beisner
Aug 19	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 John 5:51-58 "Making Sense of It All"
Aug 26	Guest Speaker Rev. Aisha Brooks-Lytle Executive Presbyter of Presbytery of Greater Atlanta

YARD SALE

The Witness Committee is gearing up for our annual yard sale. This year it will be held on Saturday, September 8. Please start cleaning out your closets, attics, and sheds for items you can donate to this project. The yard sale is always a huge success and the money raised will help to fund our community outreach programs. If you have large items and need help getting them to the church, call Arlene Lathrop 770-362-9082 or the church office 770-474-7777 to arrange for pick-up.



And remember, the Boy Scouts' Pancake Breakfast is also held on this Saturday. Breakfast and shopping, a great way to spend a Saturday, and support an awesome ministry.

A PRAYER FOR OUR TEACHERS

DEAR GOD,
 THANK YOU FOR THE AMAZING TEACHERS
 WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES
 TO SERVE OUR CHILDREN.
 AS THEY PREPARE FOR THE NEW YEAR,
 FILL THEM WITH STRENGTH TO LEAD,
 GRACE TO GUIDE AND HOPE TO THRIVE
 IN THEIR CLASSROOM.
 BLESS THEM BEYOND MEASURE
 FOR THEIR WILLINGNESS
 TO POUR INTO THE NEXT
 GENERATION THROUGH EDUCATION. AMEN

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a word from ... Ward

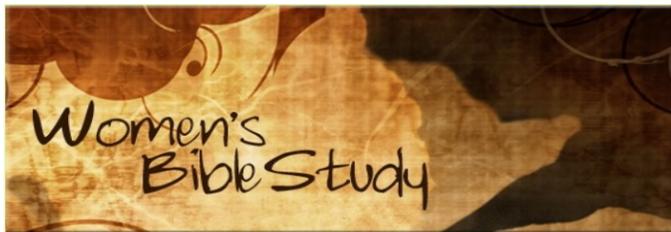
You have certainly heard this said before, but I must repeat, SPC is a special place. Nowhere in my past 12 churches have Lin and I been so blessed with expressions of love. It bowls me over, so to speak. Thank you so very much for your caring.

After a second eye surgery last Tuesday, Lin is doing much better. Her right eye pressure is rather low at 8 now, instead of upper the 30s, but hopefully, her regimen of three different drops should do their work.

As we enter our "new season" which seems to run concurrently with the school year, I remain excited about our upcoming music. The adults will continue to provide a variety of worshipful music, weekly, and the children will again sing periodically. We have a solid group of singers and bell ringers, although we could certainly use a few additions to both groups.

For choir, you do not have to read music. You do need to carry a tune and try! You will never be asked to sing a solo unless you ask first. For bells, you do need a modicum of musical training although it could have happened decades ago. We can help you recover it. What's more, both groups are wonderful fellowships. Do consider giving it a try. Come for a no-obligation visit to choir rehearsal, starting August 8 at 7:00 p.m. and/or bells, starting September 5 at 6:00 p.m. A nursery can be provided. Just let us know in advance. We'll never ask you for money, just a little time for practice and service participation. We also provide extra help by request at your convenience.

Devotedly,
 Ward Gailey



The Women's Bible Study group meets on the 1st, 3rd, 4th, and sometimes 5th Thursday of the month at 10:00 A.M. in the conference room. This group will continue their study of the gospel of Mark through the summer.



5 ON THE 1ST FOR JOSEPH'S PANTRY

Biggest need: Canned soups

SESSION MINUTES

Stated Meeting - June 19, 2018

Clerk's Report:

Communications:

The Session received a thank you note from PC (USA) Presbyterian Mission and the Director of Special Offerings for our One Great Hour of Sharing gift of \$58.00.

The Session received the summary Benevolence Giving Record for the 1st Quarter of 2018.

The Consent Agenda was approved.

Jim reviewed the schedule for updating the church officer handbook.

Resources Committee:

The Session reviewed the May 2018 financial statement.

Witness Committee:

The Session approved Kids' Camp Program to be held at The Mill on September 30 and October 7, 2018.

The Session approved an Ice Cream Social to be held in the Fellowship Hall on July 14, 2018, from 2-4pm.

The Session approved Trunk or Treat to be held at the church October 31, 2018.

Discipleship Committee:

No issues or recommendations.

Pastor's Report:

Susan had no report.

New Business:

Kim initiated a discussion on how the gift of \$50,000 should be used. Susan expressed her desire that a portion of the gift be used for local charities. It was decided to place the gift in the Mission Fund until it is decided how it will be used. The Session will take time to discern how to use the gift. The Session approved to move the cashed in CD \$11,985.13 to the General Fund from the Mission Fund.

Gene presented a bid for changing out all the lights in the church building to LED. The Session decided to have Gene obtain another bid for the work.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was closed with everyone praying the Lord's Prayer.

Special Meeting

June 3, 2018

Susan Bennett opened the meeting with prayer. Rev. Bennett stated the reason for the meeting was to discuss readings in "Our Daily Bread" and Introduction & Chapter 4 of "Leading a Life with God".

Arlene read the "Serenity Prayer" and discussed the impact of the prayer on her. Further discussion by the members of Session followed.

SESSION MINUTES

Susan led a discussion on Chapter 4 of "Leading a Life with God" and opened the discussion for all members as to the importance of this chapter to each.

No New Business was addressed.

The reason for the meeting having been accomplished, Arlene closed the meeting with prayer.



Do you know what your generous donations to the general fund are used for? Here are a few examples:

- ◆ Lights for you to see by
- ◆ Power that warms or cools you
- ◆ Paper products to eat off
- ◆ Paper to make bulletins, announcements, and newsletters to inform you
- ◆ Educational materials to learn by
- ◆ The services to clean the church and haul away our garbage
- ◆ The service to keep the lawns mowed
- ◆ Water that is essential for many things
- ◆ Our Pastor and staff for their countless hours of dedication
- ◆ Our webmaster who keeps us in the 21st century

So we thank each and every one of you!
 God Bless,

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

BEADLE

Aug 5 Greg Lathrop
 Aug 12 TBD
 Aug 19 Jeffrey Cochran
 Aug 26 Laura Richardson

LITURGISTS

Aug 5 Greg Lathrop
 Aug 12 TBD
 Aug 19 Jeffrey Cochran
 Aug 26 Lee Hart

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aug 5 John Dunn
 Aug 12 Aaron Roberts
 Aug 19 Monica Coutin-Baxter
 Aug 26 Paul Szeto

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS

Aug 5 The Szeto Family
 Aug 12 Tami Pass/Alisa Newsome
 Aug 19 Greg Lathrop
 Aug 26 The Howard Family