

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 1 (Gene Ingram)	3 Labor Day Office Closed 7:00 AA Mtg.	4 9:00 Early Risers 6:30 Discipleship Mtg. 7:00 Boy Scouts	5 7:30 AM AA Mtg. 5:00 G&G Resumes 5:30 PW #2 Meeting 6:00 Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	6 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 AA Mtg.	7 3 - 7:00 Drop Off Donations for Yard Sale	8 7 - 1:00 Yard Sale 8 - 11:30 Boy Scouts Pancake Bkft.
9 12:15 Called Session Meeting (Cooper Keller)	10 7:00 AA Mtg.	11 9:00 Early Risers 7:00 Boy Scouts	12 7:30 AM AA Mtg. 5:00 G&G 6:00 Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	13 5:30 Resources Mtg. 7:00 AA Mtg.	14	15
16 12:15 Witness Meeting (John Dunn)	17 7:00 AA Mtg.	18 9:00 Early Risers 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Stated Session Mtg.	19 7:30 AM AA Mtg. 5:00 G&G 6:00 Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	20 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 AA Mtg.	21	22
23 (Greg Lathrop)	24 7:00 AA Mtg.	25 9:00 Early Risers 7:00 Boy Scouts	26 7:30 AM AA Mtg. 5:00 G&G 6:00 Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	27 10:00 Women's Bible Study 7:00 AA Mtg.	28	29 11:30 - 2: Kid's Camp @ The Mill
30 (Sue Scheer)						

	Sep 4	Tami Pass	Sep 23	Christina Pratt
	Sep 4	Bryan Wharton	Sep 24	Michael Bailey
	Sep 6	Richard MacCombie	Sep 26	Noah Clipper
	Sep 6	Linda Roberts	Sep 26	Jason Stanley
	Sep 11	Vivian MacCombie	Sep 29	Sara Moseley
	Sep 11	James Rutledge	Sep 30	Gene Ingram
	Sep 12	Sue Scheer	Sep 30	Cathy Wegner
	Sep 13	Ron Scheer		
	Sep 14	Tom Francis		
	Sep 15	Gabriel Newsome		
	Sep 21	Alisa Newsome		



SPC SPOTLIGHT

The Church At The Bridge

So ... my last Sunday's not till November 4th and until I'm gone, I'm still your pastor and I care a lot about each one of you and this church. Which is why I'm writing to you about the elder nominating committee; they've met and have begun their work. This coming Sunday, September 2nd, you'll find a ballot in your bulletin for you to nominate someone for the position of elder, class of 2021. (Did I just write that? Time does fly!) This is NOT same old, same old. SPC will soon be going through a huge transition period and the Session will be more important than ever. Nominate as many folks as you believe God is nudging you about, but please keep the following guidelines in mind. This is a list of NOT GOOD reasons to nominate someone to serve as an elder at SPC:

They don't come to worship regularly and they're not on any committee, but they seem like a nice person

They're not involved and we want to encourage their involvement

They've been on Session 100 times already, so we're just used to them being in leadership

We're really desperate to get new elders or a certain number of elders

They've announced to us that God has told them they're to come on Session

They're really anxious to come on Session, and we don't want to decline because we might hurt their feelings

Here's one of the things about serving on Session: it's a deep commitment of time and energy and caring. There are 2 Session meetings a month (one to conduct church business and the other to work together to deepen our relationship with God – study, prayer, and also lunch and fun.) There's also one committee meeting a month. Every month one elder serves as Head Elder, which means there are ushers to recruit, offerings to count, and responsibility for making sure the church building is shut down and locked. (There's more, but you get the picture!)

Plus, very soon, an interim pastor will be serving here – very likely someone completely unknown to us. Our Session members will be the ones we'll look

to to answer questions and provide that sense of stability and "sameness" in the midst of change. And right now there's a literally WONDERFUL group of elders on Session: Jim Beisner is Clerk, with Jeffrey Cochran, Gene Ingram, Arlene Lathrop, Stephanie Phillips Ayoola, Laura Richardson, Aaron Roberts, and Kim Seal. As you well know, these are terrific people! Caring and faithful and capable – and they're ready to be with each of you as the changes happen. And ask any of them right now how they feel about all those meetings. They'll tell you: the meetings are fun, and we've all grown very close. Which is exactly how it should be.

SPC may not be large in number, but we have a clear vision for community outreach, worship, and caring. As you think and pray about whom to nominate for Session, please keep all these thoughts in mind. It's actually going to be an exciting time to be an elder at SPC!

Much love to you all –
Susan

UPCOMING SERMONS	
Sep 2	Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 Mark 7:1-8 "The Human Heart"
Sep 9	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 James 2:1-17 "Thoughts and Prayers"
Sep 16	Psalm 19:7-14 Mark 8:27-38 "People of the Cross"
Sep 23	James 3:13 - 4:3 Mark 9:30-37 "Childish or Childlike?"
Sep 30	Psalm 125 Mark 9:38-50 "Not My Job"



I am looking for volunteers to help out for this year's Yard Sale / Bake Sale!!! This is a super-fun event -- you won't want to miss it!!!

I will need workers for the following shifts:

Friday Afternoon, September 7th -- I will need two volunteers to be available at the church to accept donations from the hours of 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Please let me know if you are available to hang-out at the church during this time-frame. There will be two shifts: 3 - 5:00 PM and 5 - 7:00 PM

Saturday Morning, September 8th.

I will need four people to work each of the following shifts:

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM (4 people needed)

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (4 people needed)

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (4 people needed)

If you are willing to work more than one shift, that would be great! If you can only stay for one hour, that's great, too!

Please email me ASAP to let me know which shift you can work.

The Annual Yard Sale is one of Witness Committee's big events. We usually pull in close to \$1,000 every year. If you have donations to drop off, please bring them to the church on Friday afternoon (see schedule above).

ALSO! We need donations for our Bake Sale! Terry Holmes has graciously agreed to coordinate the Bake Sale. Please consider baking a cake, a pie, brownies, cookies, etc. and drop them off in the Fellowship Hall prior to Saturday, September 8th. You can also drop off your donations Saturday morning, but please remember that the Yard Sale / Bake Sale starts at 7:00 AM and ends at 1:00 PM.

The Witness Committee truly appreciates your time and effort in making this event successful.

Sincerely,
Arlene (Co-Chair, Witness Committee)

P.S. The Boy Scouts will be holding their Pancake Breakfast on Saturday morning, September 8th, and ALL YARD SALE VOLUNTEERS GET A COUPON FOR A FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST!



**Kid's Camp @ The Mill
September 29 and October 6
From 11:30 - 2 PM**

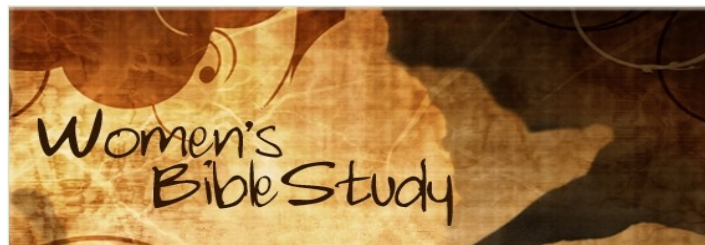
We need volunteers to help prepare and serve lunch, crafters, and muscles to help load tables/chairs from the church to the site.

Donations needed are boxes of Capri Sun drinks, bags of individual chips, napkins, gallons of sweet tea and lemonade or a monetary donation to go towards the food purchases.



**Goodness
&
Groceries Ministry**

Goodness and Groceries will start on Wednesday, September 5 at 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Come and be part of this mission to pack weekend food bags for school children in Cotton Indian Elementary, Smith Barnes, Stockbridge Middle, and Dutchtown Middle. If you have any questions, please call Linda Roberts at (770) 474-0220 or email her at lsr1273@gmail.com.



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.



**5 ON THE 1ST
FOR
JOSEPH'S PANTRY**

Biggest need: Canned soups

SESSION MINUTES

Stated Meeting - July 17, 2018

Clerk's Report:

Communications:

The Session received a letter of notification announcing the merger of Hamilton State Bank and Ameris Bank effective 6/29/2018. Systems and accounts transition later.

The Consent Agenda was approved.

Jim reviewed the schedule for updating the church officer handbook.

Jim reminded committee members responsible for rating church employees to have their evaluations completed by the end of August.

The 9th of September 2018 was approved for the annual budget meeting in conjunction with our monthly special meeting.

Resources Committee:

The Session approved the use of the Fellowship Hall by Scout Troop 65 on September 8, 2018 for the annual pancake breakfast and September 29, 2018 for a Court of Honor ceremony.

Witness Committee:

No issues or recommendations.

Discipleship Committee:

No issues or recommendations.

Pastor's Report:

Susan had no report.

New Business:

The following Session members were elected to be members of the 2018 Elder Nominating Committee: Aaron Roberts and Stephanie Phillips Ayoola.

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

Special Meeting

July 8, 2018

Rev. Susan Bennett opened the meeting with prayer.

Rev. Bennett stated the reason for the meeting was to discuss readings in "Our Daily Bread" and Chapter 5 of "Leading a Life with God".

Stephanie selected a reading from "Our Daily Bread" and discussed the impact of the devotional on her. Further discussion by members of the Session followed.

Susan led a discussion on Chapter 5 of "Leading a Life with God" with Session members describing passages they felt important.

New Business:

The Session approved to not conduct communion in the month of July 2018.

The next Special Meeting will be at 12:30 pm on 8/5/2018 in

SESSION MINUTES

Fellowship Hall.

The reason for the meeting having been accomplished, Stephanie Phillips Ayoola 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,
Kim Seal
Resources Committee

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

BEADLE

- Sep 2 Gene Ingram
- Sep 9 Cooper Keller
- Sep 16 John Dunn
- Sep 23 Greg Lathrop
- Sep 30 Ron Scheer

LITURGISTS

- Sep 2 Gene Ingram
- Sep 9 Cooper Keller
- Sep 16 John Dunn
- Sep 23 Greg Lathrop
- Sep 30 Sue Scheer

CHILDREN'S SERMON

- Sep 2 Tami Pass
- Sep 9 Stephanie Dunn
- Sep 16 John Dunn
- Sep 23 Aaron Roberts
- Sep 30 Monica Coutin-Baxter

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS

- Sep 2 No Children's Church
- Sep 9 The Coutin-Baxter Family
- Sep 16 Stephanie Dunn/Diana Taylor
- Sep 23 The Szeto Family
- Sep 30 Tami Pass/Alisa Newsome

Save the Date

Fall Festival Picnic

Sunday, October 14

Following the Worship Service