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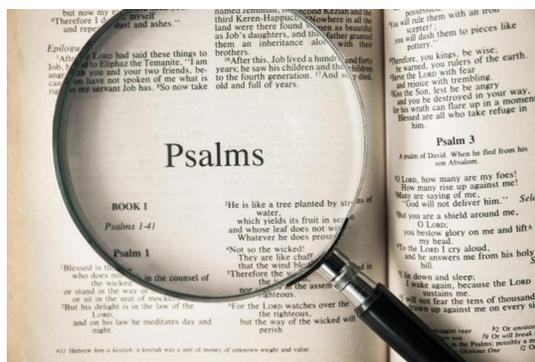
"The Worshipping Life: Offering"

Gordon Turnbull

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Mirror of the Soul: A Study of the Psalms Adult Summer Sunday School



This Sunday we continue our adult Sunday School class option of joining together in the Fellowship Hall for a study of the Book of Psalms led by Gordon Turnbull. This multi-week study will take us through the richness of the compilation of psalms—the prayers, songs, and proclamation of God's people. We will mine the meaning of familiar favorites and discover new favorites as we explore the depth and breadth of this collection, which has strengthened the faith of every generation. Come share in the learning and discussion as we daim together these rich treasures from God's Word.

A Visioning Trip for Guatemala Mission

Why Scholarships for Guatemala?

Here I sit in Chautauqua, N.Y., at a center for learning and recreation enjoyed by some of the most privileged people in the U.S....very far removed – in so many ways- from where I sat four weeks ago.

Yet, here, as in Coban, Guatemala, the emphasis is about survival of life on our planet as we know it. Today in NY, a lecture on saving endangered species of the animal kingdom and the environment that supports all life: preserve the Cloud Forests; grow sustainable crops; reduce chemicals in agriculture; eat locally sourced foods.

These exact topics are part of the curriculum taught in the WALC (Women in Agroecology Leadership for Conservation) program run by Rob and Tara Cahill in Guatemala. Scholarships provided by John Knox enable young women to attend this program AND to have enough money to attend regular school for another year.

During our recent trip to Coban, Gordon Turnbull, Lois Bell and I enjoyed delicious meals prepared by some of these young women. They had helped grow much of the food there on the farm as well. This knowledge will go with them and benefit their future families.

The first Scholarship given by the Women in Christ class went to Elvira, aged nineteen, who was returning to middle school. Elvira is now a college graduate certified in education. We watched as she taught the "Mountain School" kids about growing local crops and about preserving their Cloud Forest environment.



Why Scholarships?

Scholarships are just one expression of the love of Christ making a difference in lives and helping protect God's amazing creation.

–LaRue Wait



Christian Mission & Outreach

CMO would like to remind everyone this **Sunday, August 7, is "Soup Sunday"!**

Donation drop off is located in the outside Narthex. Give and help fight hunger in our community.

Also please mark your calendar for our annual Blood Drive September 7. Donate and save three lives!.

Rally Day 2016



Come join the fun! Please join us for Rally Day on Sunday, August 21st, as we gather to commemorate the official opening of the Christian Education year. We'll begin this intergenerational event at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We invite you to bring your favorite morning meal to share as early as 8:30 AM. We'll discuss the upcoming learning opportunities available in Sunday school classes, small groups, and Wednesday Night Live programming for adults and children of all ages. We'll thank the previous year's Sunday School teachers and commission the new teachers. The children will meet their new teachers, but they will not move up to their new Sunday school class until Step Up Sunday which is Sunday, August 28th. The breakfast and informational session will be followed by a combined church service that begins at 10:30 AM. (There will not be an 8:45 AM or 11:00 AM service on Rally Day.) This is our opportunity to rally together with enthusiasm, as we re-center and re-commit as God's people in worship and service for our Lord! Volunteers are needed and very much appreciated, so please call or email Sandra Moore at 864-907-4004 or mooresandrab@hotmail.com if you are willing to help!

Men's Ministry

Football is almost here! Football kickoff
Thursday, September 1st!

Corn Hole and tailgating and first football games of the year!

Stay tuned for details!



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Women's Ministry

All of the women at John Knox have a place at the table at the annual kick-off to a year of Bible study, fellowship, service, friendship, and fun. The Rev. Julie Schaaf will be our compass as we begin this year's journey. Please arrive at Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, and bring a salad item (tomatoes, cucumbers, olives, chopped eggs, etc.) or bread or dessert for the traditional meal. Lettuce, salad dressing, and beverages will be provided. No reservations are necessary.

The program will also include the installation of Suzi Kroske as the PW Moderator. Please call Kitty Olson (354-4552) or Suzi Kroske (630-4155) if you have questions.

Kids' News

August will be a month of endings and beginnings! Our elementary children will conclude their study of Moses with the story of Moses crossing the Red Sea. Our story will come from Exodus Chapters 13-15. Our memory verse will be: Exodus 14: 31 - "And

when the Israelites saw the great power the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant." Parents, see if your child can memorize this one! Our 5th graders will be finishing up their Bible story review in their Transition Class, and our K3-K5s will continue to meet together in the K5 classroom. Our Kids' Club teachers for the month of August will be Chris Mathews, John and Kelly Colacioppo, and Sarah Mullis.

Looking ahead, all of our children will attend Rally Day on August 21 in the Fellowship Hall. This will be our kick-off for the new school year. Sunday School classes will not meet that day. August 28 will be "Step-Up Sunday" when the children will begin meeting with their new grade levels for Sunday School. Stay tuned for more details!



Youth News



Please make sure your youth is coming to Sunday School! We want to see everyone here as we wind up our summer lessons. All youth will attend Rally Day on August 21 in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School classes will not meet that day. The youth will start meeting with their new grade levels on "Step-Up Sunday", which is on August 28. On this day, we will welcome our new 6th graders to the John Knox Youth Group, and our former 8th graders will begin meeting with the Senior Highs as they enter 9th grade! Lots of exciting changes! Make sure you put August 21 on your calendars for our Youth Welcome Back Parties. We will be having get-togethers during the afternoon that day. Details will be coming soon!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August

- 4 - Todd Allender
- 5 - Mattie Varn, Shannon Jackson, Benjamin Grayson
- 6 - McCrae Rostin
- 7 - Cheryl Jefferson
- 8 - Nona Beeson, Brian Cherry, Kaitlin Nichols
- 9 - Ramonda Jackson
- 10 - Maury Purcell, Nancy Cole, Patrick White, Grace deMaine

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