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Blessed, Filled, Called Worshipseries and church-wide study of Paul's Letter to the **Ephesians**

We continue our Ephesians worship series and church-wide study this week! You can prepare for worship by reading the passage, [2:11-22](#), and reviewing the questions in the study guide, *Blessed, Filled, Called*. Booklets are available for pickup outside each worship area, and the digital version is available to download from our [website](#).

[Ephesians 2:11-22](#)

"Brought Near and Made One in Christ"

Gordon Turnbull

This Sunday's Worship

Visitors' Breakfast

The Evangelism Committee invites those who may be interested in becoming a member of John Knox to join us **during the Sunday School hour on September 11**. The event will be in the Kirk Room at 10:00, and a light breakfast will be served. Our senior minister Dr. Gordon Turnbull will be among those joining us.

On September 25 the Session will meet to receive new members, and **on October 9** new members will be introduced to the congregation and welcomed in their preferred worship service.



If it is convenient, please RSVP to Mandy in the church office (m.scott@johnknoxpres.org) or Ann Brumley (abrumley@bellsouth.net) by Wednesday, September 7. We look forward to being with you.

Congregational Meeting Set for September 11



The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 11, at 10:45 AM in the Sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is the election of officers (elders and trustee) to serve the church. The slate of those to be nominated includes the following members.

For Elder, Class of 2019

Jean Baiden

Rich Falasco

Doug Kroske

Jennifer Littrell

Miller McClintock

Sandra Moore

Jon Nelson

For Elder, Class of 2017

Emily Nelson (Youth)

For Trustee, Class of 2019

Cindy Smith

Wednesday Night Live

Wednesday Night Live this week! Fellowship Dinner begins at 5:45 PM. Programs for Children, Youth, and Adults will be held between 6:15-7:15. This week Jean Fontaine will share with us about her summer peacemaking trip to Colombia. Please use the cards in the pew racks to make your dinner reservations. Dinner is free; suggested donation is \$6/adult and \$4/kids 12 & under. Menu this week: pork chops, wild rice, steamed veggies, salad, dessert.



Calling all Hoopsters

Youth basketball sign-ups are underway. The registration forms are available in the Narthex and on our [website](#). Please complete and return to the church office ASAP - Charles Robertson's mailbox. The registration window closes on 9/25. Thanks!

Kids' News

1st Grade Worship Training

Remember that all 1st graders are invited to attend our Worship Training class this month. This class will help the children prepare to stay in the worship services instead of leaving for Children's Church. We will meet on September 11 and September 18 on the kindergarten hallway during each church service. Mrs. Susan will take the children from each service after "Time for Children" and keep them in the classroom until the end of the service. Parents can pick up their children on the kindergarten hallway after church. Since this class wasn't held last year, any 2nd graders who would like to join us are welcome!



Wednesday Night Live

Our WNL gathering for the new year has begun, and you are all invited! Dinner begins each Wednesday at 5:45. After dinner, our children (ages K3 through 5th

grade) will meet with Mrs. Martin for music, and then gather together for a short devotional and some fun activities, including gym time, game nights, and movienights. Programs end at 7:15. We hope you can join us!

Youth News



ALL YOUTH – Please join us for Sunday School on Sunday morning at 9:45 in the Youth Center as we continue our study of Ephesians. And don't forget that our Sunday evening youth group activities for Junior and Senior Highs will start back on September 11! Junior Highs meet in the Youth Center at 4:30; Junior and Senior Highs eat dinner together at 5:30; Senior Highs then have their time in the Youth Center from 6:00 – 7:00. Can't wait to see everyone!

Middle School Retreat

Put these dates on your calendar!! Our Middle School Retreat at Bonclarken will be October 22-23. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Junior Highs to get away and spend time growing in their faith. The theme this year is "Under Pressure", and our youth will have a chance to take a close look at the pressures middle school youth have, and how to face them as faithful children of God. They will be asked to think about this: What if Jesus were a Middle Schooler? Look for registration forms to be sent out soon! Retreat fee will be \$85 and registration deadline will be September 21. We will need chaperones.



Young at Hearts (YAHs)

Don't Miss the YAHs Events this Fall

September 20: Tour the Presbyterian Retirement Community in Easley and enjoy a great lunch in their dining room. Meet at the Church at 10:00 to share rides. Call Bessie/Bill Lee at 233-5518 by September 18 so the manager will know how many to prepare for.

October 20: Leave the Church at 10:00 AM for a van excursion to enjoy viewing the foliage on the way to Victoria Valley Vineyards for lunch. After lunch we will travel to Furman to visit the Labyrinth at the Daniel Chapel. Watch for more details.

November 15: This is a very special and rare event to hear a survivor of the Nazi take over of Austria just before WWII. Trudy Heller will tell how she and her late husband, Max, our former mayor, escaped. Covered dish at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

December 4: If you have never attended a Moravian Love Feast, this is your chance. It begins at 5:00 in the Daniel Chapel at Furman. We will meet at the Church at 4:00 to share rides. After the service we will dine at a close-by restaurant.



New Bible Study Opportunity for Women Begins September 20

Would you like to deepen your understanding of the life of Jesus and to make meaningful, spiritual connections with other women? If so, please consider participating in a new study group that will gather together in the Kirk Room on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Join us as we learn and grow through the shared study of Matthew's gospel using the inductive bible study method. All you need to bring is a good study bible and a heart open to the Holy Spirit. Call, text, or email Kathie White for more information (864.915.1020 or kfwhite10@charter.net).

Women's Prayer Group

Wednesday morning Women in Prayer will resume weekly meetings on September 14, at 10:00 til 11:30. Come join us in the Kirk room for fellowship, prayer and reading the Bible together. Sue Auld, Frances Blue, Sandra Burgin, Carolyn Hall, Sheila White and Betty Williams.

There is always room at the table.



United Ministries

August's soup contribution was 248.

September's soup contribution was 152.

We would like to thank everyone who donated soup. To those who didn't, we encourage you to reach out to the hungry and participate in this mission. For the rest of September and October, we will be doing a special collection for beef stew, green beans, canned fruit, and ramen noodles.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September

- 8 - Danny Atkinson, Heather Scalzo, Grant Gailey
- 9 - Doug Kroske
- 10 - Will Howell, Logan Britt
- 11 - Katy Sides, Charlotte Williams
- 12 - Judy Walls, Penny Rogers, Emma Felton, Megan Carlson
- 13 - George McLeod
- 14 - Brenda Rowe, Jennifer Littrell, Mary Carolyn Moore

Mailbox

Dear Friends at John Knox,

Thank you for all you do to make the church more than a building. Thank you for all who take food, give rides, serve communion, serve on the Session, visit those unable to come to worship, bring the beautiful flowers from worship, send out the newsletter each week of staff and congregational ministry that comforts and encourages us all, young and old! I am overwhelmed. Thanks be to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Frances G. Blue



Pray for One Another

AT HOME

- Frances Blue
- Phil Brandon
- Bob Sadler
- Ken Thiess
- Randy Waddell

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

- Ellen Clark
- Stephen Lawrick
- Tristin-Jade Lloyd
- Kirsten and Justin Robertshaw

SYMPATHY

- Brenda & Gil Fairbanks upon the death of Gil's sister, Janet Potter, in Hartford, CT, on 8/9. Service scheduled for Friday, 9/2.
- Kathie White upon the death of her mother, Grace Rietze, on August 15; Syracuse, NY

TO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

- **Gene Coggin**
Died September 4, 2016.
Committal service 10:00 AM on Thursday, Sept. 8 at Remembrance Mausoleum Chapel in Woodlawn Memorial Park. Memorial service 10:00 AM Friday, Sept. 9 in Sanctuary of John Knox.
- **Steve Krumins**
Died September 3, 2016. Visitation at John Knox on Thursday, September 8, 1:00-2:45 PM in Kirk Room. Memorial service in the Sanctuary at 3:00 PM.

MILITARY DEPLOYED

- ENS Erick Sewell, USN aboard USS George Bush

By the Numbers

Attendance on September 4:
8:45 - 46
11:00 - 149

Weekly Expense Budget: \$17,827.00
Weekly Offering Received: \$8,930.40
Expense Budget YTD: \$641,772.00
Offering Received YTD: \$547,152.16



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