



SteepleTalk

*Find out what's going on and what's coming up
in the life and ministry at John Knox Presbyterian Church.*

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This Sunday's Worship

Sermon:
"The Call: Come and See"

[1 Samuel 3:1-10](#)
[John 1:35-51](#)

Gordon Turnbull



New Sunday School Class!

I am thrilled to invite you to a new Sunday school class at John Knox! We are so new that we don't even have a name! On Sunday, January 14 at 9:45am, we will have our first gathering in the Fellowship Hall. Our initial lessons will focus on Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth. I will be leading a discussion on what it means to be part of the body of Christ as we worship the Lord, grow in our faith with our brothers and sisters, and live out our calling in love. This educational offering is for people of all ages who



**New
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Class!!**

are looking for a place to dig deeper into God's Word. If you are a visitor, a new member of the church, someone who has not found a Sunday school class home, or if you have fallen out of the routine of attending a class, please prayerfully consider joining us! This class is designed to be a comfortable and welcoming place to come together. Each lesson will stand on its own, so if you miss a week, you will not feel that you are behind! This is also a great environment to "try out" Sunday school and then move to another adult class if you wish.

So invite your friends and join us for this time of fellowship, coffee, and study! If you have any questions, contact me via e-mail at dhowell@johnknoxpres.org or call me at 864-244-0453. God bless and I look forward to seeing you there!

In Christ's love,
David Howell



CALLED AND SENT

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES LED BY GORDON TURNBULL

January 17 When God Calls

January 24 Jesus and God's Mission

January 31 The Church and God's Mission

February 4 Living in Mission

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

January 17

**5:45
DINNER**

Taco Bar
Dessert

**6:15
PROGRAM**

Called and Sent: When
God Calls
Bible Study led by
Gordon Turnbull

K3-5th Grade dismissed for
Children's program.
Nursery provided.



St. Andrew's Sunday School Class

St. Andrew's Sunday School class has begun a study of the minor Old Testament prophets beginning with Amos whose message is relevant to Christians today. On Sunday we read from Amos 5:24 the familiar words of Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech: "But let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." We anticipate gaining new insight from this timely study.

We welcome members and visitors to join us.

Women's Retreat

Our "Generation after Generation" Women's Retreat is coming up on Saturday, February 24, from 9 am - 2 pm and it's time to register! At the retreat, we will take a step back and spiritually recharge as author and generations expert Jessica Stollings teaches us how to relate, value and connect to one another amidst generational differences. The day will include a keynote from Jessica, small group discussion, interactive activities, music, and lunch. Childcare will also be provided at no additional cost.

The church community is one of the only environments where all generations come together at one time making it uniquely positioned to bridge the generational divide. Life experiences shape our attitudes, values, and perspectives – understanding and appreciating what each generation offers builds stronger relationships, communities, and families of faith.

Please join us and stand together as sisters in Christ for a day of discovery, growth, and fun. Together we will learn how to draw on our collective strengths to cultivate stronger relationships that create a better home, church, and community. Registration brochures can be found in the narthex or you can register online at <http://www.johnknoxpres.org> under quick links then select women's retreat.



[Register Here](#)



CELTIC echoes

Young at Hearts

Once again the Crescent Music Club is sharing its February program with the John Knox YAH's. This will be a spectacular event of folk music featuring the Ukaladies and Celtic Echoes, a group of ukulele players plus one guitarist (Heidi Haase Smith) that gather to play, sing, share, laugh and perform across Celtic, patriotic, oldies, and folk genres. There is no cost for the program which begins at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 2, in the Fellowship Hall. A catered lunch will follow, and YAH's are invited to attend. The cost is \$15 all of which goes for the Club's music scholarships. Reservations **must** be made by January 20. YAH's members respond by calling Bessie/Bill Lee (233-5518) or LaRue Wait (675-6172). Make checks payable to Crescent Music Club.

Coffee and refreshments will be available beginning at 10:15 a.m. in the Kirk Room for all attending the program.

**Thanks for Your
Service, Dick Powers!**

With the turn of the new year, Dick Powers has concluded his season as Sunday School Superintendent at John Knox. For eleven years Dick has faithfully kept the records, collected the offerings, and buzzed the buzzer for our Sunday School classes. His willingness to discharge these tasks has allowed the rest of us to enjoy and learn together on Sunday mornings. As he hands these duties over, we thank Dick for a job well done, and we thank God for Dick, his servant's heart, and his witness of quiet, faithful service.



Tithes and Offerings



2018 pledge giving envelopes are available in the Narthex for those that attend the 11am service and in the back hallway for those that attend early service. If you give electronically, you will not receive giving envelopes. If you are interested in giving electronically, please contact Caroline Bishop in the office.



Youth Ministry News

Youth Group is BACK!

The first Youth Group of 2018 is THIS SUNDAY night! We can't wait to see you in the Youth Center on Sunday for fellowship, dinner, and an interactive night of prayer.

Jr. Highs: 4:30-6

Sr. Highs: 5:30-7

Jr. Highs @ Triune!

There will be no Youth Group next Sunday, January 21st! Instead, our Jr. Highs are invited to join us as we serve dinner to our neighbors in need at Triune Mercy Center. We will meet in the parking lot outside the Fellowship Hall at 3:15 and make our way to Triune! If you are a parent or adult who would be willing to join us as a driver and volunteer, email Jessica at jmeggs@johnknoxpres.org



Children's Ministry News

As we look ahead at the New Year for our Children's Ministry program, we want to highlight some up-coming

events, plus a few dates that you can go ahead and put on your calendars.

Children's Music Program

In February, we will have our next "musical burst" of Sunday afternoon choir practices. This time around, the children will be practicing the hand bells for a performance in church in March. Practices will be held on Sunday afternoons from 4:30 – 5:15. The dates for these practices will be February 11, 18, and 25. All children are invited to participate!

Palm Sunday

On March 25, the children will be waving palm branches and singing during both worship services. That same afternoon, our wonderful Youth will be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children. Stay tuned for details!



Parents' Night Out

Please put Friday, April 13 on your calendars for our spring "Parents' Night Out". We hope lots of our children can come hang out at John Knox while their parents have a few hours of kid-free time. We will need adult and youth volunteers, so make sure you mark your calendars!

Family Day at the Park

As the weather turns warmer, we will be meeting for our Family Day at the Park. Plan to join us at Legacy Park on Sunday, May 6 for some outdoor fun and fellowship! Details to come!



Vacation Bible School

Our dates for our 2018 Vacation Bible School will be Sunday, June 24 through Wednesday, June 27. We will be meeting in the evenings again this year, so hopefully lots of our families can join us! We will need lots of volunteers, so start thinking of how you would like to help! This is always a great week for our children!

Please continue to check your Children's Ministry Newsletter for more details as these events come up. If you're not receiving our Children's Ministry Newsletter, please let Susan Felton know at sfelton@johnknoxpres.org. Also be on the lookout for information about summer camp opportunities for our children. We're looking forward to a great 2018!

JOHN KNOX KINDERGARTEN & PARENTS DAY OUT PROGRAM REGISTRATION FOR NON-CURRENTLY ENROLLED JOHN KNOX CHURCH MEMBERS FALL OF 2018-2019 ENROLLMENT For Infants through K-5



Tami Wall will be accepting registration forms/fees outside her office on **Sunday, January 14, at 12:15 (following 11:00 worship hour) until 1:30** as well as **Tuesday, January 16, from 9 am - 10 am and 4 pm- 5 pm**. Prior to these times we will only accept registration for currently enrolled students. You must register in person. Please do not leave forms in the office area or email them.

Availability is on a first come, first serve basis and you must have all completed forms along with the full nonrefundable registration fee (one month's tuition). Information about our program options, the book of Parent Guidelines, and all necessary registration forms including a

tuition fees list will be available on our website jkkindergarten.org the first week of January. There will also be a few registration packets available in the church office.

We open our registration to the public on the 18th and you are welcome to come during those posted time periods. However, you are much more likely to secure your preference of days/times by coming during the times offered just for church members.

We are proud of our faith-based program that has been part of John Knox's ministry to this community for over fifty years! Feel free to contact the Director Tami Wall at twall@johnknoxpres.org or 864 322-0045

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January

- 11 - Ed Bischoffberger, Jack Campbell, Asher Whatley
- 12 - Jon Krumins
- 13 - Bessie Lee
- 14 - Guy Lewis
- 15 - Cathy Thatcher, Elizabeth Martin, Hayden Jackson
- 16 - Beverly Ivester, Ian Hamer, Will Kenan
- 17 - Gordon Turnbull, Julia McCall



By the Numbers

Attendance on Sunday, January 7

8:30 - 62

11:00 - 208

Weekly Offering Received: \$17,467.05

Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$16,336.85

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YTD Budgeted Offering: \$16,336.85

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