



SteepleTalk

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**Please join us this evening for dinner beginning at 5:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall and a service in the Sanctuary at 6:30 PM.
Nursery provided.**



Holy Week Worship Schedule

Thursday, March 24 - Maundy Thursday

- Dinner at 5:45 PM and service at 6:30 PM

Sunday, March 27 - Easter Sunday

- Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM - Community Service at John Knox for the three churches on Shannon Drive. Breakfast will follow this special service.
- Join us for our 8:45 or 11:00 AM service. Please note that the 8:45 service will be in the Sanctuary for Easter morning only, following the same early service format. Be sure to bring fresh cut flowers with you to both services this special day. The Easter Cross outside the Sanctuary will again be transformed into a beautiful symbol of our faith.

This Sunday's Worship:

Scripture Lessons

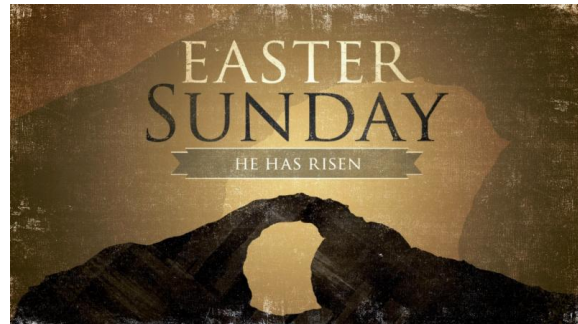
[1 Corinthians 15:19–26](#)

[Luke 24:1–12](#)

"Following Jesus: The Victory"

Gordon Turnbull

Click [here](#) to preview the bulletin.



One Great of Sharing Offering provides relief to those affected by natural disasters, provides food to the hungry, and assists in helping the poor and oppressed. March 27th we will join with millions to share God's love with our neighbors around the world by giving to this Special Offering Easter Sunday.

Good Friday

The church office will be closed on Friday, March 25, in observance of Good Friday.



**No Wednesday Night Program or Supper on March 30
due to spring break.**

Habitat Faith Build 2016

We are happy to announce that John Knox is part of a consortium of local churches that will be part of the 2016 Faith Build for Habitat of

Greenville. Construction of the house begins on March 30 with a scheduled completion of June 25.

John Knox will be the lead church on April 14, 15 and 16 (Thursday through Saturday). We have an opportunity to make a positive and tangible impact on a family and their future. This is the church in action and local mission at its best.

Information on the Mayer family is attached. We need 10 to 15 volunteers each day to help this family build their future. Sign up sheets will be available at Wednesday night suppers and in the Narthex. Alternatively, you may call Bill Mathews at 864-787-2305 to volunteer.



The Mayer Family

Natives of Chicago and Georgia, respectively, Melanie and Richard Mayer met in Greenville. Their blended family consists of Melanie's three children, ages 9-17, who live with Richard and Melanie full-time, and Richard's two sons, ages 6 and 7, who visit regularly. Melanie grew up in a very difficult family situation and was raised partially in foster care. "I and my two younger brothers had a very rough time," she shares. She has also been the victim of abuse in her first marriage. Melanie was unable to complete high school, but is working toward her GED.

Richard has a high school degree and has worked in construction, HVAC and similar trades. He was employed at BMW until last year. At that time, circumstances necessitated he become the full-time caregiver for their oldest son, Cameron, who suffers from severe physical disabilities including autism, Angelman's syndrome and an allergy to almost all food, which necessitates a feeding tube. In addition, he is non-verbal and has no understanding of danger.

The family lives in a rental home that is very poorly maintained and not energy-efficient. "Our electric bills are sometimes more than \$400 per month," they relate. Both their daughters have medical situations; one has severe seizures, and both have asthma, which is exacerbated by the mold in their home. The home also doesn't have enough space for their family, even though they share rooms, and it is especially unsafe for Cameron.

The Mayers have been in the Habitat program since early 2015. Melanie shares, "We have dreamed of a home in order to provide a healthier, safer environment, and more stable environment for our family. The additional space and handicapped accommodations will improve our lives tremendously, especially in taking care of Cameron. Melanie continues, "The energy-efficiency and affordable mortgage will ease our financial struggles, and having a decent home will have a huge impact on our children's outlook for the future."

The greatest obstacle they encountered in the program was having available time to do sweat equity, since Cameron requires full-time care. "I loved working at the ReStore," Melanie said, "and learning how homes are built. Richard has worked in construction, so he knew more about that." Both Melanie and Richard, as well as their son, Cody, have done sweat equity.

The Mayers are a couple of great faith, and thank God for His provision of this home for their family. "It will change everything," states Melanie, and help us in SO many ways. Although Melanie and Richard have not been able to go to college, she shares, "We have a strong desire for the children to go to college. We want them to have self-worth and the ability to earn a living, and we believe that education is the path to a better future."

Melanie and Richard are deeply grateful to the churches and volunteers who are helping build their home, and to Habitat Greenville for this opportunity to create a better life for their family.

John Knox Missions Bazaar

Mark your calendars today for Saturday, September 24, for the annual John Knox Missions Bazaar. More exciting details to come. If you want to be a vendor, contact either Jane Brannon (864 [525-9244](tel:8645259244)/jbran1970@att.net) or Georgia Cloer (864 [244-0306](tel:8642440306)/gbcloer@charter.net.net). Spread the word to other vendors and shoppers.



College Interns Selected for “Speak, Your Servant is Listening”



In an effort to help identify gifts for ministry and leadership and discern God’s call and vocation, five racially diverse college students have been selected! We are excited to have two John Knox students selected!

Bette Klauber will serve here at JK with Gordon Turnbull as her mentor. She is a student at Anderson University with a major in Christian Ministry with a focus in missions. She has been a very active member at JK with participation in Sunday School, Confirmation Class, Youth Groups, various youth mission trips and conferences. She has a heart for international missions, so much so that she took the 2015 spring semester off from AU for mission work in the Philippines! She also has a passion for ministry with and to Middle School Youth. We look forward to see Bette explore various ministry opportunities here at John Knox this summer from mid-May until the end of July. Welcome back home Bette to the congregation who has nurtured you as a disciple of Jesus Christ!

The other JK student who has been selected is Jessica Meggs. See more info in the coming weeks about her internship and interest with non-profit organizations committed to local missions. Also, serving this summer will be Lal Tan of the Greenville Chin Presbyterian Congregation. The other two interns will also be highlighted in the coming weeks.

Set up Guest Rooms on Sunday, April 10 @ 3pm

Reset Guest Rooms on Sunday, April 17 @ 7am

Greeter/Server – 5:00 – 7:00 pm – S M F

Fellowship host – 7:00 – 9:00 pm – S M F

Overnight host – 9:00pm – 7:30am – S M F

Evening meal Preparation – S M F



Choir Members Wanted

Please consider helping to enhance the 8:45 worship service by singing with the choir. No prior experience is necessary! We need all voice parts and would love to have everyone who wants to serve the Lord and praise His name through song! We rehearse on Wednesday evenings 7:15-8:15. Please contact Elizabeth Guest Martin (864-313-0193) if you are interested or have any questions.

YOUTH NEWS

Graduation Sunday

Attention parents of graduates!! On Sunday, May 15 we will be celebrating the achievements of all of our young adults who are graduating high school, college, graduate school, or seminary this year. If you have a loved one who will be graduating, please provide the following information so that we can properly recognize these young people: your graduate's full name, school, college plans or graduation/work plans, any awards and honors, and school and church activities. We would love for you to include a picture of your graduate as well. Please email this by April 15 information to Susan Felton at sfelton@johnknoxpres.org. Thank you and congratulations!



KIDS NEWS

Kids' Club Sunday School

Our Scripture reading for Easter Sunday will be Matthew 28: 1-8.

The Memory Verse is Matthew 28: 6 – “He is not here; he has been raised.”

Please join us as we hear the story of the open tomb.

Easter Egg Hunt

We were so glad to have so many youth and young children come out for our Easter Egg Hunt. The cold, wet weather didn't keep the children from finding lots of eggs and visiting with the Easter Bunny. Thank you to all who participated! Another thank you goes out to all of our children who lifted their palm branches and their voices to help us celebrate Palm Sunday. It was a beautiful way to usher in Holy Week!



Kindergarten & PDO

Registration continues for the 2016-2017 school year: We have slots open in all classes except for K-3 which is very limited. The only days for K-3 left are Mondays and Fridays. All other areas have slots available. Please call 322-0045 if you or someone you know is interested in attending John Knox Kindergarten or PDO next Fall.

Spring Break for Kindergarten and PDO begins on Friday, March 25 and runs through Sunday, April 3.

Summer Program: The dates for our summer program are June 20th through July 28th. This is 6 weeks, Monday through Thursdays with only Monday, July 4th off of programming. The basic hours are 9:00 a.m. until 1: p.m., and the cost is \$20 per day, per child if you register your child for 11 or more days. If you only register for 10 days or less, the cost is \$28 per day. We do offer extended hours and early drop off for the additional cost of \$5 per hour, per day. The



Golf Tournament scheduled for Saturday, April 16! We are sponsoring a fun day of golf on April 16th at Carolina Springs Golf Club. This is a fundraiser for the program so we hope that you will get teams together and join us. Matt (retired golf pro) and Melanie Hendrix, parents of a toddler in our program and church members, are helping us plan this fun day. The cost is \$50 per person, of which our program will receive \$15. We would love to have at least 18 teams so invite your

summer program is recreational in nature with water play, outside play, arts and crafts, etc. The program is open to anyone, church member or not.

Registration will begin after spring break on Tuesday, April 12 for current enrolled families and enrolled families for next year. Wednesday, April 13th, registration will open to the public. We hope to see your children this summer.

friends, neighbors, and business associates to fill out your team. There will be a few prizes, snack bag, and pizza afterwards for everyone. Forms will be in the Narthex, sent home with Kindergarten and PDO students, or you can call Laurie at 322-0045 OR Melanie at 864-238-4699.



Mailbox

We want to thank everyone for their kind notes, prayers and words of encouragement regarding the death of my cousin, Jimmy, and the health concerns for my mother. It has meant so much to us to be part of such a loving, caring congregation.

Maury and Kathryn Purcell



Pray for One Another

AT HOME

- Gene Coggin
- Nona Beeson

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

- Thelma Purcell
- Jean Mitchell
- Brandy Handley
- Jill Smith
- Hailey Jones
- Tim Taylor
- Nellie Campbell
- Jim Hughes

SYMPHY

- Jim & Nancy Grigsby and family upon the death of Jim's mother, Verna, on 3/23. (Grandmother of Bryan Grigsby, Ann Williams and Emily Kramer).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March

24 - Bob Ross, Caroline Nyvall, Meredith Whatley

26 - Donna Drake

27 - Paul Schaaf, Liz Schemm, Anna Catherine Kenan, Thomas Nelson

28 - Tom Jackson, Scott Weikle, Pierce Fernander

29 - Peggy Lasley, Dan Drew

30 - Grant Burns

By the Numbers

Attendance on March 20

8:45 - 89

11:00 - 244

FINANCIAL UPDATE: 3/20/16

Weekly Expense Budget: \$17,827.00

Weekly Offering Received: \$12,296.20

Expense Budget YTD: \$213,924.00

Offering Received YTD: \$177,330.06



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