



SteepleTalk

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in the life and ministry at John Knox Presbyterian Church.*

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Reception for Gastons Sunday, June 19

Please join us for a reception honoring the Gastons on Sunday, June 19, during the Sunday School hour in the Fellowship Hall. Our normal Sunday School schedule that day will be suspended for all ages so that all worshipers can join in the celebration of Joseph & Karen's ministry in our midst. Our Fellowship Committee is planning this event for the Gastons' last Sunday in worship with us.

The Worshipping Life Current Worship Series

Worship is the essential task of the Church—the thing for which God made us. What does it mean to worship? How does our service of worship form us for the “24/7” life we live unto God? This series of sermons will help us think more deeply about the different moments of our common worship. Share in each week of this series and enrich both your worship experience and your daily Christian living.

This Week's Worship



"The Worshipping Life: Benediction"

Gordon Turnbull

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Youth News

We are so thankful for our Senior Highs and their chaperones for the wonderful work they did in Jacksonville this past week! From cleaning the streets to painting fences, from folding clothes for distribution to trimming shrubbery, from packaging 3,333 meals for the hungry to weeding yards, these kids did amazing work! Our Senior Highs will now be getting ready for their summer youth conference at Montreat July 10-16.

Our Junior Highs are getting ready for their mission trip to Thornwell Home for Children. Our trip will be July 17-21. Payments for this trip are due now! Please let Susan Felton know if your youth will be joining us!



KIDS' NEWS





Vacation Bible School

Remember that the Lord is great and awesome! Nehemiah 4:14b

We had a fabulous week at the Surf Shack! We kicked off our week on Sunday with a full day of fun activities, followed by a pizza dinner for over 100 people of all ages! Our week continued with more stories that taught the children that God's love is amazing! Our 4th and 5th graders participated in daily Mini-Missions, including cleaning and organizing several areas of our preschool building, making crafts with senior citizens at Brookdale Senior Living Home, delivering food and planting herbs at Greer Relief, and making cards to send to the students at the school in Guatemala that John Knox has helped to build. Thank you to all of the families that shared their children with us, and to all of our volunteers, including 14 of our youth, who helped make this week so awesome!

Sunday School

This Sunday, June 19, everyone is invited to a reception honoring Joseph and Karen Gaston. The reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour. Therefore, our preschool and elementary children will not be meeting with their Sunday School classes so that all of our families can attend the reception to show our gratitude to the Gastons for their years of service to John Knox. Please join us with your children on June 19 at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

Children's Choir

Our children will be singing as part of our worship service this Sunday, June 19. They will be sharing music they learned during Vacation Bible School. The children will sing at both services, and will be called forward during the "Time for Children" portion of the service. They will come back to sit with their families when they are finished singing. We hope all of our children will join us!

College Interns Learn about the Ministry of Salem Presbyterian

Key to the Summer College Internship Ministry is the weekly group time called "Koinonia", the Greek word used in the New Testament for Christian Fellowship. Each week the interns are invited into the safe, sacred space of Holy Listening with each other, Joseph Gaston (Director) and Matt Matthews (Assistant Director and Sr. Pastor of St. Giles Presbyterian). Over the course of the 10 week program, different interns and mentors will host the group on site.

On June 9, the group was hosted by the Salem Presbyterian Church of Anderson. This African American Congregation was organized in 1882. In the last few years, the membership dwindled down to four members. Now the congregation is a very vibrant and active congregation with over 40 in membership and even more in worship.

The Koinonia Group was greeted by and served a delicious lunch by elders of the congregation! Brennon

Adams, a member of Salem and arising senior at Clemson University is interning under the mentorship of Co-Pastors Rose and Mashon Nance. Utilizing his computer graphics skills, Brennon shared a power point presentation depicting Salem's history and varied ministries, especially to children, youth and the community.

The group then visited the Westside Community Center and met Dr. Beatrice Thompson, Executive Director and a retired school guidance counselor (pictured with the group). She shared her dream (literally a dream) of a grassroots initiative strengthening and enriching relationships between law enforcement and the community. The interns experienced the fruits of Dr. Thompson's own vocation and call in retirement and learned the valuable lesson of how important listening is in community ministries. According to pamphlets explaining the vision that were distributed to the group, Dr. Thompson has said: "We believe we are planting seeds for mutual respect by listening to each other."

The group also met Brennon's mom and other relatives who are part of the Kingdom Builders after school and summer program elementary and middle school students. Part of Brennon's internship experience is working with these children. Thanks to the Salem Church and the Westside Community Center for their witness of valuable partnerships in ministry to and with surrounding communities!



Thank you to all those people who have remembered me with cards, food, visits, flowers and in so many ways these past weeks. Thank you!
Love,
Frances Blue

Mailbox

I want to thank the members of John Knox for the cards, flowers, thoughts and prayers that I received during my recovery from back surgery. I am doing a bit better each day and I know I still have a way to go. It is heartwarming to know that so many people are thinking and praying for me.

In Christ's Love,

Rick Turner

Dear John Knox family,

Jennifer and I would like to express our sincere thanks for the many kind cards and well wishes that were extended to us and Chris and Scott's families after my mother's death. We have felt your sympathy and we send our appreciation.

Blessings to all,

Gary Campbell



INCHRIST'S MISSION

- Jean Fontaine

Serving throughout June in Colombia as an accompanier with the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship

AT HOME

- Mary Price

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

- Lawton Branham
- Sherry Smith Sewell
- Jennifer Hardee

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June

16 - Harriette Drescher, Julia Frattolin, Matt Garrett

17 - Mitch Jenkins

18 - Rose Harner, Stephanie Russell, Matthew Lyden

19 - Julie Burns, Erin Greiner

20 - Charlie McKinney, Davis Wells

21 - Steve Meggs, Martin McGrath

22 - Diane Falasco, Keith Littrell, Jodi Starnes

By the Numbers

Attendance on June 12:

8:45: 63

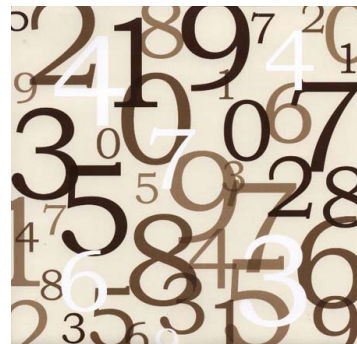
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Weekly Expense Budget: \$17,827.00

Weekly Offering Received: \$25,183.78

Expense Budget YTD: \$427,848.00

Offering Received YTD: \$375,382.94



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