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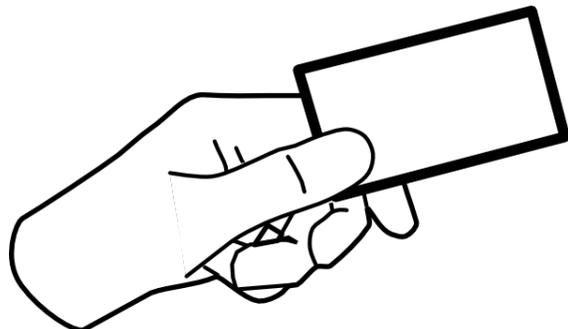


"Orientation and Inundation"

[Isaiah 42:1-9](#)
[Matthew 3:1-17](#)

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Changes to Improve Church Access and Security



During the week of July 10-14, we will be rekeying our buildings and installing electronic access at major entrances. The need for these changes is great: over the years we have distributed over 185 master keys, any of which can open any of our 31 different entrances! Through the leadership of Caleb Stephens, our Facilities

Manager, the Property & Operations Committee has developed a plan that streamlines and standardizes our access. The plan reduces the number of keyed entrances and rekeys those doors.

After July 10, our current keys into the buildings will no longer function. For worship, programs, events and meetings on the church calendar, doors will be scheduled to open at main entrances with electronic controls. Individuals needing independent access to the church for their ministries will be offered magnetic key cards instead of mechanical keys to use at one of the main entrances.

The new electronic entry system will make access easier for those who need it, and the system will protect us better against those who do not belong. If you wish to request a key card or have any questions about this changeover, please contact the church office. Thanks to everyone for your understanding and cooperation as we make these necessary changes.

John Knox Mission Still At Work In Coban

As summer passes without a trip to Coban, Guatemala, some John Knoxers feel that something is missing. True enough. No 5:30 AM departure from GSP with backpacks and bags of snacks, but just wait for summer of 2018! The really big, really exciting, really positive mission trip is coming. Meanwhile, to help support the work of our three projects in Coban, the Christian Mission & Outreach Committee (CMO) has approved sending some financial help to each project. We will be there in spirit and in support in this way. This is how the \$4000 budgeted for Guatemala missions will be distributed. The children of the Chirromax Elementary School are already showing their thanks! See Photo.

For The Antioch Presbyterian Complex in Coban : \$2000 - To be used in the construction of buildings currently being erected.

For the Mountain School: \$1000

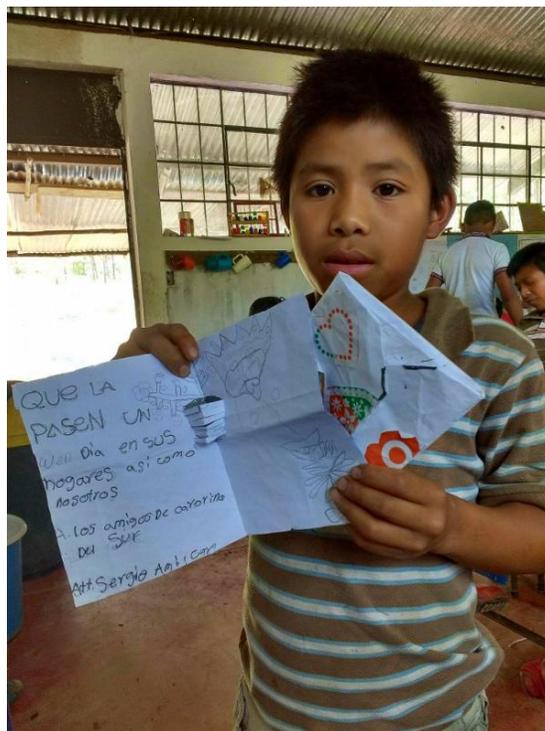
1: \$300 to fund the Chirromax kids going to the Cahill Agricolgy Center for 4 days of environmental and cultural study as they have done on years when John Knox volunteers were there. The Cahills and the Guatemalan girls who have been in the Cahills program will lead the instruction. This is scheduled for the week of July 17.

2: \$700 for supplies and materials to be used as the school begins using computers for the first time.

They have just obtained electricity thru the use of a new solar panel!

For the Cahills: \$1000

To assist in the purchase of 2 large stoves (very special and expensive wood burning stoves that also provide hot water) for the commercial kitchen that will be used for cooking for guests, students and staff and for use in the preparation of the sale-able goods that the young women and the villagers will be making to sell which help fund the scholarship program for the Guatemalan girls.



Congratulations, Charlie Pratt!

After four-and-a-half years of theological education, Charlie Pratt has completed his Master of Divinity degree at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte. On June 17 a contingent from John Knox joined the Pratts' family and other friends in Charlotte to celebrate at the seminary's commencement.



Charlie continues in the process of preparation for ministry with Bible content and other ordination exams and further meetings with our presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry. We celebrate this milestone in the process and continue in our prayer for Charlie, Heather, Meg, and Beth in this season of preparation.

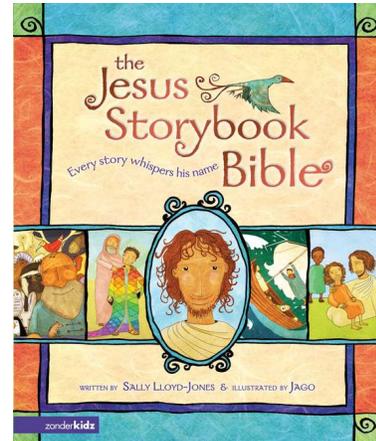


Children's Ministry News

Sunday School

Our *Jesus Storybook Bible* lesson this week will be "Heaven Breaks Through", which tells the story of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus. As you read this story with your children, share with them any stories you may have of their own baptisms.

Just a reminder: Our preschool classes (K3-K5) are combining into one class for the summer months and will meet each Sunday in the K5 classroom. Our Kids' Club elementary children will also be combining into one class, and we will meet each Sunday in one room on the Kids' Club Hall. Hope to see lots of you here on Sunday!



Youth Ministry News

JOURNEY AT TOCCOA FALLS

Journey Camp

This coming Monday, July 10, ten of our students will be headed to Journey Camp in Toccoa Falls, GA! Please join us in prayer for their time together - that it would be a week full of fun, laughter, growing together, and learning more about the heart of the Lord and what it means to have a relationship with Him.

Waffle Cone Wednesday

With the crazy summer schedule, it can be hard to get everyone together on a regular basis, but we still want to see you! Starting this week, Jessica will be meeting students on Wednesday nights this summer for ice

cream and fellowship at TCBY on Brendan Way! Junior Highs come hang out at 7, Senior Highs at 8. We will not gather next Wednesday, July 12, due to Journey Camp but if you're in town on any other Wednesday, come join us for icecream and catch up with friends!



Report of Session Activities

The Session of John Knox Presbyterian Church met on Sunday, June 25, 2017, at 12:15 PM, in the Kirk Room for their regular monthly meeting. The following are some of the items discussed:

- The Memorial Committee advised that they have approved up to \$500 towards the purchase of the new choir robes.
- Danny reviewed the new policy on sabbatical leave and it was approved.
- The new waiver for outside groups using the Gym was presented and discussed.
- Dr. Turnbull advised that the Capital Campaign is wrapping up at the end of June. He will be sending a letter out to the Congregation to let them know.
- Sandra Moore explained some staffing changes in the Nursery and that we'll be increasing staff as the head count continues to grow.
- VBS starts today. It looks like we've got 52 children registered, 18 youth volunteers, and 37 adult volunteers.
- CE proposed to hire Tami Wall as the Director of John Knox Kindergarten and PDO. The Session enthusiastically approved the request.
- Bill Mathews said CMO is looking for a new coordinator for the Relay for Life team.
- Since there will not be a mission team from J/K heading to Guatemala this summer, the committee proposed and the Session approved sending the budgeted funds to the four ministries that we've been supporting.
- Maury Purcell said that Evangelism is averaging one bread delivery every week for new visitors.
- They are still discussing the digital directory and whether it will be linked to the web site or independent.
- Steve Meggs reported that Sunday morning coffee shop is going well.
- They have discussed the lock changeout and its impact on Fellowship activities.
- Fellowship is planning another churchwide hike and has started planning for Homecoming in November.
- The Session reviewed the options that had been discussed last month. By common consent, they agreed that the new Sunday schedule will be:

Early Service – 8:30 till 9:30

Sunday School – 9:45 till 10:45

Late Service – 11:00 till 12:00

The new schedule will begin on Step up Sunday, August 27th.

- Kitty Olson for Nurture advised that the In Home Communion efforts are going well and training was on June 15th.
- The planning team for the memory loss and aging programs for the fall is hard at work. The seminar on aging will be on October 22nd. They have three speakers already lined up.
- The annual Women's Retreat has been scheduled for February 24, 2018.
- Jim Barnett reported for P&O that the Sanctuary lighting has been completed.
- The card access system installation target date is July 10th.
- They have fixed the problem with the Gym HVAC unit.
- The committee is considering plans to upgrade the Old Parlor, including getting input from CMO and other groups that use the facility.
- Jessica Meggs, our new Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, reported that they just got back from a wonderful week in Mobile, AL. Despite a tropical storm, 18 Youth and 4 adults had a

great, productive, and spirit-filled trip.

- Dr. Turnbull advised that the Congregational Nominating Committee was getting ready for their initial meeting. All were urged to get any additional names to the CNC as soon as possible.

Dick Powers
Clerk of Session

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, July 10

7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast

Tuesday, July 11

10:00 AM Quilters
Sarah Cirde
12:00 PM Men's Monthly Lunch
1:30 Lydia Cirde
6:30 Martha Cirde
7:00 Volleyball
Boy Scouts – Troop 259

Wednesday, July 12

10:30 AM Staff Meeting
5:30 PM Stephen Ministry Mtg

Thursday, July 13

10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study

Saturday, July 15

1:30 PM Chin Church Gathering

Sunday, July 16

8:45 AM Worship in Chapel
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship in Sanctuary
1:00 PM Chin Church Worship

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July

6 - Nancy Hamer
7 - Neal Alexander, June McAbee
8 - Helen Stone, Cody Robinson, MJ Greene
9 - Lois Bell, Bruce Felton, Bette Klauber
10 - Rollie Sumwalt, Alice Carter
11 - Maria Russell
12 - Nicholas Colacioppo

By the Numbers

Attendance on 7/02/2017

8:45 - 66
11:00 - 165

Weekly Offering Received: \$13,549.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$16,336.85
YTD Offering Received: \$478,529.12
YTD Budgeted Offering: \$441,094.95



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