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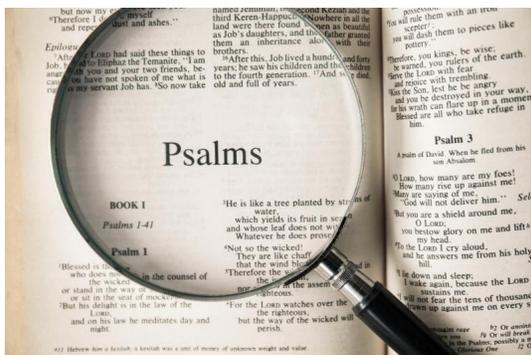
SteepleTalk

*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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CAMP BUC NEEDS YOU!

There will be a volunteer work day on Saturday, July 23, from 9 until 4 at Camp BUC. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Chores may include weeding of flower beds (bring your gloves!), trail clearing, weed-eating pathways, etc. Please RSVP to bocfutureministry@gmail.com so they can prepare properly!



Mirror of the Soul: A Study of the Psalms Adult Summer Sunday School

This Sunday we continue our adult Sunday School class option of joining together in the Fellowship Hall for a study of the Book of Psalms led by Gordon Turnbull. This multi-week study will take us through the richness of the compilation of psalms—the prayers, songs, and proclamation of God's people. We will mine the meaning of familiar favorites and discover new favorites as we explore the depth and breadth of this collection, which has strengthened the faith of every generation. Come share in the learning and discussion as we claim together these rich treasures from God's Word.

[Isaiah 55:1-13](#)

[Romans 10:8-17](#)

"The Worshipping Life: Hearing God's Word"

Gordon Turnbull

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



A Visioning Trip for Guatemala Mission



Last month three leaders from John Knox traveled to Cobán, Guatemala to refresh our mission connections and help to discern our next steps in mission there. **Lois Bell**, **LaRue Wait**, and **Gordon Turnbull** left on June 25 and returned July 4. For Lois and LaRue, the trip was a renewal of a virtually-annual tradition of the last decade. For me, an experienced mission traveler, it was the first visit to Guatemala and the opportunity to see the fruit of our church's long-standing commitment to this area.

Our group stayed with Rob and Tara Cahill, with whom our church has partnered for years. We lodged in the Agricolology Center that many John Knox members have helped to build. Under construction nearby is a second, larger building that will offer more dorm space and a production kitchen to bring agricultural products to market. We shared fully in the program life of this center, seeing firsthand its fully-developed vision of community development.

What else did we do? We connected with the students, teachers, and parents of Chirreomax, the "Mountain School" that has received great support and encouragement from John Knox. We worshipped with the Presbyterian Church in Cobán and visited with its leaders, Phillip and Bacilia Beisswenger, who are mission partners from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We visited Sanimtacá, a remote mountain village, to deliver for installation a solar panel for its elementary school. And in hundreds of individual encounters, we transcended the barriers of culture and language to express the love of God that unites us and that has fueled the mission of John Knox Presbyterian Church in Guatemala for over a decade.

In the next few weeks you can read more fully in the *Steeple Talk* about some particular aspects of this year's trip. We look forward to sharing more about this experience and our sense of God's call for our church's Guatemala mission in the future. Thanks for the privilege of representing you in this meaningful way.

Gordon Turnbull

Kids News

In Kids' Club, we will spend the next two weeks finishing up our study of Moses and the Burning



Bush. The children have been reading Exodus 3:1-7 & 10. Ask your child if they know the memory verse: "Take off your sandals, because you are on holy ground." Attention 5th Graders – Don't forget you are meeting separately on Sundays as we review many of the Bible stories you have studied during your years in Kids' Club. It won't be long until you will be part of our youth group! On the preschool hall, our K3-K5s will continue to meet together in the K5 room.

Youth News

Our Senior Highs had a wonderful trip to Montreal! Under the theme of "A World of Difference", our youth were challenged to think about how to be true to themselves while also making a difference among their peers, in their communities and out in our world.



Our Junior Highs will be returning from Thornwell on Thursday. They have done some amazing work around the campus, including painting a chicken coop, cleaning and setting up a building for a new preschool, weeding the grounds, and spreading mulch. They have also spent devotional time discerning the importance of the work they are doing, and how it fits into their own faith journey. They were reminded of how to be present to the goodness that God makes available to us all. We are so thankful for these times for our youth to experience and spread the love of God.



Kindergarten and PDO News

BEST OF THE UPSTATE CONTEST: John Knox Kindergarten was nominated for the 'Best of the Upstate' contest and we were the 2nd place runner up! We are all so proud of our program and we hope to be first next year. Thanks to everyone who diligently voted every day for us!

OFFICE HOURS: Laurie's office hours will begin on Monday, August 8, and will generally run from 8:00 until 2:00 each day. The first several weeks of August, hours may vary until staff returns on August 16. Please leave a message on our answering machine and calls will be returned by the next day.

FALL REGISTRATION: We are filling up for our fall program but still have spots in our K-4 classes. If you or anyone you may know has a 4 year old and they are looking for a great preschool, please call 322-0045 for more information.

1ST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR THE FALL: Our first day is scheduled for Monday, August 29. Orientation meetings for parents are scheduled for August 25 throughout the day. Back to school packets will be mailed out the first week of August and tentative orientation times have been scheduled. If you cannot meet at the given time, please call 322-0045 beginning August 8th to make a change.

Attention Ladies!

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." -Mark 12:30-31

Dear John Knox Ladies,

FPC Spartanburg would like to cordially invite you and your friends to register for the "Summer of Love" event with Glennon Doyle Melton at FPC in our sanctuary, which is only three weeks away on Saturday August 13 at 10am. As a writer and speaker, Glennon spreads the message of God's love for everyone, particularly emphasizing women supporting and uplifting one another. She is a New York Times Bestselling author, activist, and founder of [Momastery.com](http://momastery.com) and Together Rising, a non-profit that has raised over four million dollars for women and children in crisis.



Regular tickets for this event are \$40. Special Sponsor tickets are \$80, include an exclusive Meet & Greet, and will allow FPC to donate scholarship tickets to local women. Every ticket to the FPC event, includes a copy of her highly anticipated book, *Love Warrior*, which will be mailed directly to your home upon its release at the end of the summer. All her events typically sell out, so register soon.

Tickets may be purchased at www.momastery.com/events. Questions concerning this event? Please email [Dawn Bingham](mailto:Dawn.Bingham).

To learn more about Glennon, please click the links below:

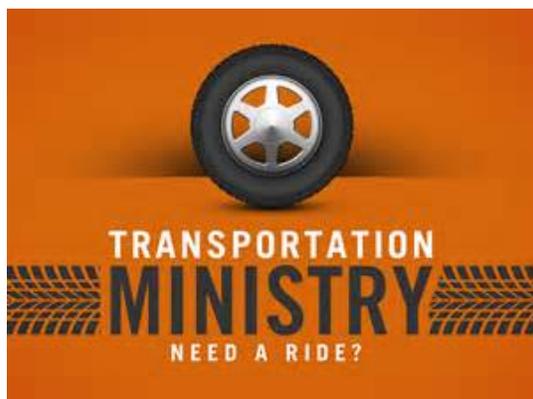
- Bio - <http://momastery.com/blog/about-glennon/>
- The Best Part of Life (Sistering) video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zcJEhNyV-T8>
- Blog Posts - <http://momastery.com/blog/>
- Together Rising Foundation - <http://togetherrising.org/about/>
- NYT best-selling book *Carry On Warrior*: <http://momastery.com/carry-on-warrior/>
- Upcoming book *Love Warrior* (included in event ticket price): <http://lovewarriorbook.com>

Please invite friends near and far to join us as well. You are welcome to forward this email to them. This is a community-wide event open to everyone in Spartanburg and beyond.

Sincerely,

Glennon Doyle Melton FPC Event Steering Committee

Rev. Christi O. Brown, Dawn Bingham (chair), Cathy Bagwell, Hillary Brock, Erin Chastain, Kellie Foster, Holly Hoenig, Jennifer Hoy, Beth Lancaster, Scottie Lummus, Jennifer MacPhail, Julie Martin



Nurture Committee News

Did you know?

John Knox provides transportation to church member families when needed for the purpose of attending worship and church activities as well as for medical appointments. If you have a need please call the church office at 864.244.0453. When possible, make your request at least 3 days in advance.

Save the Date!

Just a reminder to save the date of September 24 for the Fourth Annual John Knox Craft Bazaar. Time is 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. We need you as a vendor and a customer. Contact [Jane Brannon](#), [Karen Gaston](#), or [Georgia Cloer](#) with questions.



SYMPATHY

- Family of Dorothy Rusch (mother of Rhonda Rusch) who died on July 11 in Wisconsin.
- Family of Dave Patterson (brother of Shirley Reinsmith and uncle of Doug Kroske) who died on July 13. Services on Friday in Atlanta.
- Family of Earl Ziebell (father of Karen, husband of Lois). Service on Friday, 7/22, at 1pm, at the Northside Chapel at 12050 Crabapple Rd. in Roswell, GA.

Pray for One Another

AT HOME

- Sara Kellar
- Frances Blue

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

- Tom Miller
- Kirsten & Justin Robertshaw
- Janet Potter
- Leigh Nason
- Tristin-Jade Lloyd
- John Wesley Phillips
- Donnie Brown
- Ellen Clark

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July

- 21 - Jamie Hall
- 22 - Debbie Meggs, Sam Livingston, Lowry Sides
- 23 - Lucas Gutierrez
- 24 - Christopher Viehe, Jack Gettig, William Gettig
- 26 - Joellen Harris, Rick Thatcher, Blair Weikle
- 27 - Herb Varn, Mary K. Davis, Jeanne Peak, Cate Ambrose

By the Numbers

Attendance on July 17:

8:45: 81

11:00: 165

Weekly Expense Budget: \$17,827.00

Weekly Offering Received: \$16,991.27

Expense Budget YTD: \$516,983.00



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