



SteepleTalk

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

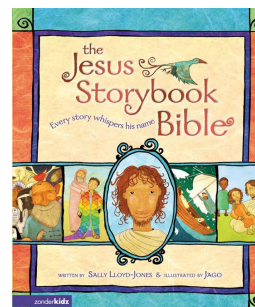
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This Sunday's Worship

"Faith, Fear, and Questions"

[Isaiah 43:1-7](#)

[Mark 4:35-41](#)



Interfaith Host Week begins this Sunday, August 13

Thanks to all who have signed up to serve this week.

Please join us in praying for a rich experience of God's care through the hospitality we share with our guests this week.



Rally Day

Please join us for Rally Day on **Sunday, August 20th**, as we gather to celebrate the official opening of the Christian Education year. Our intergenerational event will start at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We invite you to bring your favorite



morning meal dishes to share as early as 8:30AM. We'll discuss the upcoming learning opportunities available in Sundayschool classes, small groups, and Wednesday Night Live programming for adults and children of all ages. We'll recognize the previous year's Sunday School teachers and our rising 3rd, 6th, and 9th graders. The children will not move up to their new Sunday school class until **Step Up Sunday** which is **Sunday, August 27th**. The breakfast and informational session will be followed by a combined church service that begins at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary. (No regular services at 8:45 AM or 11:00 AM service or Sunday School

Classes on Rally Day.) This is an opportunity for us to rally together with enthusiasm, as we re-center and re-commit as God's people in worship and service for our Lord. We welcome all friends and neighbors! Volunteers are needed and very much appreciated, so please contact Sandra Moore at [864-907-4004](tel:864-907-4004) or mooresandrab@hotmail.com if you are willing to help!

Beginning August 27 . . .

A New Worship Time
for our First Service:
8:30 AM

After Rally Day, we will adjust our Sunday worship schedule to provide a full worship experience at our first service, with enough time for fellowship and an easier transition into Sunday School at 9:45.



Children's Ministry News

Sunday School

Our *Jesus Storybook Bible* lesson for Sunday, August 13 is "The Captain of the Storm". Your family will enjoy reading this familiar story about Jesus calming the stormy sea, and reminding his followers that they can depend on Him even in the roughest of storms.

This Sunday, August 13, will be the last day for our preschool and elementary children to meet in their combined groups (K3-K5 together and 1st-5th grades together). On August 20, we will have our church-wide Rally Day celebration from 9:00 – 10:15am in the Fellowship Hall, so there will be no Sunday School classes that day. The following Sunday, August 27, will be Step-Up Sunday. This is the day that our children will meet with their new classes according to their 2017-2018 grades in school. Stay tuned to your newsletters for more information!

Attention Rising 3rd Graders

We have a long-standing tradition here at John Knox of presenting our rising third graders with a new Bible. We will be recognizing our third graders and presenting them with their Bibles at our Rally Day Celebration on Sunday, August 20. During this time, we will ask all of our third graders to come forward and receive their Bible. Parents, if you think your family may not be able to be here for Rally Day on August 20, please let me know, and we will hold on to your child's Bible and get it to you at a later date! Any questions, contact Susan Felton at sfelton@johnknoxpres.org.

Attention Rising 6th Graders

Our former 5th graders will be entering middle school in a few weeks, and this means they will soon become a part of our John Knox Junior Highs! This is an exciting time for these students, so we are offering some special activities to help them make the transition from their elementary years on the Kids' Club Hall to their years ahead as a member of the John Knox Youth Group. All 5th graders are invited to meet for a "BeTween" class during the regular Sunday School hour for some fun discussions about surviving middle school! Fifth

graders should meet Susan Felton in their regular Sunday School room this Sunday, August 13 at 9:45, and she'll take it from there! Also, please plan to join the Junior Highs at TCBY (7 Brendan Way) for "Waffle Cone Wednesday" on August 16 for some yummy yogurt and fellowship time with your new youth group. And remember - you will be recognized at Rally Day on August 20 as a new member of the John Knox Youth Group. Let us know if you plan on being there! See Susan Felton or Jessica Meggs with any questions!

Family Day at Butler Springs Park

Help us kick off the newschool year with a day at the park! Our Children's Ministry Program invites all of our families with young children to gather at Butler Springs Park (301 Butler Springs Road - Greenville 29615) on Sunday, August 27 from 4:00 - 5:30 for a time of recreation and fellowship! The plan is to simply gather on the playground for some free play for the kids and visiting time for the adults. Feel free to bring your own outdoor toys, sports equipment and snacks. We will be having the Kona Ice Truck come to the park to offer some cold refreshments for everyone, so plan to purchase some yummy treats! Prices range from \$2 - \$5. Hope to see everyone there!



Summer Days with the John Knox Kids

We had a blast at Gravitopia last week as some of our youngest members spent an hour jumping and flipping and swinging at the trampoline park.



Youth Ministry News

**LET'S
PARTY**

Fall Kickoff Parties

What better way to kick off the new youth group year than with one last pool bash before school starts?! Join on us after Rally Day on Sunday August 20th to celebrate the new year and all that is to come! This year we will gather at the Meggs' House, 8 Marigold Ct. Greenville, SC 29615 for swimming, games, snacks, and fellowship! For more info check out the Youth Newsemail that went out on Tuesday!

An Invitation

*You are invited to celebrate
with your presence and your prayers
the Installation of the Rev. Julie Schaaf
as Minister of the Word and Sacrament
at Nazareth Presbyterian Church
Sunday, August 27th, 2017
3:00
in the Sanctuary
680 Nazareth Church Road
Moore, South Carolina*

Men's Ministry Kicks Off Football Season

Thursday, August 31, 6:00 PM
at Doug Kroske's,
609 Ladykirk Lane, Greenville, 29650

Men, it's FOOTBALL time again! That means the Second Annual First Football Thursday college game watching and cornhole tournament!

Soft drinks and eats will be provided.
Bring other refreshments if you wish,
and your corn hole game if you have one!

Call Maury Purcell to RSVP at 616-9699. See you there!



THE
WEEK
AHEAD

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August

10 - Maury Purcell, Nancy Cole, Patrick White, Grace deMaine

11 - Susan Simonet, Neil Grayson, Shanon Aldrich

13 - Ann Brumley

14 - Ryan Flanagan, Paul Reilly

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