



SteepleTalk

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Blessed, Filled, Called Worshipseries and church-wide study of Paul's Letter to the Ephesians *Begins August 28*

We begin our Ephesians worship series and churchwide study this Sunday! You can prepare for worship by reading the first passage (1:1-15) and reviewing the questions in the study guide, *Blessed, Filled, Called*. Booklets are available for pickup outside each worship area, and the digital version is available to download from our [website](#).

Those adults not yet attached to a Sunday School class are welcome to gather in the Fellowship Hall for a discussion to be led this week by Gordon Turnbull.

May the Lord bless our church through our devotion to God's Word!

This Sunday's Worship

[Ephesians 1:1-14](#)

"God's All-Time Plan"

Gordon Turnbull

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

Wednesday Night Live starts back on September 7. Dinner begins at 5:45 PM and programs at 6:30 PM. Check next week's Steepletalk for more details!

Congregational Meeting Set for September 11

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 11, at 10:45 AM in the Sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is the election of officers (elders and trustee) to serve the church. The slate of those to be nominated includes the following members (fuller information to be distributed next week):



For Elder, Class of 2019

Jean Baiden

Rich Falasco

Doug Kroske

Jennifer Littrell

Miller McClintock

Sandra Moore

Jon Nelson

For Elder, Class of 2017

Emily Nelson (Youth)

For Trustee, Class of 2019

Cindy Smith

Men's Ministry

It's Football Season Finally! Calling all men: Thursday, September 1, at Justin Cazel's House (105 Pilgrims Point Rd), at 6:00 PM.

Burgers, corn hole tournament, TV's outside, tailgating! Bring your own drinks and any corn hole gear you have!

Call Justin (244-4737) or Maury Purcell (616-9699) to confirm.



Visitors' Breakfast



The Evangelism Committee invites those who may be interested in becoming a member of John Knox to join us **during the Sunday School hour on September 11**. The event will be in the Kirk Room at 10:00, and a light breakfast will be served. Our senior minister Dr. Gordon Turnbull will be among those joining us.

On **September 25** the Session will meet to receive new members, and on **October 9** new members will be introduced to the congregation and welcomed in their preferred worship service.

If it is convenient, please RSVP to Mandy in the church office (m.scott@johnknoxpres.org) or Ann Brumley (abrumley@bellsouth.net) by Wednesday, September 7. We look forward to being with you.



Calling all Hoopsters

Youth basketball sign-ups are underway. The registration forms are available in the Narthex and on our [website](#). Please complete and return to the church office ASAP - Charles Robertson's mailbox. The registration window closes on 9/25. Thanks!

Thanks to all who helped make Rally Day such a wonderful celebration!



Kids' News



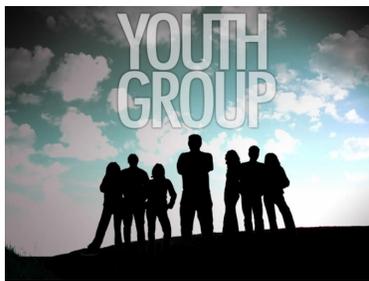
This Sunday, August 28, is Step-Up Sunday! That means some of our children will be starting a new Sunday School class. If you have a child that will be 3 years old on or before September 1, your child will join our K3/K4 Sunday School class on the kindergarten hall. Their teachers will be there each week to greet them and lead them in their Bible story lessons and activity time. Any new 5-year-old kindergarten children will join the K5 class, also located on the kindergarten hall. Linda Dann will be available to direct our preschool children to their classrooms. Our new first graders will join us on the Kids' Club Hall, where they will rotate between several different classrooms each week. Susan Felton will meet them there on Sunday to show them how to find their classroom each week. Remember Sunday School starts at 9:45 each Sunday. We are very excited to welcome all of our children into our Sunday School classes!

Calling All 1st Graders!

As the new school year begins, our new 1st graders will start staying for the worship service each Sunday instead of going to Children's Church. After Rally Day, these children will still be invited to come to the front of the church for "Time for Children" each Sunday, but will then return to their seats in the pews and stay with their parents throughout the service. This is a big adjustment for some, including the parents! In order to help prepare the children to sit through the service and help make it a good experience for everyone, we will be having a special 1st Grade Worship Training Class. Starting Sunday, August 28, all 1st graders are invited to leave the worship service after "Time for Children" and attend this 3-week class. The class will meet again on September 11 and September 18. (Note - No class on September 4!) The class will meet during both services. If your family attends the early service, Susan Felton will meet the children in the hall outside the chapel after "Time for Children" and walk them to the classroom. If you attend the late service, Mrs. Susan will meet the children at the back of the sanctuary. We will meet in Mrs. Britt's K4 classroom on the kindergarten hall. We will be in that classroom until the service is over each of these 3 Sundays, and parents can pick up their 1st graders there after church. Your child should have received a letter inviting them to this class! Please let the church office know if you have a 1st grader and have not received a letter!



This class was not offered for last year's 1st graders, so if there are any rising 2nd graders that would like to attend the 1st Grade Worship Training class, they are welcome!



Youth News

Welcome to Youth Group – All new 6th graders are invited to join the John Knox Youth Group in the Youth Center this Sunday, August 28 for Step-Up Sunday. Come join us for Sunday School at 9:45 as we begin our study of Ephesians. Mrs. Britt will be there to welcome you and show you where you will meet each Sunday. We are thrilled to have you in Youth Group!!

Wednesday Night Live starts back on September 7, which means our youth will start meeting again on Wednesdays after dinner. The first WNL program will focus on Missions, and the youth have been asked to speak about their mission experiences. If your child went on either of our youth mission trips this summer – Jacksonville or Thornwell – please have them contact Bette Britt to discuss what we need for them to do. Also, the youth will begin their Sunday night gatherings on September 11! Junior Highs meet in the Youth Center at 4:30 for fun and fellowship time. Junior and Senior Highs eat dinner together at 5:30. Then our Senior Highs meet from 6:00 – 7:00. Hope to see lots of youth there!

Come see us!

Ten Thousand Villages is celebrating 10 successful years in Greenville and John Knox was essential to the opening of the nonprofit, Fair Trade store now at 207 North Main. On Saturday, September 24, Ten Thousand Villages is coming to your church to thank you for your enthusiastic support with a Trunk Sale from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at John Knox's annual Craft Bazaar. Trunk Sales are the roots of Ten Thousand Villages. Seventy years ago, our founder, Edna Ruth Byler, purchased embroidery pieces from underemployed women artisans from Puerto Rico while visiting. When she returned to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, she sold them to church women from the trunk of her car.



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Clerk's Report

The Session of John Knox Presbyterian Church met on Sunday, August 21, 2016 at 6:00 PM, in the Kirk Room for their regular monthly meeting. The following are some of the things discussed:

- Jack Hansen explained that the financial position continues to look good and that this is a good opportunity to improve the Church's position, since staff head count is down.
- He explained the committee's study of the Associate Pastor position. Dr. Turnbull shared his vision for the position and his feeling that it ought to focus on Discipleship. After lengthy discussion and Q&A, the Session approved a motion that the Foothills Presbytery Committee on Ministry be asked for permission to form an APSC.
- Jack also shared that they are working hard on fringe benefit packages for non-clergy positions, to include health, retirement, and training.
- Nancy Grigsby is currently updating position descriptions.
- Stevie Greene explained that the main focus of the last CE meeting was the approval of Susan Felton as our new Director of Children's Ministries.
- Much work has gone into getting ready for Rally Day, including the teacher recognition, grades recognition, decorations, and power-point presentation. Stevie thanked everyone for their work.
- VBS planning for 2017 is already underway. Stevie and Jessica Allender will be the co-directors.
- Bill Mathews reported that the CMO committee is reviewing all the organizations and programs that CMO supports. They've decided to no longer support Hispanic Congregational Development and the Greenville Free Medical Clinic.
- Dr. Turnbull has agreed to take over as the contact person for Sa Vung and the Chin Congregation.
- Ten Thousand Villages will participate in our Mission Bazaar on September 24th.
- Maury Purcell reported for the Evangelism committee that we have 15 – 20 repeat visitors. They are planning a New Member/Inquirer brunch on September 11th.
- Charles Robertson reminded folks that WNL starts back on September 7th.
- Youth Basketball signups are already underway.
- Charles said they are working on Homecoming and Christmas Eve dinner plans. He also reminded folks to be sure and check out the new coffee vendor on September 18th.
- Tom Jackson reported that Music and Worship is trying to figure out how Homecoming should look going forward. After some discussion, M&W agreed to coordinate with Fellowship and discuss again at the September Meeting.
- Tom reminded each Elder of their responsibility to provide four folks to usher each Sunday at the late service during their assigned month.
- Ken Bell and Mark Britt are working on costs to bring for approval for the sound system upgrades and the video system.
- Amy Leidheiser advised that the Nurture Committee brochure is nearing completion.
- They are working on the 2017 Budget and visioning what they are being called to accomplish.
- The Transportation Committee is focused on providing for those with medical needs and who require transportation to church functions.
- Joe Stall explained the logistical problems of trying to work the re-roofing around the K/G program needs and other activities on our campus. The contracts are nearly complete and work should start soon. Joe expressed thanks to Danny Schaaf for his insight and help in the contract preparation.
- Our two commissioners to the Foothills Presbytery Meeting on August 14th at 4th PC, Amy Leidheiser and Steve Meggs, gave a report on the meeting. Amy said that the meeting included reports on the Board of Pensions and the General Assembly Loan and Investment program. The

commissioners from Foothills Presbytery to the recent General Assembly gave their reports, as did the Interns, who participated in the summer intern program. Three folks were examined for membership in Foothills. The structural changes for the Presbytery will include a connectivity emphasis and streamlining the budget. Steve expanded on the presbytery restructuring plan explanation.

- Kitty Olson and Jim Barnett gave the Session a report on the CNC's progress. They reported that the committee was 99% done, lacking only one final yes. The Session approved calling a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 10:45 AM, in the Sanctuary, for the purpose of electing the new elders and a trustee.
- Kitty Olson led a discussion on the question of a Youth Elder. The issue had come up in conversations during the CNC meetings and was initially discussed at the June Stated Meeting. Kitty explained the history of Youth Elders at John Knox. After much discussion, Dr. Turnbull said that there appeared to be no strong interest in changing the Youth Elder practice. Essentially, the Session agreed to keep the things as they are.

Dick Powers
Clerk of Session

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August

- 26 - Linda Miller, Reece Jackson
- 27 - Garrett Wright, Jennifer Whatley, Will Sadler, Abby Jackson
- 28 - Mike Kill, Bill Lee, Bill Patterson, Jean Baiden
- 29 - Georgia Cloer, Don Myers
- 30 - Jennifer Webber
- 31 - Wendy Frattolin, Victoria Jenkins, Giles Stokes



Pray for One Another

AT HOME

- Frances Blue
- Gene & Nancy Coggin
- Carol Kendall
- Steve Krumins
- Bob Sadler
- Ken Thiess

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

- Donnie Brown
- Ellen Clark
- Mark Hale
- Bryan Hollis
- Dr. Al Ivester
- Tristin-Jade Lloyd
- Doris Jean Peak
- Janet Potter
- Kirsten and Justin Robertshaw
- John Sewell

SYMPATHY

- **Alena and Bill Patterson** in the recent death of Alena's mother, Svetlana Kotava; Belarus
- Kathie White upon the death of her mother, Grace Rietze, on August 15; Syracuse, NY

MILITARY DEPLOYED

- ENS Erick Sewell, USN aboard USS George Bush

Attendance on August 21:
10:30 - 277

Weekly Expense Budget: \$17,827.00
Weekly Offering Received: \$15,936.00
Expense Budget YTD: \$606,118.00
Offering Received YTD: \$510,661.90



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