



# YAH's Program for September 18

Report from the Guatemalan Mission Team

Come hear about the work in Guatemala by our fellow church members and learn about the progress that is being made. You will be very proud of them!

The program begins with a covered dish luncheon at noon on September 18 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite dish or dessert. Call LaRue Wait at 675-6172 or Bessie/Bill Lee at 233-5518 by September 16 to make your reservation.



## TOGETHER MIDWEEK GATHERING

### STORIES OF SUMMER

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF STORYTELLING  
AS WE SHARE ABOUT THE WAYS GOD  
MOVED ON OUR SUMMER YOUTH TRIPS

WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 19TH

DINNER @ 5:45  
PROGRAM @ 6:15



VISITORS,  
YOU ARE INVITED

# Knowing Knox

September 23, 2018  
9:45 AM  
Kirk Room

RSVP to the church office or Jane Brannon

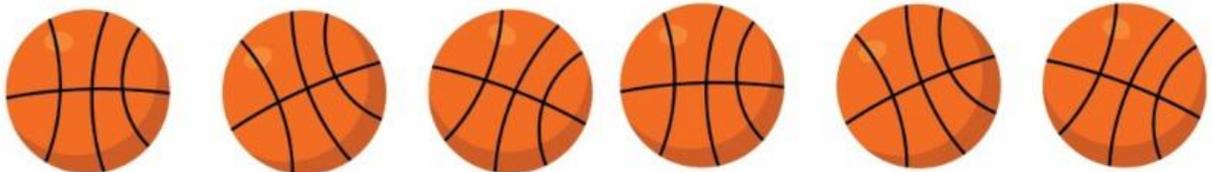
## Youth Group Meals

Each Sunday evening our youth gather for a time of games, teaching, and fellowship over dinner in the Youth Center. We've found that sitting together for a meal creates a space for more intentional community and a deeper sense of belonging and we would love for you to partner with us in making that space possible for our students! If you would be willing to provide and serve a meal to our students this year, follow this link

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/5080b4ca8a82fa7fe3-sunday1> to sign-up or contact Jessica via email ([jmeggs@johnknoxpres.org](mailto:jmeggs@johnknoxpres.org)) or phone (864-244-0453)



**\*\*The Mission Visioning Event planned for Sunday, September 23, has been postponed.\*\***



**Basketball registration forms are due Sunday, September 30!**

It's time to register for the 2018 - 2019 basketball season. Kindergarten - 12th grade teams are available. The season runs November through February, with team practices beginning in October. Kindergarten - 8th grades play on Saturday mornings, 9th - 12th grades play on Monday evenings. Registration forms are available in the church office, narthex, and by [clicking here](#). Contact Jon Nelson at [jon.nelson@mau.com](mailto:jon.nelson@mau.com) 864-608-9379; or JT Greene at [jtgreene11@hotmail.com](mailto:jtgreene11@hotmail.com) 864-

We are in need of 2 scorekeepers for the Monday evening basketball games that will take place at John Knox: one person to run the score board and another person to keep the official scorebook. You must be 15 years old or older to work the games. There are 3 games each Monday night, and the league pays each scorekeeper \$30 per night. Games begin November 12 and run through January 28. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please contact Jon Nelson, JT Greene, or the church office.

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## Columbarium News

If you have not seen the Columbarium in the last week or so, do yourself a favor and take a look ... it's looking pretty darn stellar!! All the clean up, power washing, and design for new plantings and sodded turf came from the mind of Eagle Scout candidate Gram Grant (son of Heidi and Mills Grant). Several months ago, Gram, in need of a significant project on his road to becoming an Eagle Scout, approached the Columbarium and P&O Committees with his plan to "renovate" the Columbarium. Gram's plan was approved and scheduled for Labor Day Monday and the following Saturday. Gram recruited fellow Scouts, friends, family, and JK members to provide labor and "skillfully negotiated" for the plants, Zoysia turf, stone, and pine straw that was to be installed. Great weather and superior management skills yielded an on-time completion of the project. John Knox extends a huge "THANK YOU" to Gram for his initiative, his plan, and its implementation. Additionally, big THANKS goes to all who were so generous in their support of Gram with their time, labor, & skills, as well as to the folks who supplied the "negotiated" items.

Art Baiden  
Columbarium Committee

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## Guatemala Scholarships

John Knox continues to respond to God's call to serve our sisters and brothers in and around Cobán, Guatemala. **Please join in this transformative work by helping to fund students' education in two vital ministries with which we partner:**

**The WALC program (Women in Agroecology Leadership for Conservation)** invites adolescent women to a 25-day residency at Rob and Tara Cahill's agroecology center. These young women learn sustainable local agriculture, personal growth, leadership development, and women's health. They commit to continue in school through the following academic year and receive a modest monthly stipend to cover the cost of tuition at a local school in their town or village. One scholarship of \$150 covers the expense of one student's participation this year.



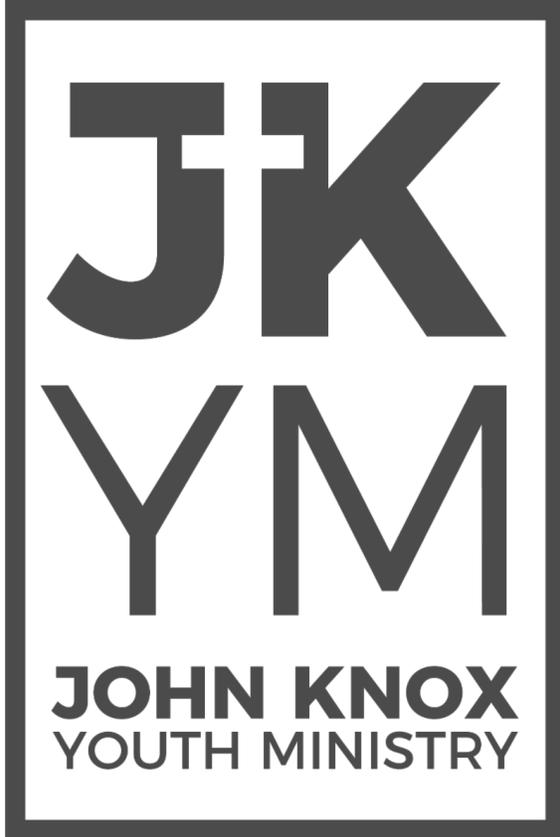
**La Patria Norte** is a K-12 school established in 2009 by the Evangelical National Presbyterian Church of Guatemala. It provides excellent secondary education in Christ's name to this underserved region, offering degrees in medicine, judicial sciences, agro-forestry, and computers. Worship, Bible study, and faith formation are integral to the learning these students receive. Cost for a student is \$600 per year. One scholarship contribution provides significant support; four scholarship contributions provides a full support for a student in Cobán.

The contribution form is available [here](#) and at the church. Thank you for your generosity.

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### Bonclarken Registration

It's time to sign-up for our annual middle school retreat at Bonclarken! All Jr. High students are invited to join us for a weekend of worship, adventure, and growth with our brothers and sisters in Foothills Presbytery October 19-21. Registration is due THIS SUNDAY! Check your



### Sunday Night Youth Group!

After a couple weeks off, we are back in action this Sunday! Join us for games, dinner, and week two of our current series, *The Greatest*. We'll be talking about who God is to us and asking the question, "How can we know him better?" Can't wait to see you there!

### Sex + Faith Event with Dr. Kate Ott

On Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> Dr. Kate Ott, author of *Sex + Faith: Talking to our Kids from Birth to Adolescence*, will be speaking at an event for parents at Westminster Presbyterian Church. This event is designed to equip parents with the information they need to incorporate their faith values with sexuality information so they can answer questions and discuss sexuality with their children and teens in appropriate ways at each stage of life. All High Schoolers are invited to come to Westminster with their parents for dinner followed by their own youth event! To register for dinner (\$7/person) and the program, visit <https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/kate-ott-event/> We hope you'll join us and other Foothills Presbytery churches for this dinner and meaningful program!



## Children's Ministry News

### Parents' Night Out Postponed

Because of the impending weather forecasted for our area in the wake of Hurricane Florence, we are postponing our Parents' Night Out event that was scheduled for this Friday, September 14. We want to ensure the safety of all of our members! We are rescheduling the event for next Friday, September 21. Check your Children's Ministry Newsletter for details! Thank you for your understanding!



### Children's Music Program

We are excited to announce the return of our Children's Musical Bursts! Starting this month, we will be offering our children several 3-week "bursts" of Sunday afternoon rehearsals, followed by a performance in an upcoming worship service. Our first BURST will begin this Sunday, September 16. Rehearsals will be held each Sunday afternoon from 4:30-5:15 in the children's choir room (located on the Kids' Club Hall below the sanctuary). Our **September rehearsals will be:** September 16, 23, and 30 as we prepare to sing in church during both worship services on October 7. Check your Children's Ministry Newsletters for more info. Please contact Elizabeth Martin or Susan Felton with any questions. We hope to see you there!

## Mailbox



Many thanks for all the cards and phone calls. The beautiful flowers are also so appreciated. Hand is progressing and I hope to be back in a couple of weeks. I'm blessed to belong to such a caring church.

Carolyn Hall

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## Clerk's Report

The Session of John Knox Presbyterian Church met on Sunday, August 19, 2018 at 6:00 PM, in the Kirk Room for their regular monthly meeting. The following are some of the things discussed:

- The Clerk shared a nice thank you note from Thornwell for our prayers and financial support.
- Stevie Greene gave a brief progress report from the CNC. They are making good progress and have a slate that they are working on contacting.
- Nancy Grigsby reviewed the June and July financial reports and said things are pretty normal for the end of summer.
- The 2017 financial review by McKinley Cooper is complete and copies shared with Session.
- Caroline and our insurance carrier have provided Admin with sample letters in order to better manage our liability for participants in mission trips and other church activities.
- Susan Felton advised that the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Class was a great success.
- The new curriculum to replace the Rotation Model Program has been thoroughly vetted by Susan and Jessica and will start in September.
- The three week class for helping our 1<sup>st</sup> Graders transition to regular church attendance will start in September.
- Susan and Jessica will be showing the movie, 'Connect', for the children, youth, and any interested Church members on September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- The pancake dinner kickoff for the fall WNL will be on September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Fellowship is targeting 11/7 for a 'Game Night'.
- Homecoming will be headed up by Mary Stall. The name may change since most of the 193 Charter Members have either passed away or moved.
- Cecil Kelley shared the attendance numbers for the 2018 combined service versus the 2017 and added some perspective on the numbers. The total net difference was less than 5%.
- M&W is recommending the same type of combined service for next summer.
- Wednesday Night meal deliveries by Nurture will resume on September 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Nurture is exploring the possibility of a respite care program at J/K.
- David Howell discussed a proposed 'work morning' program to perform light work and small projects for those who might need help.
- Miller reported that the landscape work on the Columbarium will start on Monday 9/3.
- The concrete pad and storage building for the K/G will be located in the playground area and completed before school starts.
- Thanks to Caleb, the video camera installation is underway.
- They are monitoring the moisture at the block walls in the Basement to see if the drainage repairs fixed things.
- Thanks to Steve Meggs and Caleb for the gutter cleaning at the Sanctuary.
- The drainage for our property adjacent to Lake Forest School will require some repairs.
- Rev. David Howell is soon starting a study on the Six Great Ends of the Church.
- The Session approved an emphasis between now and the end of September on the scholarship drive for the Guatemala Missions, including the WALK Program and the school in Coban. The goal is 25 WALK scholarships and 6 for the Coban School.
- Lake Forest Elementary School is having their Fall Festival on October 12<sup>th</sup>. They have asked to use our parking lots. They have also asked that we sponsor activities like the cakewalk, etc. The Session approved our support and Jason Mullis volunteered to coordinate the J/K efforts.

Dick Powers  
Clerk of Session

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## September

13 - George McLeod, Stella Fowler  
14 - Brenda Rowe, Jennifer Littrell, Mary Carolyn Moore  
15 - Betty McMahan, Guy Cloer, Grant Whatley  
16 - Carol Hofmann  
17 - Dick Lambrecht, Marilyn Ledford  
18 - Mills Stansberry, Chad Carlson, Julia Grant  
19 - David Tew, Terrell Stone

## By the Numbers

Attendance on Sunday, September 9  
8:30 - 72  
11:00 - 198

Weekly Offering Received: \$15,665.70  
Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$17,211.31  
YTD Offering Received: \$584,310.74  
YTD Budgeted Offering: \$619,607.16



Please email all submissions for Steepletalk to [mscott@johnknoxpres.org](mailto:mscott@johnknoxpres.org). For Thursday publication, information must be received by Tuesday at 12 PM.

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