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### This Sunday's Worship

## Words of Faith



Sunday, September 23

Psalm 100

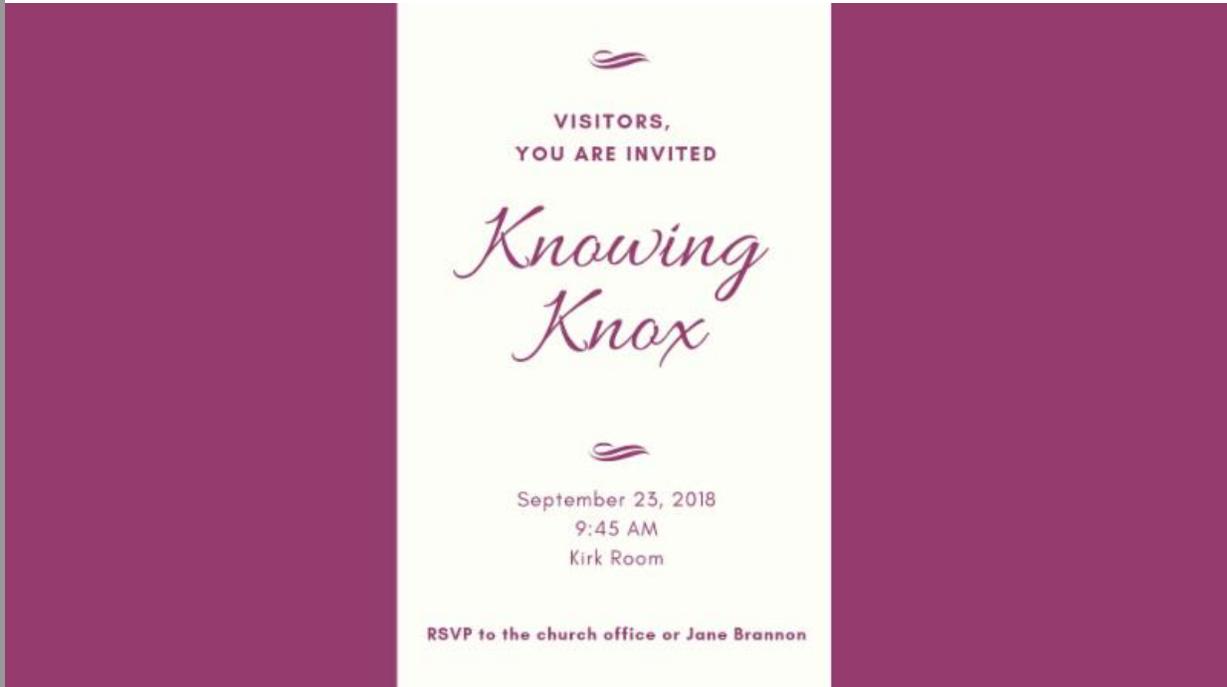
2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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# TOGETHER

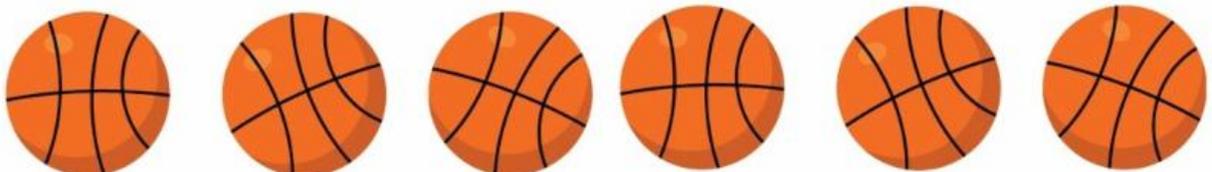
MIDWEEK GATHERING

Join us this Wednesday, September 26, for the first week in our series The Great Ends of the Church – the proclamation of the Gospel for the salvation of humankind – presented by Dr. Richard Burnett, Executive Director, *Theology Matters* (meal 5:45-6:15, program 6:15-7:15). [Dinner reservations requested.](#) We welcome friends of all ages to gather TOGETHER each week as we grow in our faith and celebrate our love for one another. So join us for food, fellowship, and learning together!



## 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)



# 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) 864-915-3133 if you have any questions.

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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## 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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# NEWS

### Sunday Night Youth Group

We hope to see you on Sunday night as we continue our current series, The Greatest, and talk about where our worth comes from

and how that truth can change our lives. Can't wait to play, eat, and learn with you Sunday!  
Jr. Highs: 4:30-6  
Sr. Highs: 5:30-7



### Fall Serve Days with Rebuild Upstate!

Mark your calendars and get your work gloves ready! After a wonderful middle school mission week partnering with Rebuild Upstate this summer, we decided to keep the partnership going! Our first opportunity to serve this school year will be over the election day long weekend, November 5 & 6 and we want YOU to join us! More information about registration and schedule will be coming soon so for now just save the date and be on the lookout for more info.

### Orange Strategy

If you weren't able to attend our Parent Breakfast back in August, check out this brief summary regarding our new ministry strategy and curriculum. We are so excited about this new beginning in the life of John Knox Youth Ministry and look forward to sharing more about our mission and vision as the year continues.



## ORANGE STRATEGY

Orange is a comprehensive family ministry strategy designed to combine the influences of church and family in order to make a greater impact on the faith of the next generation

### TOP 3 REASONS WE LOVE IT:

#### PHASE PROJECT

Orange recognizes that while the word of God is unchanging, the way students interact with and respond to it is constantly changing

The Phase Project equips us with the resources to understand each individual phase of a student's life- including their development, motivations, questions, and major life events- so that we can meet them in that particular phase before it's gone.

#### COUNTING MARBLES

Orange believes that if we as parents and leaders count the time we have left, we're more likely to make the time count. In this illustration, one marble represents one week in the life of a child before they graduate.

Birth: 936 marbles  
6th grade: 364 marbles  
9th grade: 208 marbles

We don't count them to make us terrified or sad about the time we have left, we count to remind us to be intentional with each passing week.

#### PARTNER WITH PARENTS

Orange centers on the belief that two combined influences (parents + church) will make a greater impact than just two influences

Our influence as church leaders is limited to a season, yours as a parent is lifelong. Our time with your students matters deeply but we believe that partnering with you to make the most of your hours matters more. Orange equips us with the resources empower you to continue the conversations we start at church.



## Children's Ministry News



### Parents' Night Out

We will be at John Knox this Friday, September 21 to hang out with the children while their parents have some time out without the kids! For those families who are signed up for this week's Parents' Night Out event, please meet us in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00. We'll start with a pizza dinner together, and then we'll split up into groups for some fun activities for all ages. We will end the night with a movie for everyone in the Youth Center. Parents can pick up their children in the Youth Center at 8:30. Check your Children's Newsletter for more details!

### Calling All First Graders!

Our new first graders have been meeting on Sundays to learn about the different parts of our worship services, and to talk about what they can do to stay focused during their time in church. We will have our last Worship Training class this Sunday, September 23 during both worship services. All first graders are invited to come to class during the service your family regularly attends. The children will leave church with Mrs. Susan after the Time for Children. Parents can pick up their first grader on the kindergarten hall at the end of the service. After this week, these children will be staying in the services with their families. I know we will all be proud of them as they learn how to be an important part of our worship time together!

## Quiet Time

Sarah Circle's September meeting opened with a theme, *Quiet Time*. Sue Bunnell, a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, spoke to the group on the topic of *Labyrinths*. She provided historical information, described the labyrinth at St. Peter's, and suggested many ways to benefit from a prayer walk. Then the ladies carpooled to St. Peter's to walk the path of their labyrinth. Lastly, we formed a circle to conclude our special morning as Sue led us in prayer.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### September

20 - Kara Foster-Lee

22 - Carolyn Williams, Linda Dann, Scott Weaver

- 23 - Ethan Marton
  - 24 - Katie Gettig, Ross Miller, Autumn Hoyle
  - 25 - Susie Threlkeld
  - 26 - Nancy Grigsby, Shirley Reinsmith, Jessica Bixler
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## By the Numbers

Attendance on Sunday, September 16  
8:30 - 44  
11:00 - 111

Weekly Offering Received: \$8,607.70  
Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$17,211.31  
YTD Offering Received: \$592,918.44  
YTD Budgeted Offering: \$636,818.47



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

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