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This Sunday's Worship

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

What Are You Willing to Leave Behind?

PSALM 86:1-10
MATTHEW 10:24-39

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TOGETHER

MIDWEEK GATHERING

Join us this Wednesday, October 3, for the second week in our series The Great Ends of the Church — the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God — 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!

Menu: Chicken and Rice Casserole, roasted vegetables, full salad bar, whole wheat rolls, dessert

Join Us for Lunch on Sunday, October 7

All are invited to a luncheon after worship on Sunday, October 7 hosted by our Guatemala Mission Team. The event will offer typical Guatemalan fare for us to enjoy, an array of products for purchase, and a brief presentation on God's work in Cobán.

October 7 is World Communion Sunday—a day in which we are especially mindful of the unity of the church across the globe. Help us celebrate, in worship and afterwards, the rich gift of our global fellowship in Christ's love.



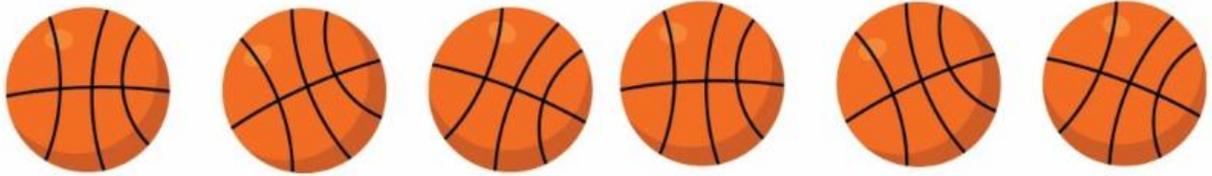
Let's Help our Community School!

Lake Forest Elementary is hosting a Fall festival on October 12th from 4-7, and they need our help. John Knox is excited to donate 12 oz. can drinks, individual bags of chips, and cake walk items, as well as volunteers. Please bring any of these donated items this Sunday and they will be collected and taken to the school. Donations will be collected outside the sanctuary before Sunday school and after the 11:00 service. If you are unsure about bringing a donation item, provide a money donation and 100% of the funds will go to the school's Fall festival. Contact Jason Mullis at 864.386.6164 or jasonsmullis@gmail.com with questions.

Mentoring Meeting at Lake Forest Elementary

Our friends at Lake Forest Elementary School are inviting anyone interested in mentoring students to an informational meeting at the school this Tuesday, October 2, 12:00-1:00 PM. A once-a-week visit at lunch can provide vital support and encouragement to a child. If you are interested in learning more about this outreach, please follow this link to the event: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mentor-greenville-training-lake-forest-elementary-tickets-49607431162>





Basketball registration forms are due this 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 864-608-9379; or JT Greene at 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.

Mission Visioning Event set for October 14

Are you interested in John Knox's outreach? Do you have ideas or energy to share about how we connect with our community, region, and world? Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 14, from 3:00-5:00 PM. We hope to gather all interested people in the church for brainstorming, discussion, and prayer about our church's calling to serve others. Whether you are new to the church or a long-standing servant in missional causes, we want you to be involved in the discussion and the action. Make plans to join us!



**Young at Heart's
Fall Project**

No trip to the Chocolate Factory; they're undergoing remodeling, but that will be good for another day. Instead, we will re-visit the spectacular North Carolina Arboretum near Asheville followed by lunch at Sierra Nevada. This will be a van trip on October 16 and reservations are needed as there is an admission fee for the arboretum tour. More details to come.

Inspired by the presentation about the Guatemalan mission at their September program, the YAHs are embarking on a fundraising drive this fall for high school scholarships. Watch for your opportunity to participate!



NEWS



Sunday Night Youth Group

Join us in the Youth Center for games, dinner, and a continuation of our current teaching series, The Greatest! This week's lesson (#4) will be focused on how we can follow Jesus' example in loving others, even people we don't normally associate with.

Jr. Highs // 4:30-6

Sr. Highs // 5:30-7

Parents, to learn more about our current series and stay in the loop regarding our discussion check out [this awesome resource](#)

Brave & Beautiful Conference: An event for Jr. & Sr. High Girls

Our friends at Fourth Presbyterian Church Greenville invite all of our John Knox Youth Ministry girls to join them for an all girls event run by the organization Brave & Beautiful. Brave & Beautiful has a mission to empower and encourage young women so they can live bravely and beautifully in the Gospel of the Lord. The conference will center on discussion about positive self-image, confidence, and our identity being rooted in Christ.

When: **Saturday, October 6th // 10:30-12:30**

What: Brunch and program for all Junior and Senior High girls

Where: Fourth Presbyterian Church

Cost: FREE

How: Follow this link (link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/brave-beautiful-conference-tickets-50413936441>) to register and be sure to let Jessica know you will attend!

Save the date and come serve with us in November!

After a successful local mission week with our middle school students this summer, we decided to continue partnering with Rebuild Upstate! Rebuild serves the Upstate of SC with the goal of

providing safe homes for the elderly, disabled, and low-income neighbors in our community.

Join us on November 5 & 6 (School Holidays) as we partner in that mission and work on homes in our community! If your student plans to serve with us, please fill out this quick form (link:



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeZrEaOOuLkpLJFEzhfwnziZOmhVkUjp_jcuBL8ScbCGEAK2w/viewform)



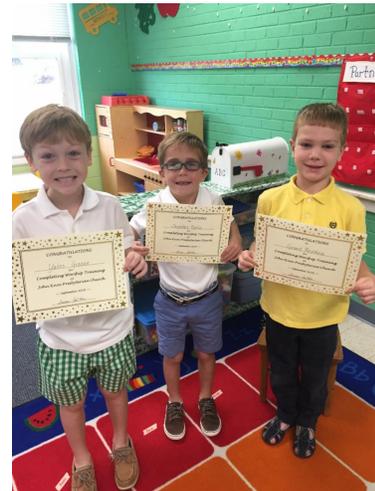
Children's Ministry News

Children's Music Rehearsals

Our fall "musical bursts" have begun! We will have one more rehearsal this Sunday, September 30 to prepare to sing in church during both services on October 7. All children ages K3 – 5th grade are invited to meet with Elizabeth Martin this Sunday afternoon from 4:30 – 5:15 in the children's choir room (located on the Kids' Club Hall below the sanctuary). Please contact Elizabeth Martin or Susan Felton with any questions.

Welcome First Graders!

Our new first graders have completed their Worship Training, and are now ready to join us for the entire worship service each Sunday. They have learned about the different parts of our worship services, including the prayers and sacraments that we take part in, and we have talked about what they can do to stay focused during their time in church. The children have been encouraged to use the Blessing Bags that are available for each age level which give them age-appropriate activities to do during worship time. They are also encouraged to take part in the hymns we sing and the prayers we say. I know we will all be proud of these children as they become an important part of our worship time together!





We had a great time at Parents' Night Out on Friday. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers, and to our families who shared their children with us!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September

- 27 - Jane Spence, Abby Cazel
- 28 - Bobby Thatcher, Yates Greene
- 29 - Gary Campbell, William Allender
- 30 - Amanda Jackson

October

- 1 - Anne Peeler, Rich Falasco, JC Nelson
- 2 - Heather Pratt
- 3 - Matthew Glass, Walker Greene

By the Numbers

Attendance on Sunday, September 23
8:30 - 67
11:00 - 180

Weekly Offering Received: \$12,588.70
Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$17,211.31
YTD Offering Received: \$615,307.14
YTD Budgeted Offering: \$654,029.78



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