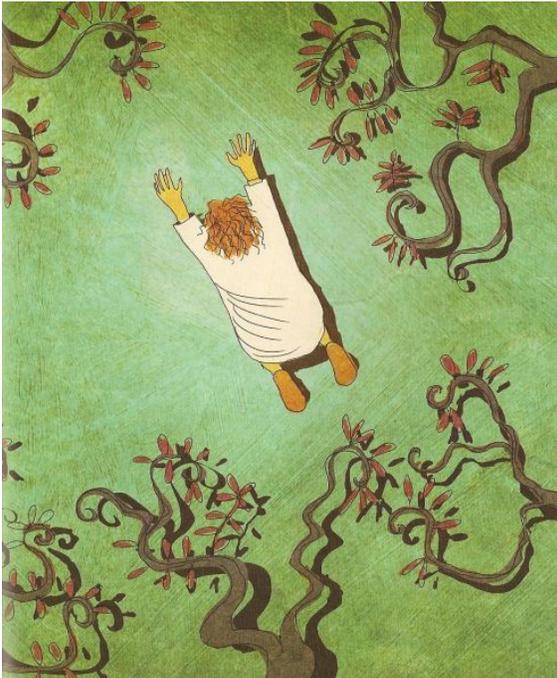




## SteepleTalk

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### This Sunday's Worship

"The Struggle in the Garden"  
[Matthew 26:36-46](#)

### Guatemala Mission: Informational Meeting This Sunday, 10:00 AM, Fellowship Hall

Our Guatemala Mission Team has made the arrangements for our next mission trip to Cobán, Guatemala. The dates are June 13-23, 2018.

We look forward to renewing our partnership with Rob and Tara Cahill in their work of community development and agricoology, as well as visiting our young friends at the

“mountain school” of Chirreomax in Cobán. Additionally, we plan to share deeply in the worship and fellowship of the Antioch Presbyterian Church and their pastor, Philip Beisswenger, as well as to assist in the construction work at the Presbyterian Complex there.

We hope that John Knox members will pray for this expression of our mission and consider seriously whether God is calling you to share personally in next June’s trip to Guatemala. **An informational meeting is planned for Sunday, October 8, in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour.** Please plan to attend, but also feel free to be in touch with Lois Bell, LaRue Wait, or Rick Thatcher if you have any questions.



## Wednesday Program Series: Who Is My Neighbor?

Our program series continues with a presentation from the Rev. Beth Templeton, founder and CEO of Our Eyes Were Opened, a ministry that helps people understand about poverty so they can reach out with wisdom and compassion.

The dinner menu will be: Roasted Pork Loin, Mac/Cheese, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Rolls, Dessert



## Church Directory

The new member directory is coming, but we need your help! We will be putting together a DIGITAL pictorial member directory that can be added to and changed. No more outdated directory! However, we need help from you—we need a DIGITAL photo of you and your family to furnish for the directory and any changes to your phone or address. Please submit these to the church office at [mscott@johnknoxpres.org](mailto:mscott@johnknoxpres.org). For those who are unable to submit a digital picture, Cecil Kelley has volunteered to take your photo. Details on when Cecil will be available at the Church will be coming. The deadline for submission of updated digital photo and personal information is December 1!

## FALL FEST!

It's everyone's favorite time of year! The annual John Knox Fall Fest will be held on Wednesday, October 25th, from 5:30 – 7:15 PM. Come join us as we celebrate the Fall season, raise money for our youth programs, and spend time in fellowship with one another! A hotdog dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 followed by a night of bounce houses, carnival games, trunk-or-treat, and other festive Fall activities. To make this fun event possible, we need your help! All church members are invited to participate in "Trunk or Treat" which will be held from 6:45 – 7:15 in the lower parking lot. Decorate your car, put on your best costume, and hand out candy to the parade of children! What a great way to put a smile on their faces and on your own. Donations of candy and small prizes are also greatly appreciated! You can drop these off in Jessica Meggs' office any time before October 25.



## Calling All Men

Thursday night, 10/12, we are going to gather at the Cazel house for some conversation, service and fellowship. We will be assembling Ziploc bags of water, food and hygiene supplies for those that might need them. When someone asks you for money at a stop light, what do you do? Keep your window rolled up? Look away? If you can hand out a bag that has some water, some food provisions, a toothbrush, etc., you will be filling a need and loving your neighbor.



[Here are the details:](#)

Justin Cazel's house – **207 Frank Street, GVL, 29601**

6:30 - Pizza

6:45 – brief devotion

7:00 – bag stuffing

7:30 – Then we watch the first half of Texas State v Louisiana

You bring the beverage of your choice

**INSTRUCTIONS!!! READ THIS!!!**

Justin will get Ziploc bags and bottled water. Here's what you bring. If your birth month is even, bring some small non-perishable food item (small bags of peanuts, granola bars, fruit roll ups, etc.). Count on 50. If your birth month is odd, bring a simple hygiene item (small hand sanitizer, individually wrapped toothbrush, sample deodorant, small bars of soap, etc.). For you Clemson fans, If you're born in January, that's the 1<sup>st</sup> month, so it's odd. You bring hygiene items!! For FSU fans, if you're born in April, that's the 4<sup>th</sup> month, even, so you bring food items. Remember that what you bring needs to fit in a gallon size Ziploc bag. For all other fans, you are probably smart enough to figure it out.

If you can make it, let Justin know by either calling/texting ([864-230-9000](tel:864-230-9000)) or sending an email to [Justin.cazel@southstatebank.com](mailto:Justin.cazel@southstatebank.com).

Don't miss this opportunity to serve your neighbor!

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## Operation Christmas Child

# Due November 19, 2017

*Christmas already?* Yes, it is time to start thinking about our mission, Operation Christmas Child! We are asking each family to pack at least one shoe box for needy children all over the world. If you start now packing and preparing your boxes, you can save money and maybe pack more boxes for poor children all over the world. This not only brightens their day, but it also spreads the word about God's love to children everywhere who might not have heard that message otherwise.

This year we will have some premade shoe boxes available on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. Or, you can use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required. You can buy these at Dollar Tree or Dollar General. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.

Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Print out the appropriate boy/girl label by downloading the artwork [here](#). Mark the correct age category on the label, and tape the label to the top of your box.

Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. **New this year! No toothpaste or candy!** Start with a quality "wow" item such as a stuffed animal, soccer ball with pump, or clothing outfit that will capture the child's attention the instant he or she opens the box. **DO NOT INCLUDE** candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; seeds; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

## **INCLUDE \$9 DONATION**

**Please donate \$9 or more** for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs. You can give online by using our "[Follow Your Box Donation](#)" option, or you can write a check to Samaritan's Purse (note "OCC" on memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the gift items inside your box. If you or your family are preparing more than one shoe box, please make one combined donation. Note that the shipping cost has gone up!!!

Place a rubber band around each closed shoe box and drop it off in the Fellowship Hall during our collection week, by Sunday, November 19, 2017.

*Thank you* for continuing year after year to brighten the lives of needy children all over the world! Questions? Call Harriette Drescher 864 982-8870 or [hbdresch@aol.com](mailto:hbdresch@aol.com)

## **Follow Your Box: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/followyourbox/>**

By making your donation online using a credit or debit card you will receive a special shoe box label included in your e-mail receipt. *Print or copy the label as many times as you need to attach to each of your boxes.* Your specific barcode is connected to your e-mail address, so it's important to use the same label on each of your boxes. The barcode on the label enables us to track each shoe box gift. You will receive an e-mail telling you the destination of your gift, along with information about Operation Christmas Child in that country. If your boxes go to more than one country, you will receive more than one e-mail.



## **Young at Heart**

The YAHs will be taking a **fall foliage viewing** trip to the Asheville area on Oct. 17, 2017. We will assemble in the upper parking lot at 10 AM and leave promptly at 10:30 in order to arrive at the lunch spot just before 12 noon. We shall have lunch at the new **Sierra-Nevada Brewing Co.** After lunch, two options available are (1) a free self guided tour of the brewing operations or (2) a nature hike on the nearby walking trail. In either case, we are sure to enjoy. The Tap Room serves a nice selection of sandwiches and light fare. Also, if you are inclined, there are many different beers available. Sadly, there are no free samples. We must have a head count by Oct. 15 in order to reserve the large passenger vans, please RSVP to Bill/Bessie Lee @233-5518, Ron Jacobs at 268-6577 or LaRue Wait at 675-6172.



## Youth Ministry News

### Sunday Night Youth Group!

Join us this Sunday night for a time of fellowship, games, teaching, and dinner! October is a busy month in the life of JK Youth with retreats, service opportunities, and fun Fall festivities so this Sunday will be our only regular Sunday Night program. Don't miss out on all the fun!

**Junior Highs: 4:30-6**

**Senior High: 5:30-7**



### Sr. Highs serving at Triune!

Instead of regular youth programs on Sunday October 15th, our Senior Highs will be serving dinner at Triune together! We will meet in the church parking lot at 3:00 PM to head to Triune Mercy Center where we will serve our Greenville neighbors in need of a hot meal. If you are interested in going with us as a driver or helping us serve, let Jessica know!



## Children's Ministry News

### Sunday School

As we near the end of our study of the *Jesus Storybook Bible*, I hope you will enjoy reading these last few stories with your family. As the book title tells us, "every story whispers his name." This week we will read "A Dark Night in the Garden", which tells the story of Jesus' time in the Garden of Gethsemane.

### Children's Music Program

Our children are singing in church this Sunday, October 8! The children will be singing at the beginning of both services. If your family attends the 8:30 service, please have your child meet Mrs. Martin in the hallway outside the Chapel at 8:25. If your family attends the 11:00 service, we will pick up the children from Sunday School a few minutes early for practice, and then walk them to the sanctuary to sing. Parents can go ahead and get a good seat! At both services, the children will come sit with their parents after they sing. If your child attended any of our Sunday afternoon practices in September, or was in Sunday School this past Sunday (Oct. 1), then they are welcome to sing with us this Sunday! We would love to have your children sing at both services so that we have lots of their beautiful voices singing together! Check your Children's Ministry Newsletter for more details. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Martin or Susan Felton.



## Clerk's Report

The Session of John Knox Presbyterian Church met on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 6:00 PM, in the Kirk Room. The following are some of the items discussed:

- The Non-Budgeted Expenditures policy was discussed and approved by Session with the addition of a requirement for backup documentation for the estimated cost.
- The monthly financial report was shared by Ryan O'Sullivan and discussed. Things are looking good but were a little skewed since this was a three pay period month.
- Adult Sunday School options for curriculum after we finish with 'The Jesus Storybook Bible' were

discussed.

- The WNL presentation on the Guatemala missions was postponed due to the power outage last week. They are looking to reschedule to coordinate with the kickoff of next summer's trip.
- The CE committee proposed and the Session approved 2018 VBS dates of June 24<sup>th</sup> thru June 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Bill Mathews reported that the CMO meeting and the Blood Drive were both cancelled due to the hurricane related power outage last week.
- Maury Purcell reported that Evangelism is working hard on plans for the digital directory.
  - a. Pictures will be member responsibility. Deadline is December 1, 2017.
  - b. Cecil Kelley has volunteered to take pictures of any that might need help.
  - c. Joel Smith is looking into password protection for the online directory.
  - d. Paper copies will be available for folks that do not have internet access.
- The next brunch for prospective members will be on October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Steve Meggs advised that they currently have five people on the list for WNL meal deliveries. Nurture is coordinating.
- Mary Stall is heading up Homecoming this year. It is scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Steve reported that Basketball signups are underway, thru September 24. Jon Nelson is in charge.
- There was a general discussion about the league request that we host games in our Gym this year. This would involve scheduling a book keeper, scoreboard operator, and adult supervision. It would most likely include 1 night of games per week. The Session approved this, pending verification that all our equipment does work.
- Kitty Olson said for Nurture that things are going well with the In-Home Communion, Care Companion, and Stephen Ministry programs.
- She advised that publicity will begin next week in the Steeple Talk for the memory loss and aging program for the fall. The seminar will be on October 22. They have three great speakers already lined up.
- Rich Falasco is coordinating the WNL meal deliveries with Steve Meggs of Fellowship.
- Jim Barnett reported for P&O that the damage to the breezeway is being repaired. Best Buy's insurance is paying for the work.
- They are getting pricing on the new Sanctuary A/V sound booth.
- The Parlor renovation is underway.
- Jim explained the problems with the old tar and gravel type flat roof over the Fellowship Hall and that it might soon need replacement.
- P&O presented a plan to replace the 48 chairs in the Kirk Room. Jim shared a data sheet on the chair they've selected and a preliminary plan for funding. The Session authorized the committee to move forward with their planning, pending a final funding plan.
- Susan Felton, our Director of Children's Ministries, reported that the First Graders' introduction to worship will be happening over the next three weeks.
- Sunday afternoon is the Children's Choir rehearsal. 12 to 13 kids have been attending.
- Dr. Turnbull spoke briefly on the challenges presented last week by the extended power outage (Hurricane Irma) and on the dedication and response of the staff.

Dick Powers  
Clerk of Session

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### October

- 5 - Amy Leidheiser, Melissa Long, Samuel Martin, Darcy O'Sullivan
- 6 - Sarah Mullis, Griffin Stansberry, Connor Lyden, Saunders Rostin
- 7 - Jean Richters, Jayden Smith
- 8 - Ken Drescher, Sarah Britt
- 9 - David Sims
- 10 - Jeannette Hooper
- 11 - Nina Kelley, Amy Stansberry

### By the Numbers

Attendance on Sunday, October 1

8:30 - 64

Weekly Offering Received: \$14,708.50  
Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$16,336.85  
YTD Offering Received: \$639,510.27  
YTD Budgeted Offering: \$653,474.00



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