

# Signal Points

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The logo is a shield-shaped emblem with a dark purple background. At the top, the word "TRAILHEAD" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below it, the year "2018" is written in white inside a small teal diamond. A red banner with white text reads "FISH AT SIGNAL PRES". At the bottom of the shield, there are three teal pine trees. Below the shield, the dates "FEBRUARY 23-25" are written in white, curved text. The background of the entire graphic is a stylized mountain range with brown and red peaks, teal evergreen trees, and a large orange sun in a teal sky. In the bottom right corner, there is a small illustration of a red and orange backpack with a teal roll of fabric on top.

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLERS - \$40 FOR THE WEEKEND OR \$25 FOR ONE NIGHT - REGISTER AT [SMTWO.ORG/FISH-2018](http://SMTWO.ORG/FISH-2018)**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT VALERIE AT [VSCHULTZ@SIGNALPRES.ORG](mailto:VSCHULTZ@SIGNALPRES.ORG) OR 423.886.2190**

## THE PATH MATTERS. THE TRAIL MATTERS.

When we think of "trailhead" often times we think of some worn out wooden sign in the middle of the forest. The theme Trailhead for FISH weekend (for Middle and High Schoolers) is seen as a representation of the starting point for those who are seeking a deep and meaningful relationship with Christ. Every person is on a spiritual journey of one form or another whether they know it or not. No matter if you're just starting out or have miles of experience under your belt, all students are invited to join us as we focus on the Trailhead together this weekend.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Whether you have one hour or a whole weekend to give, there's a way for you to get involved with SM2's biggest outreach event of the year.

For a list of ways to serve or to sign up, please visit [smtwo.org/FISH-2018](http://smtwo.org/FISH-2018).

QUESTIONS? Contact Valerie at [vschultz@signalpres.org](mailto:vschultz@signalpres.org).

## DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

On February 18th we will be having our annual congregational meeting, together with lunch in Dudley Hall, immediately after the 10:45 service (nursery will be provided). Even if our annual meeting has been somewhat less than annual over the past few years, the Book of Church Order tells us to have this meeting once a year as a way of providing the entire church with an update on where we are and where we are going. I hope that you'll make plans to join us.

There is a conversation that we have during every round of the Intro to Signal Pres (formerly Inquirer's) class. On the left side of the white board, I write down the entities that make up any business: the owner, the employer, the employees and the customers. Then, after reminding everyone that the church is not a business, I ask something like, but if it were, what would be the corresponding entities to these parts of a business?

**Can I ask you to take a second to answer that right now? The church is not a business, it is the bride of Jesus. But for the purpose of illustration, what person/people most closely correspond to the owner of the business? The employer? The employees? The customers?**

Normally, there isn't a lot of discussion about who the owner would be. God is the easy answer here...and the right one! In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are also his. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land (Psalm 95:4-5).

If that is the easy part of the exercise, the harder part, is answering who are the employees and who are the customers? Some say that the customers are the members, and the employees are the church staff. That certainly makes sense, and often that is how the church functions. But is that the biblical picture? The answer seems to be no!

Remember those words of Paul from Ephesians 4:11-12. God gave the... pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. According to Paul, the employees—the ones who are doing the work of ministry - are not the pastors and the elders and the church staff, but the saints, that is, the people of the church! And if the members are the employees, then who are the customers? They are the people who are not yet here! The customers are those who are apart from the Faith; they are our neighbors, our co-workers, the community in which we live, and the nations that surround us near and far! Those whom God is, through us, bringing into his body to build her up in Christ.

So what about the pastors and elders and church staff? They would most accurately be compared to the employer. Their job is to equip the saints—to provide you with everything you need to do the work to which the owner has called you.

The church is not a business. But if it were, the owner would be God; the employer would be the pastors, elders, and staff; the employees would be the members; and the customers would be the community in which we live.

**Is this how you think of the church? What are the benefits of thinking this way, and what are the consequences of thinking that we, the members, are the customers? Those are good questions to consider!**

I look forward to taking some intentional time on the 18th to share where we are and where we are going—together—in the work that God has given to us.

SCOTT

## MEMORIALS

**Stella Copeland Gregory**  
Mother of Doug (Beverly) Gregory  
December 25, 2017  
Anderson, SC & Gadsden, AL

**James Christopher Wright II**  
Brother of Mary (Dean) Hutson  
December 25, 2017  
Chattanooga, TN

**Ben Bowen, Sr.**  
Father of Alex (Stella) Bowen  
December 26, 2017  
Fort Oglethorpe, GA

**Janet Mikelyn Maddox Clausen**  
Mother of Don (Kim) Clausen  
December 26, 2017  
Santa Rosa Beach, FL

**Mary Ann Keenan Noblett**  
Mother of Phil (Peggy) Noblett  
December 26, 2017  
Asheville, North Carolina

**Don Gordon Owens**  
Father of Pam (Rick) Morrison  
January 2, 2018  
Knoxville, TN

**Martha Freels**  
Church Member 1960-2018  
January 13, 2018  
Signal Mountain, TN

**Jean Buckshorn**  
Church Member 1961-2018  
January 19, 2018  
Davenport, Florida

## 4TH QUARTER EQUIP CLASSES

FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 2

Also, save the date for the fourth quarter kick-off event, Signal Pres Goes to the Oscars, at 5:30 PM on February 21.



### Q4 ADULT EQUIP CLASSES

**JUST A PHASE** · Catherine Payne

**GRACE-FILLED GRANDPARENTING** · Margaret Ferguson, Jerry Ferrari, and Allison Webb

**I HAVE CALLED YOU FRIENDS:** Loving Our Neighbors through Hospitality, Friendship, and by Serving Our City · Matt Busby, Dave Strunk, and Ryan Van Horn

To view the menu or make your dinner reservation for each week, please visit [signalpres.org/EQUIP](http://signalpres.org/EQUIP).

## SIGNAL PRES GOES TO

# *The Oscars*

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21  
5:30–7:30 PM *in Dudley Hall*

Each year the Academy Awards tell us a lot about the current state of our culture. Each film nominated for “Best Picture” tells a story that reflects the climate of the world around us: What does the world around us care about? What do our neighbors think “the good life” looks like? And where do we see people posing questions that the Gospel of Jesus Christ can answer?

Join us on February 21st as we kick off the final quarter of 2017-2018 **EQUIP** with an event that will help us to understand the neighbors and world we’re called to love. We’ll take a look at the movies nominated for “Best Picture” this year, thinking both charitably and critically about the stories we see on the big screen and ask how we can think about them in light of the Big Story of the Bible.

Please RSVP online at [signalpres.org/EQUIP](http://signalpres.org/EQUIP).



## NEXT INTRO TO SIGNAL PRES CLASS

MARCH 4–25 · 9:30 AM  
SESSION ROOM

Designed as the “front door” to the life of the church, this class is for anyone who wants to get to know more about Signal Pres. It is about what we believe, why we do what we do, how to get involved, and what membership is all about—all while introducing you to other people new to the church, the pastors, elders, and other church members.

QUESTIONS? Contact Scott at [sbowen@signalpres.org](mailto:sbowen@signalpres.org).

## SIGNAL PRES KENYA MISSION TRIP

AUGUST 3–17  
COST ~ \$1600

We will be partnering with Outreach Foundation, the Kenyan people, and the Presbyterian Church of East Africa in constructing a church & school in the Plains.

### INFORMATIONAL MEETING

February 4 following the 10:45 service in the Greeting Room.

QUESTIONS? Contact Christie at [cgilliam@signalpres.org](mailto:cgilliam@signalpres.org).

### GIFTS IN MEMORY OF

Marnie Abel  
*Mr. and Mrs. James O’Kelley*

David Deeg  
*Ms. Donna Newsome*

Audrey Duckett  
*Mr. and Mrs. James O’Kelley*

Sandy McMillan  
*Mr. and Mrs. James O’Kelley*

Stella Gregory  
*Mr. and Mrs. William L. Brown*  
*Mrs. Barby Wilson*

Mary Willingham Martin  
*Dr. and Mrs. Dan Smith*

Joseph S. Petree  
*Mr. and Mrs. John Adams*  
*Mr. and Mrs. William L. Brown*  
*Mr. and Mrs. James Canestrari*  
*Ms. Jan Carpenter*  
*Mr. and Mrs. Scott Cook*  
*Custom Mechanical Contractors*  
*Mrs. Nancy Davis*

*Mr. and Mrs. Tom Francescon Sr.*  
*Mr. and Mrs. Steven Frost*  
*Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harris*

*Ms. Wanda Hicks*  
*Mrs. Alice Hill*

*Mr. James Hodges*  
*Ms. Kay Jowers*

*Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mohney*  
*Mrs. Dorothy Nation*

*Mr. and Mrs. John Niemeyer*  
*Mrs. Terry Norton*

*Mr. and Mrs. James Raulston*  
*Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith*

*Mrs. Denise Taylor*  
*Mrs. Barby Wilson*

*Mrs. Betty Woodard*

Virginia Sparks  
*Ms. Donna Newsome*

Ted Whitfield  
*Mr. and Mrs. Scott Stringer*

Thomas E. Wilson  
*Mr. and Mrs. Scott Stringer*

### GIFTS IN HONOR OF

Jackie Carson  
*Mr. and Mrs. James O’Kelley*

Jim and Ellen Thomison  
*Mr. and Mrs. James O’Kelley*

James Usher  
*Mr. and Mrs. William Barker*

Stephen Ministers  
*Stephen Ministry*

## MEN! JOIN US FOR THE 6TH ANNUAL OLD TOWN THROWDOWN

SATURDAY, MARCH 17 · 4 PM  
THE WAREHOUSE (YOUTH WING)

The Old Town Throwdown is our annual Men’s Ministry Ping Pong Tournament. Men (ages 22+) won’t want to miss this opportunity for food, fellowship, and fun competition! Registration is limited to 64 players (first come, first serve), but all are invited to join us for dinner... and a little heckling.

Sign up today by contacting Christie at 886.2190 or [cgilliam@signalpres.org](mailto:cgilliam@signalpres.org).



## GET CONNECTED TO MEN’S MINISTRY

Sign up for our Monday Morning Check-In weekly email by visiting [signalpres.org/ministries/men](http://signalpres.org/ministries/men).

CONTACT: Joey · [jsherrard@signalpres.org](mailto:jsherrard@signalpres.org)

# LIVING WATER HIGHLANDER BIBLE STUDY & LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27 · 11 AM  
WOODWARD HALL

Living Water is a Bible study and fellowship opportunity for our Highlanders (those over 65 years of age). On the last Tuesday of every month, we study Scripture that reminds us of God's plans for us, even and especially in our later years. Come and be encouraged with us!

*This month, we'll talk about:*

CHANGE – a word that sometimes strikes terror in our hearts. But is all change bad? Whether wanted or uninvited, change challenges us to look for potentially unexpected benefits. When we know our Sovereign God is in control, we might even find in the changes some blessings straight from HIS hand.

*Lunch will be served at noon. Please RSVP to Christie at [cgilliam@signalpres.org](mailto:cgilliam@signalpres.org) or 886-2190.*

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

*When Life's pieces are too difficult to pick up, let a Stephen Minister help.*

NEED HELP? Contact: Leah Conner, Petie Corell, Mary Wray, or Margaret Ferguson at the church office (886-2190).

## HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED IN MUSIC MINISTRY?



1

### SING IN THE CHOIR!

Joining the choir family requires no audition and you're sure to get a good seat every Sunday as we lead worship with a variety of anthems, hymns, and worship songs.

2

### PLAY YOUR INSTRUMENT!

If you are a skilled instrumentalist, we would love to talk to you and see how to best use your gifts in the life of the church.

3

### HELP OUT IN KIDS' CHOIR!

Spend time with our great children's choir leaders fostering the gifts of our future worship leaders.

4

### VOLUNTEER IN THE MUSIC SUITE!

Our music team can always use an extra hand with music and other administrative details, especially during Christmas and Easter.

*If any of these opportunities sound interesting to you, please don't hesitate to get in touch!*

CONTACT: Trish • [twileman@signalpres.org](mailto:twileman@signalpres.org)

**WOMEN'S RETREAT // FEBRUARY 9-11 · THE COVE IN ASHEVILLE, NC · \$240**

We're down to the wire! Reserve your spot by February 6. Register online at [signalpres.org/womens-retreat-2018](http://signalpres.org/womens-retreat-2018).

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAYS • 9:30–10:25 AM

## BIBLE IN MY HEART

*For God is the King of all the earth; sing to Him a psalm of praise. God reigns over the nations; God is seated on His holy throne. —PSALM 47:7–8*

## GOD'S BIG PICTURE QUESTION

*Who is our King? Jesus is our King forever, and He rules over the world.*

## LESSONS

1. David was anointed and fought Goliath
  2. David and Jonathan became friends
  3. God made a covenant with David
  4. David sinned and was restored
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## EQUIP • AGAPE CLUB • 5TH

WEDNESDAYS • 6:15–7:30 PM

Children may be checked in from 6:00–6:15 PM

## AGAPE CLUB

### UNIT OF STUDY: FRIENDSHIP

#### 1 SAMUEL 18:1–4

*Faithful, Encouraging, Loyal, Forgiving*

#### 6:15–7:00 PM

4s/5s/K: Joy Choir/Catechism in Rm. 112  
1st/2nd: Praise Choir/Catechism in Rm. 109

#### 6:30–6:45 PM

3rd/4th/5th: Catechism in Rm. 118

#### 6:45–7:30 PM

3rd/4th: Agape Club Rotation  
5th: **5th**

#### 7:00–7:30 PM

4s/5s/K: Agape Club Rotation  
1st/2nd: Agape Club Rotation

#### 7:30 PM

Parent Pickup on Children's Floor

# NURSERY MINISTRY

In February, our twos and threes will continue to hear that Jesus loves them, loves us all, no matter what. Jesus showed this love to the woman at the well, Zacchaeus, the unloved woman, and Peter.

**Ask your child this key question:** *Who does Jesus love?* And help us instill the bottom line: *Jesus loves EVERYONE.*

## MEMORY VERSE

*Love each other as I have loved you. —JOHN 15:12*

If you are the parent of young children (infant through preschool) plan to join us during Q4 of EQUIP for the class "Just a Phase." We will talk about embracing everyday life, phases your child will be going through, and how to incorporate faith into your daily routine.

# CHILDREN'S EVENTS

## ALEXIAN SERVICE

FEBRUARY 4 • 3 PM

**5th** will lead the Alexian Sunday Worship Service. The 3rd/4th SIGN LANGUAGE Team will accompany and present "Amazing Grace" as well.

## CHILDREN'S ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

FEBRUARY 14

4s–2nd Grade will be with Elder Tony Boals.  
3rd–5th will be with Elder Glenn Baird.

SAVE THE  
DATE FOR  
VBS 2018!



JUNE 18–21

You won't want to miss this! Mark it on your calendar as you're making your summer plans!

CONTACT: Berna • [bslabber@signalpres.org](mailto:bslabber@signalpres.org)



## 2018 SUMMER TRIPS with SM2

HAVE A NO-BUMMER SUMMER. REGISTER BY MARCH 1  
AT [SMTWO.ORG/SUMMER-2018](http://SMTWO.ORG/SUMMER-2018). (scholarships available)

1

**HIGH SCHOOL**  
completed 11th–12th grade  
**VENTURE / COLORADO**  
JUNE 7-14 | COST: \$650

2

**HIGH SCHOOL**  
completed 9th–12th grade  
**MISSIONS NICARAGUA**  
JUNE 16-23  
COST: \$500  
+ AIRFARE (EST. \$900)

3

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
completed 6th–8th grade  
**MISSIONS CHATTANOOGA**  
JUNE 25-30 | COST: \$350

4

**HIGH SCHOOL**  
completed 9th–12th grade  
**MISSIONS NEW YORK**  
JULY 14-22  
COST: \$700



## SM2 SENIOR GATHERINGS

ATTENTION SENIORS! We will have monthly get togethers beginning in February at different host homes on Signal—hope you can join us!

All meetings will take place 4–5:30 PM. Look for more info to come at [smtwo.org](http://smtwo.org).

### FEBRUARY 11

Discerning your calling and vocation

### MARCH 11

Managing money & creating a budget

### APRIL 8

The Church

### MAY 6

Relationships

CONTACT: Valerie • [vschultz@signalpres.org](mailto:vschultz@signalpres.org)

## FROM THE MAILBOX

*To My Church Family,*

*Thank you for continuing to uphold me at my most vulnerable point. Your tender hugs, cards, phone calls and other expressions of love and sympathy, at the time of Joe's home-going, were, and continue to be, such an encouragement to me. They remind me of how God's light and love flow through you.*

—JEAN PETREE

## CHURCH-WIDE MEETING & LUNCH: 2017 YEAR IN REVIEW & NEW MEMBER WELCOME



FEBRUARY 18 • DUDLEY HALL

After the 10:45 AM Service • Nursery Provided

Please make plans to join us for this opportunity to welcome our latest class of new members and take a look at the work God has done in and through Signal Pres over the last year, and look ahead to what's in store for 2018.

CONTACT: Scott • [sbowen@signalpres.org](mailto:sbowen@signalpres.org)

## STAY IN-THE-KNOW WITH ALL THINGS SIGNAL PRES

Have you signed up for our weekly email newsletter? If not, please email Stacy McKinney at [smckinney@signalpres.org](mailto:smckinney@signalpres.org).

*For even more news & events, visit*  
**[FACEBOOK.COM/SIGNALPRES](http://FACEBOOK.COM/SIGNALPRES)**

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

FEBRUARY 14

DINNER IN DUDLEY HALL · 5:30 PM  
SERVICE IN SANCTUARY · 6:30 PM

Children (4s-5th grade) may be checked in on the Children's Floor following dinner between 6 and 6:15 for the Children's Ash Wednesday Service.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR FAMILY CAMP AT ALPINE

SEPTEMBER 7-9

Mark your calendars now because all ages are welcome and we want to celebrate with the whole church family! Interested in being part of a planning team? Contact Valerie at [vschultz@signalpres.org](mailto:vschultz@signalpres.org).

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SHEPHERDS TEAM NEEDS YOU!

Worship Shepherds serve in a delightful ministry by welcoming the congregation & visitors to worship on Sundays. Each team serves two months during the year on a rotating basis. All are welcome!

### HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**SERVING TEAM:** Volunteer with others who plate each meal on the serving line. Teams serve on a rotating basis at Wednesday dinner & during special occasion meals.

**BAG BOYS:** Help us clear the trash during regular Wednesday dinner & special occasion meals.

**TO LEARN MORE:** Contact Barbara at 886-2190 or [bhailey@signalpres.org](mailto:bhailey@signalpres.org).

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### RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

#### INCLEMENT WEATHER

To find out if the church office is closed, or if services & events are canceled, visit [signalpres.org](http://signalpres.org) or call the Church Office at 886.2190.

#### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & LUNCH

Sunday, February 18, after the 10:45 service  
New Member Welcome & 2017 Ministry Recap

#### SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, February 18 during both services

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