

Signal Points

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serve saturday

SIGNAL PRES

APRIL 28 // 8 AM–2 PM

All ages, abilities, and skill levels welcome!

Register online at signalpres.org/serve

Individuals, families, Youth D-Groups, and small groups are invited to join us for what is sure to be a fun and impactful day together as we roll up our sleeves to serve the community partners we also financially support.

The community partners we will serve this weekend include: Bethany Christian Services, Hope for the Inner City, Signal Mountain Social Services, Widows Harvest, House of Refuge, and Project 52.

Youth D-groups will have a special opportunity to work alongside students from UTC's The House student ministry.

WHAT TO EXPECT

A light breakfast will be served 8:00–8:30 AM in the Youth Cafe, followed by prayer and a send off. We will work at the various sites 9 AM–2 PM. We can accommodate flexible schedules if you notify us when you sign up.

QUESTIONS? Contact Christie at cgilliam@signalpres.org or 886.2190.

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us in celebrating our Savior's Resurrection!

- 7:15 AM Sunrise Service on the Brow at 318 N. Palisades
Rain Location: Marr Chapel
- 8:10 AM First Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School, Children's Sunday Morning, Youth & Parents Family Cafe
- 10:45 AM Second Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Overflow seating in Marr Chapel

EASTER PRAYER VIGIL

6 AM GOOD FRIDAY—
6 AM EASTER SUNDAY

MARR CHAPEL

The Easter Prayer Vigil has become a favorite tradition for families, small groups, D-groups, and individuals during Holy Week. Sign-up posters are located in the Greeting Room and outside the Music Suite on Sundays, in Dudley Hall during Wednesday Dinner, or at the Church Office during the week.

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

As I write this, it's one of those brilliant mid-March days that we know so well up here on the mountain. The sun is out in full force, and because of that buds are just starting to form and open on the trees and bushes. Green is starting to break through the brown in the lawns around the mountain. The mornings are cold, but by mid-afternoon we can shed our jackets in the anticipation that warmer days are just around the corner. Spring is on the way. It's not here yet, but we can feel it coming.

I love that Easter falls this time of year, because the morning of the empty tomb should fill us with that same feeling. A change is coming. In fact, it's already begun. Death's chains have been shattered. New life is breaking in. Sin's power is broken, and its guilt no longer holds us. And even now its effects are being undone. When we accompany the women to the tomb on Easter morning and discover with them that our Lord has been raised, hopefully we can sense this is true. We can feel that a change is coming, a change that means everything.

That a dead man can be raised changes everything, and it's a summons to be involved in Jesus' work of making all things new. At His invitation, we're pulled into the call to see not only our broken lives remade, but to see how Jesus is at work in making communities, neighborhoods, schools, and cities new. I am so grateful that at Signal Pres we give our resources to join in on this work, partnering with over 40 community ministries here in Chattanooga with over \$300,000 in support through your tithes and offerings. Your generosity is a part of what God is doing to provide relief to the homeless, rehabilitation to broken families and communities, and more.

The Lord wants our hands and feet involved in this work as well, which is why we're inviting you to be a part of Serve Saturday on April 28. God is at work through our community ministry partners, and Serve Saturday is a chance to learn from our friends, to say thank you for what they're doing in our community, and to join in and get our hands dirty—as individuals, families, and small groups—in the grand calling of the One who makes all things new. We would love for you to join us, and the work we do can accommodate all ages and abilities. If you have any questions at all, contact Christie Gilliam (886.2190 or cgilliam@signalpres.org) and we will do our best to make a place for any special circumstances.

A change is coming. New life is breaking in. Together, let's find our place alongside our Risen Lord as He brings new life and hope.

JOEY

MOTHER'S DAY LIBRARY EVENT APRIL 29 (TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO MOTHER'S DAY)

Please consider taking part in this special tradition! Potential new library materials will be on display in the Cornerstone 3rd floor corridor for purchase/gifting to the library in honor of or memory of mothers or other people special to the donors. **QUESTIONS?** Contact Fay at 886.2190.

WEDDINGS

Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Baskette
(nee Grace Young) • Saturday, March 24, 2018, at The Turnbull, Chattanooga. The Reverend Andy Cornett presided.

Mr. & Mrs. John Bryant
(nee Caroline Novkov) • Saturday, March 24, 2018, at Signal Pres. The Reverend Dr. William Dudley, Senior Pastor Emeritus, presided, assisted by the Reverend Doug Brown, Uncle of the bride.

BAPTISM

Henry Philip Megison
Son of Andrew & Kelsey Megison
Sunday, March 18, 2018
Reverend Bowen celebrated the Sacrament assisted by Reverend Cornett & Elder Blaise Baxter.

MEMORIALS

Carl Waldron, Jr.
Brother of Pat (Bill) Riheldaffer
February 24, 2018, Monroe, LA

Alice Kiehl
Mother of Jim (Ginger) Kachline
March 18, 2018, Maplewood, NJ

Warren Miller
Church Member 1987–2018
March 21, 2018, Signal Mountain

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF

Shirley Alderman
Mrs. Nancy Davis
Ms. Dorothy Griggs
Mrs. Joyce Hill
Mrs. Barby Wilson
Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Zeiser

Jean Buckshorn
Ms. Bernice Moon

Martha Freels
Mr. and Mrs. T. Maxfield Bahner
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chambers
Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Curran
Mr. and Mrs. David Henry
Ms. Jane D. Isbell
Mrs. Lou Oliphant
Ms. Linda Pitner
Mrs. Paul J. Viall
Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Zeiser

Stella Gregory
Dr. and Mrs. Phil Megison
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mohny
Ann Morris
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Raulston
Mrs. Lucia Whitfield
Mrs. Barby Wilson
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zeiser

Joe Petree
Mr. and Mrs. W. Woods Blake
Mrs. Lucia Whitfield
James Christopher Wright II
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Francescon, Sr.

LIVING WATER HIGHLANDER BIBLE STUDY & LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, APRIL 24 • 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!

Join us at Living Water this month as we talk about aging in light of eternity. In the face of inevitable changes that growing older brings, remembering that Jesus conquered death can give us peace and help us accept transitions with hope. Our study begins at 11 AM; lunch (and fabulous fellowship) begin at noon.

Please RSVP to Christie at cgilliam@signalpres.org or 886-2190.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

*Crisis can turn your world umop əpɪsdn
Stephen Ministers can help you get
rightside up.*

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



HAITI MISSION TRIP RECAP

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11 AT 5:30 • DUDLEY HALL

Come see and hear what God is doing in Haiti and how members of Signal Pres are taking part in kingdom-building work!

RESERVATIONS are REQUIRED for Dinner and Childcare (birth-age 4).

RSVP at SIGNALPRES.ORG/EQUIP

CONTACT: Christie • cgilliam@signalpres.org

AN OPEN INVITATION TO ALL WOMEN

YOU'RE INVITED TO CHECK OUT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY CIRCLES!

We are small groups of women who meet once a month in homes for Bible Study, fellowship, and prayer support. Three times during the year we gather together at church for a Bible lesson followed by a delicious lunch. Three of our groups meet on Monday mornings, two on Tuesday mornings, and one meets on Tuesday evenings. We find it's a great way to make friends, especially if you are new to Signal Pres. One of us veteran Circles participants will be glad to chat with you if you'd like more details. To learn more, please call Debbie Rucci at 886-6705 or Linda Davenport at 886-7173. You may also go to signalpres.org and click on Women's Ministry.

STAFF PICKS

WHAT WE'RE READING AND LISTENING TO

We're excited to introduce a new monthly feature, "Staff Picks." No, this isn't a carry-over from March Madness (though we did that, too); this is a place for all the folks you know and love at Signal Pres to let you know what's been on their desks and nightstands, and what they've listened to lately.

These are things that have shaped how we think about the Christian life, faithfulness to Jesus in the world, and resources that are simply so good that we had to share. We'll have book copies for sale in Woodward Hall on Sunday morning (cash and check), and it's possible we might schedule a one-off "book club" gathering to talk about what we liked about it. Let us know if you'd be interested (jsherrard@signalpres.org), and check out this month's picks!

HERON RIVER

by Hugh Cook - \$15 Woodward



Scott Bowen's Pick

POEMS OF R.S. THOMAS

by R.S. Thomas - \$7 Woodward



Andy Cornett's Pick

JESUS THE KING

by Tim Keller - \$15 Woodward



Camille Ward's Pick

INHERITANCE

by Audrey Assad - \$10 iTunes



Allison Dowlen's Pick

MORE THAN THE MUSIC: REDEMPTION IN THE RHYTHM SECTION

Ever wonder who is making the great music behind the rail every Sunday? Our Worship Band consists of guitarist Trey Wheeler, longtime member of Signal Pres, drummer Chip Hancock, and bassist Dave Schwab. Chip and Dave sit down together to share their testimonies of finding more than just a gig at Signal Pres.

Dave Schwab is a professional bass player, but also a full-time lecturer in the computer science department at UTC, as well as working toward his Ph.D. in computational science. Though you can catch him playing jazz at St. John's, Barking Legs, and other venues in town, Dave talks about how he began his musical and spiritual journey at Signal Pres.

"I started playing at Signal Pres about 10 years ago when the worship band was under the leadership of Steve Phillips. I was not a believer at the time, but it was a good group of talented musicians whom I enjoyed playing with. I started out playing about once or twice every two months. Eventually, I ended up playing in the band every week as we made the transition from Trish's leadership to Steve's."

But fulfilling a commitment to playing bass was not the end of the story.

"In Fall of 2016 I began to experience a transformation. The sermons seemed to be written for me specifically. A friend suggested I begin reading the bible, and so I did. I began with the book of John. One night when I was reading in John 9, it felt like God spoke to me directly, and from that point on I knew He was real and involved in my life. I began meeting with Scott Bowen weekly at that point, and I was baptized at Signal Pres on Sunday Oct 2, 2016. It has been an amazing journey since then, and I look forward to where the Lord may lead my life moving on from this point."

Chip Hancock served in the Marines for 4 years and in the Marine Band in San Diego. An alumnus of UTC, he has played with the Chattanooga Symphony and has toured worldwide as a drummer for Broadway shows.

"I played for Signal Pres several times in the 90's and early 2000's. When I was asked to be the regular drummer several years ago, Dr. Dudley's sermons began to really draw me in! He made a couple of simple points that made me think. I grew up always being scared at the end of each service that I would go to hell. My friends and fellow musicians, Trish Ross and Matt Broom, always seemed to have a sense of peace and comfort, even in hard times. Now I understand where that comes from. In addition, my choir family made me feel welcomed and that I belonged. I made a commitment to Christ and became a member my 2nd year of regular playing."

Through a commitment of his life to Christ, Chip found both a Father and a family at Signal Pres.

"I came home from Europe in 1997 to take care of mom, until her death in 2016. I was surrounded with prayers and a loving church family and choir family through the whole time. My experience in Signal Pres Music Ministry definitely carries over into my life. I have more purpose, and an assured sense of salvation. I really love my fellow musicians as they are very talented and so easy to work with. There is nothing better I can do with the talent God gave me than to offer it back to Him in Worship. This is the first Church I have ever joined. I love it here!"



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAYS • 9:30–10:25 AM

BIBLE IN MY HEART

The Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

—PSALM 100:5

GOD'S BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Why can we trust God? Everything God does is for His glory and our good.

LESSONS

1. Solomon Thought About Life
2. Job
3. Praises of God's People

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EQUIP • AGAPE CLUB • 5TH

Agape Club and 5th have concluded for the year. The children enjoyed learning how we can be the presence of Jesus' love in our HOME, COMMUNITY, SCHOOL, and WORLD.

NURSERY & CHILDREN'S EVENTS

EASTER SUNDAY

He is making all things new! No Sunday Morning on the Children's Floor. Nursery will be available.

EASTER MORNING FAMILY PICTURES

Have your picture made at the entrance to Nursery from 9:15 to 10:30 AM.

SERVE SATURDAY • April 28, 8 AM–2 PM

Please contact Christie Gilliam at cgilliam@signalpres.org to be placed on a team with your friends or your family. There's a job for everyone! More info online at signalpres.org/serve.



NURSERY MINISTRY

We have the awesome privilege of telling pre-schoolers that Jesus is God's Son, He is alive, and He wants to be their friend forever.

In April, we will celebrate this BIG NEWS and learn how to share this news with friends by caring for each other and loving each other even when it is hard. As we seek to live out our vision to be "the faithful presence of Jesus' love in ordinary life," we want to guide our little ones at Signal Pres to be the presence of Jesus' love in their own little worlds: homes, preschools, ball fields, and playgrounds. Please partner with us this month and help your child learn Matthew 28:19 (NIV), "Go and make disciples of all nations."

REGISTER
ONLINE FOR
VBS 2018!



JUNE 18–21
RISING 1ST-6TH GRADE

You won't want to miss this! Register online at signalpres.org/VBS-2018. To Volunteer, contact Berna at bslabber@signalpres.org.

DISCIPLE 2.0

APRIL 8, 22, 29, & MAY 6

Hey HS Students: Do you long for a better way to understand the world? Do you feel a pull to dive deeper in knowing Jesus and trusting him? Do you want to know how to tell your story to others? If so, you are invited into a four-week deep dive in our our Christian faith and practice that prepares you for sharing your testimony and joining the church. All info and registration at smtwo.org/disciple2.

QUESTIONS? Andy at acornett@signalpres.org



SEPT. 7-9

ALPINE CAMP
IN MENTONE,
ALABAMA

*All ages are
welcome!*

REGISTRATION & MORE INFO COMING IN MAY

SM2 SENIOR GATHERINGS

ATTENTION SENIORS! Join us for monthly get-togethers at host homes! All meetings will take place 4–5:30 PM. More info at smtwo.org/seniors.

APRIL 8: The Church

(Marshall Home // 106 Woodcliff Circle)

MAY 6: Relationships

(Hansen Home // 927 Arden Way)

CONTACT: Valerie • vschultz@signalpres.org



FISH RECAP & THANK YOU!

What a weekend! Glory to God for an incredible FISH for over 300 MS and HS students. We are so incredibly thankful for the encouragement and support from each and every one of our volunteers and helpers. From start to finish, you were an invaluable asset, and because of your dedication and hard work, hundreds of students were reached during FISH. Thank you so much for your commitment of time and energy to this important event in the life of our church.

SM2 IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL 1: No Family Café (Easter Sunday)

APRIL 4: No Wednesday Night Youth Activities (Spring Break)

APRIL 28: Church-Wide Serve Saturday, 8 AM-2 PM

MAY 2: Last Wednesday Night of the year

JUNE 3: Youth summer kick-off event, 4-6 PM

MAY 9, 16, & 23: Summer Mission Trip Training for students & trip leaders, 6-7:30 PM in the Youth Wing

SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 21-23: Trek (Middle School) Retreat is at Camp Highland in Ellijay, GA

SENIOR SUNDAY

APRIL 15, 10:45 SERVICE

We're excited to celebrate our graduating seniors! A lunch and program will follow for seniors and their families. Please RSVP to Valerie at vschultz@signalpres.org by April 8 with the following info:

- Total number attending from your family
- Senior's Full Name as it should appear in the bulletin



YOUTH CHOIR RETURNS FROM FESTIVAL

Thank you to parents and Signal Pres for your support for our first youth choir festival! It was wonderful to spend the weekend along with 80 youth choir members from around the Southeast worshipping and praising the One Eternal God. Our clinician was Dr. Kenny Potter, choral director of Wingate University. Not only did he provide excellent musical training to the students, but he taught God's Word to them through the beautiful texts that we sang. As we traveled together, had fun together, sang and worshiped together, our Youth Choir enjoyed the blessings of friendship and community. We are so grateful for this growing experience.



SM2 SWAG SALE TO BENEFIT STUDENTS

Represent your favorite youth group and support a great cause! Stop by the youth offices and check out our SM2 swag store. Proceeds from each sale will be applied toward SM2's scholarship fund supporting students attending mission trips this summer! Contact Valerie at vschultz@signalpres.org for more information about how you can further support upcoming SM2 mission trips.



RENEW

putting vision into practice

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

The Transforming Church Insight [TCI] is a tool our church is using to gather input from members and attendees on a variety of topics including: Communications, Outreach, Member Satisfaction, Financial Matters, and others. Please take time between April 8 and May 7 to take the survey online.

Starting April 8, go to signalpres.org/renew* and follow the instructions provided, or call Christie (886.2190) to schedule a time to take the survey at the church. *The survey is intended for ages 16+.

FOCUS GROUPS

We'd love to hear more from you! Sign up for a RE:NEW focus group (1 hour commitment on either May 19 or 20) by contacting Christie (886.2190 or cgilliam@signalpres.org). Spots will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

MISSED THE KICK-OFF?

Watch the RE:NEW kick-off presentation from Kevin Ford at your convenience at signalpres.org/renew. Be sure and bookmark the page and check-in for updates throughout the process.

QUESTIONS? Christie • cgilliam@signalpres.org

40TH ANNUAL CHATTANOOGA AREA LEADERSHIP PRAYER BREAKFAST

MAY 1, 7-8:30 AM • \$20 EA / \$160 TABLE
CHATTANOOGA CONVENTION CENTER

Grab a ticket and invite some friends! Mart Green, Board Chair of Hobby Lobby, will be the speaker. Please check out the website for more details and to order tickets: chattanoogaprayerbreakfast.org.

DON'T MISS GUEST PREACHER RICHARD PRATT

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

8:10 & 10:45 SERVICES

Dr. Richard Pratt (Th D. in Old Testament Studies, Harvard, MDiv, Union Theological Seminary) is President of Third Millennium Ministries, one of our mission partners, whose mission is to prepare Christian leaders to lead a transformation of the world into God's Kingdom by providing biblical education, for the world, for free.

MARRIAGE RETREAT

3 PM FRIDAY, APRIL 27–
5 PM SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Signal Pres has the chance to send 15 couples (max) to be part of First Things First's Everlasting Love Marriage Retreat. This is an amazing overnight event down at WinShape Retreat (Rome, GA) that guides couples to grow closer to the Lord & closer to each other. Called "Everlasting Love," you'll focus for 24 hours on how we are equipped for the long-haul with trust, communication, and overall support.

The cost is \$150 per couple and includes 3 full meals, overnight stay, activities, and access to 9,000 acres of beautiful walking and bike riding trails.

Go to signalpres.org/marriage-retreat/ and use the link and promo code listed to register. Make checks payable to Signal Mountain Pres, include "marriage retreat" on memo, and give to Valerie in the Signal Pres office.

QUESTIONS? Contact Andy: acornett@signalpres.org or 886.2190.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, April 2

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