

# Signal Points

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## EQUIP KICK-OFF

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 • 5:30–7:30 PM

You won't want to miss this evening of intergenerational fun!

Join us in spending the evening outside on the church grounds as we enjoy food from some of our favorite food trucks from last year (as well as some new additions), live music, games, and friendly competition involving our church officers and SM2 students. Our little ones will have a safe place to play, while our wiser generation can avoid the lines and relax with some help from others. Bring some cash for food trucks and an appetite for fun!

## FIRST QUARTER EQUIP LINEUP

SEPTEMBER 12–OCTOBER 3

We've got some great classes lined up this Fall! Which will you choose?

POWER FAILURE: *How to Flourish in a World of Screens*

PLAYING TO WIN: *The Opportunities and Challenges of Youth Sports*

A LEGACY THAT LASTS: *Faithfulness in the Second Half of Life*

QUESTIONS? Contact Christie at [cgilliam@signalpres.org](mailto:cgilliam@signalpres.org) or 886.2190.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL KICK-OFF BREAKFAST

AUGUST 12 • 9–10:25 AM  
DUDLEY HALL

Come enjoy a delicious breakfast as we usher in the new Fall season! You'll receive information about all that's being offered for adults in the 'middle hour' between worship services, connect with friends old and new, and of course feast on delicious fare prepared by our in-house hospitality team. If you're looking for community and a place to learn more about the Bible, this event is for you!

## MEN'S MINISTRY KICK-OFF

AUGUST 26 • 6–7:30 PM  
WOODWARD HALL

Join us for the first of our four Sunday evening gatherings this Fall. It's a time to gather together and to hear teaching aimed at the joys and challenges that are unique to our life as men. We'll have dinner together (\$5 at the door), and Joey Sherrard will kick-off the Fall series with "Jacob: A Man for All Seasons." RSVP to Christie at [cgilliam@signalpres.org](mailto:cgilliam@signalpres.org).

## DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

As part of our RENEW process, we contracted with TAG Consulting to assess our congregation's current strengths and weaknesses. Over the course of the Spring, TAG studied our congregation by way of a congregational survey, numerous focus groups, and study of church records and trends. What follows is a summary of their main findings as found in the report they submitted to the Session.

Keep in mind that the report is just beginning to be discussed and considered by the elders. That process will continue in coming months through a series of three weekend retreats, each of which will be followed by opportunities for congregational interaction. At this point, these findings are better viewed as a study guide than an action plan.

### WHAT'S GOING WELL

#### *Caring Community For Families*

People feel the church does an excellent job of being a welcoming and caring place for families with young children and youth.

#### *Building*

There is a strong sense of connectedness to the church building. There is a deep emotional connection to the physical space of the church.

#### *Biblical Preaching & Teaching*

When asked "what is going well?", preaching and pastors were consistently mentioned, as were learning environments such as Sunday School classes and EQUIP.

### WHAT'S NOT GOING WELL

#### *Lack of "True North"*

People are confused as to what type of church we want to be and have various opinions about what type of church we should be—inwardly focused (caring for our members, our kids) or outwardly focused (missional concern for those who are not yet here).

#### *Connection to Support Structures vs. Connection to Mission*

The survey data as a whole shows that many people feel more connected to support structures (building, programs, staff) than they do to a mission taking place through the church.

#### *Tension Between Tradition & Mission as our Driving Forces*

The report highlights the tension seen between some who view the traditions of the church as the guiding factor for how we move forward and those who view the mission of the church as the guiding factor for how we move forward.

#### *Public Identity is Misaligned*

This refers to the need for Signal Pres to unite itself behind a vision that is built around who the church is now vs. who the church was under previous leadership.

Clearly the elders will have lots to talk about during our upcoming retreats! If you have any questions about these things or the next steps of Renew, please don't hesitate to seek out me or another pastor. In addition, the Session will be hosting congregational debriefs after each of our retreats. The first one will be on **Wednesday, August 8 in Marr Chapel from 6 to 7 PM**. I sincerely hope to see each of you there!

For Him & with you,  
SCOTT

The entire report is available for review at [signalpres.org/renew](http://signalpres.org/renew).

## BIRTH

**Steven Samuel Payne**

A son born to Forrest & Ashby Negus Payne • July 13, 2018  
Chattanooga, TN • *Celebrating in our congregation are grandparents Dean & Gay Negus.*

## BAPTISMS

**William Henry Payne**

Son of Forrest & Ashby Negus Payne • July 1, 2018  
*Scott Bowen celebrated the Sacrament assisted by Margaret Ferguson & Elder Tony Boals.*

**Nora Elizabeth Stephens**

Daughter of Jesse & Lizzie Conner Stephens • July 8, 2018  
*Scott Bowen celebrated the Sacrament assisted by Andy Cornett & Elder Steve Tipps.*

## MEMORIALS

**June Morris English**

Mother of Janet Smith  
June 28, 2018 • Signal Mountain

**Cynthia Lee Whitaker**

Sister of Betsy (Doug) Goodfellow  
June 28, 2018 • Watertown, CT

**Thomas "Tom" Myers McLaren**  
Church Member 2013-2018

July 20, 2018 • Signal Mountain

## GIFTS IN MEMORY OF

**Bill Driver**

*Mrs. Deedee Raulston*

**John Feller**

*Mr. and Mrs. Tom Francescon, Sr.  
Dr. Phyliss Noah*

**Helen Gilleland**

*Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Sims*

**Mary Hopper**

*Mrs. Marion Huffaker*

**Harrison Smith**

*Mrs. Barby Wilson*

**Cynthia Lee Whitaker**

*Mr. and Mrs. Tom Francescon, Sr.*

## SAVE *the* DATE

SERVE  
SATURDAY  
*October 20*

# NIGHTOWLS NEW VOLUNTEER TRAINING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

4:00 PM • RM 117

*(Cornerstone Building)*

NightOWLS is a respite care ministry for families with children with special needs. Each evening is 4 hours long and meets 7 times a year. No prior experience with special needs is required, just having a heart for embracing God's children!

It takes many volunteers to run NightOWLS successfully! We need volunteers willing to be:

- Paired with a child with special needs
- Paired with typical siblings
- A craft or game room monitor
- Part of the set up crew before the evening begins
- Part of the clean up crew

**We love volunteers of all ages!**

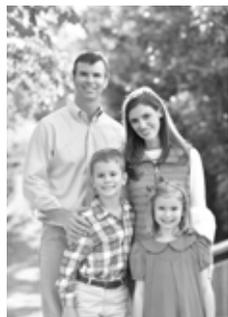
Students in middle school can volunteer with a parent—we have many families who serve together. High school students can volunteer without a parent. Friends or couples in their "golden years" can volunteer and invest in the next generation.

NightOWLS creates a community where children are accepted and loved for who they are and whose they are. Come to hear what it is like to serve in this ministry and consider joining the team. We have a great time serving together!

To register for training or for more information, contact Amanda:  
ahayslettnightowls@gmail.com.

## PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!

AS OF AUGUST 2018



Ty & Emmie Treadwell

Frank & Mamie

423.886.4448 • 193 Woodcliff Circle, 37377

*By Transfer of Membership*

Emmie grew up on Signal and met Ty at Auburn during their undergraduate studies. Ty is originally from Columbus, GA. They married in 2001 and moved to Chattanooga in 2006. They lived on campus at Baylor (where Emmie works) until having Frank, at which time they moved to the mountain.

When they moved to the area, Ty taught and coached at the old SMMS. He is now a commercial real estate lender with First Tennessee Bank. Frank is a rising fourth grader and Mamie is a rising first grader, both at Thrasher.

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## NEXT INTRO TO SIGNAL PRES CLASS

AUGUST 12, 19, & 26 • 9-10:25 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. To find the Session Room from the Sanctuary, exit the Sanctuary from the back double doors, turn left to exit the Narthex. Turn left again to go past the Greeting Room and enter a hallway. Take your first right, go past the Library on your left, down a long hallway, through the double doors. Room is on your left.

QUESTIONS? Contact Scott at [sbowen@signalpres.org](mailto:sbowen@signalpres.org) or 886.2190.

## NEW WOMEN OF THE WORD STUDY

*The Word of the Lord – Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament*

THURSDAYS BEGINNING AUGUST 23

9:15-11:30 AM • WOODWARD HALL CAFÉ

Gain a fresh perspective on the message of the Old Testament prophets, a broader understanding of Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture, and much more when you join us on this incredible journey to see Jesus in the Old Testament!

WOW is a great place to gather with old friends and make some new. Whether this is your umpteenth Bible study or your first, you'll find a warm welcome! Excellent childcare is provided. If you are planning to come, please register for the study and childcare (if needed) at [signalpres.org](http://signalpres.org). QUESTIONS? [hsims@signalpres.org](mailto:hsims@signalpres.org).



## SAVE THE DATE: HIGHLANDERS LIVING WATER BIBLE STUDY & LUNCH BUNCH

LIVING WATER BIBLE STUDY  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 · 11 AM  
WOODWARD HALL

**WHAT IS THE HIGHLANDERS LUNCH BUNCH?**  
The Highlanders is a program for members of Signal Pres age 65 and older and their friends. The Lunch Bunch group plans several events during the year for fun outings, fellowship, and food at different places around our area. Make plans today to join us for the upcoming excursions! And feel free to invite your friends!

### 2018-2019 HIGHLANDER LUNCH BUNCH TRIPS:

FALL	"Small Town Excursion" Tracy City, Monteagle, & South Pittsburgh
WINTER	The Tea Cottage
SPRING	Miss Mary Bobo's and Jack Daniels distillery tour

*"I really appreciate the way you guys take care of Mom and her lady friends; I think it's half the reason they love going on these bus trips and it makes me feel good to know such good people are caring for our Highlanders and making them feel special!"*

—JOHN LANGWORTHY

TO RSVP: Email Christie at [cgilliam@signalpres.org](mailto:cgilliam@signalpres.org)

**SEPTEMBER 7–9**  
**ALPINE CAMP • MENTONE, AL**

**REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!**  
[SIGNALPRES.ORG/FAMILY-CAMP](http://SIGNALPRES.ORG/FAMILY-CAMP)



## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE!

**DIRECTIONS:** Draw a diagonal line to connect the number on the right with the correct phrase on the left. (As you can tell—we are all for serious fun!)

Miles from Signal Pres to Alpine Camp in Mentone, AL	<b>4</b>
Number of meals you'll eat at Family Camp	<b>∞</b>
Number of families who attended last year's Family Camp	<b>60</b>
Number of tennis courts	<b>2</b>
Acres to enjoy at Alpine Camp	<b>17</b>
Number of nights you'll spend	<b>5</b>
Hours of Gaga Ball that will be played (ask your kids)	<b>350</b>
Memories to be made	<b>42</b>

*Answers: See Andy Tucker or Andy Cornett to see how many you got right! Winners get free ice cream... at Family Camp.*

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAYS • 9:30–10:25 AM

### BIBLE IN MY HEART

*I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove...their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh...They will be my people, and I will be their God.*

—EZEKIEL 11:19-20

### GOD'S BIG PICTURE QUESTION

*Why should we obey God?*

*We obey God because he loves us.*

### LESSONS

1. God called Jeremiah
2. Jeremiah Prophesied a New Covenant
3. Judah was Taken into Captivity
4. Ezekiel Told about a Future Hope

*Fall Sunday Morning and Kingdom Kids resume on Move-Up Sunday, August 12!*

## PARENTING IN THE PEW

### SHARING THE JOY OF WORSHIP WITH YOUR KIDS

With the school year beginning, some of the younger members of our church family join us in worship in new ways. Whether your child is moving up to the 4s class and attending worship and Kingdom Kids for the first time or going into first grade and will be staying with you for all of worship, we love having these little ones worshiping and growing with us and we are committed to making families feel welcome.

On Sunday, August 12 at 9:30 AM in Stephen Hall Chapel we will be hosting a conversation during the Sunday school hour with words of wisdom from families who are walking this road alongside you. No RSVP is required—just join us and let's learn together about how to share with our kids the joy of corporate worship!



## NURSERY MINISTRY

MOVE-UP SUNDAY: AUGUST 12

On Sunday, August 12, we will have our "Move-Up" Sunday. We recognize that you experience a lot of mile-markers in Nursery. Nursery Ministry might be the first place you leave your child in someone else's care. You may also celebrate your child's baptism, a first birthday, or your child's first steps. All of these mile-markers make Nursery Ministry special! The great news is that our Caregivers and Volunteers at each age level are amazing and each year brings excitement. Thank you for allowing us to partner with you as your children start to form friendships, learn about their Heavenly Father and His love for them, and memorize scripture through music and sign language. Hope to see you and your littles on the 12th!

## MOPS REGISTRATION DAY

AUGUST 17 • 9:30-11:30 AM

LITTLE PLAYGROUND

*(Dudley Hall if Raining)*

Playdate and Popsicles! Come socialize and register for a fun year ahead!

## YOUTH CHOIR KICK-OFF

AUGUST 12 · 4:30-6 PM · MUSIC SUITE

Know a 6th-12th grader who loves to sing? Youth Choir is ramping up for the Fall! Join us for our first rehearsal—plus pizza and dessert!

QUESTIONS? Beth DuRoy: [bduroy@signalpres.org](mailto:bduroy@signalpres.org) or 423.800.4904.

## WESTMINSTER SINGERS KICK-OFF

AUGUST 15 · 4:30-5:30 PM  
MUSIC SUITE

Calling all 3rd-5th graders! Westminster Singers Kick-off Party is coming up, and we want YOU there! Join us for cupcakes and games as we celebrate an exciting new year of choir!

QUESTIONS? Beth DuRoy: [bduroy@signalpres.org](mailto:bduroy@signalpres.org) or 423.800.4904.

## CORE GROUP LEADERS NEEDED FOR THE HOUSE (CAMPUS MINISTRY)

Signal Pres is committed to investing in several ministry partners as we seek to live out our vision of being the faithful presence of Jesus in our homes, workplaces, community, and the world. Along with financial support, we also are provided with occasional opportunities to work alongside our partners on Serve Saturdays or for more extended seasons.

Every fall we have the opportunity to partner with one of our most significant ministry partners, The House college ministry at UTC. They are seeking volunteers to lead groups of 4-6 students in the same class, of the same gender, through times of Bible study, prayer, and sharing life with one another. Last year, 200 students were served in Core Groups.

To learn more, contact Kirsten Hyde at [kirstenhyde@gmail.com](mailto:kirstenhyde@gmail.com).

## SANCTUARY CHOIR Q&A

Have questions about joining the Sanctuary Choir? We have answers!

### Q: I HAVEN'T SUNG IN AWHILE—IS THAT OK?

A: It is! All of the friendly singers you'll be surrounded by will make you feel comfortable to get those vocal cords moving again!

### Q: IS THERE AN AUDITION?

A: Nope!

### Q: IS THERE AN AGE RESTRICTION?

A: We only ask that singers be 18 or above. We have great kids and youth choirs for those ages 4–18!

### Q: WHAT IS THE REHEARSAL SCHEDULE?

A: Wednesday rehearsals are 7:30-9 PM. We meet at 10 AM on Sunday mornings to rehearse for worship.

### Q: IS CHILDCARE AVAILABLE?

A: Yes! We have several choir families and staff whose children have enjoyed their time on the children's floor during choir rehearsal.

### Q: IS THE CHOIR ACCEPTING OF "NEW BLOOD?"

A: The choir loves each other, but also loves to grow! You'll be a part of the family almost immediately. Between rehearsals and social events, we enjoy being together.

### Q: IS THERE A SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS?

A: Choir's role in worship leadership is to present the gospel in song. We take this call very seriously, in addition to regularly praying for and with one another.

### Q: DO I HAVE TO KNOW HOW TO READ MUSIC?

A: No, but it does help. Either way, we rehearse enough for most to pick up their part as we go along.

### Q: DO I HAVE TO HAVE PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE?

A: Again, no...but some experience (even from a long time ago) does help. Either way, we are happy to walk beside you as you explore something new.

### Q: WHERE DO I GO FOR MORE INFORMATION?

A: You can stop by the Music Suite, or contact Director Steven Ingram ([singram@signalpres.org](mailto:singram@signalpres.org)) or Asst. Directors Jason DuRoy ([jduroy@signalpres.org](mailto:jduroy@signalpres.org)) or Trish Ross ([tross@signalpres.org](mailto:tross@signalpres.org)) and we will be happy to answer any questions that you have!

*Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. —PSALM 105:2*



## SM2 MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP RECAP

*How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity... For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forever more. —PSALM 133:1, 3*

Thank you for praying for us while our Middle School Mission Trip Team served in our hometown of Chattanooga for a week. We partnered with and served alongside Widows Harvest and Project 52, who have been doing tremendous work in the community for many years. We praise God for his goodness to us in our life together and our service to our neighbors.



## CHURCH OF THE FIRST BORN MVP CAMP RECAP

Twenty students & adults spent a week at Church of the First Born serving in their kid's summer program, called MVP. We started our week feeling a little awkward, not sure how to approach each other and not sure how to engage but left hugging and high-fiving, speaking words of affirmation, promises of, "I'll see you again," and seeing no distinction between our "groups". That is quite simply a work of the Holy Spirit—binding us together through the strong power of his love. We are thankful for the staff & kids welcoming us into their ministry so that we could learn from and serve alongside them. We are expectant for how the Lord will continue to grow and develop relationships between us and COTFB moving forward!

## SM2 IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST 12: SM2 Ministry Welcome, 9:30–10:30 AM

AUGUST 12: 6th Grade Ice Cream Social, 2:30–4 PM

AUGUST 15: Wednesday Night Kick-Off, 5:30–7:30 PM

AUGUST 19: Family Cafe is Back! 9:15-10:30 AM

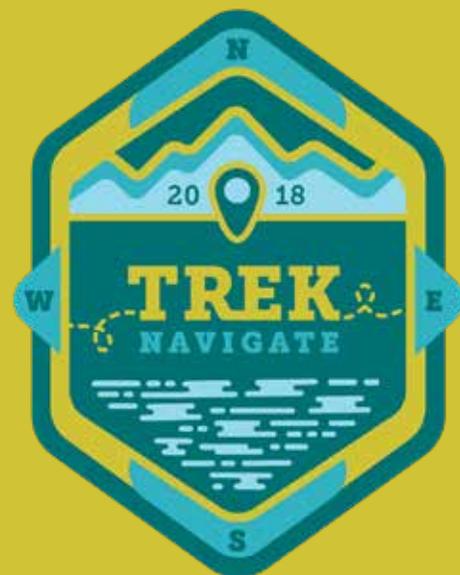
AUGUST 19: Rush & Relax mile-marker event for rising 6th Graders & their parents, 5–6:15 PM

AUGUST 26: Rush & Relax mile-marker event for rising 9th Graders & their parents, 5–6:15 PM

SEPTEMBER 21–23: Trek (Middle School) Retreat at Camp Highland in Ellijay, GA. Registration opens Aug 1.

## SM2 PACK VOLUNTEERS

With fall around the corner, SM2 is gearing up for Wednesday Nights and we are looking to expand our PACK team. It's a group of men and women who serve on Wednesday Nights from 5:15 to 6:30 PM. On any given week you could find yourself selling food, controlling student masses, monitoring hallways, cleaning up, organizing, and most importantly loving, smiling, and welcoming students through it all. Sign up to join the PACK Team at [smtwo.org/serve](http://smtwo.org/serve)



**FOR DETAILS & TO REGISTER**  
**VISIT [SMTWO.ORG/TREK-2018](http://SMTWO.ORG/TREK-2018)**



6TH GRADE // Sunday, August 19 // 5-6:15pm

9TH GRADE // Sunday, August 26 // 5-6:15pm

Starting Middle School (6th grade) & High School (9th grade) are big transitions in the lives of parents and students. That's why we're inviting you to join us as we explore the unique aspects of this phase, the ways students are changing and developing, and the challenge to not miss it. There will be both parent- and student-specific programs, and we are honored to welcome administrators from local schools as our panel guests. This is a community wide event, so please invite a friend! For more info, visit [smtwo.org/6and9](http://smtwo.org/6and9).

## NEED HELP?

Stephen Ministry would be honored to come alongside you. For more information or to be paired with a Stephen Minister, contact Stephen Leaders Leah Conner, Petie Corell, Mary Wray, or call Margaret Ferguson at the church at 886.2190.

## MARBLE PICNIC FOR KIDS BIRTH-5TH AUGUST 5 · 5-7 PM · DINNER + MORE MEET ON THE CHILDREN'S FLOOR

Hey families! Let's start off a new year together with a party! Come meet your leaders, check out your rooms, and picnic with friends old and new.

## LIBRARY AMNESTY MONTH

August is Library Amnesty Month! Turn in those overdue items to the library before August 31 and pay no fines. Also, did you know you can access the library catalog online? Visit [signalpres.org/ministries/library](http://signalpres.org/ministries/library).

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### RENEW: CONGREGATIONAL DEBRIEF

Wednesday, August 8, in Marr Chapel from 6 to 7 PM

### SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, August 12 during both worship services

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