

Signal Points

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*Come for fellowship
and stay for the*

Food Trucks!

EQUIP KICK-OFF BLOCK PARTY

September 5 • 5:30 PM

Signal Pres Youth Lot

Bring some \$ for food truck fare (Chick-n-nooga, 2 Sons Kitchen, & Rolling Js). We'll spot you drinks & dessert. Invite a friend or neighbor!



QUESTIONS? EMAIL JOEY // jsherrard@signalpres.org



TREK RETREAT

for Grades 6-8

September 21–23

Camp Highland

For details & to register: smtwo.org/trek-2018

QUESTIONS? Email swojewoda@signalpres.org

Save the Date:

TRUE NORTH RETREAT

for Grades 9-12

November 16-18

Camp Vesper Point

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

Thanks to all of you who came out for the first congregational debriefs last month, whether the Wednesday night gathering or the Sunday School discussions. As part of our RENEW process, we are hosting these conversations so that the congregation can be brought in on the conversation that the elders are having at our three retreats between July and September. Speaking for myself and on behalf of the elders who hosted small group conversations, it was so very encouraging to hear stories about the ways in which God has been at work in this place through the generations; about the relationships that have been formed, the unsung heroes who have impacted so many, and the ministry that has gone in so many ways over the years—so much of it organic and unplanned but consequential beyond our understanding.

As our elders gathered after the congregational debrief, it was very clear to all of us that the types of themes that we heard from you are the very same themes that we heard from each other when we did this exercise. We are getting our heads around some very clear and enduring values that make Signal Pres the unique place that it is. We are currently spending time articulating those in clear ways. These will be the things that never change at Signal Pres!

Our second RENEW retreat took place the last weekend of August. It was a very fruitful time of continued discussion and conversation. Much of our talk centered around our observation that the congregational survey reflected a significant proportion of people who felt disconnected from the life of the church. Why is this? What have we, as leaders, done to contribute that? How can we work towards a widespread sense of connection with the life and mission of the church? How can we strengthen connection between the varied generations that make up the body of Signal Pres, each of us benefitting from the others?

There were moments of great honesty, true humility, and genuine repentance as we talked over these things. We look forward over the next few weeks to bringing each of you in on this conversation. Dates and times are still being worked on as I write this, but you'll be made aware of those details as soon as we nail them down!

Finally, one of the things that we have heard from you is that there is a sense that the financial condition of the church is not widely known. We are working on ways of fixing this, but it seems an appropriate first step to give you a picture of where we stood at the end of July (our latest numbers as of printing): In short, our revenue to date in 2018 is \$1,807,144; \$136,950 under our budgeted revenue. Our expenses to date are \$1,789,505; \$117,715 under our budgeted expenses. We are \$17,639 "in the black" for 2018. You're also invited to check out the 2017 annual report, which contained a full breakdown of our financial condition at the end of that year (it was very encouraging!!!). Copies of the 2017 report are located on the resource tables around campus. Thank you for your generous support of God's work here at Signal Pres!

Sitting in the retreat this weekend, it was impossible to miss what a good work God has been doing here for so long, and it was just as impossible for me to be anything but grateful for the past 4 years—not because they have always been easy or because we have "nailed" every decision, but because God has been up to something, the evidence of which is starting to be seen and enjoyed. To those of you who have been around for a long time, thanks for hanging with us during a season of transition that has not always been easy. For those of you who are newer, thanks for partnering with us in the work that God is doing here.

I am grateful for each of you,

SCOTT

P.S. The entire RENEW report is available at signalpres.org/renew.

BIRTH

Rowan Charles Wilburn
A son born to Chris & Betsy
Wilburn • August 9, 2018
Chattanooga

BAPTISM

Hunter Kingsland McCants
Son of Harrison & Brooke
McCants • August 26, 2018
*Scott Bowen celebrated the
Sacrament assisted by Joey
Sherrard & Elder Jarrell Reeves.*

WEDDING

Mr. & Mrs. Clayton McDowell
nee Elizabeth Ingram
August 19, 2018 • Harrison Bay
State Park, Chattanooga
*Margaret Ferguson presided at
the wedding service.*

MEMORIALS

Jessie Whaley Floyd
Church Member 2013-2018
August 2, 2018 • Chattanooga

Ruth Clapp Faulkner
Mother of John (Charlotte)
Faulkner • August 7, 2018
Asheville, NC

Gene King Peele
Church Member 2008-2018
August 26, 2018 • Signal Mtn

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF

Jean Buckshorn
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brewer

Ruth Faulkner
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Francescon, Sr.

John Feller
Mr. and Mrs. William L. Brown

Ted Whitfield
Mrs. Barby Wilson

NEW MEMBER WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

12 PM • DUDLEY HALL

Please RSVP at [signalpres.org/
event/congregational-lunch](http://signalpres.org/event/congregational-lunch).

MEN'S MINISTRY GATHERING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
6:30-8 PM
WOODWARD HALL

We're looking forward to seeing all you guys at our next Men's Ministry event, featuring guest speaker Jonathan Johnson, who serves as Music Pastor at Church of the First Born & Director at House of Refuge.

Come for the cheapest yet tastiest meal in town (just \$5), with fellowship and teaching to follow.

QUESTIONS? Contact Joey at jsherrard@signalpres.org or 886.2190.

WOMEN'S CIRCLES START BACK FOR FALL

With the arrival of autumn, the six Women's Circles will begin their new Bible study for 2018-19, with the six-lesson study of *Psalms, Inspiring Truths*, by Dr. Robert Smith, Jr.

The circle moderators will lead the study discussions in each circle. There will be three combined lunch gatherings with our first one happening on September 10, where Julie Foreman will speak.

All women of the church are welcome to attend any circle and the combined gatherings.

QUESTIONS? Please call Laurel Niemeyer, 886-9343, with interest in a circle and for more information.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

FEBRUARY 1-3, 2019

The Cove · Asheville, NC

SPEAKER: SUSAN LARAMORE

MUSIC: MELODY DAY

Cost: \$250 (\$50 due at registration)

Women of all ages are invited to join us for a refreshing weekend together in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina. Register today to save your spot! Please don't let finances be a hindrance to your ability to attend; for information about payment plans or scholarships, contact Jean at jsmith@signalpres.org or 886.2190.

Registration opens September 4. For more information and to register, visit signalpres.org/womens-retreat-2019.

WOMEN OF THE WORD STUDY

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

THURSDAYS · 9:15-11:30 AM

WOODWARD HALL CAFÉ

QUESTIONS? Email Hannah at hsims@signalpres.org.

LIVING WATER HIGHLANDER BIBLE STUDY & LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 · 11 AM
WOODWARD HALL

Fun, fellowship, and feeding—that's what Living Water offers to our Highlanders (those over 65 years of age). On the last Tuesday of every month, we open God's word and study together his plans for us, especially in our later years. This year, we'll be studying II Timothy as we watch the apostle Paul model what it looks like "to finish the race." Come be encouraged with us!

Our study begins at 11 AM; lunch (and fabulous fellowship) begin at noon.

COST: \$5 for lunch

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

HIGHLANDER LUNCH BUNCH

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4
"SMALL TOWN EXCURSION"

Sit back and enjoy the beautiful leaves as we travel through some small towns of Chattanooga filled with several exciting stops. We will start the day at **Foster Falls** overlooking taking in the amazing waterfalls and changing fall foliage. From there we head north to Tracy City for some sweet treats at the **Dutch Maid Bakery**. The smell of the goodies we purchased at the bakery will start to make us hungry so let's head to **The Mountain Goat Market** for a lunch break. As we head back towards Signal Mountain we will make a stop in South Pittsburgh at **Hammer's Department Store & Lodge Factory Store**.

DEPARTURE: 9:00 AM Signal Pres youth parking lot

COST: Free, you pay for lunch & any purchases

RESERVATIONS: cgilliam@signalpres.org, 886-2190

Space is limited to the first 25 registrants.

ADULTS: THERE'S SOMETHING FOR YOU ON SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM!

After you drop your kids off on the Children's Floor, come on up and see what's going on for you.

Whether you're a seasoned veteran or brand new to the whole Bible study concept, there's a place for you to plug-in during the 'middle hour' between worship services. You'll find the whole lineup by going to signalpres.org under adult ministries and also by picking up a Sunday Mornings for Adults brochure at various places around the church building.

Relax! You do not have to know a thing about the Bible to join in.

QUESTIONS? Contact Jean at 886.2190 or jsmith@signalpres.org.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR ADULTS!

CREATION, GENOCIDE, SLAVERY, &
MISOGYNY: TOUGH PASSAGES
OF THE BIBLE

*A Four-Week Class Taught by Joey Sherrard
Beginning September 16, Room 247*

When you read the Bible, do you ever stumble over certain parts? When you think about talking with your friends about your faith, do you ever hesitate because of the questions that they might ask? Does sometimes the thought of reading the Bible at all give you pause because you're not sure what you'd do with some of the more difficult parts?

In this class, we'll tackle head-on some of the more difficult themes of the Bible. Along the way, we'll find that reading the Bible faithfully doesn't require us to get out our scissors or check our brains at the door.

QUESTIONS? Contact Joey at 886.2190 or jsherrard@signalpres.org.

NURSERY MINISTRY

Plan to come to EQUIP on Wednesday evenings!

You may eat with your family upstairs beginning at 5:30 OR feed your little ones before you come, and then let us love on them while you attend one of the EQUIP seminars.

Nursery is available for infants, toddlers, twos, and threes. If you had a child in Nursery who is now four, he/she will get to go to Agape Club on Wednesday evenings.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO Nursery for the EQUIP kick-off on September 5. We want everyone, ages 1-101, to be together that night! Nursery will begin for Wednesday evenings on September 12.

If you would like to receive monthly Nursery emails, please contact Catherine at cpayne@signalpres.org. Also, follow us on Instagram @smpcnursery.

MOPS: FIRST MEETING

SEPTEMBER 4 · 9:30-11:30 AM

WOODWARD HALL

Here at MOPS, we gather moms. We believe in the simple but revolutionary idea that remarkable things happen when moms come together. That's why we rally women, in their own neighborhoods, to help them become more brave, kind and honest, one gathering at a time.

So, whether you are a soon-to-be mom, first-time mom or seventh-time mom, you are welcome here. Whether you are an adoptive mom, young mom, seasoned mom, foster mom, stepmom or any other type of mom, you are welcome here. At our chapter we not only offer monthly mom centered meetings, but we also offer child friendly outings and even Mom's Night Out!

Signal Mountain MOPS meets the first Tuesday of the month from September through April 1. Child-care is provided for infants, toddlers, and twos (with birthdays on or after January 2016).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAYS · 9:30-10:25 AM

BIBLE IN MY HEART

Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others.

—DANIEL 2:20-21

GOD'S BIG PICTURE QUESTION

How can we obey God?

We trust God to give us strength to obey Him.

LESSONS

1. Daniel was Rescued
2. God Brought His People Home
3. Temple Completed
4. Esther Becomes Queen

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EQUIP · AGAPE CLUB · 5TH

WEDNESDAYS · 6:15-7:30 PM

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12

Parents may check-in children at a CheckPoint kiosk from 6:00 to 6:15 PM on the Children's Floor. The theme this year will be *The Fruit of the Spirit* (Galatians 5:19-26). Also, children in 4s-5th grade will be learning Catechism Questions #76-150.

LOVE · JOY · PEACE · PATIENCE

KINDNESS · GOODNESS · FAITHFULNESS

GENTLENESS · SELF-CONTROL

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FALL INTO 5TH

SEPTEMBER 12 · 6:15-7:30 PM

Pizza Party on the Playground+ 9-Square in the Air

Bring a friend!

SANCTUARY CHOIR: ADDING VOICES TO THE CHORUS

The Sanctuary Choir is often called “the biggest small group in the church.” We think of it as a family—a family of all ages and experiences who come together to serve and musically lead worship. Lately, we’ve enjoyed welcoming new singers to the choir. We asked a few of them to share what the choir means to them.

Philip Lehman is a cardiologist who moved here to work with the Chattanooga Heart Institute and has joined the ranks of the bass section.



I joined the choir this past May after finding that music was one of my favorite parts of worship at Signal Pres. The choir provides a diverse amount of music and sets all kinds of atmosphere depending on what it performs. I hadn't performed or sang formally since high school, but was happy with how quickly my sight reading came back after a few Wednesday night practices. Speaking of practices, rehearsal is the most peaceful 90 minutes of my week. Nothing to focus on other than singing. No work, no text messages. And, when it comes to Sunday, one of the pleasant surprises has been how friends at Signal Pres come up to me and share how happy they are to see someone new their age in the choir.

Fletcher Sims recently joined the choir after retiring from his CFO position at ArtsBuild in Chattanooga. He has attended Signal Pres for three years, and decided to make a move from the pew to the loft!



I was encouraged to join the choir by my family and some people who sat beside us in the sanctuary during services. I have been in the choir about 10 months. My mom was a musician and I sang in glee club at McCallie and in choir at 1st Presbyterian. I love singing and praising the one who saved me. I really enjoy the fellowship with choir members. It moved me to watch the choir meet a financial need of one of our own. I have been blessed many times hearing the harmony of voices praising God. Several times I shed tears of joy while singing because of who he is.

Katy Murphy, Director of Bachman, grew up at Signal Pres, but just recently joined the soprano section. She has quickly become a part of the “choir family.”



I was approached rather unexpectedly about singing in the choir. The moment I was asked to think about it, I knew my answer was “yes!” It was a gift from God I didn't even know I wanted. I sang in plays and choirs as a kid and in school and always loved it, so that certainly impacted my decision. I enjoy learning new music and singing harmonies. I love having new songs to sing in my head all day and to think on when I pray. I have made new friends and reconnected with mentors I have known for most of my life. I am very thankful for that. There have been unexpected blessings and spiritual impact I couldn't begin to describe. Music in worship has always been particularly moving for me. To be a part of making it is an honor, a gift, for sure. When we can hear the congregation singing with us and all those voices are ringing out and up into the rafters, it's a beautiful thing!

If you are interested in being a part of the Sanctuary Choir, contact Steven Ingram, Director, at singram@signalpres.org or either Assistant Director, Trish Ross or Jason DuRoy, at trross@signalpres.org or jduroy@signalpres.org, respectively.

GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A SPOUSE // OCTOBER 7 · 3-5 PM · WOODWARD HALL

Your life has changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can seem too hard to bear. [Find Help Here.](#)

TO REGISTER: Contact Christie at 886-2190. Sponsored by Stephen Ministry. signalpres.org/support/grief



MEET OUR NEW D-GROUP LEADERS!

We are thrilled to announce (pictured clockwise from top left) Isaac Allen, Dax Branam, Chris Collins, Emily Cooper, Kathy Harper, Katherine Hurst, Lindsey Jones & Ty Treadwell as SM2's newest D-Group Leaders. Next time you see them give them a high-five and thank them for trusting Christ to use them as they lead Middle and High School students to live in Jesus' love and serve in his name.

SM2 IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER 2: No Family Café and one worship service at 10 AM (Labor Day Weekend)

SEPTEMBER 5: SM2 will be joining in the all-church EQUIP kick-off. Food trucks, games, & a special time together as one big, intergenerational church family.

SEPTEMBER 9: No Family Café (Family Camp)

SEPTEMBER 21-23: Trek (Middle School) Retreat at Camp Highland in Ellijay, GA. Register today!

VOLUNTEER WITH SM2

Volunteers are a huge part of making what we do here at SM2 possible and we'd love to invite you to consider joining any number of teams we have available. To read about our volunteer opportunities and to sign up visit smtwo.org/serve.

SM2 PARENTS

Want to stay in the loop about what we're teaching on Wednesday Nights? Check out smtwo.org/series where you can find an overview of what's being taught and practical ways to follow up with your student(s) through our "parent cue".



OCTOBER 20 • 8 AM-2 PM

Make a difference in your community!

We will be joining with ministry partners in our own city donating our time, skills, and resources to help them be more successful.

Everyone—individuals, families, D-groups, small groups, and more—are invited to join us as we partner once again with UTC The House in serving those in need. Don't delay; we need all ages, abilities, and skill levels, so sign up today!

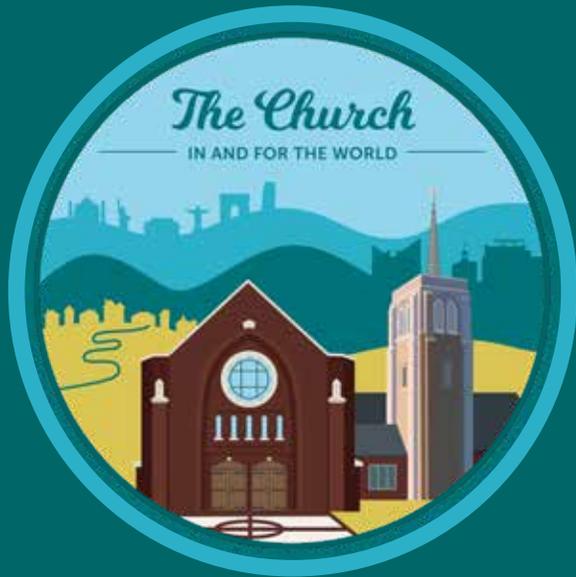
TO REGISTER: signalpres.org/serve

QUESTIONS: Email Christie at cgilliam@signalpres.org



RUSH & RELAX RECAP

Thanks to all you families who joined us last month for Rush & Relax. We had a great time partnering with you as we talked about the distinct opportunities you have with your 6th or 9th grader over the next 52 weeks! Remember, it's just a phase and we don't want you to miss it! Check out our photo gallery at smtwo.org/6and9.



FIRST QUARTER EQUIP CLASS LINEUP

SEPTEMBER 12-OCTOBER 3

POWER FAILURE: How to Flourish in a World of Screens
with Joey Sherrard

PLAYING TO WIN: Opportunities & Challenges of Youth Sports
with Tim Sceggel, Krue Brock, & Heath Eslinger

A LEGACY THAT LASTS: Faithfulness in the Second Half of Life
with Jim Barber & Jane Henegar

Dinner at 5:30 in Dudley Hall features a choice of Blue-Plate, Soup & Salad, & Kids Meal. For menus and to RSVP visit signalpres.org/equip.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT CHRISTIE // cgilliam@signalpres.org

GOOD SAMARITAN SUNDAY // SEPTEMBER 30

The Biblical account of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) is a familiar and favorite parable which is cornerstone relative to compassion and being a good neighbor. As Christians, we are called by God to care for one another. The Good Samaritan Fund was established over thirty years ago to assist church members in times of financial crisis. The fund is managed by a select group chosen by the Session. Please prayerfully consider making a memorial gift, an honor gift, or one that simply makes available financial help for a neighbor. Special giving envelopes will be available in pew racks for placing donations.

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LABOR DAY WEEKEND

September 2: One service at 10 AM & no Sunday School
September 3: Church Office Closed

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, September 30 during both worship services