

Signal Points

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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.

For more information and to register, visit signalpres.org/womens-retreat.



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: Contact Christie at 886.2190 or cgilliam@signalpres.org.

Save the Date:

MEN'S RETREAT

January 25-26 at Signal Pres

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

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

This past week, the music staff (Steven Ingram, Trish Ross, and Jason DuRoy) and the four pastors traveled to Nashville to be a part of the *Sing!* conference. Hosted by Keith and Kristin Getty, writers of modern hymns such as *In Christ Alone*, *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* and *The Lord is My Salvation*, the purpose of the conference was to think together about the value and role of congregational singing in the local church, and to equip us to foster and strengthen that congregational singing. With some 5,000 other attendees, we had numerous occasions to be led in a congregational singing—the likes of which I had never experienced (including worshiping in the Ryman Auditorium, as pictured below). We heard fantastic preaching and teaching on the nature and purpose of worship and congregational singing, and we focused in particular on the psalms as the 'church's songbook.' It was a very helpful couple of days, and I encourage you to ask any of the seven of us more about what we learned and how we hope to implement those things in the life of this body.

So, why do we sing?

Isn't there something about singing that manages to plant truths within us in a way that speech alone does not? The reason I can cite the preamble of the Constitution today is because I learned it as a song in the 4th grade. And I have far more verses of songs (some hymns and many songs from the radio) memorized than I do Bible verses. What's more, isn't there something about the ability of music to pierce our core like nothing else? Have you noticed the trend over the last few years with TV shows—I first remember seeing it done in *Scrubs* but since then in shows like *Parenthood* and *This Is Us*—to end an episode with some really good song playing in the background? They know how to hook us!

It seems like the presence of that songbook in our Bible reflects the wisdom of God. He invites us to be a singing people so that the gospel might be placed on our tongues and in our hearts, and so that the truths of the gospel—ones that when fully grasped make us cry out with the old hymn, *how could I keep from singing!*—might grab hold of us in every way.

So, we'll keep on singing together in worship. I hope that God will be impressing all of our hearts with the wonder of the gospel that we will sing with increasing freedom and joy—not because we like or don't like the songs necessarily, but because we are privileged to be a part of the people of God who have such confidence and freedom in Christ.

Gratefully,
SCOTT



From left: Steven Ingram, Scott Bowen, Trish Ross, Margaret Ferguson, Jason DuRoy, Joey Sherrard, and Andy Cornett in the Ryman Auditorium, Nashville, for the Sing! conference.

BAPTISMS

Emily Grace Perez
Annelise Brooke Perez
Daughters of Marco & Leah Perez
September 16, 2018 • Scott Bowen
celebrated the Sacrament assisted by
Andy Cornett and Elder Jim McCall.

MEMORIALS

Isaiah Taylor Caldwell
Grandson of Donna (Carl) Bolton
August 27, 2018 • Maryville, TN

Jeanne Hildebrandt
Sister of Betty (Tim) Galbreath
September 4, 2018 • Mosinee, WI

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF

Jessie Floyd
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Francescon Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Frost
Mrs. Lucia Whitfield

Helen Gilleland
Mr. and Mrs. William Brown

Gene Peele
Mrs. Dorothy Nation

Lindsey Silver
Mrs. Barby Wilson

Cynthia Whitaker
Mr. and Mrs. William Brown

GIFT IN HONOR OF

Barby Wilson
Mrs. Dorothy Nation

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES AVAILABLE OCT 22-NOV 16

Pick up your pre-designed shoe box from the church or use your own regular sized shoe box (no boot boxes, please).

Fill the box with age-appropriate items for either a boy or girl.

Place the boy or girl label on the top of your box.

Include \$9 cash or check made out to Samaritan's Purse (shipping).

Leave boxes in designated areas around Signal Pres.

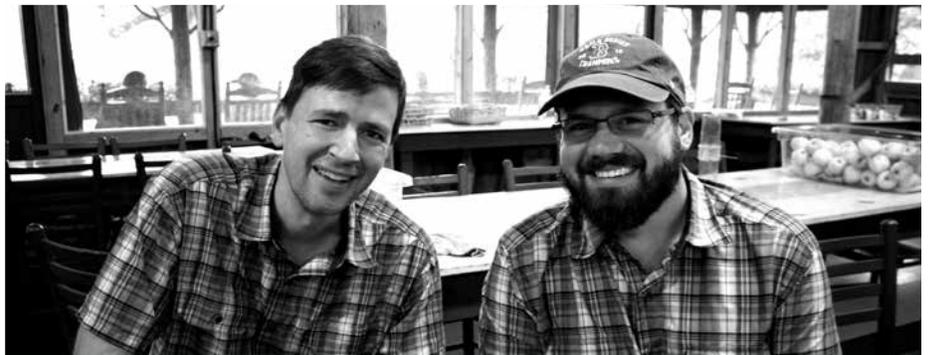
MEN'S MINISTRY GATHERING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28
6:30-8 PM
THE WAREHOUSE

We're looking forward to seeing all you guys at our next Men's Ministry event later this month. Come for the cheapest yet tastiest meal in town (just \$5), with fellowship and teaching to follow.

Whether this is your first time at a Men's Ministry event or you're a regular, we're excited to see you there.

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



New 4-Week Adult Sunday School Class:

THE BIG STORY OF SCRIPTURE: THE BIBLE IN FOUR ACTS

OCTOBER 21-NOVEMBER 11
9:30-10:25 AM, ROOM 294

If you had to write the story of the Bible in one paragraph, could you? Ever wonder how all those little stories add up to one big, coherent story of what God is up to?

Join Andy, Joey, and a couple of guests as we learn together the Big Story of the Bible.

QUESTIONS? Email Joey at jsherrard@signalpres.org.

FAMILY CAMP RECAP FROM ANDY

What a joy to share a weekend recently with so many of you at Family Camp! Let me share four snapshots that capture the joy.

4 PROGRAM TIMES given over to worshiping together, playing together, resting together, and planning together around what matters most: the love of God.

5 MEALS eaten at long tables together in a riot of conversation and laughter—there were a little over 200 of us evenly split between kids and adults.

COUNTLESS SCENES of individuals and families intentionally spending time in conversation together—talking over a fence, sitting on a porch, walking down the road (made my heart more full each time).

KIDS' SHINING FACES as they ran, explored, and participated alongside parents and friends in serious fun, in wide open spaces.

And finally—a huge thank you to our team who led with such joyfulness and servants' hearts.

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.

JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS!

AS OF SEPTEMBER 2018



Doug & Mercedes Bartow
Davis Bartow

864-430-0853 • 1185 Lower Brow Rd
By transfer of church membership from
First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC

The Bartows officially moved to the Chattanooga area in the fall 2017. They are "car people," both having worked for BMW in South Carolina, and now Doug is with Volkswagen. Their hobbies include travel, boating, hiking, running, reading, and anything that Davis does (lacrosse, basketball, tennis, etc!). They would like to get involved in youth ministry, and for their son to grow up with good friends and strong Christian influences in his life, which they see as a strength of Signal Pres.



Tyler & Maddy Haar

423-322-7138 • 3131 Mountain Creek
Road, Apt. 9A8, Chattanooga, 37415
By Reaffirmation of Faith

Tyler and Maddy were married this past June, and are joining Signal Pres after hearing about the church from one of Tyler's co-workers. Tyler is a grants manager and project manager with The MacLellan Foundation, and Maddy is the administrative and development assistant at Bible in the Schools. Tyler and Maddy enjoy being outside, reading a good book, going on adventures to new places, and spending time with their friends and family.



Denny & Judy Eshee

662-694-0095 • 204 Stratford Way
By transfer of church membership from
Episcopal Church of the Resurrection,
Starkville, MS

Denny and Judy have recently moved here from Starkville where they were and continue to be engaged in Tree Farming. Early in their marriage, Judy taught elementary school and later retired from managing Eshee Properties, LLC (apartments and rental property). Denny is a retired Municipal Judge, Professor Emeritus of Business Law at Mississippi State University, and Brigadier General (JAGC) (Mississippi Army National Guard). They have two adult children: son Denver & his wife Joanna Eshee, who reside with their four children on Signal Mountain; and daughter Emily & her husband Mark Carder, who reside with their four children in Austin, Texas.



Marco & Leah Perez
Emily, Karina, & Annelise Perez

512-704-3952 • 919 Kentucky Avenue •
Marco & Leah by Reaffirmation of Faith
Emily & Annelise by Profession of Faith

The Perez family moved to Signal Mountain in 2011. Marco works at LAUNCH CHA which supports microbusiness entrepreneurs among underrepresented communities. Leah is a teacher assistant in the Special Needs classroom at SMMHS. The Perez's have three daughters: Emily (12th grade), Karina (10th grade), and Annelise (7th grade), all attending SMMHS.



David & Kerry Foropoulos
*Allie Foropoulos, Sarah Foropoulos,
and Kira Carlton*

901-356-2172 • 2127 Mountain Hollow
By transfer of church membership
from Christ United Methodist Church,
Memphis, TN

The Foropoulos family moved to the mountain six years ago. David works in the Investments Department at UNUM, while Kerry is a registered nurse and works at Howard High School. They have three daughters: Sarah (11th grade) and Allie (10th grade), who attend GPS; and Kira who is finishing up her final semester at UTC.

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE NEXT INTRO TO SIGNAL PRES CLASS

OCTOBER 21, OCTOBER 28, & NOVEMBER 4

9:30-10:25 AM • SESSION ROOM

(In the church office wing; same floor as the Sanctuary)

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.

SLUGS & BUGS

NURSERY MINISTRY

Flip your family calendar to 2019 and mark this date! On Friday, January 11, Signal Pres is hosting a *Slugs and Bugs Live!* concert featuring Randall Goodgame, a Dove Award-nominated Christian musician who performs Bible verse songs for the whole family. *Slugs and Bugs Live!* appeals to boys and girls ages 10 and under, but older kids love it too! Randall uses gospel-centered music, animated video, and interaction with the audience to balance both ridiculously silly and deeply meaningful moments.

The cost is \$15/family and tickets will be available online. Check out slugsandbugs.com to order a CD or download his music, read his latest blog posts, and find Signal Pres on his list of tour dates. This family concert is open to the community, so start thinking about who to invite to *Slugs and Bugs Live!*

LIVING WATER HIGHLANDER BIBLE STUDY & LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30 · 11 AM
WOODWARD HALL

Join us on for the next Living Waters Luncheon. We'll continue our look into Paul's final letter—the second one he wrote to Timothy. In it, he makes clear what is most important in his life—and what he hopes is most important in Timothy's—that the gospel is powerful, life-changing, and worth guarding with all of our energy. Don't miss out on good study, good food, and good fellowship.

COST: \$5 for lunch

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAYS · 9:30–10:25 AM

BIBLE IN MY HEART

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

—LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23

GOD'S BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Does God Keep His Promises?

Yes, God is always faithful even when we are not.

LESSONS

1. Esther Becomes Queen
2. God Saved His People
3. Nehemiah
4. Jerusalem Walls Rebuilt
5. Ezra Read the Law
6. Malachi the Prophet

EQUIP · AGAPE CLUB · 56H

WEDNESDAYS · 6:15–7:30 PM

AGAPE CLUB // Bring a friend along with you as we learn The Fruit of the Spirit this year, and Catechism Questions 51-100. (Parent Check-In is at 6 PM)

Hey 56H! // Bring a friend and join us on Wednesday Nights from 6:15-7:30PM. (Parent check-in is at 6 PM). We will be Grappling questions such as: How Can God Be Everywhere? Would Jesus Fit In With My Friends? Why Can't I Go See a PG-13 Movie? Why Do My Parents Always Say No?

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



We sure are going to miss one of our faithful volunteers, Julie Lochmaier, as she moves to Huntsville, AL to be with her husband, Jeff, who works for NASA. Julie has been a 4th grade girls Sunday School Leader for years; and also enjoyed serving in Vacation Bible School! Blessings on your new journey!

SIGNAL PRES CHOIR PREPARES FOR HYMN FEST 2018

Join us on Sunday, November 11
at 4 PM at St. Timothy's Episcopal
Church for *Harvest Hymnfest*
2018: Our Hope For Years
To Come.

The Signal Pres Sanctuary Choir
will join choirs from Signal
Mountain Churches including
St. Timothy's, Signal Mountain
Baptist, Signal Crest, and Signal
Mountain Methodist in an evening
of hymn singing, special anthems
and solos, and readings.

This program offers a unique
opportunity for audience members
to sing favorite hymns such as *It Is*
Well With My Soul, *The Solid Rock*,
My Faith Looks Up To Thee, and
enjoy learning a few new ones.
The festival choir will sing with
instrumental accompaniment and
enhance hymn singing with des-
cants. There is no cost to attend.

If you would like more information
about the Harvest Hymn Festival,
please email Trish Ross at tross@signalpres.org.

If you would like to join the Signal
Pres Sanctuary Choir as we lead
in worship weekly and prepare for
special events like Hymnfest and
ChristmasFest, please contact
Steven at singram@signalpres.org
or Trish at tross@signalpres.org.
We would love to have you!

Broken but Glorious

Q2 EQUIP KICK-OFF SEMINAR

With Dr. Kim Gaines Eckert

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

5:30-7:30 PM · DUDLEY HALL

Suffering is part of life as embodied creatures made in God's image. One of the ways we participate in the Kingdom is by honestly and compassionately acknowledging the suffering both in ourselves and our brothers and sisters. Dr. Kim Eckert will explore how healing and redemption come not from perfectionism or image management, but through meeting God in our most broken places.

RSVP online at signalpres.org/equip.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4 · 3-5 PM

WOODWARD HALL

No matter how long it's been since your loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. But there's hope. Join us for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again.

To register: Christie at 886-2190 or cgilliam@signalpres.org

Sponsored by Stephen Ministry. signalpres.org/support/grief.

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.

SM2 FAMILIES: LET'S SERVE TOGETHER

SERVE SATURDAY

OCTOBER 20, 8 AM - 2 PM

Do you desire to nurture a servant's heart in your child? Are you interested in starting a practice of family service but aren't sure where to start? Or have you experienced the joy of coming alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ across the community and are itching for another opportunity? Serve Saturday is for YOU! There's a job for every age, every ability. Meet at the Youth Lounge at 8 AM for breakfast, prayer, and to get your assignment before heading out for the day! To register, visit signalpres.org/serve.



Reminder:

**NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT
OCTOBER 10 (FALL BREAK)**

ECUADOR MISSION TRIP (FOR HIS CHILDREN)

SM2 and The House (a college ministry at UTC) are planning a joint mission trip over Christmas Break (December 27, 2018-January 4, 2019). We will be taking a handful of high school and college students to Ecuador to serve with a long-time ministry partner of Signal Pres, *For His Children*.

For details and to apply visit smtwo.org/Ecuador.

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".

MIDDLE SCHOOL TREK RETREAT RECAP

Thanks to all you students & leaders who made Trek Retreat 2018 memorable & wonderful!

We had a marvelous weekend as we experienced Jesus, played freely, enjoyed the beauty and fun of Camp Highland, worshiped, laughed, developed new friendships & strengthened old ones, and learned that Jesus doesn't want to make us better, he wants to make us new! Confession and obedience, not perfection!

And to all you parents, thanks for trusting us with your student! It is a great joy & privilege to be with them!

Save the Date:

TRUE NORTH RETREAT 2018 (GRADES 9-12)

NOVEMBER 16-18 • CAMP VESPER POINT

Registration opens October 1 at smtwo.org!



SPECIAL HOURS OCTOBER 31

Dinner: 5:30-6 PM
Adult & Children's Activities: 6-7 PM

SECOND QUARTER EQUIP CLASS LINEUP

OCTOBER 24-NOVEMBER 14

STRONG WHERE WE'RE WEAK: Anxiety, Depression, & Our Kids
with Beth Capecchi, Bill McGee, & Liz Edrington

GOD & MONEY
with Tom Francescon & Banning Stack

GOD AMONG THE NATIONS: Gospel Ministry Around the World
with Maclellan Foundation Representatives: Matt Ashton, Lee Behar, Randy Kennedy, & Ehab Youssef

ORPHAN JUSTICE
with Amy Scott

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.

RENEW CELEBRATION // NOVEMBER 11 · 12 PM · DUDLEY HALL

Finally, we have a chance to come together to hear about all that God has done during this process, and to commit to what God has next for us in our life and mission as a church. Our hope is that it won't be an end but a renewed beginning of what God is doing here at Signal Pres! Please make plans to come, and RSVP at signalpres.org/renew.

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, September 30 at 8:10 & 10:45 AM services

Sunday, October 21 at 5 PM in Marr Chapel during
the Healing Service