

Signal Points

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SIGNAL PRES MEN'S RETREAT



A SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

Finding Our Way to Freedom

JANUARY 25, 6-8:30 PM

Dinner served 6-7 PM

JANUARY 26, 8:30-11:45 AM

Breakfast served 8:30-9:15 AM

YOUTH WAREHOUSE • \$25

Come learn how to obtain a Spirit-filled life in and through the power of the Gospel with guest speaker Stephen Phelan.

REGISTER & PAY: signalpres.org/mens-retreat

QUESTIONS: Email Christie at cgilliam@signalpres.org.



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.

REGISTER & PAY: signalpres.org/womens-retreat

QUESTIONS: Email Hannah at hsims@signalpres.org.

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

Through the RENEW process, the Session has heard the desire for a greater sense of transparency in regards to the business of the church. In response, we are introducing this new section of Signal Points aimed at keeping you informed.

FINANCES & ATTENDANCE

	2018	2017
Annual Budget	\$3,338,700	\$3,270,300
Revenue YTD	\$2,770,576	\$2,818,227
Expenses YTD	\$2,852,187	\$2,841,946
Revenue Over (Under) Expenses	(\$81,611)	(\$23,719)
Average November Attendance	804	745

SESSION UPDATE

After our opening time of singing, the Session spent an extended amount of time praying for a variety of pastoral concerns in our congregation. After that, the December meeting provided us with a chance to show special thanks to the seven elders rolling off the Session at the end of 2018: Blaise Baxter, Bob Berry, Bob Marshall, Diane Mizell, Bruce Novkov, John Langworthy, and Ralph Mohny. Elders shared their appreciation for the ministry of these faithful servants as we celebrated what God has done through them all. They've served well through a season of transition, each offering valuable leadership and pastoral care on many levels. Thank them for their service!

One of the main points of discussion at this month's meeting involved a motion from the worship committee regarding communion in 2019. The motion, which was approved, was to designate the first Sunday of every month as the time when we will come to the Lord's Table in worship. Previously, the sacrament has been served approximately every other month, but not according to any easily discernible pattern. The Session sees several benefits in this adjustment to our schedule. Increased frequency will make the Lord's Table a more central part of our regular worship together, even as it will enable us as worshipers, knowing exactly when the sacrament is coming, to prepare for it in a more intentional way (see 1 Corinthians 11:28). The increased frequency of the sacrament will also allow us to continue serving the sacrament in the way that we have done for years at the same rate as in years past (approximately 6 times per year) while also incorporating and learning together other manners of enjoying the meal that, we hope, will broaden our experience of the sacrament as one that points us both back to the cross and forward to the kingdom, and as one that is both the occasion of personal reflection and corporate celebration.

The Session also approved summer youth mission trips, and talked about year end and 2019 budgeting plans. If you haven't sent in a pledge for 2019, we'd greatly appreciate you helping us plan for 2019 by doing so at your earliest convenience (cards are still available around the church, or visit signal.pres.org/give).



ELDER SPOTLIGHT // DAVID BARKER

David and his wife, Mary, have three children: Caroline, Emily, and William. He is pleased to serve the Lord as an OB/GYN physician, seeing first-hand the Lord's plan to build his kingdom through families. The Barkers joined Signal Pres in 2012 and have loved being active in church life. David enjoys music, especially Bluegrass, and participating in the Men's Ministry Old Town Throwdown.

WEDDING

Noah & Lauren Bailey Burney
October 6, 2018 • Camp Skyline,
Mentone, AL

BIRTH

Harrison Robert Gardner
A son born to David & Brie Gardner
December 3, 2018 • Chevy Chase, MD
Celebrating in our congregation are
grandparents David & Margo Gardner
and great-grandfather Jim Hodges.

BAPTISM

Frank Christopher Collins
Son of Chris & Elizabeth Collins
December 16, 2018
*Scott Bowen celebrated the
Sacrament assisted by Margaret
Ferguson and Elder T.W. Francescon.*

MEMORIALS

Minnie Quinn Saieed
Mother of Dan (Karen) Saieed
November 21, 2018
Wilmington, NC

William King Fell
Father of Danny (Nancy) Fell
December 10, 2018 • Amherst, VA

Mary Ruth Gillette Gilbreath
Mother of Jackie (Ralph) Mohny
December 11, 2018 • Chattanooga

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF

Daisy Davis
Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Zeiser

John Feller
Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Zeiser

Jessie Floyd
Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Zeiser

William Freels
*Mr. and Mrs. T. Maxfield Bahner
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chambers
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Mouer
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stephenson*

William & Martha Freels
*Mrs. Ann Huckaba
Mrs. Dorothy Nation
Dr. and Mrs. Nat Swann
Mrs. Denise Taylor*

Helen Gilleland
Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Zeiser

David McKenzie
*Mr. and Mrs. John Johnston III
Dr. and Mrs. Nat Swann
Mrs. Denise Taylor
Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Zeiser*

Gene Peele
Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Zeiser

Margaret Spittler
Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Zeiser

NIGHTOWLS NEW VOLUNTEER TRAINING

JANUARY 20 • 4 PM

CORNERSTONE RM 117

NightOWLS is a respite care ministry for families with children with special needs. Each evening is four hours long and meets seven weekends each 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 monitor
- Part of the set up crew before the evening begins
- Part of the clean up crew after the evening is over

We love volunteers of all ages! Students in middle school can volunteer with a parent and 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 the New Volunteer training to hear what it is like to serve in this ministry and consider joining our wonderful team of volunteers. We have a great time serving together!

FOR INFO & TO REGISTER:

Email Celestial Allen at callennightowls@gmail.com.

GRIEFSHARE

SUNDAYS BEGINNING JANUARY 6 • 12 SESSIONS

WOODWARD HALL • 3-5 PM

GriefShare, sponsored by Stephen Ministry, is a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them.

FOR INFO & TO REGISTER: Contact Christie at 886.2190 or cgilliam@signalpres.org, or visit signalpres.org/support/grief.

NEW WOMEN *of the* WORD STUDY

HEBREWS: THE NEARNESS OF KING JESUS

By Lisa Harper

THURSDAYS BEGINNING JANUARY 17 • 7 SESSIONS

WOODWARD HALL • 9:15 AM

COST: \$15.00

WOW welcomes all women of Signal Pres and the community to join together for this delightful study of Hebrews. Having just celebrated Jesus' birth, this study will help us push further into the two contrasting realities of our supreme yet approachable Savior. Come draw near to Jesus, our Accessible King.

REGISTER FOR STUDY & CHILDCARE: signalpres.org/wow.

QUESTIONS? Contact Hannah at 886.2190 or hsims@signalpres.org.

LIVING WATER HIGHLANDER BIBLE STUDY & LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29 • 11 AM • WOODWARD HALL

Who likes to talk about suffering? Not many of us...but as Paul continues teaching Timothy to be an effective ambassador for Jesus Christ, he talks about the benefits of suffering for the Gospel. Let's ring in the New Year together as we study God's Word from 2 Timothy before enjoying fellowship and food together. Bible Study begins at 11 AM in Woodward Hall, followed by lunch at noon (cost: \$5)

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

BEAUTY. ORDER. MYSTERY.

Scripture gives us a glorious vision for what it means to be created in God's image as a man or a woman. But these are difficult times for understanding that vision. Gender dysphoria, transgenderism, and gender politics all lead to deep confusion and a hesitancy to say anything. How can we reclaim the meaning of God's good creation of male and female?

Signal Pres has been awarded a \$10,000 grant called *The Stott Award* (named after renowned pastor and author John Stott) by Trinity Evangelical Divinity School to explore these issues and to help us to live faithfully together in these fraught and confusing times. Below you'll see a list of events that we've scheduled over the next few months that are a part of our work of equipping you to understand and live in God's beautiful design for men and women.



WAFFLES & WINTERIM

Science & Faith: Friends or foes?

JANUARY 6, 13, & 20 · DUDLEY HALL

Jan 6	8:45-9:45 AM	Waffle Breakfast
	9:45-10:25 AM	<i>The Issues</i>
Jan 13	9:30-10:25 AM	<i>Creation & Evolution</i>
Jan 20	9:30-10:25 AM	<i>The Role of the Bible</i>

Individuals & families are invited to come kick-off Winterim with a waffle breakfast on January 6. All Adult Sunday School classes will meet in Dudley Hall for the first three weeks of January.

WINTERIM (January 6, 13, 20) with Dr. Hans Madueme. Science promises to help us understand who we are as men and women. Dr. Madueme will help us think through the fundamental issues of how we relate the Bible and our faith to science.

SERMON SERIES (March 3, 10, 17, & 24): A Beautiful Design: Understanding Male and Female in the Image of God For four Sundays we'll look together at what Scripture has to say about men and women: God's beautiful plan, the brokenness we all experience, and how Jesus invites us into something better.

THE REPRESENTATION PROJECT. These are difficult times to be a child, student, or parent trying to understand gender. We're bombarded with all kinds of contradictory pictures of what it means to be a boy or a girl, a man or a woman. We'll watch and then discuss two recent documentaries about images of masculinity (*The Mask You Live In*, February 7 at 6 PM) and femininity (*Miss Representation*, March 3 at 6 PM) to help us navigate these waters.

THE IMAGO DEI CONFERENCE. We're hosting Hannah Anderson and Dr. Esau McCauley for a mini-conference to learn together about God's vision for masculinity and femininity. Hannah is the author of multiple books, including *Made for More* and *All Things Good*, and Esau is a professor and popular speaker who will be joining the faculty of Wheaton College in the fall of 2019.



BEAUTY · ORDER · MYSTERY

MARCH 8 & 9
SIGNAL PRES

UNDERSTANDING MALE &
FEMALE IN GOD'S IMAGE

NURSERY MINISTRY

to become

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

Nursery Ministry will now be known as Preschool Ministry. We will continue just as we are now: same classrooms, same teachers/caregivers, same curriculum. The only difference is that our 4/5s class will fall under Preschool Ministry and Children's Ministry will serve K-5th grade.

It's easy to think of Preschool Ministry as simply "babysitting." Preschool Ministry helps children build a foundation of faith and trust in the church, a foundation that is built stronger in Children's Ministry, and even stronger in Student Ministry. If we can be intentional in our teaching and partner with parents from the very beginning, we can make a bigger impact and grow young disciples.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAYS • 9:30–10:25 AM

Families – Have you gotten your tickets to Randall Goodgame's SLUGS & BUGS Family Concert? Get 'em today at [bit.ly/smpcslugsbugs!](http://bit.ly/smpcslugsbugs)

BIBLE IN MY HEART

Jesus answered, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

— JOHN 14:6

GOD'S BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Who did Jesus say he is?

Jesus said he is the Messiah.

LESSONS

1. Jesus meets Nicodemus
2. Jesus & John the Baptist
3. Jesus meets a Samaritan woman

EQUIP • AGAPE CLUB • 5TH

WEDNESDAYS • 6:15–7:30 PM



Agape Club resumes on Wednesday, January 23. Bring a friend along with you as we continue to learn about The Fruit of the Spirit and Catechism Questions 51-100. (Parent Check-In is at 6 PM).

5TH resumes January 23. Bring a friend and join us on Wednesdays, 6:15-7:30 PM. (Parent check-in is at 6 PM). Reverend Margaret Ferguson will be our Guest Speaker preparing the children about the importance of leading in worship. The children will also be practicing leading the Alexian Worship service in February.

SAVE *the* DATE:

GO FISH GUYS VBS

JUNE 10-13

YOU'RE INVITED!

MUSIC! SINGING! FUN! GIGGLES!

SLUGS & BUGS

FAMILY CONCERT

WITH RANDALL GOODGAME

JANUARY 11 AT 6 PM IN DUDLEY HALL

SIGNAL MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

612 JAMES BLVD, 37377

TICKETS: \$15 PER FAMILY // BIT.LY/SMPCSLUGSBUGS

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, AND GRANDPARENTS!

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

AS OF DECEMBER 2018



Brandon & Nancy Hartselle
Charlie (6) & Parke (1)
488.7027 • 304 Laurel Street
By reaffirmation of faith

The Hartselles are relatively new to Signal Mountain, having moved here a little over a year ago from Birmingham, AL. They enjoy Auburn football, playing with their yellow lab, Remy, and spending time outdoors with their family.



Mark & Kara Price
Kate (8) & Kallie (6)
870.260.2496 • 114 Riverpoint Road
By transfer of church membership
from Grace Community Church,
Brentwood, TN

The Prices moved here in August from Nashville, TN. Kara is a Family Nurse Practitioner and Mark is the Varsity Boys Basketball Coach at Baylor School. Kate and Kallie attend Thrasher.

INTRO TO SIGNAL PRES CLASS: Jan 13, 20, 27, & Feb 3

QUESTIONS? Contact Scott at sbowen@signalpres.org.

DISCIPLE 2019

SUNDAYS, BEGINNING JANUARY 20
4-5:30 PM, CORNERSTONE 303

DISCIPLE is our beginning course in basic Christian faith for students in 5th-8th grade who are asking: "... Do I hear Jesus calling me? Am I ready to follow him?" It has two goals: to help prepare students to trust Jesus Christ and help them learn to practice an everyday faith in him.

We'll hold three opportunities for parents who have students ready to consider DISCIPLE. Please join us:

- Sunday, January 13, 12 PM
- Wednesday, January 9 or 16, 7:30 PM

Each meeting will last about 20 minutes and will take place in Room 302 (Cornerstone Bldg, top floor, enter via the walkway off the Sanctuary lot). Register at signalpres.org/disciple-2019 by January 17.

QUESTIONS? Visit signalpres.org/disciple-2019 or Contact Andy at acornett@signalpres.org.

SING *in the* NEW YEAR!

Studies show that singing has many benefits. It improves memory, boosts our immune systems, decreases anxiety, builds community, and develops the lungs, to name a few. In addition to many biblical reasons, singing is fun. It is about being a part of a team and building relationships with others.

Scripture gives some clear reasons for us to sing. Here are just a few:

- **God commands us to sing!** In Psalms, we're commanded to sing at least seven times! Colossians 3 instructs us to "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."
- **Singing glorifies God.** Ephesians 5 tells us to sing "to God" and "to the Lord" because he is the object of our praise. Ephesians 5:19 says, "singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart." Revelation 4:11 gives us a vehicle for glorifying God: "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."
- **Singing expresses our joy in Christ.** James 5:13 says "Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise." "My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed." Psalm 71:23.

If you would like to join a choir at Signal Pres, we encourage it! However, you have the opportunity to use your voice every week in the choir that you are a part of each week—the congregation. Your enthusiastic singing encourages not only each other, but your own heart as you sing joyful praise to the One who made you and gave his life for you! The choir loves to look out and see you singing in worship. So, sing. "Let us sing for joy to the LORD, Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation" (Psalm 95:1).

FOR MORE INFO ABOUT OUR CHOIRS:

Sanctuary Choir (Age 18+): Contact Steven Ingram at singram@signalpres.org;

Youth Choir (Grades 6-12); Westminster Singers (Grades 3-5); Praise Choir (Grades 1-2):
Contact Beth DuRoy at bduroy@signalpres.org.

Joy Choir (ages 4, 5, & K): Contact Katie Baker at kmbaker0342@gmail.com.

ECUADOR MISSION TEAM

From December 27 to January 4, a group of high school students from SM2 and college students from the House will be traveling to Ecuador to serve alongside one of our ministry partners, For His Children.

PLEASE PRAY FOR US!

- For the good of those we serve, and for them to see the love of Jesus through us.
- For energy, wisdom and love on behalf of the adult leaders.
- For students to have eyes to see Jesus at work in our world and their lives.



SERVICE DAY RECAP

SM2 had a great morning at Hope For the Inner City a couple of weekends ago as we prepared their Christmas Store for families to come and shop for their kiddos! We love what Hope For The Inner City does to come alongside their community offering hope and dignity to each individual they serve. A big thanks to these (and more not pictured) students who came down to serve for the morning!

FAMILY CAFÉ RESUMES

JANUARY 27

Families (students & adults) are invited to the All-Church Winterim Series, *Faith & Science*, January 6, 13, & 20 in Dudley Hall, 9:30-10:25 AM (plus a waffle breakfast at 8:45 AM on January 6!).

Save the Date

FISH: FEBRUARY 22-24

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1!

Reminder:

SM2 WEDNESDAY NIGHTS RESUME JANUARY 9

PRAY FOR NEW YOUTH STAFF!

Y'all have noticed and have been patient while we're short staffed in our ministry. But we are actively looking. Search teams are recruiting, praying for, and evaluating the best candidates for a Co-Director (along with Camille) and a new 2-year intern to join our team. Keep praying, encouraging, stay informed, and spread the word! For details, visit signalpres.org/jobs.



SM2 2019 *summer trips*

Registration is open for Middle & High School summer trips at smtwo.org/2019-summer-trips.

QUESTIONS? Contact Sydney at 886.2190 or swojewoda@signalpres.org.



Q3 EQUIP CLASS LINEUP

JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 20

THE GREAT INVITATION: Learning to Live a Life of Prayer
with Adam Whitscarver

THE GREAT PHYSICIAN: Thinking Faithfully About Medicine & Health
with Dr. Bill Davis

SPEAKING A MYSTERY: Male & Female in the Image of God
with Andy Cornett, Tommy Hayslett, Beth Rowlett and Joey Sherrard

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.

2ND ANNUAL COMMUNITY MINISTRIES CHILI COOK-OFF

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23 • 5:30-7:30 PM • DUDLEY HALL

Your \$10 entrance ticket (\$5 students and children) goes to support select Signal Pres community ministry partners. Use your entrance ticket to vote for your favorite chili, and help us to determine who will hold the title of "2019 Signal Pres Chili Master"! Children will be dismissed at 6:30 PM for Agape Club and adults will hear from guest speaker Robby Holt, co-author of *Practicing the King's Economy*, about how to make loving our neighbor a part of our daily life. Join us for this evening of food, fellowship, and growing as followers of Christ.

FOR QUESTIONS OR TO SIGN UP A CHILI TEAM CONTACT CHRISTIE // cgilliam@signalpres.org or 886.2190

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

DECEMBER 30

Only one worship service (10 AM)

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

December 31 (noon) & January 1

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

January 6 during both services (8:10 & 10:45 AM)

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