

Signal Points

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I AM THE RESURRECTION & THE LIFE

JOHN 11:25

SUNRISE SERVICE ON THE BROW

April 21 • 6:30 AM • 318 N. Palisades Dr.

(in the event of rain, Sunrise Service will be canceled)

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

April 21 • 8:10 AM & 10:45 AM

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Easter Sunday, April 21

HOLY WEEK PRAYER VIGIL

The whole church is encouraged to set aside intentional time for prayer during the days leading up to Easter. Marr Chapel will be open Monday through Thursday, 7 AM-5 PM, and Friday, 7 AM-1 PM (no sign up needed), or you can pray at home, in a park during lunch, or anywhere else that is convenient. A guide for daily prayer will be provided for those who desire it (online at signalpres.org/vigil and in Marr Chapel).

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY / April 14

- 8:10 AM First Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 AM Sunday School (Classrooms)
- 9:45 AM Children gather for Processional of Palms rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 AM Second Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 PM Healing Service (Marr Chapel)

MAUNDY THURSDAY / April 18

- 5:30 PM Congregational Dinner (Dudley Hall)
Please RSVP
- 6:30 PM Children's Program for 4s-2nd Grade (Cornerstone, 1st Floor)
Grades 3-12 attend the service
- 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)

GOOD FRIDAY / April 19

- 7:00 AM Prayer Vigil Continues (Marr Chapel)
- 12:00 PM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Daily Service of Holy Communion

April 15-17, 6 PM (Marr Chapel).
Childcare provided for ages 0-5.

FINANCES & ATTENDANCE

	2019	2018
Annual Budget	\$3,227,000	\$3,270,300
Av. February Attendance	735	547

SESSION UPDATE

The elders met on March 17 for our stated meeting. As we have committed to doing, we began the meeting by praying for members of the church, working toward praying for every member by name over the course of the year. Be on the lookout for a note telling you when you and your family will be prayed for, and please send us any specific needs for which we might be praying.

There were a couple of significant items of business on the agenda this month. We approved the 2019 operating budget, which is \$43,000 less than the 2018 budget. Anyone who desires can see the full budget by contacting the church office. We will report every month in this space on how giving and expenses are moving along. We also approved a sabbatical for Margaret Ferguson that will run from Memorial Day to Labor Day of this year. A sabbatical is an intentional time of rest and renewal that is made available to pastors after 7 years of service in a congregation. The Session is grateful for Margaret's ministry and glad to offer her this time away.

We spent a significant period of time talking about the next steps with our strategic focus and objectives that were shared with the congregation at the March 10 congregational meeting. In case you missed that, we said that **over the next 5-7 years, we desire to become one church of many deeply connected communities offering gospel hope and healing to the people of Signal Mountain and Chattanooga.** On the way to that, we said we 1) would be building an internal culture and external face that supported that vision, 2) figuring out a model for deeply connected communities that engage their people in connection with one another AND in mission to Signal and Chattanooga, 3) strengthening partnerships with community ministries in town, and 4) reviewing all that we presently do to see what aligns with our focus, what might be tweaked in order to better align with our focus, and what might be no longer necessary in light of our focus.

The conversation at this meeting was primarily about how we might start to move on objective 2 by beginning to form the deeply connected communities. Our initial conversation tended to have us thinking about a series of pilot groups which would help the whole church learn the 'up, in, out' rhythm that we desire to see permeate our church. The pastors will be bringing specifics of what these pilot groups might look like to the April meeting. Stay tuned for more, including an invitation to participate in the conversation by being a part of a pilot group.



ELDER SPOTLIGHT // STEVE TIPPES

My wife, Mary Leslie, and I have been members at Signal Pres for 29 years. We were high school sweethearts and have been married for 44 years. We have two daughters—Beth and Katelyn (married to Whit Dowlen). I have served on the Diaconate and the Session previously. Mary Leslie and I are previous D-group leaders and currently teach 5th grade Sunday School. I have been an oral surgeon in Chattanooga for 35 years. My hobbies are hunting, fishing, reading, and with Mary Leslie's help, chasing after our granddaughters Mary Scott and Charlotte Dowlen.

BIRTH

Theodore "Ted" Wendell Richards
A son born to Adam and Maggie LaRochelle Richards • March 9
Ft. Worth, TX • Celebrating in our congregation are grandparents Peter & Peggy LaRochelle

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Marian Behuniak
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zeiser

Bobby Cobb
Mrs. Eleanor Cunningham
Mrs. Virginia Downes

Dean Holland
Mrs. Priscilla Caine
Discovery Sunday School Class
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Francescon, Sr.
Mrs. Denise Taylor
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zeiser

MOTHER'S DAY LIBRARY GIFTING

APRIL 28

Please consider taking part in this special tradition! Potential new library materials will be on display in the Greeting Room for purchase/gifting to the library in honor of or memory of mothers or other people special to you.

QUESTIONS? Contact Fay at 886.2190.

KENYA MISSION TRIP & MEETING JULY-AUGUST 2019

To learn of the exact travel dates or for questions please contact Christie at cgilliam@signalpres.org or 886-2190. Our Kenyan missionary, Stu Ross, will be joining us for an informational dinner and meeting on **Saturday, April 6**. In order to attend you must have signed up as an interested team participant prior. Age 16 and above welcome if accompanied by an adult. *Space is limited.*

HIGHLANDER LUNCH BUNCH

MAY 16 · 9:00 AM

MISS MARY BOBO'S &
JACK DANIEL DISTILLERY

LYNCHBURG, TN - Come hungry because we will start out around Miss Mary's dining room table where we will enjoy a variety of all-you-can-eat southern dishes. After lunch we will drive down the road to the Jack Daniel Distillery where we will take the hour long "dry tour" filled with stories and the behind-the-scenes process.

TO RSVP: Contact Christie at 886.2190 or cgjilliam@signalpres.org. Don't delay this trip always fills up! Deadline to sign up is May 9
Departure: Youth Parking Lot 9:00 AM (Make plans for a full day's trip)
Cost: \$45 (includes meal and tour)

LIVING WATER HIGHLANDER BIBLE STUDY & LUNCHEON

APRIL 30 · 11 AM
WOODWARD HALL

FAITHFULNESS. Is it possible to be faithful without trusting that the Scripture is the true word of God? How strong are our convictions when they conflict with those of others whom we like? We'll talk about how Paul's words will help us to "continue in what we have learned" as we persevere in life as Christ-followers. Bible Study begins at 11 AM followed by lunch at noon (cost: \$5).

TO RSVP: Contact Christie at 886.2190 or cgjilliam@signalpres.org.



EMBRACE MINISTRY Community Coffee

APRIL 13 · 9-11 AM · YOUTH CAFE

Parents, grandparents, friends, and caregivers of children (of any age) with exceptional needs are invited to come enjoy coffee and fellowship together. Through Embrace Ministry, we desire to build community amongst individuals and families who are touched by special and exceptional needs. Whether you are just beginning your journey or are a seasoned pro, we'd love to have you! Childcare will be available, but please sign up in advance (signalpres.org/childcare) so we can best care for you and your family. Please feel free to invite a friend!

FOR MORE INFO OR TO RSVP: Contact Celestial (callen@signalpres.org) or Betsy (bwilburn@signalpres.org).

EMBRACE MINISTRY SUPPORTS ADOPTION & FOSTER CARE

Did you know that Embrace Ministry supports foster and adoptive families in our church and community? Sparrow's Nest closet serves to provide needed items to any family that is fostering or adopting. Families may come and choose clothing, equipment, toys, or other supplies that will help them to warmly welcome a new child into their home. Items that we are always in need of are: NEW pajamas (all sizes), diapers, NEW underwear, and socks.

TO LEARN MORE OR MAKE A DONATION: Contact Martha Usher at mushertn@gmail.com.

TIME TO ORDER EASTER LILIES

Easter Lilies are available for purchase to place in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday in honor or memory of loved ones (\$10.00 each). Pick up an order form from a resource table and return it to the church office or offering plate by April 14 with a check made out to Signal Pres. Names will be listed in the Easter Sunday Worship bulletin.

FINAL MEN'S GATHERING OF THE SEASON

APRIL 28 • 6:30-8 PM • WAREHOUSE

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend our final Men's Gathering of the season. You don't want to miss this time of food, fellowship, and relatable Christian speakers. Stay tuned for announcements about our speaker and topic for our time together.

SIGN UP: Contact Christie: cgilliam@signalpres.org or 886.2190.

AVOID, DENY, DEFEND ACTIVE THREAT TRAINING

APRIL 27 • 10 AM-12 PM
DUDLEY HALL

Childcare Provided for ages 5 and under

All officers, church staff, and Sunday School teachers are required to attend. Anyone from the congregation is also welcome to attend.

RSVP FOR CHILDCARE: signalpres.org/childcare

IN HIS SERVICE

APRIL 15 • 10 AM • BECKING ROOM

Calling all knitters and those who crochet! Our IHS ladies are now going to be involved in a ministry of knitting prayer shawls for those who need a warm touch! Join us and bring your needles on Monday, April 15 at 10 AM, in the Becking Room.

Last IHS of the year is May 20, 10 AM, Becking Room.

FOR INFO: Contact Lisa Frost at 423.886.4231 or lisa.frost@epbfi.com.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

*Crisis can turn your world upside down
Stephen Ministers can help you get
rightsided up.*

NEED HELP? Contact Margaret Ferguson at the church office (886-2190).

NEW 4-WEEK WOMEN'S SPRING BIBLE STUDY

Resting in God's Grace

THURSDAYS STARTING APRIL 4
9:30-11 AM • WOODWARD HALL
TEACHER: SUSAN LARAMORE

All women are invited to this wonderful 4-week series taught by our own Susan Laramore. Grab your Bible and come join us. We'll be expecting you and by all means feel free to bring a friend!

RSVP FOR CHILDCARE: bwilburn@signalpres.org

MORE INFO: hsims@signalpres.org



VBS 2019

JUNE 10-13
9 AM-12 PM

We will PRAISE God for his Greatness, Authority, Power, and Love at VBS this summer! If your child is a rising 1st-rising 6th grader, we want them here!

For more information, to volunteer to help with VBS, or if you have any questions, contact Hannah at hsims@signalpres.org or register your children at signalpres.org/vbs-2019/.



PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

God created us to be in a relationship with him and in relationships with people here on earth. Friendships are a big part of preschoolers' lives. Through these first relationships, they are learning how to be a friend, have fun with friends, get along with friends, problem-solve with friends, resolve conflict with friends, and above all, love friends.

Looking for friendship? Check out the following:

PRAISE & PLAY

APRIL 5 · DUDLEY HALL · 9:30-11 AM

A Preschool morning of singing, scripture, sign language, and play with other moms and preschoolers, 0-5 years old.

WOW BIBLE STUDY

APRIL 4, 11, 18, 25 · 9:30-11 AM

WOODWARD HALL

Friendship for moms while studying God's word and friendship for littles on the children's floor.

WEDNESDAY WIGGLES

APRIL 3 & 10 · 4:30-5:30 PM

PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Come play on the preschool playground before Dinner & EQUIP!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAYS · 9:30-10:25 AM

BIBLE IN MY HEART

These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

— JOHN 20:31

GOD'S BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Why did Jesus perform miracles?

Jesus performed miracles to glorify God and prove he is God the Son.

LESSONS

1. Jesus Turned Water into Wine
2. Jesus Provided Bread from Heaven
3. Jesus Walked on Water

5TH WEEK

APRIL 10 · 6:45-7:30 PM

5th Parents,

It's the end of another mile marker. You will soon have a middle schooler. We want you to come to our last 5th to help us celebrate them! We will watch the 5th Movie and Student Ministry will come for Q/A. Please plan to join us!

SAVE THE DATE FOR BIBLE CAMP

JUNE 24-27 & JULY 22-25

10 AM-1PM

Rising 4th-rising 6th graders are warmly invited to this fun Bible camp event! We will play games, go on scavenger hunts, and explore what the Bible has to say about topics of the day. Invite a friend!

TO REGISTER: signalpres.org/summer-camp.

UPCOMING CHILDREN & YOUTH CHOIR EVENTS

NATIONAL ANTHEM · APRIL 6
7:15 PM *at* AT&T FIELD

SPRING CONCERT · APRIL 14
4 PM *in the* SANCTUARY

YOUTH CHOIR CONCERT · APRIL 25
7 PM *at* COVENANT COLLEGE CHAPEL

Plan to join the Westminster Singers and Youth Choir on Friday, April 6 at 7:15 PM as they sing the National Anthem for the Chattanooga Lookouts Game! We also invite you to join us in the Sanctuary on Sunday, April 14 at 4 PM as the Joy, Praise, Westminster Singers, and Youth Choir share some of their favorite songs and anthems from choir this year. Lastly, our Youth Choir will join forces with Covenant College choirs and Jazz Ensemble, and Lookout Children's Community Chorus at Covenant College's Spring Festival Concert on Thursday, April 25 at 7 PM held in the Chapel on the Covenant College campus. We would love to have you join us!

Pictured: In February our Westminster Singers traveled to Atlanta to work with Dr. Martha Shaw at the Chorister's Guild Festival with students from multiple churches and schools in GA.



Q4 EQUIP CLASS LINEUP

APRIL 3, 10

PARENTING FOR INDEPENDENCE:
Intentional Planning for the Special Needs Family with *Lifeline Ministry* - ROOM 300

FATHER, HUSBAND, WORKER, FRIEND:
The Blessings & Challenges of Masculinity with a variety of *Signal Pres* members & guests - ROOM 301

A WOMAN'S PLACE:
The Many Callings of Women with a variety of *Signal Pres* members & guests - ROOM 302

DISCOVERING OUR RACIAL HISTORY
with *Joey Sherrard* - ROOM 303

Dinner at 5:30 PM in Dudley Hall features a choice of Blue-Plate, Soup & Salad, & Kids Meal. Students in Middle & High School meet in the Youth Wing starting at 5:30 PM. Children (K-5th) are dismissed to Agape Club at 6 PM. All programming ends at 7:30 PM. For menus and to RSVP visit signalpres.org/equip.



SM2 HOUSE PARTY

SM2'S SUMMER MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER!

You are invited to gather at one of 15 homes during the first 2 weeks of April to share a meal with a handful of church members plus students and leaders who will be attending our summer trips. This will be your chance to hear from our students and leaders about where we'll be serving and clear ways you can partner with us as we prepare to go out, serving and loving our neighbor in the name of Christ.

Register at smtwo.org/house-party. Want to host a meal? Email Camille: cward@signalpres.org.

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."

PRAYER UPDATE

Thank you to many who are praying for the new staff we are seeking! Please keep praying that the Lord would direct our steps and lead us to the right people. We have two search teams looking for a Co-Director for Student Ministry (guys' discipleship) and a Full-time Intern. Find the details at signalpres.org/jobs and spread the news to anyone you know!

SENIOR SUNDAY

APRIL 7 • 10:45 AM • SANCTUARY

Everyone is invited to join us in worship for a time of prayer for our seniors. That evening families will gather back together for a time of sharing and blessing. Details were mailed out March 11; if you have a Senior and have not received it give us a call in the youth office at 886.2190 so we can get it corrected!

VOLUNTEER WITH SM2

We'd love to have you consider partnering with us as we seek to disciple middle & high school students in the way of Jesus. Some of our immediate opportunities include:

- Hospitality & Welcome Team on Sunday Mornings & Wednesday Nights
- D-Group Leadership

For more information on these & other opportunities to serve with us please visit smtwo.org/serve or contact Camille at cward@signalpres.org.



LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

On Saturday, March 9, this crew of students & parents partnered with Project 52 to work in Ms. Wetherbee's yard filling a dumpster with debris. This endeavor was spearheaded by Kathy Harper who raised up this remarkable team! We are proud to see them going out in mission being the faithful presence of Jesus' love to our neighbor! #MissionalLiving #SacrificialLove

SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 6-8

ALPINE CAMP • MENTONE, AL



**Family fun! Waterfront!
Outdoor games! Downtime!
Heartfelt worship!**

*Spend an awesome weekend
connecting with your church family.
Serious Fun. (Seriously).*

**Registration opens June 1 at
signalpres.org/family-camp.**

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

April 7 during both services (8:10 & 10:45 AM)

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Good Friday, April 19 - Office closes at noon.
Monday, April 22 - Office closed all day.

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