

Signal Points

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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 now open at
signalpres.org/family-camp.**

JOIN US *for an* ALL-CHURCH FAMILY GATHERING!

SEPTEMBER 4 • 5:30–7:30 PM

Make plans to join us for an evening outside on the church grounds for great food from a variety of food trucks, live music, games for all ages, an exciting game of kick-ball between our officers and students, and of course some quality intergenerational fellowship. There is truly something for everyone of every age. We will provide a safe space for the littles and help for those who need to sit back and relax. Bring some cash for dinner! *(FYI: we'll cancel for rain).*

QUESTIONS? Contact Christie at cgilliam@signalpres.org or 886-2190.

FIRST QUARTER EQUIP CLASSES BEGIN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

FINANCES & ATTENDANCE

	2019	2018
Annual Budget	\$3,227,000	\$3,338,700
Revenue YTD	\$1,418,560	\$1,517,448
Expenses YTD	\$1,696,946	\$1,585,801
Revenue Over (Under) Expenses	(\$278,386)	(\$68,353)
Av. June Attendance	538	556

SESSION UPDATE

The elders met for their regular meeting on Wednesday, July 10. After our time of prayer for members, we had a discussion of the budget numbers seen above. While June numbers are traditionally skewed by a quarterly payment of support to community and international mission groups, and while the deficit doesn't reflect an \$82k transfer out of our building reserve fund, we are further behind than normal for this point in the year. This deficit can be traced to two primary factors: much larger than budgeted expenses towards unforeseen building maintenance and staff medical insurance costs, and giving that is behind the expected pace for this point in the year.

The elders reviewed these things and have taken a couple of action steps between now and August, at which point we will be able to see what, if any steps, might be necessary as we move into the Fall. For now, we want you, the congregation, to be aware of these unforeseen expenses and the slower-than-expected giving, even as we want you to know how important and appreciated is your faithful generosity towards the church in this season.

The rest of our meeting was spent in working groups, each of which is aimed at taking action steps towards our strategic priorities coming out of Renew. Starting in August, we will start to hear from these groups every month, and we will pass along updates in this space!



ELDER SPOTLIGHT // TONY BOALS

Sally and I joined Signal Pres in 1994. Since moving to Signal Mountain, we have been blessed with four beautiful children (Thomas 23, Janie 19, Sara Beck 17 and Annie 15). I have served as a deacon and elder on the Property, Congregational Care, PDS, and Personnel Ministry Groups. Sally and I both have served the Student Ministry as D-Group leaders and parent volunteers. Currently Sally is teaching 1st grade Sunday School. We have certainly been blessed by being a part of the Signal Pres family and are excited about where the Lord is leading our church. Thank you for the opportunity to serve with you.

LIBRARY AMNESTY MONTH

August is amnesty month! Turn in those overdue items to the library before August 31 and pay no fines!

BIRTH

Annie Raines Whitmire

A daughter born to Will & Ruth Whitmire
July 23, 2019 • Chattanooga

BAPTISMS

Charlotte Lana Coker

Daughter of John & Megan Coker
July 21, 2019 • Scott Bowen celebrated the Sacrament assisted by Andy Cornett and Elder Tony Boals.

James Lawton Wells

Son of Beau & Beth Wells
July 28, 2019 • Scott Bowen celebrated the Sacrament assisted by Andy Cornett and Elder Scott Ferguson.

MEMORIALS

Carolyn Case

Mother of Brad (Lynn) Case
June 27, 2019 • Signal Mountain

Bob Burton

Father of Judy (Hal) Gault
July 6, 2019 • Signal Mountain

Lois Whaley

Mother of Karlette (Chip) Baker
July 13, 2019 • Conroe, TX

Louis S. Quinn

Father of Ellie (Michael) Heinichen
July 17, 2019 • Baton Rouge, LA

Clay Timanus

Brother of Cindy (Jim) Hynds
July 23, 2019 • Fountain Inn, SC

Dana Griffin

Mother of Linda (Chip) Leonard
July 24, 2019 • Signal Mountain

Bettie Hawkins

Church Member 1974-2019
July 24, 2019 • Signal Mountain

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF

Carolyn Case

Mr. and Mrs. John Ezell
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Francescon Sr.

Gordon (Chuck) Conner

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Francescon Sr.
Mr. Jarrell Reeves

Shirley Dickman

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Francescon Sr.

Velvin Herndon

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Francescon, Sr.

Martha Hicks

Mrs. Carolyn Ballard

Dean Holland

Mrs. Carolyn Ballard
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Francescon Sr.

Conrad Ingram

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Francescon Sr.

Marguerite Meadows

Mrs. Carolyn Ballard
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Francescon Sr.

Mrs. Joyce Hill
Mrs. Polly Lopez
Dr. and Mrs. Larry Welch
Mr. and Mrs. Grady Williams

Jean Morris

Mrs. Carolyn Ballard
Mr. and Mrs. James Cofer

Betty Rothberger

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Andrews
Mrs. Carolyn Ballard
Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Boaz
Mrs. Nancy Davis
Mr. Richard Dillender
Mrs. Dorothy Nation
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nelson
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Preston
Signal Pres. Circle #1
Mrs. Denise Taylor
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith
Dr. and Mrs. Larry Welch
Mr. and Mrs. Grady Williams
Mrs. Barbara Wright

Kim Thompson

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Francescon Sr.

Mary Margaret Todaro

Mrs. Carolyn Ballard
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Francescon Sr.

Patricia Wier

Dr. and Mrs. C. D. Adair
Mrs. Carolyn Ballard
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Brown
Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Depasquale
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Feher
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Felder
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Francescon Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Galphin
Mr. and Mrs. Casey Hammontree
Mr. David E. Harrison
Ms. Snoda M. Hendricks
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Hilke
Mr. and Mrs. James J. Hudson
Mr. and Mrs. Russ Heusman
Mr. Brian Jordan
Ms. Jane Marsh
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nadeau
Mr. Mike Parrott
Mr. and Mrs. John Pearson
Mr. Jarrell Reeves
Ms. Patricia Riska
Mr. and Mrs. E. Michael Westerman
Mrs. Barbby Wilson
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis K. Wolfe
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Young

GIFTS IN HONOR OF

**Dr. & Mrs. William Dudley's
50th Anniversary**

Mrs. Phyllis Andrews
Mrs. Priscilla Caine
Mrs. Joyce Hill
Mr. and Mrs. Ken Ives
Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Martin
Mr. and Mrs. Jim O'Kelley
Mrs. Denise Taylor

INTRO to SIGNAL PRES CLASS

SEPTEMBER 15, 22, & 29 · 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. The Session Room is on your left. Signs will be placed to direct your way.

QUESTIONS? Contact Scott at sbowen@signalpres.org or 886.2190.

WELCOME to OUR NEW MEMBERS!



Chris & Sarah Jackson
Steel (5), Ruby (3), Isla (1)
256.487.4387
318 Arrow Drive, 37377

Joining by reaffirmation of faith.

Chris, Sarah, Steel, Ruby, and Isla are excited to be joining Signal Mountain Pres. This is a homecoming of sorts for Sarah, and she has treasured watching her husband and children be loved and nurtured by the church already. When Chris is not working for Genesys, a software company, he enjoys wrangling kiddos, running, and keeping up with shark attacks via several google alerts. When Sarah is not full-time momming it, she enjoys reading, organizing, and planning. The kiddos enjoy making messes and blaming them on each other. We are happy to be making this formal declaration of membership to this community. We know that the belonging we find here is just an infinitesimal glimpse of the kingdom citizenship we have through Jesus. We look forward to growing with this body in pursuit of becoming more and more like Jesus.

NEW ADULT & STUDENT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

FOUNDATIONS: Living the Christian Life
with Andy Cornett, Joey Sherrard, & guests

Location: The Pit (off of the Youth Café)

The Christian faith is more than just a list of beliefs that we mentally ascribe to—it's a blueprint for how we make our way through our ordinary lives. In this class we'll be walking through the basics of the Christian faith and asking ourselves how the doctrines of the Christian faith help us to live faithfully in a fragmented and fallen world.

**MEETING JESUS AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME:
The Gospel of Mark**

Location: Thorington 299

Mark's Gospel is both the first and shortest gospel of the four included in our New Testament. In Mark's account of Jesus' life and ministry we have a fast-paced and concise introduction to the Messiah that helps us to discover again who the Son of God is and what his life means for us.

QUESTIONS? Jean: jsmith@signalpres.org, 886.2190.

CORNERSTONE CAFÉ BREAKFAST BUFFET & SUNDAY SCHOOL LAUNCH

AUGUST 11, 9-10:25 AM · DUDLEY HALL

Make plans to join us for an informal time for all adults and students to gather for fellowship, food, and a preview of Sunday School offerings. If you're looking for a place to plug into a Bible study on Sunday Mornings, mark your calendar for this event!

QUESTIONS? Jean: jsmith@signalpres.org, 886.2190.

WOW BIBLE STUDY: NEW *for* FALL 2019

LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE:

A 12-WEEK STUDY ON SPIRITUAL WARFARE

with teachers Susan Laramore,
Angie Bandy, Cara Rock & Jean Smith

Starts Thursday, August 22, 9:30-11:30 AM in
Woodward Hall. Childcare provided by reservation.

Register online for study and childcare at
signalpres.org/wow.

QUESTIONS? Jean: jsmith@signalpres.org.

SAVE *the* DATE MEN'S MINISTRY KICKOFF

SUNDAY EVENING,

SEPTEMBER 29

LIVING WATER HIGHLANDER BIBLE STUDY & LUNCH

SAVE THE DATE! WE'LL BE BACK

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

"Your teachings are worth more to me than thousands of pieces of gold and silver."

PSALM 119:72, NCV

To kick off Sunday mornings in Preschool Ministry, we will grab our Bibles and go on a treasure hunt. Each Sunday we will uncover nuggets of truth that our preschoolers can build on for a lifetime.

WEEK ONE // The Bible teaches us that God loves us all the time (Psalm 119:72, Jeremiah 31:3).

WEEK TWO // We learn that God loves us so much he gave us Jesus to be our friend forever (John 3:16).

WEEK THREE // The Bible shows us how to live our best life (Matthew 7:24-27).

WEEK FOUR // We learn how to share our "stuff" by reading Acts 2:45; Luke 12:16-21.

At the end of the day, learning how God, our Creator, wants us to live is worth way more than anything money can buy.

QUESTIONS? Catherine: cpayne@signalpres.org or 886.2190.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

AUGUST 4 // Join us Sunday, August 4 for Marble Picnic! Arrive on the Children's Floor at 5 PM so you and your child can meet their new Sunday morning leader, catch a glimpse of their new room, and then head to Dudley Hall for food and fun! We will eat, talk, and play until 7 PM!

AUGUST 11 // Welcome to the first meeting of Sunday Morning on the Children's Floor. We gather at 9:30 AM.

Kingdom Kids also begins August 11 during the 10:45 AM service as an option for 4's, 5's, and K.

Stay tuned for info about Agape Club beginning in September!

QUESTIONS? Carolyn: 886.2190, cmiller@signalpres.org or Courtney: carmstrong@signalpres.org.



NIGHTOWLS

New Volunteer Training

AUGUST 11, 5 PM

Cornerstone, Room 117

No previous experience required!

Sign up today by emailing Celestial at callen@signalpres.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Psalm 150:6 says, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!" As we begin a new season of making music, we want you to know of opportunities for you to plug into Music Ministry this year. There are music groups for every age and stage. Our mission is to sing God's Word and show Jesus' love. That mission takes us from Sunday worship to ChristmasFest to the Lookouts Games and many other venues for ministry and fellowship. Everyone is welcome and no audition is required.

FALL 2019 KICK-OFFS



Youth Choir // Grades 6-12
Sunday, August 11, 4:30-6 PM



SIGNAL PRES
WESTMINSTER SINGERS

Westminster Singers // Grades 3-5
Wednesday, August 14, 4:45-5:45 PM



SIGNAL PRES
SANCTUARY CHOIR

Sanctuary Choir // Adults 18+
Wednesday, August 21, 7:30-9 PM



Joy Choir // Ages 4, 5, & K
Wednesday, September 11, 6:15 PM



Praise Choir // Grades 1 & 2
Wednesday, September 11, 6:15 PM

For more information about various choirs, contact Beth Duroy (Children & Youth Choirs) at bduroy@signalpres.org or Trish Ross (Sanctuary Choir) at tross@signalpres.org.

YOU'RE INVITED



6TH GRADE ICE CREAM SOCIAL AUGUST 11, 3:30-5 PM • YOUTH CAFÉ

All incoming 6th grade students are invited to come hang with the SM2 staff & your new D-Group Leaders for a relaxed and fun afternoon celebrating the beginning of Middle School.
Invite a friend!



SM2 SUMMER TRIPS REMEMBER CELEBRATION

AUGUST 28, 5:30-7:30 PM • DUDLEY HALL • \$5

You've made an impact in the lives of students & those we served this summer. Come celebrate with us and hear all about the trips you made possible.

\$5 covers the cost of dinner.
RSVP at smtwo.org/remember.

FAMILY CAFÉ *this FALL*

Make sure to join us Sunday, August 11, at Cornerstone Café (breakfast and preview for all Sunday Schools. Note: we will NOT be meeting in the café that day, but down in Dudley Hall.)

Starting August 18, Family Café is back as the front-porch welcome with two solid favorites:

1. You still get an open door and welcoming time (yes, breakfast and coffee) in the Café!
2. We'll still teach the gospel story line with a team of teachers and try to follow the same Scripture/Schedule as our childrens' ministry

BUT HERE ARE THREE BIG CHANGES:

1. We'll have specific discussion leaders for MS and HS students when we do breakouts.
2. Parents will be free to attend any other Sunday school class, and students will have the freedom to attend 1 of 2 other classes that last only for the fall semester—one on basic Christian beliefs, one on the gospel of Mark.
3. At a few key times during the year, we'll pivot to special series relevant to students and parents.

And as always—it cannot happen without your help. We have key opportunities for students and parents to serve along others on a team in tech, hospitality, welcome, and more. Sign up online at smtwo.org/serve starting August 1!



SEPTEMBER 20-22

Registration opens August 1 at smtwo.org/trek-2019.

SM2 WEDNESDAY NIGHT KICK-OFF

AUGUST 14, 5:30-7:30 PM

Join us for the first Wednesday Night of the year! Bring \$5 for dinner, and invite a friend!

VOLUNTEER *with US in* STUDENT MINISTRY!

Adult volunteers are a huge part of helping to make what we do at SM2 possible. We currently have volunteer needs for Wednesday Nights, Sunday Mornings, and Retreat Weekends. For more information on these & other opportunities to serve with us please visit smtwo.org/serve.

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



AUGUST 18

4:30 PM



AUGUST 18

7:00 PM

DO YOU HAVE A NEW 6TH OR 9TH GRADER? Want to know how to best love, support, and care for them during this stage? Join us for one of two mile marker events as we dive into these topics and more in the Youth Wing at Signal Pres.



STUDENTS *on* MISSION

This past month Signal Pres sent two teams of students on short term mission opportunities.

Our High School students traveled to Detroit, MI partnering with Shakil & Angelia–World Outreach Missionaries doing church planting work in the Hamtramck area. We spent half our days in “cultural training” learning about Islam and the Muslim culture and the second half of our days were spent in the community engaging with Muslims. It was humbling to have our eyes opened to the realization that there are thousands of Muslims living in America just as they would in the Middle East and by most means are completely unreached. Our week together served as a strong reminder that what God began in Detroit is merely the beginnings of what he desires to see continued back home.

Our Middle School students traveled to Danville, VA partnering with the Salvation Army and Grace & Main Ministry. There are 42,000 people living in the town of Danville–20% of those people live below the poverty line and 20% live right at it. That’s 17,000 people. And 95% of children qualify for a school food program. We saw and felt a great deal of hardship in the town and in the lives of the people we met and served, yet what a privilege to play a small part in the ministries that daily bring the hope and healing of Jesus’ love and grace into the lives of many.

“For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.”

2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-15

HEAR MORE AT THE REMEMBER CELEBRATION // AUG 28, 5:30-7:30 PM, DUDLEY HALL, \$5

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