

Signal Points

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Come for fellowship
and stay for the

Fun!

EQUIP KICK-OFF BLOCK PARTY

September 4 • 5:30 PM

Signal Pres Youth Lot

Live music, games, and an epic kickball battle are just a few things to look forward to! Bring some \$ for food truck fare. We'll spot you drinks & dessert.

Invite a friend or neighbor!

(Psst! Equip classes + Agape Club for K-5th Grade begin September 11. Dinner at 5:30 in Dudley Hall, classes 6:30-7:30 PM.)



QUESTIONS? EMAIL JOEY // jsherrard@signalpres.org



TREK RETREAT for Grades 6-8

September 20-22
Camp Highland

For details & to register:
smtwo.org/trek-2019

QUESTIONS?
Email swojewoda@signalpres.org

Save the Date:

TRUE NORTH RETREAT for Grades 9-12

November 15-17
Camp Vesper Point

FINANCES & ATTENDANCE

	2019	2018
Annual Budget	\$3,227,000	\$3,338,700
Revenue YTD	\$1,648,877	\$1,807,144
Expenses YTD	\$1,848,750	\$1,789,505
Revenue Over (Under) Expenses	(\$199,873)	\$17,639
Av. June Attendance	545	554

SESSION UPDATE

The elders met on Wednesday, August 14, beginning as always with a time of prayer for members of the church. We have made it to families whose last name starts with O, so all of you Ps and Qs, be on the lookout for your invitation to share with us how we might best be praying for you and your family when we gather next month.

We heard a report from Tony Boals and Julie Baumgardner about our financial status. Year to date, our unpledged giving is right on pace. Our pledged giving (gifts from those who pledged a giving amount for the year) is approximately one month behind our expected total. Thank you to those who have already responded to our recent letter with your contributions in August! And thank you in advance for your generous and faithful support in the months ahead of the kingdom work that is happening all over the world through this church! Tony and Julie also shared about work that the Session is starting to do in order to address rising expenses that are beyond our control, specifically insurance premiums and building maintenance.

The Session heard updates from each of the 5 working groups before we split into those groups for the bulk of our time. These groups are all meeting twice a month and doing good work aimed at helping us become a church where no one is alone and where we are growing in faith and by conversions.



ELDER SPOTLIGHT // ANDRE DANTZLER

My wife Jennifer and I have been members of Signal Pres for 15 years. We were drawn to the church because of the vibrant youth program, where we continue to serve today. We have 3 children: Ashley (25), Isaac (18) and Max, who is ... wait for it ... 2 years old! Ashley has been a high school math teacher for 4 years. She just moved to Nashville to attend Belmont to receive her masters in counseling.

Isaac is a freshman at Lee University studying business and communications. And Max is, well, he is learning to go potty. Jennifer is a middle school Spanish teacher at Signal Mountain Middle High School. I'm an entrepreneur and have a company called SociallyU. Our flagship product is called Echo Global. It is software that lets ministries have conversations with seekers about how they can have a relationship with Jesus. Our software has hosted over 4 million conversations so far. I also serve on the board of Youth For Christ USA. I love Signal Pres and its people. I want to serve our congregation through prayer, encouragement, teaching, and planing for our exciting future.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING // SEPTEMBER 15 AFTER 10:45 SERVICE

Join us to approve the Class of 2022 Officers. **Elders:** Don Drumm, Jeff Hollingsworth, Jim Hynds, Bruce Novkov, Jarrell Reeves, Stokes Smith, Forrest Walker, Brad Wier, & Bruce Zeiser. **Deacons:** Nick Bieter, Douglas Ford, Gary Helrigel, John Kuehnel, Jack London, Tal Mincey, Mike Morrow, Gwen Plauche, & Jane Salazar. **Trustees:** Tommy Hayslett, Jim Miller, & Steve Stark.

BIRTH

Bennett James Johnson

A son born to Dustin & Mary Beth Collins Johnson • August 16, 2019 • Bonaire, GA • Celebrating grandparents in our congregation are Keith & Kathy Collins.

WEDDINGS

David & Mary Claire Elliott Doster
August 3, 2019 • Signal Pres

Del & Hayley Blockley Plank
August 10, 2019 • Howe Farms, Georgetown, TN

MEMORIAL

Ronnie LaMar Pickett
Father of Adam & Josh Pickett
July 30, 2019 • Chattanooga

Ophelia Reid
Mother of Nel Reid
August 14, 2019 • Chattanooga

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF

Marguerite Meadows
Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Sims
Mr. and Mrs. James Raulston
Louis Quinn
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Francescon Sr.

Betty Rothberger
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Francescon Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. James Raulston
Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Sims
Ms. Betty Sue Towers

Patricia Wier
Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Gladden
Mr. and Mrs. James Raulston

GIFTS IN HONOR OF

Dr. & Mrs. William Dudley's
50th Anniversary
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Francescon, Sr.

BIRTHDAY MINISTRY CALLERS NEEDED

If you enjoy wishing your church family Happy Birthday, the Birthday Ministry needs you! Each member of the group is assigned one day of the week to call those who have a birthday that day to wish them Happy Birthday. If you are interested please contact Betsy Fronk, betsy.fronk@gmail.com or 304.0799 or Christie Gilliam at 886.2190.

LIVING WATER HIGHLANDER BIBLE STUDY & LUNCHEON

SEPTEMBER 24
11:00 AM-1:00 PM
WOODWARD HALL

Join us as we begin a new nine-month Bible study together entitled, "Growing Older AND Wiser." Each month, we'll look at Scripture that speaks to such topics as dealing with fears, hunting for wisdom, listening to the young, and dealing with children who are now grown-ups, too.

As always, our study will be followed by fellowship around tables as we enjoy a delicious lunch. Come grow with us—and invite your friends!

RSVP to Christie at 886.2190 or cgilliam@signalpres.org.

Cost of lunch is \$5 per person.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING LIVING WATER EVENTS:

October 29
November 26
January 28
February 25
March 31
April 28
May 26

11 AM-1 PM,
Woodward Hall

MISSION to KENYA

From July 23 to August 4 members of the congregation and staff traveled to Kenya partnering with Stu Ross and the Outreach Foundation to serve the people and live out our vision of being the faithful presence of Jesus' love.

While there, the team was able to build and dedicate a church in Rwamburi, complete a home that will be used to benefit The Comet House Boys Home, and visit and develop relationships at an orphanage and girl's rescue center in the Maasai land. God played an intricate part in putting this team together that would allow them to relate on deeper levels through their walks of life. God sightings were shared daily of experiences of Kenyan people opening and inviting these American strangers into their homes to show appreciation, the worship and celebration of the dedication of their new church, the connections shared through team testimonies, and seeing God show up and comfort during deep pain in life. Thank you to everyone who prayed for this team!

The Lord will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord, and his name the only name.

ZECHARIAH 14:9



WHAT EXACTLY *is* EMBRACE MINISTRY?

Embrace Ministry is a ministry that seeks to provide support, community, respite, and education for families who may have special needs. Our hope is that as a church we would follow Jesus' calling in welcoming all individuals and Embrace them into the body of Christ.

Who can receive Embrace support? Any preschooler, child, youth, adult, or family who has an exceptional need or circumstance.

When is support available? During any church programming - Sunday School, church services, Wednesday night Equip, Agape Club, Youth group activities, special events, or other church activities.

Types of Support Offered: a 1:1 friend, use of a sensory room (children's and youth areas), or the creation of an individualized support plan.

QUESTIONS? Betsy: bwilburn@signalpres.org, or Celestial: callen@signalpres.org, or 886.2190.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT

FEBRUARY 7-9, 2020

Save The Date for the Signal Pres Women's Retreat at The Cove in Asheville, NC. Our guest speaker will be Hannah Anderson. Registration opens September 15, 2019. Cost per person is \$260.

QUESTIONS? Jean: jsmith@signalpres.org.

MEN'S MINISTRY KICKOFF: AN OVERFLOWING LIFE

*with guest speaker Tony Souder,
Executive Director of
Chattanooga Youth Network*

SEPTEMBER 29, 6-7:30 PM

IN THE WAREHOUSE

What does it look like to find ourselves partnering with Jesus in an everyday, practical way to bless the people that God has placed in our lives? Join us for a meal (\$5) and to hear as Tony passes on to us the wisdom he has gained from a lifetime of asking how we can work toward the flourishing of our families, friends, and neighbors.

FOR QUESTIONS OR TO RSVP: Contact Christie at cgilliam@signalpres.org or 886.2190.

ACCESSIBLE GOSPEL CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 27-28 • CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH
7025 East Brainerd Road, 37421

Accessible Gospel 2019 is a special needs ministry conference designed to encourage and equip families and churches to reach and serve families affected by disability. We are so excited to join Lifeline, Inc. in bringing both Stephanie Hubach and Lori Sealy to metro Chattanooga to lead this effort to encourage us all in ministry. We hope you will join us for a weekend of learning!

QUESTIONS? Betsy: bwilburn@signalpres.org, or Celestial: callen@signalpres.org, or 886.2190.

TO REGISTER VISIT:
accessiblegospelconference.eventcreate.com

IN HIS SERVICE

Our first meeting will be September 16 at 10 AM in the Becking Room. We will be doing service projects, continuing to write our missionaries that we support, and crocheting Prayer shawls. All are welcome! For more information, contact Lisa Frost at lisa.frost@epbf.com.

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

PLAN TO COME TO EQUIP!

Because preschoolers learn and thrive through repetition, we structure our Wednesday nights to follow our Sunday mornings. The 2/3s class integrates Sunday's bible lesson into songs, signing, and activities. Our 4s/PreK participate in Joy Choir for the first time beginning at 6:15, followed by fun, hands-on activities that reinforce their weekly scripture and bible lesson. Nursery is provided for infants and toddlers where they learn that church is a safe place and that mom and dad will be back!

Please note: There will be NO nursery or preschool classes for the EQUIP kick-off on September 4. We want everyone, ages 1 to 101, to be together that night! We will begin our Wednesday night activities on September 11.

If you would like to receive to our monthly Preschool Ministry email, please subscribe at signalpres.org/email-updates. Also follow us on Instagram @smcpcnursery.

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

AGAPE CLUB RESUMES SEPTEMBER 11

All children in kindergarten-5th grade are invited to our first night of Agape Club, which begins on the Children's Floor at 6:15 PM! As part of our time together, children in kindergarten will participate with the 4's/PreK class in Joy Choir and children in grades 1 & 2 will participate in Praise Choir. Both Joy & Praise Choir will have opportunities to help lead Sunday worship and participate in a Spring Concert later in the year.

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

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER!

ALPINE CAMP • MENTONE, AL



Please be praying for our leadership team and all the participants at this next weekend's Family Camp (Sept. 6-8). Pray for the grace and joy of Jesus Christ to shine in our midst and color all our interactions with one another as we slow down, relax, learn, and enjoy. Pray that people will return from the weekend with richer and deeper bonds of friendship within our body, within our generations, and determined to share it with the wider world.

If you simply forgot to register, it's not too late! Call Sydney at 886-2190 or visit signalpres.org/family-camp to make it happen.

MUSIC MINISTRY WELCOMES NEW JOY CHOIR DIRECTOR



Children & Youth Music Director Beth DuRoy is pleased to announce a new member of our team, Sammie Brown, who will serve as our Joy Choir Director.

Sammie Brown is a 2018 graduate of Covenant college where she studied music with a concentration in Vocal Performance. Currently she is the Director of Worship at Restoration Southside Church as well as the Site Director/Choir Director at East Lake Expression Engine. Expression Engine is an after-school and summer music program for under-resourced areas of Chattanooga, working to make music accessible to every child as well as to use music to spread the gospel and foster social change. Children's choir holds a special place in Sammie's heart as it was her own first exposure to organized music as a child in her home church. She looks forward to getting to know her new students!

Joy Choir (4s, 5s & K) meets on Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7 PM. They explore God's Word and His love through Scriptural songs and catechisms, and has opportunities to lead in worship on Sunday mornings. Meeting in Room 111 (Cornerstone Bldg.), Joy Choir gathers to sing, move, create, and play games and instruments, all the while learning the fundamentals of music and singing.

SERVE SATURDAY: SAVE *the* DATE

OCTOBER 19

There's an important role to play for every age and every ability as we go out on mission in our local community to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Stay tuned for more details to come about registration & service sites. Begin making plans with your family, D-Group, Sunday School class, etc. to serve together! We'll be sure to assign you to the same site.



INAUGURAL SIGNAL PRES DADVENTURE

WHY // Back in the fall of 2018, two of our elders came to me (Andy Cornett) and proposed a pilot trip for 2019 with 8-12 dads from our church, each taking one of their kids roughly ages 13-15. The vision was to create a shared experience where dads could bond with and bless their kids at a crucial stage of early adolescence—right when life tends to start pushing dads and kids apart. Further, it would be a place where dads could strengthen bonds with each other as men to encourage and keep each other accountable in the adventure of fathering. We asked around and found some dads willing to give it a whirl.

WHAT // 10 of us set out with our kids for a week at Fish and Cross Ranch in Yampa, CO: a family owned, working cattle ranch that specializes in hosting groups like ours. We camped, fished, hiked, worked as teams, rode horses, even competed in a rodeo together! And every morning and evening we gathered around the campfire to listen to the "code of the west:" a principled way of life rooted in Scripture, following Jesus, and modeled to us on the ranch. There was challenge, difficulty, hard work, amazing food, glorious settings, much vulnerability, and a few tears in sharing our love for our kids and blessing them in a powerful way. We're deeply grateful for the Starks, Zeisers, Boals, Funks, Bowens, Cornetts, Fords, Fischers, Stanleys, and Fowlers for going first and blazing the trail.

NEXT // Our Family Ministry team is planning future Dadventures as a way to strengthen our families and pass on a faith of one's own! Look for news early this Fall.

THREE CHEERS *for* OUR NEW D-GROUP LEADERS!

Donna Bolton, Linay Rogers, Jeff Claxton, Phil Smith, and Riley Young are joining SM2's D-Group Leadership Team! We are so excited to have them and are thankful to God for their commitment to welcome and disciple the next generation for the sake of God's kingdom. #GenerationalInvestment



DONNA BOLTON



LINAY ROGERS



PHIL SMITH



RILEY YOUNG



JEFF CLAXTON

SERVE WITH SM2

Adult volunteers are a huge part of making SM2 possible. We currently have volunteer needs for Wednesday Nights, Sunday Mornings, Retreat Weekends, and D-Group Leaders. For more information on these & other opportunities to serve visit smtwo.org/serve.



RUSH & RELAX RECAP

To all you awesome students and parents who joined us for Rush and Relax 6.0 and 9.0: thank you! We had a great time welcoming you and talking about the distinct opportunities that await you in this unique phase of life.

Not to mention, we love celebrating mile markers and count it an honor to partner with you as guides for this next adventure.

Big shout out and thank you to all the "middle & high school specialists" who joined us sharing their wisdom, insights & expertise about these formative years. Scotty Jones (Middle School Head at McCallie), Jamie Brock & Lori Whitney (Middle & High School Gifted Teachers at SMMHS), Forest Walker (Principle at CCS) & Sarah Jackson.

Check out smtwo.org/6and9 for our event pictures taken by Andrew Fowler. If you took a family photo be sure to download it and may it serve as a reminder of your current "mile marker." After all, it's just a phase and we don't want you to miss it!

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."

NO FAMILY CAFÉ or SUNDAY SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 1

One worship service at 10 AM.



FIRST QUARTER EQUIP CLASS LINEUP

SEPTEMBER 11-OCTOBER 2

GOD MOVES IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS: Change & Transition
with Micki Ann Harris, Chattanooga House of Prayer - Rm 303

GROUNDING & WELL-FOUNDED: Building a Life of Grace & Rest
with Carter Newbold & Joey Sherrard - Rm 301

HONEST EVANGELISM: How to Talk About Jesus Even When It's Tough
with Scott Bowen - Rm 302

**SAME LAKE, DIFFERENT BOAT: Coming Alongside People Touched
by Disability / with Embrace Ministry Leaders & Lisa Mattheiss,
Lifeline Ministries - Rm 300 (this class continues into Quarter 2)**

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

QUESTIONS? Contact Christie: cgilliam@signalpres.org or 886.2190.

GOOD SAMARITAN SUNDAY // SEPTEMBER 29

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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

One worship service at 10:00 AM.
No Sunday School.
Service of Holy Communion.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Church Office closed in observance of Labor Day.

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