

Signal Points

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8TH ANNUAL OLD TOWN THROWDOWN

MARCH 14 • 4 PM

WAREHOUSE (STUDENT MINISTRY WING)

The Old Town Throwdown is our annual Men's Ministry Ping Pong Tournament. Men (ages 22+) won't want to miss this opportunity for some fun competition and great food. Registration is limited to the first 64 players, so sign up today. If you don't want to play, we still welcome you to join us for dinner, fellowship, and maybe some heckling!

Registration and warm ups: 4 PM

Tournament Play: 5-10 PM / Dinner: 6-7 PM

Cost of Dinner: \$10

SIGN UP TO PLAY OR SPECTATE: bit.ly/smpcpingpong

QUESTIONS: Email Christie at cgilliam@signalpres.org



FISH 2020

FEBRUARY 21-23

FOR GRADES 6-12 / \$30

REGISTER AT

SMTWO.ORG/FISH

TO VOLUNTEER

SMTWO.ORG/FISH-VOLUNTEER

FINANCES & ATTENDANCE

	2019	2018
Annual Budget	\$3,227,000	\$3,338,700
Revenue YTD	\$3,353,915	\$3,311,622
Expenses YTD	\$3,255,185	\$3,275,553
Revenue Over (Under) Expenses	\$98,730	\$36,068
Av. December Attendance	692	731

SESSION UPDATE

The elders are so grateful to God and you, Signal Pres, for the grace and goodness seen in these numbers. We shared with you in August about the fact that we were behind on our expected giving. As you have before, you did again, showing generosity and dedication in your financial support of God's work at Signal Pres. We surely did not expect to surpass the 2018 income, and to end the year with a \$100k surplus! With you, we give thanks to God for his abundant kindness and for you through whom we have seen that! Thank you, and please keep it up in 2020!!



ELDER SPOTLIGHT // DON DRUMM

Jane and I first joined Signal Pres in 1979 and had the

pleasure of raising our three children (Jennifer, Jeff, and Jon) in this church and community. In addition to a rich Christian family heritage and Christ-centered marriage of almost 48 years, our roots include West Virginia and careers with the U.S. Navy and TVA. Our family includes

7 grandchildren, which, along with our church family, are genuine blessings. It has been a privilege and a joy for us to serve this church in various capacities including the offices of Deacon and Elder, teaching Sunday School classes, serving on mission trips, participating in Stephen Ministry, and various other church-related ministries. Signal Pres' mission of being the faithful presence of Jesus' love is foremost in our hearts. We are truly grateful for all of God's blessings including our membership in the Signal Pres church family!

BIRTHS

Caroline Wetzel

A daughter born to Rob & Julie Wetzel
November 25 • Baltimore, MD
*Celebrating in our congregation is
Grandmother Carol Wetzel*

Elizabeth Raulston Sterling

A daughter born to Lynsey & Taylor
Sterling • December 27 • Greenville, SC
*Celebrating in our congregation are
Great-grandparents Jimmy & Deedee
Raulston*

Hutton Fern Blockley

A daughter born to Josh & Tara Blockley
January 17 • Chattanooga
*Celebrating in our congregation are
Grandparents Tom & Karen Blockley*

MEMORIAL

Linda Brizendine Kupisch

Sister of Charlotte (Doug) Witry
November 24 • Marion, KY &
Bonita Springs, FL

Elizabeth Perry Scott-Coole

Mother of Sharon (Harry) Woods
November 26 • Chattanooga

Reid Madison Henson

Elder Emeritus
Church Member 1992-2019
December 22 • Signal Mountain

Mildred Underwood

Mother of Bill (Nancy) Underwood
December 23 • Signal Mountain

Richard C. Fowler, Jr.

Father of Carter (Kami) Fowler
December 24 • Chattanooga

Harry Hickman

Brother of Betty Burton
December 31 • Hattiesburg, MS

Mary Laverne Carter Thomas

Mother of Martha (Don) Caughran
January 7 • Signal Mountain

David Clark Allen

Father of Isaac (Celestial) Allen
January 20 • Harlingen, TX

SANCTUARY FLOWERS ON SUNDAYS

Honor & Memorial Flowers placed in the Sanctuary have been a Sunday tradition at Signal Pres for decades. If you would like to provide an arrangement or volunteer one month a year, please contact Charlotte Witry (cbwitry@epbf.com; 645-1656) or Marianne Smotherman (smoph92@epbf.com; 605-1843).



NEWCOMER COFFEE

February 23 • 10-10:30 AM

Greeting Room

We invite you to join our pastors and host families for coffee. If you are looking for ways to get involved at Signal Pres or to learn more about the church, meet us in the Greeting Room (next to the Sanctuary).

QUESTIONS? Christie: cgilliam@signalpres.org

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF

Audrey Duckett

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Boals

Hale Hamilton

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Francescon Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Brown

Ms. Mary Scott Norris

Mrs. Barby Wilson

Reid Henson

Mrs. Phyllis Andrews

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Baird

Dr. and Mrs. Tom Blockley and Brad

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Boals

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Brown

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chambers

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Davis

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Francescon Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. William Godbold

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harris

Mr. Saxon Henry

Ms. Wanda Hicks

Mrs. Joyce Hill

Mr. and Mrs. John Langworthy

Mr. and Mrs. John Niemeyer

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Parker

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith

Mr. Jim Stuart and Charley Logan-Stuart

Ms. Pam Sweeden

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilder

Mrs. Barby Wilson

Allen Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Boals

Mrs. Rebeca Deeg

Jean Morris

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Boals

Gene Peele

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Boals

Joe Petree

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Boals

Rose Simpkins

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cantey

Mr. and Mrs. William Green

Harrison Smith III

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Boals

Sharon Tucker

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Boals

Ted Whitfield

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Boals

Patti Wier

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Boals

Mrs. Olivia Neal

Tom Ed Wilson

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Boals

GIFTS IN HONOR OF

Pastors Scott, Margaret, Joey, & Andy

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Martin, Jr.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you have a CDL license and are interested in driving the bus for outings, mission trips, or transportation for our Alexian members, OR if you are interested in becoming a driver, contact Dean Hutson at 802-7817.

We also have immediate needs for volunteers for the following:

- Collecting sheets from ritual pads and restocking (set times)
- Restocking and organizing giving envelopes in sanctuary pews (flexible)
- Communion clean up (set times)
- Helping in the Church library (flexible)

INTERESTED? Contact Christie at cgilliam@signalpres.org or 886.2190.

LIVING WATER HIGHLANDER BIBLE STUDY & LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

11:00 AM BIBLE STUDY

12:00 LUNCH

WOODWARD HALL

This month, we'll be turning to the book of 1 Kings as we talk about intergenerational advice—both giving and receiving it. When do we look for advice from those younger than we are, and when might we prefer advice from our peers? As King Solomon's reign ended and we watch Jeroboam and Rehoboam arrive on the scene, whose wisdom will prevail? Join us for great food, fun fellowship, and spiritual nourishment.

Cost of lunch is \$5 per person. RSVP to Christie at 886.2190 or cgilliam@signalpres.org.



BROKEN to WHOLE

When life's pieces are too difficult to pick up alone, let a Stephen Minister help.

Bear one another's burdens, and in their way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

—Galatians 6:2

Call Leah Conner, Petie Corell, Jarrell Reeves, Mary Wray, or Margaret Ferguson in the church office (886.2190) for information about connecting with a Stephen Minister today.



MARCH 4 · DUDLEY HALL

DINNER AT 5:30 PM

PROGRAM AT 6:30 PM

Join us to celebrate 10 years of Embrace Ministry! We have grown into an example of the faithful presence of Jesus' love in everyday life by providing respite, community, education, fellowship, and practical support to our families. Embrace Ministry began with nine children at our very first NightOWLS. Over the past ten years we have added Embrace Ministry support for families to attend church and Wednesday night activities, two sensory rooms, a partnership with Capernaum Ministry, the Sparrow's Nest closet for families who are adopting/fostering, respite for 24 families each month, as well as educational opportunities for our church family to grow in their knowledge and service to families with exceptional needs. Please join us as we celebrate 10 years of the Lord's provision over the Embrace ministry!

Preschool, Children's, & SM2 Student Ministry (grades 6-12) programs will continue as usual.



MARCH 21 // 8 AM-2 PM

ARDEN & MARK OGLESBY

*partners in music ministry
& in marriage*

You'll find several couples serving together in the Signal Pres Sanctuary Choir. Among them are Arden (alto) and Mark (bass) Oglesby, who recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Arden and Mark have been at Signal Pres since January of 2002, after a long history of making music both individually and together.



"We've both been in choirs since we were kids," says Mark, "Ironically, we were both sopranos at a Hamilton County Music Festival concert at Memorial Auditorium when we were in the 6th grade. We actually met at UTK and sang in the university choirs (Arden was a voice major) and in the Baptist Student Union choir. Arden directed that choir our senior year."

After marrying in 1980, they joined the Red Bank Cumberland Presbyterian Church after meeting the music director and pastor in community theatre productions. Shortly after joining, the music director moved out of town, and Arden was hired to replace her. She led the choir there for 20 years.

"When seeking a new church home after all those years, we knew we had to join somewhere with a good choir. Musically, we found a good home at Signal Pres with all the variety of musical styles. But, since Signal Pres had a much larger church than we were accustomed to, the choir also became our large "small group" with whom we came to serve alongside, and to support each other," adds Mark.

Mark and Arden feel that through music, they best experience worship for themselves, and are able to share that worship with each other and with those who listen. It is meaningful for them to serve as a couple in music ministry. As they reflect, "Since God made us one when we married 40 years ago, music has allowed us to experience together the joy of serving him as one through the gifts he has given us."



DADVENTURE NO. 2

JUNE 7-13

Last summer we took a trip to a ranch in Colorado with the vision to create a shared experience where dads could bond with and bless their kids at a crucial stage of early teen years – right when life tends to start pushing dads and kids apart.

It was even better than expected. We grew as dads in friendship and fellowship with each other, poured out our hearts for our kids, and all experienced the immense love of God in Christ.

We're at it again with the goal to give every dad in our church the opportunity to experience this one year. You'll camp in the aspen backwood, have all your meals wonderfully prepped for you, and get to fish, hike, work on a cattle ranch, ride horses, have long talks around the fire, and be stretched and grown in the image of Jesus.

WHO // any dad and one child between the ages of 12-16 (as of June)

WHERE // Fish and Cross Ranch in Yampa, CO up against the Flat Top Mountains.

COST // TBD but around \$900/person. Contact Andy Cornett at acornett@signalpres.org

SIGN UP // Space is limited. Register by March 15 at signalpres.org/dadventure-2020.

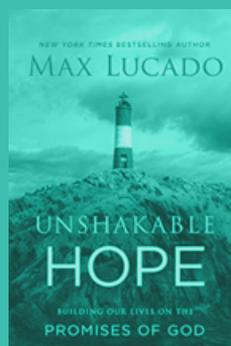
Feel free to talk to Marc Funk or Bruce Zeiser about Dadventure 2019.

QUESTIONS: Contact Andy at 886.2190 or acornett@signalpres.org.

NEW SELECTION *for* WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

TUESDAYS THROUGH MARCH 10

6-8 PM • WOODWARD HALL CAFE



It's not too late to join us for the first book of the year, *Unshakable Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God* by Max Lucado. Who couldn't use some unshakable hope?

QUESTIONS: Email Hannah at hsims@signalpres.org.

NEW 8-WEEK WOW STUDY

THURSDAYS THROUGH MARCH 5

9:15-11:30 AM • WOODWARD HALL

With live teaching by our own Signal Pres women!



Often, idols are obvious—money, power, fame. But subtler idols can sometimes take the form of sweet loved ones, Instagramable interiors, and busy seasons of ministry. But if your heart is prioritizing any of those pursuits before God, they are taking up space meant for him alone.

In this 8-session study, learn to identify the functional gods you are serving daily and the lies they tell. Only when you learn to dethrone modern-day idols can you pursue a deeper, more meaningful relationship with Jesus.

QUESTIONS: Email Hannah at hsims@signalpres.org.

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

UPCOMING MUSIC MORNINGS

Our preschool music mornings for this semester will be February 14, March 20, and April 24 from 9:30 to 11:00 in Dudley Hall. We structure these Fridays to benefit both parents/grandparents and kids. For adults, we want you to know that we care about you, we are here as a resource for you and we hope to teach you a few intentional ways to disciple your kids at the preschool age. For kiddos, we want you to have scripture written on your hearts and we know music and movement are a great way to do that. Plus, we love hanging out with you for play-time & coffee afterwards!



SUMMER NIGHTS IN THE VBS MARKETPLACE

We are excited to announce that Vacation Bible School will be held Monday through Thursday, June 1-4 from 6-8 PM for rising 1st-6th graders. Plan now for your whole family to attend this church-wide opportunity to share the gospel with the youngest members in our church and community! Online registration will be available next month, but we wanted you to know the dates and new time for your calendar. Moms, Dads, & Grands: Don't forget to sign up to volunteer!

FOR QUESTIONS OR TO VOLUNTEER: Contact Hannah at hsims@signalpres.org or 886.2190.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Thank you so much to the crew who stepped up to volunteer by sharing God's story of Creation, The Fall, Redemption, and Restoration to the youngest members of our church and community.



NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD // THE PIT

An exploration of the deeper meaning of salvation. Have you ever wondered, "What is my salvation actually FOR?" Is it only about personal atonement, about getting to heaven, or something that comes later? Explore how God's purposes are woven into every area of our lives: family, work, art, charity, education, government, recreation, and all creation!

THE PATRIARCHS // THORINGTON ROOM 299

Join us for a walk through the book of Genesis as we hear about God's promises and faithfulness to the first family of faith. Taught by a fantastic team of teachers, you'll hear the stories of the scoundrels and saints whom God used to write the story of his love and goodness.

HAITI MISSIONS TRIP

Please remember to pray for our Haiti Mission Team traveling this month.

Esmé Brien

Clint Cavett

Bert Gilliam

Karen Hulley

Embree Poole

David Wilson

Tom Blockley

Don Drumm

Christie Gilliam

Chris Poole

Steve Tipps

NO FAMILY CAFE on FISH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

THE 411 on FISH

FISH weekend is February 21–23 and it's open to all middle and high school students on Signal Mountain and the greater Chattanooga area.

The heartbeat of FISH is to present the good news of Jesus to middle and high school students in fresh ways that they can see, hear, and respond to. We do that by creating a fun environment and dynamic experience as a platform and vehicle for proclaiming the gospel of Jesus.

This particular weekend seeks to *widen* God's Kingdom by drawing students in and *deepen* it by teaching and growing us up in faith.

A weekend like this absolutely depends on the leadership and support of our church body. Here is how you are invited to participate in FISH 2020:

1. On Sunday, February 23, come observe our final FISH session in Dudley Hall at 9:30 AM.
2. On Sunday, February 23 be present in worship – don't assume it's just for students or skip out because FISH Sunday isn't your thing. Let's worship together as one church body in Spirit and in Truth.
3. Volunteer for the weekend by signing up online at smtwo.org/fish-volunteer or contacting us in the Student Ministry Office at 886.2190.

Jesus tells us that whoever welcomes a child welcomes him. Meaning, when you welcome a student you aren't just welcoming them into a place or experience, but you are actually welcoming Jesus Christ into your life.

More info on FISH weekend can be found at smtwo.org.



SM2 HOUSE PARTY

SM2 Summer Trips Fundraiser!

Make an impact in the lives of students & those we will serve this summer through the student ministry of Signal Pres.

Register at smtwo.org/house-party.

Q3 EQUIP CLASS LINEUP

JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 13

5:30-7:30 PM

THE HEART OF THE MATTER
with Dr. Tyler Rogers // Room 301

FAITH & WORK 101
with Clark Taylor, Bill Stiles, & Lane Ford // Room 302

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. Check-in for Agape Club (age 4-5th grade) is at 6 PM on the children's floor. Age 0-3 may be checked in to nursery between 5:30 and 6 PM. SM2 for grades 6-12 meets 5:30-7:30 PM in the Student Ministry Wing.

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



MEN'S RETREAT RECAP

The men of Signal Pres shared a great time of fellowship, laughter, and reflection on the invitation of the Father to move into his life of sacrifice for our neighbors. Much thanks to all who attended and to Jim Coffield for his teaching.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE WOMEN'S RETREAT // FEBRUARY 7-9

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 26, 6:30 PM (Sanctuary) / Dinner 5:30 PM

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, February 2 during both services

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