

# Signal Points

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## EQUIP Q4 KICK-OFF

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4  
DUDLEY HALL

5:30-6:30 PM • DINNER  
6:30-7:30 PM • PROGRAM

It's so exciting to look at how far we have come by the Lord's provision. Embrace ministry began with nine children attending the first NightOWLS. In 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 or fostering, respite care for 24 families each month, and educational opportunities for our church family to grow in their knowledge of service to families with exceptional needs.

Our speakers for the evening will be Ezra and Kelly Reynolds. Ezra and Kelly are a local couple who have heard and obeyed God's call to adopt four children into their family, which also includes two biological children. What makes their story extra special is that each of those four children have exceptional needs. Join us as we hear their family's story of obedience to God and about the hope for each of us that comes from being adopted into God's family.

Agape Club and Youth activities will continue as usual, with an added special activity and treat to celebrate 10 years of Embrace Ministry!

## Q4 EQUIP CLASS LINEUP

MARCH 11–APRIL 1  
WEDNESDAYS, 5:30-7:30 PM

HABITS OF THE HEART  
FOR GROWING UP:

Tending to Your Kid's  
Heart at Every Phase

*with Andy Cornett, Catherine Payne,  
Courtney Armstrong, & Camille Ward  
Room 301*

THE CROSS & THE CRESCENT:

Knowing & Loving Our  
Muslim Neighbors

*with Micah Fries  
Room 302*

Dinner features a choice of Blue-Plate, Soup & Salad, & Kids Meal. For menus and to RSVP visit [signalpres.org/equip](http://signalpres.org/equip). Check-in for Agape Club (age 4-5th grade) is at 6 PM. Ages 0-3 may be checked in between 5:30 and 6 PM. SM2 for grades 6-12 meets 5:30-7:30 PM in the Student Ministry Wing.

QUESTIONS: [cgilliam@signalpres.org](mailto:cgilliam@signalpres.org)



## MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY!

We will be joining with a variety of ministry partners and the children's ministry of Signal Pres donating time, skills, and resources to help them be more successful.

Everyone- individuals, families, D-groups, small groups, and more-are invited to join us as we will be serving those in need. Don't delay; we need all ages, abilities, and skill levels, so sign up today! TO REGISTER: [bit.ly/serve20](http://bit.ly/serve20).

QUESTIONS: Contact Christie at 886.2190 or [cgilliam@signalpres.org](mailto:cgilliam@signalpres.org).

*He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.*

—PSALM 126:6

The Psalmist reminds us of the normal, if paradoxical, pattern of the Christian life. Just like the one who goes out sowing seed comes home with a full harvest, the one (whether an individual or a church) who sheds the tears of repentance comes home with the joy of renewal in the grace and peace of the gospel.

- This Lent, we will be living into this gospel rhythm together. From Ash Wednesday (February 26) through Good Friday (April 10), we will live together in a season of gospel repentance (a turning from sin that arises not out of the darkness of fear and guilt but in the light of the Father's love and grace for us in the Son).
- Sundays during Lent will focus on particular corporate and private sin from which the gospel might be liberating us right now, and the promise of renewal that comes when we do. We will also have occasion to hear stories of repentance and renewal from members of our church.
- Mondays during Lent will be a time of corporate prayer for repentance and renewal, with the prayers centering on the sin spoken of the day before. These times of prayer will take place in Marr Chapel at 6 PM AND at Resurrection Church (1800 Rossville Ave, 37404) at noon on March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6.
- The Holy Week services will focus on the great promises of renewal in Scripture (Monday through Thursday), and on the cross as the fulfillment of those promises (Friday).
- Easter will be the climax of this season, focusing on the great renewal that God is doing in the world and in us by way of the resurrection.

Many of us might be in the habit of giving up something for Lent. I invite you this year to take up a different practice: instead of *giving up* something, consider *taking up* a commitment to be with the church family for the Monday prayer times during Lent. I am hopeful about how we might see God turning our repentance into renewal over these weeks!



**SCOTT BOWEN**  
*Senior Pastor*

## MEMORIAL

Marcia Jones  
Church Member 1984-2019  
December 22 • Urbana, IL

## GIFTS IN MEMORY OF

Bill Burton  
*Mrs. Lucia Whitfield*

Hale Hamilton  
*Mrs. Lucia Whitfield*

Reid Henson  
*Mr. John Culpepper*  
*Mrs. Rebecca Deeg*  
*Mr. and Mrs. Steven Frost*  
*Mrs. Patsy Hazlewood*  
*Mr. and Mrs. Ken Ives*  
*Mr. and Mrs. John Mac Coon*  
*Ms. Mary Maycann*  
*Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mohnney*  
*Mrs. Mary Wheeler*

Jane Curtis Magrath  
*Mrs. Joyce Hill*

Marguerite Meadows  
*Mary Scott Norris*

Tony Schelegar  
*Mrs. Olivia Neall*

Rose Simpkins  
*Mrs. Carol Wetzel*

Joyce Cummings Tucker  
*Mary Scott Norris*

## GOOD SAMARITAN SUNDAY

MARCH 29

The Good Samaritan Fund assists church members in times of financial crisis. 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 the Sanctuary pew racks.



## NEWCOMER COFFEE

March 29 • 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](mailto:cgilliam@signalpres.org)

# MARCH HIGHLANDER LUNCH BUNCH

*Exploring Your  
Backyard*

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

*Rain Date: March 19*

DEPART: 10 AM, YOUTH  
PARKING LOT

COST: NO CHARGE

*Pay for your purchases*

Join us for a day on the North-Shore of Chattanooga. We will allow plenty of time for shopping and exploring. Your experience depends on you. We will park near shops such as Genevieve Bond, Whole Foods, Learning Express Toys (pick up a new toy for the grandkids), and Nooga Paws (grab a treat for your family pet). You can cross the street and grab a Starbucks coffee while you stroll through Renaissance Park. If you are feeling very adventurous, travel a couple of blocks to the Walnut Street walking bridge, more specialty gift and apparel shops, and Coolidge Park. Lunch will be together at Edley's Bar-B-Que. If banana pudding isn't for you, Frios gourmet popsicles is just next door for dessert. We have built in time for fun before and after lunch, so don't feel rushed.

RSVP to Christie at 886.2190 or [cgilliam@signalpres.org](mailto:cgilliam@signalpres.org).

## CHURCH BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

If you have a CDL license and are interested in volunteering to drive the bus for outings, mission trips, or transportation for our Alexian members, OR if you are interested in becoming a driver, contact Barbara Hailey at 886.2190.

## LIVING WATER HIGHLANDER BIBLE STUDY & LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

11:00 AM BIBLE STUDY

12:00 LUNCH

WOODWARD HALL

"Gray skies are gonna clear up – Put on a happy face!" So goes the first line to a popular song from a Broadway musical. Surely, it was spoken by a "cock-eyed optimist!" Where do you stand on the optimist/pessimist scale? Join us as we discuss a section of Paul's letter to the Philippians, written while he was in prison. While he did not have much cause to be optimistic because of his circumstances, he certainly modeled optimism because of his faith. We'll talk about situations in our life that challenge us to maintain hope and learn from Paul about exalting Christ in all circumstances.

Cost of lunch is \$5 per person.

RSVP to Christie at 886.2190 or [cgilliam@signalpres.org](mailto:cgilliam@signalpres.org).

## STEPHEN MINISTRY



Crisis can be described as an emotional time of instability during which a crucial change occurs. Though a crisis involves impending danger there is also an opportunity for personal and spiritual growth. Stephen Ministers are trained to walk with you through the dangers of your crisis and to help you find the opportunities God has in store for you.

For more information, please contact one of the Stephen Leaders: Leah Conner, Petie Corell, Jarrell Reeves, Mary Wray, or Margaret Ferguson at the church office (886.2190).

# MUSIC MINISTRIES PRESENT CHILDREN & YOUTH SPRING CONCERT

MARCH 29, 4 PM • SANCTUARY

Join us for a Spring Concert presented by Children & Youth Choirs. Joy & Praise Choir will sing songs they have been learning this year, and Westminster Singers present "It's Cool In the Furnace—the Story of Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego" with help from our Signal Pres Youth Choir and directed by Beth DuRoy.

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you would like to provide an Honor or Memorial arrangement, please contact one of us to schedule a date. We are also in need of volunteers to serve on the Chancel Committee. These volunteers serve one month out of the year to assist in assuring flowers are properly placed for Sunday worship services.

**QUESTIONS:** Contact Barbara at 886.2190 or [bhailey@signalpres.org](mailto:bhailey@signalpres.org).

## IN HIS SERVICE

MARCH 16 • 10 AM

WOODWARD HALL CAFE

"We continually remember before our God and father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 1:3

This verse exemplifies the way our IHS ladies honor the Lord with their gifts and talents. We would love to encourage any women of the church to join us as we seek to be the hands and feet of Christ through service.

into the wilderness



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY *during* LENT

THURSDAYS, MARCH 18- APRIL 2

9:30-11:30 AM • WOODWARD HALL

Please join us for a 3-week bible study series called *Into the Wilderness*. We will spend this season of Lent studying the temptations that Jesus faced while in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11). The cost is \$10, and childcare will be available. Please RSVP for the study and childcare at [signalpres.org/wow](http://signalpres.org/wow).

**QUESTIONS:** Email Hannah at [hsims@signalpres.org](mailto:hsims@signalpres.org).



## SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 18-20 • ALPINE CAMP



## 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-Op against the Flat Top Mountains.

**COST** // TBD but around \$900/person. Contact Andy Cornett at [acornett@signalpres.org](mailto:acornett@signalpres.org)

**SIGN UP** // Space is limited. Register by March 15 at [signalpres.org/dadventure-2020](http://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](mailto:acornett@signalpres.org).

## JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS!

AS OF FEBRUARY 2020



**Keith & Summer Bohman**  
*Sean, Keira, Hannah, & Colin*  
419.450.4731 • 595 Ohio Ave  
Signal Mountain, 37377  
*By reaffirmation of faith*



**David & Lauren Hughes**  
*Henry*  
715.9787 • 915 Glamis Circle  
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**Jordan & Jaclyn Humble**  
706.825.7808 • 829 Texas Ave  
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*By transfer of membership*



**Brandon & Kelsey Pingry**  
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*By reaffirmation of faith*



**Alan & Deb Wells**  
706.218.4633 • 99 Walnut St.  
# 204  
Chattanooga, TN 37403  
*By transfer of membership*

## PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

It's going to be an awesome March in Preschool Ministry and hope you'll mark your calendars.

**MARCH 8**

### *"Spring Forward" Pajama Party*

We know how hard it is to get out the door on a regular Sunday, much less when you lose an hour! Kids age 0-5th grade are invited to wear their pajamas on this day. We hope it will be helpful AND fun. Lost an hour of sleep and don't have time for breakfast? We will have donuts and all the favorite cereals for our Toddlers through 5th graders.

**MARCH 11, 18, 25, & APRIL 1, 5:30-7:30 PM**

### *EQUIP Dinner & Seminars*

Join members of the family ministry team—Catherine, Betsy, Courtney, Camille, and Andy—as we talk about "The Habits of the Heart" and what it looks like to tend for your kid's heart at every phase.

**MARCH 20, 9:30-11 AM, DUDLEY HALL**

### *Preschool Music Morning*

Come learn scriptures/songs we teach your preschoolers on Sunday mornings, then plan to stay for coffee and play time.

**MARCH 18 & 25, 4:30-5:30 PM**

### *Playground Hangouts*

Come to Dinner/EQUIP a little bit early and hangout on the preschool playground!



## SUMMER NIGHTS IN THE VBS MARKETPLACE

Shalom! We are excited to announce a new time for vacation bible school! Put it on your calendar now and make plans to join us Monday through Thursday evenings, during the week of June 1-4, 6-8 PM.

Summer Nights in the Marketplace will allow working parents, grandparents, and volunteers to share the gospel with children and grandchildren, church friends and community neighbors, as one of our enduring church values—generational investment.

We will recreate what it was like when Jesus walked through the marketplace with colorful tents, artisans creating and selling their wares, a fresh market with fruits and breads, live animals, craft booths, Roman soldiers, as well as chariot races in the arena. The children will be a part of a Jewish tribe and will learn the Jewish customs of the day. Our local community will actually get to see what's going on under all of those tents, and will hopefully choose to join us!

We will welcome our west-side neighbors from Kids of Growth, as well as our friends from one of our ministry partners, Widows Harvest. On Thursday evening, we will invite parents to join us in the marketplace as well as our worship time, and, finally, gather for lemonade and cookies.

You can register online beginning in March for your rising first through rising 6th graders. Be sure to invite friends and neighbors!

**FOR QUESTIONS OR TO VOLUNTEER:** Contact Hannah at [hsims@signalpres.org](mailto:hsims@signalpres.org) or 886.2190.

## A FISH-TASTIC WEEKEND!

We spent the weekend talking about how every person has a frame for everything they do and the many things make up our ordinary life (home, family, neighborhood, friends, school, work, gift and talents).

We popped the question: does God care about any of that? Is God present in any of that? And we said, yes! God takes delight in each of our ordinary lives—how he has gifted us, shaped us, who he has given us, and where he has placed us.

Our response? To offer our ordinary lives to God. To embrace what God does for us and live out of that. And to fix our attention on God and watch him be at work. And that's good news because whether you win or lose, succeed or fail, have good days or bad days, have the spotlight or serve behind the scenes, are known to everyone or only known to a few—God is at work in you!

Your whole life is a frame for who God is and what God is doing. And when people see that, God gets the credit! God reframes our lives so that the whole of our life becomes a frame to display God's power, glory, beauty, and truth. Ordinary things for God's glory. Can I get an Amen?!

But seriously, we are so thankful for this weekend and all the ways that Signal Pres stands with us to welcome in hundreds of students and families over the course of the weekend. As a church body you delivered **260 FISH welcome boxes**, **14 families** opened their homes to students on Saturday morning for BreakFISH, and over **100 men and women** served Thursday – Sunday to make **FISH weekend happen!** It is a privilege to see Signal Pres members using the unique gifts that God has given them to honor God and serve middle and high school students.

Thank you for loving and welcoming students—and so welcoming Jesus himself. And thank you for being the faithful presence of Jesus' love in your own ordinary life.



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.

Join us at one of several homes between March 13 & 29 to share a meal with a handful of church members plus students and leaders who will be attending our summer trips. This is your chance to hear from our students and leaders about where we'll be serving and learn of clear ways you can partner with us as we prepare to go out, serving and loving our neighbor in the name of Christ.

REGISTER: [smtwo.org/house-party](http://smtwo.org/house-party)



## D-GROUP LEADER ROLL CALL

Want to nominate someone who you think would make a GREAT D-Group Leader? Send in their name to Camille Ward at [cward@signalpres.org](mailto:cward@signalpres.org). FYI, you can totally nominate yourself!



## 8<sup>TH</sup> 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. You 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](https://bit.ly/smpcpingpong)

QUESTIONS: Email Christie at [cgilliam@signalpres.org](mailto:cgilliam@signalpres.org)

**DID YOU KNOW? //** Officer nominations are now being accepted all year at [signalpres.org/nominations](https://signalpres.org/nominations).

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### SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, March 1 during both services

### GOOD SAMARITAN SUNDAY

March 29 / Special giving envelopes will be available in Sanctuary pew racks.