



## ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 24th, 2019

There is much to be grateful for this week after Easter Sunday. First and foremost, I am grateful for all of you who make this church a *church*. We not only had an overflowing sanctuary (as well as an overflowing “overflow room”) on Sunday, but more importantly everywhere I turned throughout Holy Week I found a community full of people seeking to love and serve others in the name of Jesus Christ. From welcoming at the doors to preparing food to washing dishes to making centerpieces to greeting visitors to setting up and tearing down tables to one brave soul even willing to don an Easter bunny costume (shout out to Sophie!) – thank you.

Second, a big thank you to our church staff. We are blessed with a wonderful team of women and men who work tirelessly to help equip all of us for ministry. The staff not only planned for excellent worship throughout Holy Week, they also arrived early and stayed late to clean and organize the kitchen, design and print bulletins, count the sunrise offering, prepare prayer stations, mop floors, rehearse musicians, and much much more. Any opportunity is a good opportunity to express your gratitude to Annie, Frieda, Rhonda, Nat, Walter, Suzanne, Ada, Jeannine, Madelynne, Jann, Amy, Virginia, Phoebe, and all the members of our wonderful nursery staff!

Third, it was an excellent surprise to have our brand-new pictorial directory arrive in time for Easter. The directory is an invaluable tool for connecting names with faces as well as deepening our friendships in the faith here at SSPC. It took a small city of volunteers over a year to create this wonderful resource – thank you to everyone who helped! A special thank you also to Leslie McCracken, Leslie Carlton, Martha Armstrong, Sandi Goeldner, and Hal Morrison for helping lead this effort. You can pick up your new directory tonight at Wednesday Night Supper, Sunday morning, or anytime in the church office beginning next week.

And a final (but certainly not least) thing to be grateful for is Annie and Thomas’s exciting news, which you can read about below!

Christ is Risen. Thanks be to God. See you Sunday.

Peace,  
Alan

# Try Something New



## **Kingsley Plantation Trip**

Try Something New

"Kingsley Plantation is a little known park in an out-of-the-way location. It is physically beautiful and emotionally

evocative; in short, well worth a detour to visit. It's part of the [Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve](#), which probably wins the prize as Florida's most obscure national park."

-Bonnie Gross in Florida Rambler  
[click here for full article](#)

Join our Try Something New group for a fun trip to this historic site just outside of Jacksonville on Saturday, May 4. We will meet at the church at 9AM and head to Kingsley Plantation for a morning tour and then have lunch together at Singleton's. Don't miss out on the fun!

Contact Nat Scott for more info: [nat@sspres.org](mailto:nat@sspres.org)

- **When: Saturday, May 4**
- **Time: Meet in the church parking lot at 9AM**
- **Cost: \$10 plus lunch**

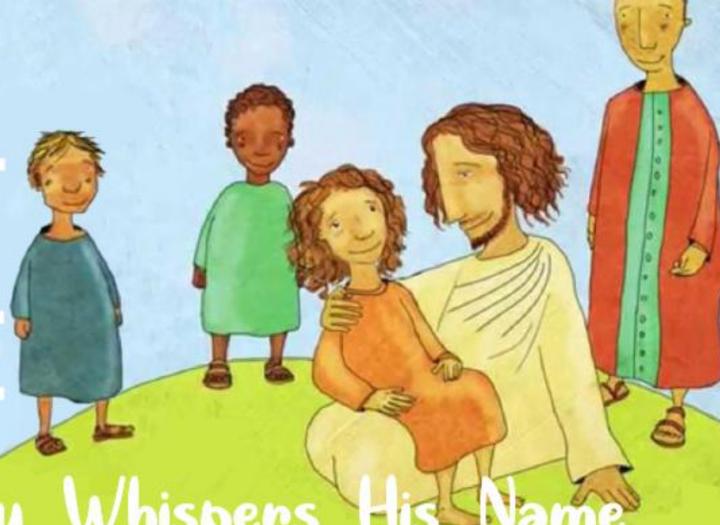
## Upcoming Events

KidZ Crew  
**MUSICAL  
DINNER  
THEATRE**

PRESENTS

Every Story Whispers His Name

MAY 1 | 6 PM | SOCIAL HALL



A FUN EVENT FOR EVERYONE!

# *Bingo Night*

*& Potluck Supper*

SUNDAY, MAY 5

6 PM | SOCIAL HALL

THE CHURCH WILL  
PROVIDE TACOS!

**RSVP HERE!**

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# *Graduate Sunday*

*May 19, 2019 | 11am Service*

CLICK HERE TO FILL OUT GRADUATE INFO

# Vacation Bible School



**Space Limited - Sign Up Today!**

- **When:** June 11-13
- **Time:** 9-1 PM
- **Who:** 4 Years old - 4th Grade

VBS is just 6 weeks away! Our theme this year is Submerged and based on Psalm 139. We will be diving deep into the Bible and under the sea! The community is rapidly signing up for VBS so we encourage our church members and regular visitors to sign your children/grandchildren up now because there is a limit to the number of children we can safely let participate. Also, our church is blessed with many (usually over 60!) wonderful volunteers each year at VBS ... so please take a minute to register so we can begin planning. Click on the image above to register :)

## Summer Activities

### **Church Family Picnic & Kickball**

Let's get into the summer spirit together at our annual Church Family Picnic! This

year we will gather at Mallery Park at 4PM and enjoy a few games of kickball together before having our picnic dinner at 6PM. All are invited to attend! We are asking guests to bring one covered side dish. The church will provide BBQ & buns. Be sure not to miss this evening full of fellowship, fun, and food!



  
**CHURCH FAMILY  
PICNIC & KICKBALL**  
May 26 | Mallery Park | 4PM Kickball | 6PM Dinner  
BRING YOUR FAVORITE PICNIC SIDE DISH!  
THE CHURCH WILL PROVIDE BBQ & BUNS.  
ALL ARE WELCOME!  
[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!](#)

- **When: Sunday, May 26**
- **Time: 4PM Kickball & 6PM Dinner**
- **Where: Mallery Park (601 Mallery Street.)**

## Sapelo Island Kayak Adventure

Explore the Barrier  
Island by Kayak

A great experience for  
youth and adults alike  
to enjoy God's creation  
as we explore this

beautiful barrier island on foot and by kayak under the careful eye and helpful guidance of trained staff from Southeast Adventure Outfitters.



**SAPELO  
ISLAND  
KAYAK  
ADVENTURE**  
MAY 28 - 31  
[Click Here to Sign up Today!](#)

***Deadline to sign up is April 30!***



**KidZ**  
**WORSHIP & ART CAMP**  
CREATED TO BE CREATIVE  
July 15-19 from 9am-1pm  
Rising 1st - 6th graders  
[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

## KidZ Worship & Art Camp

Children will Worship and Create using the theme Be Thou My Vision. This hymn is a prayer based on an old Irish poem... a prayer where Christ is our vision, our best thought

and our light all day and night. Worship & Art Camp provides your child with a spiritual atmosphere to deepen their relationship with God through forms of creative art. The daily schedule will include Play/Recreation, Worship, Art, Snack & Lunch (please bring a lunch).

## KidZ Care Camp

KidZ Care Camp provides children with opportunities to care for others and care for creation! Our days will include a boat excursion and field trips where we will explore our unique coastal environment as well as serve others in our community. This is a great way to prepare your child for future mission trips!



# Worship This Sunday

## MUSICAL NOTES

After an inspirational and glorious Holy Week and Easter, the season of Easter has only just begun. It lasts until Pentecost on June 9<sup>th</sup>. During this time, our summer worship schedule begins. This year, we will start the summer schedule on May 26<sup>th</sup>, one week ahead of our usual beginning time. There is a chapel service at 8:30 am in the sanctuary and worship at 10:00 am.

The Chancel Ensemble practices each Monday morning in the sanctuary. We are a group of people that have played in bands and orchestras that are mostly retired and just want to play together. These people are among the most committed to attendance that I have ever seen. Regular practice is a must, otherwise, you lose your "lip" or "embouchure" (definition: the way in which a player applies the mouth to the mouthpiece of a brass or wind

instrument.)! This Sunday before the 11:00 am service at about 10:40 am in the sanctuary, we will play arrangements of hymns. Members are: Beth Evans, Maddie Shafer - Baritone; John Simmons, Trombone; Fred Leif, French Horn; Judy Foster, Clarinet; Mark Propst, Brooke Bartlett, Anne Marie Stirewalt, Trumpets; and Rhonda Hambright, Piano.

The Chancel Choir offers Martin Shaw's *With a Voice of Singing* for the anthem. This is a staple of most church choirs that they love to sing. Our choir is no exception. Hymns are: 267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing and 246 Christ is Alive!

The Youth Ensemble will be singing at Thrive, Sunday, April 28 at 4:30-5:00 pm. All are invited.

The 12-member Renovation Transition Team met for the first time this week and identified leadership and divided up large categories of responsibility. They will meet regularly to discuss calendar, logistics, storage, worship space, and communications. Stay tuned next week for an update on the first thing to happen with the renovation.

Love & Gratitude,  
Rhonda

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**Scripture Readings for Sunday:** *Psalm 150, John 20:19-31*

**Hymns:**

**8:30**

- Christ is Alive! - 246

**11 am Service Hymns:**

- Come, Christians, Join to Sing - 267
- Christ is Alive! - 246

**Preacher:** Rev. Alan Dyer

## The Week Ahead

**Sunday, April 28th**

8:30 am - **Chapel Service** - Sanctuary

9:00 am - **Coffee Hour & Breakfast** - Social Hall

9:30 am - **Sunday School** - Various Locations

11:00 am - **Traditional Service** - Sanctuary

12:15 pm - **CE Team Meeting** - Children's Hall

2:00 pm - **Mozart Society Meeting** - Britt Room

5:00 pm - **Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic

6:00 pm - **Youth Group** - Social Hall

6:00 pm - **KidZ Fellowship** - Children's Hall

**Monday, April 29th**

10:00 am - **Chancel Ensemble** - Sanctuary  
8:00pm - **AA Meeting** - Britt Room  
8:00pm - **Al Anon** - John Law

### **Tuesday, April 30th**

7:00 am - **Youth Breakfast Devotion** - Chick-Fil-A  
9:30 am - **Staff Meeting** - John Law  
9:30 am - **Yoga Class** - Chapel  
5:00 pm - **Welcoming Task Force** - Upper Room

### **Wednesday, May 1st**

12:00 pm - **Men's Noonday Bible Study** - John Law  
4:00 pm - **KidZ Crew** - Veranda  
6:00 pm - **Wednesday Night Supper** - Social Hall  
6:00 pm - **KidZ Crew Musical Dinner Theatre** - Social Hall  
6:30 pm - **Chancel Ringers** - Bell Room  
7:00 pm - **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

### **Thursday, May 2nd**

7:15 am - **Men's Bible Study** - Britt Room  
4:00 pm - **Yoga Class** - Chapel  
6:30 pm - **Stephen Ministry** - Parlor  
8:00 pm - **AA Meeting** - Britt Room  
8:00 pm - **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

### **Friday, May 3rd**

10:00 am - **Book Study and Prayer** - Jann's Office

### **Saturday, May 4th**

9:00 am - **TSN Kingsley Plantation** - Meet in Church Parking Lot

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# Help Needed

## **Kitchen**

## Cleanup Crew

The kitchen is in need of some assistance with cleaning after meals. This includes our Wednesday Night Suppers and any special meals or occasions in between.

This next week we need help with our Wednesday Night Supper. No training required! Nat and Walter will teach you everything you need to know when you arrive. If you're available to help, please click on the image about to sign up today!



## News from the Arvin's!



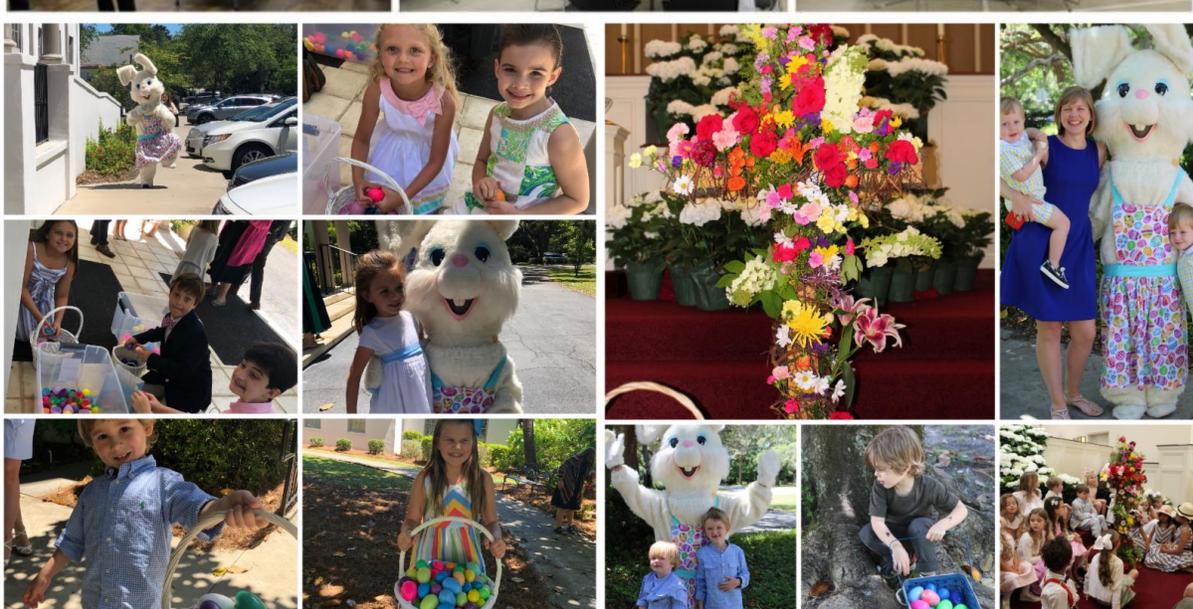
It seems as though my major life events have been on the sign so it seemed fitting to share this one on the sign too. While the photo may be photoshopped, the news on the sign is real! Thomas and I are very excited for a baby Arvin to join our church family in September. We are grateful for the prayers of our church

family during this time.

## Joys & Concerns

### Holy Week at SSPC

What an incredible week it was for our church and the community as a whole. This goes without saying, but it was a tiny bit busy around here with so many events happening throughout the week. However, it never felt overwhelming at any point. For that, we give thanks to all of the members, PW circles, family, friends and staff that volunteered in ways big and small. Their participation and planning was flawless and the smiles in these pictures are genuine. We are blessed beyond words!



# PRAYERS & THANKSGIVINGS

Click here for the Weekly Prayer & Meditation

## Giving Opportunities

### SSPC FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

AS OF MARCH 31, 2019

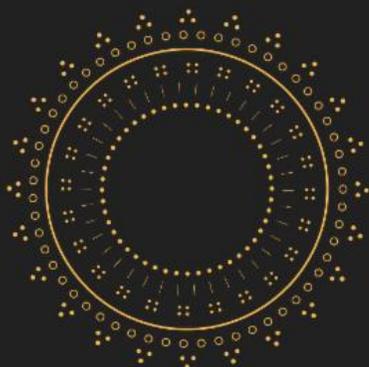
OFFERINGS RECEIVED YTD	\$287,128.18
EXPENDITURES PAID YTD	\$263,124.17
NET OFFERINGS/EXPENDITURES	\$24,004.01

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GIVING AND FAITHFULNESS AS ST.  
SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CARRIES OUT GOD'S WORK.



### *Click Here to Give Online*

Giving online is easy! Just follow the link above to tithe and donate online. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at (912) 638-2220.



Stay connected with the Church

**TEXT: SSPRES**  
**TO: 555888**

We will provide occasional updates on church activities, event/meal RSVP reminders, and other timely information.

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