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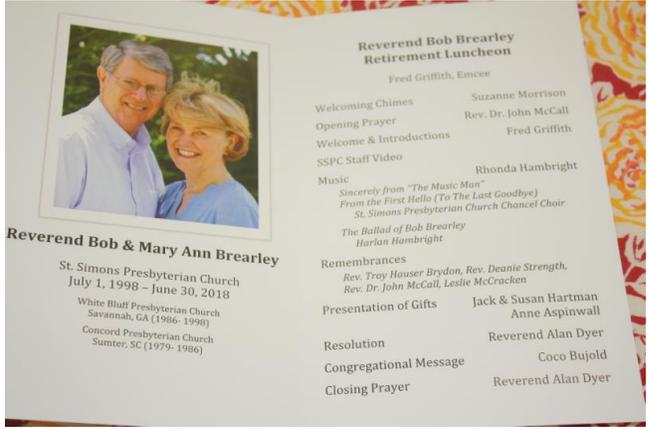
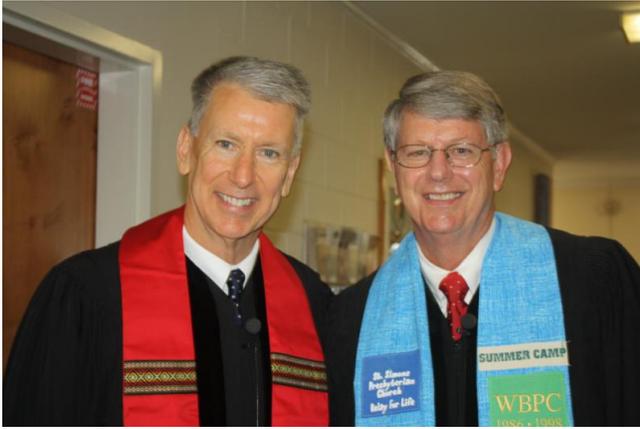
Words simply cannot express the deep gratitude that I feel for the church that is doing such a great job retiring me! Your thoughtfulness at every turn, your sincere emotions, and your embracing love are making this transition a very meaningful time in my life. Mary Ann joins me in thanking you for the amazing retirement luncheon that we will never forget. The beautiful painting, the joyful bicycles, and all the words of affection make us smile every day. I am glad that this luncheon was captured on video and is available for all who could not attend or would like to attend again! Although my 92-year-old mother Mary Kate was in attendance, I sent her the link to the video, and she responded that she viewed it and laughed and cried all over again. No one has ever been retired so well. [Click here](#) to watch a video of the luncheon.

Surely there is a sadness for me as I realize that one of the sustaining purposes of my life is ending. After June 30, I will not be your pastor, and you will be encouraged at every turn to look to your pastor, the Rev. Alan Dyer, and to your associate pastor, soon to be named and welcomed, for all the weddings, funerals, worship services, and pastoral needs of your life. For the next year or two, Mary Ann and I will be completely absent from St. Simons Presbyterian Church as your new pastoral leadership team gets firmly and appropriately established in their callings as pastors in this place. Eventually, we will follow the good pattern set by former pastor John and Ann Law and return to the pews to be positive supporters of the church we love. We plan to spend warm weather months in Montreat, North Carolina, and the cooler months on St. Simons Island. Although I will no longer be your pastor, Mary Ann and I look forward to being your friends.

June will not be an easy month for me, but thank you for the sense of completeness that fills it with joy.

Love,

Bob





SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June, July, & August



8:30 AM
Chapel Service
Sanctuary

9 AM



Sunday School

Social Hall (details below)



10 AM

Traditional Service

Sanctuary



Joint Summer Sunday School

Sundays @ 9 AM in the Social Hall

Breakfast & coffee served.

"Belonging to God"

Who are we as individual believers and as a community of faith? What do we believe, and what are we called to do in light of those beliefs? Come, and let us explore the answers together as part of a 4-week series in June taught by Rev. Dr. Joanna M. Adams, a PC(USA) pastor, St. Simons Island resident, and frequent worshipper in the pews of St. Simons Presbyterian!

June 10: "Jesus Christ: Fully human, Fully God"

June 17: "Father, Mother God?"

June 24: "The Life of the Holy Spirit"



Family Beach

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Join us this Sunday, June 10

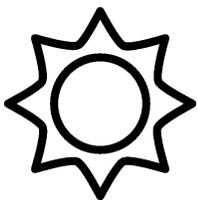
3PM to Play | 6 PM to Eat

Join us at the Binkneys home (630 Beachview Drive) for a church Picnic!

There will be beach games and other fun and fellowship for all ages.

Please bring a side dish to go with hamburgers and hotdogs.

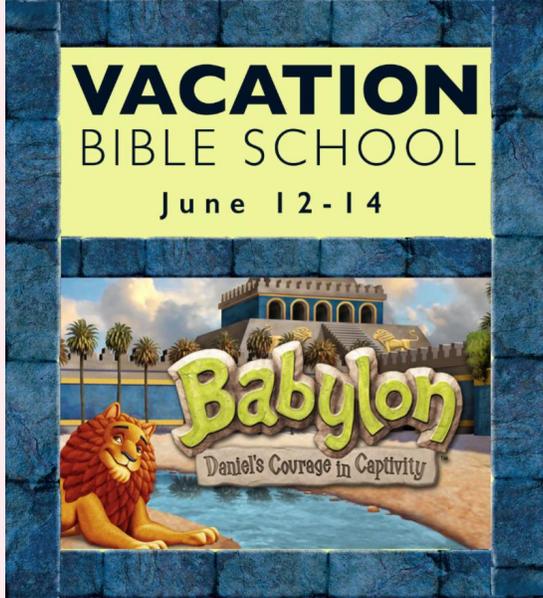
Don't forget your lawn chairs! All are invited.



Summer KidZ Camps!

*Sign up today for these fun and spiritual camps.
Please contact Frieda Warner with any questions.*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 12-14



Preschoolers (born before Sept 1, 2014) - 5th grade

Join Daniel torn from his home and forced into the king's service. Explore exotic sights and smells in a Babylonian bazaar! Kids and adults will find that they're not much different from Daniel and his friends, who kept their faith in a faithless culture.

SIGN UP HERE!



WORSHIP & ART CAMP

July 9-13
Rising 1st - 6th graders

Worship and Art Camp is a unique camp experience! It is amazing to watch how the children connect to God through worship time and then express themselves through different types of art.

SIGN UP HERE!



KIDZ CARE CAMP

July 23-27
Rising 4th - 6th graders

We are so excited to offer this new summer camp this year for our rising 4th - rising 6th graders! Each day will include hands on service opportunities in our community as well as learning how to care for our environment. Guest speakers and field trips!

SIGN UP HERE!



Explore Sapele & the Backland Islands!

Adults & Youth (Grades 9-12)

\$400 - adult | **\$200** - youth

Fee covers equipment, housing, and food.

Marking it's sixteenth year, the Sapele Kayak Adventure has become an annual tradition at St. Simons Presbyterian. It is 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. During our time we will kayak, hike, make sweetgrass baskets with internationally known artist Yvonne Grovener, visit and explore centuries old tabby ruins, go on turtle walks at night, play games, have a beach picnic, etc.



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 17

Session has called a congregational meeting to happen at the conclusion of the 10 AM worship on Sunday, June 17. The first purpose of the meeting is to receive a report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and to vote on a nominee

to be our next associate pastor. Additionally, the congregation will consider the nomination of Bonnie Roberts to serve as an elder in the Class of 2019. Bonnie has been nominated to complete the term of Ruling Elder John Dieterman, who resigned the session as a result of taking a new job that requires extensive travel and time away from the island. Information about Bonnie Roberts can be found below.



Bonnie Roberts was born and raised on a small family farm in southeastern Nebraska. Although not reared in a "church family" she attended a variety of churches growing up including Methodist, Lutheran, Congregational, and Catholic. She found her church home in 1979 after moving to St. Simons Island for a job. It was then that she met Woodie Woodward, a co-worker who became her life-long friend. Woodie also introduced her to his parents, Winnie and Rudy Woodward who were charter members of SSPC, and her sister Debbie

Woodward Hutcherson. Bonnie writes that, "The Woodward family, for all practical purposes, 'adopted' me! This loving and gracious southern family invited me into their lives, socialized me in the ways of southern living, and looked after me in matters of work, life, and faith, so far away from my parents who were in Nebraska." Bonnie returned to SSPC in 2000 when she met and later married the late Don Roberts. "It was during Don's illness and after his death in 2006," Bonnie writes, "that the Church wrapped it's arms around me and gave me wings when my own were too tired to fly. The Presbyterian Women truly became my Sisters in Christ. Since that time, I have found an ever deepening faith and love by way of the Grief Support Group led by the late Sally Lorey, two mission trips to Jamaica, PW Circle activities, Hospitality Ministry team, and the School of the Laity."



FAMILY FUN NIGHTS in July

During the month of July on Wednesday nights we will enjoy food, fun, and fellowship together as a church family. Each week the church will provide the main course for the meal while participants are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert. With all the fun we have planned, you will not want to miss a night! EVERYONE is invited and welcome to attend!

Wednesdays in July | 6 PM | Social Hall

The Weeks Ahead (2 weeks)

Sunday, June 10

- 8:30 am - Chapel Service - Sanctuary
- 9:00 am - Joint Sunday School w/ Rev. Dr. Joanna Adams- Social Hall
- 11:00 am - Traditional Service - Sanctuary
- 3:00 pm - Family Beach Picnic - Binkney Home (630 Beachview Drive)

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5:00 pm - Marsh's Edge Worship - Marsh's Edge

Monday, June 11

12:00 pm - Men's Noonday Bible Study - Britt Room

8:00 pm - AA Meeting - Britt Room

8:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting - John Law Room

Tuesday, June 12

9:00 am - VBS Day #1 - Social Hall

Wednesday, June 13

9:00 am - VBS Day #2 - Social Hall

6:00 pm - VBS Volunteer Dinner - Britt Room

7:00 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, June 14

7:15 am - Men's Breakfast Bible Study - Britt Room

9:00 am - VBS Day #3 - Social Hall

10:00 am - Chancel Ensemble - Sanctuary

1:00 pm - Grief Support Group - John Law Room

4:00 pm - Free Flow Yoga - Youth Suite

8:00 pm - AA Meeting - Britt Room

8:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting - John Law Room

Friday, June 15

10:00 am - Book Discussion & Prayer - Jann's Office

Sunday, June 17

8:30 am - Chapel Service - Sanctuary

9:00 am - Joint Sunday School w/ Rev. Dr. Joanna Adams- Social Hall

10:00 am - Traditional Service - Sanctuary

3:30 pm - Magnolia Manor Worship - Magnolia Manor

Monday, June 18

12:00 pm - Men's Noonday Bible Study - Britt Room

5:30 pm - Diaconate Meeting - Upper Room

8:00 pm - AA Meeting - Britt Room

8:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting - John Law Room

Tuesday, June 19

5:30 pm - Session Meeting - Upper Room

Wednesday, June 20

6:00 pm - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Thursday, June 21

7:15 am - Men's Breakfast Bible Study - Britt Room

10:00 am - Chancel Ensemble - Sanctuary

4:00 pm - Free Flow Yoga - Youth Suite

8:00 pm - AA Meeting - Britt Room

8:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting - John Law Room

Friday, June 22

10:00 am - Book Discussion & Prayer - Jann's Office

Upcoming Dates:

- Sun, June 10 | Family Beach Picnic at the Binkney's
- June 12 - 14 | Vacation Bible School - [Sign up here!](#)
- June 24 | Bob's last Sunday preaching!
- July 9-13 | Worship & Art Camp - [Sign up here!](#)
- July 9-12 | Sapelo Kayak Adventure - [Sign up here!](#)

Click for More Information About Events & Opportunities



Prayers and Thanksgivings

[Click here for the Weekly Prayer & Meditation](#)

Christian Celebration

We share in joy with Skip & Wilma Knight as they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on June 6! We wish them many more years of happiness together!

CROSS Youth Mission Trip

This week, our youth have been serving as the hands and feet of Christ through the CROSS Mission Program in Charlotte, NC. Here are some photos of their adventures so far! Be sure to follow the link to view more on our website.



[CLICK HERE TO SEE MORE PICTURES!](#)



Worship This Sunday

Scripture:

[Psalm 138](#)

[Mark 3:20-35](#)

Hymn:

[370 - This is My Father's World](#)

[829 - My Faith Looks Up to Thee](#)

Preacher:

[Rev. Bob Brearley](#)

The Global Mission Team presents...
Father's Day Cards
ON SALE THIS SUNDAY!



Show dad you care by giving him a card with a purpose! The Global Mission Team will be selling Father's Day Cards benefiting Marion Medical Mission Shallow Well Program which provides wells for clean water in Malawi, Africa. Cards will be on sale in the Back Hallway before and after worship this Sunday. Suggested donation is \$10.00 per card.



[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.

Musical Notes

I'm a part of a Facebook page called I'm a choir director/organist. It is a forum for people like myself to post or read about joys, concerns, complaints, frustration, new information or pieces out there for choirs, preachers, or any other thing under the sun that choir directors talk about. I was sharing with our choir how grateful I

am for their excellent work ethic, talent, and commitment to the group. Some choirs on the page have a lot of bad behavior to contend with. I'm so glad that our choir is loving and supportive of each other. I guess forums like that are valuable in the way that we have a place to share with one another. Montreat is an excellent place to do that in person! The choir members that are going are getting excited about spending a week together (mostly eating great food) singing, worshipping, and generally having incredible fellowship. Paulette Dickison, Marcia Dobbin, Hal and Suzanne Morrison, Ann Nermoe, and I will be going this year. The subject for the week is: Sacraments and Seasons. A New edition of the Book of Common Worship (BCW) is being celebrated this summer. It was last revised in 1993 and now 25 years later, the church is preparing for a revision and all that the new BCW offers the worship life of the church including greatly expanded resources for sacraments and seasons. We will experience the richness of the Christian liturgical year as it comes to life through Luke's narratives. How? Playing, art making, drumming, prayer, conversation, movement, ringing, and singing will be just some of the things that we will be doing. Please pray for our group that leaves on June 17th and returns on June 23rd.

On June 10, the Chancel Choir will be singing *Psalm 130: Out of the Depths* by John Ferguson. Hymns for that Sunday: 370 This is My Father's World; 829 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

On June 17, the anthem will be *Hymn of Promise* by Natalie Sleeth. Hymns: 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!; 36 For the Fruit of All Creation.

If you would like to sing in the choir on Bob's last Sunday, June 24, let me know. The music will be lots of fun. Call me and I'll fill you in on rehearsals, etc.

Love & Gratitude,
Rhonda