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## ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 22, 2019

Three things to make sure to have on your radar in the coming weeks.

First, our annual church-wide picnic is nearly here! Help kickoff summer by gathering with your church family for **Kickball and a Picnic** at Mallery Park. The church will be providing Southern Soul BBQ and drinks. You bring sides, desert, and a strong kicking leg. All ages (and kickball abilities) are welcome!

Second, do not forget that we change to our **Summer Worship Schedule** this Sunday, May 26. Our early worship at 8:30A will have an abbreviated liturgy of scripture, sermon, and prayer. We will then gather at 9A for a joint Sunday school class titled "Godspeed" (see below for more details). Our late worship with a full liturgy and music will begin each week at 10A.

Lastly, a group of us are preparing to embark this Sunday on the **Interfaith Holy Land Trip** to Israel and Jordan. Along with friends from Christ Church and Temple Beth Tifilloh, we will spend almost two weeks visiting the places of the Bible as well as engaging in learning and conversation around the modern-day challenges of that region. Keep an eye out in the newsletter and on the church's social media platforms for photos and updates about our travel. Most importantly, keep us all in your prayers. Those traveling from SSPC are Patti Jordan, Don Gammon, Martha Martin, Alan and Erin Dyer, Alex and Carol Snyder, Kathy Cathey, Susan and Mike Ashburn, and Bethany Leggett.

See you Sunday. Invite a friend. Casual is fine.

Peace,  
Alan

# Schedule Change

# Summer Schedule

THIS  
SUNDAY  
MAY 26

Early Service @ 8:30 AM

**SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9AM**

**TRADITIONAL SERVICE @ 10AM**

## This Sunday



**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!](#)

### 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!

**This Sunday, May 26 | 4PM Kickball & 6PM Dinner | Mallery Park  
(601 Mallery Street.)**

## Summer Sunday School

To live at Godspeed means to be present to where we are, and present to who



surrounds us. This Summer Series begins the hard work of unearthing holiness right where we are, with the people in our midst. We will consider the ordinary ingredients of our everyday lives--- the ingredients we often overlook for our spiritual growth. Hear

from the experiences of Matt and Julie Canlis in Methlick, Scotland, and from the interviews with Eugene Peterson, N.T. Wright and Father Giles. Together, we will explore the Pace of Being Known.

We will begin with the film, GODSPEED, followed by seven shorter videos on every other Sunday. The second Sunday following the video, we will explore the theme in Scripture.

- **When: Sundays, May 26 – September 1**
- **Time: 9am**
- **Where: Social Hall**
- **Who: All are Welcome!**

## 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 3 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 :)

**VBS VOLUNTEER TRAINING**  
June 2 | 12:15 | Children's Hall

**VBS DECORATING DAYS**  
(Adults + Youth only)  
June 4 (2-5pm) June 5 (10-2pm) June 6 (2-5pm)

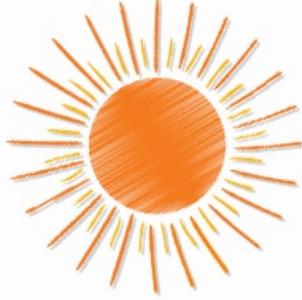
**VBS DINNER**  
June 12 | 6 pm | Social Hall  
(SIGN UP ONLINE)

**VBS CLEANUP**  
June 13 | 1-3 pm



Contact Frieda with Questions  
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## Summer Activities



# SUMMER FUN AT SSPC!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 11-13 (3 yr olds - 5th Graders)

## SSPC PRESCHOOL NATURE CAMP

June 17-21 (Must be 2 yrs old by June 1)

## SSPC PRESCHOOL CREATIVE ARTS

June 24-28 (Must be 2 yrs old by June 1)

## SSPC PRESCHOOL IT'S A SMALL WORLD

July 8-12 (Must be 2 yrs old by June 1)

## SSPC PRESCHOOL SUPER SPY

July 15-19 (Must be 2 yrs old by June 1)

## WORSHIP & ART CAMP

July 15-19 (Rising 1st - 6th graders)

## KIDZ CARE CAMP

July 22-29 (Rising 3rd - 6th graders)

**SIGN UP AT [SSPRES.ORG](http://SSPRES.ORG)**

**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

Thank you to the Youth Ensemble, Chancel Ringers and Chancel Choir for your commitment to leading worship that was enhanced and inspirational through the songs that you shared last Sunday. Chancel Choir continues to meet through June, but Chancel Ringers and Youth Ensemble are over for this season and will start back in August. Chancel Ensemble will meet for two weeks in June (3rd and 10th).

Here's a translation of the Hebrew that the Youth Ensemble sang:

I will sing to the Lord for He has triumphed gloriously. Who is like You, oh Lord, among the celestials, majestic in holiness? In Your love, You lead the people You redeemed.

Beverly Fetter and Amy Bishop offered piano and organ on the prelude and anthem, ending with a final note from our Schantz organ with Amy Bishop playing a piece that really showed the power of our instrument, Buxtehude's *Gigue Fugue*. Thank you to those who were able to stay and listen. By the time that you receive this newsletter, the organ will be packed up and headed to Schleuter Pipe Organ Company in Lithonia, Georgia. Arthur Schleuter has been in business many years, inheriting the growing company from his father. James Freeman, our organ technician, works with Arthur will be on site along with other members of the crew. The console will also be going with them to the company for some TLC. On Thursday, Brian Stout, from Jacksonville, will arrive to assist in the installation of the Rodgers electric organ. Walter Lynn will install speakers in the organ chambers. It won't sound the same as our powerful pipe organ, but will do for the interim period. This organ will serve as our instrument in the Social Hall when we move out of the sanctuary at the end of the summer.

This Sunday brings the summer schedule – 8:30 and 10:00 am services. The

Chancel Choir offers **To Love Our God** by Mark Hayes. This is a favorite anthem of the choir. Hymns for Sunday: 265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun and 623 I've Got Peace Like a River.

Love & Gratitude,  
Rhonda

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**Hymns:**

**8:30**

- I've Got Peace Like a River - 623

**11 am Service Hymns:**

- Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun - 265
- I've Got Peace Like a River - 623

**Preacher:** Rev. Alan Dyer

## The Week Ahead

**Sunday, May 26th**

8:30 am - **Chapel Service** - Sanctuary  
9:00 am - **Coffee Hour & Breakfast** - Social Hall  
9:00 am - **Sunday School** - Various Locations  
10:00 am - **Traditional Service** - Sanctuary  
4:00 pm - **Church Picnic & Kickball** - Mallery Park

**Monday, May 27th**

**HOLIDAY - OFFICE CLOSED**

8:00pm - **AA Meeting** - Britt Room  
8:00pm - **Al Anon** - John Law

**Tuesday, May 28th**

8:00 am - **Sapelo Kayak Adventure** - Meet at Meridian Dock  
9:30 am - **Yoga Class** - Chapel

**Wednesday, May 29th**

12:00 pm - **Men's Noonday Bible Study** - John Law  
7:00 pm - **Chancel Choir** - Sanctuary

**Thursday, May 30th**

7:15 am - **Men's Bible Study** - Britt Room  
4:00 pm - **Yoga Class** - Youth Suite  
8:00 pm - **AA Meeting** - Britt Room  
8:00 pm - **Al-Anon Meeting** - John Law Room

**Friday, May 31st**

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

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## Get Involved



Recognizing that many problems start with a lack of basic necessities for living - such as food, water, and shelter - a group of St. Simons Presbyterian Church members began a Hunger Action Team, which seeks to address hunger in

Glynn County by getting nutritious food into the homes of children. The Hunger Action Team (HAT) has relationships with all of Glynn County's Public Elementary Schools and supplies nutritious snacks and meals for children who are not able to provide their own food. The HAT also provides emergency food boxes for families who need assistance keeping their pantries full through Christmas and Easter breaks, which are times when children do not have access to free and reduced meals at their schools.



### Join the Congregational Care Team

The Congregational Team serves others by:

- Cooking and delivering meals
- Making visits and phone calls to check-in with those in need
- Providing transportation to appointments
- Delivering flowers from Sunday worship to the homebound

- Writing hand-written notes to those facing major life events

The Congregational Care Team consists of over 20 church members and friends who seek to show care and concern for others. Please click the image above to get in touch with the team to indicate your willingness to serve.

## This Past Week

### Welcome Home Alice!

After making an early arrival into this world, Alice Whatley has finally arrived home and is in good care with her two older sisters nearby to keep an eye on her! We continue to pray for Lexie and William Whatley in the coming weeks as they adjust to their new life at home with three young children. Welcome home, Alice!



### Christian Celebration

Together, we celebrate the baptism of Emmeline Mae Sapp. Daughter of Woody and Christy Sapp.

“For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good, to give you a future and a hope.” - Jeremiah 29:11

### Congratulations Graduates!

This past Sunday we recognized the graduating class of 2019 and celebrated their hard work and commitment.

Please join us in praying for the following graduates:



### High School Graduates

- Curry Hartman, Glynn Academy,

*Will be attending University of Georgia.*

- **Alastair Campbell**, Frederica Academy  
*Will be attending the United States Naval Academy.*
- **Ami Bishop**, Glynn Academy  
*Will be attending College of Coastal Georgia College.*
- **Clay Watkins**, Glynn Academy  
*Will be attending the University of Georgia.*
- **Tripp Goeldner**, Glynn Academy  
*Will be attending Florida State University.*
- **Vassa Cate**, Glynn Academy  
*Will be attending Louisiana State University.*
- **Aiden Lokey**, Glynn Academy  
*Will be attending University of North Georgia.*
- **Timmy Bryan**, The Heights  
*Will be attending Virginia Tech.*

**College Graduates:**

- **Will Snyder**, Georgia Tech  
*Degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering.*
- **John Morrison**, Georgia Tech  
*Degree in Aerospace Engineering.*
- **Alex Goeldner**, Florida State University  
*Degree in Hospitality Management and Tourism.*
- **Molly Brooks**, The University of Edinburgh  
*Masters in International Development.*

# Giving Opportunities

## 2018 Endowment Report

ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### 2018 Annual Endowment Report to the Congregation

Dear Friends:

This year marks the ten-year anniversary of the creation of the St. Simons Presbyterian Barnabas Society. What began as a dream in the heart of our former church administrator, Helen Alexander, has now turned into an incredible tool for supporting the long-term ministry and generosity of our church. By inviting church members and friends to include the church in their estate planning, the Barnabas Society has helped to grow our endowment by over \$1 million to-date. Among other things, these funds have helped to feed, house, and clothe the poor in our community, support the spiritual and physical growth of children, enhance our worship, and fund the faithful ministry of Presbyterian missionaries around the globe. More information about the Barnabas Society can be found on the back of this brochure.

The annual report that follows shares with you all the activity of the endowment fund as well as any news about capital investments and indebtedness affecting the life of our church. In 2018 the endowment received \$17,950 in deposits from memorials and bequests. The distribution was \$75,000, and was directed by the Session in the following way: \$10,650 was distributed to directed funds; \$5,000 was allocated to the BMD/DC Mission Program Fund; \$15,000 toward Global Missions; \$15,000 toward Community Missions and \$29,350 to the Playground Fund for sun shade and other playground improvements.

The market value of the endowment at the end of 2018 showed a net decline of \$123,030 over the previous year, which was primarily due to market performance in the final quarter of 2018. The resulting market value of our endowment portfolio was \$1,722,968. We are grateful to all those who have contributed to the endowment, and who remember the church in their estate plans. Every gift – no matter the size – makes possible our mission.



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