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ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 22, 2020

One of the great joys in the life of any church is welcoming new members. New members bring with them new energy, ideas, questions, and faith that help to shape and reshape the overall ministry of a congregation in exciting ways. This Sunday will be our first **New Member Sunday** in the new year. There are already a number of individuals who are planning to join at both the 8:30 & 11A worship services, but please know that it is not too late to add your name to the list. If you have an interest in joining or are wondering about membership, please do not hesitate to call or email me anytime (638-2220; alan@sspres.org).

Also, be sure to mark **February 9** on your calendars as a date not to be missed. That morning we will gather for our annual **Kirkin o' The Tartans service at 10:30A at Epworth by the Sea**. It is especially important to note the change in time and setting this year which is different than in the past. Namely, there will be only one worship service at Epworth by the Sea's Strickland Auditorium on Feb. 9. We will not have Sunday school or worship on our campus that morning. A nursery will be available for children ages 5 and under at Epworth. We are excited to join once again with the congregation of Golden Isles Presbyterian Church for this special celebration of our common Presbyterian heritage. Check out Rhonda Hambright's "Musical Notes" blurb below for more details.

The other reason February 9 is significant is because you are invited to come back to the church following worship at Epworth for a joint **Love One Another and Snowbird Luncheon**. Because of space constraints related to the renovation the Membership and Congregational Life Ministry Teams made the decision to combine these two events this year. This wonderful combined meal will be an opportunity for the congregation to enjoy food and fellowship around the table as well as get to know our "snowbirds"/ seasonal visitors better. More information is provided below – please be sure to RSVP online or by calling the church office to reserve your spot. All are welcome.

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

Peace,
Alan

Sunday, January 26th
**NEW MEMBER
SUNDAY**

If you are interested in joining the church, we would love to recognize you at either service on Sunday, January 26!

**Please contact Alan (alan@sspres.org)
with any questions**

Sunday, February 9

**Kirkin o' the
Tartans**

February 9th, 2020 | 10:30am

AT EPWORTH BY THE SEA

(Followed by Love One Another Luncheon at SSPC)



Love One Another Luncheon

A CONGREGATIONAL MEAL WITH OUR SNOWBIRDS

Sunday, February 9

Time: 12PM/Social Hall

Cost Per Person: \$10

Please

[CLICK HERE](#)

for Menu & to RSVP

Try Something New

TRY SOMETHING NEW
**HISTORICAL &
CULINARY
TOUR OF
THOMASVILLE**

March 3-5

SIGNUP DEADLINE
FEBRUARY 14

Space is Limited
You don't want to miss this one!



During our stay we'll be visiting, Flowers Bakery, Wine Tasting & Dinner at Farmers Daughter Vineyards, Pebble Hill Plantation, South Eden Plantation, Sass at Old Train Depot, and A Taste of Thomasville Food Tour - [click here](#) for tour info. There will also be ample opportunity for shopping in the downtown historic district.

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Renovation Update



Renovation Update

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Things are beginning to take shape as we pass the three-month mark since the beginning of the renovation of the sanctuary and chancel. A lot of the work has involved old walls coming down and new materials being put in. We are beginning to see new walls going up and the chancel is being reworked. The renovation update details work completed to-date and outlines several of the key items that will be accomplished in the coming weeks. Also included are several photos detailing the progress and updated renderings of the new sanctuary space. We will look like a new church. Thank you for the support of our Building Committee members (Tom B...), Kathleen... and... who meet early every... and... and... this transformational project in the life of our church.

Private Transformation & Building Committee

A Visual Tour of the Construction Site
As of January 9, 2020

Sanctuary (facing front)

Since October 2019
Existing transept walls removed
Existing chancel walls removed
New footers dug and poured



Savannah Presbytery

From Mystery to Metamorphosis:

Savannah Presbytery's 41st Annual

Faith Enrichment Conference

Epworth by the Sea

St. Simons Island, Georgia

February 7-8, 2020

Registration opens December 1, 2019

Early Bird Registration Ends: January 2, 2020

Transformation and Renewal for the Church

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr. William P. Brown

Dr. Brown is the William Marcellus McPheeters Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary.

Using Romans 12:2 as our point of departure during worship and Keynote, we'll explore what Paul means by transformation and renewal in their biblical context in order to draw implications for renewal for the church today. If Paul were a Calvinist, his motto for the church would be: *Ecclesia transformata semper transformanda*-The church transformed and always transforming!

REGISTER IN CHURCH OFFICE | [CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)



An Invitation to the Savannah Presbytery

WOMEN'S ANNUAL GATHERING

Let us be encouraged to start this new decade of 2020 together! We are inviting Women of the Savannah Presbytery to Worship and Fellowship together.

JANUARY 25, 2020 | COST \$10

REGISTRATION AT 9AM | WORSHIP AT 10AM | LUNCH AT 1PM

ALLENHURST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

30 CHURCH STREET, ALLENHURST, GEORGIA

Keynote: Nancy Dimmock,

Workshops: Rev. Deanie Strength & Sam MacGraw

Worship This Sunday

Musical Notes

Kirkin' of the Tartan is coming soon! Watch for details in the next couple of weeks in your newsletter and listen to the announcements. Epworth-by-the-sea, the Methodist Conference Center, has the large Strickland Auditorium on its campus. That's where our service will be held this year. **FEBRUARY 9, 2020 AT 10:30 AM.** Parking will be behind the Auditorium. Because it is grass and dirt and may be difficult to navigate, there will be someone in a golf cart available to drive you to the door of the auditorium. There are a few handicap accessible parking spots on the "river" side of the building that has a ramp for wheelchair access, so don't stay away because you think you can't get in safely. There will also be childcare available in the childcare building on campus. A team of helpers from Worship and Music will come on Saturday, February 8, to help set up for this exciting day of worship. If you are interested in helping to haul things (like tartans and poles and worship items) back and forth, let me know. Stay tuned!

The Chancel Choir will sing a new anthem this Sunday (new to them and to our library) **God Is My Strong Salvation** by Lloyd Pfautsch. Hymns for

Sunday are: 401 Here in This Place (Gather Us In); and 720 Jesus Calls Us.

Youth (6th -12th grade) are encouraged to come to Youth Ensemble at 5:00 pm in the Music Attic. We begin on January 26th, so mark your calendars! This group sang with the Adult Choir last year and went on a field trip to Jacksonville. Come and help plan the next adventure this coming Sunday evening at 5:00 pm, followed by dinner and Youth Fellowship at 6:00 pm.

The **February Festival** is on the way! **February 4th is the first concert at 7:00 pm.** Note the change of time. Concerts are 60-70 minutes long followed by a light reception to meet and greet the artists. Free and Open to the public – because of the generous donations of the membership.

Love & Gratitude,
Rhonda

Hymns for Sunday:

8:30 am Service Hymns:

- Jesus Calls Us - 720

11:00 am Service Hymns:

- Here in This Place (Gather Us In) - 401
- Jesus Calls Us - 720

Live Streaming Update



IN RECENT WEEKS WE'VE
ENCOUNTERED
CONNECTIVITY PROBLEMS
WHILE STREAMING SUNDAY
WORSHIP. WE ARE WORKING
TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE AND
WILL KEEP YOU UP TO DATE.

STICK WITH US-ALL GOOD THINGS
TAKE TIME... & COMCAST

The Weeks Ahead

Sunday, January 26th

8:30 am **Chapel Service** - Social Hall

9:00 am **Coffee Hour & Breakfast** - Britt Room

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

11:00 am **Traditional Service** - Social Hall

12:15 pm **Membership Ministry Team** - Upper Room
5:30 pm **Youth Ensemble** - Music Attic

Monday, January 27th

4:30 pm **EPIC Book Club** - Palm Coast
8:00pm **AA Meeting** - Britt Room
7:00pm **Al Anon** - John Law

Tuesday, January 28th

7:00 am **Chick-fil-A Youth Breakfast** - Chick-fil-a
9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Upper Room
9:30 am **Yoga** - Youth Suite
5:30 pm **GIYO** - John Law

Wednesday, January 29th

10:00 am **Men's Bible Study** - John Law
4:00 pm **KidZ Crew** - Veranda
6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Supper** - Social Hall
6:30 pm **Chancel Ringers** - Youth Suite
7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** - Music Attic

Thursday, January 30th

7:15 am **Men's Bible Study** - Britt Room
10:00 am **Ladies Bible Study** - Upper 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, January 31st

No Activities Scheduled for this Day

SAINT SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN

**WEDNESDAY
NIGHT
SUPPER**

6PM | SOCIAL HALL

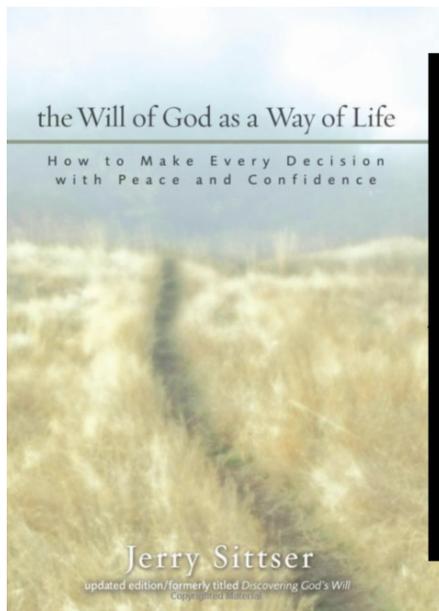
STARTING BACK JAN 29

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New Christian Education



OTHER DENIZENS OF THE DEEP

BOOK STUDY

THURSDAYS | 5:30PM

FEBRUARY 6 - APRIL 2

John Law Room

**CONTACT BRENDA HAUGHNEY
WITH QUESTIONS: 704.641.2621**

Practical help for understanding and following God's will for your life "God has a plan for our lives," but what does that mean in practical terms? How do we know God's will for important life decisions, like who to marry, what job to take, what church to join? How can we be free if God has a perfect plan for us? Does suffering mean we are off track? How exactly does God speak? Author Jerry Sittser explores these questions and offers a biblically based approach that is truly liberating. No matter what decisions we've already made, he points out that it is still possible to live out God's perfect will—even if we think we've married the wrong person, chosen the wrong career, or landed in some kind of serious trouble.

BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE FOR \$10

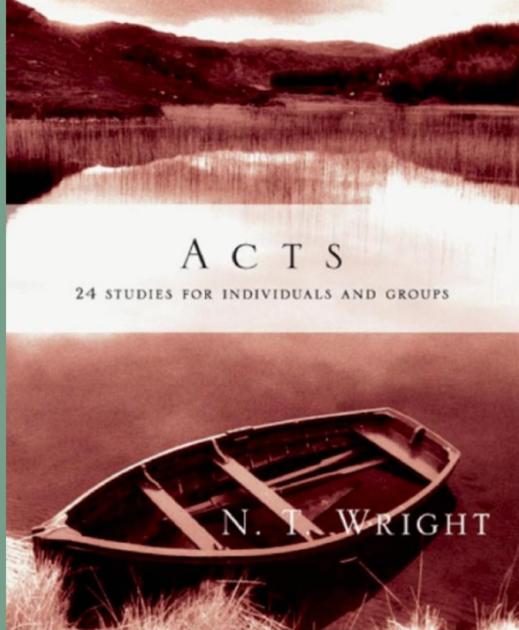
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30S
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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning Sunday, Jan 18
9:30 AM | UPPER ROOM

Readings will be from the book of Acts with discussions based off a study guide by N.T. Wright.

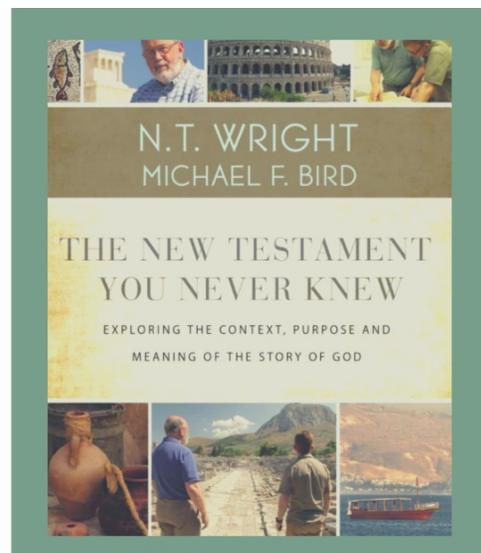
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COME & SEE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

BEGINNING SUNDAY, JAN 12TH
9:30 AM | UPPER ROOM

BOOKS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE FOR \$10



DO YOU KNOW THE REAL STORY BEHIND THE NEW TESTAMENT? YOU WILL DISCOVER THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT JESUS' BAPTISM AND JOURNEY INTO THE WILDERNESS, THE MEANING BEHIND HIS PARABLES AND MIRACLES, THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION, THE INCREDIBLE EXPANSION OF THE EARLY CHURCH INTO THE GRECO-ROMAN WORLD, AND HOW THE TRANSFORMING MISSION OF JESUS CAN STILL TURN THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN TODAY. THROUGH READING THE NEW TESTAMENT WE CONTINUALLY DISCOVER THAT GOD INDEED KEEPS HIS PROMISES, BUT THOSE PROMISES DON'T ALWAYS LOOK LIKE WHAT PEOPLE EXPECTED. ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO JESUS. SO, COME JOIN THE JOURNEY WITH N.T. WRIGHT AND MICHAEL BIRD AND THEY WILL HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THE NEW TESTAMENT YOU NEVER KNEW.

EPIC BOOKCLUB

This book is recommended for children & youth reading at least a 5th grade level.

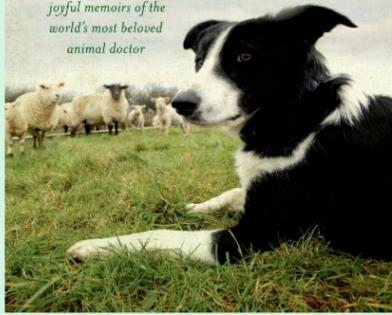
**BEGINNING MONDAY, JAN 13
4:30PM | PALM COAST**

[CLICK HERE FOR READING SCHEDULE](#)

JAMES HERRIOT

All Creatures
Great and Small

The warm and joyful memoirs of the world's most beloved animal doctor



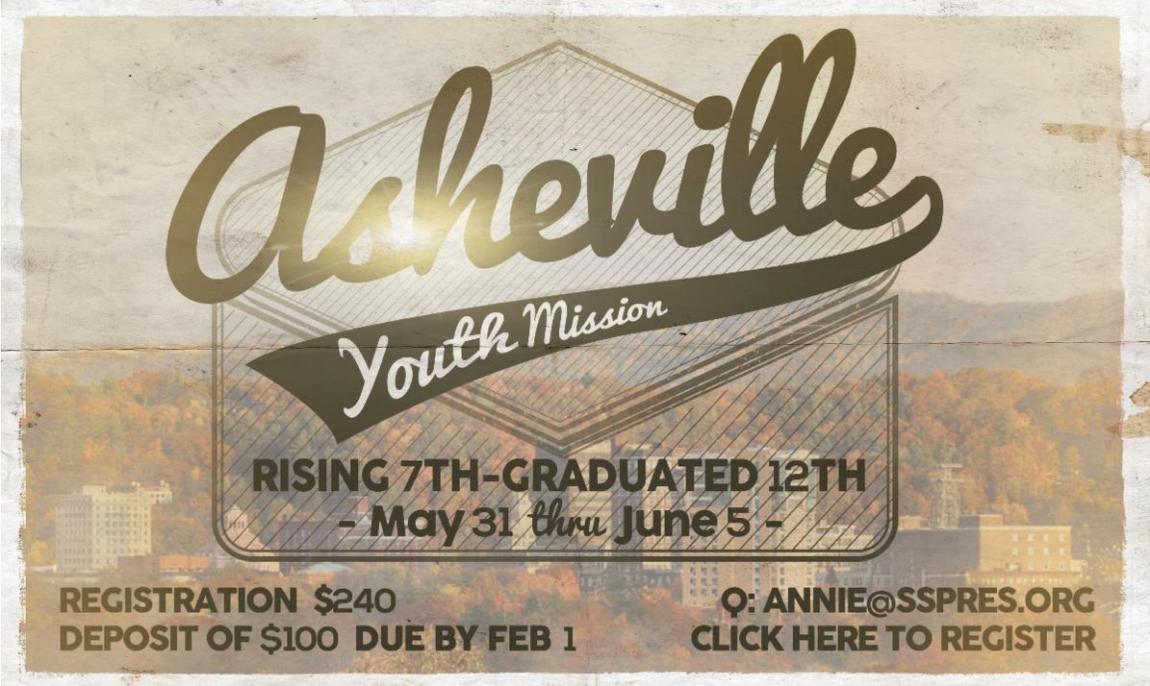
KidZ & Youth

The graphic for the Pajama Party features a dark blue night sky filled with white stars. In the center, a yellow crescent moon is visible. Below the moon, a black cat and a pink rabbit are depicted wearing nightgowns and standing on a green hill. The text 'PAJAMA PARTY' is written in a bold, serif font across the middle. Below this, the date 'JAN 24' is highlighted in a dark circle, followed by the time '6-9PM'. At the bottom, the text 'NURSERY PROVIDED | CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP' is displayed.

PAJAMA PARTY

JAN **24** 6-9PM

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Asheville
Youth Mission
RISING 7TH-GRADUATED 12TH
- May 31 thru June 5 -
REGISTRATION \$240
DEPOSIT OF \$100 DUE BY FEB 1
Q: ANNIE@SSPRES.ORG
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER



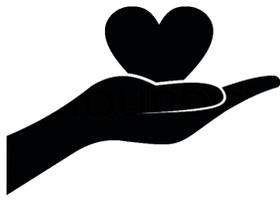
JUNE 7-13
Summer - 2020 -
Montreat Youth
Conference
AGE GROUP
RISING 9th - GRADUATED 12th
QUESTIONS: ANNIE@SSPRES.ORG
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\$330
REGISTRATION
\$100 BY FEB 1

Stewardship Updates

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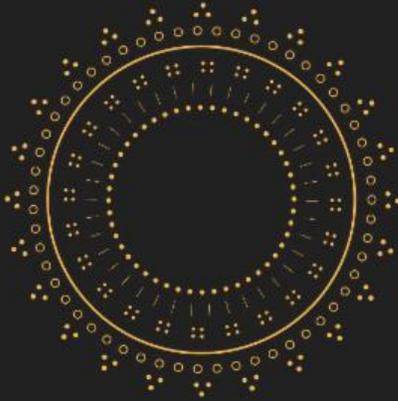
ENVELOPES

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO BE PICKED UP IN THE BRITT ROOM AT YOUR CONVENIENCE.



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(912) 638-2220.



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reminders, and other timely information.

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