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Birthdays

01.....	Hannah Doss
	Audrey Nabholz
	Rachel Walters
03.....	Charles Bowen
06.....	Jack Bowen
	Diane Norkus
07.....	Claramae Parish
08.....	Yvonne Clark
10.....	Kate Channell
11.....	Hank Adam Gautreaux
	Claudia Moller
14.....	Anne Alston
	Lena Dyer
	Charlotte Jewett
15.....	Cora Hunn
17.....	Ruth Anna Doss
	Joanne Pierce
21.....	Barbara Wannemacher
22.....	Charles Caruso
25.....	Henry Fliermans
27.....	Stathia Hammond
30.....	Alan Gay
31.....	Bailey Utley

2024 Apologetics Conference

August 24–25

The Road To Calvary



Join us for our annual Apologetics Conference with guest speaker, Dr. Derek Thomas. Derek W. H. Thomas, is a native of Wales, but has lived in the United States of America for almost 30 years. He was the Senior Minister at First Presbyterian Church (ARP) in Columbia, South Carolina until his retirement at the end of 2023 after twelve years of ministry at this historic church. He is also a Chancellor's Professor at Reformed Theological Seminary, and a Teaching Fellow with Ligonier Ministries. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from the University of Wales, a Master of Divinity from Reformed Theological Seminary (Jackson), and a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Wales (Lampeter). He was ordained in the Evangelical Church of Ireland and served Stranmillis Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Belfast for 17 years before moving to the United States. He has published

more than thirty books and contributed to many others. He has been married to his wife, Rosemary, for forty-eight years and they have two children and two grandchildren.

The conference will begin with a catered dinner on August 24th at 5:30 p.m. with the first session beginning at 6:30 p.m. The conference will continue Sunday the 25th with Dr. Thomas preaching during our morning and evening worship services. If you plan to join us for dinner, please RSVP on our website or by sending an email to the church office.

- ◆ 5:30 p.m. Saturday Evening – Congregational Dinner
- ◆ 6:30 p.m. Saturday Evening – “Jesus’ Baptism”
- ◆ 11:00 Sunday Morning – “Jesus’ Transfiguration”
- ◆ 6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening – “Jesus in Gethsemane”

Promotion SUNDAY

Promotion Sunday for the 2024-2025 school year will be celebrated August 4th at 9:30 in the Children's building. We will have a small celebration with "Moving Up Muffins" and juice before we head off to a new year of Sunday school! Hope to see you there!



Wednesday night activities for the 2024-2025 school year will begin August 7th! Following dinner, at 5:30, the children will meet in the children's building for a Bible lesson and activities. Please make plans to join us!



Please contact Frances Gojda with any questions

frances@christchurchpres.org

American Heritage Girls

Our 2024-2025 program theme is "VISION" based on Ephesians 1:18 with the goal of instilling truths in our girls so that they can go out and see the world with a biblical worldview in order to make a difference for the Kingdom of God. Registration is now open for girls ages 5-18! Join us for a hot dog picnic to kick things off on Saturday, Aug 17 from 10am-1pm in Covenant Hall. This will also serve as a registration/informational meeting for families. Our regular weekly Monday evening meetings will begin on Sept.



AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS®
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9th from 7-8pm in the Children's Building. We have an exciting year planned full of faith, service and fun as we strive to fulfill the AHG mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country.

If you are interested in joining our troop or volunteering, please contact Jen Zamora at ahg@christchurchpres.org

Trail Life Trek

Summer began with a Peak 3 training course in Mountain Rest, SC where 4 patrols of adults and 2 youth patrols learned the skills necessary to put on a Trail Life outdoor event. John Norkus participated as assistant course director and rope work instructor. There was instruction in fire building, knots and lashings, menu planning, wood tools, backpacking, campsite selection, and first aid. Patrols competed against each other in building camp gadgets, best dessert, fire building and patrol spirit.

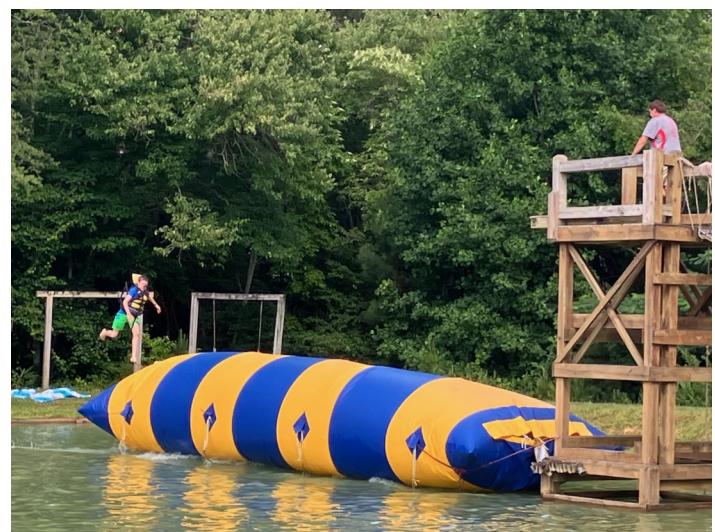
The troop attended the Southern Summer Adventure at Whitewater Express in Copperhill, TN (June 23-29). Over 500 trailmen attended with troops from SC, GA, NC, LA, FL, AL, IL, and PA. We left Christ Church on Sunday morning and attended morning service at Heritage Presbyterian Church (OPC) in Royston, SC. Each day began with breakfast, morning flag ceremony and daily devotion lead by Rev. Joah Culbertson, pastor of Holly Ridge Baptist Church (Simpsonville, SC). Our camp verse of the week was 1 Timothy 6:11: But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. He brought a daily message on the specific attributes that each trainman should pursue as he grows in grace. Afterwards, trailmen spent the day in various instructional clinics (ropemaking, survival, knots, lashings, foraging, tarps, leadership as well as high adventure activities (waterfront, high ropes, zip line, giant swing, paintball, overlook hike, rifle, archery, slingshot). On Thursday afternoon, the troop ventured to the rapids of the Ocoee River.

A troop from Pennsylvania shared their version of Trail Life vespers with the camp:

*It's the end of another long hard day
On the horizon I see the trail as it fades away
On my honor, I'll do my best
Trusting God for the rest
As I kneel down and pray
I want to hear my Father say

Refrain: Well done, you have walked worthy
On the trail this day my son
You have walked worthy.
Not every battle was won,
But you have walked worthy My son.*

On Saturday June 29, Woodlands Trailmen had their Water Fun Day at church with a giant slip n slide, water bottle rockets and a giant water gun fight.



JOIN THE TRAIL NIGHT Monday, August 12

The troop will be conducting a Join the Trail Night on Monday, August 12, 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This is for families to check out Trail Life and the program at GA-2215. Boys will get to participate in a regular meeting and parents will learn about the program and our planned activities for the coming year. So, all boys, 5-18 yrs. old, are invited to see what Trail Life all is about.





**Steve & Sherri
Letchford
Kenya
SIM**

Steve and Sherri are medical professionals who have been a part of the African church's hospital ministries in Zambia and Kenya for 26 years. They are passionate about equipping African healthcare professionals to serve Jesus in vulnerable communities.

Steve (MD, Internal Medicine/Pediatrics) now heads SIM's Banda Health ministry, using technology to empower the clinics caring for patients in African slums and villages and ministry partnerships to help their communities address overwhelming social and spiritual realities. (Luke 4:18-19).

Sherri (DPT) is a physical therapist currently involved in mentoring and governance.

Prayer:

Pray for a lawyer and nurse joining the Banda Health team in Nairobi to facilitate Banda's growing number of partnerships with other ministries in slums and villages.

Pray for additional missionary software developers for the Banda Health team and for increased funding to also hire Christian software developers in Kenya.

Pray that many families living in very vulnerable situations will find good healthcare and gospel-shaped hope within walking distance of their homes through the work of the Banda team and our partners.

Delighting in God's Word

Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted. -

Hebrews 2:17-18

In Hebrews 2:17 the author tells us that Christ had to become like us in our humanity, so that he might represent us as our great High Priest before the Father in heaven. In being our High Priest, he was not only offering sacrifice on our behalf, but He also offered himself "to make propitiation for the sins of the people"--that is, he was both the sacrifice and "sacrificer", to satisfy the justice of God. As a man, he identified with his people and took upon himself the punishment for sin that was due for us. More than that, as God, he was able to satisfy that punishment for sin *perfectly* and *completely*. This is indicated for us in other passages of Hebrews: his offering was offered once, a single sacrifice, for sins (Heb. 9:12, 26) and he "sat down" afterward, signaling the completion of his work (Heb. 10:12). This means that if we would know the complete forgiveness of our sins, it is found in Christ and in him alone.

Yet, as amazing as that is, notice what verse 18 says. Jesus Christ, as a true human being, has himself suffered temptations (yet without succumbing to sin). Therefore, he is able to sympathize with us, to resonate with us in our weaknesses, when we are overcome by temptations (Heb. 4:15). If this is the case, that Christ suffered in his human nature by the temptations that confronted him, then notice the implication that Hebrews draws: he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Christian, do you feel the weight of temptations that confront you daily? Do you still feel the draw of your remaining sinful flesh? Do you feel the pull of covetousness? The pangs of greed? Do you desire to do that which does not please God because it would feel pleasurable, if only for a moment? Do you know the sufferings of temptation?

If that is you, Christian, then take comfort in this: in Christ, your sins are *completely* forgiven. And by Christ, especially in the work of his Spirit, you may find help to endure in the day of temptation (cf., 1 Cor. 10:13). Know that Christ understands the severity of temptations. Better yet, flee to Christ, knowing that he is stronger than them all.

Women's Ministry



SAVE THE DATE! All women of Christ Church, Presbyterian are invited to a brunch honoring our newest members on Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a wonderful time of fellowship as we welcome these ladies. Additional details to follow.

Music Ministry News

The sanctuary choir is looking for singers in every section! We'd love to have new folks join us on a regular basis or even just for our special services (women's chorus in September, men's chorus in November, and/or Christmas Festival Service in December). For more information, contact Laura Doss (laura@christchurchpres.org).



Officer Nominations

Beginning on August 4 and continuing through the month of August we will be receiving nominations for the offices of elder and deacon. Nomination forms will be made available to you each week. You will find questions listed below that can help you pray through officer nominations. ("BCO" is the *Presbyterian Church in America Book of Church Order*.

An electronic copy can be found at <https://www.pcaac.org/bco/>

1. Who is eligible (qualified) to be an officer?

Any active male member who meets the qualifications set forth in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. (BCO 24-1)

2. Can I nominate more than one man?

Yes, you can nominate as many men as the Lord leads you to nominate, as long as they fit the criteria of #1 above.

3. Do I nominate for a specific office (elder or deacon)?

Yes, there are two forms, one for elder and one for deacon.

4. Can I nominate someone if I have not joined the church?

No, only communing members in good and regular standing, but no others, are entitled to submit names to the session. (BCO 24-1)

5. Should I ask the man if he is willing to serve as an officer before I nominate him?

Yes, please ask him if he is willing to serve before you nominate him, it will make the process run smoothly, and keep everyone from doing "double work".

6. Can I email my nomination to the church office?

Yes, please email your nominations to the church office between August 1st and August 31. Any nominations received before or after these dates will not be accepted.

7. Can I mail in my vote if I miss the congregational meeting for election?

No, you must be present on voting day to vote.

A majority vote of those present is required for election. (BCO 24-4)

8. Who gets elected to serve?

Those who receive a majority vote. If there are more people on the ballot than slots available for a particular office, those with the highest percentage of votes will be elected.

A majority vote of those present is required for election. (BCO 24-3)

August

Weekly Sunday Schedule

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship • 6:00 p.m. Worship

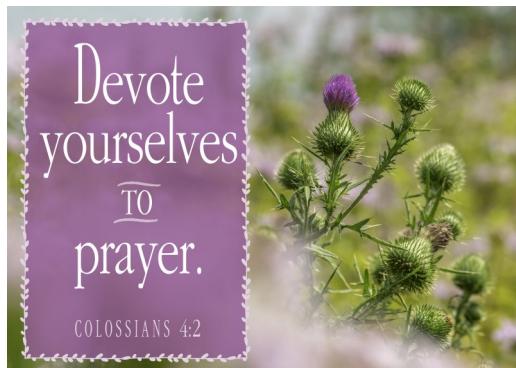
Please pray daily for our CC,P supported missionaries and missions agencies listed in *italics*. Those listed without their last name are serving in harm's way. .

Ladies Online Prayer Group

“...in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”

Philippians 4:6

Join the ladies of Christ Church as we unite in online prayer twice weekly: Sundays 4:00–5:00 p.m. and Thursdays 7:30–8:15 p.m. (focusing on America).



Contact Diane Dunsmore (ddunsmore777@gmail.com; 706-401-4146) or Maria Russell (edmarmam@gmail.com; 706-726-1703) to receive the online invitations.

Servants' Schedules

Elder Greeters

August 4:	Mel Jewett & John Dunsmore
August 11:	Charles McClure & Glynn Dyer
August 18:	John Norkus & Johan Hubenthal
August 25:	Ora Parish & Mel Jewett

Morning Prayer

Hendrick/Bigham
Robbie Hendrick
Johan Hubenthal
Mel Jewett

House Deacon

Eddie Zamora
Joe Beasley
Marion Butler
Dan Campbell

Ushers

August 4:	Ed Russell, Hank Gautreaux, Joe Beasley
August 11:	Hank Gautreaux, Rich Fishel, Marion Butler
August 18:	Tommy Samuels, Gene Gojda, Dan Campbell
August 25:	Joe Beasley, Charles Kimbrell, Lee Carter



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