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## Adult Bible Study Opportunities

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## Birthdays

- 01.....Mary Grace Doss  
01.....Lottie Hunn  
03.....Sophia Smits  
06.....Mary Weidman  
08.....Mark Goodell  
          Gloria Gill  
11.....Zach Linton  
12.....Adam Volant  
17.....Don Westall  
18.....Faye Robeson  
20.....Janet Ladun  
          Diann Kunze  
25.....George Bowen, Jr.  
          Dia Omary  
28.....Monica Boyd  
          Dirk Smits  
          Sandy Rockman

**Men's Bible Study** — Please join us on Saturday, September 7 at 7:00 a.m. as we continue a study of Proverbs. Breakfast will be provided. Please RSVP on the website at <https://www.christchurchpres.org/events> and on the mobile app under the button "Connect > RSVP".

**Grovetown Adult Bible Study** — Join our new Bible study beginning September 10 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. at the Hendrick home in Grovetown. We will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month. Our time together will include a dessert fellowship followed by a study of God's Word. Please contact Margaret Doss for more information at [mdoss@columbiacountyga.gov](mailto:mdoss@columbiacountyga.gov).

**Evans Bible Study** — The Evans Bible study & fellowship will resume on Tuesday, September 10 and will meet at the home of Warren & Linda Jones from 7:00–9:00 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month. Please call or text Linda Jones at 706-231-3758 if you have questions.

**Ladies Evening Bible Study** — The Ladies evening Bible Study will resume on September 12 at 6:45 p.m. at the home of Monica Boyd. We will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month. New members are welcome. Please contact Charlotte Jewett at [cjewett@att.net](mailto:cjewett@att.net) for more information.

**Augusta Bible Study** — The Augusta Bible Study will begin on September 17 at the home of Ron & Sue Moncrief on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month. We meet at 7:00 p.m. for fellowship and teaching. Please contact Sue Moncrief at [suemon99@knology.net](mailto:suemon99@knology.net) for more information.

**Ladies Friday Bible Study** — Ladies of Christ Church, join us this Fall as we study Romans. The study will begin on Friday, September 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please email [rachelmilner01@gmail.com](mailto:rachelmilner01@gmail.com) with any questions.

### New Fall Adult Sunday School Classes — Beginning October 6:

*Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord?* Most of us come to the book of Leviticus in our Bible-reading plans and we do not know what to make of it. The book seems strange to us and we wonder what place it has in the story of the Scripture. In this study, we will consider the overarching theology of the book of Leviticus, uncovering the ways that the book emphasizes God's holiness, the way that we must approach him, and the way that the Old Testament foreshadows Christ's work.

*The English Reformation and the Puritans* (Ligonier video series).

In this 12-part series, Dr. Michael Reeves surveys Puritan theology and the work of the Holy Spirit when the Reformation flourished in England. The study looks at both wide raging political/theological developments as well as deep dives into particular periods and people.

Class will involve 24 minute lecture followed by a time of discussion questions. Study guides will be provided. This would align with our celebration of the Reformation and also inform the congregation on the events that led to Presbyterianism. Also to introduce members to Puritan writers such as John Owens and Richard Sibbes for further personal study.





Sunday School is ongoing and meets each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. Also, come on out and join the fun Wednesdays starting with dinner at 5:30 followed by activities at 6:00 p.m.

Children's choir has started practicing again, Sunday nights at 6:00. Please come and join the gang in worship and praise to our Savior through song.



**Mark your calendar!**  
**October 30**  
**Details coming soon.**

Fall is just around the corner, and it is not too early to be thinking about our Fall Festival! If you are interested in helping with this fun time in our church please contact Frances Gojda at [childrensministry@christchurchpres.org](mailto:childrensministry@christchurchpres.org).

## Nursery News

We are happy to provide a Nursery for babies and children ages birth through 3 years of age on Sunday during Sunday School as well as morning and evening worship services. Nursery will also be provided on Wednesday evenings beginning with the Fall schedule. THANK YOU for serving in our church as it continues to grow!





**KURT & PAT NELSON**

*Plano, TX*

*East-West Ministries Int'l*

Kurt holds an undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina, a Master of Theology in World Missions from Dallas Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry in Missions Leadership from Columbia International University.

### **Ministry:**

In 2010 Kurt became President and CEO of East-West, Ministries International where he provides leadership and oversight to all worldwide ministry endeavors in the more than 75 countries in which East-West currently operates. He has been with East-West since 1997. Prior to East-West, he served as Vice President of Global Missions Fellowship (GMF, now e3 Partners).

The mission of East-West is to **mobilize** the Body of Christ to **evangelize** the lost and **equip** local believers to **multiply** disciples and churches among the unreached. Their mission is accomplished by empowering local believers to share the gospel, discipling new believers and planting churches, evangelism, as well as training and sending believers from various backgrounds to start church planting movements among the unreached.

### **Prayer:**

Pat had two traumatic brain injuries last year which left her with the inability to drive, walk unassisted, and with difficulty speaking. Thanks be to God for restoration of her health (normal speech and walking).

Pray for the Lord to equip and provide for East-West so that they can reach their Faith Goals this year. The Faith Goals include sharing the gospel, making disciples, training new leaders, planting churches, and sending new workers.

Pray for Kurt's sabbatical from February 21 through May 21, 2024. Pray for daily transformational encounters with the Lord, His Word, and family members.

Pray for God's blessings, protection and provision for the ministry of East-West during Kurt's sabbatical and beyond.

**Go and Make  
Disciples**

### Music Ministry News



Now is the time to get involved with the music ministry of our church. We invite you to join us in the Sanctuary Choir, the Augusta Youth Chorale or in the Children's Choir. We welcome anyone interested in singing Christmas music with the Sanctuary Choir as well. If you are interested please check our church's website for more information and contact our Interim Director of Music, Laura Doss at [laura@christchurchpres.org](mailto:laura@christchurchpres.org).



## American Heritage Girls

Registration is now open for girls ages 5-18 for our 2024-2025 AHG Season! Our program theme for this year is "VISION" based on Ephesians 1:18 and we will be exploring what it means to have a Biblical Worldview and focus the EYES of our heart on Christ so that He can fulfill our longing for belonging, speak truth into our identity, and be the lens with which we view the world. 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. Our regular weekly Monday evening meetings will begin on Sept. 9th from 7-8:00 pm in the Children's Building. If you are interested in joining our troop or volunteering, please contact Jen Zamora at [ahg@christchurchpres.org](mailto:ahg@christchurchpres.org) or 954-478-2611.



## Trail Life Trek



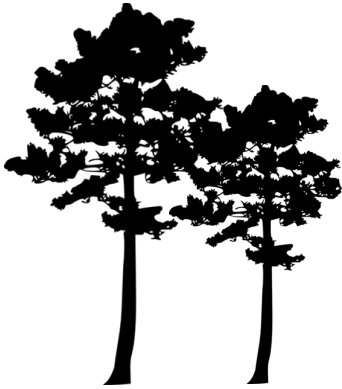
Trail Life GA-2215 has kicked off the new program year. On August 12, the troop conducted Join the Trail Night when boys could try out our troop. That night Woodland Trailmen made miniature trebuchets as part of the Science and Technology branch. Later in the month, they had a contest to see whose trebuchet could throw a marshmallow the furthest.

Navigators and Adventurers took a paddle trip on Betty's Branch on Saturday, August 24. Adventurers continue to work on the Hiking trail badge with several training hikes as they work up to the 20 miler.

Navigators and Adventurers will have their first campout of the fall at Bussey Point Recreation Area in September. Adult trailmen will be participating in Peak 3 training at Camp Aiken, Trail Life Home office with several national staff, conducting outdoor skills training.

Young men can still join the troop. So, visit our meeting on Monday nights in the Fellowship Hall at 7 PM.





## Art on Southern Pines

Looking for holiday decorations? Want to start your Christmas shopping early? Need a unique gift for a special person? Do you enjoy supporting local artisans? Then Art on Southern Pines: Holiday Edition is the place to be on Saturday, November 9 from 9:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Free Entrance

### 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 Charlotte Jewett ([cjewett@att.net](mailto:cjewett@att.net); 706-731-0191)  
or Maria Russell ([edmarmam@gmail.com](mailto:edmarmam@gmail.com); 706-726-1703) to receive the online invitations.

### Servants' Schedules

#### Elder Greeters

September 1: Rick Rezzelle & Charles McClure  
September 8: Derrick Smits & John Norkus  
September 15: Charles Bowen & Ora Parish  
September 22: Mike Boyd & Rick Rezzelle  
September 29: John Clark & Derrick Smits

#### Morning Prayer

Hendrick/Bigham  
Charles McClure  
John Norkus  
Derrick Smits  
Ryan Bigham

#### House Deacon

Marion Butler  
Gary Cowart  
Marino De Rienzo  
Rich Fishel  
Hank Gautreaux

#### Ushers

September 1: Lee Carter, Matt Linton, Gary Cowart  
September 8: Dan Campbell, Davis Mellick, Marino De Rienzo  
September 15: Lee Carter, Andrew Norkus, Stephen Dyer  
September 22: Gary Cowart, Allen Richardson, Rich Fishel  
September 29: Marino De Rienzo, Ed Russell, Gene Gojda



# September

## Weekly Sunday Schedule

9:45 a.m. Sunday School (masks optional)  
11:00 a.m. Worship • 6:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion 4:00 p.m. AYC Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship  Palmer Home for Children	2	3	4 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal 6:00 p.m. Children/Youth 6:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study 7:05 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  Rick & Betty Aschmann	5   Greg & Julieann	6 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer  Child Evangelism Fellowship Kermit & Cheryl	7 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study  American Heritage Girls Alliance Defending Freedom
8 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 4:00 p.m. AYC Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship  Trail Life	9 7:00 p.m. Trail Life 7:00 p.m. AHG	10 6:30 Grovetown Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Evans Bible Study  Noah & Karleigh Stephens Augusta Care Pregnancy Center	11 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal 6:00 p.m. Children/Youth 6:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study 7:05 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  Broad Street Ministries	12 11:00 a.m. Knitting & Crochet 6:30 p.m. Diaconate Meeting 6:45 Ladies Evening Bible Study  Child Evangelism Fellowship	13 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study  Heritage Academy	14   International Link
15 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 4:00 p.m. AYC Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship  Rick & Betty Aschmann	16 7:00 p.m. Trail Life 7:00 p.m. AHG  Institute for Creation Research Bob & Andrea Burnham	17 7:00 Augusta Bible Study  Jews for Jesus Cheryl Croker	18 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal 6:00 p.m. Children/Youth 6:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study 7:05 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  Missionary Care Ministry Chris & Cary Drinkard	19 6:30 p.m. Session Prayer & Meeting  Palmer Home for Children David & Maddie Dyer	20 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study  RUF Kim Green	21  Trail Life Glenn & Sharlene Grubb
22 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 4:00 p.m. AYC Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship  Bob & Andrea Burnham	23 7:00 p.m. Trail Life 7:00 p.m. AHG  Elisea & Paula Guadagno	24 6:30 Grovetown Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Evans Bible Study  Miles Hendrick	25 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal 6:00 p.m. Children/Youth 6:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study 7:05 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  Tim & Lana Higginbotham	26 11:00 a.m. Knitting & Crochet 6:45 Ladies Evening Bible Study  Steve & Sherri Letchford	27 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study  Steve & Kellie Merwin	28  Nathanael Miller
29 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 4:00 p.m. AYC Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship  Chris & Cary Drinkard	30 7:00 p.m. Trail Life 7:00 p.m. AHG  Kurt & Pat Nelson	Doug & Amy Nunziato	John & Chris Oliver	David & Erin Pervis	Steven Smith	Jonathan Stamberg



5:30–6:15 Dinner in the Fellowship Hall  
6:00–7:00 Youth & Children's Activities  
6:15–7:00 Adult Bible Study  
7:00 – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Be sure to join us for fellowship and God's Word on Wednesday evenings. There is something for all so be sure to invite family, friends, and neighbors.

### Weekly Menu

**Sept. 4:** Smoked Pulled Pork, Slaw, Beans, Chips, Dessert  
**Sept. 11:** Bacon & Spinach Quiche, Yogurt Parfaits, Cinn. Rolls  
**Sept. 18:** Chicken Alfredo, Salad, Rolls, Dessert  
**Sept. 25:** Creamy Chicken Chili, Tortilla Chips, Dessert

## Delighting in God's Word

*If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. – Colossians 3:1-3*

Where is Christ? Yes, Christ is present with us, as he promised (Matt. 28:20), by the presence of his Holy Spirit. But Christ, the God-and-man, is ascended and seated at the right hand of God the Father. In other words, Christ is in the presence of his Father.

Paul asserts a powerful implication from this fact. If Christ is in heaven, why do we continue to dwell upon the things of the earth, rather than the things of heaven.

Let me use a personal illustration. My grandfather loves to take walks in the forest and point out all of the various types of trees one might find there. On one of these walks, I recall that I never saw the trees he pointed at, nor did I witness the beauty of the forest around me. Why? Because I kept looking at my feet, avoiding all those limbs that threatened to trip me up. In looking down at the ground, I missed the glories of the forest.

It is similar in our relationship with Christ. When we look at the things of the earth, when that is where we focus our attention, we will not witness the glories of the life that Christ has for us. If we focus on the anxieties of this life, we will never hear that divine word, "Do not fear!" When we only consider the temptations and desires of the world, we will never consider that Christ has something greater for us. When we are stuck wallowing in our sin, never looking toward our victorious Christ in heaven, then we will often forget that Christ declared that our sin is finished.

Church, let us "look up" to heaven, where Christ is. Let us see him there and know that his ways, his benefits, are better than all the world can offer us. All that the world may give us is as nothing compared to what Christ has given us.

Rev. Ryan Bigham



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