

SAINTS ALIVE

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENT OF EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

ST. ANDREWS-COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 22 - 28, 2012

Volume I, Week 4

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 22

8:30 & 11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
9:45	New Member Class	Parlor
9:45	Sunday School	
9:45	Nine40five	HUB
10:50	Contemporary Worship	BH
4:00	MS/HS Youth Choir	CR
5:00	MS FOLD	BH
7:00	HS FOLD	Offsite

Monday, January 23

10:00	Companions in Christ	Library
11:30	Pray for Youth	HUB
12:00	Children's Committee	Offsite
7:00	Caregiving Committee	Myra's
7:00	Long Range Planning	Library
7:00	Troop #13 Board of Review	Gallery
7:45	Men's Basketball	BH

Tuesday, January 24

9:00	Preschool	
9:30	Women's Bible Study	HUB
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. #241
10:00	More Than A Story Study	Library
2:00	Sojourners Committee	Rm. #241
6:30	Women's Retreat Mtg.	DR

Wednesday, January 25

7:00	Men's Study Breakfast	DR
9:00	Preschool	
4-6:30	Children's Choirs/Instrumental	
5:30	POPS Dinner	BH
6:00	Youth Handbells	
6:15	The Truth Project	Rm. #226
6:15	Brazil Mission Trip Mtg.	Rm. #241
6:30	Winter Session POPS Class	Rm. #224
6:30	D-Groups	
6:30	POPS Kidz	

Thursday, January 26

HS Ski Trip (1/26-1/29) Blowing Rock

8:30	Meditative Prayer Group	Rm. #240
9:00	Preschool	
5:30	Curbside Café	Kitchen

Friday, January 27

HS Ski Trip (1/26-1/29) Blowing Rock

9:00	Preschool	
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Saturday, January 28

HS Ski Trip (1/26-1/29) Blowing Rock

7:00	Mustard Seed Breakfast	DR
9:00	Contemporary Setup	BH

Message from the Church...

LOOK...AND WATCH AND BE UTTERLY AMAZED!

As I begin writing this to you, I can't help but think about the apostle Paul and how he wrote many letters to the early churches who were followers of Jesus Christ with great encouragement from God. I, too, have felt that encouragement and wanted to share some of the exciting things going on in our youth ministry with you!

Several weeks ago, we hired a new intern, Stephen Sayre, and I can't wait for everyone to meet him! Stephen was very involved in our youth ministry when he was in high school. While attending College of Charleston, he would come back to help us lead summer youth trips. He recently moved back to Wilmington, is newly engaged, and excited to get to know and work with our awesome youth!

After listening to our middle and high school students, we decided to change up our Sunday night program and do something new for a while. Students wanted more opportunities to get together in different settings to have fun fellowship and hear about how God is working in other's lives as we all try to follow Him. A *red postcard* will be mailed out with all the details of what, when and where. We will continue to send our weekly *Sprinkles* email to youth families and our monthly *Scoop* newsletter goes out at the beginning of each month. **If you have youth in our ministry but are not receiving our mailings, please contact our Program Secretary, Laura Witter to let her know. (laura@sacpc.org or 762-9693 x 200)**

Our small group ministry, *D-Groups*, is going strong on Wednesday nights. Each grade and gender meets to discuss God and share life's ups and downs in a safe setting. *Nine40five*, our Sunday morning program, meets in the Hub where middle and high school students meet separately to discuss and learn about the things of God. We have excellent teachers and there's no better way to start off the morning than by drinking Mountain Dew and eating powdered donuts! Many students continue to serve others by helping out every other Thursday at *Curbside Café* where they prepare, cook and take food to the Mercy House to feed those in need. They also help Carryl Tinsley with her outreach ministry, *Clothed in Love*, a place for girls in need to find gently used clothes.

Confirmation is starting soon for all eighth graders and older who want to confirm their faith and join this wonderful church. We are taking high school students on a ski trip next weekend to spend quality time with them, having fun and being together. I have an awesome group of juniors and seniors who are student leaders and serving the church in many ways. This group is called *4:Twelve*, taken from the verse 1 Timothy 4:12. Speaking of leaders, I am so grateful for

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January 22, 2012

Traditional Services: 8:30 & 11:00am ~ Sanctuary

Psalm 62:5-12 ~ Mark 1:14-20 ~ "It is Time!!!"

The Reverend Steven E. Hein and The Reverend Gary E. Howell

Contemporary Service: 10:50am ~ Brown Hall

Mark 1:14-20 ~ "It is Time!!!" ~ The Reverend Steven E. Hein and The Reverend Robert H. Lapp

LOOK...AND WATCH CONTINUES

the more than 50 volunteers who serve as leaders in this ministry by teaching, leading or serving in some capacity! If you have a huge heart for youth or just want to help in some way, please let our new Youth Committee Chairperson, Nina McLean (279-0967), know and we'll be happy to plug you in! Last, but most importantly, we *Pray 4 Youth* every Monday at the Hub from 11:30am-12:00pm. Please come and pray for all things youth. It has been the greatest blessing and we continue to see and hear answered prayers! Praise God!

"Look ... and watch and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told." ~ Habakkuk 1:5

With Joy in Him,
Nancy Gresham

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

POPS KIDZ continues "Post-It Notes from God" this week from 6:30-7:30 in the Temple Room. He tells us this week to "Take out the Trash." We'll explore how to keep sin out of our lives through games, skits, video clips, music, and more!

The Princess and Her Papa Dance—K-5th grade girls and their date are invited for an afternoon of dancing, crafts, food, and a time to relish in the love between a Father and His princess. Bring your father, uncle, older brother, grandfather, etc. and celebrate love at Valentine's Day on February 12th in Brown Hall from 2:30-4:30. Dancing, sweet treats, crafts, and more. Cost is \$10 per family and may be paid in advance to Caroline or at the door. To sign up visit: www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4AAFAF238-2ndannual1

It's time for **VBS 2012** planning to begin! Please pray about joining a **PLANNING TEAM** to help make this summer's camp bigger and better than ever! I am looking for a director, co-director, and other area leaders. Please contact Caroline, caroline@sacpc.org, for more information.

Student Life Camp for Kids registration is now open for current 3rd-5th graders. We'll travel to Toccoa, GA, from July 21-24, 2012. A completed form and deposit are due to Laura Witter by **Jan. 31st** to secure a spot. Forms are available from the Children's Ministry staff or via www.sacpc.org. Adults and student leaders needed to join the BIG fun!

YOUTH MINISTRY

YES, YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS TONIGHT!

Middle School- Come to Brown Hall from 5-6:30pm for MEGA FUN, FOOD and GOD!! Bring \$4 and friends!

High School- Bowling and Pizza at Thunder Alley! (Leland) 7:00p-8:30p. It's an 80's theme so wear your neon, leg warmers and silk shirts and don't forget socks, \$10 and lots of friends!

Pray 4 Youth- Mondays at the HUB, 11:30a-12:00p. We pray silently for 25 minutes and last 5 minutes is out loud for anyone feeling led. Please come and be apart of the most POWERFUL part of our ministry! Open to all!

Curbside-is this Thursday, Jan. 26th .Please meet in the kitchen at 5:30pm to help cook and serve our homeless friends!

HS Ski Trip-We leave Thursday, Jan. 26th and come back Sunday the 29th! Blowing Rock, NC. Please PRAY for safety, health and a great time being together!

No MS/HS Events on Jan. 29th!

MISSIONS

Bearing Witness of God's Love

2012 Mission Yearbooks for Prayer and Study are available for \$5. Please contact Catheryn Thomas at 762-9693x229 if you would like to purchase one.

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Preparing Our People for Service (POPS)

Wednesday, January 25th

Dinner ~ 5:30 - 6:15 PM

Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Toast, Dessert and Drinks

Cost: 13 - Adults (\$5) 12 and younger (\$3)

Family Maximum (\$20)

A Nifty Fifty Luncheon...Saturday, February 11th at 11:15am in the Dining Room. We are honoring 50-year members of St. Andrews-Covenant combined churches. Invitations to be mailed.

The Saints Alive is published weekly and can be picked up at the worship services and downloaded online at: sacpc.org

If you would like to submit an article, please email it to the Staff person for your Committee no later than Friday, two weeks prior to publication.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

CHURCH NAME TAGS...

As our congregation grows, it is becoming more difficult to learn the names of new members and for the new members to learn the names of the current members. Therefore, it is important to wear your name tag each Sunday, while in Church. If you have never had a name tag or misplaced the one you had, you will be given an opportunity to order a name tag **TODAY** prior to and after all three services. If you miss this opportunity, applications are available on the table in the Narthex and at the 15th Street entrance at all times, which can be completed and dropped in the offering plate. Questions? Contact Judy Hartz at 793-0990 or Barbara at 762-9693.

CAREGIVING MINISTRY

The Caregiving Team for the week of January 24th - 30th is: *Deacon Roxana Miller; Team Members: Emily Barefoot, Russell & Betsy Herring, Gail Shamble and Jodie Smith.*

Visitation Ministers – We are grateful that **Ann Benson and Mary Coble** have accepted the call to visit members of our congregation who are in need of care. This includes about 50 homebound members. They will both be serving 12 hours per week. Please welcome their ministry when they call on you. This is one of the ways that we are implementing the Family Value of our church.

Starting Feb. 7th at 6:30...a new session of DivorceCare & DivorceCare4Kids! This 13-week seminar/support program is for anyone and their children ages 6-12 who is heading toward a divorce, in the middle of a divorce or still hurting long after a divorce. It is a Christian-based program which emphasizes that healing from the pain of divorce must begin with a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and is open to anyone at our church or in our community. Complete confidentiality is promised during these sessions. For more information, call Catheryn Thomas at 762-9693x229 or go to divorcecare.com or divorcecare4kids.com.

New Family Value Ministries: Inactive Member Ministry is responsible for caring for members who are no longer active in the life of our church, and **Small Groups and Support Groups Ministry** is responsible for the creation of and supervision of small groups and support groups in our church. If you would like more information on these areas of service, please contact Robert Lapp.

Stephen Leaders are those trained at a seven-day Leader's Training Course to implement Stephen Ministry on behalf of their congregation and to recruit, select, train, and supervise Stephen Ministers. We welcome home **Mary Coble and Linda Smith** who attended an LTC on January 8-14, 2012 in Orlando, FL. The care that Stephen Ministry provides is one of the ways we are implementing the Family Value of our church.

SPIRITUAL LIFE Belonging, Relating, Transforming

More Than a Story - If you are a woman who put "study my Bible more" on your list of New Year's Resolutions, then we are a group for you! We meet Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. in the Library. For more information, contact Cindy Simpson at sigls@aol.com or 910-274-5619.

BOOKWORMS meet the first Thursday of each month in Rm.#241, 11:30am gathering and from noon until 1:00pm. Please call Deme Nunley at 686-1345 for further information. **February 2nd's discussion:** *Cleopatra* by Stacy Schiff.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY Enriching, Encouraging, Expanding

Church Women United (CWU) invite all women to join them Friday, February 3rd at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church (1401 S. College Rd.) for the Human Rights Celebration, "Embracing Our Oneness"! Registration starts at 9:30am with the service following at 10:00am. To learn more about CWU visit: churchwomen.org

ADULT EDUCATION Growing in Faith

The 4th Annual Couples Retreat is scheduled for February 10-11, 2012, at the Hilton Riverside in beautiful downtown Wilmington. The speakers will be our own Steve and Kay Hein. Cost is \$140 per couple, and the registration deadline *has been extended to TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7!* Go to www.sacpc.org or contact Catheryn at 762-9693 for a registration form.

Birthdays in January (Last Two Weeks)

- 16 Alice Martin
Alan Efting
John Philips, III
- 17 Glenn Fincannon
Nancy Brink
Seven Nobs
Cynthia Colquhoun
- 18 Diane Bonney
Sandra Floyd
Vickie Van Note
Dennis Smith
Pete Morgan, Jr.
Logan Stewart
Rod Young, Jr.
Melissa Lawrence
- 19 Rita Pasquariello
Anne Stam
Lisa Hill
- 20 Larry Hiatt, Jr
Anne Haughn
Harriss Haskett, Jr.
Gage Miller
Shannon Smith
Jimmy Walker
Jack Day
- 21 Gilbert Joyner
Will Karlake
Alexandra Rivenbark
- 22 Kenneth Rankin
Phil Perry
Chuck Spittel
Thumper Swann, III
Gail Richardson
Leslie Tinsley
Zera Stewart
- 23 Jim Kaufman
David Smith
Ted Davis, Jr.
Margie Buchter
Steve Potter
- 24 Louise Clemmons
Luther Brown, Jr.
Dena Bingham
Marian Fisher
Benjamin Davis
William Glockner
- 25 Lib LeGwin
Clint Cornette
James Murray, IV
Beckett Murray
- 26 Betsy Knowles
Jeannine Efting
Joan Gray
Brad Moore
Jordan Laham
Lexi Herring
Olivia Murray
- 27 Ken Ritchie
Patti Whitley
- 28 Al Miller
Trey Higgins, III
Caroline Hill
Kim Thompson
Sarah Katherine Elmore
Michael Walter
- 30 Frank Taylor
Laura Waldon
Jeff Barker
Rebecca Lynn Burney
- 31 Kathy Thompson
Sweetie Francis
Stephanie Glatt
Tina Rivenbark
Jack Ervin
Harry Guttenberger
Jack Guttenberger
Lucy Guttenberger

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

2012 ALPHA COURSES

What is Alpha?

The Alpha course is an opportunity for anyone to explore spirituality from a Christian perspective. Relaxed, non-threatening, low-key, and fun, Alpha is a place to ask anything. No question is considered too simple or too hostile.

If you are new to Alpha, we invite you to our introduction and dinner and if you have previously taken Alpha, we invite you for dinner and introduction to A Life Worth Living.

**Wednesday, February 8th
5:30pm in the Dining Room**

(Class starts Wednesday, February 15th from 6:15-7:30pm)

Please call the Church Office (762-9693)
for additional information and to sign-up.

(Childcare provided)

THE SESSION

Mary M. Farmer, Clerk

Class of 2012

Lisa B. Bohbrink
John L. Coble
Alden R. Gilman
Christopher P. Johnston
Phyllis H. Leimer
David P. Lensch
Susan P. McCaffray
Timothy H. Mihle
Deme T. Nunley
Josephine C. Smith
Ellis A. Tinsley, Jr.
G. Wayne Wright

Class of 2013

Rosalind B. Barker
George H. Chadwick, III
W. Keith Elmore
A. Dumay Gorham
Virginia R. Hager
R. Dax Hawkins
Roy J. Krasse
Alice M. Martin
Steven R. Riskey
Richard C. Roessler
Gloria R. Vreeland
Barton G. Williams

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Sarah C. Anderson
Paul F. Nicholasen
Rita D. Pasquariello
Gerald F. Shelton
Jeffery W. Turpin

Elder Emeritus

Martha E. Huffine

THE DIACONATE

Betsy Knowles, Moderator John M. Council, Vice Moderator

Class of 2012

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Donald E. Harris
Michael S. Holder
Claire E. Hunt
Elizabeth Knowles
Leigh Hobbs-Murray
Scott P. Murray

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Zina Burney
Myra B. Burt
John M. Council
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Jeffrey A. Flynn
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Roxana B. Miller

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Dorothea A. Johnson
Jenifer H. Phelps
Susan L. Strickler
Larry Tootoo
Paige C. Williams
Sheila P. Woods

Alice M. Martin, **Sunday School Superintendent**
Jeff W. Turpin, **Church Treasurer**

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina's

Equipping the Saints

"Inside Out – Outside In"

(Saturday) February 11, 2012

9:00 am – 1:00pm

Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church
201 Fayetteville St, Clinton, NC 28328



Outside IN

**"Balancing our Inward and Outward
Spiritual Journey"**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Rev. Dr. Louie Andrews

Session 1 Workshops:

- Soul Music: From Heart to Hands
- Serving Those Who Serve: Supporting our Military
- 2012 VBS and Beyond
- Faith Formation, Not Just Information: Small Group
- Resources
- INspired OUTreach: Churches Doing Mission

Session 2 Workshops

- Your 2 Cents-A-Meal at Work
- With Voice & Hands: Youth Music/ Mission Ministry
- Stewards of God's Creation: Congregations Responding
- Your Inner Creativity Found Outside

REGISTRATION FEE - \$12

Find the flyer/registration form & workshop descriptions at www.presbycc.org

Registration deadline is February 6, 2012.

Contact kaybledsoe@presbycc.org for information.