

SAINTS ALIVE

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENT OF EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

ST. ANDREWS-COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 29 - February 5, 2012

Volume 1, Week 4

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 29

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

8:30 & 11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
9:45	Annual Meeting	Sanctuary
9:45	Sunday School	
9:45	Nine40five	HUB
10:50	Contemporary Worship	BH

Monday, January 30

10:00	Companions in Christ	Library
10:00	Kindermusik Our Time	
11:00	Kindermusik Family Time	
11:30	Pray for Youth	HUB
7:00	Boy Scout Troop #13	Gallery
7:45	Men's Basketball	BH

Tuesday, January 31

9:00	Preschool	
9:00	Kindermusik Family Time	
9:30	Women's Bible Study	HUB
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. #241
10:00	More Than A Story Study	Library

Wednesday, February 1

7:00	Men's Study Breakfast	DR
9:00	Preschool	
4:00	Couples Retreat Meeting	Rm. #132
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	
6:30	SA-Carillons	
7:30	SA-C Chorale	

Thursday, February 2

8:30	Meditative Prayer Group	Rm. #240
9:00	Preschool	
9:30	Mom's Survival Class	Rm. #224
11:30	Bookworms	Library

Friday, February 3

9:00	Preschool	
6:30	Confirmation Kick-off @ McLean's Farm	

Saturday, February 4

9:00	Contemporary Setup	BH
9:00	Clothed in Love	Gallery
9:00	Heavenly Stock	Gallery
10:00	YoungLife Annual Training	HUB

Message from the Church...

VALUES AND VISION

Do you know what they are at SACPC? Without looking at our newsletter or our website could you name them? Here is a way to help us all remember what we value and what our vision is at our church.

Think of a person who never comes to church, who is not sure whether they even believe in God. Think of the process of becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ and what that means to us today.

Our task is to help people know, love, and worship God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Then we want to encourage them to follow Jesus Christ. We want them to become part of the family here at SACPC to share both cares and joys. They all have gifts, like we do, and discovering their passion and gifts is vital to them and to the church. Finally, we want to give to them opportunities to use those gifts in our church, community, and across the world.

That is it; that is what we value. To help a person know God, follow Jesus, join a family, discover their gifts, and then use them in God's Kingdom.

What is our vision? That all of us who belong to this church will live out those values. Every one of us. Not just the Pastors, or the staff, or the Elders and Deacons, but every one of the members of SACPC!!! When we live out those values, we will have a significant impact upon the community and world in which we live. Others will want to come to this church because the reality of God will be so evident in our lives.

Can you imagine that day? A day when how we live will cause others to come and see what is happening at this church. What a day that will be. Will this happen overnight? No, it won't; but it is the preferred future for which we have been called. It is the future that our Session sees. It is an incredible future. Now, it will take more than a commitment from the Staff and from the lay leadership for our preferred future to begin to occur. It will take your commitment. Your desire to know God, follow Jesus, be part of this family, discover your gifts, and then use them in God's world.

Come join the adventure.

Yours in Christ,



January 29, 2012

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

Psalm 96 ~ Acts 2:42-47 ~ "The Future Church"

The Reverend Steven E. Hein and The Reverend Robert H. Lapp

Contemporary Service: 10:50am ~ Brown Hall

Acts 2:42-47 ~ "The Future Church" ~ The Reverend Steven E. Hein

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 "Slow Down." We'll explore the idea that we have to daily slow the pace of our lives down and make time to spend with God through games, skits, video clips, music, and more!

Next Sunday, Feb. 5th, is **Service Sunday** during Sunday school! We are going to have **SouperBowl Fun**...K-4th graders, please bring in canned soup or other vegetables that will be donated to local agencies. We'll also make soup together for Curbside Café. Parents, teachers, and children are invited to come help spread God's love to our neighbors through various service projects. We'll meet in the Temple Room at 9:45!

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 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

Save the Date! The next **FUN FRIDAY** for 3rd-5th graders will be February 17th. Stay tuned for more details!

YOUTH MINISTRY

No Youth Events Tonight!!

High School Ski Trip Returns Today!

Confirmation Kick Off Dinner/Fellowship- Friday, Feb. 3rd at the McLean's Farm-6:30p-8:30p. Confirmation Classes start Sunday morning, Feb. 5 at 9:45a at the Hub.

Super Bowl of Fun! MS/HS Students and Leaders are invited! Sunday, Feb. 5th at the Hub. 6p through the half-time performance! Check the Feb. "Single Scoop" for all the details!

Our Youth will hold soup pots at church doors on **Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 5th**. They will join young people in churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. Please support the Youth of our church in this effort to "love our neighbors" by dropping your dollars in the soup pot on **February 5th** at all 3 services that morning. St. Andrews-Covenant has raised **\$9,567.46** since we began collecting 10 years ago. Our hope is that we will exceed our giving of \$1,226.00 from last year! Thank you so much for your care and support!

MISSIONS

Bearing Witness of God's Love

Two-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger relief will be received next Sunday at all services. Please bring your offering equivalent to two pennies for each meal you eat in a month, and bring it forward during the opening songs of the worship services.

We have great news to celebrate! \$17,500 has been donated by our very generous congregation to send children of our Malawi sisters and brothers to school! These gifts will allow at least 150 children to attend elementary school and 4-5 youth to go to high school where their room and board will be covered. Many children can't afford to attend elementary school, and high school is out of reach except for just a few. We are literally changing children's futures. When Steve told Silas about these sponsorships, he shouted with joy: "**Unbelievable!**" In April, a group from SACPC will go back to Malawi to photograph "our" children, and each sponsor will receive a letter with information about the child you are sending to school. Your representatives on this trip: *Steve and Kay Hein, Dana Harris, Bert Exum, Dawn Mann, and Beth Eskew.*

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Preparing Our People for Service (POPS)

Wednesday, February 1st

Dinner ~ 5:30 - 6:15 PM

Pulled Pork, Rice and Beans, Rolls,
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.

SERVICE & OUTREACH

Serving Our Community

SACPC Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday, March 12th, 1:30-6:00pm in Brown Hall. In order to give blood on that day, **you can not have given after January 15th!**

February Donations...Cleaning Supplies. One of the small ways we help the non-profit agencies and ministries we support is by donating Cleaning Supplies for their use in operating their facility or to give to their clients. Things needed are *All Purpose Cleaners, Sponges, Swiffer Mops, Latex Gloves, Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Dish Soap, Towels, Dishwasher Detergent, etc.* Please bring your gifts to the Gathering Area and leave in the Service and Outreach receptacle located there. Your generosity is much appreciated.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

DID YOU KNOW...

Heavenly Stock is a children's clothing ministry, focused on clothing Wilmington's children. Please help us by donating your gently used children's clothing, size newborn to pre-teen. These donations will be distributed to families in need every other Saturday from 10am to 1pm, beginning February 4th. We will operate alongside Clothed in Love, another clothing ministry who offers help to teenage girls in need. Please contact Melanie James at 910-617-5999 to make arrangements for donations, or for questions. And as always, please be in prayer for the success of this awesome opportunity!

From Boy Scout Troop #13...SACPC sponsors a challenging outdoor program for boys 11 to 18 years old while promoting healthy values. Church members with sons interested in joining our Boy Scout program should contact us by visiting www.troop13.net or email jfreeman10@cc.rr.com.

CAREGIVING MINISTRY

The Caregiving Team for the week of January 30th - February 6th is: *Deacon Patsy Dechent; Team Members: Diane Bonney, Lil Conley, Ken Rankin, Sue Strickler and Bob & Nancy Trout.*

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

Small Groups - Jesus said that where two or three gather in his name, he is present. You are invited to be a part of a small group of other believers (6-12) who will gather weekly to listen together for God's guidance using meditations from *The Upper Room* magazine. If this sounds like something that you would be interested in trying, please contact Catheryn Thomas at 762-9693, ext. 229 and leave your name and contact information. We are beginning to form groups. "Make space for the place of grace!"

The "Companions in Christ" small group will begin a new study series on February 6, 2012. The title of the study is *The Workbook on Abiding in Christ* by Maxie Dunnam. If you would like information on joining us, contact Sybil Bottom at 792-9281. We meet at 10am every Monday in the church library.

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 February (First Two Weeks)

- 1 Dick Andrews, Sr.
Norman Bottoms
Claudia Holmes
Debbie Rudisill
Eric Pierson
- 2 Richard Johnson
Dan Southerland, Jr.
Hanna McMurry
- 3 Penny Meck
Tom Harris
Dorothie Johnson
Charlie Plunkett
Claire Leonard
Hannah Walker
Will Davy
Finn Howard
- 4 Meredith Burns
David Holmes
Ann Swann
Cordon Witherington
- 5 David Barefoot
Jennifer Turpin
Martha Elliot Hayworth
Owen Hayworth
Matthew Pierson
Ryan Pierson
- 6 Lauren Bottoms
Zachary Phelps
- 7 Connie Houser
Paige Williams
James Weber
Laura Wortman
Ali Valinski
Michael Cross
- 8 Lynda Myrick
Steve Risley
James Porter
Andrew Harris
Henny Norris
Elle Lathan
- 9 Marge Gordon
Mike Thompson
Jodie Smith
George Chadwick, III
Terri Lensch
Steve Miller
Allison Sisson
Corbett Hiatt
- 10 Kathryn Haskett
Frances Prunty
John Loyett
Jon David
Angela Parrow
Jackson Diab
- 11 Andrea Peterson
- 12 Bill Aman
Norma McCorkle
Chris Heffron
Lauren Swart
Patrick Pasquariello, III
- 13 Ann Benson
Betty Feezor
Zak Romanowski
Cate Swain
- 14 Brenda Best
Pam Moore
Martha Compton
Karen Rice
- 15 Craig Meck
Scott Garrett
Lora Padula
Jay Andrews

News From The Church Family

Flowers provided by...

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the twenty-third wedding anniversary of Jim and Kathy Benson.

Sacrament of Baptism...

Will be administered Sunday, January 29th at the 8:30 AM worship service for Sarah Suhjin Pierson, Ryan Hyun Pierson and Matthew Myung Pierson children of Eric and Cynthia Pierson.

New Members...

We Welcomed New Members: Sunday, January 22nd (8:30 a.m.), *Chris and Carol Wellford*; (10:50 a.m.), *Stuart Cherry*; and (11:00), *Don and Trish Boyd, Mike and Erin Chitwood; and Phyllis Smith.*

Prayer Concerns...

Linda Brown, Patsy Dechent and Jim Larrick

Missionaries...

Missionary Prayer Request
Manaus, Brazil: *Nonato Santos*

Service Personnel:

Jeffery Butler, Laura Cameron, William Cameron, II, Andy Connette, Sean Daily, Jeff Donnithorne, Mark Donnithorne, John Haake, Theresa Harris, Matthew Hawkins, Charlie Hobson, Stephen Martin, Matthew Plunkett, Logan Ridge, Charles Smith, and Dan Wagner.

Visitor Contact Team...

Jerry and Jane Shelton,
Page Tootoo and Carolyn Leonard.

Stephen Ministry Contacts...

Sue Strickler, 392-2664 and
Robert Lapp, 762-9693 ext. 215.

CareLine...

The CareLine is designed to give a recent list of those who are in need of our prayers and support. It may be accessed at 762-3588 or www.sacpc.org (password - care7). You may add a person to the CareLine by phoning the Church Office (762-9693) or by clicking onto the link at the bottom of the CareLine on the website.

Transportation Needs...

Cathy McLaughlin, 452-2341

MARK YOUR 2011 CALENDAR

Communion	February 5
DivorceCare & DC 4-Kids	February 7
Marriage Retreat	February 10-11
Nifty Fifty Luncheon	February 11
Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm	February 22

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CareLine 910.762.3588 . Web Site www.sacpc.org

WHAT DO WE VALUE AT SACPC?

God

We seek to know, love and worship the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Faith

We strive to follow Jesus Christ, trusting in His grace, power and love.

Family

We endeavor to be a welcoming community caring and sharing with love and joy.

Equipping

We prepare our people to use, with love and passion, the strengths God gave them.

Serving

We provide opportunities for all ages to share their love, gifts and talents near and far.

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

Presbyterian Women Circles are small groups of intergenerational women who gather in homes, at the church or at Plantation Village. There is a Bible Study book with 9 lessons for the year (September to May.) This year, the study is *Confessing the Beatitudes*. If one of these Circles interests you and fits your schedule, call the contact listed...we would love to have you join us.

Circle 6: Wed., Feb. 8, 10:15am in the SACPC Dining Room
Pat Rackley (392-9153)

Circle 7: Mon., Feb. 13, 10:00am at Plantation Village
Deme Nunley (686-1345)

Circle 8: Mon., Feb. 13, 7:00pm:
Carolyn Wilson (270-4893)

Circle 2: Tues., Feb. 14, 10:00am:
Lib Pusey (799-0941)

Circle 3: Tues., Feb. 14, 10:00am:
Louise Gorham (762-6341)