

CHURCH NOTES - August 17, 2025

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CONGRATULATIONS to Joe and Jackie Salinas on the birth of their granddaughter, Rosemary Helen Herbert. Rosemary was born to her proud parents, Sam and Sarah Salinas Herbert, on August 5, 2025.

BEING PRESENTED FOR BAPTISM is Martha Jane Stein, daughter of Max and Caroline Stein. Present today are grandparents Mary Jane and Dominick Benedetto and Gretchen and Peter Stein. Other family members and friends are also present. Please provide a warm welcome to all.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet in the Library after Worship today.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH The Peace Circles invite all women of the church to come connect with new faces and old friends after Worship today for a picnic and playground time. Bring your family, a blanket, and a picnic.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION REGARDING SHIFT IN QUAIL CAMPUS WORSHIP We invite you to participate in the conversation today on the Quail Campus, 11:40am-12:20pm to offer your thoughts and ideas. You are also asked to complete the brief survey found in the July 26 Worship Task Force letter sent via email.

SAPC BOOK CLUB, for both campuses, will meet on August 19, 6:30pm at Sir Edmond Halley's Restaurant to discuss *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston. Questions, contact Nancy Bobbitt, 704-553-9356.

DAUGHTERS OF FAITH invite all women to their final summer porch gathering on Wednesday, August 20, 6pm at Karey Tom's, 2800 Chelsea Drive. No need to RSVP. Come with an appetizer and enjoy fellowship and conversation.

VISITORS ORIENTATION CLASSES If you are interested in learning more about Selwyn and its ministries and have a desire to unite with this congregation, we invite you to the class on August 24 and September 7 at 9:30am in the Library.

AUGUST 24, EDUCATION SUNDAY WITH BREAKFAST AND BACKPACKS Join us on the church lawn at 9:30am for donuts, coffee from Breezeway Coffee Roasters, and crafts for all ages. It's a great opportunity to learn about Sunday School classes, small groups for men and women, and mission opportunities. During Worship, all are invited to bring their backpacks for a special Blessing of the Backpacks as we pray over students, teachers, and school staff for a year filled with growth, learning, and encouragement. We hope to see you there for this joyful and meaningful start to the school year!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 7 All are invited to participate in Sunday programming. There's a place for everyone at 9:30am.

- Children age five years old through fifth grade will meet in the Bowman building at 9:30am
 - Kindergarten through second grade will attend Children's Worship where they will learn the many facets of worshipping God through singing, storytelling, dancing, instruments, playing games, and a brief activity.
- Middle and High School Youth are invited to join our intergenerational Sunday School Class in the Chapel.
 - Our Youth Group Kick-off is September 7, 5:00-7pm.
- Adults will have the following Sunday morning classes from which to choose on September 7:
 - Conversations on Faith will kick off a 6-week study of *The Big Relief* by David Zahl. In a world full of pressure, performance, and perfectionism, *The Big Relief* invites us to rediscover God's grace as the ultimate gift: a one-way love with no strings attached.
 - Faith Forward an intergenerational class will explore the same scripture used in Worship for the preaching series through Bible study, personal reflection and group discussion. Come for deeper conversation, community connection, and spiritual growth - all are welcome.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE IMPORTANT DATES

- September 7, 10:30am combined All Church Worship with special music and communion. The All Church covered dish picnic will follow at 11:30am. The church will provide fried chicken. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.
- September 14, Rise Against Hunger food packing event following Worship. Questions, contact Brian Daoust.
- November 15-16, All Women's Retreat at Bethelwoods Camp with speaker Reverend Gail Henderson-Belsito. Enjoy a weekend of spiritual enrichment, personal growth, and connection. A day option is also available.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS You are encouraged to sign up in honor or memory of people or occasions. To reserve a date, contact Marsha in the church office. After the date is confirmed, online payments or checks can be made to the church indicating “sanctuary flowers.”


HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Our next workday will be October 4 during the annual October Charlotte Church Partners build. Twelve volunteers are needed, plus lunch for twenty people. See the weekly email for the signup link.

OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH AFFORDS US THE OPPORTUNITY to engage with the spirit and unite with Christ. If you have not returned your stewardship commitment card, we hope you will turn to Acts 4:31-35 in the spirit of faithfulness and generosity as you consider filling out your 2025 estimate of giving. Please return your commitment card to the church office, email church accountant Tonya Moore, or enter your commitment via the church website.

SELWYN CAMPUS BUDGET UPDATE For 2025 Selwyn member Pledges total \$811,272. Goal for pledge receipts through July Year to Date (YTD) are \$540,848. Actual Pledge receipts YTD are \$408,236. Deficit is \$132,612.

- Text to Give: 704-734-9818 Enter an amount. The first time you will be prompted to SHELBY to confirm set up. You do not need a key word if giving to the annual fund. You may also give by scanning the Giving QR code.
- Giving Stock: Our account is with Charles Schwab & Co, Inc. When giving stock, please sign a letter of instruction for your broker: Please accept this letter of instruction to transfer __shares of _____securities as a gift to Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian, account #6598-4201, DTC Clearing 0164, Code 40. When calling your broker, also contact church accountant Tonya Moore, or 704-996-5504, so she is aware and can credit the proper amount to the correct member.

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and
in memory of Jim Raines from his family.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
Sunday, August 17 9:30 Chancel Choir (S) 9:30 Sunday School for All 9:30 Visitors Orientation Class (L) 10:10 Called Session Meeting (Chapel) 10:30 Worship with Baptism 11:30 Prayer Shawl Meeting (L) 11:30 PW Picnic (Playground) 11:40 Community Conversation (Quail Campus) 4:00 Selwyn Life Class (Online) Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire Deadline is Monday, August 25 by 9am	Monday, August 18 7:30 BSA Troop (SH) Tuesday, August 19 6:30 Book Club (Sir Edmond's) 7:00 Administration Group (Zoom) Wednesday, August 20 2:45 Montclair Team Meeting (L) 6:00 PW Porch Gathering (Tom) Friday, August 22 7:00 Morning Men's Group (BH)	Sunday, August 24 9:30 Chancel Choir (S) 9:30 Education Sunday (Front Lawn) 9:30 Visitors Orientation Class (L) 10:30 Worship with Blessing of the Backpacks  Montclair Elementary  Give to SAPC