

# CHURCH NOTES – August 31, 2025

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**PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY** are extended for Ashley and Grant Armistead in the death of her sister, Meredith Ritch, on August 13, 2025.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7** Our new Sunday School series will begin for children, youth, and adults at 9:30am. All Church Worship will be held at 10:30am on the Selwyn Avenue campus. Members from both campuses will combine to hear special music with guest musicians, as part of the Dean Ferguson Music Series. Communion will be observed. The All Church covered dish picnic will follow worship. The church will provide fried chicken. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. Remember to bring a chair or a blanket for the front lawn. Please note our next Dean Ferguson Music Series will be the annual Jazz Worship service on October 26.

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

- Children age five years old through fifth grade will meet in the Bowman building at 9:30am. *The Biggest Story* leads learners on an exciting journey through the Bible teaching 104 Bible stories. Kindergarten through second grade children will attend Children's Worship, leaving after the Children's Message, during 10:30am worship. 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. The Youth Group Kick-off is September 7, 5-7pm on the front lawn for youth 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade and their parents. Regular Youth Group meetings will be held on the third and fourth Sunday evenings of the month from 5:30-7pm.
- Adults will have the following Sunday morning classes from which to choose:
  - ❖ 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 (Parlor).
  - ❖ Faith Forward, an intergenerational class, will explore the same scripture used in Worship for the preaching series. Using the Feasting on the Word study, personal reflection, and group discussion, you are invited into deeper conversation, community connection, and spiritual growth (Chapel). This curriculum will also be offered on the Quail Campus for a 9:50am class (Quail Lambeth Parlor).
  - ❖ Adult Milestone Classes will be offered with different foci. Worship Readiness for Adults will be September 21 – October 5 (Library). On October 12 and 19, a Baptism class designed for parents interested in learning more about the sacrament and wanting to schedule their child's baptism (Library).

**WEDNESDAY QUAIL CAMPUS WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10** We have two additional opportunities to learn, worship, and connect across our two campuses on Wednesdays. Please join us.

- The first Wednesday, after the first Sunday of each month, join us for a 10:30am Prayer and Communion Service. The service will be held in the Quail Campus sanctuary.
- The Pastor's Bible Study will meet weekly at 11:30am in the Quail Campus Christian Lifestyles room. The study is *Living the Story Together: A Series on the Gospel of Luke*.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES** All women are invited to participate for study, topics of interest, and service. Meetings are typically held September through May. Contact a leader or Moderator Pam Brownlee for more information.

Daughters of Faith I - Wednesday, September 3, 11am, Parlor - Tracie Northan

Daughters of Faith Evening II - Third Mondays, 7pm - Deni Pifer's Home

Evening Grace – First Tuesday evening of the month, 7pm, Parlor - Nancy Bobbitt

Our Spiritual Journey – Tuesday, September 9, 10:30am, Library. Usually meets the first Tuesday - Bobbie Hankins

Peace Seekers I- The first and third Tuesday evenings, 7:15pm, Library - Catherine Miller, Ann Caskey

Peace Seekers II - First Wednesday of the month, 7:30pm, Parlor - Caroline Thompson, Erin Miller

Quail Morning Circle – Second Tuesday of the month – 10am in the Quail Campus Parlor – Peggy Nelson

Quail Evening Circle – Second Tuesday of the month – 7pm in the Quail Campus Parlor – Debbie Ferguson

Women of Wonder – Monday, September 8, 11am at Joe Anne Cole's. Usually meets the first Monday of the month, 12:30pm, Parlor - Ann Copeland, Cacky Newitt

**SAPC BOOK CLUB**, for both campuses, will meet on September 16, 6:30pm at Sir Edmond Halley’s Restaurant to discuss *A Woman of No Importance* by Sonia Purnell. Questions, contact Nancy Bobbitt, 704-553-9356.

**SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE: RISE AGAINST HUNGER** On September 14, we are excited to host another food packing event. We've committed to packing 12,000 meals for neighbors around the world who are experiencing hunger. After worship, those participating in the event will share a quick pizza lunch in the Chapel at 11:30am, check in, and receive assignments to begin packing meals. A Rise Against Hunger team member will be present to instruct and lead us through the process. Based on the number of meals and previous participation, we expect to finish packing by 2pm. If you would like to participate, be sure to sign up through the weekly email link by September 14. Our October 12 Second Sunday Service Project will be a Stream Clean.

**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.



**ALL WOMEN’S RETREAT REGISTRATION IS OPEN** All women are invited to the November 15-16 Fall Women’s Retreat at Bethelwoods Camp. A day option is also available. Speaker Reverend Gail Henderson-Belsito will lead us in the theme, Ruth, Naomi, God, and Us: Together on the Journey. See the weekly email for the registration link. The link will also provide additional information. Enjoy a weekend of spiritual enrichment, personal growth, and connection.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** You are encouraged to sign up in honor or memory of people. To reserve and confirm the date, contact the church office. Online payments or checks can be made to the church indicating “sanctuary flowers.”

**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 August Year to Date (YTD) are \$540,848. Actual Pledge receipts YTD are \$428,632. Deficit is \$112,216.

- 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.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p><b>Sunday, August 31</b> 9:00 Chancel Choir (S) 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship</p> <p><b>Monday, September 1 Labor Day</b> Church Office and CDC will be closed</p> <p><b>Tuesday, September 2</b> 7:00 PW Evening Grace (P) 7:15 PW Peace Circle I (L)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, September 29 by 9am</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, September 3</b> 11:00 PW Daughters of Faith I (P) 6:30 Handbell Choir (QH Campus) 7:30 PW Peace Circle II (P)</p> <p><b>Friday, September 4</b> 7:00 Morning Men’s Group (BH) 6:00 Youth Game Night (Front Lawn)</p> <p><b>Saturday, September 6</b> 10:00 Chancel Choir Retreat (QH Campus)</p> <div></div> <p>Montclair Elementary      Give to SAPC</p>	<p><b>Sunday, September 7</b> 9:00 Chancel Choir (S) 9:30 Sunday School for All 9:30 Visitors Orientation Class 10:10 Called Session Meeting (Chapel) 10:30 All Church Worship with Communion 11:30 All Church Picnic (Front Lawn) 5:30 Youth Group Kick-Off 6:30 Salt Shakers (Pratt’s)</p>

