



# THE SELWYN SPIRE

September 2025

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church

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## LIVING THE STORY TOGETHER 1 CHURCH: 2 CAMPUSES



### WORSHIP @ QUAIL

9:00am  
Blended Music  
Family Friendly  
Relational



### FORMATION @ SELWYN

9:30am  
Christian Formation  
for All Ages and  
Stages



### FORMATION @ QUAIL

10:00am  
Intergenerational  
Education, Mission  
and/or Fellowship



### WORSHIP @ SELWYN

10:30am  
Traditional Music  
Intergenerational  
Corporate



### WEDNESDAYS @ QUAIL

10:30am Communion & Prayer  
(9/10, 10/8, 11/5, 12/10)  
11:30am Pastor's Bible Study  
6:30pm Handbell Choir  
7:30pm Chancel Choir



### WEDNESDAYS @ SELWYN

5:30-7:00pm  
Children's Music,  
Art, and Bible,  
Community Meal  
for All Ages

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

### 10:30am Worship

New Preaching Series: Living the Story Together – A Series on the Gospel of Luke. Members from both campuses will join together for worship, with special music from guest musicians as part of the **Dean Ferguson Music Series**.



Dr. Eric Millard,  
trumpet



Eli Matthews,  
trumpet



Dr. Joseph Skillen,  
tuba



Paige Quillen,  
horn



Dr. Kevin Dugan,  
trombone



Gavin Marino,  
percussion

### 11:30am Rally Day Picnic

The church will provide fried chicken. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. Don't forget to bring a chair or blanket for the front lawn!

### September 7 and 14

We will have a videographer filming on both Selwyn campuses.



## SALT SHAKERS

September 7, 6:30pm  
at the Pratt's home.  
Remember to bring a covered dish to share.  
Questions, [Joy Berry](#).

## BOOK CLUB

September 16, 6:30pm  
at Sir Edmond Halley's  
to discuss *A Woman of No Importance* by  
Sonia Purnell.  
Questions,  
[Nancy Bobbitt](#).



## In Nursing or Retirement Homes

Aldersgate - Dick Metzler  
Asbury - Mary Faye Proctor  
Carriage Club - Herman Thomas  
Cypress - Bill and Nancy Budd, Ellen Byrum,  
Bob and Joe Anne Cole,  
Mike and Frankie Hinshaw,  
Olen and Nancy Smith, Bob Walker  
Huntersville Oaks - Pat Ferguson  
Matthews Glen - Anne McMackin,  
Cara Munday, Anne Rutherford  
Sharon Towers - Richard and Joan Foard  
Southminster - Emily Cox, Kathy Dickson,  
Kay Hastings, Bobbye Linn, Sally Moore  
Summit Place - Willa May Young  
TerraBella Cramer Mountain - John McCarter  
White Oak of Waxhaw - Beth Carter

## Non-Member Deaths

Mark Louis Waple, father of Lou Waple,  
on July 29  
Meredith Brown Ritch, sister of Ashley  
Armistead, on August 13

## IN MEMORIAM

Laura Jane Hankins

June 7, 1978 – August 12, 2025

## We Welcome



Robert "Robbie" Moore Prowse,  
son of Michael and Logan Prowse,  
born on August 7, 2025

## IN MEMORIAM

Thomas Lake Elrod

July 8, 1948 – August 13, 2025

## We Welcome



James Wayland Lynn,  
son of Cody and Lauren Lynn,  
born on August 26, 2025

## CARE TEAM

Selwyn's campus  
needs additional  
members to assist  
on Care Teams to  
provide a meal for  
families with new  
babies, and help  
with memorial  
service receptions  
or in providing a  
meal for the  
immediate family.  
Please contact  
[Sally Moore](#).

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS – SELWYN CAMPUS

- |                      |                   |                    |                     |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Josh Canter        | 11 Lori Burbank   | 19 Peaches Deal    | 25 Eliza Cann       |
| Hank Hankins         | David Finnie      | Anne Harris        | Beth Carter         |
| Cam Muldrow          | Jeff Muth         | Lindsey Price      |                     |
| Teddy Sutton         | Julia White       |                    | 26 Addie Bahr       |
| Clark Walton         | Kelly Wolf        | 20 Mike DeAmicis   | Emma Grace Coble    |
|                      |                   | 21 Ollie Astroth   | Miles Marth         |
| 2 Toby Arnheim       | 12 Darren Price   | Andrea Barkley     | Marshall Pifer      |
| Chris Pettiglio      | Matt Roper        | Jonah Cameron      |                     |
|                      |                   | Mary Howard Haynie | 27 Kim Claxton      |
| 3 Anna Cronmiller    | 13 Rae DePhillips | Andy Sontag        | Sebastian Hackman   |
| Penelope Curtin      | Sara Howard       | Nicolas Vera       | Michael Oberg       |
| Eloise Muldrew       | Annie LeBouton    | Jason Young        |                     |
| John Simmons         | Rich Newbegin     |                    | 28 Lily Hart        |
|                      |                   | 22 Christy Horne   | Sam Kirk            |
| 5 Suzanne Phillips   | 14 Brody Elliott  | Lucy Stark         | Rob Raible          |
| Kevin Wilke-Nadler   | Lara Nauman       | Mark Swartz        | Andrew Winkenwerder |
|                      | Melanie Spencer   |                    |                     |
| 6 Chris Pineno       | 15 Allison Warner | 23 Ellen Byrum     | 29 James Cronmiller |
| William Rossi        | Logan Young       | Richard Guinan     |                     |
|                      |                   | Laura Widmer       |                     |
| 7 Mattie Coble       | 17 Davis Long     | 24 Tara Cameron    |                     |
| Patrice Northrup     | Frank Spencer     | Perry Liles        |                     |
| Karey Tom            |                   | Becky Muth         |                     |
|                      |                   | Michael Trotter    |                     |
| 9 Sally Shoaf        | 18 David Caldwell | Bob Walker         |                     |
|                      | Theo Jeffries     |                    |                     |
| 10 Courtney McLellan | Judy Lonetti      |                    |                     |
| Vicky Windell        |                   |                    |                     |



## ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL, Thursday, October 16, 4:30 - 6pm



This annual front lawn event is for all of Selwyn's children, birth - fifth grade. There will be games, a balloon artist, and a food truck. The middle and high school youth help run the event.

Tickets for raffle baskets and items, to benefit the Selwyn Child Development Center, will be available for purchase. If you or your business want to donate a gift card or item for a basket, please contact [Beth Sharpe](#) in the CDC office.

## HELP US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

We hope members of all ages are following us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). You are encouraged to post your own photos online while participating in mission work, Bible studies, youth events, choir/ handbell practices, etc.

Be sure to tag SAPC!



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

**NURSERY 9:30AM AND 10:30AM** Children (age 6 weeks—age 4) are invited to a safe space in the lower level Child Development Center to play and be cared for by trusted and vetted adults. They will be provided age-appropriate activities and activities about following God.

**CHILDREN 'S SUNDAY SCHOOL AND MILESTONE CLASSES 9:30AM-10:20AM** A primary time of formation for children and their families. Children engage in faith teaching by trusted adults through play, Bible instruction, song, prayer, art, science and more. Children are invited into community with their peers and safe adults to belong, ask questions, and explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Sunday School is offered for ages 5- 5th grade upstairs in the Bowman building.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP DURING 10:30AM SERVICE** A short and sweet time for children ages 5 - 2nd grade to learn what it means to worship God through the many facets of worship. This brief time (after the Children's Sermon to after the adult sermon- approximately 20-25 minutes) can include singing, storytelling, dancing, music, games, and an activity. Children join the beginning part of worship in the sanctuary, follow their teachers out after the Children's Message to head to the chapel, then rejoin their parents/guardians in the sanctuary.

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, 5:30 - 7PM, CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND COMMUNITY MEAL FOR ALL AGES** Children aged 4 - 5th grade are invited to join the choir. Rehearsals will be on October 8, 15, 22, and 29, 5:30 – 6pm in the Chapel. Children will engage in worshipful activities on November 5, 12, and 19. More details and registration information will be available soon.

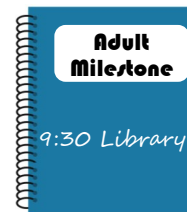
## FALL PROGRAMING: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



Beginning September 7, this intergenerational class welcomes everyone from 6th graders to adults.



Beginning September 7, this class begins a six-week study of *The Big Relief* by David Zahl.



Beginning September 21, this new adult milestone class is for parents of all ages and stages.

Classes run in a two to three week series and

focus on topics like reading the Bible, praying, and worshiping together as a family.

**September 21, 28, and October 5**

Worship Readiness for Adults:  
How to Worship as a Family

**October 12 and 19**

What is Baptism and Why Do We Do It?

**October 26 and November 2**

How to Read Your Bible as a Family

Guided by a teaching team committed to deep Bible study, we will explore God's Word, ask questions, share insights across generations, and prepare our hearts and minds for worship as one community of faith.

We are walking through the Gospel of Luke by "Living the Story Together," studying the same scriptures and themes in our weekly worship and sermons. This curriculum is also offered at 9:50am on the Quail Campus (Quail Lambeth Parlor).

In a world full of pressure, performance, and perfectionism, *The Big Relief* invites you to rediscover God's grace as the ultimate gift: a one - way love with no strings attached. Explore how grace brings freedom from anxiety, opening the door to rest, joy, and transformation.

This class is for adults looking for a spiritual renewal and meaningful conversations. Discover how faith can be a refuge, not a project - and receive the relief we all need.

**PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY** Beginning September 10, join us in the Quail Hollow Parlor. Wednesdays, 11:30am - 12:30pm

## YOUTH NEWS

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF

6TH-12TH GRADERS  
**SEPTEMBER 7**  
5:00PM-7:00PM

PIZZA  
COOL TREATS  
YARD GAMES  
PRIZES  
DUNK TANK

### FIRST FRIDAY GAME NIGHTS

1st Friday of each month  
6-9 pm

### SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE PROJECTS

2nd Sunday of each month  
after worship - 11:30 am

### YOUTH GROUP

3rd & 4th  
Sundays of  
each month  
5:30-7:00 pm

**GAME NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 5, 6PM** Join us for fun and fellowship.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Join us for Faith Forward in the Chapel, 9:30am.

**YOUTH GROUP DINNERS** We need a family or two to team up and provide dinner for Youth Group at 5:30pm. You'll receive a reminder before your assigned Sunday evening. Click [this link](#) to sign up.

**ADULT MENTORS NEEDED** to work with our youth. Contact [Brian](#).

**SELWYN FALL FESTIVAL, OCTOBER 16** Youth are encouraged to volunteer for the Selwyn Annual Fall Festival. [Sign up](#) to help with lawn games and activities for preschool and elementary children.

[Click here](#) to follow SAPC Youth on Instagram.  
[Click here](#) for the 2025-2026 Youth Ministry calendar.  
Questions, contact [Brian Daoust](#).





## SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 24-26, 2026—ALL CHURCH RETREAT

All members are invited to attend the 2026 Congregational Retreat at the beautiful Montreat Conference Center.

With programming and activities for all generations, there's truly something for everyone. More details will be available this Winter.



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Join us!  
November 14-16, 2025  
Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center  
922 W Mt Gallant Rd, York, SC

[Click here](#) for all the details!

[Click here](#) for a brief video introduction to Reverend Gail Henderson-Belsito

[Click here](#) to register for the retreat online.

[Click here](#) to request a registration form.



All women are invited to join a Presbyterian Women's Circle. They typically meet from September through May for Bible study, topics of interest, and community service.

Click [this link](#) to learn about PW Circles on both campuses and find the Circle contact.

Questions, contact Moderator [Pam Brownlee](#) or a Circle leader.

Women of Wonder - First Mondays, 12:30pm | SAPC Parlor

Our Spiritual Journey - First Tuesdays, 10:30am | SAPC Library

Evening Grace - First Tuesdays, 7pm | SAPC Parlor

Quail Morning Circle - Second Tuesdays, 10am - 12pm | QHPC Parlor

Quail Evening Circle - Second Tuesdays, 7pm - 8pm | QHPC Parlor

Peace I - First and Third Tuesdays, 7:15pm | SAPC Library

Peace II - First Wednesdays, 7:30pm | SAPC Parlor

Daughters of Faith I - Every Wednesday, 11am | SAPC Parlor

Daughters of Faith Evening II- Third Mondays, 7pm | Pifer Home

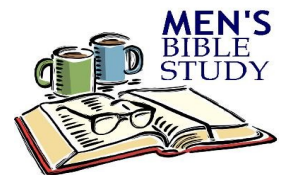
## MEN'S MORNING GROUPS

**Monday Evening Men's Group:** 1st and 3rd Mondays, 7:30pm in the SAPC Parlor.

Led by Ted Zimmer and Curtis Corell - Mostly made up of Millennial men and young dads, this group is perfect for guys seeking meaningful connection and spiritual growth - but who also value sleep or are busy chasing toddlers at 7am and can't make it to the early Friday meetings. Open to men of all ages, the group meets September through May, for discussion, prayer, and real-life encouragement. To join the group chat, click [this link](#) on your phone.

**Friday Morning Men's Group:** Every Monday, 7am in the SAPC Bates House.

Led by Roger Mills and Joe Bentley - This high-commitment, all-ages group of men meets every Friday year-round. Together, they walk through life and faith with honesty, trust, and accountability. Whether discussing scripture, sharing personal challenges, or supporting one another in prayer, this close-knit group is built on deep connection and spiritual growth.



## SELWYN CAMPUS STAFF

Lori Archer Raible, *Pastor*

Margo Richardson Fraga, *Associate Pastor*

Brian Daoust, *Associate Pastor*

Lisa McLennan, *Parish Associate*

Karley Wilke-Nadler, *Director of Children and Families*

Fred Spano, *Director of Music*

Gay Pappin, *Organist*

Allyson Anderson, *Resident Pastor at QHPC*

Marsha Cooper, *Church Administrator*

Kris Seek, *Administrative Assistant*

Tonya Moore, *Church Accountant*

Reba Hardaway, *Accounting Administrative Assistant*

Jennifer Dixon Remsen, *Communications*

Dwight Jones, *Weekend Facilities*

Beth Sharpe, *Director of Child Development Center*

## GROUP CHAIRS

*Administration* - Mike DeAmicis

*Child Development Center* - Jeremy Caskey

*Christian Education & Formation* - Todd Muldrew

*Congregational Life* - Lori Burbank

*Mission* - Karey Tom

*Worship* - Catherine Miller



# WORSHIP

## SEPTEMBER 6, CHANCEL CHOIR RETREAT

Chancel Choir members will meet on the Quail Hollow campus from 10am to 3pm for fellowship, lunch, Advent preparations, and rehearsal for the combined Worship service on September 7.



## COMMUNION, September 7

On September 7, Communion will be served during the 10:30am Worship service.

If you are unable to attend the service and would like to receive communion at your residence, please notify [Catherine Miller](#).

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS



You are encouraged to sign up in honor or memory of people or occasions. Contact [Marsha Cooper](#) to reserve a date. Once the date is confirmed, an online payment or check can be made to the church indicating "sanctuary flowers".



Join us weekly for Worship in the Sanctuary at 10:30am. If you cannot attend worship in the sanctuary an email is sent at 10:15am with the [Facebook link](#). You do not need a Facebook account to watch the service.

## WEDNESDAY MORNINGS ON QUAIL HOLLOW CAMPUS

Join us in the Quail Hollow Sanctuary at 10:30am for a Communion and Prayer Service on the following dates: September 10, October 8, November 5, and December 10.

# MISSION

## FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE



- We need 1-pound bags of rice or beans; 16 ounce or smaller cans of vegetables, fruits, or canned meats/proteins; individually wrapped nut free snacks and other breakfast items.
- No glass jars please!
- Bring items to the church the first Sunday of each month or during weekly church office hours.

## SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 14



We are excited to host a Rise Against Hunger 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 right away. 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 here](#) before the event.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, OCTOBER 4

Join us for our next Habitat home building project. We will be working with Charlotte Church Partners on a one-story house in a new housing development off Peachtree Road.

Our scheduled task is "framing punch," a day with numerous different odd-jobs getting the house ready for inspection and installation of drywall.

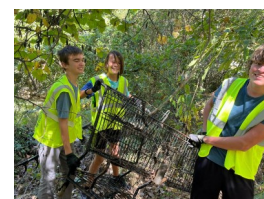
We need at least twelve volunteers, plus someone to coordinate lunch for our crew and Habitat's supervisory staff.

Please click [this link](#) to sign up.  
Questions? Contact [Dick Metzler](#).



## SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE PROJECTS

### OCTOBER 12, STREAM CLEAN



[Click here](#) to sign up.

## SELWYN CAMPUS GIVING INFORMATION

To make a confidential pledge, use this [link](#), scan the Giving QR code, email [Tonya Moore](#), or return a pledge card to the church office.

**Text to Give:** 704-734-9818 Enter an amount. The first time, you will be prompted to SHELBY to confirm set up. Then, it is as easy as texting the amount to the phone number. You do not need a keyword if giving to the annual fund.

**Stock Gifts:** 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.