CHURCH NOTES – November 1, 2026

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NEW BABY Congratulations to Alex Russell and Josh Brodie on the birth of their son, Cameron Charles Russell-Broadie, born on October 24, 2026. His big sisters are Quinn and Mila.

NURSERY STAFF Ms. Teresa Mora has retired. We are thankful for the loving care she has provided for more than twenty years. Olga Parra and Patricia Parra, who also served our congregation for many years completed their service in the spring. We will celebrate all three women in worship today, and will have a reception after worship.

- As we begin to re-imagine our nursery and formation programs at Selwyn, we invite you to share your hopes and ideas. We continue to enjoy excellent care through our nursery program. Each caregiver is vetted through a care service and most of the weekly team are regulars.

SELWYN CAMPUS GIVING For 2026 Selwyn member Pledges total $840,000. Goal for pledge receipts through Year to Date (YTD) is $700,000. Actual Pledge receipts YTD are $523,448. Total deficit is $176,552.

- 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. 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 Amy Read, amyread@carolina.rr.com, or 704-819-5390, so she can credit the amount and member.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! Our 2027 Stewardship campaign is "Good to Grow", inspired by verses in Ephesians 4. So far Selwyn has received almost 50% of our $994,500 goal. Every pledge matters. We invite you to place your Estimate of Giving in the offering basket on Sundays. You may also drop your 2027 pledge by the church office, or you can use the link in the weekly email.

VISITORS ORIENTATION CLASSES If you are interested in learning more about Selwyn and its ministries, or interested in uniting with this congregation, we invite you to complete the visitor's card in your pew rack. We invite you to come explore what it means to belong on November 8 and 15, at 9:30am in the library.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES There is a place for everyone at 9:30am on Sundays, from nursery through adults.

- Adult Classes - "Faith In 30"- 9:30am (Fellowship Hall); Conversations on Faith - 9:30am (Parlor)
- Confirmation Class, 7th and 8th grade- 9:30am Select Sundays (Bowman Building, first room on the left)
- 3rd-6th Grade Sunday School- 9:30am (Bowman Building, first room on the right)
- K-2nd Sunday School- 9:30am (Bowman Building Big Room)
- Nursery Rooms- 9:30-11:30am ● Newborns: Birth - pre-walkers ● Toddlers: Walkers - Age 2 ● Preschool: Ages 3–4

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY All are invited to participate on Wednesdays, 1pm on the Quail campus through November 18. Using Don McKim's 13 Themes of Presbyterian Theology, the framework follows the three-part theological movement. The God who reveals, creates, and guides; the Christ who saves people like us; and the church where faith begins, is nourished, and grows.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR RETURNS NOVEMBER 15 We are excited to renew our Children's Music Program on the Selwyn campus. Sunday, November 15, following worship, all children (ages 4 through 5th grade) are invited to participate in choir as we prepare for the Children's Christmas Pageant worship service on Sunday, December 13. Rehearsals are November 15 and 22, and December 6 (following worship with a snack period) and Saturday, December 12, 10 to 11:30am. Children are asked to attend as many rehearsals as possible. Questions? Please contact René Prager reneprager.sapc@gmail.com or 704-372-6836.

- Parents/Caregivers please bring your children to the Fellowship Hall after worship for a snack. Fred Spano and René Prager will bring the children to the Chapel for rehearsal, 11:45-12:15. Parents should plan to pick-up in front of the Welcome Center. Please use the link in the weekly email to RSVP so we have ample snacks and supplies.
- Please note: If you plan to participate in the pageant, but NOT in the Children's Choir portion, you do NOT need to attend on November 15 and 22. You will receive a separate notice about pageant participation.

ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP, NOVEMBER 29 Please join us as we celebrate the beginning of Advent with our annual Advent Wreath Workshop. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Sign-up today for your Advent kit (one foam wreath, greenery, four Advent candles with candle holders). The cost is $10 per kit. You may pay online, or check/cash can be brought to the event. Registration required by November 15. Please use the link in the weekly email.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH is an opportunity for our children, age 5 through 2nd grade, to embody worship education through practice. Children leave the sanctuary following the "Message for Young Disciples" and gather in the Chapel. Children return to the sanctuary during the Offering (or prior to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on days when Communion is served).

- We need a dedicated 2nd adult to accompany the leader each week. We ask parents to each take one date each season. A few fall dates remain open. Members who do not have children in the program are also invited to serve as the 2nd adult. Please contact René Prager for more information or use the link in the weekly news to sign-up.
- If your child is younger than five years old, you are welcome to come forward with them for the "Message for Young Disciples". After the prayer, those younger than five may choose to return to the pew to worship, or parents may opt to take them to the Nursery or join with their child in Children's Church.

HABITAT WORKDAY, NOVEMBER 7 Selwyn will host the build as we join with others through Charlotte Church Partners. Volunteers of all skill levels are still needed. Look for the signup link in the weekly email.

RESTOCK THE FOOD PANTRY You can help by purchasing one-pound bags of rice and dry beans, and 16 ounce or smaller cans of vegetables, fruits, and protein. Bring to the church during office hours or on Sunday. No glass jars please. Join the team on November 9, 10am to pack bags for delivery to Montclaire Elementary. Questions, contact Nancy Bobbitt.

OPERATION SANDWICH, NOVEMBER 21 Assist by preparing bagged lunches for our Roof Above homeless neighbors. Sign up in increments of ten lunches through the weekly email link. Bring prepared lunches to the church on November 21 between 9-10am for delivery to Roof Above.

ROOM IN THE INN OVERNIGHT HOSTS ARE NEEDED Selwyn wants to host each Monday evening through Tuesday morning, December through March. This requires the Mission Group to procure two overnight hosts ahead of time for each week, starting with the December dates. You can sign up through the link in the weekly email.

BECOME AN ALP LITERACY TUTOR AT MONTCLAIRE Would you or someone you know love to make a meaningful difference in a student's life? ALP Tutors receive the training, curriculum and ongoing support they need to confidently provide one-on-one literacy instruction to a student who needs it. To learn more, see the link in the weekly email.

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 for $65 can be made to the church indicating "sanctuary flowers."

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN

Sunday, November 1
9:00 Worship, Dedication Sunday (Quail)
9:30 Sunday School for All
9:30 Visitor's Orientation Class (L)
9:45 Chancel Choir (S)
9:50 Conversation and Coffee (Quail)
10:30 All Saints Worship with Communion
11:30 Prayer Shawl Meeting (P)
11:30 Nursery Staff Reception

Monday, November 2
12:30 PW Women of Wonder (P)
6:00 Mission Group Meeting (P)
6:30 BSA Quail Troop
7:30 BSA Selwyn Troop (SH)
7:30 Monday Evening Men's Group

Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am.
Spire Deadline Monday, November 23 by 9am.

Tuesday, November 3
10:30 PW Our Spiritual Journey (L)
11:00 InReach (Quail)
7:00 PW Evening Grace (P)

Wednesday, November 4
11:00 PW Daughters of Faith I (P)
1:00 Pastor's Bible Study (Quail)
5:00 CHIRP at (Quail)
6:30 Handbell Choir (Quail)
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Quail)
7:00 PW Peace (P)

Friday, November 6
7:00 Men's Group (BH)
6:00 Confirmands and Mentor Dinner (SH)

Saturday, November 7
Habitat Build

Sunday, November 8
9:00 Worship (Quail)
9:30 Sunday School for All
9:30 Visitor's Orientation Class (L)
9:45 Chancel Choir (S)
9:50 Formation and Fellowship (Quail)
10:30 Worship
11:30 Second Sunday Service (FH)

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