



Selwyn is Good to Grow



We must grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love." (Ephesians 4:15-16)

Dear Selwyn Family,

This year, our 2027 Stewardship campaign theme is "Good to Grow," inspired by verses in Ephesians 4. You may have noticed, but Selwyn is doing a fair amount of growing lately. We've added 50 new members in the last 18-months. Our 308 households on the Selwyn campus include 160 children (almost 100 of which are four and under). This growth is a rare and precious blessing, and it is also a sacred responsibility.

We are growing toward something, and it is up to our congregation to determine what that is. What does it really mean for Selwyn to grow? It's good to grow in faith. It's good to grow in worship, and it's good to grow our mission. We must also grow in our commitment, expectations, actions, and in our vision of what is possible for Selwyn across both of our campuses.

What kind of church will we be? How will we serve our youth, and nurture their faith in Christ? What impact can we make among our neighbors and in our community? These things are up to all of us to decide.

This is an important moment for our church. With our growth comes new challenges, expenses, and responsibilities. Our generosity and action can also grow, and we can meet this moment by joining together. God has given all of us gifts. As scripture says, when we offer them together, the whole body of the church grows and builds itself up in love.

Our annual stewardship goal for 2027 is \$994,500 on the Selwyn campus. Reaching this goal is possible, but it is only possible, through the purposeful generosity of our congregation. We cannot sustain our growth without a fully funded operational budget.

Beyond the budget, unified and broad participation is perhaps the most important goal of our campaign. This year, we humbly ask you to think about the body of our church, and what it would mean if we all came together to meet this unique moment.

We invite you to join us in placing your *Estimate of Annual Giving* in the offering basket on Dedication Sunday, October 25th. We will celebrate with a special *Gospel Mass* service led by our choir(s) from both campuses and a reception afterward. You may also drop your pledge off at the Church office, email it to church accountant Amy Read (amyread@carolina.rr.com), or make your pledge online by visiting www.selwynpres.org/giving.

With Immense Gratitude and Hope,

Zach Houston, Chris Beam, Lindsay Haynie, Ted Zimmer



THE SELWYN SPIRE

October 2026

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Selwyn campus: [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

Tel: 704-372-6836, www.selwynpres.org
Quail campus: [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

IN MEMORIAM

John Lewis McCarter

March 6, 1942—September 16, 2026

Fall Spirit Dinner

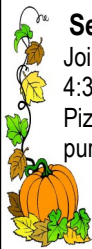


Pull up a chair!

One meal. Four households.

October or November 2026

Get to know people in our Selwyn family over a relaxed meal. Households will be matched into groups and your group will decide when and where they meet. Register today by scanning the QR Code.



Selwyn Fall Festival—October 22

Join us for this annual event on the lawn, 4:30- 6pm, for games and face painting. Pizza and Kona Ice will be available for purchase from food trucks. Tickets will be available for purchase for raffle baskets, and there will be a silent online auction.

Pancake BREAKFAST

AT SELWYN



THIS SUNDAY



9:30 AM
DURING THE
SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR



FELLOWSHIP
HALL

Hosted by the Friday Morning Men's Group



All are
Invited!

Sunday School classes
will resume on October 11.



SAPC BOOK CLUB

Members of both campuses are invited to participate. Join us on October 20, 6:30pm at Sir Edmond Halley's Restaurant for a discussion of Florence Knapp's *The Names*. Questions, contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#).

In Nursing or Retirement Homes

Aldersgate - Dick Metzler
Asbury - Mary Faye Proctor
Brighton Gardens - Beth Carter
Cypress - Bill and Nancy Budd,
Ellen Byrum, Joe Anne Cole,
Mike and Frankie Hinshaw,
Olen and Nancy Smith,
Bob and Frances Walker
Matthews Glen - Anne McMackin,
Cara Munday, Anne Rutherford
Pritt Health—Joyce Greene
Sharon Towers - Joan Foard
Southminster - Emily Cox, Kathy Dickson,
Kay Hastings, Bobbye Linn,
Sally Moore, Cacky Newitt
TerraBella-Newton - Pat Ferguson

SELWYN CAMPUS GIVING

To make a confidential pledge, you can use this [link](#), email church accountant [Amy Read](#), or return your 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.

2026 Stewardship Commitments: If you have returned your commitment card, thank you. If you have not, you can return it to the church office, email [Amy Read](#), or enter your commitment via the [church website](#).

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Keller Bentley Davis Hahn	7 Quinn LeBouton Allison Malloy Ann Royal McLennan Ted Northrup Kristen Tan Frances Walker	10 Ashley Armistead Xena Fields Beatrice Mclellan Heather Risko Margaret Shekletski Damon Turner	15 Kate Beam Collins Muldrow Madeline Pettiglio Melanie Vise	22 Ellen Harris Alex Reynolds	30 Alexandria Pappayliou Henry Parbst
2 Burt Arrington Charlie Beam Caroline Green Carlin Kirk	8 Mary Watterson Arnheim Kimber Arrington Nancy Cooke Madison Horton Betsey Macholz Bettye Sue Newsom	11 Elias Fraga Joy Vickers	16 Luke Martin Steve Nelson Mary Reynolds Ted Zimmer	23 Matt Claxton	31 Carolyn Comeaux Ryan Ferraioli Braxton McLennan Gardiner Roddey Alyssa Sharpe Grace Walton Miller Walton
3 Stuart Thomas Karen Price		12 Anna Ferraioli Kurt Parbst Martha Rand	17 Cooper Cumbus	25 MacKenzie Browning Debbie Ferguson Heather Oberg	
4 Dawn Bellamy Mike Ferguson		13 Steeve Baskerville Karen Edinger Townes Short	18 Katie Horton	26 Lori Raible Aiden Rea	
5 Mary Carver Deal Ben Ellis Johnny Vera Anna Warner	9 Morgan Liles Emily Kincade Anne McMackin Matthew Shekletski Rebecca Wadensten	14 Pete Halstead Mary Peyton Harner Milly Marth Jack McClane Aaron Roper Joe Rossi	19 Jackson Burbank	27 Allyson Anderson Simon Cann Maren Deal Kyle Finn	
6 Rob Brown Jim Cooper Alissa Green Jordan Tallent			20 James Anderson Avery Bourg	28 Campbell Burbank	
			21 Grant Armistead Patrick Madigan Graham Murray Wells Turner	29 Brad Barbee Reece Bromberger Nate Phifer	



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Worship Readiness Milestone Class 9:30am, October 11, 18, 25 (Chapel) A combined class for K-2nd graders and their parents

Adult Sunday School Parlor Class - Conversations on Faith - 9:30am Every Sunday (Parlor) Gather to read, reflect, and explore together

Adult "Faith In 30"- 9:30am Every Sunday (Fellowship Hall) A class designed for those who want to connect, learn, and grow—even when time is limited.

Confirmation Class, 7th and 8th grade - 9:30am Select Sundays (Bowman Building, first room on the left)

3rd—6th grade Sunday School- 9:30am Every Sunday (Bowman Building, first room on the right)

K-2nd Sunday School- 9:30am Every Week (Bowman Building Big Room)

3s/4s Class Drop children off in the nursery. Teachers will come for a short lesson.

Nursery- 9:30-11:30am Every Week (Downstairs in the CDC)

Please sign your children in.

We provide a safe, loving, and welcoming environment for children from birth through age 4, giving parents the opportunity to participate in Sunday School and worship with peace of mind.

Children are grouped by age to ensure they receive developmentally appropriate care:

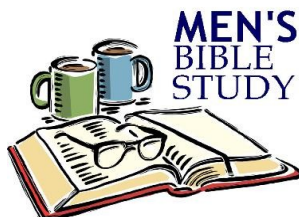
- Newborn Room: Birth through walkers
- Toddler Room: Ages 1–2
- Preschool Room: Ages 3–4



Each room is staffed by two caring adults, trained in our Children's Protection Policy, have completed background checks, and are CPR certified.

FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY EVENINGS, 7:30pm

Led by Ted Zimmer and Curtis Correll. It is open to men of all ages. Click [this link](#) from your phone.



FRIDAY MORNINGS, 7am

Led by Roger Mills and Joe Bentley at the Bates House. Men of all ages walk through life and faith with honesty, trust, and accountability.

YOUTH NEWS



October 18

**Rise Against Hunger event after worship. Youth are encouraged to participate.
Pre-registration through Rise Against Hunger is required.**

October 25

Youth Group

5:30—7pm in the Fellowship Hall

WORSHIP



SELWYN AVENUE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MUSIC MINISTRY

PRESENTS

GOSPEL Mass

BY ROBERT RAY

ISAIAH BELL
TENOR

MONICA D. MURPHY
SOPRANO

Dr. Dareion Malone
MUSIC DIRECTOR

Dr. Frank Watkins
PIANO

Willie Walker
BASS

Evan Corey
PERCUSSION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026
10:30 AM



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



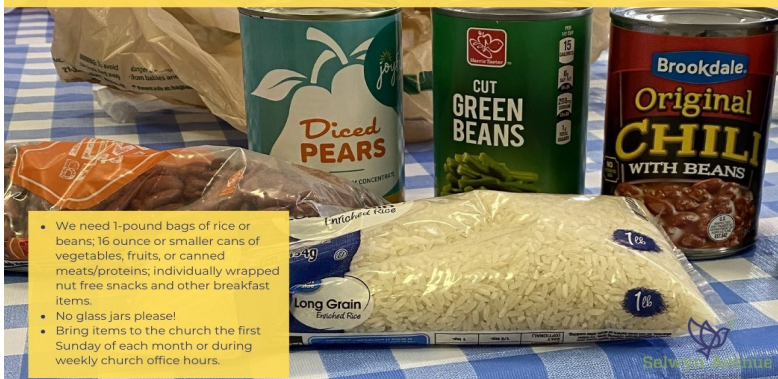
SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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 online payments or checks for \$65 should be made to the church indicating "sanctuary flowers".

MISSION

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE



REGISTER NOW FOR RISE AGAINST HUNGER

On October 18, we are excited to host a Rise Against Hunger food packing event. We're committed to packing meals for neighbors around the world who are experiencing hunger.

All volunteers must register through Rise Against Hunger. Use this [LINK TO REGISTER](#) for the October 18 event.

After worship, those participating in the event will share a quick lunch, 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.

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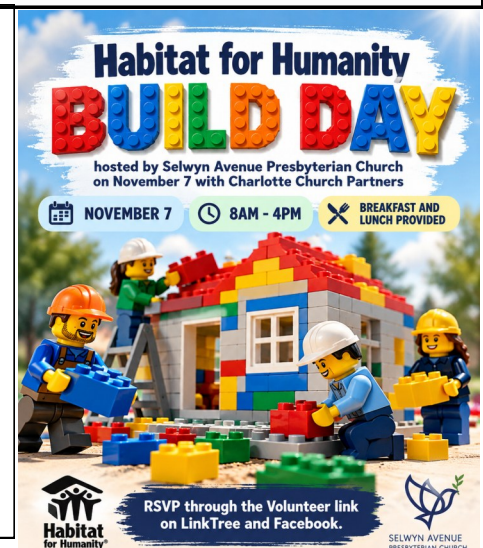
Selwyn wants to host each Monday evening through Tuesday morning, December through March. This requires the Mission Group to procure two overnight hosts ahead of time for each week, starting with the December dates. You can sign up through [this link](#) in the weekly email.

Operation Sandwich, November 21

Assist by preparing bagged lunches for our Roof Above homeless neighbors.

Sign up in increments of ten lunches through [this link](#).

Bring prepared lunches to the church on November 21 between 9-10am for delivery to Roof Above.



Habitat for Humanity
BUILD DAY

hosted by Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church
on November 7 with Charlotte Church Partners

NOVEMBER 7 8AM - 4PM BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROVIDED

RSVP through the Volunteer link on LinkTree and Facebook.

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sign Up:
<https://habitatcltregion.volunteerhub.com/vv2/p/charlottechurchpartners/>

SELWYN CAMPUS STAFF

Lori Archer Raible, *Pastor*
Brian Daoust, *Associate Pastor*
Allyson Anderson, *Resident Pastor at QHPC*
Grady Moseley, *Interim Associate Pastor*
Congregational Life/Worship
Lisa McLennan, *Parish Associate*
Frank Spencer, *Parish Associate at Quail*
René Prager, *Director of Christian Education and Formation for Adults and Children*

Fred Spano, *Director of Music*
Gay Pappin, *Organist*
Marsha Cooper, *Church Administrator*
Donnette Dixon, *Administrative Assistant*
Amy Read, *Church Accountant*
Jennifer Dixon Remsen, *Communications*
Dwight Jones, *Weekend Facilities*
Beth Sharpe, *Director of Child Development Center*

GROUP CHAIRS

Administration - Mike Bolewitz
Child Development Center - Jeremy Caskey
Christian Education & Formation - Elizabeth Stearns
Congregational Life - Michelle Bentley
Mission - Karey Tom
Worship - Catherine Miller