



THE SELWYN SPIRE

September 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](#)



September 6, 2026

**9:30am in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday School Classes will not meet.**



September 13, 2026

Our new series of Sunday School classes begin at 9:30am.

10:30am Worship Service on the Selwyn campus with special music and guest musician, Eric Millard.

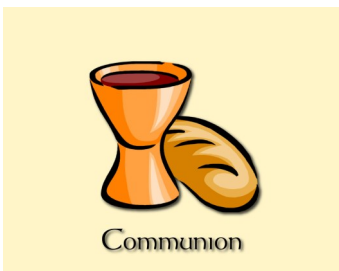
Communion will be observed.

The annual Rally Day Picnic will follow the service on the front lawn.

The church will provide pork and chicken barbeque and buns.

Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.

Remember to bring a blanket or lawn chair.



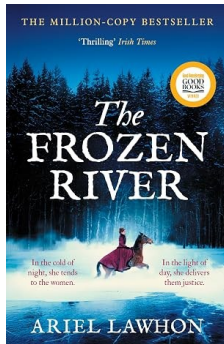
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

IN MEMORIAM

Paul T. Kurani

October 10, 1937 - August 7, 2026

SAPC BOOK CLUB



Members of both campuses are invited to participate. Join us on September 15, 6:30pm at Sir Edmond Halley's Restaurant for a discussion of Ariel Lawhon's *The Frozen River*. Questions, contact [Nancy Bobbitt](#).

NEW MEMBERS

On August 16, 2026, we welcomed the following members to the Selwyn church family.



Barry Burgess



Mallory Burgess



Walker Simas

On August 23, 2026, we welcomed Peter Vogel and Madison Kennedy. Please provide a warm welcome to all.

Monday, September 7—Labor Day
Church Offices and CDC will be closed.

In Nursing or Retirement Homes

Aldersgate - Dick Metzler
Asbury - Mary Faye Proctor
Brighton Gardens - Beth Carter
Carriage Club - Peggy Hornberg
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
Sharon Towers - Joan Foard
Southminster - Emily Cox, Kathy Dickson,
Kay Hastings, Bobbye Linn,
Sally Moore, Cacky Newitt
TerraBella-Cramerton - John McCarter
TerraBella-Newton - Pat Ferguson

Non-Member Deaths

Gearl Dean Coley Yow, grandmother of
Zach Houston, on August 11, 2026
Cecilia Evelina Hunter-Sanchez,
Selwyn nursery worker, on
August 15, 2026

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](#).

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Adult Sunday School Parlor Class - Conversations on Faith - 9:30am Every Sunday (Parlor) Gather to read, reflect, and explore together. Focusing on Bible study—not having all the answers, but diving into scripture together to explore God's Word, ask questions, share insights across generations, and prepare our hearts and minds for worship as one community of faith.

Adult "Faith In 30" - 9:30am Every Sunday (Fellowship Hall) A new class designed for those who want to connect, learn, and grow—even when time is limited. Whether a parent of a confirmand, raising young children, or you simply haven't fit a traditional Sunday School class into your schedule, this class is for you! Join us for coffee and fellowship, followed by a 30-minute discussion or teaching. Each week will feature either a casual, engaging conversation led by a lay facilitator or a thought-provoking presentation from a pastor/educator. No preparation is required—come as you are to build community, explore your faith, and leave encouraged for the week ahead.

Adult Milestone Class 9:30am Select Sundays (Library) Designed for parents of all ages and stages. Led by our pastoral team and lay leaders. Conversation-based, creating space to share wisdom, challenges, and encouragement. Classes are typically short 2–3 week series and focus on topics like reading the Bible as a family, worshiping together, and finding space for prayer in the midst of busy lives. Whether parenting little ones, teens, or grown children, we invite you to come learn, grow, and be encouraged.

Confirmation Class- 9:30am Select Sundays (Upstairs Grace Room) A special time for students in 7th and 8th grade to explore what it means to follow Jesus Christ and become active members of the church. Students study the Bible, learn about the foundations of the Christian faith, explore Presbyterian beliefs and practices, and discuss how faith shapes everyday life.

Middle School Sunday School- 9:30am Every Sunday (Bowman Building, first room on the right) Designed for students in 5th–8th grade who are ready to explore their faith more deeply. Students study the Bible, ask thoughtful questions, and discover how God's Word applies to their everyday lives. Through discussions, interactive lessons, and fellowship, students are encouraged to grow in their relationship with Christ and build a strong foundation of faith in a supportive environment.

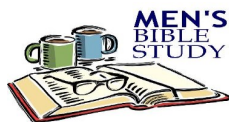
K-4 Sunday School- 9:30am Every Week (Bowman Building Big Room) A fun and engaging place where children grow in their faith through Bible stories, music, crafts, and hands-on activities. Children explore God's love in age-appropriate ways, build friendships and learn together. Dedicated teachers create a welcoming environment for children to ask questions, participate, and discover how God's Word connects to their everyday lives.

3s/4s Class Ages 3 and 4 are invited each Sunday for fun and faith, and learn about God's love in an engaging, age-appropriate way. Important: Drop children in the nursery, where they will enjoy free play. Teachers will bring children upstairs for a short lesson and return them to the nursery for worship.

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

YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF!
STATE FAIR THEME!
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
5-7 PM
at Selwyn Avenue PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
★ CARNIVAL GAMES ★
★ AWESOME FOOD ★
★ GREAT FRIENDS ★
★ FOOD PROVIDED BY ★
SELWYN'S VARIOUS SMALL GROUPS!
★ ALL MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH & FRIENDS ARE INVITED! ★

Selwyn CONFIRMATION Class
BEGINS THIS FALL.
Kickoff and info session for **Confirmants, Mentors, and Parents** is at **9:30 on September 20.**
Contact Pastor Brian or anyone on the **Youth Council** for more info.

WORSHIP



We are looking for a few additional volunteers to join our Audio/Visual Team and help support our worship services. No experience is necessary—we'll provide training. If you are comfortable with technology, enjoy working behind the scenes, or simply want to serve the church in a new way, we would love to have you. Interested in learning more and making a meaningful difference? Contact the church office or speak with a member of the pastoral staff.

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".



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](#).

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.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER REGISTRATION IS OPEN

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.

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.

All volunteers must register through Rise Against Hunger.

Use this [LINK TO REGISTER](#) for the October 18 event.



Have A Heart For Mission?

Want to learn about ways to connect and serve? Fill the form out [through this link](#) to sign up or learn more about specific Mission endeavors. Contact [Brian Daoust](#) or [Karey Tom](#) if you have questions.

SELWYN CAMPUS STAFF

Lori Archer Raible, *Pastor*
Brian Daoust, *Associate Pastor*
Allyson Anderson, *Resident Pastor at QHPC*
Lisa McLennan, *Parish Associate*
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