

WORSHIP AT FIRST
LORD'S DAY
JUNE 18, 2017
MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

HEAVEN: WHAT CAN CHRISTIANS
EXPECT?

"A New Heaven and a New Earth"

Revelation 21:1-5a

Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas

Children's Sermon:

"Paradise" (8:30)

The Sacrament of Baptism (11:15)



EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 p.m.

"Fear and Groaning in
the Sheep Fold"

Ezekiel 34, John 10

Dr. Mark McDowell

Thornwell Lecture

Sunday, June 18, 10:00 a.m.

In the Family Life Center

"Sex, Self, and the Reformation"

Rev. Sam Allberry



Wednesdays@First

Wednesdays@First is taking a
short break and will return on
Wednesday, July 12.



Centerpoint

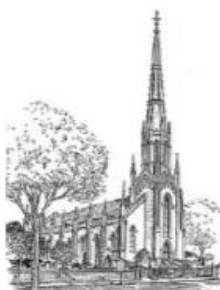
Wednesday, June 21

Camp Joy Talent Show

Supper begins at 5:00 p.m.

Program begins at 6:15 p.m.

Family Life Center



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Worship Service - Broadcast WISW 1320 AM at 11:00 a.m.

Serving the Kingdom by Fostering the Vulnerable

The Congregational Outreach Committee is constantly seeking to help members of the church to find different avenues to serve the Lord in our city. Encouraging some to consider being foster parents is one such avenue. Here are some helpful insights about foster care from two First Presbyterian members.

As foster parents, there are a few "stock" questions or comments that we receive. Perhaps the easiest way to explain foster care is to answer some of these questions.

Q: *Are you going to adopt?*

A: For most of these kiddos, that isn't even on the table. Foster care is about **reunification**. Of the estimated 500,000 children in foster care around the U.S., approximately 50% of those children will be reunified with their parents/caretakers. Only 25% will end up being adopted out of care and, of that percentage, 80% will be older than two.

Q: *I could never do that; I would get too attached!*

A: Honestly, the best possible thing you could do for a foster child is to get attached. These kiddos are in care for any one of a hundred reasons. Very rarely will you find a cut and dried situation, but the one thing that does stand out is that these are children. Children who need and *crave* structure, discipline, and love. Deuteronomy 10:18 says that God *executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing*. Knowing that we can't exact justice for them, it is an encouragement that he **will**, and, in the meantime, we will love them.

Q: *Do you get paid for this? and, Do they come with a starter pack?*

A: Each state has a formula for determining what it takes financially to raise a child, and that is passed along to foster parents as a board payment. In South Carolina, that was recently increased and now for ages 0-5, it constitutes \$13.46/day.

Most children come into care with nothing but the clothes on their backs... literally. And no, DSS doesn't provide for them. If they have a few things in the supply closet at the office they may pass them along, but that isn't the norm. Children who are coming from another placement may come with clothes and shoes, but those items are typically thrust into a trash bag for a quick exit.

Q: *How can the church help?*

A: I'll be honest, this isn't one of the stock questions we receive, but I'm hoping we can change that.

We need people who are willing to dedicate themselves to fostering, i.e. short-term care. People who will "step up to the plate" in the name of Christ, and do whatever it takes (which may be much!) to meet the needs of these kiddos.

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2017 THORNWELL LECTURES
STILL REFORMING
 THE REFORMATION AT 500

Rev. Sam Allberry

Rev. Allberry is a pastor based in Maidenhead, UK, where he serves on the speaking team of Ravi Zacharias International Ministries, and he works as an editor for The Gospel Coalition. The list of his books that are for sale with a payment envelope in the Atrium of Jackson Hall are: *Is God Anti-Gay?*, *Why Bother With Church?*, and *James for You*.



- Jun 18 Sam Allberry - *Sex, Self, and the Reformation*
- Jun 25 W. Robert Godfrey - *The Church Imperative*
- Jul 2 Vincent Bacote - *The Lord of All? The Reformation of Politics*
- Jul 9 Mark Ross - *Post Tenebras Lux: Shepherds After God's Own Heart*
- Jul 16 William Edgar - *How Does the Reformation Help Us Relate to Culture*
- Jul 23 Jonny Gibson - *Reformation Worship: Why We Do What We Do in Church*
- Jul 30 Michael A.G. Haykin - *Women of the Reformation*
- Aug 6 Brian Habig - *The Failure of the Reformation*
- Aug 13 Timothy George - *The Future of the Reformation*



Camp Joy Talent Show

For the second year in a row, we are hosting the Talent Show night of Camp Joy (South Carolina). It will be the program for Centerpoint on

Wednesday, June 21. Centerpoint that evening will be held in the Family Life Center with dinner being served from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., and the Talent Show will begin at 6:15 p.m. Come join us for this special evening with these special friends.

Established in 1980, Camp Joy is a Christian co-ed camp serving those with special needs. Run by Christian Education Ministries, Camp Joy is only possible through donations and camper fees which underwrite the cost. The first session of Camp Joy served 13 counselors and 9 campers. Now four individual sessions are held each summer at Bonclarken; one in Aiken, South Carolina; and one in Lake Wales, Florida. These sessions serve hundreds of special needs campers, counselors and staff members each year.

In Memoriam

Claudia (Toddie) Clarke McNair
 December 23, 1941 - June 7, 2017

(Serving the Kingdom - continued from cover.)

We need people to emulate Deuteronomy 26:13:

Then you shall say before the LORD your God, 'I have removed the sacred portion out of my house, and moreover, I have given it to the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, according to all your commandment that you have commanded me...

Reality says that not everyone is called to take in foster children. But everyone **is** called to care for the marginalized. So maybe you can buy a car seat, take a meal to a foster family, mow their lawn, or babysit for a couple of hours. Or maybe what you feel able to do is to call them one afternoon and ask how they are, and pray for them on the phone – believe me, that would mean more than you know...

Hannah Engroos and Stephanie Yarborough



People for Prayer

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| Mr. Glenn Addison | Ms. Francee Levin |
| Mrs. Susi Bagrow | Mr. Luke Stephen Liming |
| Mrs. Vera Bajenski | Mrs. Debbie Maner |
| Mrs. Emma Boyd | Mrs. Molly Mathews |
| Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Brown | Mr. Micah McCoy |
| *Master Andrew Taylor Bryan | Mrs. Ann McDowell |
| Miss Reese Burdette | Mr. Britt McDowell |
| Mr. Michael Cassells | Mr. Jack McDowell |
| Mrs. Lucy Claiborne | Miss Laura Michelle Merwin |
| Mr. John Collins | Miss Debbie Mielke |
| Mr. Michael Connelly | Mr. Bryan Miller |
| Mrs. Michale Connelly | Master A.J. Monte |
| Mr. John Milton Cooper III | Dr. Michael Montgomery |
| Mr. Frank Cureton | Mrs. Lydia Newell |
| Mrs. Jeanie Dynarski | Mr. Allen Pettigrew |
| Mrs. Gelene Ellsworth | Mrs. Betty Petty |
| Mr. Jon Evans | Miss Anna Holden Price |
| Master Gabriel Fleming | Mrs. Ruthie Fowles Rush |
| Mr. Elmer Frick | Mrs. Mary Russell |
| Mrs. Mary Frick | Mrs. Ursula Slimp |
| Ms. Natalie Gibson | Mrs. Rachel Thomas |
| Mrs. Carol Glass | Mr. John Thompson |
| Ms. Mary Green | Mr. & Mrs. David Tidwell |
| Mrs. Helen Groetzinger | *Mrs. Margaret Watson |
| Mr. Jack Haynes | Mrs. Nell West |
| Mrs. Holly Herro | Mr. & Mrs. Richard West |
| Mr. & Mrs. Craig Hewitt | Mrs. Sharon Wickstrom |
| Mrs. Shannon Hopper | Mrs. Rachel P. Wiggins |
| *Ms. Louisa Huebel | Mr. Burns Windley |
| Mrs. Zina Kaplan | |
| Mr. Doug King | <i>Italics = Non-member</i> |
| Mrs. Chris Kneisley | * <i>New addition</i> |

If you have put someone on this list and their need has passed, or for any additions, please contact Lisa Eargle at 799-9062, Ext. 244, or leargle@firstprescolumbia.org.

Baccalaureate Sunday June 2017 - Addition

Allison Lynae Auld
Masters of Art - Clinical Counseling
Columbia International University

Youth Summer Activities

High School Sunday Hangout
Following the evening service

Middle School Swim & Study
Tuesdays 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

High School Random Thursday
Locations will change each week.



Check the parent email or our website for info about where we will be each week.

firstprescolumbia.org/youthregistration

Church Family

Congratulations to:

Martha and Joey Byron III, on the birth of their daughter, Gatsby Mae Byron, on Wednesday, June 7. Proud grandparents are Susan and Rusty DePass.

Mary Park and Dave Mynatt who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, June 16.

Items for Church Family?

Contact Lisa Eargle at 799-9062, Ext. 244, or leargle@firstprescolumbia.org.

**Oh, taste and
see that the LORD
is good! Blessed
is the man who
takes refuge
in him!**

Psalm 34:8



*The Women of the First Presbyterian Church
invite the congregation
to a reception honoring
the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Mark Ian McDowell
Sunday, June 18, 2017
immediately following the evening worship service
Jackson Hall.*

Spanish Conversation Group

A Spanish Conversation Group is meeting in The Bridge Coffee Shop on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. to practice Spanish – perhaps to help on a mission trip or around town. Please contact Mason Drummond with any questions at Mdrummond114@andersonuniversity.edu. *Gracias.*

Monthly Evangelism Training & Fellowship Meets this week, Thursday, June 15, at 6:00 p.m., in BR001

Come join our new monthly evangelism ministry called Ambassadors of the King that meets every third Thursday of the month. It is a time to encourage and equip the saints in evangelism and apologetics. Each meeting includes in-depth training, prayer, time sharing evangelism experiences, encouraging one another, and planning evangelism opportunities in our local community. All are welcome, no matter your evangelism experience. For more information, contact David Lauten at 799-9062, Ext. 225, or dlauten@firstprescolumbia.org.

Summer Bible Study for Women!

None Like Him: 10 Ways God is Different From Us
(and why that's a good thing) by Jen Wilkin

For six weeks this summer, we'll meet together and "consider the majesty of a limitless God." Join us on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. beginning June 22 - July 27 in BR201.

Don't worry about missing a week if you're out of town. Questions? Contact Emily Woodard at 799-9062, Ext 242, or ewoodard@firstprescolumbia.org.

Register Now: Summer Basketball Camp

Sign up online at firstprescolumbia.org/rm-basketball

Camp dates: Monday, July 31, to Thursday, August 3.

Session I - Girls: Rising 1st - Rising 8th grade from 9:00 a.m. - noon

Session II - Boys: Rising 1st - Rising 8th grade from 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Questions? Contact Jimmy Easterby at jeasterby@firstprescolumbia.org or call 543-9456.

Encouragers and AIA Ministries

Anyone over 50 (Married or Single)

Patriotic Dinner and Sing Along

Thursday, June 29, at 5:30 p.m. in Jackson Hall

Guest Speaker: Tom Gottshall – WW1 Presentation

Cost: \$7 (Veterans are Free)

RSVP by **Sunday, June 25**, to Lisa Eargle at 799-9062, Ext. 455, or leargle@firstprescolumbia.org.



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THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Sunday, June 18

Music Ministry Mission Trip - Poland & France

8:30 a.m. Worship Service* - Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Sunday School for Children and Youth* - Church Campus

10:00 a.m. Thornwell Lecture Series - Family Life Center

10:50 a.m. Fellowship - Jackson Hall

11:15 a.m. Worship Service* - Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. Laurel Crest Service - Laurel Crest

5:00 p.m. Church-Wide Prayer* - T301

6:00 p.m. Evening Service* - Sanctuary

7:15 p.m. Reception for Dr. and Mrs. Mark McDowell - Jackson Hall

Monday, June 19

Horizon High School Conference - Bonclarken
Music Ministry Mission Trip - Poland & France

9:00 a.m. Aerobics@First - FLC

12:00 p.m. Recorder Ensemble Rehearsal - P107

4:30 p.m. Worship, Music, & Sacraments Committee - P402A

5:30 p.m. Session Meeting - P402

5:30 p.m. College Bible Study - Off-site

Tuesday, June 20

Horizon High School Conference - Bonclarken
Music Ministry Mission Trip - Poland & France

7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer - P402A

8:30 a.m. Staff Prayer - BR201

9:00 a.m. Ministry Staff Meeting - BR201

1:00 p.m. Middle School Swim & Study - Off-site

5:30 p.m. Men's Basketball (Ages 40 & up) - Family Life Center

Wednesday, June 21

Horizon High School Conference - Bonclarken
Music Ministry Mission Trip - Poland & France

9:00 a.m. Aerobics@First - FLC

5:00 p.m. Centerpoint Dinner - Family Life Center

6:00 p.m. Centerpoint Nursery (Birth-3 years) - T106/T112

6:15 p.m. Centerpoint Kids - Thornwell

6:15 p.m. Camp Joy Talent Show - Family Life Center

Thursday, June 22

High School Random Thursday
Horizon High School Conference - Bonclarken
Music Ministry Mission Trip - Poland & France

7:30 a.m. Men's Discipleship Bible Study - Blue Marlin - Vista Room

7:30 a.m. Strategic Planning Committee - P301

5:30 p.m. Young Men's Basketball (Ages 18 & up) - Family Life Center

7:00 p.m. Women's Summer Bible Study - BR201

Friday, June 23

Horizon High School Conference - Bonclarken
Music Ministry Mission Trip - Poland & France

9:00 a.m. Aerobics@First - FLC

Saturday, June 24

Horizon High School Conference - Bonclarken
Music Ministry Mission Trip - Poland & France

**Childcare is available from birth to four years.*

If, at any time, you have an emergency, please call 513-7931 to contact a pastor.