

SANDHILLS MINISTRIES

VISITORS We are so glad to have you with us today. If you would like more information or just want to get connected, please fill out a visitor's card (located under the chair in front of you) and place it in the offering. We also have a visitor's table in the lobby for your convenience. Welcome!

PRAYER CHAIN Barbara Rost is our new prayer coordinator. All prayer requests should be sent to her at therostfamily@gmail.com. Her phone number is 910-988-2888.

NURSERY Infants through 2 years old are in rooms 107-108. 2-3 year olds are downstairs. To volunteer for the nursery or if you have questions, contact Libba Roberts, Nursery Coordinator ~ 910.986.2220 ~ libbrob@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY COVENANT PRAYER Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 7:00-8:00pm the youth and parents are invited to meet together to pray WITH and FOR our covenant children. This is an opportunity for students, parents, and our extended church family.

YOUTH Youth Group M.S. and H.S. meets Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm, at the church. If you have questions, contact Jacob Skogen or Pastor Mike Windish ~ 910.692.5834, ~ mwwindishjr@gmail.com or http://spcayouth.wordpress.com/

MEN Our men's "D.A.W.N. Group" (Discipleship and Weekly Nurture) meets Wednesday mornings at 6:30am at the church. Please contact Senior Pastor, Kevin Skogen ~ 910.692.5834 with questions.

WOMEN Our women's ministry is combined for the summer. Wed.am from 9:30-11:30. Please contact the church office if you are interested ~ 910.692.5834 ~ sandhillspca@nc.rr.com.

SMALL GROUPS We presently offer various groups. Some are organized by geography, some by age and stage, and some by topic. Please see our website for more info or contact Gene Fuzy ~ 910.245-2201 ~ gene@fuzyonline.net.

MISSIONS Our church is passionate about responding to the Great Commission through local and global missions. Please see our website for a list of mission works which we support, and contact Don Harkey, the Chair of our Missions Committee ~ 910.690.3698 ~ dharkey@cmpd.org.

MUSIC Adult Choir will begin again Tuesday, September 6th at 6pm.

SANDHILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PASTORAL STAFF

Kevin Skogen, Senior Pastor

Mike Windish, Associate Pastor

DEACON ON DUTY Larry Haywood

GREETERS This Week: Bob & Mitzi Rhodes;

Next Week: Andy & Kathy Wilkison; Don & Janet Harkey

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:	General Fund	Faith Promise Missions Pledges
Monthly Amount Needed:	\$48,883.33	\$7,105.75
Amount received last week:	\$6,047.67	\$310.00
Amount received in August:	\$46,105.17	\$2,555.36



Sandhills is a church rooted in historic, biblical Christianity and a member of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). Our church was founded in 1990, and our desire is to *reach* out in the name of Christ, *embrace* all who call on his name, and *disciple* those who do so. We are glad to have you worship with us!

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The Lord's Day

September 4, 2011

Sunday School, 9:45 AM – Morning Worship, 11:00 AM – Evening Worship, 5:30 PM

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ruling Elder, Scott Boulton

PRELUDE As the music plays, we invite you to prepare your heart for worship. Please read the meditation and look over the songs and scripture passages as you ask the Lord to help you worship Him.

MEDITATION

The temptations of Jesus in the desert show us what kind of strategies the powers will use on us. You will be tempted exactly as Jesus was, because Jesus was being tempted exactly as we are. You will be tempted with consumption, security, and status. You will be tempted to provide for yourself, to protect yourself, and to exalt yourself. And at the core of these three is a common impulse—to cast off the fatherhood of God. Ultimately, the agony of temptation is not about you or me. We're targeted because we resemble Jesus, our firstborn brother. We all, whether believers or not, bear some resemblance to Jesus because we share with him a human nature in the image of God. Temptation—for the entire human race, for the people of Israel, and for each of us personally—starts with a question of identity, moves to a confusion of the desires, and ultimately heads to a contest of futures. In short, there's a reason you want what you don't want to want. Temptation is embryonic, personality specific, and purpose directed. ~ Russell Moore, Tempted and Tried

***GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP**

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. . . . Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.
Hebrews 12:22-24, 28-29

***GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND WITH PRAISE** Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem (#271)

***GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO REPENTANCE**

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.
Hebrews 5:7-9

***GOD’S PEOPLE CONFESS THEIR SIN**

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Grant us this day a true sight of all that You suffered, in Your betrayal, Your lonely agony, Your false trial, Your mocking and scourging, and the torture of Your death upon the cross. Looking on You whom we have pierced, we would mourn for our sins with deep sorrow; we would learn from You to forgive, with You to suffer, in You to overcome. Oh our Savior, our best is pathetic and shameful and we bless You Lord Jesus that Your life of righteousness now counts for us and we humbly pray that as You have given Yourself utterly for us, that we might give ourselves entirely to You, O Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Savior. Amen.

***GOD ASSURES US OF OUR FORGIVENESS**

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
Hebrews 4:14-16

***GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND WITH PRAISE** Who is This, So Weak and Helpless (#239)

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND BY THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

GOD CALLS US TO CAST OUR CARES UPON HIM

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.
Hebrews 10:19-23

PRAYERS & PETITIONS Associate Pastor, Mike Windish

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD John 18:12-27
“Doing the Best You Can?” Senior Pastor, Kevin Skogen

THE LORD’S SUPPER
This is an opportunity for all of us to seek the Lord. The Lord’s Supper is an occasion for all baptized Christians to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by him, and celebrate him. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, are a member of a church that embraces the Gospel, are at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully, are invited to partake. If you are not a Christian, or if you choose not to share in this meal, we invite you to spend this time in prayer.
A Word to Parents: To receive communion, a child must have been baptized and been formally received as a communing member by the Session of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong.

HYMN OF DISTRIBUTION Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (#598)

***HYMN OF THANKSGIVING** Before the Throne of God Above

***BENEDICTION** Simeon’s Prayer, Luke 2
*Now we depart in Your peace, sovereign Lord;
Filled with Your promises; blessed by Your Word.
Darkness is over! Christ pierces the night,
Our eyes now seeing salvation’s sure light.*

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**Those who are able, please stand.*

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE Please join us for our **5:30 PM** worship service.

