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## LEADERSHIP

Drew Martin	Assistant Pastor
Chip McAulay	Assistant Pastor
Mike Windish	Pastoral Intern
Joe Arnold	Ruling Elder
Scott Boulton	Ruling Elder
John Carter	Ruling Elder
Chuck Robbins	Ruling Elder, Clerk
Tom Smith	Ruling Elder
Gray Cockman	Deacon
Bill Crisp	Deacon, Chairman
Larry Haywood	Deacon
Charlie Proulx	Deacon
John Stone	Deacon

## WELCOME CHILDREN

Claire Kirby  
Landon Rizzo

## UPCOMING EVENTS

See Enclosed Fridge Notes!

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## FROM THE SESSION

Dear Church Family,

Summer is a busy time. If you were out of town over the July 4th weekend, you might have missed our big news: We have called a congregational meeting immediately following the worship service on Sunday, July 19th, in order to vote on the call of Kevin Skogen to be our next Senior Pastor. The Pulpit Committee has been hard at work for over a year and after much prayer, Kevin Skogen has been called to our church, pending the congregational vote.

We are planning multiple events at various times leading up to July 19th so that everyone will have a chance to meet and interact with Pastor Skogen and his family. Pastor Skogen will also be preaching on the 19th.

Please take a moment to read the newsletter that has information on Pastor Skogen as well as some other information on the church. And, put the insert on your fridge so you won't miss anything!

Sincerely, Joe Arnold, Scott Boulton, John Carter, Chuck Robbins & Tom Smith

## FROM THE PULPIT COMMITTEE

We have been hard at work for a little over a year. Last summer, we created a mission statement: "With humble dependence upon God, our mission is to recognize, through the confirmation of the Holy Spirit, the man that God has already chosen to shepherd Sandhills Presbyterian Church".

Thank you for your Prayers, your Patience, and your Participation in this process.

We are excited for all of you to have the opportunity to meet Pastor Kevin Skogen and his family, the man we as a committee feel God has chosen to shepherd our church.

Please continue to pray with us through this transition, Pastor Skogen's meeting with the Presbytery on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely, Scott Boulton (Elder), Lorraine Buracker, Allison Carter, John Caviness (Committee Chairman), Troy Decker, Charlie Proulx (Deacon), Chuck Robbins (Elder), and Sheila Theune (Committee Secretary).

## OUR PASTORAL CANDIDATE: KEVIN SKOGEN

**The Skogen Family**

**Left to Right: Dana, Bonnie, Kevin and Annie**

**Not Pictured: Sons Jacob, Caleb, Seth, and Joseph**

Pastor Kevin Skogen grew up in eastern Washington State and attended Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA. He played football there under the legendary coach Frosty Westering, who was a tremendous Christian influence in his life. As the Captain of the Football Team, Pastor Skogen led PLU to two National Championship games. He met his wife, Dana, while in college at PLU and they were married in July 1983. They have six children: Jacob (24), Caleb (22), Seth (20), Joseph (18), Annie (16) and Bonnie Lynn (14). They have one grandson, Joseph (15 months). In addition to spending time with his family, Pastor Skogen enjoys reading and coaching football/basketball (and in the process developing Christian young men).

Before attending Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, where he graduated Summa Cum Laude, Pastor Skogen served in Jail Evangelism with Youth For Christ for almost four years. After seminary, he returned to Tacoma, WA, and served as the Associate Pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church under Senior Pastor Dr. Robert Rayburn. He has served as the Senior Pastor of Reformed Presbyterian Church in Lookout Mountain, Georgia, since January 1993. He has also had many speaking engagements over the years.

If you wish to see more information on Pastor Skogen, copies of his resume and Ministerial Data Form (MDF) are available at the church.

## PICNIC IN THE PARK

The Fellowship Committee is hosting a Church-Wide *"Picnic in the Park"* on from 4-7pm on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at The Reservoir Park (around the corner from the church). All ages are invited to participate! **Please bring picnic items for your family to eat and bring a dessert to share.** Paper products and beverages will be provided by the church. Bring whatever you'd like for the evening: lawn chairs, frisbees, horseshoes, bicycles, canoes/kayaks, fishing poles, your dog (if you want), etc. We will have some games/events so we can all share some laughter and fellowship. But, we'll allow plenty of time to visit as well!

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE/PARTICIPATE AT SANDHILLS PRESBYTERIAN

Critical Need: Children's Church Volunteers (Contact Heather Windish) (See Page 4)

Greeters (Contact John Rowerdink)

Vacation Bible School – Donations Needed

Various Projects Around the Church (See Notes from Deacons below)

## 2009 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

VBS 2009 is July 13-17<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 12:15pm. The theme is **“Sound the trumpets! The King is Coming!”** Register your child today! Forms can be found on the VBS table located in the church entry. If you are unable to commit your time during VBS week, you can still contribute through prayer and support. Contact Sheila Theune at 910-692-8458 or [sheilatheune@usa.net](mailto:sheilatheune@usa.net) with any questions/concerns. Contact Loretta Arnold for more information about the snack needs 639-5261 or [tnmntgirl@gmail.com](mailto:tnmntgirl@gmail.com).

## VBS Needs for Donations:

**SNACKS**

Powdered Drink Mix (Lemonade, Kool-Aid, etc)  
Goldfish Crackers  
Chex Mix  
Cheese Crackers (Cheese-its)  
Homemade Chocolate Chip/Oatmeal Cookies (07/14)  
Homemade Brownies (07/15)  
Homemade Rice Crispy Treats (07/16)  
Homemade Cupcakes (Iced & Decorated) (07/17)  
decoration

**CRAFTS:**

Dry Erase Markers  
Elmer's Glue/Craft Clue  
Craft Markers

**COSTUME/DECORATION NEEDS:**

Mardi Gras Beads  
Costume Jewelry  
Anything Medieval (for that can be used as a

Craft Prep Times: July 6<sup>th</sup> (Monday), July 7<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) and July 9<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) from 9am-12pm at the Church

Decorating Times: July 8-10<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday – Friday) starting at 9am

**We will decorate the Sanctuary on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, immediately following worship**

## NOTES FROM THE DEACONS

We have a number of projects that we need volunteer help with. **Would you, your family, small group, or Sunday School Class volunteer to help with any of the following projects?**

- \*Sand/repaint metal railing outside church
- \*Clean out / reorganize storage room off sanctuary
- \*Install fence around the retention pond
- \*Rebuild screening fence around the dumpster
- \*Stencil “VISITORS PARKING ONLY” on the parking spaces closest to front doors of the church.
- \*Install sheet rock / repair lock on storage room under the stairs
- \*Remove old wooden play structure in the kindergarten play ground

We have had some problems recently with our rest rooms that have caused inconveniences to many. Please be extremely careful what you flush down the toilets. If you have any questions, put it in the trash. And please instruct your children in what's proper to flush as well.

If you would like to help with any of the projects listed above or if you see anything in the way of building maintenance or cleaning that you feel should be addressed, we would appreciate it if you would write a note to us (the Deacons) leave it with Amy Woodside or Barbee Decker in the Church Office. Or, contact Bill Crisp at [wrcrisp@yahoo.com](mailto:wrcrisp@yahoo.com). Please be sure to include your contact information in case we don't understand your comments.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6* Our church is blessed with some outstanding teachers to help with the Christian training of our covenant children. You may have met them in the nursery, teaching Sunday school, helping with youth meetings, or teaching in Children's Church.

Our Children's Church was designed for children from 4 years old through the second grade to provide an extended Sunday school learning experience as well as a worship experience. The valuable lessons our children learn help to build their character and Christian growth. Dr. James Dobson is often quoted as saying, *"What can possibly compete with our responsibility to introduce our kids to Jesus Christ and to insure our being together throughout eternity."*

Feel assured the children are being provided with well-planned lessons that center around the sovereignty of God. The teachers put a lot of time and effort into their preparation but they need help. ***We have reached a critical point for the Children's Church ministry. If more volunteers do not step forward, this ministry may be temporarily or permanently discontinued.*** The lessons and crafts are provided to the teachers and helpers. If you have prayed about helping, feel it is your responsibility and within your gifts to introduce our covenant children to Christ and are willing to give a small amount of time to make a big difference, please contact Heather Windish (245-7776) or email her at [hwindish@embarqmail.com](mailto:hwindish@embarqmail.com).

## YOUTH

The Youth Ministry is in full swing for another action packed summer. Drew, along with our interns, Kat Jones and Michael Hieronymus, are leading summer Bible studies for the youth during the week (faith, food, fellowship, and fun). They also have planned a number of trips and activities. You can read more about them on the youth website, but one of the summer highlights worth emphasizing here is the trip to BASIC Blowout in Greenville NC (July 18-25).

At BASIC Blowout, the youth will spend the days serving others in a variety of ways, ranging from leading Vacation Bible Schools and Backyard Bible Clubs, to construction work for various ministries, to organizing clothing at the Salvation Army, to volunteering at nursing homes – you get the idea. In the evenings they will spend time in worship and fellowship with youth from other churches around the country. We have 31 Youth and leaders attending!

In the meantime, don't miss out on the following events for youth and families!

Weekly High School and Middle School Summer Fellowship Groups meet on Wednesdays (MS is at the church from 11am-2pm; HS is at the Martin's, 3 Bay Court, Pinehurst, from 6-9pm)

**July 12** – Drive-in Movie in Albemarle – Details to be announced

**July 18-25** – BASIC Blowout in Greenville, NC

**August 2** – Cook-out for Youth and their Families for the Interns last Sunday

**HAVE QUESTIONS** about the ministry to youth & families? Please contact Asst Pastor Drew Martin ([drewmartin@nc.rr.com](mailto:drewmartin@nc.rr.com) or 692-5834).

**YOUTH WEBSITE:** [www.sandhillspca.org/youth](http://www.sandhillspca.org/youth)

## NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

If you are new to our congregation, or if your contact information has changed, please be sure that the church office has your correct contact information. We keep (or try to keep) a current directory of members and attendees. We also send out periodic updates via mail and email.