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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

## NEW MEMBERS

Charles/Charlotte McKnight  
Josh/Libba Roberts

## WELCOME CHILDREN

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Laina Martin

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## NOTES FROM THE SESSION

The Session has bi-monthly meetings. Non-confidential items of interest are shared in this newsletter and on our website under the "Announcements" tab. Recent Information from Session Meetings:

\*Elder, John Carter, is working to create a fellowship committee. Those interested in serving on this committee should speak with any Elder or contact John Carter (phone 910-904-1821 or email [john.carter@embarqmail.com](mailto:john.carter@embarqmail.com)).

\*Recently, your elders and our previous pastor, Ken Cross, have met and reconciled their differences. We were helped in this process by two other PCA pastors in our presbytery who aided us in following Matthew 18:15-20 to its happy conclusion. The Spirit has worked in our hearts – individually and as a group. It is our hope and prayer that He does the same in each of you, and in our congregation, to bring healing to us and honor to Christ.

## NOTES FROM THE DEACONS

As many of you know we had an emergency on a recent Sunday morning with our rest rooms. It seems the pump which pumps the effluent up to the sewer on Pee Dee Road was plugged with what appeared to be diaper wipes. This is the 3rd time we've had a problem like this (one time involved a new pump and each with a different material) and in addition to the cost, it inconvenienced a great many people as well. Please be extremely careful what you flush down the toilet. If you have any questions, put it in the trash. And please instruct your children in what's proper to flush as well.

We still have a number projects that could profit from some volunteer help. **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 sheet rock / repair lock on storage room under the stairs

\*Remove old wooden play structure in the kindergarten play ground

\*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.

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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 17<sup>th</sup>: Youth Interns Start  
 May 17<sup>th</sup>: Youth/Parents Dinner to Welcome Summer Interns  
 May 30<sup>th</sup>: Women in the Church (WIC) Luncheon – RSVP!!  
 May 31<sup>st</sup>: 4pm Kids Choir Concert Followed By Pot-Luck Dinner  
 June 7<sup>th</sup>: The Lord's Supper During Worship  
 June 7<sup>th</sup>: Reception for Graduating Seniors  
 June 14<sup>th</sup>: Bottles Collected for "Blessing in a Bottle" Campaign  
 July 13-17<sup>th</sup>: VBS

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE/PARTICIPATE AT SANDHILLS PRESBYTERIAN

- Children's Church Volunteers (Contact Heather Windish)  
 Fellowship Committee (Contact John Carter)  
 Greeters (Contact John Rowerdink)  
 Nursery Volunteers (Contact Church Office)  
 Summer Supper Clubs  
 Vacation Bible School – Volunteers Needed  
 Various Projects Around the Church (See Information from Deacons on Page 1)

## SUMMER SUPPER CLUBS

Summer Supper Clubs will start up in June. If you have not signed up for one yet, it is not too late! Supper Clubs are groups of 8-10 people who get together to share a meal in June, July, and August. Groups can be adults only or can include children. This is a great way to get to know others in the church body and have fellowship with folks you may not know! Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex, or you may contact the church office at [sandhillspca@nc.rr.com](mailto:sandhillspca@nc.rr.com) or 910-692-5834.

## NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

We will soon be working on a new directory. If you are new to our congregation, please be sure that the church office has your contact information. We keep (or try to keep) a current directory of members and attendees. And, we do send out periodic updates via mail and email.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The new quarter of classes for Adult Sunday School begins June 7<sup>th</sup> with the following classes:

- \*James: Tom Smith will teach on the book of James in the Sanctuary
- \*\*"Experiencing God": Tom Hill will teach this in the Good Stewardship Room. This course, developed over the years by Henry Blackaby, a Spirit-led church planter who is quiet and humble but full of wisdom about the Lord, utilizes a great workbook, and informative videos and is a fantastic way for new (or "old") believers to more fully develop their Christian walk. These are just a few of the questions answered during this workshop: "When is God speaking to me?", "How can I be sure every day about my faith?", "What does God want to me to do for him and how do I know?", "How can I continue to grow deeply in my Christian faith?"
- \*\*"Sandhills Presbyterian 101" for future/current members: Pastor Chip McAulay will teach this in his office

## NEWS IN OUR MIDST

Wes, Tracy and Jenna Martin have exciting news! They have just completed the adoption of Laina, a 2-year-old little girl from St. Petersburg, Russia. The Martins are grateful for those who have been praying for them and for those who have helped by contributing financially, contributing frequent flyer miles, etc. You can read more about their journey on their blog [www.findingcerys.blogspot.com](http://www.findingcerys.blogspot.com).

### WOMEN IN THE CHURCH SPRING LUNCHEON

ATTENTION ALL LADIES: Please join us for a Luncheon at the church on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:30. We want to welcome ladies who are new to the church, or ladies who are not so new, but are not active at the church, to this great time of fellowship and getting to know each other. We will have table "hostesses" who will set their tables with a simple centerpiece, tablecloths (cloth/paper) and dishes (china/paper). Our menu includes various salads (chicken, tuna, potato, congealed, and tossed), bread/crackers, beverages & dessert. We want to plan who is bringing what dishes and do not want the new ladies to feel obligated to bring food. In order to plan for tables/food, we are asking that anyone who wishes to attend RSVP to the church office.

### 2009 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

VBS 2009 is July 13-17th. The theme is "Sound the trumpets! The King is Coming!". Adult and Jr./Sr. high Youth volunteers are needed in all areas: leading, teaching, music, crafts, recreation, publicity, decorating, preparation, general support, and most importantly prayer! Those interested in helping should contact Sheila Theune at 910-692-8458 or [sheilatheune@usa.net](mailto:sheilatheune@usa.net).

### NURSERY MINISTRY

We are in need of a new nursery coordinator (or a team of folks to share the responsibilities) that schedules the volunteers for the nursery. We have 35+/- volunteers who work in the nursery on a rotational basis to care for 15-25 children each week. We need more nursery volunteers! If everyone does his/her part, each volunteer will work only 1-2 Sundays per quarter. Anyone interested in serving as Nursery Coordinator or as a Volunteer should contact the church office at [sandhillspca@nc.rr.com](mailto:sandhillspca@nc.rr.com) or 910-692-5834.

### 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 First Fridays and 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. **Children's Church needs more volunteers.** 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 gearing up for another action packed summer. Drew is especially excited about the Interns who will be serving with us this summer. He can't wait for you to meet Kat Jones and Michael Hieronymus. Kat and Michael will help lead, teach, and hang out with the youth this summer, all the while working with Drew through a course in practical theology. Keep an eye out for them around the church, and be sure to introduce yourself to them! (Continued on next page)

## YOUTH (Continued from previous page)

Drew and the interns will once again be 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. See Drew or call the church office for sign-up info, and don't miss the sign-up deadline (\$120 if paid by June 1; \$130 if paid by the June 22 cut-off).

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

**May 17-Youth & Parent Tailgate, 6-8 pm:** Come out to the church parking lot for a tailgate and a chance to meet the summer youth interns! (we provide the fried chicken, drinks, utensils, and activities, you bring a side or dessert and lawn chairs).

**May 24-No Youth Group (Memorial Day):** Meet instead for dinner at How Ya Doin' Pizza (downtown Southern Pines) from 6-7:30. Bring \$ for dinner, video games, and jukebox.

**May 31-Covenant Kids Choir/Potluck, 4 pm:** All youth (and parents too) are encouraged to come out and support the kids choir. Bring a dish to share and watch the bulletin for more details.

**June 1** – Deadline for \$120 Payment for BASIC Blowout.

**June 7-Honor Graduating Seniors, 6-8 pm:** The WHOLE CHURCH is invited to a worship service led by the youth, followed by a reception to honor our GRADUATING SENIORS.

**June 22** – Deadline for \$130 Payment for BASIC Blowout

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

## GRADUATING SENIORS

The WHOLE CHURCH is invited to a worship service led by the youth, followed by a reception to honor our GRADUATING SENIORS on Sunday, June 7, 2009.

2009 High School Seniors: Charity Haskins, Logan Hawke, Josh Kearns, John Kropp, Jay Pitt, Robert Stone, and Mary Catherine Wilkison

2009 College Seniors: Andrew Boulton and Jacob Hall

## SUMMER YOUTH INTERNS

Our 2009 Summer Youth Interns are Michael Hieronymous and Kat Jones. Please welcome them!

Kat Jones has taught for three years and presently works at Southern Middle School. She grew up in Scotland County and graduated from Campbell University in 2006. She loves to travel and spent two summers overseas serving the Lord in Germany and Ukraine during college. She also enjoys reading, playing guitar, ultimate frisbee, knitting, cooking, and watching movies. She looks forward to developing strong and purposeful relationships with the youth in hopes that they can spur one another along in their walks with the Lord.

Michael Hieronymus is a rising sophomore at UNC-Chapel Hill majoring in Biostatistics with a minor in Chemistry. He graduated from Pinecrest last year and is a Southern Pines/Pinehurst area native. He is a big sports fan, and when he's not watching the Tar Heels win national championships, there are few sports he doesn't enjoy playing himself. This summer he is excited about building on his previous experience as a Young Life leader by sharing his faith and growing with the youth of our church.