June 17-21  9am - 12pm

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
2013
On the Sunday of the Memorial Day Weekend, I preached a sermon that had been inspired by the recent David Books’ Op-Ed in the New York Times, *What Words Tell Us*. Here is an excerpt.

About two years ago, the folks at Google released a database of 5.2 million books published between 1500 and 2008. You can type a search word into the database and find out how frequently different words were used at different epochs. I’d like to tell a story about the last half-century, based on studies done with this search engine.

The **first element** in this story is rising individualism. A study by Jean M. Twenge, W. Keith Campbell and Brittany Gentile found that between 1960 and 2008 individualistic words and phrases increasingly overshadowed communal words and phrases. The **second element** of the story is demoralization. A study . . . found that general moral terms like *virtue*, *decency* and *conscience* were used less frequently over the course of the 20th century. Daniel Klein of George Mason University adds the **third element** to our story, which he calls *governmentalization* . . . politics and government have become more prevalent.

So the story I’d like to tell is this: over the past half-century, society has become more individualistic. As it has become more individualistic, it has also become less morally aware, because social and moral fabrics are inextricably linked.

In his classic book *The Great Divorce*, C. S. Lewis paints a picture of what he imagines *hell* to look like – radical individualism. As people arrive, they settle near the other newcomers; however, soon they argue with their neighbors pack up and move to the next street, neighborhood, or town. This pattern repeats itself for eternity with people continually moving further and further apart.

Returning to David Brooks:

These gradual shifts in language reflect tectonic shifts in culture. We write less about community bonds and obligations because they’re less central to our lives.

From the beginning, Christians have embraced community as a vital part of life. Christian Fellowship is the heart of the church’s life. The 2nd chapter of Acts begins with the *Day of Pentecost*, the birthday of the church, and concludes with a testimony to the power of community:

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.

What inspired people about the early Christians was the richness of their community-life. It is a shared heritage of faith that we have received – a commitment we hold in common across the generations. This faith binds us together, inspires our daily living, and sends us out into the world.

On this Sunday of the Memorial Day Weekend, I am reminded of the phrase Tom Brokaw, coined in the title of his 1998 book, *The Greatest Generation*. Brokaw wrote about the common goals and commitment of the World War II generation noting: *It is, I believe, the greatest generation any society has ever produced*. He observed that these men and women fought not for fame and recognition, but because it was *the right thing to do*. When they came back they rebuilt America.

In recent decades, we seem to have lost our way. David Brooks’ observations show that we have retreated from our community responsibilities. What is the solution? Reconnect with one another. Make a commitment of your time and energy to build, nurture, and sustain the communal institutions that are so vital to our lives. There is a wise saying that speaks clearly to this call to action: *If not you . . . then who?*

And, by the way, this is one of the best Memorial Day tributes you can CHOOSE in HONORING those who made the ultimate sacrifice!
Meet Our Seminarian Intern

Hello!

For those of you who have not met me yet, my name is Ridgley Beckett, and I will be serving at Sunrise this summer as the Seminary Intern! I was born in Philadelphia, PA and was baptized by my great grandfather, who was a Presbyterian minister! This began my career as a cradle Presbyterian! Shortly after my family moved to Concord, NC where I grew up in the Children’s Ministry at FPC Concord. Ten years later our home became Easley, SC where I was confirmed at Easley Presbyterian. I was raised a southern lady in Easley, SC until I ventured off to a women’s college in Spartanburg, SC - Converse College. At Converse I majored in Economics and Religion, and was very active on the yearbook staff, Presbyterian Student Association, Student Activities Committee, International Policy Debate Team, and student government.

While attending Converse, I found my church home at First Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg, SC. I was the summer youth intern for three summers and served as the Interim Associate Director of Youth after I graduated from Converse. My time working at FPC Spartanburg helped me learn new skills about working in the church and what ministry I felt that God was calling me to work in. In 2011, I packed my bags and embarked on the four year long journey of seminary. I am currently at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA pursuing a Masters of Divinity and Masters of Arts in Practical Theology (with a focus in Christian Education). Currently I feel called to serve in the Youth and Young adult ministries of the church, but seminary has been an exploration process for me. I have served as a Chaplain with Roper St. Francis Healthcare (last summer), and I am working with campus ministry in Decatur next year. As a part of my exploration, God has led me to you to experience ministry at Sunrise. I’m so excited to be serving at Sunrise, but most of all I’m excited about the opportunity to learn from, and build relationships with each one of you!

Now that you know where I am and where I’ve been, I’d love to give you a glimpse of my life. I am the youngest (and loudest) of three daughters in my family. While my father never had a boy, we like to say that I was the closest thing to it. In my free time (ha) I love to play Ultimate Frisbee, go cycling, run, and spend time with friends and family. I grew up riding horses and miss my mini-farm back home every day. I am an avid fan of NFL Football (Go EAGLES!) and look forward to watching the Tour De France every summer. I’m entirely too enthusiastic about the PCUSA, have been to Montreat at least once a year since I was a kid, and went to Triennium in high school! If you want to do an Energizer, I probably can do it with you. Without the people of the church in my life, I wouldn’t be where I am today, and I’m eternally grateful for the mission and ministry that the Presbyterian Church has provided me over these past 25 years, shepherding me, teaching me, and loving me for who I am: a blessed Child of God. I’m a theology nerd and love exploring the meaning of what we do and say every day (especially in the ministries of our church).

I can’t wait to finally meet all of you!
Summer Drop-In Choir is back! That means it's time for you to drop-in on the choir any Sunday morning during June, July and August. The commitment level is minimal (11am choir does not practice during the week in June, July and August), and singers of all skill levels are encouraged to join in. This is the best time to take part in choir, even if just for fun and extra fellowship. Our primary role will be to lead congregational hymn singing. We will also sing simple anthems in unison. That means you'll be singing the main melody with bass and treble voices alike. On Sunday June 2nd we'll sing *Let There Be Peace on Earth*. On the 23rd we'll sing *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* and *This Little Light of Mine*, in honor of VBS.

Look-out for Sunrise's very own vocal trio on Sunday June 9th. This trio, comprised of Chris Lang, Susan and Ray Dickinson, has the ability to blend the tone and rhythm of their voices, creating a unified sound that will make your heart soar.

We'll have clarinet on Sunday June 16th. Clarinetist Ken Graves is the son of Lamar and Terry Graves. He lives in Jackson, MS and is the Principal Clarinet for the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra. W.A. Mozart was a primary force in popularizing the clarinet, so we'll honor that fact by playing the 1st movement of his beautiful *Quintet for Clarinet & Strings, K. 581*. Read about it here: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clarinet_Quintet_(Mozart). What a treat . . . clarinet playing on Father's Day.

Hello Ladies! Summer is here, the tourists are coming, and it's time to enjoy some good old lowcountry cooking! By popular demand, we will be gathering at a Ladies Night Out favorite, Locklear's LowCountry Grill, for June's get-together. So come on out to Locklear's on Thursday, June 13 at 6:15pm. You'll enjoy the company of the fine females of Sunrise, and it is a relaxing, refreshing way to spend your evening. Plus the food is good! Locklear's is located at 320 W. Coleman Blvd. The menu features seafood selections, salads, chicken and pasta dishes . . . something for everyone! Remember, all women are welcome at Ladies Night Out—both members and guests. There is no obligation to come every month. Come when you can and enjoy yourself when you come. Be sure to mark your calendars and we'll see you at 6:15pm Thursday June 13 at Locklear's LowCountry Grill!

Please note Ladies Night Out will be taking off the months of July and August---We have a big Congregational Pot Luck CookOut coming in July; don't miss it! In lieu of Ladies Night Out in August, please consider spending an evening helping with Hands Of Christ. We'll see you for Ladies Night Out in September for our annual 'back to school' tradition at Yamato! Whoo hoo!

Have you been wondering about that beautiful garden that graces the Sunrise sign in front of the main entrance? John Wertz gifted Sunrise with the plants, and his talents and hard work. We are grateful for your generosity John!! Great job!
Interested in being on the Sunrise Youth Ministry email list? Please contact Gray Tolley at toley.gray@gmail.com

Middle School Summer Trip - The Great Unknown- August 1st-3rd, 2013:
Rising 6th-8th grade youth will have the opportunity to venture into "The Great Unknown" from August 1st-3rd. The trip is going to focus on building community, growing in our faith, finding God in the "unknown", and making some great memories! Why is this trip called "The Great Unknown" you ask? Well that is where this trip takes a twist. During this 3-day adventure we will be traveling to a number of different destinations; however, all of these destinations are going to be unknown by all youth participants! Parents of all registered youth will receive a detailed itinerary of all the destinations we will be traveling to, but these details are going to be a complete surprise to all participants until the trip is underway! Keep a look out via the weekly youth e-mail updates and snail mail for registration information!

High School Local Summer Mission Experience - Do, Love, Serve- August 5th-7th, 2013:
This summer rising 9th-graduating seniors will have the opportunity to serve our own community here in the Lowcountry with their peers from the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery! This experience will be a 3-day mission trip where we will be serving as many people as possible in our area through organizations that serve the homeless, hungry, children, handicapped, and abused. We will be staying at James Island Presbyterian where in addition to serving our community, we will also worship, eat, study, and play together! Keep a look out via the weekly youth e-mail updates and snail mail for registration information!

Upcoming Events

June
• Sunday 9th- Saturday 15th: High School Montreat!
• Monday 17th- Friday 21st: Vacation Bible School, 9am-12pm: Youth volunteer sign ups will become available during the month of May.

August
• Thursday 1st- Saturday 3rd: Middle School Summer Trip- "The Great Unknown"
• Monday August 5th- Wednesday 7th: High School Mission Experience- "Do, Love, Serve"
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Fair Information
June 17-21 9am-12pm

Everywhere Fun Fair is an exciting, kid-friendly, global fair where children will experience the love of Jesus, meet welcoming neighbors from the Bible, and explore the everyday life of neighbors from Japan, Zimbabwe, the United Kingdom, Australia, and Mexico. Kids will learn that God’s Love welcomes everyone, as they understand how to love and serve God and be a neighbor in the world!

Throughout the week we will explore this theme through interactive Bible storytelling, global games, rockin’ music, super science, cool crafts, and more! On Friday we will close with a special celebration for participants’ families to experience a bit of Everywhere Fun Fair themselves! A letter will go out to the parents of all registered participants with information regarding specific details about the week including the closing celebration information.

How can I register?
• Participants can register by completing the registration form in this issue of the Beacon OR using our easy online option by going to 2013.cokesburyvbs.com/sunrisepresbyterian

What ages are eligible?
• Pre-K through 5th Grade

What is the cost?
• Cost Per Child after May 17th - $15
• Maximum Charge Per Family- The maximum charge per family is equal to the cost of three children

When do I pay?
• Payment will be collected the first day of VBS at the registration table. Accepted payment methods include cash or check. Checks should be made payable to Sunrise Presbyterian.

When is the registration deadline?
• Early Registration Deadline- May 17th, 2013
• Final Registration Deadline- June 10th, 2013

Additional Information
• A letter will go out to the parents of all registered participants with information regarding specific details about the week including the closing celebration information. This letter will go out via e-mail as registration is received and processed.

*Volunteers can also register online at

Interested in being on the Sunrise Children(K-5) e-mail list? Please send contact information to Gray Tolley at: tolley.gray@gmail.com
Sunrise Presbyterian Church
June 17-21
VBS Registration Form
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Please PRINT all information clearly

Child’s Name: _______________________________ Name Child goes by: ____________________
M__ F__ Child’s Age: ______ Date of birth:_________ Last grade completed: ____________

Parent/Guardian Name: (Print)________________________________________________________
Adress:__________________________________________________________________________

Street City State Zip code
Home Phone: __________________________ Cell Phone: ________________________________

Emergency Contact (when above person cannot be reached): ____________________________
Phone:________________________ Relationship to child: ________________________________

Please list any Allergies (including food allergies) that VBS Staff should be aware of: (use the back if needed: ________________________

Please list any days the child will be late, absent, or need to leave early that you are already aware of: ______________________________

Person responsible for picking up this child at the end of each VBS day:
Name:________________________ Phone number:____________________________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian: ______________________________________________________

PERMISSION TO PHOTOGRAPH CHILD
Sunrise Presbyterian Church—Vacation Bible School—June 17th-21st, 2013

CHILD’S NAME: __________________________________________________________________

☐ I give permission for my child to be photographed in informal pictures. The photographs may be used by Sunrise Presbyterian Church. Photographs may be posted on the church website: www.sunrisepcusa.org

☐ I do not give permission for my child to be photographed for informal pictures.

Parent/Guardian Signature: __________________________________________________________________

Please return completed form to the church office or mail to: Sunrise Presbyterian Church, ATTN: VBS
PO Box 517 Sullivan’s Island, SC 29482 REGISTRATION DEADLINE – June 10th.
Everywhere Fun Fair offers a number of different ways a volunteer can help children experience God’s welcoming love! If you are interested in becoming involved, please fill out the information below. Once your survey is turned in you will be contacted by Gray Tolley, Director of Children, Youth, and Young Adults here at Sunrise, to discuss different volunteer opportunities.

Special Note: Volunteers may also fill out a similar survey online at 2013.cokesburyvbs.com/sunrisepresbyterian

Volunteer Name: _______________________________________________________________
Adult: _________ Youth: _____________ M __ F __
Home Phone: __________________________ Cell Phone: ______________________________
Email Address:_______________________________________________________________

Volunteer Interest Survey

Please rate the two areas below on a scale from 1-5 (1 being most interested, 5 being least interested).

Type of Volunteering:
1. Decorating/Set Up ______
2. Administration/Behind the Scenes Tasks____
3. Assisting Activity/Lesson____
4. Teaching Activity/Lesson____
5. Clean Up ______

Areas to Volunteer:
1. Registration_____  
2. Music_____  
3. Recreation_____  
4. Science/Experiments _____  
5. Refreshments_____

Please list any dates during the VBS schedule that you would be late, absent, or need to leave early that you are aware of:
__________________________________________

Please return completed form to Gray Tolley’s mailbox, the church office, or by mail to: Sunrise Presbyterian Church, ATTN: VBS PO Box 517 Sullivan’s Island, SC 29482.
Everywhere Fun Fair Donation Request  
Sunrise Presbyterian Vacation Bible School  
June 17-21

Thank you for taking the time to consider contributing to the VBS program in the form of a donation. Many of the supplies used during VBS are based upon the total number of registered participants. To ensure that we are being good stewards of our resources, we ask that all donations made outside of this list be in a monetary form. This way resource will go where they are most needed for the program!

- Please drop off donations by **June 16th, 2013**. There will be a VBS Drop Off Zone set up in the fellowship hall. If you are lending the item, please mark it with your name and contact information.
- All monetary donations can be turned into the church office or mailed to: Sunrise Presbyterian, ATTN: VBS PO Box 517, Sullivan's Island, SC 29482. Donation methods accepted include cash or check. Please specify that the donation is for VBS 2013.

**Donation Request List**

1. Paper Grocery Bags
2. Empty Appliance Boxes
3. White Buckets
4. Maps (any type)
5. World Globes
6. Canopy/Tailgating Tent (one that does not have to be nailed into the ground, please let Gray Tolley know ASAP if you plan on lending this item to the VBS program.)
7. Milk Crates
8. Colorful Pieces of Fabric
9. Small Bean Bags
10. Large Terracotta Pots (will be painted)
11. Paper Lanterns
12. Balloons
13. Various Colors of Poster board
14. Variety of Colors of Acrylic or Tempera Paint
15. Curling Ribbon

Please send any questions to Gray Tolley at tolley.gray@gmail.com
Meet Mary Brown
Youth Elder

“I believe my calling is helping others. I love volunteering and community service, but what I love most is putting a smile on someone’s face.” These are the words of Mary Brown, 2013 Youth Elder, who says she also wants to become a chaplain in the United States Navy one day.

Mary grew up in a home with strong, Christian parents who took her to Sunrise early in elementary school, which played an important role in her journey of faith. “Throughout my toughest moments and even moments of questioning my own faith, my family has always been there for me to help me hold on another day. They support me, and I know they try their hardest in every way possible,” says Mary.

She says she became a Christian in 6th grade and a member of Sunrise in 8th grade in 2011.

Her commitment to her church continues today as she ushers most Sundays and is active in volunteer opportunities, as well as the Youth program. “I never really thought of myself as a strong Christian, but God has put me through some real tests of my faith, and I believe that I owe it to him and my family as well, that I serve him in every way possible,” says Mary.

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As for the future, she will continue to strive to meet her goal of becoming a United States Navy chaplain knowing that it is going to be a long, hard journey. “But,” she adds, “I know I have my family, my church family, and my God to help me along the way.”

Camp Sunshine is back again! This year the children and mothers at Crisis Ministries Family Shelter will enjoy swimming and summer fun June 25-27 and July 9-11. We anticipate an increased number of campers this year, and we are in need of the following items:

* Greenbax Stamps to defray the cost of Splash Island tickets and lunches. Please contact Donna Draughn (886-8158) or sign up on the poster in the Fellowship Hall.

We will need to know your Piggly Wiggly card number, your name as listed on the card, and the number of books you would like to donate.

* bottled water, juice boxes and sodas
* packaged snacks
* sunscreen

Volunteers are always welcomed as well! There are jobs large and small–drivers, lifeguards, cookie bakers, playmates, counselors, and baby holders. Contact Donna Draughn (886-8158) if you would like to help, and donated items may be left in the Camp Sunshine box in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

It's summertime....what could be more fun than a Sunrise pot luck cookout? We have one coming in July....look for details in the July Beacon!
CRISIS MINISTRIES: Renovations to promote Growth and Safety!

As I'm sure you've all heard by now, Crisis Ministries is suspending all volunteer on-site meals due to construction. This may last 12 to 18 months, according to Brad Cashman, Volunteer Coordinator for Crisis Ministries. During this time they are asking for help with non-perishable food donations, meal sponsorship, and financial contributions.

The Family Center will be re-positioned so that the entrance and parking will be on the other side of the building. This will promote safety and space between the two Shelters. Brad has every reason to believe that the Family Kitchen (which has already been renovated) will be using volunteer organizations again within a year's time.

The new Men's Shelter will take more time because renovation is much more extensive. Brad and Crisis Ministries are looking forward to the day when volunteers will be back on-site cooking and serving meals in the new and more efficient men's kitchen!

During this waiting time Crisis Ministries has suggested some ways that individuals or organizations can help:

*Non-perishable food and supplies

*Hygiene Kits: For someone experiencing homelessness or hunger it can be difficult to acquire basic items such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, and toothbrushes.

*Classroom Kit: Men and women living at C.M. have the opportunity to participate in their on-site education and employment programs. Help the students excel in the classroom by putting together a Classroom Kit.

*Move-in Kit: Help individuals and families moving out of the Shelter and into a home of their own, by putting together a Move-In Kit. This kit will give them everything they need to get settled into their new home.

Please see the Crisis Ministries Information sheet regarding the individual kits and what is needed to assemble each one. It can be found in the Narthex and the literature rack in the Fellowship Hall.

If you'd like to assemble one or many of these kits just drop them off in the church office labeled "CRISIS MINISTRIES". The Mission Committee will make sure that they get to Brad Cashman.

HANDS OF CHRIST 2013 by Rebecca Sigmon

Summer is almost here and that means getting ready for the Hands of Christ distributions of clothes and school supplies in late July and August. Hands of Christ is a mission that is shared with 20 churches in the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery. This is the 11th year of distributions, and we have helped over 24,000 children in the lowcountry. The mission of Hands of Christ is to bring Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations together to meet the basic needs of children. We do this by providing two new white shirts, one new pair of pants (khaki or navy), one gently used pair of pants, two new pairs of socks, two new pair of underwear and a bag of grade appropriate school supplies. The steering committee has been meeting all year to get ready, now we need your help. We will be collecting school supplies and gently used children's clothing all summer. There will be a box in the Fellowship Hall with the list of needed items. Some of the distributions are in areas where the children do not wear uniforms so if your children have outgrown their clothes, and they are in good shape we can really use them. We are also in desperate need of khaki and navy pants. We have plenty of adult sizes, but really need sizes 8-14 in both boys and girls. We will start signing up volunteers for the distributions in July. The distributions start on July 29th and run through Aug 17th. Sunrise has been amazing in the past helping the children start their school year with new clothes and an evening of love and caring. When you spend 15 minutes with a small child sharing your love and helping them pick out new clothes for school you make a lifetime impact. They know someone other than their family cares for them and really wants them to have a great year. Thank you for all your love. PLEASE HELP US SHARE GOD'S LOVE AND TRULY BE THE HANDS OF CHRIST.
Just Coffee will be sold in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 2. Thanks to all of you who support the Just Coffee mission!

Just Coffee is a cooperative based in Salvador Urbina, Chiapas, Mexico and makes it possible for the people of these communities to remain with their families, make a decent living, and provide an education and healthcare for their children. The price of regular coffee is $9.00 and the price of decaf $10.00. We thank you for your continued support of this worthwhile mission.

Karate at Sunrise
We would like to invite your family to become a part of Agape Do Karate . . .

This is an outreach program where children of all ages develop godly character through the practice of CHRISTIAN KARATE, BIBLICAL STUDIES, and PATRIOTISM. Please log onto our website, and feel free to call or email with your questions.

To learn more contact Lin Beets at: agapedokarate@gmail.com
(843) 277-4728

Also check out our website: http://agapedokarate.com

Two-Cents-A-Meal

The Two-Cents-A-Meal Offering will be received in the bowl in the Narthex on Sunday, June 9. As our own food is blessed at mealtime, individuals and families are encouraged to:

(1) remember the poor and hungry people around the world in prayer; and,
(2) give at least two cents per person per meal as an offering to help alleviate hunger.

Holy Yoga Classes will not meet for the summer. They will resume meeting every Wednesday morning in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 – 10:45 a.m. after the new school year begins. Watch for an announcement in the August Beacon and the weekly bulletin. For more information about Holy Yoga visit www.holyyoga.net

Do you have questions about your contributions, pledge, offerings or statements?

If so, Susan Labrie, our Finance Coordinator, has an email address where you can send your questions or needs directly to her. Her Sunrise email is: finance@sunrisepresbyterianchurch.org.

Susan works in the office every Tuesday from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, she can be reached by phone at 883-3888 during those hours.

East Cooper Habitat for Humanity has cancelled the Saturday workdays until September.

Check the weekly bulletin and the Beacon to stay informed on the building schedule towards the end of the summer.
I've been a member of Sunrise for 14 years, since my birthday of January 12, 1999.

I was confirmed last year.

I've played soccer, baseball, football, and lacrosse.

I love cheeseburgers and fried okra.

I attend Moultrie Middle School and am almost done with 8th grade.

I'm a die-hard Gamecock fan. I bleed garnet and black!

I like country and rock music.

If I could have dinner with three people, they would be Jesus, Johnny Cash, and Franklin Roosevelt.

I want to be a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) when I grow up.

My dream is to retire to a beach house in the Caribbean.

I enjoy anything outside or involved with sports.

I enjoy going on trips and retreats with my youth group.

I like a good warm fire.

My favorite band is probably Queen or Journey.

I'm a comedian in my own right.

I'm an excellent writer. I won 1st place in a Charleston County School District writing contest.

I was the top Spanish class student in my school.

I've met some of my closest friends through youth group.

I'll be in ninth grade at Academic Magnet High School next year.

I'm going on a cross country trip in an RV this summer.

I like hanging out and messing around with my little brother, Jacob.

I like to fish. My dad taught me all I know about it; that's why I never catch anything.

Snow skiing is my favorite winter activity.

My favorite hymn is Spirit.

I love all stories about Jesus, but my favorite book of the Bible is Revelation.
Sunday School

Sunrise offers Sunday School for all ages! Join us during the 10:00 a.m. hour for a time of study and worship. We have classes for 3 and 4 year olds, kindergarten through 2nd graders, 3rd through 5th graders, 6th through 8th graders, and 9th through 12th graders.

We use the curriculum, FaithWeaver Friends! This exciting curriculum focuses on our relationship with our friends, as well as our relationship with God. You'll have different events each week, including games, stories, and crafts.

Early Elementary Class is being taught by Reece Smith. It will meet each Sunday, all summer.

Older Elementary Class is being taught by Eric Lavender! It will meet each Sunday, all summer.

Middle School and High School Youth meet in Gray's office during the summer months for informal conversation about life and the activities of summer around Sunrise.

Adult Sunday School Class, led by Dr. Polley, meets in the Library at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday. The class is studying Richard Bauckham's book: Jesus: A Very Short Introduction.

The Women's Evening Bible Study

Acts: The Church Past, Present and Future
Led by Reece Smith

The Women’s Evening Bible Study has decided to study the Acts of the Apostles in 2013. We’ll get to see how our church was formed, what problems were faced, and what successes were accomplished. We will use what we read and learn to take an honest look at the church today, and discuss how our past and present can and should be considered as we face the future.

Our study of the book of Acts will include using the Kerygma curriculum in conjunction with commentaries from both William Willimon and John Calvin.

We will keep our same meeting time and place: the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Library. ALL women are welcome! The materials for our next meeting, June 18, will be in Reece’s box in the work room. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to call Reece at 886-8729. Looking forward to sharing our faith and fellowship!

Missions in May by Bonnie Burton

The Congregational response to our mission contribution in Haiti was overwhelming! Dottie Kelley was thrilled with the amount of donated yard, circular sewing needles, and portable sewing machines. I'm sure that upon her return she'll be sharing with us her work and experiences during this last trip.

The Mission Committee would also like to thank you for the generous support and donations to our two Special Offerings in May: the Mother's Day offering and Pentecost offering with Low Country Orphan Relief as our local recipient.

Coming up on June 2nd Sunrise will once again be participating in Hands of Christ supplies Bag Sunday. The bags will be returned on Sunday, June 9th. There will be further upcoming announcements on this mission.

Lastly, we encourage you to continue throwing your pennies in the jar in the Narthex to support our Two-Cents-Meal Offering. In June we will donate to another charity who meets the criteria of this offering: helping to alleviate hunger around the world and in our own backyard. Thank you again for your continued support in doing God's work to those around us in need.

News from the Sunrise Nursery

The Sunrise Nursery, Toddler and Preschool Rooms: We are ready to care for your young children while you attend services. If you know of families with young children, please extend an invitation to let them know that we have a nursery for their children that includes a structured craft or learning time with a Biblical topic taken from the Preschool FaithWeavers Friends Curriculum, and a snack and playtime. We know how important it is for families to have a safe and caring place for their precious ones, and we are committed to making our Nursery Program exceed your expectations.

If you bring your baby or child to the Nursery, please Sign-In & Out on the sheets that are on the clipboard near the door of each room. It is very important that you sign your child in and provide us with your cell phone number.
Sunrise Prays...

The prayer list at Sunrise Church is divided into two categories. The first is for immediate concerns and the other is for ongoing concerns. Those on the immediate list will be removed after three months, unless requested that they be kept on longer or be moved to the ongoing prayer list. To add or update someone on either prayer list, please contact the church office at Administrator@SunrisePresbyterianChurch.org or (883-3888) or Peggy Wolford, Pastoral Care Elder at 886-6516 or Pegooski@aol.com. When adding a person to the prayer list, please provide us with their address so that we may send them a postcard of encouragement letting them know that the congregation at Sunrise is praying for them. Please remember to let us know when someone may be removed from either list.

Immediate Prayer Concerns:

**Gale Vancleave, Dorothy Slimmer** - Dave Shrader’s stepmother, **Lendil Obert** - Gail Jackson’s mother, Lewis Power - Elinor Varndell’s brother, Korri Locke, Linda Silvers - Mike Jackson's daughter, Tommie Moorer, Betty Jane Dillon, Nancy Dean, Jean Campbell, Nancy Hart - Pat Kennedy’s mother, George Byarts, Jr - Jeanie Heath’s friend, Cheryl Krupka - Schrader’s daughter, Gwen Analise Latham - Pat Latham’s granddaughter, John Shoemaker, Danny Roberts - Kane’s friend, Alice Player - Joyce Gibbon’s niece, Reg McKnight - Ted McKnight’s brother, Tom Rommelmeyer - Shrader’s friend, Rix Martin - Dawson’s friend, Jerry Burn - Tommy Meacher’s friend, Charlotte Shaw - Ellen Wilson’s mother, Rick Zecher - Jeanne Zecher’s son, Audry and Allen Ross - Heaton’s Aunt and Uncle, Summer Moynihan - Riker’s grandniece, Anna Sullivan - Sammie Ferrigan’s friend, Delores Johnson - Heaton’s friend, Marrissa Ramsey - Yaman’s friend, David Myatt - Johnny Myatt’s brother.

Continuing Prayer Concerns:

Don Rogala - Ted McKnight’s friend, Tommy Meacher, Steve Blizzard - Dean Schmelter’s cousin, Barbara Robinson, Susan McKowan - Barbara Robinson’s friend, The Leisy Family - Hainley’s friends, Margaret Ann Malkus - Betty Dillon’s sister/Tommie Moorer’s daughter, Barbara Boesch - Shrader’s friend, Heather Shrader - Shrader’s daughter, Randy Murray - Bobbie Griffin’s nephew, Betty Murray - Bobbie Griffin’s sister, T. Rose Bixler - Cyndi Stein’s mother, Jack Lash - Sue Wertz’ brother, Gayle Nixon, Darlene Hooks - Sammie Ferrigan’s sister, Sammie Ferrigan, Vivian Day - Pat Shrader’s aunt, Janet Walin-Betty Driemeyer’s daughter, Michael Mariani and family - Neila Cary’s son.

Sunrise Prayer Chain...

We have an active prayer chain here at Sunrise from which you can request prayers for yourself and others. Whether it’s a loved one who is undergoing surgery or someone you are concerned about, you may call and ask that prayers be offered on that person’s behalf. If you have a prayer request, you may call Joyce Gibbons during the day at 886-8185. In the evening, please call Betty Jane Dillon at 883-9198. If you are interested in becoming part of the prayer chain and wish to pray for others, please call either Joyce or Betty Jane.
Miriam~Naomi Circle
Annual End-of-the-Year Picnic

The Miriam-Naomi Circle will meet at 10:00 am on Tuesday, June 11th for our annual end-of-the-year Pot Luck Picnic at The Wild Dunes Property Owners' Beach House on Isle of Palms. Paper goods and ice tea will be provided. Please come and enjoy the fellowship and the beautiful view of the ocean as we talk about some interesting possibilities for our next study year. Passes will be available at the Wild Dunes Guard Gate; just say that you are from Sunrise. If you have questions or need directions, please contact Patsy Hindman, 886-6161 (home), (843) 906-8653 (cell), or pbhindman@bellsouth.net.
1 Hart Hiers  
2 Susan Dickinson  
3 Daniel George  
4 Jayne Nendorf  
5 Hannah Gardiner  
6 Diedre Brown  
7 Leesa Phipps  
8 Connor Kern  
9 Richard Billings  
10 Susan Billings  
11 Joseph Jones  

Happy Birthday!

June

15 Elinor Varndell  
16 Lauren Neese  
  Piper Barnhart  
18 June Dawson  
19 Lindsay Bennett  
20 Jay “Doc” Holliday  
22 Kip Nettles  
25 Patrick McDavid  
26 Bill Major  
28 Pam Kane  
  Lauren Milly  
29 Paul Boucher