

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

"In everything you say or do, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father on account of him." – Colossians 3:17.

In early January, I asked this year's elders and deacons to think about what this means for Shelby Presbyterian Church and its members. **What would it look like for us to truly live according to this verse?**

It sounds daunting. *In EVERYTHING*. That's a big ask. How do you do taxes in the name of Jesus? How do you eat dinner in the name of Jesus? Tell a joke? Go to work? Watch TV? Take a nap? Does this mean you have to be "on" all the time in order to please God, like some kind of Christian robot?

No. That is not what Paul is talking about. In truth, the key to this is the last part – giving thanks to God the Father on account of [Jesus]. We live in a culture that emphasizes scarcity. We are often told there's not enough, or that we're not enough. Yet, here is Paul, writing from prison, saying to give thanks on account of Jesus.

This verse is about living in gratitude. The point of our faith is not to get a reward from God, but to be empowered by the Holy Spirit because we are grateful for the love of God revealed in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. If we know we are loved by God and are grateful on account of Jesus, then we can trust the Holy Spirit to be a faithful presence everywhere we go.

We can be grateful in all we do and say! When we do our taxes, we can do them honestly, knowing that even if we had nothing left in the end, we still have Jesus. We can eat dinner grateful for the food, whether it is a hot dog or lobster. We can tell jokes, or better still, be goofy, playful, and silly, without needing the approval of others or to be "cool" because we are grateful that God loves us already.

We can go to work and do our best, not to impress a boss or prove our worth, but in gratitude for the grace our Lord has given. We can watch TV or even take a nap, knowing that we can set aside the sin of this world and rest because we are grateful for what Jesus has done for us.

As a church, when we are built up in love and express that love in the community around us, we become a faithful presence, and this faithful presence will go a long way toward making this world a better place.

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From the Desk of Carol Ann



Last month on January 9^{th} – the day the rain came down and the water went up – well, it went right up in my basement. My basement used to be a cool hang out for Lavery and his friends but by the time Will came along, the

basement was full of stuff, and I mean lots of STUFF from my parents' house that we cleaned out after my Mom died.

The STUFF is the stuff I really have not wanted to face...I checked the basement before I left for work. NO water. I looked around at all that stuff and found the vacuum sealed bag with scrubs that belonged to my Daddy. I carried them upstairs and went to work. Around lunch, I got the call that water was coming in! So, I grabbed Bill Jobe and off we went to find that the sump pump was unplugged. Lots of STUFF was ruined, but the scrubs were safe upstairs.

Sometimes, life has a way of happening. When I was growing up and even in my adult days, my Daddy would go on mission trips. I think he would have moved to Honduras if my Mom would have gone with him. She wouldn't. So, he would go 3 to 4 times a year on mission. Some were to build things, and some were medical trips. He assisted the dentists by cleaning the instruments. We would laugh because Daddy wore dentures and was known to take them out if they got uncomfortable. Yet he was working with the dentist!

When he would get home from his trips, he would wash the scrubs he had worn and would vacuum seal them and put them back in his suitcase ready for the next adventure. He set an example for me. I was in Belize planning a youth mission trip when I got the call that my dad had passed away, on October 22, 2015. It's a day I'll never forget.

Joyce Boyette and I had a meaningful time on our medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic. This was my FIRST MEDICAL trip. So, my Dad's scrubs came in handy as I marked what would have been his 91st birthday on January 18th. While I was reflecting on his life, I realized the legacy he left me. It's not the stuff in the basement but the Spiritual seeds he planted in my life by serving God and others. The Stuff in the basement is just stuff. The legacy my parents truly left me was to serve and laugh while you do it!



Thanks Mom and Daddy for all the junk in my basement that is getting pitched. Nevertheless, I am truly grateful for the stuff in my heart that you left me! The example to serve. Now I ask the question: What legacy am I leaving my children besides my stuff?





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Meals, Housing, and Programming will be hosted by Unity Presbyterian Church in conjunction with the Presbytery Youth Council.

Mission and Service activities will support ministries throughout Lincoln County.

Overnight accommodations will be at Unity Presbyterian.

Tentative Schedule Friday 3/08

7:30 - Check-In Evening Programming to follow.

Saturday 3/09

Breakfast at Unity Pres. Service in the Community 2:30PM - Closing Worship 3:00 PM - Departure

COST: \$15/person for the weekend.

\$5/person of this cost will be given as a donation to the local organizations we will be serving.

> Cost includes: Housing, Programming, Saturday Breakfast and Bagged Lunch

Sign up with Carol Ann by Sunday, February 25th!



FEBRUARY EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, February 1st: **Men's Breakfast** at 7:00 am. The Men of SPC will meet for breakfast and sharing prayer concerns at Ken and Mary's Restaurant, 1628 S. DeKalb St.

<u>Saturday, February 3rd:</u> **Soulful Dialogues** from 9:00 – 3:00 in Ellis Hall.

Wednesday, February 7th: **Wednesday Night Supper** with BBQ and Mary Conner will tell us everything we need to know about our new tartan.

<u>Tuesday</u>, <u>February 13th</u>: **Shrove Tuesday** at 6:00 in Ellis Hall. Join us for a pancake supper cooked by our youth!

Wednesday, February 14th: **Ash** Wednesday service at 6:00 in the sanctuary.

<u>Thursday, February 15th:</u> **Rainbow Connection** will dismiss early at 12:00.

<u>Sunday, February 18th:</u> The children and youth will go **snow tubing** at 11:00.

Monday, February 19th: **Newsletter articles** are due to Miranda, mirandaeshelbypres.org.

Wednesday, February 21st: "How to Build a Multiethnic Church" book study at 6:00 in Ellis Hall.

Tuesday, February 27th: **Mystery Lunch!!** Carol Ann is taking the adults on a mystery lunch trip. Where we will go? Carol Ann knows but she isn't telling. Meet at the church at 10:00 and join in on the fun.

Wednesday, February 28th: "How to Build a Multiethnic Church" book study at 6:00 in Ellis Hall.





What's Going on at SPC?!



create hygiene kits for our neighbors that come to our Hot Lunch Ministry as well as those that use our community fridge. We need both sample and full-size items. There will be a container in the narthex as well as one by the boxes near the office. Thank you so much for helping us to Love Our Neighbors.





bring sides. Donations will be collected instead of a set meal charge.









THE RAINBOW CONNECTION PRESCHOOL

I can't believe it's already February! January was filled with warm days inside, cold days outside, and winter crafts! This month we will talk about loving one another, Valentine's Day, and how we can show love to everyone. The children will exchange Valentines and enjoy some special treats.

We are so thankful for the continued support of Shelby Presbyterian Church. We at Rainbow Connection are blessed to be a part of such a wonderful community.

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."

(Romans 12:10)

Abby Goins, Director







Soulful Dialogues

The Therapy Conference



Healing Through Connection: How Relationships Influence Mental Wellness

> Saturday, February 3, 2024 Shelby Presbyterian Church

Join in on the excitement as individuals from all walks of life come together for an enriching experience, exploring the connection between relationships and everyday well-being.

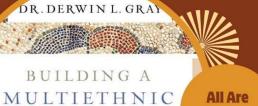


Scan here for more information and to register for this free event.

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Welcome!

You're invited to participate in a study and discussion of "Building a Multiethnic Church" by Rev. Dr. Pastor Derwin Gray, of Transformation Church Charlotte.

Pastor Drew Mangione of Shelby Presbyterian Church will lead the study from 6 pm to 7 pm in SPC's Ellis Fellowship Hall.

Childcare is available, with the Growing in Grace program for Pre-K to 5th Grade and for younger children in the nursery.

WEDNESDAY STUDY DATES February 21 & 28, March 13 & 20, April 17 & 24 Even if you cannot make all dates, or if you fall behind reading, please be sure to come when you can and participate!

ARE YOU ON DUTY IN FEBRUARY?

Elders Serving Communion

Feb. 4 Carolyn Billings - L1 Mystie Brotherton - R2 Richard Dedmon - R3 Carolyn Jackson - L5 Laura Lampley - L3 Dan McLaurin - L2 Tom Martin - R4 John Schweppe Jr. - R5 Steve Sisk - L4 Larry Wilson - R1

Deacons Taking Up Offering & **Ushers**

Jennifer Niblack, captain Feb. Fred Harrill Thomas Monroe May Reed

Worship Liturgist

Feb. 4 Beth Phillippi 11 Patrick Glenn 18 John Schweppe III 25 Ellen Fletcher

Wednesday Night Supper Elders & Deacons

Feb. 7 Susan Bell Carolyn Billings Fred Harrill Holly Petrilli

Sound & Video Teams

Feb. 4 John Brotherton David Grose 11 Chip Blackley Joe Petrilli

14 & 18 Mike Jackson David Grose

> 25 Chip Blackley Joe Petrilli

Sanctuary Worship Guild

4 Paul & Joyce Couey Feb.

11 Harriette Beam Laura Beam

14 Judy Greer Rachel White

18 Marlene Lovelace Margie Trivett

25 Beverly Elmore Stuart Schweppe

Sanctuary Flowers

*A Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board at the Harris Street entrance outside the fellowship hall. If there is a Sunday that you would like to reserve, please call the church office and we'll sign you up.



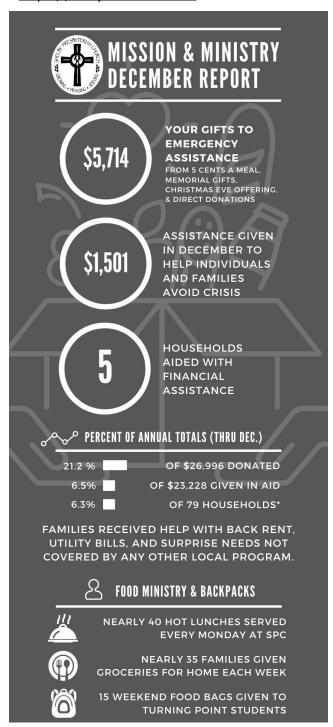
OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE will be Tuesday,
February 20th, from 1:00 5:30 p.m. in Ellis Hall. If you would like to make an appointment to donate

blood or would like to help with check-in, hospitality, or in some other way, please call Elizabeth Schweppe, 704-477-5686, or use one of the following links:

To make an appointment:

https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/finddrive

To sign up to volunteer: https://bit.ly?SPCblood22





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AND WE WILL GROCERY
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OFFICE OR
CONTRIBUTE ONLINE AT
SHELBYPRES.ORG/GIVE

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TO SIGN UP FOR A DAY TO GROCERY SHOP SCAN THIS QR CODE OR VISIT BIT.LY/FRIDGESTEWARD

THANK YOU SPC FROM TURNING POINT ACADEMY

Before Thanksgiving, many of you contributed to buying food for Thanksgiving food boxes for TPA families. These are the "thank yous" from some of the TPA staff. Please know that SPC's involvement at TPA is noticed. It makes the staff feel more supported and connected to the greater community.

- Claire Mangione

"Thank you so much!"

"Thanks for all you do!"

"To all the members of the F3 class, thank you so much for collecting funds to be used at TPA. These donations make impacts on our TPA family and we are so appreciative."

"Thank you F3 class for your generous donation to TPA!"

"Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and your love and compassion you show for our students and our staff! We appreciate everything you all do! May God continue to bless and keep each one of you!"

"We appreciate it so much."

"Words cannot express how grateful we are for your generous donation to TPA. To have your support means more than you will ever know. Often times we have felt left out and unseen but you have made us feel seen in this season at TPA. Thank you!"

"The gift of giving!! It is never appreciated enough by the receiver. Thank you above and beyond what we could truly express!"

"The generous (and frequent) support and encouragement from Shelby Presbyterian is so appreciated. Their kindness reaches so many in so many wonderful ways."

"Thank you so much. This came in handy!"

"Our students, while appearing to be hardened, are often hopeless. Having extra funds to help meet basic needs can give them just that extra bit of hope they need to make it."

– TPA Staff



The goal of the Member Life Ministry Committee is to extend love and care to all of our Shelby Presbyterian Church Family. If you find anyone in need of attention in our church family, in your neighborhood, or beyond, please contact Carolyn Billings, Member Life Ministry Chairperson, cbillings2577@gmail.com or the church office 704.487.8503.

Please include the following in your prayers:

John Auten JoAnn & George Beattie Robin Collins Pam Birmingham Debra Blanton Dick Bowling J.W. & Pat Brotherton Donna Buies Pat Byers & Family Allen Callahan & Family Hannah Carpenter Karen Carpenter Myra Carpenter Matthew Carpenter Sandy Carpenter

Laura Carter & Family Bert & Joy Cushman Chris Denning Debbie Ferrell Ina Harrington June Hobbs & Family August Hohne Joan Hunt David Kelley David LeGrand Cheryl Lutz Brooke McCurry Dan McLaurin & Family Marie Patterson Pauline Persina Ann Pharr Ellen Poston Clay Pruett Larry Stern **Beverly Styers** Doreen Wacaster Linda Ware Jackie Weathers Stephanie Williams Diane Windham Terricia Wingo

- Children and Staff of Turning Point Academy
- Covid-19 research, caregivers, and patients
- Racial injustices
- U. S. Economy
- All those serving in the military
- Our brothers & sisters of Monte los Olivos
- John McCall in Taiwan
- Food Ministry
- Rainbow Connection
- Christians who are persecuted for their faith
- All disaster victims (volcanoes, floods, fires, etc.)
- All victims of violence
- All refugees

Thank you for expanding your prayer list to include specific children and youth each month. During January, pray for our Kindergarteners: Lena Kate Dow, Josephine Mangione, Millie Melton, and our First Graders: Seren Bryant, Elizabeth Couch, William Glenn, Annie & Avery Moser.

Happy Birthday!

February 2
February 25Susan Grose

Prayers and Sympathy

Our prayers and sympathies go out to Allen Callahan and family in the passing of his daughter-in-law Barbara Callahan, December 5, 2023.

Our prayers and sympathies go out to Laura Carter and family in the passing of her mother, Faye McCants on December 31, 2023. Faye had been a member of SPC for 28 years.

Our prayers and sympathies go out to Dan McLaurin and family in the passing of his mother, Louisa "Lou" Presler on January 1, 2024.

Our prayers and sympathies go out to June Hobbs and family in the passing of her mother, Mary Louise Loper Hadden on January 13, 2024.

SPC Reports & Minutes

SESSION MINUTES DECEMBER 12, 2023

Communications

<u>Clerk's Report</u> – John reported on drafting a session policy regarding approval of fundraising projects, for funds not passing through church accounts.

Deacon's Report - Elizabeth Schweppe reported:

Please continue to pray for and reach out to members of your neighborhood group on our prayer list.

Rainbow continues to operate smoothly.

The Blood Drive scheduled for December 19th now has 56 appointments.

The Community refrigerator stewards have been faithful in replenishing the refrigerator.

Upon the conclusion of the joint meeting, the session met in Ellis Hall as follows:

Session Agenda

Communications:

Clerk - No Report

Pastor – Drew presented the 2024 Calendar Dates. Upon motion by John and seconded by Richard, the 2024 Church Calendar was approved.

Officer's Retreat: Drew reminded the group that the Officer's Retreat is scheduled for January 6, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Committee Assignments: John reported on the assignment of officers to the various committees.

<u>Online Votes & Minutes:</u> Upon motion by Roger and seconded by Laura, Minutes of the Session Meeting of November 14, 2023 were unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

<u>Personnel:</u> Laura Lampley reported: Reminded the session of the Book Study for building a Multi-Ethic Church and to also assist in forming the Presbytery required Anti-Racism Policy begins January 17, with Wednesday Night Supper. <u>Property Committee:</u> – Fred Blackley reported: Provided an update on expenses for painting the Sanctuary and kitchen renovation, neither of which were included in the 2024 budget. Larry reminded us that the subject of kitchen renovation has been discussed for a number of years and if we wait for money in the budget to fulfill this need, it might never be completed.

Worship & Music: Richard reported the ordination and installation of new officers will take place Sunday, January 7, 2024.

<u>Mission & Ministry:</u> Larry recommended approval of using funds from the LeGrand Fund to provide for Joyce and Carol Ann's Dominican Republic mission trip in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00 for the primary purpose of supplies, patient travel and other needs. Upon motion by Roger, seconded by Bill, unanimous approval.

<u>Finance Committee</u> – Scoot Dixon reported: Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee, the 2024 budget was approved unanimously. Upon recommendation of the Finance and Property Committees, \$40,000.00 of the legacy fund will be used for the installation of five new HVAC units in the Education Wing, unanimously approved. November budget update reflects that revenue is over budget by \$6,283.00. Revenue is under budget by \$34,720.00 for the year; however, no carryover of \$42,396.00 has been applied. Expenses are under budget by \$7,662.00 for November and \$32,653.00 for the year. If December 2023 revenue tracks like recent Decembers, revenue may well exceed expenses without using any budgeted carryover for three years consecutively.

Old Business: None New Business: None

<u>Action Items from tonight's meeting:</u> Marie will contact HVAC contractor. John will continue to work on the fundraising policy.

Closing:

Motion for adjournment by Roger, seconded by Steve, closed with prayer by Fred Blackley.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for Elder, Class of 2027, and Deacon, Class of 2027. There are 4 positions available for Elder and 4 positions available for Deacon. Qualifications for serving as an officer of Shelby Presbyterian Church are:

- Officers should be persons of faith, dedication and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both in the church and in the world.
- Officers should be knowledgeable about the life of our church based upon active participation as a Shelby Presbyterian Church member in some area of the life of the church for a period of not less than two years.
- Officers should be able to work well with others in decision-making groups and to serve as chair of a committee.

Please give prayerful consideration as you make recommendations to the Nominating Comm. Remember it will not be possible to nominate all qualified persons recommended by the congregation. For this reason, it is best not to contact the person being recommended. If you need more space to discuss your reasons for recommending an individual, you may add an attachment to the form below.

Please mail or email (<u>miranda@shelbypres.org</u>) your recommendation(s) in to the office by Sunday, February 25th.

NOMINATION FOR ELDER Name of Nominee: I feel that this individual would be a dedicated and effective Elder because: NOMINATION FOR DEACON Name of Nominee: I feel that this individual would be a dedicated and effective Deacon because:

Below is a list of 2024-26 officers:

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CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026			
Susan Bell	Richard Dedmon	Carolyn Billings			
John Schweppe Jr.	Bill Jobe	Mystie Brotherton			
Steve Sisk	Laura Lampley	Carolyn Jackson			
Larry Wilson	Tom Martin	Dan McLaurin			
DEACONS					
CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026			
Fred Harrill	Debbie Hart	Mike Jackson			
Claire McCullough	Thomas Monroe	Alison Moore			
Jennifer Niblack	Michelle Moser	Michael Pruitt			
Holly Petrilli	Trey Warrick	May Reed			
Turn in your suggestions by February 25th to the church					

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SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2024 Approved Budget compared with 2023 Adjusted Budget

	2024 Budget	2023 Adjusted Budget
REVENUES	Amount	Amount
Pledged offerings	\$523,095	\$517,384
Unpledged offerings	99,000	87,000
Other revenues	56,433	56,622
Total	\$678,528	\$661,006
EXPENSES		
Church programs	\$36,025	\$34,725
Property & maintenance	115,210	130,900
Benevolences	109,450	94,549
Personnel costs	348,186	337,723
Administrative expenses	65,157	59,609
Equipment purchases	4,500	3,500
Total	\$678,528	\$661,006

SPC TARTAN

SPC's own tartan is here, and it is beautiful!
As you may remember, this tartan was designed so that all of the members of our church can more fully participate in the Kirkin O' the Tartan service on Heritage Sunday. Ties, both regular and bow ties, as well as sashes will be available for sale for members and friends of the church so that they can express their relationship to the family of Shelby Presbyterian Church during the Kirkin service.

If you are interested in ordering fabric to create a flag of your personal tartan, now is the time to order it. Please contact Mary Conner. Don't forget Mary will have a program all about our new tartan after Wednesday Night Supper February 7th.

SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				• 7:00 Men's Breakfast at Ken & Mary's • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	2	• 9:00 – 3:00 Soulful Dialogues in Ellis Hall
5 th Sunday after Epiphany 5 Cents a Meal • 9:00 Sunday School •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook. • 11:00 Handbells • 1:00 – 4:00 Ellis Hall Reserved • 3:30 Catechism and Confirmation • 5:00 Youth Night	• 9:30 Hot Lunch Ministry • 6:00 Discipleship Ministry • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	• 10:30 Staff Meeting • 7:00 Worship & Music Committee	 11:00 Member Life 7 6:00 Wednesday Night Supper 5:00 Property Cmte. 6:00 Growing in Grace & Youth 7:00 Choir 	• 12:00 Finance Cmte. • 6:00 Mission & Ministry • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	9	10
Transfiguration of the Lord Communion • 9:00 Sunday School •10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook. • 11:00 Handbells • 5:00 Deacons Meeting • 5:00 Youth Night	• 9:30 Hot Lunch Ministry • 1:30 Clerk's Council • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	1310:30 Staff Meeting6:00 Shrove Tuesday6:30 Session	• 11:00 Rainbow Cmte. • 12:00 Lenten Worship & Lunch @ Aldersgate • 6:00 Ash Wednesday Service • 7:00 Choir	• 12:00 Rainbow Early Dismissal • 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	16	• 1:00 – 5:00 Ellis Hall Reserved
1st Sunday in Lent 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & livestreaming on YouTube & Facebook. 11:00 Handbells 11:00 Youth & Children Snow Tubing	Newsletters Due 19 • 9:30 Hot Lunch Ministry • 7:00 Boy Scouts • 8:00 AA	• 10:30 Staff Meeting • 1:00 Blood Drive • 5:30 Personnel • 6:00 Fellowship Cmte. • 6:30 Session	• 12:00 Lenten Worship & Lunch @ Aldersgate • 6:00 Growing in Grace & Youth • 6:00 Book Study • 7:00 Choir	• 8:00 AA & Al-Anon	23	24
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