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## Birthdays

- 04 ..... Jennifer Kimbrell  
Mike Ladun
- 06 ..... Angela Murro
- 07 ..... Jake Bailey
- 11 ..... Sinclair Foster
- 12 ..... Joshua Doss  
Kirsten Pylant
- 15 ..... Ruthanna Dorn  
Thomas Steed
- 17 ..... Susan Walters
- 20 ..... Les Yerger
- 21 ..... William Dyer
- 22 ..... Audrey Lammie
- 23 ..... Tony Miller
- 25 ..... Jordy Rihl
- 27 ..... Madison Steed



## Anniversaries

- 01... Cathie & Charles McClure
- 06 ..... Patty & Brian Marter
- 27 ..... Anne & Gene Gojda

## Listen Carefully . . . Sometimes God Whispers

God loves to communicate with His children. He is the God Who began His connection with His creation by using words. "Let there be" . . . opens His Holy Word which continues as a verbal record of His person, His purposes, His promises, and His plan. The conclusion of His Word affirms that ALL scripture having been inspired by the Spirit is "profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the people of God may be complete, thoroughly prepared for every good work." We are warned in the concluding words of the Revelation about adding or subtracting from the Sacred text.

The Book of Acts describes the mighty coming of God's Spirit into the world in a new way. Jesus promised that the Spirit would be WITH us and IN us. It is through the Bible, God's inspired Word, that the divine author now speaks to His children. While our sovereign God can do whatever He desires, whenever and however He pleases, Scripture teaches that the foundation of His church now being complete with the ministry of the prophets and the apostles, God no longer is speaking audibly; He speaks to the regenerated mind and heart of the believer by the Spirit through the Bible. We do well to be extremely cautious of any clam that "God told me" or "God spoke this to me to pass on to you." These claims are not consistent with Scripture.

How then do we hear the voice of God? Shortly after being rescued from Egypt, the Lord gathered His people around Sinai which became holy ground. Barriers were put up, warning given, penalties assigned. No one but Moses was to come to the mountain to hear the voice of God. Moses would be the channel God would use to communicate with His people. It was a frightening experience for the people of God. There was smoke, an earthquake, loud trumpets, thunder and flashes of lightning. Moses tells us the people were afraid and trembling. As God prepared Moses for a divine encounter with God, He drew him into a thick darkness. This was a test and a lesson: this was a test of obedience and a display of the absolute holiness of the LORD GOD.

The New Testament introduces us to the Lord Jesus Who has opened unto us a new living way through the veil of separation and fear by solving the problem of separation by canceling the penalty of sin through His blood and removing the fear of the accompanying consequences. We now come boldly into the throne room of God represented by our Great High Priest at His invitation. Our communications are superintended and interpreted by the Holy Spirit Who takes our groanings and unutterable words and presents them before our Father in accordance with His perfect will.

We know the way to communicate, to speak with God. But, how does He speak with us? In over six decades of walking with Christ, I have never heard God speak audibly into my ear. Not once! Some may decide it is because of my spiritual dullness; others may determine that I have not experienced some sort of "second blessing" that puts me on track for phenomenal experiences; others will suggest that I lack faith or desire, or will. I readily acknowledge my many spiritual deficiencies, but quite honestly as I examine Scripture, I am not so sure I want to encounter God on a dark, thunderous, shaking mountain, lightning flashing and trumpets blowing loudly!! On occasions, I have greatly desired to hear the voice of God; however, Scripture unfolds what has resulted: sitting on a pile of ashes covered with boils, a lion's den or a fiery furnace, a glowing coal on the tongue, sentenced to a muddy well, be-headed, crucified up-side-down, thrown from a horse and blinded, falling down as though dead. I will take a pass!

One of my favorite Old Testament saints is Elijah. He had a problem I sometimes have encountered in myself over the years: the "it's a good thing you've got me, Lord" syndrome.

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## Ministry thru Music

Interested in singing celebratory Easter music, Sunday evening, April 1, with the Christ Church Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra? You are cordially invited. Besides our regular Wednesday evening rehearsals, a few extra rehearsals will be scheduled on a few Saturday mornings to aid in learning the music. Come sing with us, we would love to have you. Contact me for further information.

Stan Pylant, *Director of Music*,  
[music@christchurchpres.org](mailto:music@christchurchpres.org)

*It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to the Most High. (Psalm 92:1 NLT)*



The Sacrament of Holy Communion is a means of grace instituted by our Lord to commemorate His death and to commune with Him for the nourishment of our souls and the strengthening of His body. We will observe the sacrament the first Sunday of each month during morning worship (except April). Come prepared to commune with our Lord and His people on the following dates:

February 4  
March 4  
March 29 "Maundy Thursday"  
May 6  
June 3  
July 1  
August 5  
September 2  
October 7  
November 4  
December 2

And He took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.

**Luke 22:19-20**

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That was Elijah's mind-set. A powerful encounter with the prophets of Baal left him exhilarated, a bounty for his life threatened by Jezebel left him terrorized and on the run. Concluding his life was over, he fell exhausted after running for days and announced that it was good God had him for he alone was faithful, only to discover God actually had seven thousand who had not bowed the knee to the idols of Jezebel.

As recorded in 1 Kings 19, this time there would be no strong wind, no earthquake, no fire. Like our experience on the receiving end of divine communication, God does not speak to us in these bold and loud and flashy ways today. He speaks in the holy whisper of the Spirit of God summoning our minds and our hearts to His Word.

To hear a whisper one must be attentive, quiet, engaged, expectant, and patient. A biblicentric understanding of spiritual communication requires an open Bible, a prepared heart, an alert mind and an intentional desire to obey. With these tools in place we discover the variety of ways God speaks through Scripture: a biblically sound hymn or gospel song that emphasizes truth rather than beat or volume, a word fitly spoken from the Word and delivered by a trusted friend, a well-prepared sermon, a Sunday school lesson, a Christian biography or novel, a testimony from one who has walked with Jesus, a missionary challenge, a child's honest prayer, a choir anthem, an offertory, a prayer, a rebuke, an encouraging word. You never know when God is going to whisper into your mind or heart.

Quieting down is difficult in this incredibly loud and brash world. We live on a very noisy planet. Turning the volume down requires effort. Disciplines like meditation, silence and retreat require life changes and schedule adjustments. God is waiting and will sometimes even order events and experiences to quiet us before Him. Heartbreak will draw us into an interior investigation. Grief will close our mouths and open our hearts. Illness will remind us to search within for answers and resolution. Failure will create a need for inner strength. Chaos will develop a desire for true heart ease and tranquility.

No God does not boom from heaven. You must listen carefully. He longs to communicate with His people. He wants you to hear His voice, know His will, receive His grace, experience His mercy, know His peace, receive His promises, fulfill His purposes. You must listen carefully . . . sometimes God speaks in a whisper.

— Rev. Richard Hammond

*For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture,  
and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you hear His voice.  
Psalm 95:7*

## Children's Chatter: Let's Talk about . . . VBS



Come One, Come All!

Join in the Fun!

June 11-15 • 9:00 a.m. until noon

Who are your heroes? What makes a hero? Find out this June as we meet a real hero. Who is it you ask? First clue is given to the left: a hero has a heart: *a heart for God.*

Mark calendars for the week of June 11-15 when we will solve the *Case of the Cardiac Crusader*. There are still slots available to those who would like to volunteer in response to God's call. Please see Fay Deal, send her an email to [runningdeal@gmail.com](mailto:runningdeal@gmail.com), or phone her at 803-278-1176 for more information.

Oh, that God would give us a passion to spend ourselves to make Him look as great as He really is!

**1 Samuel 16:7**  
**Man looks on the outward appearance,  
but the Lord looks on the heart.**

# Bible & Missions Conference: The Gospel Vision



Rev. Sanders "Sandy" L Willson, *keynote speaker*

Sandy was the senior minister of Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN, for 22 years. He also pastored Memorial Presbyterian Church and Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church. He is currently serving as interim senior pastor at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. Sandy and his wife, Allison, are deeply grateful for 5 children, 3 daughters-in-law, a son-in-law, and 12 grandchildren.

The Bible and Missions Conference is scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>. This is an important part in the life of our church. Please clear your schedules and set this time apart to be updated on the work of the missionaries we support and how we can be praying, giving to, and serving them. This will be time for personal and corporate encouragement at Christ Church.

## Conference Schedule

### Friday, February 9

6:30 am Church Office & Ruth's  
- Men's Prayer and Breakfast

5:00 pm The Hatcher Home  
- Missionary Youth Event (Letchfords)

Supper at Host Homes

6:30 pm Sanctuary  
- Mission Reports  
Nunziatos  
Letchfords

- Children dismissed for Missionary  
Movie Clips, popcorn, and M&Ms in the  
Upper Room. Wear your jammies and  
bring your sleeping bag

Message from Sandy Willson  
"The Gospel Vision: For the Church"  
Nehemiah 1:1-11

### Saturday, February 10

12:00 pm Missionary Lunch with  
Hendricks at the Clark Residence

5:00 - 6:00 pm Covenant Hall  
- Mingling with Missionaries  
- Covered Dish Dinner with  
International Missionary Flair  
- International clothing encouraged

6:15 pm Sanctuary  
- Mission Reports  
Quartermans  
Unnamed for security (UFS)

- Children Dismissed for activity with  
the Pervises, Letchfords, & Stephens  
Families in the Upper Room

- Message from Sandy Willson  
"The Gospel Vision: For the Lost"  
Matthew 9:35-38

### Sunday, February 11

9:00 am Light Breakfast  
9:45 am Covenant Hall  
- Family Integrated Activity  
Quarterman  
Stephens  
Pervis

11:00 am Sanctuary  
- Introduction and Prayer for Missionaries  
- Message from Sandy Willson  
"The Gospel Vision: For the World"  
Isaiah 49:6; Romans 15:14-29

12:30 pm Catered Lunch  
- Kermit & Cheryl (UFS)  
- Chris Drinkard

5:00 pm Covenant Hall  
- Prayer Bands with Missionaries

6:00 pm Sanctuary  
- Local Mission Opportunities  
- Message from Sandy Willson  
"The Gospel Vision: For the Glory  
of God" Revelation 5:1-14

RSVP for any or all of the fellowship meals by  
visiting [christchurchpres.org](http://christchurchpres.org)

## Missionary Prayer

Please be in prayer for the Missionaries and their families supported by Christ Church, as well as the following prayer needs:

- For deeper communion with our Lord through His word and prayer.
- For a clear confidence in God's sovereignty in their lives.
- For a deepening faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and the Great Salvation given to us.
- For trusting the Lord with our children and the Father working in their hearts to lead them to Himself.
- For unity in the family through the growth of Christ's love in their hearts.
- For unity in the teams and the planning following the Lord's leading.
- That they would depend fully on the Lord for all their needs, support for their failures, and humility in plans completed.
- That they would finish strong, fight the good fight of faith, and take hold of the eternal life to which they were called.

### Missionaries and Families by Location

#### Africa and South America

Rick & Betty Aschmann  
Steve & Sherri Letchford

Dick & Nancy Baggé  
Bruce & Barbara Wannemacher

Paul & Laura Chinchen

#### Families in Harm's Way

Kermit and Cheryl  
Stephen & Kellie  
Greg & Juliann

#### Europe

Bob & Andrea Burnham  
Jay & Nancy Matsinger

Eliseo & Paula Guadagno  
Kurt & Pat Nelson

David & Erin Pervis  
Clay & Darlene Quarterman

#### Far East & International

Cheryl Crocker  
Karl & Debbie Dortzbach

Chris & Cary Drinkard  
Louis & Anne Carter

Glenn & Charlene (USF)  
Noah & Karleigh Stephens

#### North America

Tim & Lana Higginbotham  
Charles Rector  
Kim Green

Doug & Amy Nunziato  
Paul Volpitto

John & Cris Oliver  
John & Liz Stekete

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## FEBRUARY

**Weekly Sunday Schedule:** 9:45 a.m. Sunday School • 11:00 a.m. Worship • 6:00 p.m. Worship

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
					6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion 4:15 p.m. AYC Rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting	6:45 p.m. American Heritage Girls 7:00 p.m. Trail Life	6:00 p.m. Session Prayer & Meeting 7:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Augusta	6:15 p.m. Brass Ensemble Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6:45 p.m. Women's Evening Bible Study with missionaries Clay & Darlene Quarterman	6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer  <b>Bible &amp; Missions Conference</b> <i>(Schedule in Newsletter)</i>	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
4:30 p.m. AYC Rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting <i>Bible &amp; Missions Conference Concluded</i>	6:45 p.m. American Heritage Girls 7:00 p.m. Trail Life	7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Evans	6:15 p.m. Brass Ensemble Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal		6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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