



Dear Fellow Servants of Jesus Christ,

One of the areas of concern identified by our consultants centers around worship. Their report states:

Dr. Jim Glatz
Senior Pastor

Worship is a major driver of satisfaction in the church, which means that satisfaction/dissatisfaction with worship tends to bleed over into many other aspects of the church, including evaluations of morale, hospitality, governance, and readiness for ministry. Worship is identified as an area of significant conflict, particularly around the style and timing of worship, and its relationship to the education program of the church ...Overall, the youth do not appear to be enthusiastic about the current worship format at 11:15 am as the music has drifted from a more "edgy" style to one that is "blended." A number of folks who favor a traditional service at 11:00 indicate dissatisfaction, as well. Based on these observations, the consultants have recommended the following:

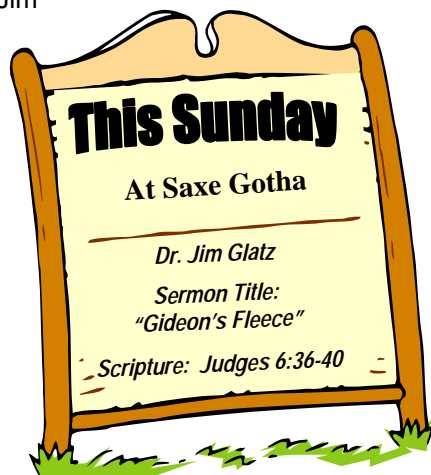
Place a more traditional service near the 11:00 am hour to attract the population of folks moving into the community, who would readily connect with a more traditional format at that time.

In addition, there is the recommendation to change the venue of the current contemporary service and have an alternative service that is *truly different in format, style and delivery*. This service would be geared to those under 35, but clearly open to all.

What exactly this all means for us is being explored by your leadership. One scenario is that on Sunday mornings we would have two traditionally-oriented services in the sanctuary, with one near the 11:00 A.M. hour. An alternative service would be held in the Lighthouse (our youth building) also near the 11:00 A.M. hour.

Obviously, there are many scheduling issues and other details to be worked out in moving in this direction. So, please keep us in prayer as we explore this. Our goal, of course, is for Saxe Gotha to be a church that worships God faithfully and vibrantly.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Jim



Halftime Sunday, May 4th

"Halftime" would like to invite visitors and members for some fellowship and lemonade immediately following the 9:00am service outside in the front courtyard.



If you are willing to host and facilitate a neighborhood Bible Study this summer, please contact Steve Pavlasek at spavlasek@aol.com or 808-7187, or Helen Harrison Coker at 359-7770, ext 40, or jjcoker@saxegotha.org

Women's Spring Luncheon

Sunday, May 4, 2008

12:30 p.m. in the Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church Gym

Featuring

Judi Gatson

on

"Moving in the Gifts of the Spirit"



We hope you took advantage of our advance ticket sales.
TICKETS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.

The Children's Music Ministry would like to thank the elementary choir volunteers for their dedication to the kids of SNL, and to the musical "Livin' Inside Out!" We could not have done it without you! Huge thanks go to Meredith Greco, Beth Klaes, Dawn Cochran, Christy LeBron, Caroline Sherpy, Kay Lee, Kim Koon, Amy Stokes, Anne Stewart, Heather Miller, Madonna Moore, Kay Hendrix, Shellie Behling, Pam Cope, Candi Ashcraft, Sue Veselak, Kim Carney, Allison Sherpy, Meg Garrison, Tracy Watts, Nicki Nickles, Kindra Murphy, Lee Reams, Justin Lance, and Julie Washburn. Also, a big thank you to Lonnie Wehunt for his technical assistance!



What a wonderful testimony our musical was! We would like to thank all the 73 kids who were involved and their parents for making SNL a priority in your families' lives. We shared the good news to over 750 people during our Saturday night and Sunday morning performance. A love offering was taken Saturday night that will benefit our sponsored kids in Compassion International. Over \$550 was given, which will pay for the rest of this year and some of next! Thanks to each of you who gave so willingly for this important cause!

VBS News: beginning today, you can register your child for VBS (June 16-20) in the courtyard by the bell tower or at the front desk downstairs! Also, please take the time to read the following from one of our volunteers from 2007. Scott Welborn writes: *Last year my oldest granddaughter was finally able to attend VBS and we were really excited...except for one small problem...both of her parents were working and could not take her or pick her up. Because I am in sales and set my own schedule, I decided to rearrange my week so that I could pick her up each morning and pick her up at noon. That way we could have lunch together as well and that was fun for me.*

The first day I stayed for the opening ceremonies to make sure she was going to be okay. Then I left and got some office work done. The second day I came back and couldn't help but notice how many kids they had of all ages and how many were from places other than Saxe Gotha. I asked Dawn if I could help out in anyway and can you guess what she did? They put me with the older kids and right away we took off to sing to cancer patients taking chemo treatments. What an amazing experience the rest of that week was. My granddaughter, Abigail, loved it too, and will be there this year along with her mother, Molly, who has volunteered. As a Christian, you know that nothing that happens to you is a "coincidence." If the Spirit moves your heart to be a part of this really cool week, just do it. When God calls, God makes a way. Whether you are a mom, a dad, a grandma, or a "pa"...we can use YOU!! It takes more than stay-at-home moms to make VBS all that it is. Let's make this a Saxe Gotha event, rather than a children's ministry event. You can help accomplish this by volunteering today!! For more information, see Lori Lowman or Kim Koon today!

Mother's Day Offering 2008

May 11th is an important day in the life of our church family. We will receive a special offering on Mother's Day to assist residents at the Presbyterian Home who have little or no resources. This offering provides financial assistance to those no longer able to pay for care, or the full cost of care. Presbyterian Homes, Inc. serves some residents of modest means who could not afford to live at the retirement communities were it not for the generosity of Presbyterians across the state. Support of our residents is a 50-year tradition for SC Presbyterians. Last year, our congregation gave \$3,531.00. Please honor the mother in your family and help a fellow SC Presbyterian receive compassionate care.

Weekly Worship Attendance & Giving

Worship Attendance: 4/20/2008

9:00 am 555 11:15 am 476

	Weekly Offering	Need YTD	Received YTD
Operating	\$52,082	\$800,000	\$697,609
Debt Retirement	\$ -0-		\$ 2,126

The Session has adopted an operating budget for 2008 of \$2,925,000, resulting in a weekly pledge and offering need of \$50,000. (Note: over \$300,000 will come from various programs and activities.)

Prayer List

"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need" Hebrews 4:16.

Adam Brinkmeir's uncle
April Hendrix's brother
Becky McNair's husband **Mitch**
Bill McIlwain, Providence
Bob Douglass - cancer
Briggs Chambers - Ohio
Carol Ryall's cousin, Maggie
Carter Swanson, home
Dan Cunningham's uncle
Dan Viveros, surgery
Danny Beach's father, cancer
Dave Mercer - surgery, home
Deck Hudson's father, cancer
Edgar Price - White Oak
Edward Holmes - home
Ellen Johns' brother-cancer
Elsie Weaver - Oakleaf
Gail Douglass father—LMC
Geoff Penland - deployed Iraq
Greg Force's sister-in-law, Kelley
Houston Jones, Bret & Ashby's son
Jerry Fowler - cancer
Jim Hatchell - upcoming surgery
Jim Hatchell's father
Julie Haselden & Shannon Fulmer's grandmother, Marie

Jo Owens - home
Jordan Hendrix - Manuel & Laura's daughter, home
Judy Montgomery, cancer
Kay Lent - surgery, home Hospice
Kim Eubank's grandfather & grandmother
Laura Castles - Oakleaf
Lee Siple - home
Liz Allred's father
Lydia Ropp - heart PHR
Madonna Moore's uncle
Marilyn Welborn's mother, LMEC
Mary Knobloch's mother, CCP
Mary Staton - Lymphoma
Matt Skidmore—deployed Iraq
Nancy Hathaway's great niece
Nicholas Bryant-son of Tyler Allen
Stacie Bartlett's mother, Connie
Stacey Leventis - surgery, LMC
Stephen Clifton-Paul & Jeannie's son - home
Susan Herndon's father
Tanya Hudson's mother
Ted & Carol McGee's sister-in-law

MISSION POSSIBLE

Middle school Summer Mission Event, MISSION POSSIBLE: Teens go mad!! July 6—10, 2008, \$50 per student. This is a local mission event for middle school students, grades 6—8. Registration deadline to sign up is May 19th. Youth will be housed in the Light House, youth building nightly. We will be serving our congregation and community with various projects during the day. For registration or other information, please contact Mary Knobloch at 359-7770, ext. 48, Madonna Moore at 957-7123, or Kathy Giles at 781-7641.

Parents, we need your help and participation to make this happen. You can help by providing food and water, participating a day on a work site, providing transportation to work sites, providing needed equipment, and/or chaperoning evenings.

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Member Assistant Program

Our interim provider for the Membership Assistance Program will be through Palmetto Baptist Pastoral Counseling. They can be reached at (803) 296-5879. Our members should identify themselves as part of the Membership Assistance Program of Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church.



See a complete list of all the summer camps and activities at www.saxegotha.org.



We extend Christian love and sympathy to Dave and Wynelle Reynolds in the death of Wynelle's sister.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

The Men in Ministry program has been rejuvenated! We have a group of men with various "talents" and varied levels of expertise, all of whom have the willingness and the Christian desire to be of service to those who need assistance in or at their home. If you are a widow, widower, single parent or senior citizen faced with tasks that are too taxing or beyond your physical ability to tackle, we want to help. Or if you know of a friend or neighbor who has that same dilemma, let us know. No task is beneath us, and some might be beyond our capabilities, but we might know someone who has those capabilities. Please contact either Bo Murphy at 957-1385, email jtmurphy@idon.com or Alan Medlen at 359-3380, email amedlen@pbtcomm.net, and they will come assess what needs to be done so we can gather the men to get it done.



Habitat for Humanity Build

All but a few shingles are on the roof and most of the siding is on. Saxe Gotha is scheduled to work from **12:30 pm to 4:30 pm on Saturday, May 17th**. Call Larry Howell, 463-9317 or 951-1844, if you would like to volunteer.



The house is located at 175 Emma Drive, Lexington, SC 29073.

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

Menu: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fried Okra, Rolls, Salad Bar, Assorted Pies
Children's Menu: Chicken Nuggets, Fries
Cost: Adults \$5/Children \$3/ Family Max \$15

Three (3) volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen from 6:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Please call Kathy @359-7770, ext. 19.



Saxe Gotha was chosen to receive \$3,750 from Steve Baudo as part of a \$28,600 'square-foot-giveaway program' by Baudo & Associates Home Builders. During a ceremony at 155 Sir Edwards Lane on Monday, April 28th, State Representative Nikki Haley drew names and matched fund recipients with seven Baudo houses. As each house sells, Steve will write a check to the associated organization for an amount equal to the square footage of the home. On May 2nd, Steve also mailed each of the seven participants a separate check for \$500 to "offset" the "pain" of waiting for the homes to sell. Our assigned property is a beautiful home at 155 Royal Creek Drive. **Thank you, Steve Baudo and Baudo & Associates Home Builders for your generosity!**

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Stephen Ministry: Afraid to ask for help?

Your family and friends expect you to be the strong one and help everyone else. But if you are hurting, you may not be able to be strong for everyone else. A Christian friend, who will keep your trust, listen to you, and pray with you is just around the corner. Stephen Ministers are trained to be there for you and help you through the rough times life sometimes sends your way. Discover how this program can put your life back on track. Please contact Rev. Bill Green at (803) 359-7770, ext. 16.

THANKS FOR YOUR JUNK!



We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Relay for Life yard sale. It was such a great success that we have decided to make this an annual fundraising event, so don't get rid of your junk. Because of your donations & time volunteered, we were able to raise \$1,720.00 for the American Cancer Society. Your generosity is making a difference in the lives of others & the fight against cancer. This church family is AWESOME!! There are now just 18 days left until the Relay Event. You still have time to purchase your luminaries and corporate sponsorships are due by 5/13. We look forward to seeing you all at RELAY on May 16th!