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Senior Pastor

FROM HOLMES TO HOMES

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My dear people...

Mixed emotions! More, after this:

This Sunday, our preacher is Dr. Bill Johnston, former pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Aiken, and a regular participant in the life of Saxe Gotha for several months now. Please pray for Bill and invite someone to hear him.

188 countries! That is how many countries receive the broadcast of *Day 1 – The Presbyterian Hour*, for which I was honored to record an initial two sermons for broadcast across that network on September 9th and 16th. In addition to the 188 countries, this broadcast is heard in all fifty states and across Canada, as well as on the Armed Forces Radio Network to our service personnel stationed around the world and on all our ships at sea. The people at *Day 1 – TPH* have graciously invited me to return in a couple of months and record some more sermons. In the Columbia area, you can hear the broadcast on WISW-1320 each Sunday at 6 a.m.

As you read these words, Barbara and I are in Destin, Florida, with our grandchildren. It is a trip that we have had scheduled for some time. Over the next few weeks, I hope to put the finishing touches to a new book manuscript.

My friend, Art Linkletter, somewhere gives his definition of mixed emotions: Art says mixed emotions are what a fellow feels when he sees his mother-in-law drive off a cliff in his brand new luxury automobile! Hey, if you don't like it, write Art. I'm just telling you what he said!

Mixed emotions surely are what Barbara and I are experiencing just now. On the one hand, we thank God for the privilege of serving with you and, selfishly, we were looking forward to being with you at least until December. On the other hand, we're saddened that we will now have only one more Sunday with you. That will be September 9th. Elsewhere in this week's newsletter, you will find information about the upcoming congregational meeting. I know you will be in prayer as you seek God's will for your church's future. We shall be in prayer with you.

As we pray for you, please also pray for us that we may be found faithful in Christ's service wherever He calls us.

Yours for Lifting up Christ and Building up People,

Dr. Bill Johnston is Pastor Emeritus of First Presbyterian Church in Aiken, where he served for 19 years. Since his retirement to a home on Lake Murray, he has served as Interim Pastor in three of the congregations in our presbytery. Dr. Johnston is married to Dr. Linda Johnston, a Professor at the University of South Carolina - Aiken. They have three children and 2 2/3 grandchildren.

**Pursuant to G 14.0502c of the Book of Order, the Session of Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, August 19, 2007 at 10:45 a.m. to hear and act upon the report and recommendations of the Pastor Nominating Committee.**

**SAXE GOTHA "CLASSICS"** will visit "The U.S. Army Chaplain Museum" at Ft. Jackson on Thursday, August 16th. We will depart from SGPC at 8:30 a.m. and return around 2:00 p.m. Your only expense will be your meal at Ft. Jackson. You will not be contacted by the committee. Please call Erika Hall @359-7770 ext. 18. **Deadline to make your reservations is August 8th.**

**FITNESS CENTER ORIENTATION**  
Did you know Saxe Gotha has a fitness center? The Fitness Center has a treadmill, an upright and recumbent bike, an elliptical, and a wide variety of circuit type weight and resistance machinery, as well as free weights. A Fitness Center Orientation is required to join. The next orientation is **Tuesday, August 21, 2007 at 6:30 pm.** Space is limited, so please call Ray Renner @359-7770, ext. 20 or Pansy Floyd, ext 37, to sign up or for additional



**The journey begins August 27th**

**PRAYER WALK** - The journey of faith...a commitment of individuals and small groups to read the Bible and to pray together. Look for our leadership team in the Narthex before and after worship services on Sundays, August 12th, 19th and 26, 2007. More information will be available at Faith Fair on Sunday, August 19th or e-mail Helen Harrison Coker at [hhcoker@saxegotha.org](mailto:hhcoker@saxegotha.org) or Tom Wood at [twood@southernanesthesia.com](mailto:twood@southernanesthesia.com)

**BLOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**  
Three (3) volunteers are needed for Sunday, Sept. 9th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Two volunteers needed for the sign-in desk and one for serving snacks. Please call Pansy Floyd @359-7770, ext. 37.

**SNL is starting again and this year we're Living Inside Out!!** That means we'll be sharing and showing our faith inside and outside the walls of Saxe Gotha. SNL is a creative arts program for all children ages 3, 4, and rising K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade with an emphasis on choir time. This year, we will also offer something for our rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders who would still like to perform. Keep your eyes open for a future mailing detailing that opportunity!

**SNL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**  
1st grade choir helpers; 3rd grade choir helpers; Snack helpers; Drama Teacher; Arts & Crafts Teacher and Bible Study Helpers.  
**Please contact Lee Ann Alexander at 359-7770, ext. 42, if you are interested in serving.**

**Calling all Kids' Community Volunteers!**  
Teacher Training Day for all volunteers working with Sunday School, Wednesday Night and SNL for the upcoming year.  
When: August 12, 2007 3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.  
RSVP: [smcgee@saxegotha.org](mailto:smcgee@saxegotha.org) and 359-7770 ext. 31 or [lowman@saxegotha.org](mailto:lowman@saxegotha.org) and 359-7770 ext. 28

**Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church is seeking a  
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER DIRECTOR**

This award winning, DSS certified facility includes a preschool program for 2's, 3's, 4's. Extended Care for 3's and 4's; and an after school program for elementary children. Check [cdc@saxegotha.org](mailto:cdc@saxegotha.org) for job posting or call 359-2058. Send Resumes to Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church, Attention: CDC Board, 5503 Sunset Boulevard, Lexington, SC 29072. Applications accepted until August 31, 2007.

**Make plans to attend Faith Fair 2007—Sunday, August 19th  
in Gym 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.**



Would your ministry or group like to be represented at this year's fair? If so, please start getting your information to Helen Harrison Coker now! You can email your information to [hhcoker@saxegotha.org](mailto:hhcoker@saxegotha.org) or call 359-7770, ext. 40. You will be able to sign up for classes and ministry opportunities during Faith Fair.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The following volunteer positions are still available in the Kids' Community: Toddler Sunday School teacher, Children's Church teachers (either service), Wednesday night small group leaders for 4th and 5th grade girls, Wednesday night leaders for 4's & 5's and supply organization and prep team (this can be done any day throughout the week). Please prayerfully consider joining the Kids' Community Team and helping children grow closer to Christ. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Stephanie McGee at [smcgee@saxegotha.org](mailto:smcgee@saxegotha.org) or 359-7770, ext. 31.

**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.*

**Laura Castles** - LEC  
**Carol McGee's Mother & Brent McGee's Grandmother** (Murel Feagin) - heart  
**Susan McMillan** - home  
**Elsie Weaver**  
**Alecia Davis**  
**David Tuttle**  
**Charlotte Gates**  
**Robby Kerr's Father**  
**Deck Hudson's** - Father  
**Becky Black** LEC - (Jon's Grandmother)  
**Cade Spinks** (child) (son of David & Kelli)  
**Lila Counts**—BMC

**Nancy Hathaway's Grandson** (Zach)  
**Marilyn Welborn's Mother**  
**Kevin Eubanks** - deployed  
**Mark Chandler's** sister-in law  
 Judy Chandler - cancer  
**April Hendrix's** brother "Jimmy Driggers" - liver cancer  
**Jann Davis** - home  
**Briggs Chambers** (child) home (son of Cory & Katie Chambers)  
**Desree Lightle** - LMC  
**Jerry Fowler** - home  
**Robin Jumper's son Brian** - auto auto accident

**Christian Sympathy**

We extend Christian sympathy to **Kelly Jones** in the death of his father.

**THE LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT**



Your response to The Lions Recycle for Sight eyeglass collection, sponsored by Marie Colberg Circle, has been most generous. Any eyeglasses you do not use, please consider donating them to this project. You may leave the glasses at the receptionist desk at SGPC. For additional information, please contact Fran Griffith @ 359-3104.

For those who have "regained their eyesight" through your donation of eyeglasses, comes a very sincere and heartfelt "THANK YOU!".

**Weekly Worship Attendance & Giving**

**Worship Attendance: 7/29/07**

9:00 AM: 377 11:15 AM: 311

	Weekly Offering	Need YTD	Received YTD
Operating	\$29,540	\$1,530,000	\$1,286,594
Debt Retirement	\$100		\$ 41,633

Our Session has adopted an operating budget for 2007 in the amount of \$2,650,000, resulting in a weekly offering need of \$51,000.

**Nursery News**

Beginning September 1, 2007, there is a childcare form that each ministry or group requesting childcare will need to fill out in order for childcare to be provided. You must have a minimum of 5 children in order for childcare to be provided for your group or ministry. Even if childcare is already scheduled for the time you are meeting, you must have a form on file for children to come to childcare.

These requirements are found in our nursery policy. With your cooperation, we will accomplish our goals. Thank you.



I would like to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to Dr. Leslie Holmes, Rev. Bill Green, Lonnie Wehunt and the entire Saxe Gotha Church family for the kindness shown during my Mother's (Margie Oswald) death. The funeral service was beautiful and the food was delicious. "Thank you."  
 Cocky Oswald and family

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**INTERMEDIATE SHAG CLASSES**



Intermediate Shag Classes will begins Monday, August 20th -through Monday, September 17,2007 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Building Atrium. You must have had basic and basic plus Shag lessons. Please contact Beth Dykes at 788-5414 after 4:00 pm or [ddykes@earthlink.net](mailto:ddykes@earthlink.net).



The **Preschool Choirs** consist of **ages 3, 4, and rising K** and they meet in the CDC area from **5-6 p.m.** Their hour is jam packed with singing, movement, craft, story time and a light snack. They perform several times throughout the year during worship and also perform a larger mini-musical for the Christmas season and in the spring.

The **Elementary Choirs** program is for rising **1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders** and is a fun and exciting way to teach your kids the gospel through song. This fall we will do a musical, but on a little different level. There will be **no auditions**, and the graded choirs will perform the songs only, while the rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders perform the drama. The large-scale musical will return in the spring of 2008 with all of our 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students performing and not only learning the Word of God, but teaching the Word of God to the audience. The graded choir program meets each **Sunday night from 5-6:30 p.m.**, and features a breakout time, where you can experience many different ways to worship through creative movement, drama, Bible Detective Club, games, and arts and crafts, just to name a few.

There is a \$25 per family/per year snack fee for SNL participants. There are still a few SNL volunteer spots that need to be filled. Check out the volunteer need's list in this newsletter. Don't wait! Call Lee Ann Alexander @359-7770, ext. 42 for more details. **You can sign your child up for SNL at Faith Fair in the Gym on Sunday, August 19, 2007.**