

## CHURCH NOTES – July 12, 2020

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**NEW BABIES** Congratulations to Frank and Melanie Spencer on the birth of their grandson, Emmett Franklin Zakutansky. Emmett was born on June 29, 2020 to proud parents Brian and Aly Spencer Zakutansky. His big brother is Samuel.

Congratulations to Steve and Jessie Hahn Zande on the birth of their son, Thomas Alexander Zande, on July 3, 2020. His grandparents are Rick and Eleanor Hahn.

Congratulations to Josh and Brittany Guffey on the birth of their daughter, Evelyn Nicole Guffey, on July 6, 2020. Her big sister is Annelise.

**OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION TO THE CLASS OF 2020 ELDERS** We are grateful to and for Ashley Armistead, Matt Baskerville, Pam Brownlee, Meg Dewey, Andrew McLellan, Jay Pfeifer, Kris Phillips, Olen Smith and Laura Stark. Over the last three years, these dedicated individuals have served the congregation through their time and talents and commitment as they worked on various committees and projects. We also extend our gratitude to Jonah Cameron for his contributions as Youth Elder this past year.

**ELDER ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION** This morning we celebrate the ordination and installation of our newest class of elders. In worship we will creatively engage the ancient, scriptural ritual of 'laying hands'. Typically, ordinands kneel as elders and clergy 'lay hands' upon them as we pray communally. Due to the health constraints of COVID-19, a blanket will cover the elder's shoulders symbolizing our unity in Christy by the Holy Spirit.

"Ordination is for the sake of the church's witness to Jesus Christ, the living and active Lord. He saves. He is faithful. He is at work in our world. The church diminishes itself when it presumes that its role is to do what Christ does. The hard work, the challenging and truly joyful work, is to bear witness to Christ's presence in the world. The church ordains a variety of people with diverse gifts to undertake different but related tasks in order to help the church witness more faithfully to Jesus Christ. That is why ordination, in this tradition, is to service and not privilege or distinction. But that is also why one measure of the seriousness with which the church understands its own calling is the dignity it accords this service." - Dr. Tom Currie.

**SAPC SUMMER BOOK CLUB** Join us as we dive into six amazing books this summer. Groups will meet twice over the next few months to discuss. Each group will pick meeting times after sign-ups are completed. A list of the books can be found in the weekly email and the [sign up link](#). Please register by Sunday, July 12.

**THE GREATEST STORIES EVER TOLD** Join us this summer as the most beloved and adventurous Bible stories capture our imaginations and pierce our hearts. [The schedule of stories and additional resources are available](#) on the website. Worship is livestreaming on Facebook Live and Instagram Live at 10:30am each Sunday. A link for joining is sent at 10:15am each Sunday via email to members and is available on our website.

**WE HAVE LAUNCHED OUR OFFICIAL SAPC PODCAST** Listen to past sermons, children's chapels, community discussions and more. [Click to hear on Spotify](#) and [click to hear on Apple Podcast](#).

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL** Our new children's chapel is hosted live on Thursdays, 9:30am via the SAPC Facebook page and the [website](#). Join us for songs, prayer, crafts, and creative Bible stories. We are excited about our summer sermon series "The Greatest Stories Ever Told" and can't wait to share these stories with our children. Check out our [children's resources](#).

### RETHINKING CHURCH

- Please look for updates at [www.selwynpres.org](http://www.selwynpres.org) and via email.
- The best way to contact staff is via email. If you need to reach out by phone, please call the church, 704-372-6836. Listen to the instructions carefully and follow the prompts for leaving a voice message on the extension of the appropriate staff person.
- For pastoral care emergencies please leave a message on Reverend Raible's extension.
- If you are a Selwyn member and not receiving our weekly email, please email [Marsha Cooper](#). We will get your email added to our database and online member directory. With parent permission, we would like to add email addresses of Middle and High School youth. Thank you for helping our communication efforts.
- We continue to offer online gatherings, studies, and meetings through Zoom. Zoom is an easily accessible online platform and app. A schedule of links to online gatherings can be found on our website and via emails.

**YOUR CONTINUED STEWARDSHIP AND PLEDGES** are much needed and celebrated as we navigate the weeks ahead. Thank you to all who have embraced the online Text to Give platform. Instructions for using:

- Text 704-734-9818.
- Enter an amount.
- The first time you will be prompted to SHELBY to confirm set up.
- From then on, it is as easy as texting the amount to the number with or without a key word.
- Key words are:  
 GIVE (an offering to SAPC's general fund)  
 COVID (a special offering in response to the needs of Montclair Elementary and Urban Ministry Center)  
 75 (a gift to the Roots and Wings fund)
- You DO NOT need a key word if you are giving to the 2020 annual fund.

**MISSION INVOLVEMENT** We continue to respond to needs related to children in need, hunger and homelessness.

- Augustine Literacy Project invites you to participate in one of their Virtual Information Sessions on July 23 or 30 at 10:30am via Zoom. [Register](#) for a session or learn more by contacting [Helen Hope Kimbrough](#).
- Saturday, July 25 Lunches for Roof Above (formerly Urban Ministry Center): We are looking for 20 families to make 10 lunches each and drop the prepared lunches off at the church that morning by 10am. Lunches need to include: two sandwiches or a canned protein, fruit, a carb, dessert and a water. The food, any eating utensils, and a napkin should be packed in a paper or gallon sized bag. [Sign up](#) to help. Questions, contact [Christy Parbst](#).
- Homelessness: We are focusing on immediate needs for Roof Above. Their requests change daily and are updated on [their website](#). If interested, please order from their Amazon list and ship directly to them.
- Hunger and Children: We continue to give grocery store gift cards to Montclair Elementary families. You may contribute funds via our website online giving portals to buy cards. Our food pantry will resume after school starts. Please email [Lisa McLennan](#) with any questions.

**ADULT ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES AND CLASSES** Links to participate can be found at [www.selwynpres.org](http://www.selwynpres.org).

- Selwyn Life Class Sunday School, First and third Sundays, 4pm. Contact [John Lemmon](#) for details.
- Virtual Encounters with Jesus - The Gospel of John, Tuesdays, 11am.
- Men's Group, Fridays, 7am

**ALL CHURCH TRIVIA NIGHT** Everyone is invited to join the Zoom all-church trivia night on Sunday, July 19 at 5pm. It takes a little over an hour to play. [Sign-up](#) to play. Questions contact [Margo](#).

**YOUTH GROUPS** Margo will send emails for summer opportunities. Questions, contact [Margo](#).

- Montreat Youth Picnic, July 14, 7pm, on the church lawn.
- Youth Virtual Game Nights, July 17 and July 31, 6pm.
- Senior Baccalaureate Service, July 26, 7:30pm, on the church lawn.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
Sunday, July 12 10:30 Worship Online  Tuesday, July 14 11:00 Virtual Encounters with Jesus 7:00 Montreat Youth Picnic (lawn)	Thursday, July 16 9:30 Virtual Children's Chapel  Friday, July 17 7:00 Men's Group 6:00 Youth Virtual Game Night	Sunday, July 19 10:30 Worship Online 4:00 Selwyn Life Class Online 5:00 All Church Trivia Night  Church Notes deadline is Monday by 9am Spire deadline is Monday, July 27, 9am



# MEET OUR NEW ELDERS



**Chris Bahr** is a proud husband to his wife, Mai-Lis, and father of two kids, Carson and Addy, who have been raised around Selwyn Presbyterian, beginning with their formative years at the CDC and now high school. Chris has spent the past 20 years in Charlotte in the software industry.

The Bahr's love the community of Selwyn as a place that continues to offer a "come and you are" community, while offering exceptional opportunities to be involved without forcing expectations and/or judgement. This balance promotes an environment where God, church and faith allows each of us to more fully embrace the journey when we do hear the call.



**Deni Pifer** is an Estate Planning Attorney in Charlotte, NC. Deni has been a member of SAPC for 14 years and is joined by her husband Bobby, children Marshall (14) and Sydney (12), and Lex the golden doodle, Lewis the horse and two goldfish, Instagram and Google.

"I always smile when I enter the door. God's presence lives as Selwyn in it's members. The atmosphere is one of peace, love and togetherness."



**Shannon Brown**, along with her husband Chad and her son, Hugh (10) have been members of the Selwyn community for the past two years.

A graduate of UNC Chapel Hill, Shannon serves as a Registered Nurse at Atrium Health. In her spare time, she enjoys volunteering, riding bikes, yoga and time with the family.

Shannon faithfully participates in bible studies and very often you will be greeted by her warm smile on your way to worship or Sunday School.



**Andy Sontag**, along with wife Katie and sons Matthew (5) and Andrew (2) have been members of Selwyn for the past 4 years. A graduate of Ole Miss, Andy works as a Financial Advisor at Wells Fargo.

Andy has volunteered with Selwyn's Habitat for Humanity build for the past few years, and he is looking forward to building his relationship with Selwyn and the community through his service on Session.



**Bob Cole** has been a member of Selwyn Presbyterian for more than 16 years. Bob, along with his wife Joe Anne, moved to Charlotte from Newnan, GA, in 1970. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

A graduate from Davidson College, Bob is the President and CEO of J.R. Cole Industries, Inc. He has served on many Sessions including Morningside Presbyterian in Atlanta, and Trinity Presbyterian in Charlotte, and at Selwyn.



**Maggie Thrasher** is a rising Junior at Myers Park High School. Maggie played volleyball for Myers Park this year. She loves sports and is a huge fan of the UNC Tarheels, Carolina Panthers, Atlanta Braves and, of course, the Myers Park Mustangs.

Maggie, is a member of SAPC, along with her grandparents, Bobbie and Hank Hankins, and her parents Marsha and Drew Thrasher. She has two younger brothers, Drayton and Hank Thrasher, and is an active member of the Selwyn Youth Program.

"Selwyn is such a special place to me. I am so incredibly honored to be nominated as youth Elder, and I feel that my relationship with the church community over the years has prepared me very well."



**Susan Flynn** is the wife of SAPC member Ed Flynn and mother to JP (24), Mary (22) and William (20). She has served Selwyn in multiple roles over the years, including Elder, Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, Confirmation Mentor, volunteering for Habitat for Humanity and more.

A graduate from Davidson College and Vanderbilt University, Susan works as a Nurse Practitioner at Eastover University OBGYN. She has lived in Charlotte 25 years, and joined Selwyn in 1995.

Susan likes the intergenerational relationships at Selwyn, and service to the community.



**Lou Waple** is husband to Shelley Waple, and father to Nelson and Emma Hinson. Lou serves as an attorney in Charlotte, NC. The Waples have been members of SAPC for 13 years.

"Selwyn has been a part of our family since the kids were very young. I enjoy the community of friends that we have developed over the years. My connection with the Men's Group and ASP has been an extremely rewarding experience and is an important part of who I am and how I hope to live within my family and community. My life, like many, is overcrowded with 'extracurriculars' but my time at Selwyn-with the deeper dives provided within Men's Group, ASP, and time on Session, prove to be the needed grounding influences within my personal growth."



**Suzanne Newsom** is the daughter of long-time Selwyn Presbyterian member Bettye Sue Newsom, wife of Eric Winkenwerder, and mother of adult children Eli and Andrew Winkenwerder. Suzanne teaches English at Northwest School of the Arts, and volunteers at Theatre Charlotte. She is a member of Selwyn's Chancel Choir.

"Selwyn is truly the church that raised me. My parents brought me to church here when I was six months old, and we have been members ever since then. I find comfort in worshipping at Selwyn with friends and family. Words and music that I hear at Selwyn sustain me for whatever God sends my way in the following week."



**JD Yearwood** is husband to Jamie Yearwood, and father to Emmy (5), Hattie (3), and Annie (10 mos). He is a Commercial Real Estate Broker, and has been involved with Selwyn's Young Adult and Men's groups over the years. He has participated with Room in the Inn, and as a Selwyn CDC parent.

A graduate of Elon University, JD has lived in Charlotte for the past 11 years and when he's not at home with his family, he enjoys golf and sports (specifically Boston Red Sox, Celtics & the Patriots).