

# THE BEACON

*Sunrise Presbyterian Church*

*September 2022 Newsletter*



**The new flooring is in! We were blessed by the generosity of the contributions that were given by the congregation. Thank you!!!**

*It's September!*

This month's **Beacon** is filled with activities! There is literally something for everyone! Let me suggest you consider choosing a new activity in the life of Sunrise. These opportunities fall into a number of categories designed to meet a variety of interests and needs.

*Worship*

There are three weekly worship services: 9:00 a.m. Devotional Service, 10:00 a.m. Family Service, and the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. Each is designed to meet different worship needs. While the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. share the same scripture and message, the musical offerings are different. At 11:00 a.m. the choir provides inspiring anthems, duets, and solos. The 10:00 a.m. Family Service is held in the Family Chapel upstairs in the Education Wing. It is designed to introduce children to worship. The older children are invited to help in leading parts of the service.

*Education*

There are a number of educational opportunities at Sunrise from weekly to monthly.

*Weekly:* Each Sunday morning, during the 10:00 a.m. hour there is an Adult Sunday school class that meets in the church library that I teach. Following the Family Service, there is a Sunday school class for the children. It includes a craft that emphasizes that week's scripture. Each Tuesday morning, the Men's Prayer Breakfast meets at 7:30 a.m. for a wonderful breakfast, followed by a devotional based on a scripture passage.

*Monthly:* Once a month, there is a Morning and Evening Bible study for women. The morning Bible study is the Miriam-Naomi Circle that meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. On the third Tuesday evening of the month, Reece leads the Women's Evening Bible Study. Please read the articles about each of these groups. New this fall is a monthly Sunday school class for 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders. It will meet at 9:00 a.m. on the third Sunday of the month.

*Youth:* Youth Group is resuming on September 11th. This fall there will be the weekly gatherings on Sunday evening and a once a month event. If you are not on the contact list for Youth Group, you may send your contact information to the church office at: [sunrisepresbyterian3222@gmail.com](mailto:sunrisepresbyterian3222@gmail.com).

*Fellowship*

*Weekly:* Each Sunday we have fellowship beginning at 9:30 a.m. and continuing until after the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. It is a wonderful way to meet new friends and keep up with each other's lives.

*Monthly:* The FEAST groups meet monthly. They build a strong, supportive bond between Sunrise members. Please check out the insert about FEAST in this month's **Beacon**. The weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast is a fellowship group, as is the monthly Miriam-Naomi Circle.

*Special Events:* On Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> we will have a special church-wide worship/fellowship day! There will be a single 10:00 a.m. worship service followed by a cookout and covered dish lunch. A jump castle for the children will be set up outside the Fellowship Hall.

I am looking forward to seeing you this fall!

In God's grace,





Sunrise would like to welcome its  
newest members:  
Heather & Davis Goforth

## NEW MEMBER CLASS



Our next New Member Class will be on **September 18th beginning at 9 a.m.** which will be followed by a tour of the building, fellowship, meeting with the Session at 10:45 a.m., and introduction to the congregation at the 11:00 Worship Service. If you are interested in learning more about Sunrise and considering joining, please email Hannah in the Church Office ([sunrisepresbyterian3222@gmail.com](mailto:sunrisepresbyterian3222@gmail.com)). If you have expressed an interest in a New Member Class in the past couple of years, feel free to check with Hannah to make certain Shauna has your name and contact information.

WORSHIP  
**ONE**  
SERVICE  
TOGETHER

Join us for a Single Worship Service at 10 am on September 25th. A cookout and covered dish luncheon will follow the service. We'll also have a jump castle for the kids! Don't miss it!



Calling All  
Feast  
Groups!

If you have been or are beginning to meet again with your Feast group, we'd like to hear from you as we bring Feast back and add new people! Gary Hawkins is the pointperson and he asks that you send this information to Hannah in the church office at [sunrisepresbyterian3222@gmail.com](mailto:sunrisepresbyterian3222@gmail.com) or (843) 883-3888. We also have Feast registration/signups in the Narthex. If you are interested in joining a Feast group, please fill one out and return it in the collection plate or to the church office.





## ECCO Grocery Bag Sunday

Sunrise Church will have grocery bags available in the Narthex beginning on September 24th. All grocery bags need to be returned to the Narthex or in the bin outside the Fellowship Hall doors by Sunday, October 2nd.

The Grocery Bag Sunday program is a cooperative effort between ECCO and local churches. Each participating church is provided with empty grocery bags with an attached “wish list” of items that are critically low on the ECCO food bank shelves. These donations are critical to helping to maintain a steady flow of food. ECCO would like to thank all the churches in our area who participate in this program.



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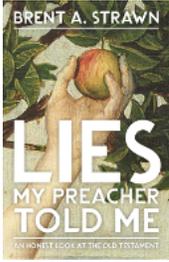
I'm excited to introduce a new program for Sunrise's older elementary school (4th and 5th grade) and middle school students. It's called **Growing Faith**, and will be a cross between a traditional Sunday School class and an open forum that will allow students to actively participate through sharing and asking lots of questions! It will learn about the Bible, but will place emphasis on how these stories in the Bible apply to our lives today. Some of the topics in **Growing Faith** will be:

- Who was Jesus?
- Experiencing God as Love
- The Bible and How We Use It
- Inclusion
- Practicing Humility
- Forgiving and Healing

# Growing Faith

We will meet on the third Sunday of each month at 9am in the upstairs Sunday School room across the hall from the Family Chapel. Our first two classes will take place on September 18 and October 16. The nursery will be open for younger children—parents are invited to attend the 9am devotional service in the sanctuary. If you have a child in this age group and are interested in them attending, please email me at [reecehsmith@yahoo.com](mailto:reecehsmith@yahoo.com) with their name, age, and grade. Feel free to include any questions you have. I look forward to taking faith to the next level with your children! -Reece

# What's Happening in September at Sunrise



The Women's Evening Bible Study will meet September 20th at 5:30 p.m. The next topic we'll be discussing from the book *Lies My Preacher Told Me: An Honest Look At The Old Testament* by Brent Strawn is MISTRUTH 6: DAVID WROTE THE PSALMS (AND OTHER UNHELPFUL HISTORICAL ASSERTIONS). I'm looking forward to discussing this topic, because it's something many of us have heard for our entire lives. We will meet in person in the Sanctuary at the church and there will also be a zoom link for a remote option. Any questions, please contact me at [reecehsmith@yahoo.com](mailto:reecehsmith@yahoo.com). ~ Reece



Start off your Tuesdays with the Jerry Dillon Men's Prayer Breakfast at 7:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. The Prayer Breakfast is back in full swing, starting the day off right with great food, fellowship, and a devotion.

## The Miriam Naomi Circle resumes this Fall.

The Miriam-Naomi Circle meets in the Sunrise Library at 10am on the second Tuesday of every month from September through May. Every study year a new topic and study guide is chosen from which we read monthly selections in preparation for informative discussions led by Rev. Polley. This year we will be studying the Gospel of Mark using *Mark's Story of Jesus* by Werner H. Kelber as our study guide. After we meet, those of us who are able to do so usually regroup for lunch at a nearby restaurant. At our first gathering of this year, on Tuesday, September 13th, Rev. Polley will give us an overview of the study. Study guides will be available for purchase at that time. The Miriam-Naomi was formed sometime after 1976 to combine what was at one time a Morning Circle and an Evening Circle. We are a loving, caring group of ladies who enjoy getting together for these monthly gatherings of study and fellowship. We would love to welcome new participants in the Circle. If you have any questions or if you would like to be added to our mailing list, please call Patsy Hindman (843) 906-8653.



**Thank you for your generous contributions to the  
Remembrance Garden...**

*~ Roberta Blanchard & Family in memory of our sister,  
Betty Imsande*

If you'd like to help keep the garden beautiful, please complete the donation form located in the narthex and note Remembrance Garden on the check memo line. Contributions given *in memory of* or *in honor of* someone will be included in the Beacon & Dedication book.

# September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>28</p> <p>9am - Devotional Service - 9:30am - Fellowship 10am - Choir Practice 10am - Family Service/Adult 11am - Worship Service</p>	<p>29</p> <p>1:30pm - Music Lessons 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast 4:15pm - Deakins Lessons -</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p>	<p>1</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate 6pm - Choir Practice 7:30pm - PVP Rehearsal -</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>9am - Devotional Service - 9:30am - Fellowship 10am - Choir Practice 10am - Family Service/Adult 11am - Worship Service</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Labor Day</p> <p>1:30pm - Music Lessons 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast 4:15pm - Deakins Lessons -</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting 5:30pm - Cub Scouts</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate 6pm - Choir Practice 7:30pm - PVP Rehearsal -</p>	<p>9</p> <p>12:30pm - Bridge -</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Cents-Ability</p> <p>9am - Devotional Service - 9:30am - Fellowship 10am - Choir Practice 10am - Family Service/Adult 11am - Worship Service</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1:30pm - Music Lessons 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate 6pm - Seaside Singer</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast 10am - Miriam-Naomi Circle 4:15pm - Deakins Lessons -</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p>	<p>15</p> <p>First Day of Hispanic</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate 6pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>16</p> <p>12:30pm - Bridge -</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1pm - PVP Rehearsal -</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9am - Devotional Service - 9:30am - Fellowship 10am - Choir Practice 10am - Family Service/Adult 11am - Worship Service 3pm - Girl Scouts -</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1:30pm - Music Lessons 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate 6pm - Seaside Singer</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast 4:15pm - Deakins Lessons - 5:30pm - Women's Evening</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting 6pm - Pack Meeting -</p>	<p>22</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate 6pm - Choir Practice 7:30pm - PVP Rehearsal -</p>	<p>23</p> <p>12:30pm - Bridge -</p>	<p>24</p> <p>11am - SI Police Blood Drive</p>
<p>25</p> <p>10am - Choir Practice 10am - Single Service ~</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1:30pm - Music Lessons 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate 6pm - Seaside Singer</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast 4:15pm - Deakins Lessons -</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate 6pm - Choir Practice 7:30pm - PVP Rehearsal -</p>	<p>30</p> <p>12:30pm - Bridge -</p>	<p>1</p>



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**2 Marcia Fletcher**  
**3 Matthew Parker**  
**4 Winter & Woods Ziegler**  
**5 Ruby Frazier**  
**7 Steve Dierdorf**  
**8 Daniel Nixon**  
**9 Paul Burton**  
**10 Anna Borden**  
**11 Pam Brooks**  
**12 Elaine Schupp**  
**14 Shirley Joyner**  
**15 Lindsay Bell**  
**15 Harper Naylor**  
**15 Tommy Baker**  
**16 Phil Riker**

**16 Jack Ciesar**  
**16 Liam Naylor**  
**22 Mandy Hostetler**  
**23 Don Belk**  
**23 Reece Humphreys**  
**24 Shauna Nelson**  
**25 Melissa Henderson**  
**26 Natalie Allard**  
**27 Mac Heffernan**  
**29 Mary Katherine Kern**  
**29 Hannah Kern**  
**30 Viva Herscher**  
**30 Judy Naylor**  
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