

RPC NEWSLETTER



Just These Thoughts My Friends...

Having just celebrated Pentecost, and the birth of the church, we are reminded that our waiting for the Holy Spirit is complete, and it is now time to get to work. So, take just a moment to think about where you find your place in the “work” here at Rock Presbyterian Church. What is your work? Where do you fit in? Where do you take part in the ongoing ministries? To what are you giving yourself: your time, your talents, your energy? As disciples of Jesus Christ, and as covenant partners at Rock, we are called to give ourselves to the work that Christ is doing. We are all asked to join together in service to the Kingdom.

We do this first by making worship a priority. *We serve the Lord, and each other, when we gather each week for worship.* And no doubt, when we come with open arms to worship, pray, and sing, the Lord extends a blessing to us. I can’t say this enough; don’t miss worship, my friends. It is our lifeline to God for the hard weeks ahead. And our opportunity to say “thank you, Lord.”

We also serve the Lord through prayer. Every day we receive a prayer email in our inboxes. It gives us an opportunity to stop and pray for our church family. I hope you see those and take a moment each day to pray for our Rock family. We serve the Lord, and each other, through prayer.

We serve by giving a portion of our financial gifts back to the Lord. The overall stewardship here at Rock is strong, my friends. And this has made so much of what we believe we are called to do possible. Thank you. Continue to give, as Paul encourages the church, not out of pressure or compulsion, but with joy. For the Lord loves a cheerful giver.

Finally, we serve by serving. This could be on one of our Rock “ministry teams”, teaching a Sunday school class, singing in the choir or with the worship team, cooking or serving food on Wednesday nights, helping feed families when a death has occurred, walking and working with our children and youth, taking a Sunday in the nursery, going on mission trips, praying at Wheatfield, bringing food items each Sunday, cleaning the highway, working in the cemetery, ushering, greeting, etc, etc, etc.

So, once more, where are you joyfully serving, not because you have to, but because you want to? There is a place for you here at Rock. There is a place for us all. And if you aren’t sure of your place, let’s get together and talk about it.

Blessings in Christ!

Dr. Chris Leonard

YOUTH! YOUTH! YOUTH!

Congratulations Graduates!

High School
Jacob Sienkiewicz



College
Jack Davenport - (graduating in August)
BS - Business Management
Minor - Financial Management

John Deal - North Greenville University
Christian Studies

Middlers
Week of Service

- MEETING AT THE MISSION HOUSE
JUNE 8 - 11 AT 9AM
- RETURNING TO THE MISSION HOUSE
BY NOON
- POOL DAY WEDNESDAY JUNE 10
FOLLOWING SERVICE PROJECT
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS
INVITED

SUMMER SENIOR MISSION TRIP



July 3-7

REFORMED YOUTH MINISTRIES

SUMMER BIBLE STUDIES

4-SESSION BIBLE STUDY FOR TEEN GUYS

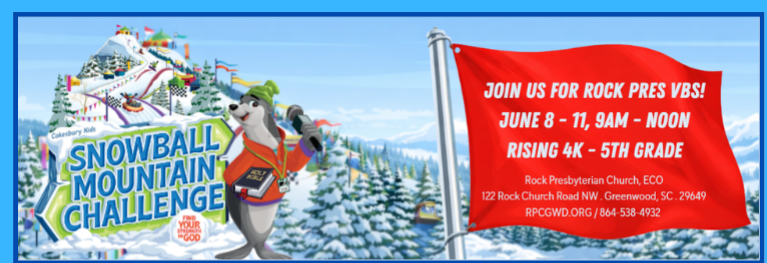
J.D. GREAR

Faithful in the Fire

The Bible
& Your Body

Second Sunday Breakfast
Sunday, June 14 and Sunday, July 12
10:00 a.m., Mission House

Rock JAM



DROP-OFF & PICK-UP:
 For your children's safety, please drive past the church and turn right into the parking lot beside the playground to drop off your children. There will be an adult to escort them into the building.
 When picking up, do the same as drop-off, and tell the adult VBS volunteer your children's names. We will bring them to you.
 Thank You!

PLEASE SEND IN A canned good each day to benefit the Greenwood Food Bank (vegetables, fruit, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, etc)

CLOSING PROGRAM THURSDAY, JUNE 11 AT 12:00PM!
 Your family is invited to join us in the Sanctuary, then for pizza lunch in the MPB!

PLEASE NOTE:
 *Water Day is Wednesday & we will get wet at Recreation! Please bring a bathing suit, towel, and apply sunscreen.
 *Thursday is pizza lunch in the MPB after the closing program! Your entire family is invited!

THANK YOU FOR SENDING YOUR CHILDREN TO ROCK PRESBYTERIAN VBS!
 Please pray for our time together this week, for our children, youth, volunteers & staff, and that all we learn and do this week glorifies God and teaches us to love like Jesus!

PLEASE WEAR THIS COLOR T-SHIRT EACH DAY:
 MONDAY: BLUE
 TUESDAY: YELLOW
 WEDNESDAY: GREEN
 THURSDAY: RED



Join us on Tuesdays at 10am, starting June 16 for a 7 week Bible Study in the FH

When Faith Becomes Sight

HEAVEN

JENNIFER ROTHSCHILD

In this 7-session video-based study, Jennifer Rothschild explores the subject of Heaven from a biblical perspective. She will separate what's true about Heaven from what's based on legend, media depictions, and hopeful guesses. As you walk through the study, you'll not only gain a deeper understanding of what God has prepared for His children, but also learn how to live with confidence today as you look forward to the glorious unending that awaits. Don't just wonder about Heaven—embrace it with a faith that turns anticipation into excitement and peace.



Copy and paste links in web browser to read articles

Planning a Vacation Without Breaking the Bank

<https://www.crown.org/all-resources/ask-chuck-planning-a-vacation-without-breaking-the-bank/>

Are We Taking on Too Much National Debt?

<https://www.crown.org/all-resources/ask-chuck-are-we-taking-on-too-much-national-debt/>

Check out www.crown.org for other financial resources.

Congregational Care/Programs

**Ice Cream Inspirational Music Fest
Sunday, July 19
6:00 p.m., MPB**

Join the church family for a fun evening of ice cream and music as we cool off from the hot summer days! Bring your favorite ice cream to share (home-made or store bought) or toppings and come chill with your church family!



Worship

June Childcare
July Childcare

Date	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
June 7	Angela Easterling	Amy Williams	Ellen Warner
June 14	Mary Ann Edwards	Julia McClanahan	Carolyn Fish
June 21	Karen Reese		Mary Catherine McCartha
June 28	Mary Schwab	Alayna Sanders	Deana Gasque
July 5	Susan Chasteen	Nealy Shiles	Debbie Leonard
July 12	Shelley Botchie	Patty Clark	Kathryn Luke
July 19	Elizabeth Hinson	Lauren Sullivan	Darlene Mallow
July 26	Ginny Edwards	Amy Williams	JoAnn Wolf

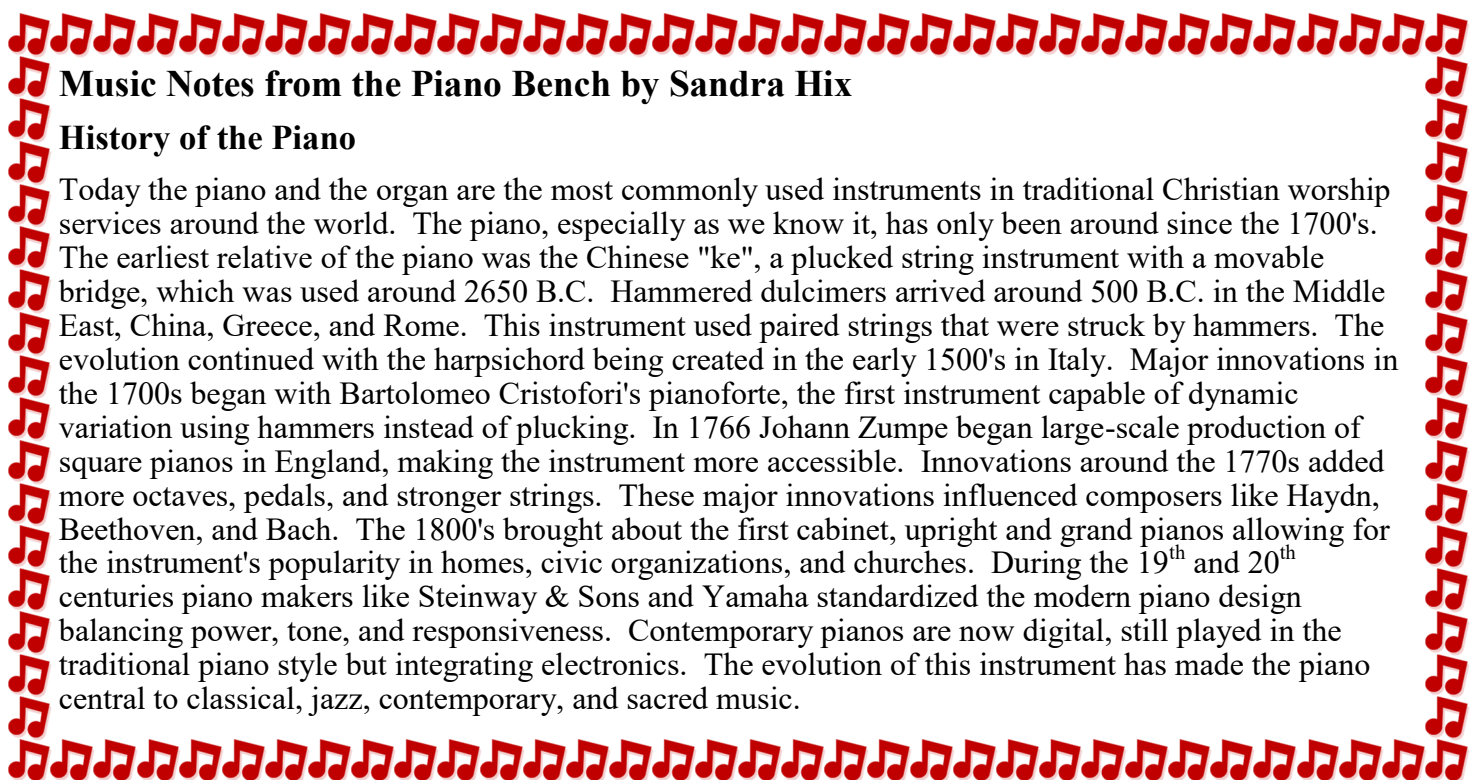
Sermon Series: A Charge to Keep*Livestream available on Facebook/YouTube at 11:00 a.m. (June) & 9:00 a.m. (July)*

June 7 Communion	<i>Go Out Into the World in Peace</i> John 14:25-27	Rev. Dr. Chris Leonard
June 14	<i>Be of Good Courage</i> Matthew 10:24-31	Rev. Dr. Chris Leonard
June 21	<i>Hold Fast to That Which is Good</i> 1 Thessalonians 5:12-2	Rev. Dr. Chris Leonard
June 28	<i>Return No One Evil for Evil</i> Matthew 5:38-39	Rev. Dr. Chris Leonard

June Ushers: *Jan Rushton, JoAnn Wolf

July 5 <i>One Service, 10:00 a.m.</i> Communion	<i>For Freedom God Enables Us!</i> Galatians 5:1-5	Rev. David Turner
July 12	<i>Strengthen the Fainthearted</i> <i>Support The Weak & Help the Afflicted</i> James selected	Rev. Dr. Chris Leonard
July 19	<i>Show Love to Eveyone</i> Mark 12:30-31	Rev. Marshall Steinle
July 26	<i>Love and Serve the Lord,</i> <i>Rejoicing in the Power of the Holy Spirit</i>	Rev. Dr. Chris Leonard

July Ushers: *Lee & Linda Goldstein

Childcare is available for all services.


Music Notes from the Piano Bench by Sandra Hix

History of the Piano

Today the piano and the organ are the most commonly used instruments in traditional Christian worship services around the world. The piano, especially as we know it, has only been around since the 1700's. The earliest relative of the piano was the Chinese "ke", a plucked string instrument with a movable bridge, which was used around 2650 B.C. Hammered dulcimers arrived around 500 B.C. in the Middle East, China, Greece, and Rome. This instrument used paired strings that were struck by hammers. The evolution continued with the harpsichord being created in the early 1500's in Italy. Major innovations in the 1700s began with Bartolomeo Cristofori's pianoforte, the first instrument capable of dynamic variation using hammers instead of plucking. In 1766 Johann Zumpe began large-scale production of square pianos in England, making the instrument more accessible. Innovations around the 1770s added more octaves, pedals, and stronger strings. These major innovations influenced composers like Haydn, Beethoven, and Bach. The 1800's brought about the first cabinet, upright and grand pianos allowing for the instrument's popularity in homes, civic organizations, and churches. During the 19th and 20th centuries piano makers like Steinway & Sons and Yamaha standardized the modern piano design balancing power, tone, and responsiveness. Contemporary pianos are now digital, still played in the traditional piano style but integrating electronics. The evolution of this instrument has made the piano central to classical, jazz, contemporary, and sacred music.



Miscellaneous Church News

Welcome New Covenant Partners



Tom & Amy Pritchard
Joined May 2026



Regina "Regi" Boyd
Joined May 2026



Gena Wiegand
Joined May 2026

"One Can" Ministry

RPC's One Can Ministry continues each week! You generously gave 116 lbs. Please bring non-perishables each Sunday to place in either of the bins located in the CE Building or the Welcome Center.



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY
KEEP SC BEAUTIFUL

Thursday, June 4, 9:00 a.m.

Help us beautify our stretch of the highway. Meet at the Mission House for instructions, gear, and tools.



Men's Breakfast

Saturday, June 6, 8:00 a.m.
Mission House

Celebrations...

June Birthdays

6/1 Amy Craig
 6/2 Connor Miller
 6/3 Gene Loos
 Bill Mallow
 6/4 Miriam May
 6/5 Chris Cochran
 6/6 Shelley Botchie
 Tom Donn
 6/7 Bob Lentz
 6/8 Gail Bechtold
 Debbie Dill
 JoAnn Wolf
 6/9 Leigh Croyle
 Connie Dailey
 6/10 Melissa Yarochowicz
 6/11 Ashley Landreth
 6/12 Bob Brock
 Pearl Chasteen
 Dave Clayton
 6/13 Margaret Pridmore
 6/14 Clayton Landreth
 6/15 Barry Brothers
 6/16 Mark Chasteen
 Tom Griffith
 Elizabeth Lewis
 Emma Lewis
 Valerie Rodgers
 6/17 Jay Sanders
 6/18 Yvonne Strom
 6/19 Donna Brooks
 Sam Deery
 Kathryn Luke
 John Sullivan
 6/21 Jan Coffey
 Cheryl Wilson
 6/22 Sonja Crenshaw
 Becky Day
 Ken Leach
 Marty Miller
 6/23 Rob Doughty
 Joey Shojaie
 6/24 Matt Reynolds
 6/25 Shelia Reynolds
 6/26 Ansley Evans
 Suzy Mitchell
 6/27 Christina Williams
 6/28 Delores David
 Brandi Money
 Gus Ramage IV
 6/29 Bill Ambrose
 Chandler Deery
 Peggy Hawkins
 Don Johnson
 6/30 Ray Lewis II
 Benjamin Price

July Birthdays

7/1 John Louden, Jr.
 7/2 Linda Kellam
 Lauren Sullivan
 7/3 Collin McClanahan
 Noah Newton
 7/4 Karla Cox
 7/5 Ginny Edwards
 Ann Stevenson
 7/7 Jim Moneyhun
 Joseph Taylor
 7/8 Pam Griffin
 Brooke Holloway
 Sue Ohler
 Kelly Snelling
 7/9 Stephan Botchie
 Mike Murdock
 7/10 Patty Clark
 Nora Young
 7/11 Tommy Tsai
 7/12 Trey Slagle
 7/14 David Gray
 Rhonda Merritt
 7/15 Parker Snelling
 7/16 Oliver Bannister
 Gerald Brooks
 Joemy Brothers
 Angela Easterling
 Ray Price
 7/17 Julie Brown
 Bill Mitchell
 Grant Reagin
 7/18 Grant Reagin, Jr.
 Ray Sparrow
 7/19 Megan David
 Joseph Ramage
 7/20 Mark Fox
 Judy McReynolds
 Brock Steifle
 7/21 Richard Craig
 7/22 Jim Bates
 Laura Snelling
 7/23 Harold Dunagin
 7/25 Nancy Hobbs
 Joseph Sisiam
 7/26 Betty Griffith
 7/28 Kenneth Fennell
 Kitty Lewis
 Christy Stevens
 7/30 Jason Davenport
 Kenny Price
 Elliott Roughton
 7/31 Maggie Grace Dill
 Mills Young

Summer Anniversaries

6/1 Bill & Darlene Mallow
 6/2 Kenny & Mundy Price
 6/4 David & Lisa Grant
 Glenn & Debrah Miller
 Michael & Shannon Young, Jr.
 6/7 Ben & Abbey Snelling
 6/8 Lee & Linda Goldstein
 Tod & Cheryl Wilson
 6/11 Jim & Karen Hicks
 6/12 Richard & Amy Craig
 6/14 Jim & Denise Medford
 Bill & Louise Watkins
 6/16 Bret & Ellen Warner
 6/17 Zach & Julia McClanahan
 Mel & Sue Weaver
 6/18 Tom & Amy Pritchard
 6/22 Roger Dollins & Valeria Popoli
 6/25 Graham & Lauren Sullivan
 6/27 Cameron & Tyler Figueroa
 6/28 Blake & Peggy Boyce
 Chris & Ginger Miller
 Gary & Charlene Scott
 6/30 Stan & Margaret Moore
 George & Barbara Park
 Paul & Margaret Pridmore
 7/1 Frank & Marty Miller
 7/9 Chris & Debbie Leonard
 7/10 Tom & Betty Griffith
 7/16 David & Becky Day
 7/18 Kenneth & Laura Fennell
 Bob & Marcia Young
 7/21 Gus & Suzanne Ramage
 7/22 Grat & Welma Horne
 7/23 Greg & Christy Stevens
 7/24 Craig & Amy Williams
 7/25 Tom & Kathy Watkins
 7/26 Stephan & Shelley Botchie
 Dave & Ellie Clayton
 7/28 Dave & Terry Doughty
 7/31 Dan & Kathryn Luke



*Please keep in your prayers
Church Family at home*

Lib Grier
Mac Myers (Ashley Square)
Pat Poole (Martha Franks Retirement Community)
Lee Sautter (Wesley Commons)

Active Duty Military

Felipe Denis Blengio (Susan Judge's grandson)
Andrew Heath (Ken & Robin Leach's son-in-law)
Adam Hix (son of Jeff & Sandra Hix)
Connor Miller

Active Reserve Duty Military

Will Chard (David & Christine Gray's son)
Chris Miller
Craig Watkins

To The Church Triumphant...

*Julia Pitts Smith
May 6, 2026*

*"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord for they rest from
their labors and their works do follow them."*

Revelation 14:13

***Rock Presbyterian Church wishes to express
Christian Sympathy to...***

*Jeff & Sandra Hix in the passing of Sandra's aunt,
Linda Godfrey*

MAILING LABEL

Return Service Requested

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