

# RPC NEWSLETTER

*Just These Thoughts My Friends....*



This long Labor Day weekend is a time for many of us to enjoy a day off from work, one more day at the lake, or to perhaps share a meal (or two) with family and friends. As such, we are good to remember the sacrifices of the masses who have helped build this country, and to pledge our energy to the work that is needed moving forward.

As I think of this, I can't help but think about the work of so many of the saints (small "s") of the church who have gone before us, and the saints still with us. For over 250 years many of God's faithful have labored at Rock Presbyterian to show the love of Christ to Greenwood and the world in many tangible ways. And I think it is safe to say that the Lord has surely added his blessing to it. It is something to celebrate. Lives have been touched and changed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And we celebrate this. But as we do, we remember that the work of the Christian life continues. For each of us, who have been saved by the Lord's grace, there is still work to be done, and finding the place where we can offer our gifts is key. Rock needs all of us working together. And so, as the Apostle Paul would write to the Galatians, *"let us not grow weary, or give up"* in doing the good works that point to Jesus Christ.

On the journey with you...

Dr. Chris Leonard

**Rock Presbyterian Church Pop-Up Store - Closes Labor Day**



<http://emeraldpromo.chipply.com/RockPC>

# YOUTH! YOUTH! YOUTH!

We're thrilled to announce the launch of our fall youth programs, beginning **Sunday, September 7!** It's time to reconnect, grow in faith, and celebrate the amazing journey ahead.

## □ Confirmation Begins – September 7, 4:00–5:00 PM

Our Confirmation program kicks off as we walk alongside our youth in making their faith their own. This is a vital step in their spiritual journey, and we invite parents, mentors, and our church family to pray for and support them as they dive deeper into the foundations of Christian faith.

## □ SNL (Sunday Night Live) – September 7, 5:00–6:45 PM

Join us right after Confirmation for the return of SNL! This year's theme is **“Remain in me, as I also remain in you” – John 15:4.** Expect food, fun, friends, worship, and a powerful time of connection and growth as we explore what it means to abide in Christ.

## □ Special Event – Intercession Kickoff Celebration, September 28, 5:00–6:45 PM

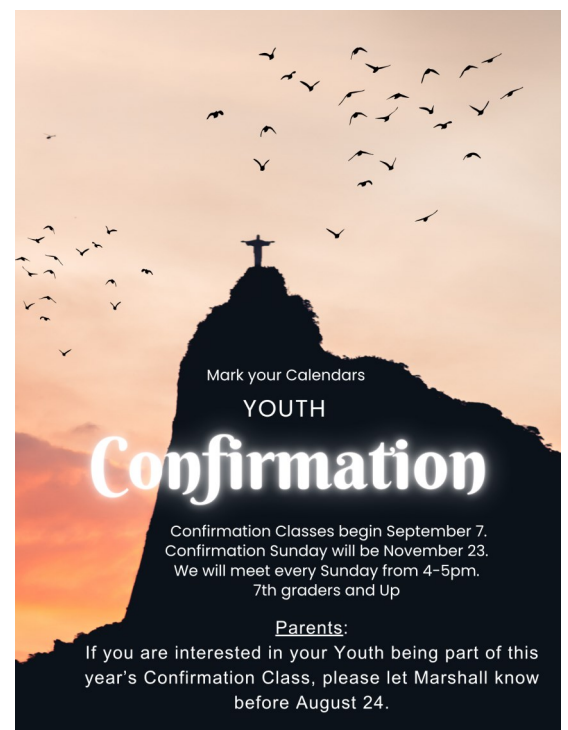
Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 28** as we celebrate the start of Intercession with a special event! (This event will take place during our “normal” SNL time.)

□ A **special thank you** to Carolyn Fish, Jason Davenport, Dave and Betsy Grant, Debbie Coesens, and Mary Catherine McCarthy for making Lake Day such a memorable and perfect day! Your time, energy, and heart made it truly special for everyone.

## Second Sunday, Second Breakfast

**Sunday, September 14**

**10:00 a.m., MH**





# Rock JAM



## September Activities:

**Sept 7:** Rock JAM ~ 5-6:30

**Bible Buddy Adoption Party!**

(Parent Helpers: Hinson & Scheirer)

**Sept 14:** Rock JAM ~ 5-6:30

(Parent Helpers: Hinson & Scheirer)

**Also: Second Sunday Children's Service!**

4K-5th grade after the 9am Children's Message

**Sept 21:** Rock JAM ~ 5-6:30

(Parent Helpers: Sullivan & Bannister)

**Sept 28:** Rock JAM ~ 5-6:30

**GAME NIGHT! Dinner Provided!**

**Oct 5:** No Rock JAM

(GWD50 intercession)

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## Bible BUDDY ADOPTION



- Choose the Bible Buddy you want to adopt by 8/31.
- Come to Rock JAM on 9/7 for our adoption party!
- Read to your Bible Buddy each night!



## Pool Party Fun!

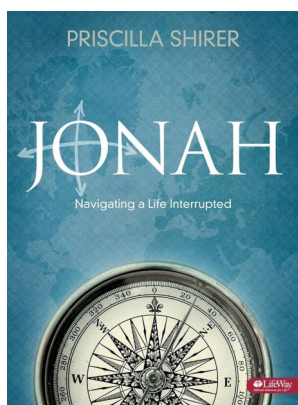


## SECOND SUNDAY CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Sunday, September 14



All children K4-5th grade are invited immediately following the 9:00 a.m. children's message, for music, snacks, crafts, and more in the fellowship hall.



Interruptions. They're aggravating. Sometimes infuriating. But how we handle interruptions actually tell us more about ourselves. What do we do when God interrupts our lives? Many times, like Jonah, we run! Priscilla redefines interruptions and shows us that an interruption is actually God's invitation to do something beyond our wildest dreams. When Jonah was willing to allow God to interrupt his life, the result was revival in an entire city. Sign up to begin this journey with us!

Class starts Tuesday, September 16, at 10:00 a.m., in the fellowship hall. Cost of book is \$25.00. For your convenience, you can plan to pay and pick up your book at the first class. Sign up in the church office today!



## *Kerygma*

### Sunday, September 7

Kerygma class will begin again on Sunday, September 7, at 5:00 p.m., in the MPB. This class will begin our study of the New Testament. If you would like to join us, please contact Tom Griffith for more information.

## *Programs*



### September Rock Family Supper

#### Wednesday, September 17

#### 5:45 p.m., MPB



Enjoy a delicious Taco Bar with tropical desserts at our September Rock Family Supper. The Costa Rica Mission Team is offering a "Silent Auction" and providing this delicious meal for the church family. Please plan to be a part of this wonderful evening and support those who will be traveling to Costa Rica in October. A love offering will be received as well.

## *Stewardship*

# ASK CHUCK:



### Help Our Elderly Loved Ones Be Prepared

<https://www.crown.org/all-resources/ask-chuck-help-our-elderly-loved-ones-be-prepared/>

### Saving Money on Homeowners Insurance

<https://www.crown.org/all-resources/ask-chuck-saving-money-on-homeowners-insurance/>

Check out [www.crown.org](http://www.crown.org) for other financial resources.

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**September Sermons** *Livestream available on Facebook/YouTube at 9:00 a.m.*  
***The Greatest Sermon Ever Preached—The Sermon on the Mount***

September 7 <b><i>Communion Sunday</i></b>	<i>Not Exactly Conventional Wisdom</i> Matthew 5:1-12	Dr. Chris Leonard
September 14	<i>We Are...</i> Matthew 5:13-16	Dr. Chris Leonard
September 21	<i>Love Who, Exactly?!?</i> Matthew 5:38-48	Dr. Chris Leonard
September 28	<i>Simplicity and Sincerity</i> Matthew 6:5-15	Dr. Chris Leonard
September Ushers:	*Jan Rushton, JoAnn Wolf	
Communion:	9:00 a.m. Kaye and Tammy Brock 11:00 a.m. Susan Chasteen and Jennifer Wood	
<i>Childcare is available for all services.</i>		



# September Childcare



Date	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>September 7</b>	Karen Reese	Larissa Roughton	Mary Catherine McCartha
<b>September 14</b>	Susan Chasteen	Beth Taylor	Louise Watkins
<b>September 21</b>	Shelley Botchie	Nealy Shiles	Debbie Leonard
<b>September 28</b>	Elizabeth Hinson	Patty Clark	Kathryn Luke

## A Word from the Piano Bench by Sandra Hix

### William Batchelder Bradbury

William B. Bradbury was born in York, Maine October 6, 1816 where his father was director of the church choir. The family eventually moved to Boston Massachusetts and by 1834 he became an organist in his church. In 1847 he moved to Germany to study music. After that he went on to start the Bradbury Piano Company along with his brother Edward in New York City. He is best known for becoming an author with over fifty books accredited to him and as a composer with seven of his hymns published in our current hymnal. He is most famous for writing the music for "Jesus Loves Me". Other hymns are: "He Leadeth Me," "Holy Bible, Book Divine," "Just As I Am," "Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us," "Sweet Hour of Prayer," and "The Solid Rock." William died in 1868 at the age of 51 in Bloomfield, New Jersey.



## Communion Training Day Saturday, September 20 9:30 a.m., MPB

Would you like to join the Communion Set-up Team? Attend the next training day to learn the ropes with Beth Armstrong and Debbie Dill. Sign up by contacting Debbie. Thankyou!

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### *Women of the Church*

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Welcome September and hopefully some much needed relief from the heat! Our WOC fall kickoff salad supper was August 28. Schedule for circles will vary slightly due to Labor Day.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Circle #1 Monday, September 8, 10:00 a.m. (MH)
- Circle #2 Thursday, September 11, 6:00 p.m. (WC)
- Circle #3 Tuesday, September 2, 7:00 p.m. (MH)



If you have not joined a circle, please consider getting involved in one of these circles for Bible study and fellowship!

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### *Miscellaneous Church News*

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#### **Men's Breakfast Saturday, September 6 8:00 a.m.**

All men are invited to the Mission House for a delicious breakfast, Christian fellowship, and a brief devotion.



**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY**  
KEEP SC BEAUTIFUL

**Saturday, September 6, 9:00 a.m.**

Meet at the Mission House for instructions. Help us keep our stretch of the highway beautiful!



# Celebrations...

- 9/1 Raelynn Cordell  
Shirley Crawford  
Jack Davenport
- 9/2 Abby Hinson
- 9/7 Mac Myers
- 9/8 Bill Cochran  
Cameron Craig  
Diane Rork
- 9/9 Leah Deal
- 9/10 Mary Beth Grant  
Halle Piontek
- 9/11 Ethan Clayton  
Susan Judge  
Andrea Lockwood
- 9/12 Cindy Ashworth  
John Deal  
Jesse Hammonds  
Dave Kithil
- 9/13 Suzie Martin
- 9/14 Bill Holloway
- 9/16 Debbie Bourne  
Ann Nunamaker  
Hannah Prince
- 9/22 Brad Cornelsen  
Jace Figueroa
- 9/23 Addie Cordell  
Chris Piontek
- 9/24 Neil Money  
Chelsey Steifle
- 9/25 Bradson Chasteen  
Mike Hobbs
- 9/26 Davis Piontek  
Ellen Warner
- 9/27 Cassie Adair  
Brad Knott  
Debbie Leonard
- 9/28 Elise Bates
- 9/29 Sandra Hix  
Barry Ohler  
Leslie Sanford
- 9/30 Darlene Mallow  
Gillian Merritt  
Kelsey Reynolds



## "One Can" Ministry

RPC's One Can Ministry continues each week! You generously gave 73 lbs. of food to the local community of Greenwood. Please bring any non-perishables each Sunday to place in the bins located in the Welcome Center and CE Building.



## ROCK OF AGES Monday, September 8 12:00 p.m., MPB

All seniors/retirees are invited!  
Bring a covenant partner and come.

Chip Tinsley with the Greenwood  
Historical Society will speak for us.



## Happy Anniversary

- 9/8 Mike & Nearly Shiles
- 9/10 Mike & Ansley Evans
- 9/12 David & Brooke Holloway
- 9/13 Jay & Pam Griffin
- 9/19 Jerry & Lynette Humphrey
- 9/20 Brad & Vicki Knott
- 9/28 Bernie & Leslie Sanford

Lee Sautter (Wesley Commons)

Craig Watkins

## Chris Miller

*Ken & Robin Leach in the death of Robin's mother*

*Steve and Wynde Edwards want to express their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the congregation for the many calls, cards, text, prayers and love from everyone. Their hearts and spirits have often been lifted in a time of need by your gifts.*

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