

# 3rd Chronicles



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## IN MY HUMBLE OPINION

**By Johnny "Bo" Hamilton**  
*Parish Associate for  
Congregational Ministries*

### 100 TIMES BLESSED AND MANY MORE!

I preached my first sermon here at Summerville Presbyterian Church on August 24, 2014. In a few short weeks, on February 11, I'll reach a milestone in my ministry as I lead my 100th worship service here. Every time I step into the pulpit I'm humbled and blessed!

I'm also reminded of the first time I stepped into a pulpit. It was 2012 and I was asked to preach at my home church. I arrived home a day early so I could go down to the church to practice. I remember walking into the quiet, dark sanctuary, standing behind the podium, and thinking "Wow, this is it!" Butterflies filled my stomach as I began to realize what an awesome responsibility this was. That became even more evident the next morning when I asked the organist a question and her response was "You're the preacher!"

One of my greatest blessings is that of serving you, God's people here at SPC. Since my commissioning as one of your pastors in June 2014, I have been working to honor the vows I took and the commitment I

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## HISTORY OF HYMNS

### THE GIFT OF LOVE

This hymn is again one taken directly from scripture - I Corinthians 13:1-3. It is one of the best known and loved hymns, which is appropriate since it is about love.

It has been sung at many weddings since it contains the perfect formula for a successful marriage, if you can follow it!

**The Gift of Love** began as a very popular anthem in 1972. It has since appeared in major hymnals since 1980. It is also sung as a solo, again at weddings.

We have read about Hal Hopson before. He is one of the most prolific composers of contemporary religious music, having published more than 1,300 compositions. On any given Sunday there is at least one of his anthems sung across our country, and beyond.

One of Hopson's cantatas, **God with Us**, was one of a few compositions chosen by a panel at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, to be placed in a time capsule during the American Bicentennial in 1976. The capsule will be opened at the Tricentennial in 2076 as a representative piece of American choral composition in the 20th century.

For fun, start noticing how

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### FEBRUARY

- 10 Second Sunday Breakfast, 7:30 am,  
Gym  
Blankets+ Sunday
- 12 PW Circle Day  
SPC Prayer Gathering, 6:30 pm,  
Sanctuary  
**3rd Chronicles Deadline**
- 13 WNL Dinner, 5:30 pm, Gym  
WNL Classes, 6:30 pm
- 17 Lord's Supper Sunday
- 20 WNL Dinner, 5:30 pm, Gym  
WNL Classes, 6:30 pm
- 26 SPC Prayer Gathering, 6:30 pm,  
Sanctuary
- 27 WNL Dinner, 5:30 pm, Gym

## IMHO

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made on that day as I answered the constitutional questions. Although all are important, two of the questions have special significance to me. They are the ones that I think about the most:

- Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
- Will you be a faithful ruling elder in this commission, serving the people by proclaiming the good news, teaching faith and caring for the people, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Three years ago, our Middle School CROSS mission trip

summer intern was a young lady named Molly. She is now attending Union Theological Seminary and recently attended a four-day preaching festival of young preachers from all over the country. She captured her experience in an article recently published by the Red Letter Christians organization. The title of her article was *The Power and Privilege of the Pulpit*.

As I read Molly's article memories of my first and early experiences in preaching came rushing back to me. Her words struck many chords with me including this quote from her article:

"It is my prayer that I will never forget what a deep privilege and honor it is to share the words that God has placed on my heart. Yet the preacher must always approach the pulpit with a spirit of humility, for there is great power in the pulpit. Consider this: the preacher has a captive audience who is trusting that the preacher will deliver a message rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

— Molly Smerko

Sisters and brothers, I am humbled to be entrusted to share God's word with you and work alongside you in ministry. It is an honor and a privilege and a blessing! I pray, just as Molly said, that I will proclaim the Good News with the Spirit of God guiding my steps and the power and privilege of the pulpit always at the forefront of my mind.

Read Molly's article at <https://www.redletterchristians.org/the-power-privilege-of-the-pulpit/>

## THINGS (AND PEOPLE) I REMEMBER

**By Herb Boland**

*Special to 3rd Chronicles*

### PASTOR AND SCOUTMASTER

The first pastor of our church during my time in the congregation was the Reverend Fraser Cocks. He served from 1928 until 1930 and was followed by the Reverend Stephen Harvin, who served until 1935. I have no clear recollection of either man, although one of them may have baptized me. The first pastor that I remember is the Reverend Joseph L. ("Lee") Plexico, who served from 1936 until 1945. I remember him fondly because he was very active in young people's programs and because he was Scoutmaster of Troop 57, which I joined in 1941. Arthur Ilderton remembered Reverend Plexico as a wonderful Scoutmaster and we discussed him on numerous occasions. The Plexicos had a son - Lee, Jr. - who was the same age as Bob Curran. Lee and Bob were close friends. I believe that Reverend Plexico in his later years served the Presbytery as Interim Pastor at the Edisto Island Church. ✚

## 3RD CHRONICLES DEADLINE

Ah, February, the shortest month of the year. *3rd Chronicles* will have an accelerated production schedule. The deadline for the **March** issue is Tuesday, February 12.

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## MINISTER'S THOUGHTS

By Pastor Susie

Minister

### NEW ELDERS AND RECONFIGURED MINISTRY TEAMS ARE ACTIVATED!

Reviewing our newly elected and trained elders ...

**Sandra Otero will be serving on the Spiritual Growth Team.** Her hometown is Bayamon, Puerto Rico where she attended the University of Puerto Rico with a B.S. in Biology/Medical Technology. She is married to Antonio Colon, who is a seminary student serving the Hispanic Community Ministry, Ministry to Others Team, Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery. They have 7 puppy-children. Sandra "feels committed to serve in building the kingdom of God and helping people around me." As a medical laboratory scientist she still finds time to enjoy life with her husband and puppies! Although she travels often to Puerto Rico, she enjoyed trips to Canada and France. She hopes to serve within God's will and with a Hispanic/Latino point of view. "My prayer is that this church stays together during its transition process and that the Lord prepares our minds and hearts to receive according to His will."

**Debbie Lindsay will be serving on the Worship Team.** From York, South Carolina, Debbie graduated from Winthrop University with



a B.S. in Early Childhood Education, an M.S. in Family and Child Development, and, from the University of South Carolina, a MLIS – Masters in Library & Information Science. She is married to Colin Martin, with children – Andrew McCloud, Laura Ann McCloud Diehl, and John McCloud. Along with her job as Elementary School Librarian/Media Specialist at Reeves Elementary School, Debbie enjoys playing hand bells, reading, traveling with her husband and enjoying their dogs. It seems traveling is way up the list of things to do because her destinations include Ireland, Scotland, England, France, Germany Austria, Hungary, and the Western United States. She really wants to work with Session to stabilize SPC during this transition time and she prays, "May we continue to serve God in our community and in the world at large, and, that we will be a light to those in need of a way to connect with God."

**Daniel Selander will be serving on the Spiritual Growth Team.** More from Daniel in a later edition of *Third Chronicles*.

**Claudia Terranova is serving on the Fellowship Team.** Claudia's hometown is New Britain, Connecticut and schools, CT primary and CCSC. With her husband, Tom, their family includes daughter, Megan, son, Neil, and 5 grandsons ages 2 through 20. She is a retired bookkeeper with

hobbies: reading, gardening, traveling and quilting. The Terranovas have been to Italy, Switzerland, France, Austria, Russia, Estonia, Scandinavia, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Germany and Bavaria. (They must have interesting passports!) Her objective in serving on Session is to encourage more participation from the congregation in various church activities and do it with decorum and in a spirit of communication with fellow sitting elders. She prays that the Holy Spirit moves in and among the congregation... that "we hold fast to our tenet of reformed, and always reforming, and that we be accepting to the changes within our church."

**Sam Ferguson is serving on the Support/Property Team** and we'll look forward to hearing more about Sam in The Third Chronicles' next edition.

Terry Simpson will be serving on the Support/Finance Team. He'll be sharing news about his hometown, family, job and interests soon.

**Sandra R. Lindsay will join the Connections Team.**

She grew up on a dairy and poultry farm in rural upstate South Carolina. She holds an EdD in Curriculum and Instruction, The University of South



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## STOUDENMIRE- ELSHAZLY PIANO DUO CONCERT

Long time church member, Myungsook Stoudenmire, is pleased to announce the Stoudenmire-Elshazly piano duo concert on Tuesday, February 26 at 7:30 pm in Lightsey Chapel Auditorium at Charleston Southern University. It is open to the public, and there is no admission fee.

This concert is uniquely designed as a family-friendly program which will include Camille Saint-Saens's *Carnaval of Animals* and *Three Waltzes* from Disney movies (**Mary Poppins**, **Snow White**, and **Beauty and the Beast**) arranged by Greg Anderson. There will also be visual effects during the performance. The program will also include Mozart's **Piano Concerto K. 466, First Movement**. In addition, Gustavino's **Tres Romances Argentinos** will also be heard during this program.

Please join us for this family-oriented concert!

## HYMN

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many Hal Hobson compositions our choir sings. Think back to our Christmas cantata last December, a **Festival of Lessons and Carols**. Yep - Hal Hopson.

*Excerpted from the Internet*

## HISTORIC TIDBITS THRESHOLD

About 33 years ago a Boy Scout troop, as one of its projects, had the task of cleaning around the ruins of the Old White Meeting House. They ended the day by taking the old threshold they found to the home of Summerville Presbyterian Church's minister at the time, Buddy Craig.

People had been taking the old bricks away whenever they wanted to, and the Scouts didn't want the threshold to disappear. Buddy spoke to the Session, but since no one had any idea of what to do with the threshold, Buddy stored it in his garage. When he was no longer minister, Buddy didn't think it was proper for this historic relic to remain with him. Again, the Session didn't have an idea of what to do with it, so it then went to reside in the church office garage.

Finally, the perfect place was found for this physical bond of our present congregation to the founding congregation in 1696. The threshold is displayed in the foyer of our Fellowship Hall, also known as our gym. Be aware of its presence the next time you are there. +

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS SIGNUP

The sign-up sheet is posted on the wall in the Bell Vestibule. Please take a look at the open Sundays in February and March; where we are most in need. If interested, sign up. Thank you in advance for your donations.

## QUICK LOOK

The 2018 Church Directories are available in the two vestibules and in Lanneau Hall. You may also pick one up during the week in the church office. Please let the church office know of any changes or updates. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Austin via email at [waustin5@aol.com](mailto:waustin5@aol.com).

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Dear friends, my wife and I thank this wonderful congregation for your prayers, phone calls and flowers, during our son Marty's recent two-week hospital stay. He's home now receiving help from nurses and physical therapists.

— Jim and Wanee Krofta



I was so surprised to receive the lovely prayer shaw. The timing was so right. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

— Linda Wigfield



Rocky and I wish to thank our new Presbyterian family for all their prayers during Rocky's hospital stay and rehab. Thank

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**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN**

**PW CIRCLES MEET  
TUESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 12**

- #1 - 1:30 pm, Lanneau Hall
- #2 - 10 am, in the home of Betsy Porter, 107 Gleneagles Drive, 843-832-9423
- #3 - 10 am, in the home of Marilyn Shaughnessy, 100 Citrea Dr, 843-871-1111

**SEARCH  
COMMITTEE**

The members elected to be on the search committee for our new minister are:

- Jim Bailey
- Suzanne Chastain
- Ana Hill
- Tim Owens
- Frances Via
- Jim Wylie
- Claudette Young

**HABITAT FOR  
HUMANITY NEWS**

**By Jim Ferro**  
*Special to 3rd Chronicles*

The Habitat for Humanity ReStore, located at 101 Greyback Road in Summerville, is open from 9 am until 7 pm, Monday through Saturday. The ReStore accepts donations and welcomes people shopping there. These donations are used to build homes in the Dorchester County area. For large items you may request a pickup and to schedule a time at your home. Call the Habitat office at 843-851-1414, or go to the Habitat web-site: <https://dorchesterhabitat.org/restore/>.

This is a recent photo of the ReStore:



**BEREAVEMENTS**

We extend our sympathies and prayers to:

Ingrid Don on the death of her husband, Peter.



Sarah and Mel Coleman and family on the death of Mel's grandmother, Faye Daws.



William Rhodes on the death of his wife, Jennie



Tom Finucan and family on the death of his sister, Jessie Finucan.



Larky Shuler and family on the death of her mother, Frances Greg.

Habitat for Humanity is completing its 64th home at 518 Renau Street in Summerville. They have also started construction on the 65th home at 204 Lake Street, also in Summerville. Habitat is always looking for volunteers in any capacity at the ReStore, the job site, or serving on committees. If you are interested in volunteering, call Summer Weston at 843-851-1414 or by e-mail at [volunteer@dorchesterhabitat.org](mailto:volunteer@dorchesterhabitat.org).

This is a recent photo of a wall raising at our job site:



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## FEBRUARY

- 1 TJ Hutnik
- 2 Sarah Pelletier
- 3 Jocelyn Barkley  
Meredith Harley  
Laura McCloud
- 4 Sandy Lindsay
- 5 Angela Moore
- 7 Jo Owens
- 8 Philip Muller  
Cole Stephens
- 9 Sheri Brinson
- 10 Charleigh Felder  
Carla Higgins  
Bryan Selander  
Cynthia Wilson
- 11 Justin Bowers  
Seth Lanford
- 13 Leigha Dehaan
- 15 Kennedy Branstetter  
Tanja Friday

- 17 Emmett Dehaan  
Carol Hetu
- 19 Tom Terranova
- 20 Miles Bennett  
Lyne Dwyer  
Isabel Kay
- 21 Carolyn Buscaglia
- 22 Patrick Klein  
Bill Rhodes
- 25 Jackie Brinson  
Sally Lawson  
Barbara McCollum
- 27 Peggy Ferguson  
Wade Hamilton  
Elliot Harley  
Judy Herrmann  
Hugh Odom  
Carl Tolbert
- 29 Jacob Page

*If your birthday has been inadvertently omitted, please notify the church office.*

## CORRECTION

We sincerely apologize. In the January issue of *3rd Chronicles*, we mistakenly omitted these beloved church members' birthdays.

### January 30

Kaycie Lorenz  
Bryan Von Dohlen

### January 31

Bill Agnew  
Tabatha Woodside  
Claudette Young

## LETTERS

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you also for his prayer shawl, he covers his arms with it daily.

We are home now with continuing physical therapy and the slow process of walking again.

We especially want to thank Bo for his many visits and support, and the Demerests for their support and card.

— Rocky and Jackie Brinson

Thank you so much for your support during Phillip's recent illness. The prayer shawl, flowers, cards and prayers have brightened our days and are so appreciated.

Phillip continues to improve. He has made a lot of progress.

Thank you again. It is so nice to be a member of such a caring church.

— Karen Fuller

## FRONT DESK VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in volunteering in the church office, during regular office hours, there are two shifts to choose from. Mornings 9-1, or afternoons 1-5. Duties will include answering the phone, mail, filing, light data entry, bulletin stuffing, and light housekeeping. If interested, please contact the church Administrative Assistant, Julie McCormick.

## NEWS *from the* PEWS

Congratulations to Kris and Herb Boland who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 13.



Gluten-free/milk-free bread is now available in the vestibules for Communion. Please pick up a bag if you have dietary restrictions.



Thanks to Juliann and Don Moore, we now have a new

stainless steel refrigerator in the Lanneau Hall kitchen. The Moores have been living in Northport Florida, but have returned to Summerville and SPC. Welcome back Juliann and Don!



Pat Tolbert volunteered to be in charge of Salt Shakers. Thank you, Pat, for continuing this tradition at SPC.

# CHURCH ACTIVITIES

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

- Men's Bible Study, Wednesdays, 6:30 a.m., Panera Bread, 1311 North Main Street, Summerville (contact Don Powell, 843-412-3673)
- Kindred Spirits Bible Study Group, Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Anderson Library (contact JoAnne Spearman, 843-821-7161).
- Beth Moore Bible Study, Wednesdays, 6 p.m., ADR classroom, facilitated by Heather Kemble, 843-486-8082
- Beth Moore Bible Study, Fridays, 9:30 a.m., Senior High classroom +

## HOME OF HOPE

Home of Hope is always in need of household and personal supplies.

Please prayerfully consider donating any of these items: Men's winter gloves – assorted hand sizes, cough medicine, twin blankets and skin lotion. Also, household supplies such as laundry and cleaning supplies; personal supplies such as men's grooming items; and all sizes of underwear and t-shirts (new).

Please drop these items off at the church office, Monday-Thursday, 8 am to 5 pm and Friday, 8 am to 2 pm.

## PRIMETIMERS

### PRIME TIMERS ARE ARTSY EATERS

The January luncheon of our Prime Timers group was a complete delight! There was food of all kinds, including ham, yummy casseroles, potato salad, vegetable salads, and crackers with dip. Then there were the desserts! Who can resist chocolate nut layer cake, orange-chocolate brownies, homemade German cookies, and muffins, just to name a few. No one went home hungry – or complaining about the meal!!

The high point of the day was actually NOT the dinner. The focus that captured all our attention was the fantastic artwork of SPC's very own Dick Warrell. We knew that Dick was an experienced artist, but we were not aware just how accomplished he is. Dick brought a number of his paintings for us to enjoy, and he discussed each one for our enlightenment. He told us about the various mediums that were used and how he came to

paint each scene. He even gave us a brief tutorial on how he prepares the canvass to reproduce a photo, using measurements and geometry and technicalities beyond our grasp! Suffice it to say, though, that Dick knows what he is doing and has the works of art to show it. He also has a wonderful supporter and helpmate in the person of his wife Rose. She seems to love and appreciate Dick's hobby as much as he does!

If you have not had the pleasure of coming to a Prime Timers gathering, please plan to join us sometime soon. We meet on the third Thursday of each month. We often have potluck lunches in Lanneau Hall, as in January; but frequently we take excursions in the church bus. The trips take us to various sites around the Lowcountry and then to lunch at some interesting restaurant. You are invited to join in the fun! Plans for February are still unfolding, so stay tuned ...

## HELP OF SUMMERVILLE

Help of Summerville is seeking support for their 'BackPack Buddies' ministry that provides children from low-income households with nutritious, kid-friendly groceries for the weekend (when free school lunches and breakfasts are not provided). Items needed include fruit cups, pudding cups, single-serving cereal boxes, instant soups, and snack cracker packs. Please drop off these items at the church office.

## SERVICE UPDATE

- March 17 "Undie" Sunday donations, HOC
- March 30 Walk for Water Mission (to participate or donate visit [www.watermissions.org](http://www.watermissions.org) and select team Summerville Presbyterian)
- April 28 Sock Drop Sunday donations, HOC

## NEW ELDERS

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Carolina, Columbia, an M.Ed in Reading, The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina, and a BA in History, Winthrop College, Rock Hill, South Carolina. Ask her about all her worthy positions in college and university education, remembering that she still serves as an adjunct faculty member in Executive Education at The Moore School of Business at The University of South Carolina, and is currently involved with the development and delivery of leadership modules for The Center for Executive Education Leadership based in Columbia, South Carolina. Married to William E. (Ed) Lindsay, they have one son, Will, who was baptised and confirmed at SPC. He is married to a wonderful daughter-in-law, Leah. Having moved to Summerville in 1973 they have called SPC their "home" church since. They lived in Columbia for about a decade in the 2000s, but maintained their Summerville and SPC contacts and happily returned home in 2008. Her hobbies include reading and spending time with friends and family. She and Ed love to travel, with only three more continents to visit, plus a list of places they want to experience. "While serving on Session is a humbling experience for me, I want the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart to be acceptable in His sight. I will learn and offer assistance in any area where I might be helpful. I would like to see the Session work together as a team to lead our mission of service to Him in this church

and in the broader community." Her prayer is "for guidance that SCP might continue to minister and worship in acceptance and love for all as we search diligently for the pastor God intends for us. When new leadership is called, I pray that our church will continue (and exceed) its long tradition of sharing the love and story of Jesus Christ inside our church walls and beyond."

**John Franks is scheduled to serve a two-year term on the Service Team.** He and his wife, Jan, joined SPC in 1981. John was born in Lynchburg, Virginia and grew up in small towns scattered in south-central Virginia. He holds a BS in Accounting and a Masters in Business Administration from Virginia Tech. Their family includes son, Tony, daughter-in-law, Danica, grandson, Ellington - all living in Switzerland; daughter, April, son-in-law, Josh, granddaughters, Tillman and Carter - living in Easley, South Carolina. Having played on the church's men's softball and basketball teams, John now focuses on running 3 or 4 times a week, and recently finished the Sweet Tea Half Marathon in Summerville winning in his age group. He hopes to contribute in whatever way God leads him, praying, "Lord, help us to be patient, but persistent. We need to listen for your guidance in all that we do, including our search for a new senior pastor, but persistent in continuing to do what we perceive to be your will for us."

**Wilson Bond continues on Support/Property for a one-**

**year term.** When we can slow him down or get him off a ladder, we'll interview him for this publication.

So ... a break down of all Session Elders and their Ministry Teams.

### **Spiritual Growth**

Roberts, Otero, Selander

### **Service**

Collins, Friday, Franks

### **Worship**

Carney, Powell, D. Lindsay

### **Fellowship**

Porter, Pratt, Terranova

### **Nurture:**

Demerest, Budd

### **Connections**

Hutnik, Harris, S. Lindsay

### **Support - Property**

Bond, Ferguson

### **Support - Finance**

Bowers, Simpson

Remember please, each Team needs members of the congregation to participate in their area of ministry. Obligation to that service is to make the team monthly meeting a priority (excuses accepted, of course) and share your comments, concerns, ideas, energy, and questions, as well as help inform the congregation that we are an active and participatory church!

## WNL CLASSES

**Angels: Who They Are and How They Help** by David Jeremiah. Responding to our modern cultural interest in Angels, Dr. Jeremiah uses Scripture to unveil the remarkable truth about these agents of heaven and their role in our world and our lives. What are angels? What is their role in God's plan? Are they present? Do they appear? Do they give us personal insight about our work and our worship? Taught by Sam Ferguson, books are \$12 in the church office.



**Interpretation: Revelation** by M. Eugene Boring, a Bradford Professor of Religious Studies at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. We'll look at this biblical text in light of today's needs and questions for faith and life and will review the definition of apocalyptic literature for our understanding and use. Taught by Pastor Susie Cashion. Books are \$9 and are available in the church office.



**Vacation Bible School Team** Did you know that VBS starts behind the scenes in January? Our Vacation Bible School is alive and vibrant thanks to all the amazing volunteers who make it happen! Guaranteed to tap whatever skills you already have, there's something for everyone. Contemporary Christian music will be played in the background to help us whistle while we work. Led by Sarah Harbin-Coleman. No materials required; if you're a computer person please bring your laptop.



**Koinonia** Named for a Greek word from the New Testament meaning "fellowship and sharing" Koinonia (kwah-nah-nee-ah) is an interactive discussion-based class. We "pass the hat" each week for questions burning in your mind and use them for this unpredictable, thoughtful, and fun group. Any and all are welcome, and you do not have to attend every week to be a member. Led by Bo Hamilton and John Dumas. No materials required.



**Mercy Triumphs: Lessons From James** by Beth Moore. Bible scholars compare James to the prophet Amos. In other ways, James more closely resembles the book of Proverbs than any New Testament book. Come along with Beth Moore on a journey to get to know both the man and the Book of James. You will never be the same again. Led by Heather Kemble, book is purchased through her. This class meets at 6 pm.



**Kids at Wednesday Night Live** Kids fellowship together during Wednesday Night Live classes. Bring their homework, let your kids get a midweek refresh of their church family, and skip dinner prep too! To ensure proper headcount, please sign your children up for dinner in advance using the weekly meal forms. Please note the children do not eat free this season. Led by SPC Child Care Staff.



**Handbell Choir** Can you count to six? Do you know your

## YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

**High School Bethelwoods** is February 15-17. This laid-back retreat is conducted by the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery Youth Council. This year's theme is **Refracted**. Interested high schoolers should sign up with Allison, **ASAP!** We hope you will join us as we explore this awesome theme.



**Youth and Parent Information Night** is February 10, 5-6:30 pm. Please plan to attend for group activities and information regarding summer trips. There will be time for conversation about the direct needs for the SPC Youth Group during this transition period. Please let Allison know ASAP if you are unable to attend. We want to make sure we have everyone signed up for trips this summer!



**College/Young Adults** Join us 10-11 am every Sunday morning for our College/Young Adult Sunday School class. All are welcome. Please help us spread the word! We will meet in the Sunday School room next to the gym. ✚

left from right most of the time? Then you have all you need to be a part of the SPC Handbell Choir! Beginners and experienced ringers are welcome, and your schedule can be accommodated. Come experience this traditional worship activity and make beautiful music at the same time. Led by William Bennett. No materials or experience required. Class meets at 6 pm.



## NOTES FROM A CHURCH MOUSE

**By Ezekiel W. Mouse, Esq.**  
*Special to 3rd Chronicles*

“Ezekiel, I wonder why many couples do not choose to be married in February? It is the “love” month, after all, because of Valentine’s Day.”

“But it can be so cold then, and there could even be snow.”

“Just think how lovely it

## think ON *these* THINGS

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

— I Corinthians 13:4-7  
(NIV)

could be. The bride, dressed in white velvet with a white velvet hood and cape, drawing up to the church in a decorated horse-drawn sleigh with bells. Then, entering a candlelit church and preceded down the aisle by bridesmaids in red velvet. So romantic!”

“But, Mary, friends and relatives may be prevented from attending because of weather conditions.”

“Don’t be so practical, Ezekiel.”

“Well, June was chosen in the past, not just because of the weather, but because June was the month named after Juno, who was the goddess of marriage. It is just a myth that people long ago took their yearly bath in May, so they still smelled fairly good in June. They did not carry flowers to mask the smell. In fact, the people of the Middle Ages took

frequent baths and had bathhouses. It was considered a penance to give up bathing during Lent.”

“It is really unimportant what month a couple marries, just that they love each other and are willing to make a commitment to that love. It is sad then when marriages aren’t successful.”

“There is a way, if followed, that should give the best chance for couples ‘to live happily ever after.’ It is found in the 13th chapter of I Corinthians, the ‘love’ chapter. It would be a very nice tradition to reread that chapter each year on their anniversary. That would also remind us of the way we should be to every one.”

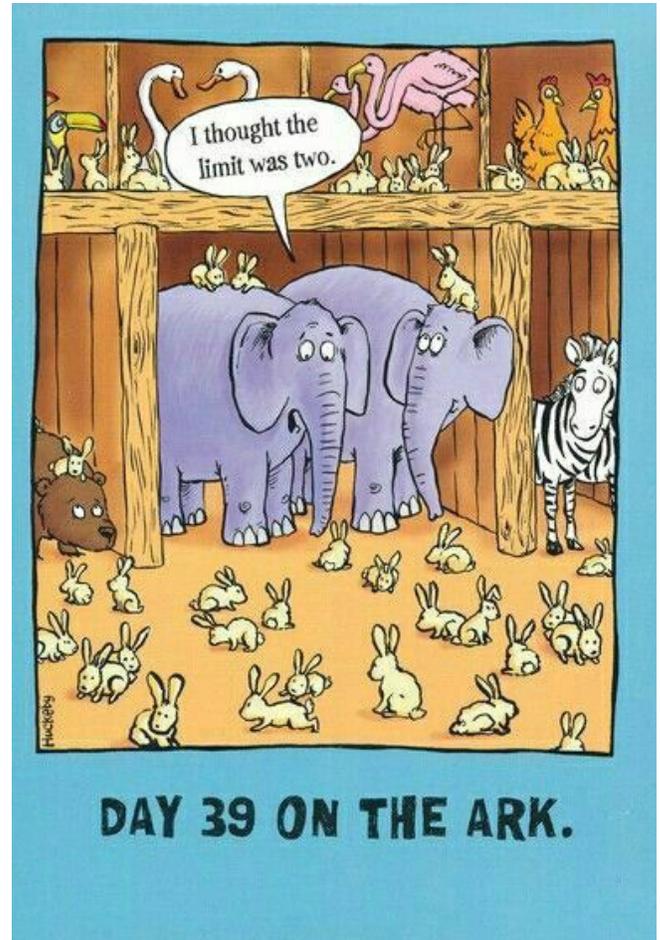
“Once again you are right, Ezekiel. Everyone needs to be reminded how to show each other Christian love.”



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