



**Wilmington
Island
Presbyterian
Church**

WEEKEND UPDATE

Earlier this week, I made a trip up to Philadelphia for a conference put on by our denomination's Board of Pensions (they are making some significant changes to the health care options offered to pastors and their families starting next year). It was a quick trip – my flight left early Tuesday morning and I got back later Wednesday night – but since the conference was over after lunch, and my return flight didn't leave until 7:00, I had a few free hours in downtown Philly.

I figured I had two options to get a taste of the city: one, to get a literal "taste," I could find the nearest cheesesteak restaurant and get the city's namesake sandwich; or, two, I could find and tour the very place where our country got its start – Independence Hall. Fortunately, the hotel we were staying served make-your-own cheesesteaks for lunch, so after lunch, it was off to Independence Hall, which was only a little over a mile away, a place I had last visited almost 50 years ago.

Unfortunately, tickets were sold-out, but we (I and a colleague, Jon Haurwas, pastor of Skidaway Community Church) learned that you didn't have to have a ticket to see some parts of the national historic site: one of which was the Liberty Bell and the other was Congress Hall.

I was reminded that Philadelphia was the home of our federal government before it moved to Washington DC (and it was in New York City before Philadelphia for two years). Congress Hall, as the name implies, was the home of the House of Representatives and the Senate from 1790 – 1800.

Like many an old church or cathedral I have visited over the years, I felt I was walking on sacred ground. I was in the very rooms where so much history took place. It was in Congress Hall that three new states were added to the Republic (Vermont, Kentucky and Tennessee); the Bill of Rights was debated and ratified; and the peaceful transfer of power from our first president, George Washington, to our second, John Adams, took place. In addition, I was only steps away from where the Continental Congress met to sign the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and where the Constitutional Convention convened in 1787. In other words, so many of the principles and ideals that are at the foundation of our nation had their birth right there where I was.

At a time when our nation seems so fractured and polarized, I needed this reminder of these ideals and principles. While I believe there is always room for improvement, I also believe our nation is the best thing out there. I was inspired to re-read the Preamble to our Constitution that states:

We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the

common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

While I don't want this (and other political documents) printed in my Bible, I do believe we – people of faith – should continue to strive for “*a more perfect Union*” as we work for *justice* and the *general welfare* for all of God's children, and in doing so “*secure the blessings of liberty*” for ourselves and our posterity.

Peace,
Andy

BBQ Sale continues....

There is still BBQ pulled pork left to be purchased. It has been packaged and frozen by the pound and is available for purchase at \$10 per package.

If you're interested in buying a pound or two (or more!) check with the office Monday-Friday mornings, 9:00 - 11:30 (you may want to call before you come to make sure someone is there) or at Wednesday Night Supper with a Deacon or Sunday after worship.



**Join us following worship
this Sunday, May 5th
for a
multi-generational
mission event and lunch**

as we celebrate Cinco de Mayo.

Brunch will include a Mexican breakfast casserole (and a more traditional egg and sausage version) as well as fruit. Following the meal, all are invited to pack items for care bags that will be distributed through Union Mission (all items for the care bags will be provided).

Family Promise Week begins Sunday.

Once again, WIPC is taking its turn at providing meals for Family Promise, a ministry that helps homeless families in our community as they work to find more permanent housing. **Thank you** to all who have volunteered to provide meals and to those who delivered them to White Bluff Presbyterian Church where the families are housed.

VBS 2024: May 28th - May 31st

REGISTRATION is FULL...

...but a waiting list is available (in case of any last minute cancellations)



Decorating Sign-Up

**VBS VOLUNTEERS
Wanted!!!
Decoration Team Needed
on May 19th**

*Things to cut, hang and
loan! Sign up with
"Decorating" button.*

**Snack Sign-
Up**

**We also need more folks
to volunteer to provide
daily snacks and drinks
for our VBS volunteers.**

Nursery Volunteers Needed

During the Sacrament of Baptism, we - as members and friends of Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church - pledge to "uphold and support" the child being baptized as we remember our own baptisms. One of the ways we can follow through on that pledge is by volunteering in our nursery.

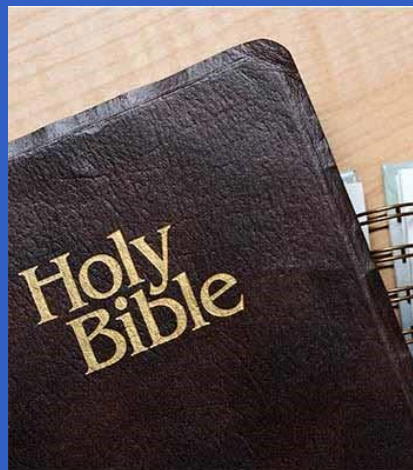


Giving of your time is a wonderful offering to this ministry, and volunteering a couple times a quarter can make a difference for our children and their families!

Sign-up today using the link below.

Bible Study Opportunities

- **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** meets weekly at 10:00 AM in the Education Building.
- **Men's Bible Study** meets on Wednesday mornings at 7:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Tuesday Evening Women's Study** meets weekly at 7:00 PM in the Education Building.



All are invited & welcome!



Join us in Fellowship Hall this Wednesday,
May 8th at 5:45 PM
for a baked potato bar featuring pulled pork,
shredded cheese and other toppings
prepared by Clare & Ken Utter.

Please let us know you will be attending by
replying to this email or by using
the sign-up button below.

Upcoming Suppers:

May 15th

Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad & rolls
(prepared by Sarah Vohringer)

May 22nd

Vegetarian chili & herb rice
(prepared by Deanna Molnar)

Dinners are \$10/adult; \$5/child

**Wednesday Night Suppers Sign
Up**

Our Very Important Senior Adults will gather Thursday, May 16th at 11:45 at Zunzibar Restaurant on Tybee (1115 US Hwy 80). Please reply to this message or call the church office to let us know you will be attending.

Thank you!



It's Time to Register for SUMMER CAMP 2024 !



Registration is open now through June 23rd but space is limited, especially for younger campers, so register early!

WHO: Ages 8 - 17-year-olds
WHERE: Montgomery Conference Center, Starke FL
COST: \$410 per camper (scholarships available!)

Savannah Presbytery will help coordinate transportation from our church!



[Register Here](#)

[Parent Handbook](#)

Check out what else is going on in Savannah Presbytery

[May Savannah Presbytery News](#)

Do you know where to find when church events are happening- such as lunches, learning activities or events?

Visit our Events Calendar on our web page by clicking below



Church Calendar

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