







Once in a lifetime. That's what I kept reminding myself. 50 years!!! Wow! what an incredible weekend of celebration and reflection of our MDO and Preschool! I am grateful to be a very small part of the history of this program and its monumental milestone. It is amazing to see how far this program has come over the years. I would like to say a special thank you to several committees who came together to help make it such a joyous occasion. Many folks giving their time and several who were behind the scenes. Thank you!

After an incredible party out on the lawn, the weekend concluded with our MDO & Preschool Recognition Service. Alumni from over the years processed into the sanctuary, including 4 generations! Heartfelt reflections and stories were shared by David McCleod, Lisa Curley and Caroline Rhodes, who was a student and now teaching in our preschool. Mrs. Joy Maple reminded the children of the importance of good "roots" when living for Christ and Dr. Brandi followed sharing the importance of "planting small seeds" in the lives of children. The Children's Choir sang beautifully. Following the service, we had a vibrant reception that lead down to the children's wing. The raffle wagon continued to sell tickets up until the last minute when the winner was announced. It was stuffed full of awesome items all donated by members of our congregation and the local community. Thank you!

**-ANNA SANDERS**

*Director of  
MDO & Preschool*

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# 50th Anniversary Celebration

*"...planting small seeds..."*



**The Moody Family**

Four generations of Reid Memorial  
Mother's Day Out & Preschool



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# Christian Enrichment

## Summer Sunday School

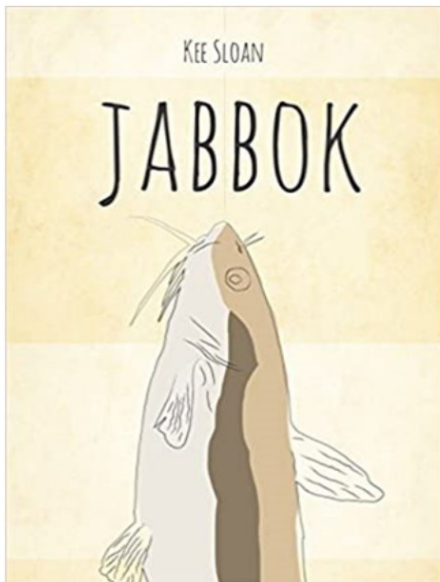
Starting June 4th  
Adults & High School Students

### A Conversation with Jabbok

You may have heard folks in the congregation discussing the book Jabbok. You've even heard it mentioned in a sermon by Brandi. Now is your chance to join in the conversation about this book that has garnered so many accolades and touched many hearts. This summer we'll be reading and discussing Jabbok in June & August.

Each week a different instructor will lead the class further into the story. Our lineup of stellar instructors includes Brandi Casto-Waters, Kathryn McLeod, David Freeman, Brannon Sell, Marshall & Dianne Brown, Nadine Ellsworth-Moran, Boyd Lien, George McCall, and Jerry Howington.

Part 1 (June 4 - 25)  
Part 2 (August 6 - 27)



Starting June 4th  
Kids Sunday School (grades 1-8)

### The Incredibles

All kids from 1st through 8th grade are invited to enjoy a unique and fun opportunity during the month of June for Sunday school. Each Sunday, we will meet in the movie room in the Alan Fuqua Center for **Munchies & a Movie**. This four-week series is based on the animated movie *The Incredibles*.

Each week, we will enjoy some breakfast snacks while we watch a segment of the movie followed by a brief discussion and prayer.

These four weeks are designed to help kids understand that true love is unconditional; the importance of supporting one another; God has given us unique gifts and abilities; and, we should strive to live in peace and harmony with one another.

Join us each Sunday in June at 9:30 in the AFC movie room for this **INCREDIBLE** Sunday School opportunity!



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# *Annual Church Picnic*

*A beautiful day for a picnic on the lake!*



*Many thanks to John & Maryanne Franklin for their hospitality!*

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# Confirmation 2022-2023

Confirmation class continues to be an important part of Reid Memorial's Youth program as a means of preparation for our young people to not only become members of our particular church, but also to prepare them as members of Christ's Church in the world. The 2022-2023 Confirmation class was no exception, although it was a bit unusual in several ways.

This class was comprised of 13 students and included sixth graders, which stretched the age range beyond the normal parameters; however, our confirmands all rose to meet the challenge and did an amazing job learning and applying the confirmation course materials, and met and studied from August 21, 2022 to April 23, 2023 when they took their final group exam (which was a very creatively imagined Jeopardy game designed by Jenn Wilson).

Our confirmation class consisted of Kate Curley, Zachary Fruchtl, Troxell Harbin, Rob Kay, Delia Lindsay, Ian Lindsay, Richard Magruder, Joe Markwalter, Elizabeth Rigsby, Hal Rigsby, Henk Scholer, Graeme Slater, and Harry Welsh. Each confirmand was matched with a mentor and this group consisted of Shell Berry, Bill Moran, Clay Stallworth, Scott Monnig, Macy Russell, Dixon Revell, Steve Sanders, Jim McKnight, Jane Houston, Lee Bennett, Jeff Futrelle, Monty Carlton, and Jim Trotter, respectively.

Rev. Ellsworth-Moran and Mrs. Jenn Wilson, Interim Youth Director, took on the leadership for this confirmation class in January 2023. Other staff members assisted with teaching throughout the program months, including Dr. Casto-Waters, Rev. Lien, and Ms. Joy Maple. Topics included theology, worship, mission, spiritual disciplines, church history, church membership/stewardship, and evangelism, amongst others.

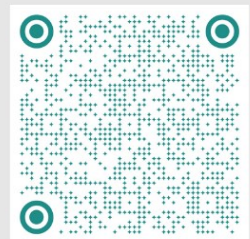
Over the course of this confirmation program, we watched these young people grow and mature in their faith, articulating their understanding in remarkable ways. They brought their energy and imagination to class and learned from one another as well. Listening to them talk about their faith and their hopes for the future of the church, I am encouraged about the impact they will have wherever life takes them, for they are faithful witnesses whom we may all be proud to claim as members of Reid Memorial!

**-REV. NADINE ELLSWORTH-MORAN**

*Associate Pastor*



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Confirmation  
Mentor Statements



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# Statements of Faith...



**Kate  
CURLEY**

I believe that God, my father, is my savior. My God is loving, compassionate, and forgiving. I have known this my whole life and have always felt God's love beginning with teachers like Ms. Joy who have always been kind and walked by faith, to my camp counselor who has always done the right thing. Their deep connection with God sparked mine. I feel God's presence the most in the summertime when I am at Camp Greystone. When I look around at all the beautiful mountain peaks God created. There, surrounded by His creation and all that is good I hear the birds. I see the trees rustling in the wind and in the lake's still and beautiful water I feel God and know that he is close. In my life, God has always provided me with everything I need. He has provided me with the Bible which is a guide on how we should live. He gave us the Holy Spirit to provide comfort and to nudge us to prayer.

I believe that Jesus Christ is God's only son. God loves us so much that He sent his only son to Earth to die on the cross for us. I believe that Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have eternal life" John 3:16 This verse gives me comfort and reminds me that loving and trying to live like Jesus is the only thing that matters.

I want to make my public profession of faith and become an active member of Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church because I want to grow my faith and serve others. The people of this church have loved me since I was baptized. Now it is my turn to be a part of this community of believers and show God's love to others.



**Zachary  
FRUCHTL**

I believe in God. As a Christian I believe Jesus is loving and, if we are listening, guides us through life. I want others to believe in Christ so they can also share the same love as I do. He reveals Himself in challenging times to help me. He provides me comfort and brings joy.

My favorite Bible event occurs in Acts 2, when the Holy Spirit descends on the Apostles. The Apostles are given the ability to speak in a variety of languages. They can then communicate better and allow more people to understand the Word and better understand God.

My mother helped lead me to experience Christ. We visited several churches but felt we were guided to Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church. It is a very warm and welcoming community where I feel God's presence. I have grown in faith and developed friendships and feel fortunate to have found this church. I want to help welcome new members now and in the future, to share my faith and experience as a member of Reid. I am excited to continue my journey in faith on mission trips where I'll be able to share my belief in God and the love of Reid outside Augusta.



**Troxell  
HARBIN**

I call myself a Christian because I believe in God and his unconditional love, his only son Jesus who died for my sins, and the Holy Ghost who helps guide me through life. I also believe that the sacraments are promises of God's presence in our lives.

All my life, I have been raised by Christians who taught me to love all people as Jesus did. I believe that the Bible is a guide to follow in Jesus's teachings as well as a guide into being the best Christian you can be. I believe that God is the one true God and that he is benevolent and forgiving of our mistakes. I believe that God sent down his only son Jesus as a sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins. Together, with the Holy Spirit, these three make the Holy Trinity which guides me to making the best decisions I can in the name of God.

I want to become a member of the church because in my four years here, I have seen the wonderful connection everybody has with each other and the community here is very supportive. I also want to become a member so that I may take on the responsibilities that all other members have such as voting in congregational meetings and being able to discuss new ideas for the church. I believe that being a member of the church will help me lead a more holy life.



# Statements of Faith...



**Rob  
KAY**

I experience God's presence most distinctly when I come to church and when I play sports. I feel a sense of reliability in knowing that everything that happens is all a part of God's plan. The main spiritual teachers in my life are my parents and my grandparents. They have taught me a lot of things about faith, including Bible stories, their personal experiences with God, praying and many others. My parents have always forgiven me when I make mistakes, and I believe that is God's love flowing through them.

The Bible story that I relate to the most is David and Goliath. I see myself as David and my problems as Goliath, and this story helps me understand that no problem is too big for me when I put my trust in God to resolve it.

I see God in nature and in charity. I see how "big" He is by realizing He made the whole world and everything in it in seven days. This shows me that God's love and power are infinite.



**Delia  
LINDSAY**

I believe that my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ can be found all around us. I believe that to call yourself a true Christian you must never discriminate against others. Jesus Christ says we must love one another, and this cannot be done if we judge people and treat them unequally. When I first started attending services at Reid, I saw so many aspects of Christianity reflected in their services. I saw how accepting everyone at Reid is and how they exhibit kindness and compassion in every service. When I attend church services at Reid or youth activities, I feel the presence of God. This church helped me realize what I believe in and helped me connect with so many people my age. I am so grateful for Reid's youth ministry. Because of all the amazing opportunities our youth program offers, I was able to talk to so many people my age and grow in my faith. I feel God's presence the most when I am in Montreat or on youth trips. I feel as though I am right where God wants me to be, and I am reassured that God has a plan for me. I trust in God's plan for me, and I am so excited to officially become a part of Reid. When I think about being confirmed into Reid, I think about being accepted, having people around me to help me grow in my faith, and having a Christian community with whom I share beliefs surrounding me. I am so grateful to have the opportunity to be a part of this amazing church family, and I know Reid is right where God wants me to be.



**Ian  
LINDSAY**

I believe in Jesus Christ, the only son of God, who gave his life to forgive our sins. This is incredible to me because Jesus didn't sacrifice his life to forgive only the disciples, or only his closest followers, but for everyone's sins. I find comfort in knowing that God's grace is unlimited, and everyone will be loved forever no matter what. I believe that the Bible is a guide that tells us how to live closer to God and follow in Jesus' perfect steps. God's presence is most apparent to me when I am outside, especially in the mountains. Here I can appreciate just how magnificent God's work is, seeing it so huge and beautiful. I am in awe at just how expansive and majestic the earth that God has gifted us with is. My family and my church have helped me to grow in my faith and in my understanding of what it means to be a Christian. I am excited to become a member of the church so that I can continue to learn and grow in my faith. Throughout my confirmation I've gained a greater understanding of the meaning and beliefs behind the words spoken in sermons and written in scriptures. One such scripture that stands out to me is John 9:1-12, where Jesus heals a man who has been blind since birth, but can see when Jesus is done. I like this Bible story because it is a great example of the unselfish works and miracles that Jesus did. Through God's glory, Jesus' forgiveness, and the guidance of my family and everyone at Reid, I am ready to join the family at Reid Memorial and do God's will.



# Statements of Faith...



**Richard  
MAGRUDER**

I believe that God is loving, forgiving, and is full of grace. I believe these things because the Bible tells me so and that I have had family members who had very hard times. God helped them out of those hard times and helped guide them back to the right path. Another reason why I believe in God is because he created everything and without him there would be nothing at all. I also believe these things from what Jesus taught us and his stories and him saving people.

I want to join this church so I have a bigger opportunity to spread the word of God. I wish to do that so that other people can be saved. I have seen God's amazing creation and reminders of it. A place that reminds me of it is the mountains. It does so because about a year ago I was sitting on a porch in the mountains and looked out at the beautiful trees and the sky.

A story that reminds me that God saves us is when I was about 8 or 9 and I was at camp. I had fallen down a waterfall at a gorge and there was a slick slope, slick rope, and a tiny tree holding the rope. I had hurt my knee the day before and I grabbed on the rope and kept falling and hitting my knee on the solid rock. I had said a prayer to God to save me and after that I had felt motivated to keep climbing the rock. I had soon made it to the top of the gorge again. Since that situation I have had a stronger connection with God. This is my faith statement and why I believe in God.



**Joe  
MARKWALTER**

What does Jesus mean to me? He is my light, my Lord and Savior, who is the inspiration in my growth and faith. He died for my sins and through Him I am the best person I can be. He also reminds me to be true to myself. Growing to be the best in hard times, like the calming of the storm teaches me to always have faith in every situation. This Bible story shows me what faith can really mean.

My inspiration in my faith has been through many leaders in my life. My parents and Mr. McKnight, as my confirmation mentor, have been a huge inspiration for me to help grow my faith. Mrs. Brandi and Mr. S.C. have helped me learn about my faith through our church services, with Mrs. Brandi's wonderful sermons, and Mr. S.C.'s enthusiastic musical hymns. My biggest inspiration would be Jesus, who has taught me so much about how to be the person I am today.

I am excited to join the church because it has always felt like home to me. It has a family of people who help and inspire me to learn more about my faith. Through confirmation I have learned to see how God and the Holy Spirit work in new ways. I really see them in things like our mission partner Turn Back the Block who helps to work to serve others in our community.

I am thankful for my faith in that it makes me feel loved and protected. I am thankful for my church because it gives me a family where I can talk about my faith. I am thankful for Jesus because he gives me someone to rely on in difficult scenarios. This is why I want to join the community at Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church.



**Elizabeth  
RIGSBY**

Being a Christian isn't just about going to church every Sunday or reading the Bible every night. Being a Christian is looking to you for forgiveness. You sent your only son Jesus Christ our savior to die on the cross for us. Let church teach us about the biggest sacrifice you could have given. We see you in the bright ocean waves, we see you in the big blue sky, but most importantly we see you everywhere. Help us to look to parents, teachers, and mentors during this confirmation journey. Help us to use them as an example of your love. Help me to continue my faith journey at Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church. Help me to become an active member of this church. Give us the courage, oh God, to hear your word and to read our living into it. Give us the trust to know that we are forgiven and give us our faith to take up our life and walk.

# Statements of Faith...



**Hal  
RIGSBY**

I believe in God the Father Almighty who gave us life on this Earth and sacrificed his only son for our sins. The Lord has helped me in my journey, turning me into a believer. He teaches me to worship, to love, and to spread joy. Anyone that lives, lives because of God. I live because of God! I have experienced God's presence by coming to church and worshipping. I really see and feel God when I am doing the things that I love. I feel so free every time I am outside, and I know God is making it all possible. I am thankful for all the spiritual leaders in my life, my parents, all my family, my mentors and coaches. They show God's love, encouragement, and guidance.

I believe in the promises of God. I believe God has made a place in this church for me. Most importantly I believe God loves me.

"If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides. So that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever - Amen." 1 Peter 4:11



**Henk  
SCHOLER**

I am Henk Scholer, son of Daniel and Rebecca Scholer, and grandson of Ed and Peggy Zimmerman. I am 12 years old and attend Stallings Island Middle School. I was baptized at Reid Memorial as an infant. As a youth I attended Mother's Day Out. As a member of the Confirmation class I have learned a lot about the Presbyterian church. I have learned much about the history of the church, as well as the workings of the church. I learned that the presbyteries' rules are like our government. I think being a Christian means to believe that Jesus was God's son and he died for our sins. I believe that our Lord God sent his only son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for our sins. I believe that Jesus should be the example for all people to strive to meet. This means forgiving others when you don't feel like it and helping those less fortunate. This can also mean befriending those who are lonely, or those who need help. My favorite Bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." I like this verse because it is telling us to trust the Lord, and that the plan that he has given you is not to harm you. It means that if you trust and believe him, he will give you hope and a future. Thank you to everyone who has helped me on my journey in confirmation class (especially Mr. Futrelle).



**Graeme  
SLATER**

I believe in Jesus Christ who is God's only son and is our Lord and savior. I believe in God our Lord. I believe in the Holy Trinity: God the Father, Jesus the son, and the Holy Spirit. My favorite Bible Story is the one of Joseph and the coat of many colors. Joseph was Jacob's favorite son. Joseph's brothers resented him for this, and they made a plan to kill Joseph. The eldest brother intervened and instead they sold him. Joseph then became a slave in Egypt and was soon put in prison. The Pharaoh soon called on Joseph to interpret his dreams and eventually Joseph met his brothers again and forgave them. This story helps me to know that God can use anyone for his good. I believe that Jesus Christ died for us on the cross to save us from our sins. Even though he descended into hell, on the third day he beat death and rose to heaven. I want to be a part of Reid Church so that I can celebrate my faith in a community of people.



**Harry  
WELSH**

As a Christian, I believe there is one God who sent his only Son named Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. I believe that God did this so that we could be forgiven for our sins and have eternal life in heaven. As a Christian, I think that getting baptized and going to church are very important. I am also fortunate that I go to a Christian school and a Christian summer camp. I enjoy going to a Bible study on Thursday mornings before school with some of my classmates. During football season our coach has prayer breakfasts on the morning of game days. These are meaningful to me because I think it is important that we pray together as a team because I know that some schools can't do this. Some people who have helped me to become closer to God are my parents, Ms. Joy, Mrs. Brandi, Mrs. Nadine, and Mrs. Jenn. I'm thankful to have had these teachers and I hope to learn more about my faith as I grow older at Reid.



# REID YOUTH Fellowship



## Coffee House 3/25

We were pleased to invite the congregation into the “youth space” in the Fuqua Center to enjoy a rainy day coffee house in March. The folks that came were treated to coffee and pastries while listening to the acoustic sounds of the Carol and Dave band. Our youth met new people from the congregation and they even learned the difference between decaf and “regular” coffee. A great time was had by all.



## Axe Throwing 4/22

Once April rolled around, our young people turned their sights to spring exams and tests at school. To have fun and bust some of that stress, we decided to go throw axes at Broad Street Axe. These kids are coordinated, with many throwing multiple bullseyes.



## Greenjackets Game 4/16



No spring would be complete without a baseball game! The Reid Youth descended upon SRP park to watch the Greenjackets play on a Sunday afternoon. We got to sit in the “Lawn Ace” section which included hot dogs, hamburgers, cookies and unlimited soft drinks to give us energy to cheer! The home team won and the weather was great. Smiles all around! The event was a home run.



## Lunch Bunch 4/30

We rounded out an amazing couple of months with another Reid Youth “Lunch Bunch.” We shared a meal together after Sunday worship. Doc’s Porchside welcomed us with open arms and we enjoyed good food and conversation as always.



**-JENN WILSON**

*Interim Youth Director*

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# Music Department History

Certainly, no story of the events that have transpired in the life of Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church could be complete without attention to the music ministry that has made, and continues to make, the church an outstanding place of worship in Augusta. The history that paints the picture of the music department of Reid becomes even more significant when consideration is made of the uniqueness of its leadership.

## Did you know...

Mrs. Bright (Marge) McConnell was the Reid organist from 1962 to 1967. In 1963 she was joined by her daughter, Sandra Patton, who became choir director. Mrs. Patton became choir director in 1975. Mrs. McConnell was succeeded by another daughter, Mrs. Marge Russell, as organist in 1967. Mrs. Russell also served as choir director from 1967 until her sister assumed the position in 1975.

This unusual sibling combination, known in the Augusta music community as “the sisters”, acted as joint music directors until their mutual retirements in 2001. Under their direction, the music program of Reid Memorial became one of the foremost in the community. Their leadership led to the expansion of the senior choir, organization of youth choirs, and the organization of a handbell choir that achieved outstanding recognition in its skill level. The acquisition of the bells was through a gift from Mr. and Mrs. William S. Morris III, who continued to support this special music ministry with additional gifts to update and enhance the handbell collection.

Dr. John G. Schaeffer Jr., professor of music and organ at then Augusta College (now Augusta University), became the organist at Reid in September 1971. His skill and interpretation of sacred music unfolded new avenues of worship and enjoyment for members of both the congregation and community alike. At his untimely death in 1997 various memorials in his name were directed for upgrading and updating the Reid Memorial organ. This opportunity led to the remodeling of our sanctuary and the rebuilding of the Schantz organ. Subsequently, a gift from the Charles Goodwin family covered the cost of the organ remodeling. In an act of the session, it was determined that funds given in memory of Dr. Schaeffer would be used to establish an annual concert on the new organ. It would be known as the John G. Schaeffer Memorial Organ Recital.

Upon their retirement as joint music directors, Sandra Patton and Marge Russell were honored by the chancel choir with the commissioning of an anthem to be composed in their name by noted musician Alfred Fedak. A printed copy of the anthem, which was first performed by the Reid Memorial choir on the date of their retirement, is now included in the hymnals in the sanctuary.

Use this QR Code to read more about the history of the music department here at Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church.



This has been a fantastic year of music making. Through the making of music we have rejoiced together, healed together, and worshiped together.

Serving through music ministry is a unique and wonderful way to share your gifts. From everyone in the music department, we hope that you will consider joining us next year as we answer the call to let all creation sing!

**-S.C. TOE**

*Director of Music*

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# Reflections...

## Dr. John G. Schaeffer, Jr.

### Teacher...

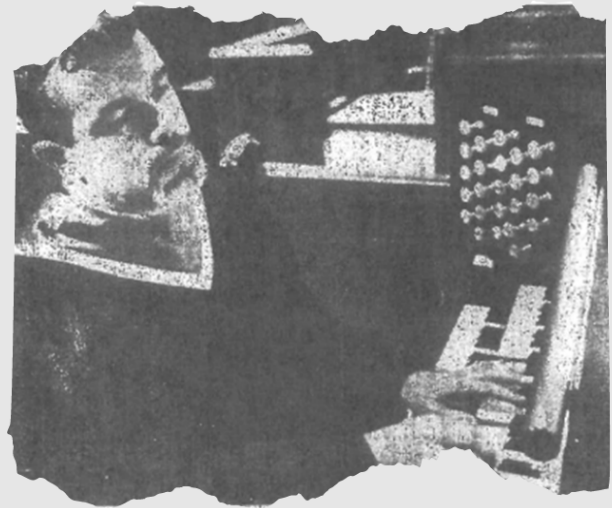
In the fall of 1971 entering my senior year as a music major at Augusta College, I encountered Dr. John Schaeffer. In his white shirt and tie he would arrive on campus riding his bicycle (briefcase attached), looking somewhat bedraggled with his shirttail always slightly out. His enigmatic persona was unlike any I had encountered amongst the music faculty.

For three quarters, I studied music history with him; writing down every word he said and pouring over my notes from his lectures in preparation for what would become his legendary exams. It was not too long into the first quarter of music history that I began to observe a witty, extremely intelligent, serious professor who expected the best from his students—as that was what he gave to us. Every lecture he enriched what we had read and intentionally filled our minds with all he knew.

### Mentor...

In July 1983 the sanctuary of Grace United Methodist Church in North Augusta was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. As rebuilding began, the church decided that a pipe organ would be included in the new sanctuary. I approached John and asked if he would guide me in this process and serve as consultant as we determined who would build the instrument and how the instrument would be designed. Through his efforts the church acquired a fine two manual Schantz organ that was installed in 1985 shortly after moving into the new sanctuary. While modest in scale, John's knowledge of organ-building and organ literature resulted in a wonderful instrument that still leads the congregation effectively in worship and is a pleasure for recitalists to play.

With this new instrument at Grace, I felt compelled to study the organ in a more formal way. John graciously guided me through organ literature that would help me grow and serve as instrumental music for worship at Grace. I treasure the organ scores with his markings in them and think of him each time I play from them to this day.



### Friend...

My friendship with John evolved from the time I graduated from Augusta College through his death. I enjoyed numerous candlelight dinner parties in his Fuqua Center residence; he was quite the chef. And the stories he could tell! I regularly turned pages for him as he played organ recitals (with commentary that only I could hear as he performed). His recitals enriched and educated the Augusta community on the joy of organ music.

John Schaeffer was like no other person I have known. I cannot adequately or completely explain the privilege and honor it was to have him as a teacher, mentor, and friend. But if you knew him in any of those ways, you understand what I mean. He was a kind, thoughtful, and spiritual man. Music was his greatest passion and the center of his being. In his letter of resignation as organist for Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church John said, "Being the organist at Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church has been the greatest joy of my life."

**-E. WAYNE LORD**

*Associate Director of Music*

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## *Adopt-A-Unit*

# *Mission Spotlight*

The Mission Committee has been hard at work this year building relationships with existing partners as well as discovering new ways in which to serve. In our last Fountain, we highlighted the successful Hearts for Mission Day that was held in February. Hopefully, each of you had a chance to talk with organization representatives about how they serve the community as well as find opportunities for volunteering and donating. One of the newest opportunities to come our way was brought forward by Reid Memorial member SFC Thomas Mize.

Thomas connected our congregation with Alpha Company, A CO 151st ESB (Greenwood) of the 228th Tactical Theater Brigade, and suggested that we send some morale boosting care packages since they would be stationed in remote locations. With Thomas' guidance and your generosity, we were able to collect personal care items, snacks, games, and cards written by our youth, to send to our men and women deployed in the Middle East. We filled four packing boxes with enough donations to send to Alpha Company's base camp and three remote posts! They are winging their way to these destinations and will hopefully have arrived and been happily welcomed by the time you are reading this article!

Such efforts are one small way we can remember those who don't get to go to their homes at the end of the day, walk their dogs, or help children with homework. These men and women serve in inhospitable and often hostile places. A box of "goodies" may not sound like much, but reminders of home and notes that say "we care about you" are never small gestures for someone far away.

The Mission Committee will continue to collect for this unit and our Celebrate Summer theme is underway. In this collection we are looking for more snacks (you can never have enough!) and summer or July 4th themed items,

such as, frisbees, inflatable balls, drink can koozies, sun visors, paddle ball sets, or anything you might take to the beach or picnic that can easily be packed and shipped. We hope you will participate with equal enthusiasm for this second collection!

Our hope is that the heart of mission will also be the heart of our congregation here at Reid Memorial as we continue to reach out to the stranger in our midst, those far from home, the neglected and impoverished, the forgotten and the overlooked. As Christ calls us to this service, so may we respond with joy, generosity, and willing hands to continue this work in the world in his name.



**Alpha Company**  
**A CO 151st ESB (Greenwood)**  
**of the 228th Tactical Theater Brigade**

*On behalf of Missions*

**-REV. NADINE ELLSWORTH-MORAN**

*Associate Pastor*

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## JUNE

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- 4      *The Incredibles* Kid's Sunday School Begins for grades 1-8 (9:30am)
- 4      *Jabbok-part 1* Adult & H.S. Sunday School Begins (9:30am)
- 4      Congregational Meeting following Worship (11:30am)
- 4-10      H.S. Youth Conference in Montreat
- 5-9      VBS @ Good Shepherd Church (9am – noon)
- 11      Dimes for Dinners
- 13-15      Week 1 Summer Fun MDO Camp
- 20-22      Week 2 Summer Fun MDO Camp
- 27-29      Week 3 Summer Fun MDO Camp

## JULY

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- 11-13      Week 4 Summer Fun MDO Camp
- 16      Dimes for Dinners
- 16-21      Camp Fellowship for grades 1-8
- 18-20      Week 4 Summer Fun MDO Camp
- 30      GAP Ministry Service Day

## AUGUST

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- 2      Back 2 School Prayer Group for Columbia County (6:30pm)
- 6      Back 2 School Prayer Group for Richmond County (6:30pm)
- 6      Blessing of the Backpacks during Worship
- 6      *Jabbok-part 2* Adult & H.S. Sunday School begins (9:30am)
- 6      Summer Service Sunday School begins for grades 1-8 (9:30am)
- 6      Reid's Refreshments following Worship
- 8      MDO & Preschool Open House
- 9      School begins for MDO & Preschool
- 11-13      Women's Connection Retreat in Montreat
- 27      Food, Fellowship, & Fun: A Church-Wide Event (6-8pm)



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## Preschool Chapel

Every Wednesday, Reid's preschoolers come together in the sanctuary to participate in a special chapel time geared specifically to 3- and 4-year-old students. We begin by singing several old, familiar songs along with a few new favorites followed by an interactive memory verse from Scripture. The students use motions, sign language, and rhythm to learn and remember the verse each month. The students listen to a brief message from the Old or New Testament. Closing this special time, we sing our prayer song and say a prayer together.

This year, our sweet students heard 29 children's messages, shared 29 prayers together, sang 8 worship songs, learned 7 Bible verses, enjoyed 4 weeks of chapel with loved ones, and experienced a special worship service during the Christmas season.

Wow! What a year! I will miss these precious children, but my heart is full knowing that they are certainly growing a heart for Christ at Reid Memorial!

Looking forward to resuming in September!

**-JOY MAPLE**

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