

SOPC Leaflet, Wednesday, April 30, 2025



1: Donna Huff

2: Margaret Royals

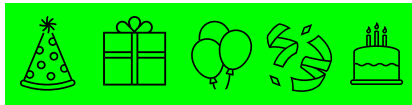
3: Dannah Lane

6: Ken Watkins

14: Doris Cunningham = 96!



18: Nancy Taber = 93!



19: David Will

24: Lloyd Pilkington

25: Sue Kesterson & Roni Klemick

26: John Paul Sellars

27: Margaret Charles

30: Nancy Humphreys = 91!



- **From Pastor Jim:**

Beggars in Need of Bread

*“Give us the food we need for each day.
Forgive us for our sins, just as we have
forgiven those who sinned against us.”*

Matthew 6:11-12

**We are sinners in need of grace, strugglers in need of strength. Jesus teaches us to pray,
“Forgive our debt...and lead us not into temptation.”**

We’ve all made mistakes, and we’ll all make some more. The line that separates the best of us from the worst of us is a narrow one; hence, we’d be wise to take seriously Paul’s admonition: “Why do you judge your brothers or sisters in Christ? And why do you think you are better than they? We will all stand before the Lord to be judged” (Rom. 14:10).

Your sister would like me to remind you that she needs grace. Just like you need forgiveness, so does she. There comes a time in every relationship when it’s damaging to seek justice, when settling the score stirs the fire. There comes a time when the best thing you can do is accept your brother and offer him the same grace you’ve been given.

The Great House of God

- **Member Spotlight: Banks Robinson, Written and Submitted by Mark Dillard:**

Banks Robinson is one of Seven Oaks’ most active and reliable leaders.

That role comes naturally. Banks has been involved in his church from an early age and was elected as a Deacon while still in high school. His bride, Polly’s, father was the minister at the Robinson family’s church in Charleston. Banks transferred his membership to SOPC when his family moved to Columbia.

Currently, he plans major church events while serving on the Session at Seven Oaks as Chair of the Fellowship Committee. Banks is also always ready to assist when questions of parliamentary procedure arise at Session meetings.

He said it involves “mainly reading and understanding Robert's Rules of Order. It can be tricky sometimes, and having the book on hand always helps.”

Banks went to Davidson College. His father was an insurance adjuster, and his mom was a kindergarten teacher.

He's now retired from a career with the US Postal Service where he also served several years as President of the American Postal Workers Union local.

"The Postal Service is like most jobs," Robinson said, "...in that we have a dedicated task each day - to get the mail processed and ready for delivery. I had numerous positions over my 33 years, but the one I enjoyed the most was expediting trucks to and from our facility".

"I loved the American Postal Workers Union for what they had accomplished in establishing a working environment that provided everyone with a steady, safe job with a fair income and retirement," he said.

Banks began to develop his leadership ability when he joined the Boy Scouts. "I'm not sure leadership is natural, but I do believe that you can develop confidence in how you interact with other people and that aids in leading."

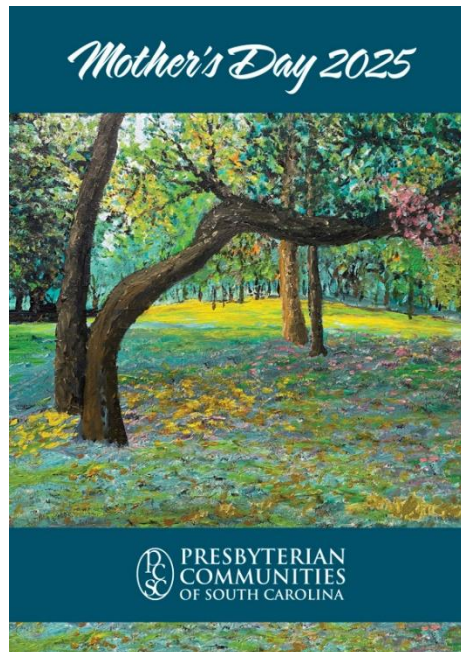
Banks and Polly's three children grew up as part of Seven Oaks. He says they never pushed Jay, Sarah, or Marshall in a particular career direction. Instead, they just wanted them to be happy in whatever they did.

"All of them had to come to terms with what that was, and I believe they all are at that place now," he says. "We love our four grandsons and their distinct personalities. So glad we get to see them as often as we do."

- This Sunday's sermon: *Do You Love Me?*
- This Sunday's Scripture passage: **John 21:15-25**



- This Sunday, Marion Watson-Wishart will share a Minute for Mission with us about how our annual Mothers' Day Offering helps The Presbyterian Communities of SC, (PCSC). The envelopes for this worthy cause will be available in the narthex / lobby this Sunday and next Sunday / Mothers' Day. To give via www.sopc.net, please designate your gift for the Mothers' Day Offering for PCSC. Please give as you are able and feel led. For more information, feel free to visit <https://www.prescommunities.org/mother-s-day-offering>.



- Our next churchwide Fellowship Meal will be a LUNCHEON on Sunday, May 18th after worship! Come hungry!
- The Missions ministry needs you! Each year, we partner with Migrant Ministries to help provide a meal for migrant workers in the Ridge Spring area. One Tuesday in the summer, we prepare a supper, take it to the camp, and serve it to the workers. We need volunteers willing to assist with meal preparation, delivery, set up, and serving on July 1st this year. If you are available and willing, please contact Jim Taylor at 803-960-2956. Thank you!
- Please join us for Love Revolution in the Pavilion on Sunday from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm and help us serve food to our neighbors in need! Our Clothing Closet will open 30 minutes prior.
- Our Thursday morning 1st John Bible study, led by Pastor Jim, will conclude TOMORROW, Thursday, May 1st at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Classroom.
- A Note of Thanks: "Dear SOPC, thank you for the lovely potted zinnia plant and sweet card I received in recognition of Administrative Professionals Day last week. Elizabeth Taylor presented it to me on behalf of the Administration Ministry of the church. It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as the Office Administrator for Seven Oaks for the past year and 5 months, and I hope that it is a relationship that continues for years to come. Love in Christ, Annah Hiers"
- If you are able to help create projector slides of our weekly announcements, please contact Annah in the church office. Training can be provided. All you

need is access to the internet, access to email, and a willingness to learn a new means of expression. We have one person interested, but they can't do it every week. Many announcements repeat for several weeks. So, the volunteers do not need to create ALL the announcements each week...just take off expired ones and create a few new ones. Many hands make light work!



Download from
Dreamstime.com

- Our Fellowship & Roads To Faith Adult Sunday School classes, (who are currently meeting together,) are studying the Gospel of John. All adults of the church--and friends--are welcome to join us in the Fellowship Classroom on Sunday mornings at 9:45!
- SOPC BOOK GROUP is reading *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. They will meet for discussion and fellowship on Thursday, 5/29/25 at 1:30 pm at Snow's Ice Cream.
- Session's next meeting will be on Monday, May 19th.
- SOPW's Honorary Life Membership Award will be presented during worship on Sunday, May 18th.
- Our YOUTH will be meeting at Westminster PC this Sunday at 5:30 pm for a "May the 4th Be With You" event, including...an ESCAPE ROOM activity, lesson, food, fellowship, and fun! Please feel free to contact Julie Bussells with any questions or for more information about our youth ministry: 803-622-9509.
- SOPC will host a meeting of Trinity Presbytery on Tuesday, November 18th. VOLUNTEERS are needed to greet, direct parking, serve lunch, etc.
- If you would like to volunteer in the sanctuary's sound booth occasionally, please contact the church office. Training provided!
- Parents of Young Children: Please grab a "Wiggle Bag" from the narthex / lobby before worship starts and remember that the little ones go to the Children's Corner after the Children's Message during the service. Thanks!
- Our SOPC Food Pantry is running low on easy-prep, pop-top items such as chef Boyardee, soup, etc. The cans with pop tops are best, because those in need often may not have can openers. If you are able and feel led to pick up a few cans the next time you are at the store, it would be greatly appreciated.
- A friendly reminder that Church Office hours are Monday – Thursday from 10 am until 2 pm. If someone emails the church at sopc@sopc.net or leaves a

voicemail on the church phone after 2 pm on Thursday, Annah won't get it until

Monday morning at 10 am. Thanks for your patience and understanding!! ❤️

- Also, please note: Now that we are sending out weekly Leaflets, we ask each ministry to get us information for the Leaflet by Tuesdays, rather than asking us to send out a dedicated email blast with their ministry's specific information. We are trying to limit the number of emails we send out each week. Exceptions to this are prayer requests and devotions / special announcements from Pastor Jim and/or the Session.
- Pastor Jim will be out of the office, (and the country,) May 6 – 18th. He will be on a pilgrimage to the “7 Churches” in Turkey. We will have guest preachers on May 11th and 18th.
- Our SOPC Presbyterian Women will host the ladies of our church, McGregor PC, Westminster PC, Providence PC, and our Presbyterian Communities ladies at the Annual Birthday Celebration Dinner on Tuesday, May 13th, at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please see the flyer below for more information.



Grow, Bloom, Repeat.
Presbyterian Women
Annual Birthday Celebration

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025 AT 6 PM


Join us for dinner and presentations by friends from Love Revolution & Columbia Rapid Shelter!

RSVP to Julie Bussells, SOPW Moderator, by Monday, May 5th. 803-622-9509

Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church
530 St. Andrews Rd., Columbia, SC 29210

The flyer features a pink background with a white watering can and a potted plant with yellow and orange flowers. A woman in a white apron with a carrot pattern is watering the plant. The text is in various colors and fonts, including white, yellow, and purple.

- Our siblings in faith at McGregor Presbyterian Church have invited us to join them for a workshop titled [Parenting in Today's World](#) TOMORROW, May 1st at 6 pm. [The speaker is Susan Yelverton of Live Oak Counseling. Susan is the counselor who meets with clients on our SOPC campus when they cannot make it to the downtown office.](#) Please share with any parents or grandparents of children/youth.



Community Workshop Series at McGregor
Parenting in Today's World
Thursday, May 1, 2025

This workshop is for parents, grandparents, or anyone who wants to improve their relationship skills with the children/youth (preschool, elementary, high school, college) of today.

Topics will include:

- *How to Talk with Children/Youth and Be an Active Listener
- *Dealing with Anxiety in Today's Children/Youth
- *Helping Children/Youth Deal with the Impact of Social Media
- *Common Complaints of Children/Youth Regarding Parents/Grandparents or Other Caregivers

Presenter: Ms. Susan Yelverton, MSW, LISW
Live Oak Counseling Center, Columbia, SC

The workshop will begin at 6:00 p.m.
at McGregor Presbyterian Church
6505 St. Andrews Road, Columbia, SC

This workshop is open to the public. There is no admission fee, but preregistration is required. To register, send name, telephone/cell#, and email address to: mcpresadm@gmail.com.
You can also call the church office at (803) 781-2391.

THIS WORKSHOP SERIES IS BEING OFFERED BY MCGREGOR PRESBYTERIAN TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON TOPICS OF INTEREST TO OUR COMMUNITY.