

A BRIEF HISTORY

South Aiken Presbyterian Church has close to 800 members composed of all age groups. The Family Life Center faces Silver Bluff Road and contains offices, kitchen, gym, classrooms and choir room. The building attached to the sanctuary has a second kitchen, library classrooms and the Fellowship Hall.

Current staffing includes a Pastor, a Director of Christian Education, the Director of Children's and Family Ministry, a Day School Director, a Treasurer, an Office Manager and a Custodian. We have a total of 21 Elders (Session). The Session is charged with the business affairs of the church. We have 21 Deacons (Diaconate). The Diaconate is charged with congregational care.

Our church supports ACTS (Area Churches Together Serving), outreach ministries in Honduras and Haiti, Habitat for Humanity, prison ministry, Secret Santa and disaster relief efforts. Falling under all programs is the need for office help as well as financial expertise for working with the annual budget.



ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

Book Club
Boy Scouts, Troop 146
Cub Scouts
Memorial Garden
Senior Adult Ministry & Activities
Team Sports
Trading Post
Wedding Planning



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COMMITTEES, PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE TO YOU

We are delighted to have you worshipping with us today and hope you take a moment to look at all there is to offer at South Aiken Presbyterian Church.

Whether you and your family have particular needs or if you are looking for ways to serve the Lord in addition to attendance at Sunday services, **your** Stewardship Committee has compiled this brochure of committees, programs and activities available to all.

Service to our Lord is a foundation block that builds relationships with Christians and non-Christians needing Christ in their lives.

At South Aiken Presbyterian Church, service is:
Attendance
Giving of time and talents
Financial tithes and offerings

"Opening Doors to Serve Christ"

Committees & Programs

Administration:

This committee is charged with management of the church office. Volunteers assist with answering phones, stuffing envelopes, assemble bulletins and general office duties.

Christian Education:

This committee focuses on Christian education of all ages.

Nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers and Children's Church is for 3K(older) to second grade during Sunday services. Sunday School is available for both children and adults. Confirmation classes are held for 6th through 8th grades.

There are youth programs offered on Sunday evenings. Also, Vacation Bible School, Wacky Wednesdays and other various programs are available for all age groups.

There are several adult Sunday classes offered in a variety of formats for learning more about Christ and His teachings including, Bethel Bible Study.

Consult the News & Announcements section of the bulletin for more details.

Communications:

The church's Annual Report and web page are the responsibility of the Communications Committee. They also are responsible for newspaper advertisement and publicity. It is important to note that we are now putting our services on our website;

<http://www.southaiken.org>.

Congregational Care:

Deacons oversee this committee to provide meals and transportation. In addition, they visit the sick, send cards to those in need, run errands, perform mini-maintenance in homes of those who need (i.e. elderly, infirm), maintain prayer pagers and oversee the Prayer Partners program.

Included in Congregational Care is the Outreach program. Outreach volunteers call upon new members and those who experience life-changing events.

Fellowship:

Volunteers plan seasonal or special event church dinners, picnics, receptions, special groups and events such as; Salt Shakers (small in-home dinner groups), golf outings, etc.

Long Range Planning:

This committee has the responsibility for producing a plan for SAPC that can be used to guide and direct the activities of the church for the next ten years. This process addresses all areas in the life of the church, but the primary focus is on our church as the Body of Jesus Christ on earth (Ephesians 1:22-23).

Membership:

This committee is involved in visitor follow-up and new member instruction. Once a new member has had contact with Membership, the name is given to the Stewardship Committee who will contact each one to see if they are interested in serving on any committees, programs and/or activities.

Property:

Members of the committee are responsible for the maintenance, repair and upkeep of the church

building, equipment and grounds. A majority of the repairs are accomplished by volunteers from the congregation.

Stephen Ministry:

Stephen Ministry is a distinctly Christian, one-on-one, confidential, care-giving ministry. These uniquely trained volunteers are available to anyone who feels the need and request for someone to listen to them and their problems in a confidential setting.

Stewardship:

Time, talent and tithe are the primary focus of this committee who contacts those indicating an interest in serving the immediate needs of the church. This committee also touches base with those who may need assistance in spiritual matters.

Witness & Service:

This committee focuses on what the name implies. There are numerous opportunities within this committee for service. They include, but are not limited to; Secret Santa, Habitat for Humanity, Prison Ministry, Honduras and Haiti ministries, Presbyterian Women (including several Circles), Golden Harvest Food Bank, ACTS and disaster relief when the need arises.

Worship Committee:

This committee has oversight of activities involving the sanctuary, including anything used to enhance the worship experience, i.e., Ministry of Music (choirs, hand bells), ushers and the sound system,

Volunteers may also assist in; communion, special services (i.e. Advent, Lent, Kirkin' of the Tartans), recording of tapes/CDs for distribution, devotional materials, sanctuary flowers and decorations, maintaining of sanctuary Bibles, hymnals and special handouts.