

CHURCH NOTES - May 7, 2017

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TODAY

THE UNC CHARLOTTE BRASS QUINTET, a chamber ensemble exclusively comprised of undergraduate music majors, joins us for worship. These young musicians have been invited to perform this summer at the Stellenbosch International Chamber Music Festival in South Africa—a festival for young musicians 12- to 28-years old; more info can be found at www.sicmf.co.za. The quintet is grateful for the opportunity to share their music with Selwyn, as well as the generosity of our community. The group is playing throughout the region to secure funding for their upcoming South Africa festival, and they have set-up a link where donations can be made: www.gofundme.com/brassquintet2017. The members of the quintet are Liam McMahon, trumpet; Cameron Beaver, trumpet; Ben Shafer, horn; Ian Gragg, euphonium; and Bryson Harding, tuba.

Liam McMahon, trumpet, is currently a sophomore music education major. Liam hopes to educate future generations of musicians, inspiring them to appreciate music as much as he does, and always to keep learning. He was raised in Raleigh, North Carolina along with his two older brothers.

Cameron Beaver, a sophomore music performance major, has always greatly enjoyed playing the trumpet and seeking to improve the quality of his overall musicianship. Cameron grew up near Mount Pleasant, North Carolina.

Ben Shafer is a third-year undergraduate student music performance major. Born in Cary, NC, he has been playing horn for nearly ten years. Ben hopes to one day play in a major symphony orchestra, as well as teach horn at the college level. He is an active performer in the Charlotte area, and is the horn teacher at the Charlotte Music School.

Ian Gragg is a sophomore music education major. Ian has a great love for education and music, as they hold the unique power to bring people together. Ian wants to make the world a better place through music. He grew up in Shelby, North Carolina with his younger brother.

Bryson Harding is a freshman Music Major from Concord, North Carolina. Getting to play the tuba professionally is Bryson's lifelong aspiration.

REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL See Kim Lee after church today. VBS is June 19 – June 23. Rising Three-Year Olds through rising Kindergarteners will meet at Selwyn from 9am-12pm. Rising First through Fifth grades will go to Fellowship Point from 9am-3:30pm. We need shepherd and teacher volunteers. It takes a minimum of ten adult volunteers each day to make VBS a success. Registration forms are available at www.selwynpres.org/publications.php.

NOTES OF INTEREST

SAPC MEN'S SOFTBALL Church members interested in playing should contact Brian Halstead, bghalstead@gmail.com, or 704-534-9832. The game is May 8 at 6:30pm.

COLLEGE GRADUATES AND FAMILIES If you will graduate from college or from graduate school this spring we would like to hear from you. Please contact Lawson, office@selwynpres.org or call the church at 704-372-6836 by May 10 with your name, college, and your degree. This information will be printed in the June Spire newsletter.

DAUGHTERS OF FAITH Young adult women will continue Brené Brown's book, Rising Strong on Wednesdays at 11am. Childcare is available with advance RSVP to lraible@carolina.rr.com.

THE ANNUAL YOUTH BOOK DRIVE continues through May 10. We are collecting children's books for Montclair Freedom School and books for young adults and adults for Habitat for Humanity. Bins are in the Spire hallway.

FREEDOM SCHOOL FRENZY Please come out to support a 3 x 3 basketball fundraiser on Saturday, May 13 from 12-3pm at Myers Park Presbyterian's Outreach Center. This effort is being organized by Caroline Thompson to support Freedom School Partners of Charlotte. Ages 12-19 can participate in the tournament. \$30 per team. Register online, freedom-school-frenzy.weebly.com.

SELWYN FOOD DRIVE: MAY 14 - JUNE 4 to help stock the shelves for the summer at Loaves and Fishes. We hold the drive during May because (1) summer is a needy time for families whose children no longer get free meals at school and (2) fewer food donations are made during the summer months. Canned meat, pastas, and peanut butter are popular items. Please put a can in your van or a jar in your car and participate. You can place the items in the labeled barrels in the Spire hallway. Would you like to help drop off the food? Please contact Christy Parbst, cbparbst@yahoo.com.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION will take place during worship next Sunday, May 14.

THE WILL OF GOD Join us on Sundays at 9:30am for our adult Sunday School series based on Leslie Weatherhead's book. Adults will meet in their respective classrooms for this informal and discussion based series, as abstract ideas to specific, true-to-life circumstances are applied. Books are available for purchase - see Lori if interested.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING All volunteers working with nursery, children, and youth should have this training and renew it every three years. This includes those working with children at Montclair Elementary and Freedom School. Please make plans to attend on May 21 at 9am or June 11 at 11:30am. The class will meet in the Bowman building.

CAN YOU HELP? Freedom School is just a couple of months away and there are lots of ways for everyone to help. Please volunteer through the Selwyn website YES page, www.selwynpres.org/serve.php, to help purchase supplies, provide snacks, chaperone field trips, help with onsite enrichment activities, provide treats for the staff, or be an active reading partner through DEAR (Drop Everything and Read). Or you can contact John Lemmon at jlemmon@jlf.com.

PLEASE SERVE AS A PRAYER PARTNER FOR OUR YOUTH MISSION TRIP Every year, members of the congregation serve as Prayer Partners to our youth and adults who serve on the Appalachia Service Project. As a prayer partner, you simply agree to pray for the group generally and one person specifically during the week they are away. You write a note to let them know you will be praying for them. You can provide a snack if you like. It is a special way to connect. Who in your household would like to participate? Selwyn members of all ages can participate. Please contact Sara Moreau, smoreau80@gmail.com, if you are interested or have any questions.

AA MEETINGS Selwyn is the host site for two weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. The times are Mondays, noon-1pm in the Bates House and Wednesdays, 8-10pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.

The flowers in the narthex are given to the Glory of God
and in celebration of the marriage of Tate Hatcher and Brian Hackman on May 6, 2017.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of Erin Mills and the Selwyn Youth from Jill and Simon Cann.

THIS WEEK AT SELWYN		
<p>Sunday, May 7 Youth Sunday 8:30 Adult Teachers Breakfast Meeting (FH) 9:00 Youth (S) 9:15 Elder Training (SH) 9:30 Newcomers Orientation Class (Chapel) 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Youth Sunday Worship Service (S) 11:30 Youth Director Search Committee (P) 6:30 Salt Shakers (Glen's)</p> <p>Monday, May 8 12:00 AA Meeting (BH) 7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)</p>	<p>Tuesday, May 9 5:30 GSA Brownie Troop (SH)</p> <p>Wednesday, May 10 11:00 Daughters of Faith (OS) 8:00 AA Meeting (FH)</p> <p>Friday, May 12 7:00 Men's Group (BH)</p> <p>Saturday, May 13 9:00 Young Adult's Montclair Mission Project 12:00 Freedom School Frenzy (Myers Park Presbyterian)</p>	<p>Sunday, May 14 9:00 Chancel Choir (S) 9:30 Sunday School for All 10:30 Worship Service with Senior Recognition(S) 2:45 GSA Juniors (SH) 4:00 Youth Director Search Committee (P)</p> <p>Church Notes deadline is each Monday by 9am. Spire deadline is Monday, May 22 by 9am.</p>