

# THE SANDHILLS SCRIBE

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## LEADERSHIP

Drew Martin	Assistant Pastor
Chip McAulay	Assistant Pastor
Mike Windish	Pastoral Intern
Joe Arnold	Ruling Elder
Scott Boulton	Ruling Elder
John Carter	Ruling Elder
Chuck Robbins	Ruling Elder, Clerk
Tom Smith	Ruling Elder
Gray Cockman	Deacon
Bill Crisp	Deacon, Chairman
Larry Haywood	Deacon
Charlie Proulx	Deacon
John Stone	Deacon

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 11-18<sup>th</sup>: Mexico Mission Trip  
April 12<sup>th</sup>: Easter Sunday - No  
Sunday School  
April 19<sup>th</sup>: Sunday School  
Missions Presentation  
April 19<sup>th</sup>: Church-Wide Pot-Luck  
Lunch after Worship  
July 13-17<sup>th</sup>: VBS

## NEW MEMBERS

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## NOTES FROM THE SESSION

The Session has bi-monthly meetings. Non-confidential items of interest are shared in this newsletter and on our website under the "Announcements" tab. Recent Information from Session Meetings:

\*Elder, John Carter, is working to create a fellowship committee that will plan and coordinate church family meals once per quarter in addition to other events. Those interested in serving on this committee should speak with any Elder or contact John Carter by phone (910-904-1821) or by email ([john.carter@embarqmail.com](mailto:john.carter@embarqmail.com)).

\*The Congregation has been divided up into "Shepherding Groups". Members and non-members have been assigned to an Elder/Deacon.

\*A Church Calendar has been created. A copy of it is in this newsletter and is also available on the website under the "Announcements" tab.

\*Vacation Bible School will be July 13-17th from 9-12 noon.

## NOTES FROM THE DEACONS

We have been working on repairs around the church: Indoor and outdoor lights/light sensors have been replaced, ceiling tiles have been repaired/replaced, a new projector on the left side of the Sanctuary has been installed, emergency lights repaired, and work has been done on our roof. We have recently signed new contracts for our landscaping and copy machine that will save the church money each month.

We have several projects that still need work. **Would your family, your small group, or your Sunday School Class like to volunteer to help with any of the following projects?**

\*Sand/repaint metal railing outside church

\*Clean out / reorganize storage room off sanctuary

\*Install sheet rock / repair lock on storage room under the stairs

\*Remove old wooden play structure in the kindergarten play ground

\*Install fence around the retention pond

\*Rebuild screening fence around the dumpster

\*Stencil "VISITORS PARKING ONLY" on the parking spaces closest to front doors of the church.

If you would like to help with any of the projects listed above or if you see anything in the way of building maintenance or cleaning that you feel should be addressed, we would appreciate it if you would write a note to us (the Deacons) leave it with Amy Woodside or Barbee Decker in the Church Office. Or, you may contact Bill Crisp at [wrcrisp@yahoo.com](mailto:wrcrisp@yahoo.com). Please be sure to include your contact information in case we don't understand your comments.

## 2009 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

VBS 2009 is July 13-17th. The theme is "Sound the trumpets! The King is Coming!". Adult and Jr./Sr. high Youth volunteers are needed in all areas: leading, teaching, music, crafts, recreation, publicity, decorating, preparation, general support, and most importantly prayer! There will be a VBS Planning Meeting on Sunday, April 19th. Those interested in helping should contact Sheila Theune at 910-692-8458 or [sheilatheune@usa.net](mailto:sheilatheune@usa.net) or Teri Blades at 910-949-4298 or [ncblades@embarqmail.com](mailto:ncblades@embarqmail.com).

## NURSERY MINISTRY

We are in need of a new nursery coordinator that schedules the volunteers for the nursery. We have 35+/- volunteers who work in the nursery on a rotational basis to care for 15-25 children each week. We need more nursery volunteers! If everyone does his/her part, each volunteer will work only 1-2 Sundays per quarter. Anyone interested in serving as Nursery Coordinator or as a Volunteer should contact the church office at [sandhillspca@nc.rr.com](mailto:sandhillspca@nc.rr.com) or 910-692-5834 or Barbee Decker at [barbeedecker@gmail.com](mailto:barbeedecker@gmail.com) or 910-949-3335.

## MISSIONS UPDATE

During Sunday School on April 19th, we will hear presentations from the Mexico Mission Team as well as Steve and Dianne Hill and Sam and Elizabeth Goodwin during Sunday School. The Hills and the Goodwins are both currently raising support to go to the Mission Field. Please read more about each family on the next two pages. The following is an update from one of the "missions" we currently support on a monthly basis.

## SANDHILLS MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

God has been working in our MOPS group, and our MOPS leadership team! We have 65 MOPS members, including 9 mentor moms who share mature Christian wisdom to the other women. We have 46 children in our MOPPETS program and 12 paid workers that care for the children and teach them God's love through Bible stories at each meeting. Being taught Biblical truth makes an impact in these children's lives, especially those who do not attend church.

The MOPS leadership team of 18 women works as a strong unified group. Recently, the Coordinator, Stacey Morgan, felt God was challenging her to pray for each team member for two weeks. After inviting the leadership team to join her and completing the prayer challenge, several felt God pushing them towards more leadership responsibility and greater spiritual growth. One leadership team member shared that her faith became real and personal to her at the national MOPS conference last year. Recently, two leadership team members and one mentor mom shared their testimonies with the entire MOPS group. They are already seeing the fruits of the testimonies that were given. One MOPS member has started attending church and several members whose husbands will not attend church with them now plan to start going. Other stories continue to develop. One of the purposes of MOPS is to develop strong Christian leaders who once they leave MOPS, have the skills and passion for leadership in other Christian ministries.

MOPS' biggest need is childcare volunteers as their biggest expense is paid childcare workers. A group of dedicated volunteers helps stretch our budget, and volunteers are more reliable and dedicated to the Christian curriculum we teach. Anyone is interested in volunteering for MOPS two mornings a month should contact Stacey Morgan at [stacey\\_morgan@earthlink.net](mailto:stacey_morgan@earthlink.net) or 910-944-0577.

## STEVE AND DIANNE HILL

In addition to as our Assistant Pastor right here at Sandhills Presbyterian, Steve and Dianne Hill have served at six other PCA Churches. They have been on mission trips to Mexico, Kenya and Peru. After much prayer, they have accepted the call to go to Cajamarca, Peru as missionaries with Christian Missionary Society, where they will work with Dr. Alonzo Ramirez and his family.

### What Will The Hill's do in Peru?:

Steve will do many things:

- \*Oversee the university campus fellowships at Cajamarca Reformed University
- \*Mentor native pastors and elders at four church plants
- \*Teach occasionally at Biblical Reformed Seminary
- \*Be involved in mercy ministries
- \*Organize/guide short-term mission teams that serve in Peru.

Dianne will also do many things:

- \*Teach in a public school with Dr. Alonzo's wife, Esther. Teachers There cannot fathom how Esther can achieve improvements in the kids' behaviors without punishing them – only by teaching them the gospel of Christ. The Lord is glorified in this public school. The students are happy to understand the gospel.
- \*Help start an ESL (English as a Second Language) school for adult professionals in Cajamarca
- \*Serve Dr. Alonzo as a secretary of sorts.



The Christian Missionary Society (CMS) also has long-term plans for a Christian radio station and a printing shop to publish the reformed faith in Cajamarca. Through His preparation, Steve helped start a radio station in Mississippi and Dianne managed a large print shop in California.

Their first task in Peru will be to attend a six month language school.

### When Will The Hill's Go to Peru?

- \*When they are fully financed

### How Much Do the Hill's Need To Go Peru?

- \*Est \$20,000 in start-up costs (travel, shipping, language school, visas, etc)
- \*Est \$46,000 annually for living expenses

### How Much Support Have the Hill's Already Raised?

- \*\$2,200 in one-time gifts
- \*\$1,360 per year has been pledged.

### What Other Needs Do The Hill's Have?

- \*A projector for our PowerPoint presentations that they will also take to Peru to use in classrooms
- \*Rosetta Stone Spanish Language Course to borrow and study with over the summer.
- \*'Frequent Flyer Miles' that can be used for their flights to Peru.

The Missions Committee prayerfully considering supporting the Hill's through our Monthly Faith Promise Pledges. If anyone would like to give additional personal financial support, please contact the Christian Missionary Society (tax-deductable 501C3 organization of the Peru Mission Team): P.O. Box 53363, Knoxville, TN 37950. For more info, see [www.perumission.org](http://www.perumission.org).

Steve and Dianne send out a monthly email letter detailing their 'Peru Pursuit'. Contact them to enroll: [stevediannehill@dixie-net.com](mailto:stevediannehill@dixie-net.com).

## SAM AND ELIZABETH GOODWIN

After getting married in 2004, Sam and Elizabeth Goodwin immediately pursued missions. In 2007, they were accepted by Mission to the World (MTW) as Missionary Candidates. After much prayer and consideration, they accepted the invitation to go England and would like to go in 2010. Until they go to England, they will remain active in their church, teaching various classes, and being involved in the Worship & Arts Ministry.

Sam grew up in Ohio and South Carolina before graduating from Furman University 1988 with a degree in Computer Science / Business. After several years of working as a computer programmer and developer, he decided to get formal Bible training and earned his Masters in Divinity in 1997 from Columbia International University, where he met Elizabeth. Toward the end of his time there he felt the call on his life to go into full-time cross-cultural ministry, and began pursuing missions as a second career. A few years after seminary he began the process of ordination in the PCA in Palmetto Presbytery. During that time he and Elizabeth were dating. They married in 2004 and Sam was ordained in 2008.

Elizabeth was born in Lexington, SC, but grew up on the mission field in Rödermark, Germany. She is the daughter of church-planting missionaries. Elizabeth received a Bachelor of Arts from Columbia International University in 1999 and a Masters Germanistics from the University of South Carolina in 2004. She worked at the University of South Carolina as a German Instructor until their first daughter was born. She is now a stay-at-home mom. Katie is 2 1/2 years old and Sophie is a year and a half. Sam and Elizabeth thank God for their Covenant daughters and pray that they will be good and wise parents as they raise them up to know Him.

### **How Much Do the Goodwin's Need to Go to England?**

\*\$11,700 per month (\$140,400 annually due to the exchange rate and the fact that London is the most expensive country in the World)

### **How Much Support Have the Goodwin's Already Raised?**

\*18% of their needs (\$2,106 per month)

### **What Will The Goodwin's Do in England?**

Once in England, they will be working with several different Reformed groups including the EPCW (Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales) and the IPC (International Presbyterian Church). While they will have some interaction with the 300+ nationalities represented in Britain, their target group is the English themselves. They are considered "unreached" in mission terms with only 1% evangelical believers. Sam and Elizabeth hope to come alongside existing denominations and assist them in their vision for seeing new and reproducing Reformed churches rise up in England. There is a shortage of pastors and church planters, and they want assistance from missionaries.

The Missions Committee is prayerfully considering supporting the Goodwin's through our Monthly Faith Promise Pledges. If anyone would like to give additional personal financial support, please contact the MTW P.O. Box 116284, Atlanta, GA, 30368.



Above: Sam and Elizabeth

Above: Katie Dressed for snow in 70 degree weather;

Below: Sophie (front) in Sunday school)

