



# Silver Creek Presbyterian Church

October 1, 2019

Dear SCPC Family and Friends:

It has been a long hot summer. Even on the cusp of October it feels like midsummer.

During the peak of the summer heat, I spent 4 days at the Wild Goose Festival (think old fashioned camp meeting crossed with a music festival crossed with continuing education event). The "Goose" takes place in a mountain valley alongside the French Broad River. Mornings begin early with devotionals down by the river. Then there are three hours at the "main stage" where I heard preachers such as Barbara Brown Taylor, Otis Moss III, William Barber, and more. Throughout the day there are presentations in multiple venues on a wide variety of topics. Evenings back at the main stage are all music. The day concludes near midnight with "Beer and Hymns."

During my time away, I not only relaxed and recreated, I also studied and prepared for the upcoming church year. Preaching this fall and winter will be focused on the relationship God desires for us and is demonstrated to us in the incarnation of Jesus and the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

Discipleship opportunities will be focused on leaning into that relationship: Monday mornings (every Monday except holidays) I will be at the church from 8:45-9:30 to lead us in prayer. We will pray for the church and community, but we will also look at the power of prayer, study methods of prayer (such as how to pray in public – something that intimidates too many of us, centering prayer, praying the scriptures, etc.) and look at the efficacy of prayer.

On the First and Third Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m. we will study the Bible using a course called "Connect the Dots" written by my friends Steve and Sharol Hayner. Too often we see the Bible as a series of disconnected stories instead of the single story of God's mighty acts in and throughout history. This study will require some preparation and commitment but I trust that will not discourage you from participation.

On October 13 we will celebrate the anniversary of SCPC with Homecoming or, as some churches call it, fall festival. Worship at 11:00 followed by dinner in the pavilion.

God has called us together not for privilege but for purpose. How can we demonstrate to the world that God is a pursuing God who will let nothing separate us from the love God has to offer us? How can we demonstrate to the world what it means to be a community that perseveres with one another despite our differences and disagreements? How can we demonstrate to the world what it means to be in the company of sinners and yet love one another?

I hope that you will join with others in our community in these opportunities to deepen our relationship with God and one another as well as demonstrate to the community what it is to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Your pastor, your sister in Christ and fellow sinner, forgiven and freed,

Camille

P.O. Box 227, Silver Creek, Georgia 30173

6 Old Rockmart Road Southeast

Phone/Fax 706.234.6862