

## From the Pastor's Pen

In June, I challenged us all to become an Acts 2:42 church. ***“All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer”*** (Acts 2:42). Basically, that means being focused on growing in our faith (Bible study at home or on Wednesdays at **Experiencing God!**), fellowship, sharing, and prayer.

To that end, I introduced “Fishbowl Fellowship.” It works like this: Fill out the tear off in our Sunday church worship bulletin with your name, phone number and/or email address, and place it in the fishbowl in Robinson Lobby. On Sunday, July 1, draw a slip out and contact that person. Make a plan to go out for ice cream, or McDonald’s, or a picnic in the park, whatever. Simply commit to spending some time with another member of South Church that you do not know.



Please put back the slip if you draw out someone with whom you have been long time friends. The idea is to meet members

you do not know. Now, you will draw someone’s name, and it is highly unlikely that same someone will draw yours. Someone else will probably draw your name. That’s okay! If you cannot meet two people in a month, simply make a date with one person in July and the other in August. Then, fill out another slip and put your name back in the fishbowl in September and start the whole process over again. Let’s have some fun getting to know one another.



Remember when Jesus said to Simon Peter and Andrew, ***“Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!”*** Well, let’s be an Acts 2:42 church and do some **Fishbowl Fellowship!**

*Pastor Adam*

## Go and Make Disciples of All the Nations!

Every Sunday you hear me quote Matthew 28:19, ***“Go and make disciples of all the nations!”*** This command of Jesus became the foundation of my Doctoral Research Project at Luther Rice College & Seminary. This summer we will be launching a comprehensive evangelism ministry here at South Church. The project will include evangelism training and a street evangelism outreach ministry. If you are interested in learning some techniques to share the gospel, want to join me out on the streets of Hartford, or simply want to help me get a good grade on my project, please contact me: [pastoradam@schartford.org](mailto:pastoradam@schartford.org)

*Pastor Adam*



Go and  
Make  
Disciples

## More Interesting Puritan (Congregationalist) Facts

- Within only six years of their arrival, while still trying to hew out an existence, the Puritans founded a religious college named Harvard. Puritans wanted highly educated ministers, not “Dumme Doggs,” as they called less-trained examples.
- Failing to glorify God for all His good gifts was sacrilege. Therefore, New England residents who failed to attend worship services on Sunday morning and afternoon were fined or put into stocks.
- New England Puritans devised an approach to church membership that prevails in many churches today. By 1640, a person seeking membership was required to testify that he or she had been saved by sharing their personal conversion story. Consequently, many settlers never became church members, even though only members could vote in civic affairs.
- To permit undistracted worship of God, the Puritans did not use choirs, polyphonic hymns, or organs; they sang a Capella and in unison. No art adorned meeting houses (but paintings hung in many homes).

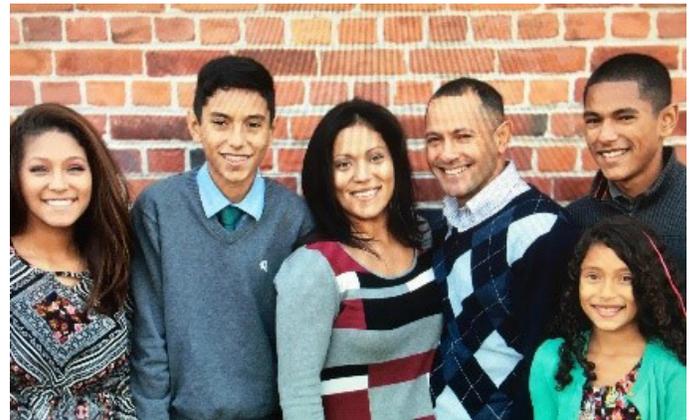


*Paster Adam*

## The Garden Continues to Grow

God is good. South Church has been so blessed by **Vicki Huffman's** ministry here over the past seven years. Her mission was to “sow seeds at South;” to plant seeds of faith, hope, and love in our children. Because of that, we call her ministry “The Garden.” It is hard to imagine Vicki will be retiring this November. However, as I said, God is good. He has already sent to us the next person who will help our garden grow. We are blessed once again to announce the hiring of **Moneca Liz** as our new Director of Children & Family Ministry. Moneca was born and raised in Hartford, and has a passion both for children and for this city! Before accepting this position, she owned and operated a state licensed home daycare. Moneca, her husband Juan, and their children Rene, Noelani, Jacob and Rebecca will all soon be a part of the South Church family.

Moneca does not officially begin until Sunday, September 16. She will then work with Ms. Vicki until her retirement on November 18. This will help us have an extraordinarily smooth transition. However, if you happen to see a new family worshipping here this summer, it very well could be Moneca and her family. Make a point to introduce yourself and welcome them to the South Church family.



## Uganda Children's Choir

South Church is hosting the Imani Children's Choir of Uganda in our Meeting House. Mark your calendars for **Monday, July 30 at 7:00 pm**. The Imani concerts are an inspirational and exciting blend of unique arrangements, original compositions, praise and worship songs, and traditional hymns, all produced by Imani's very talented choir directors.

Expect the choir to engage, entertain, and unify your church audience through its uplifting, upbeat songs, complex harmony arrangements of the a Capella, and the unique African dances - all bringing glory and honor to our Lord.

<https://www.imanimilele.com>



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**Summer Sermons**
**July Sermons****“Hell’s Best Kept Secret II”**

July 01 Luke 10:25-29

Second part of Ray Comfort’s sermon, “Hell’s Best Kept Secret.” Unfortunately, what has happened in the U.S. and throughout much of the Western world, is that we have preached the cure without first convincing people they have the disease.

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**“Hell’s Best Kept Secret III”**

July 08 Romans 5:6-11

Final part of Ray Comfort’s sermon, “Hell’s Best Kept Secret.” “I am basically a good person.” Are we willing to put that to the test?

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**Vicki Huffman**

July 15

Vicki will be preaching this morning while Pastor Adam is on vacation.

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**“Lost In Translation”**

July 22 Romans 16:1-5

Paul gets a bad rap when it comes to women. Too many people condemn him, and as an extension, Christianity, claiming that Christian faith is misogynistic and discriminatory toward women. Is it?

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**“My Dog Ate My Homework”**

July 29 Exodus 3:16-18

If we were as creative about how to accomplish something as we are when it comes to avoiding something, we would achieve great things for God!

**August Sermons****“The President & the Pariah (Part I)”**

August 05 Luke 8:40-48

Jesus especially loved the outcast and the marginalized, because He knew most others did not. Do not let anyone tell you that you are beyond Christ’s mercy, love, forgiveness, and blessing.

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**“The President & the Pariah (Part II)”**

August 12 Luke 8:49-56

When all else fails, even those who may question or deny who Jesus is, seem to come to Him for help.

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**Candido Montijo**

August 19

Candido will be preaching this morning while Pastor Adam is on vacation.

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**Vicki Huffman**

August 26

Vicki will be preaching this morning while Pastor Adam is on vacation.

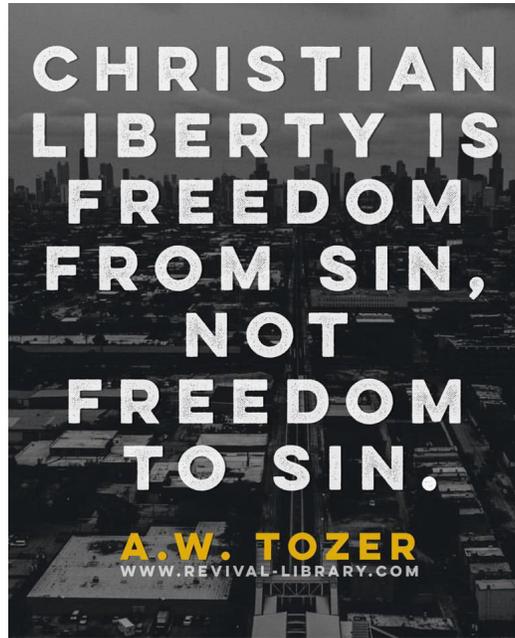


## Youth & Young Adult Ministry

### A Summer Race

With school ending this week and The Hartford Project starting next week, we have begun the Summer Race until August.

A couple weeks ago we had an awesome time in second service with several of our youth participating in a panel. I asked them several questions to discuss various points from the last two years in youth group. We were able to hear from **Haley Serrano, Cameron Bush, and Jeremiah Sanchez**. Another highlight of the day was seeing Haley step up and do prayer. She did an excellent job as she led the congregation through prayer. My favorite part of seeing the youth at South is when they see the connection to serving, and when they are willing to be leaders as they step out of their comfort zones.



The first session of The Hartford Project took place from June 24th through 28th. The second session runs from July 15th through the 19th. I ask that you all pray for us as we get to see Hartford through new eyes. We will also have **Grace** and

**Angel Valdez, Cameron Bush, and KJ** joining us for the first time. This is a great opportunity for them to see their city from a different perspective. My hope is that they will be impacted by what goes on around the city, and what God is doing in His city.

This summer has a lot to offer our youth, and my hope is to see some amazing growth in them as men and women. My prayer is to see God impact their hearts and mind to recognize the difference between defending the world's truth and defending the Word of God. I want them to stand for what is right as long as it aligns with God's foundation. Keep praying for them, and for the future youth to come!

*Candice Montijo*

## Memorial Garden Ministry

Are there any gardeners out there who might be interested in starting a Memorial Garden Ministry Team? This team would be responsible for the choices of the annual and perennial shrubs, bushes, and flowers that we plant, as well as maintaining the grounds by weeding, raking, pruning, etc. I know there are folks out there with green thumbs. Contact the church office and let us know: [info@scchartford.org](mailto:info@scchartford.org) or 860-249-8627.



### Communications News

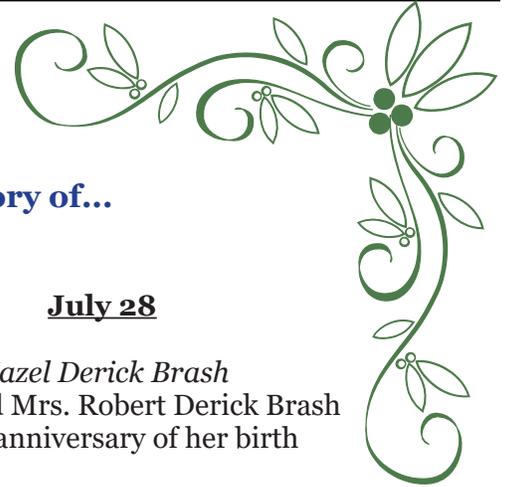
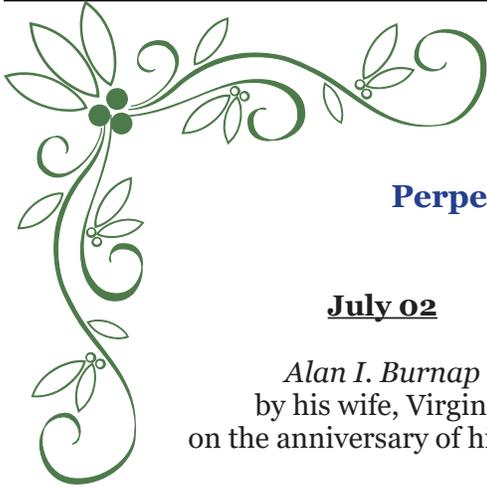
- Is there a particular sermon that really spoke to you? We can make a CD for you!
- If you haven't updated your personal information with the church office, please do so as soon as possible.
- Do you have prayer requests? We will make sure that they end up on our prayer list.

For any of these requests, please contact the church office:  
[info@scchartford.org](mailto:info@scchartford.org) or 860-249-8627

### Prayer & Worship Night

Don't forget that we join with the **Hartford House of Prayer** every second Thursday of the month for a night of prayer and worship. Mark your calendar for **Thursday, July 12** and **Thursday, August 9** at 7:00 pm.





**Perpetual Spires Lit in Loving Memory of...**

**July 02**

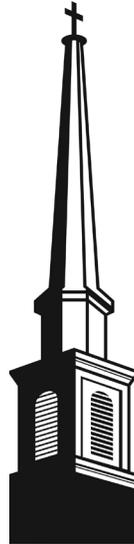
*Alan I. Burnap*  
by his wife, Virginia  
on the anniversary of his birth

**July 08**

*Frederick and Virginia Burgess*  
by their children  
on their wedding anniversary

**July 21**

*Christina Mulholland and Thomas C. Mulholland*  
by their family  
on the anniversary of their birth



**July 28**

*Hazel Derick Brash*  
by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Derick Brash  
on the anniversary of her birth

**August 02**

*Keith F. Emslie*  
by his grandchildren  
Keith and Stacy Fricker,  
Cheryl Carpenter, & Michael Fricker

**August 24**

*Howard F. Grady, Sr.*  
by his family

OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART PRESENTS

# Freedom

A SUMMER WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



**SATURDAY, JULY 21<sup>ST</sup> | 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM**

**LOCATION:**  
Stanley Memorial Fountain of Life  
639 East St.  
New Britain, CT 06051

**COST: \$15**  
(pay at the door cash or check)

**FREE WILL OFFERING**

**Continental Breakfast**  
LUNCH NOT INCLUDED  
local restaurants nearby.

**SPACE IS LIMITED**  
RSVP Marisol Wilk  
860.637.5102

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**SPECIAL GUESTS**



*Pastor Yvette Carter*  
THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE FIRE  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER



*Rev. Audrey McIntyre*  
FOUNDER OF HOUSE OF GOOD HOPE  
SPEAKER



*Ashley Goins*  
UPWARD 517 MINISTRIES  
SPEAKER



*Brenda Martin*  
AUTHOR  
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**Worship Team to Attend Women's Conference**

Our worship team has been invited to help lead worship at **Freedom: A Summer Women's Conference** on Saturday, July 21, 2018. It will be a great opportunity for worship and fellowship. It will be held at Stanley Memorial Fountain of Life in New Britain, CT.

If you are interested in attending, the cost at the door is \$15. Space is limited, so you must RSVP to Marisol Wilk at 860-637-5102.



## On This Day!

On June 1, 597, Ethelbert, an Anglo-Saxon king, is baptized, having converted to Christianity weeks earlier. On June 1, 1967, The Beatles released one of the most iconic LPs from the 1960's, "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band."

In addition, on June 1, 2018, our own **Kelly Travers** took over as owner and proprietor of the **Fusion Bakery and Patisserie**, 100 Riverview Center, Suite 135, Middletown, CT. (If you are using GPS, type in 222 Main St).

Kelly's daughter (and two-time Cookie Crumble Champion), **Isabelle**, said, "Mom, this is going to be great, because we make a great team!" Isabelle has already negotiated her pay (\$10 a day).

Support local Connecticut business and a member of South Church. Visit **Fusion** for some scones, Danish, and other delicious goodies! Maybe Isabelle will make some of her award winning snickerdoodles!



Congrats Kelly and Isabelle! We are praying (and eating) for you!

## Children & Family Ministry

Hi friends!

We've been having some wonderful times all year long in Children & Family Ministries! As we head into summer and our programming changes, I want to highlight some of our recent activities.

The **Puerto Rican Day Parade fundraiser** on June 2 was a great time to connect with our community and raise some money to send kids to camp. It was a very hot day, but we kept smiling and went through a lot of ice!



As we come to the end of our regularly scheduled yearly programs, we are wrapping up our year in style! The **Kids Klub Afterschool's** last day was Wednesday, June 6. We celebrated with extra fun playing at Mikey's Place in Wethersfield. This is a wheelchair accessible park built in memory of my nephew Michael James Daversa. Mikey suffered with a type of Muscular Dystrophy called SMA, and passed away at 2 years 9 months in 1998. So many children have enjoyed this park since it was built 20 years ago! All of our kids enjoyed themselves - even leaders - a favorite memory of the whole year for some!

## Children & Family Ministry Cont.



Sunday School children lead a heart-warming **Generation Sunday** on June 10. The kids did an amazing job leading worship at 9:30 am and thoroughly enjoyed personalizing their Bibles with duct tape to end the morning. The Kristal Bells have been a great new addition to our program. All abilities can ring as it is cued by color and beats! They certainly did sound heavenly!



Currently, **Brit Montijo** has begun her summer internship and we are busy getting 20 children off to **Lakeside Christian Camp from July 1-7**. Lots of paperwork, getting health forms and getting packed! This week is always a fruitful one for our kids. Such an opportunity to be outside in nature, in a safe environment, learning about God's love and participating in camp activities like tubing, crafts, archery, field games, swimming, and so much more! Please pray for our group for safe travels and great spiritual growth!

On **Tuesday, July 17 from 5-7 pm, Love Wins! Community Outreach** will be happening at New Dimension Christian Center, 141 Washington Street, a few blocks from South. We are one of four churches coming together as a body of Christ. We will be collecting cases of water, gently used clothes, and Gatorade to give out to our community. The event will also include food, children's games, prayer, music, and time for the four participating churches to bless our community and build new relationships. If you can volunteer Tuesday evening the 17th, or have donations for the giveaways, please contact me at [vhuffman@schartford.org](mailto:vhuffman@schartford.org) or 860-810-6045.

**Vacation Bible School** is coming on us quickly! **Miracles on the Beach** will happen Monday through Friday evenings, July 23-27, 5:00-8:30 pm here at South Church. This creative and fun-filled program is for children in preschool through Grade 5 (completed) and includes dinner for participants and volunteers. This is a wonderful program to invite children you may know to attend; whether family, friend, or neighbors. It's a great way to plant seeds of faith! Pick up applications for children in the lobby or call me to volunteer all week or for a few days! There are many areas to help with: food, crafts, decorating, setup, and breakdown. If you can't help physically during that week, check out the snack shack bulletin board and take some food items to purchase and donate to our week. Every little bit of time, talent, and treasure is so valuable.

With joy in serving the Lord with you~

*Vicki Huffman*



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**Worship Times:**

Traditional Service: 9:30 am  
 Solid Ground Service: 11:00 am

Food and Fellowship  
 Sunday mornings at 10:30 am  
 Gray Hall

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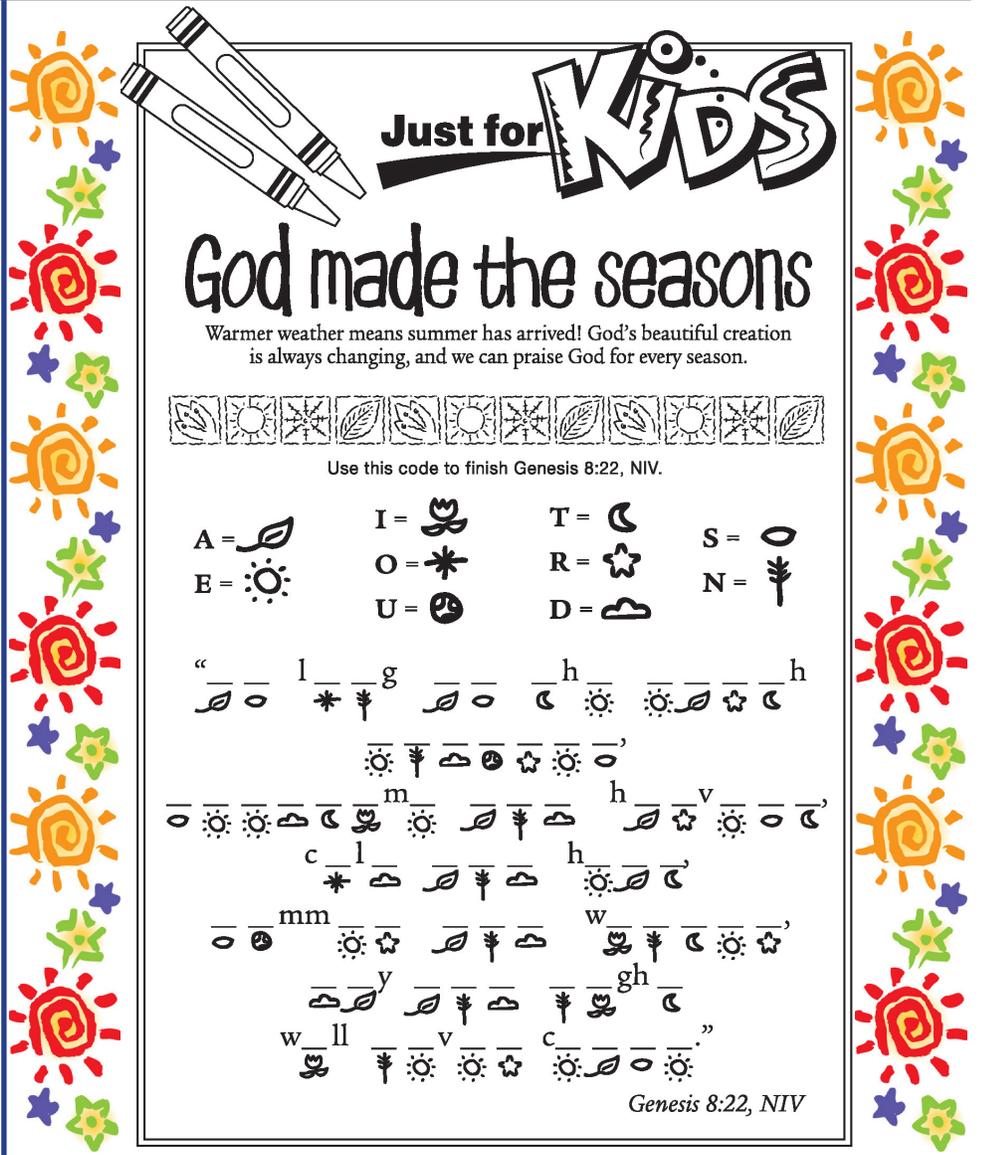
- Ryan Dafgek ~ Praise Team Leader
- Vicki Huffman ~ Director of Children & Family Ministry
- Darlene Lisella ~ Greeter
- Christine Macaluso ~ Choir Director
- Christine Melson ~ Organist
- Candido Montijo ~ Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry
- Rev. Adam Söderberg ~ Senior Pastor

An imperfect Christian community;  
 loving, serving, and equipping  
 an imperfect world.



## God made the seasons

Warmer weather means summer has arrived! God's beautiful creation is always changing, and we can praise God for every season.



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*Genesis 8:22, NIV*

Answer: "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



- 01 - Joanna Torres-Serrano
- 03 - Carolyn Ford
- 05 - Betty-Ann Santangelo
- 06 - Charles Rossi
- 15 - Donna Peatfield

- 19 - Len Diamond
- 21 - Dwight Burgess
- 25 - Bob Jones
- 31 - Travis Hancock

- 02 - Ashley Casiano
- Suzanne Savery
- Patrice Smith
- 03 - Sarah Savery
- 06 - Audrey Portonova
- 07 - June Hodges
- David Mingolelli
- 08 - Joan Sala
- 11 - Darlene Ambrose
- Nancy Springer

- 14 - Pertrena Davis
- 17 - Khareem Foster
- Lisa Jones
- 19 - Cathy Reitmeyer
- 20 - Melissa Petruzielo
- 26 - Justin Evans
- 28 - Nicholas Mangan

