



Saxe Gotha

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

5503 Sunset Boulevard, Lexington, SC 29072

www.SaxeGotha.org

Founded: February 1982

Religious Affiliation: ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (www.eco-pres.org)

Mission Statement: To give God joy through worship, growth and service.

Congregation: Approximately 1400 members

Brief History: In 1975 land was purchased by the Congaree Presbytery in hopes of a future PC(USA) church. In 1981 a need was determined and on February 14, 1982, Saxe Gotha Presbyterian held its first worship service. The congregation grew and the church moved to its present location in December of 1984. The first service was held in the current sanctuary on Palm Sunday in 1991. In 1995 the part of the main building including the gym, kitchen and classrooms was completed, which added much needed space for recreation and large group events. In the fall of 2004 the Light House was completed, which added youth classrooms and a location for the contemporary or Alternative Worship Experience (AWE). These expansions of campus facilities have allowed our congregation to grow and thrive in all of its ministries.

Our current senior pastor, Dr. James D. "Jim" Glatz, arrived in 2007. Rev. Helen Harrison "HH" Coker and Rev. Joel Brantner serve as our associate pastors. Our church is led by elders and deacons who are elected for three-year terms.

On January 1, 2014 Saxe Gotha officially joined the ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians. Leaving the Presbyterian Church (USA) and moving to the ECO provided a way for our congregation to connect with like-minded Presbyterians who are committed to living in obedience to scripture and making disciples of all nations.

As a result, our Core Commitments are:

1. a covenant body that connects leaders in accountable relationships and encourages collaboration
2. an order that revolves around a shared theological core
3. to be evangelical in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and planting new missional communities
4. to stand within our Reformed Presbyterian heritage and celebrate the life of the mind

Our church is committed to developing followers of Jesus Christ and sharing God's words with others. We invite individuals to visit and experience Saxe Gotha's worship services and many ministries!

Leadership: Dr. James D. "Jim" Glatz, Senior Pastor

Rev. Helen Harrison "HH" Coker, Associate Pastor, Spiritual Formation

Rev. Joel Brantner, Associate Pastor, Next Generation Ministry

See Leadership webpage (www.saxegotha.org/leadership) for current list of elders and deacons.

Worship Services: On Sundays we offer two traditional services at 8:30 & 11 am in our sanctuary and one contemporary service at 11 am in the Light House.

Programming: Although programming varies based on the time of year, during the school year we offer classes on Sunday and Wednesday evenings for all ages.

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