

Beyond the Columns

First Presbyterian Church—Danville, Virginia

189 Years of “knowing Christ and making Him known”

October
2016



It's October again!

It's time for milder weather, changing leaves, the heart of football season, baseball playoffs, and pumpkin spiced things—maybe even communion bread (not really)! It's also time for Wednesday Night Suppers (October 5 and 19), the annual church picnic (October 16), and one of the biggest Sundays of the year: Reformation Sunday and Kirkin' o' the Tartans (October 30).

Before we get through all of that, however, we will continue our study of Galatians. You may have noticed that the tone of Paul's letter is not exactly convivial, as he expresses a lot of frustration with his friends for straying from the clear and accurate expression of the Gospel that he first presented to them. Amidst that frustration, Paul nonetheless manages to express the grace and love of Christ in their simplest expression. In some ways, he almost makes it sound too easy.

As I mentioned last month, Galatians is largely about identity. Paul wanted them—and wants us—to find our identity first and foremost in Jesus, but the Galatians—and we—make the mistake of placing our identities in our own desires, anxieties, preferences, and prejudices. This can especially be true in a heated election season. That said, sometimes it can be difficult to parse out what in our lives is from God and what in our lives is from us (or other people trying to influence or manipulate us). After all, temptation does not come to us in things that are obviously bad and avoidable, but in things that seem affirming and inviting. Perhaps this is why Paul is so emphatic and repetitive about relying solely on the grace of Jesus for our identity and our faith. The more fixed we are on Jesus, the less we risk interpreting other things of the world as being redemptive.

On another topic, and as a matter of housekeeping, I should mention that Session voted in September to end the gracious dismissal process from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). If you recall from Session's communications way back in January of 2015, we entered the process not with the intention of leaving the denomination, but with the intention of talking amongst ourselves about denominational issues. It just so happened that our presbytery's policy prevented us from having those conversations unless we were officially in the process.

This does not mean, however, that we should be apathetic or isolationist regarding the denomination. If anything, we need to be more clear about what we believe and what we support. While we have not contributed financially in recent years to the denomination's political lobbying and protest efforts (by virtue of not giving undesignated moneys), we do give significantly to Presbyterian global missions and we have collected special offerings for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. We will obviously continue this kind of financial support, and we will consider other ministries that appropriately reflect our understandings of God's call to stewardship.

Above all, we will continue to proclaim Jesus as Lord and will strive to follow him according to the testimony of Scripture. Galatians, of course, provides good reminders of our call and our identity in Christ. As we continue this series, I hope that this will become clearer and more understandable for all of us.

I also hope that the Holy Spirit will use the events of October to bring us together to build up one another and to bless those around us. I look forward to seeing you this month!

In Christ,
Allen

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Sept 25	26	27	28	29	30	OCTOBER 1
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What's happening

Fall is here and the activities are gearing up as the temperature cools down. This is the page to check out for opportunities to fellowship with our church family!



Family Night Suppers Return!!! Save the Dates!

Wednesday, October 5, 6 PM

*Program: Youth Summer Mission Trip
Team 1 Hosts*

*Menu: Lasagna, salad, bread, Texas sheet
cake*

Wednesday, October 19, 6 PM

Program: Finance Committee

Team 2 Hosts

Menus will be posted in the bulletin the Sunday prior to the supper. Tickets will be \$7 per person with a family maximum of \$21.

Please pay in the juice room Sunday, October 2 before and after church or call the church office to reserve a spot and pay at the door if you cannot come to church to pay.

Bible Club for our PreK-Grade 5 children will begin after the dinner on October 19.

Chapel Time

Wednesdays, 12:15 pm

A brief mid week time for prayer
and worship

CELEBRATING REFORMATION SUNDAY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH...

**WE LOOK FORWARD
TO A SPECIAL
CELEBRATION OF
REFORMATION
SUNDAY AS WE ARE
JOINED BY THE
SCOTTISH SOCIETY
ON SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 30, 2016
FOR THE "KIRKIN"
OF THE TARTANS".**



**YOU ARE INVITED TO STAY FOR THE
REFORMATION SUNDAY LUNCHEON
AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE. THE
COST WILL BE \$7 THIS YEAR. TICKETS
MAY BE PURCHASED THROUGH THE
CHURCH OFFICE OR IN THE "JUICE
ROOM" ON OCT. 9, 16 & 23.**

**THE MENU: TOMATO SOUP, BUILD
YOUR OWN SALAD, BAKED CHICKEN
BREAST, BREAD, AND FRESH FRUIT.
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR
AND PLAN TO ATTEND THIS
MEANINGFUL EVENT.**

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Fall Church Picnic

October 16

At Frank and Paige Wiseman's
752 Pine Lake Rd
(off of 58 West)

Time 4:00 pm– dusk

Hot dogs, hamburgers and fixings
will be provided

Please bring a dessert and your own chair.

There's lots of things to do and see at the Wiseman
Farm, so dress accordingly and get ready to have fun!

*Directions: Go out 58 West and turn right on Pine Lake Road (1st right after the
bypass). After about .5 miles, take a right when you see a horse sign on the right
side of the road and a large "Grenadier Farms" sign on the left side. Follow that
road to the picnic! For those of you who like to use GPS directions, the address is
786 Pine Lake Road, Danville VA 24541.*



Family Night Supper and Youth Group

October 5 and 19

Youth Group October 12 and 26

October 2 Crop Walk at 3 p.m.

October 22nd **Lunch Ministry** 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

October 30 Either **Pokemon Go or Geocaching**. We
will have lunch after Church and then Pokemon Go
or Geocache for a couple of hours.

FPC Children's Ministries

Fishing October 9 2-5 p.m. at the Jones's
pond. Look for a postcard for more details or
call Jackson at 792-7822 ext. 3.

Bible Club will be October 19 during
Family Night Supper.

Opportunities to serve and share



Prayers and Praises*

Pray for: —Kevin Bailey, Anne Banks, Chuck Bolt, Pat Bolt, Alice & Randy Bradshaw, Beth Brown, Bill Brown, Nelson R. Clark, Jay Covington (Jean White's nephew), Ruby Crowell, Maude Dalton, Rev. Cecil Eanes, R. L. Clifton, Clarence Edmunds, Bill Erwin, Sarah Fisher (Sally Clark's Mother), Betty Fitzgerald, Anne Grier, Fred Gunn, Lois Hayes, Christina Hermetz (Kelsey Thompson's sister), Tim Hooker, Kathy Huggins, Kay Huggins (son-in-law of Thomas and Alice Saunders), Conner Jones, Jana Johnson Keen and family, Angela Langford, Ruth Lawton, Malcolm Mallery, Larry Mann, Jake McGee, Thelma Meadors, Carolyn Miles, Larry Miller, Alex Mitchell, A. B. Motley, Lee Norman, Greg Nunley, Ken Obye, Richard Russell (Ina Ingram's brother), Ella Ryan, Ethel Sakellaris, Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Alan Sweeney, Linda Terriberly, Russell Vandiver, Nultie Wiseman

ON THE MEND--(Praise & Gratitude for improved condition)) Ann Banks, Robert Brooks, Kelvin Gunn, Grace Litzenberg, Thomas Peyton Mahaffey, Diane Shelton, Melva Sweeney, Jean White

All of the Caregivers.

For those who have lost loved ones: The Bolt family, on the loss of Pat's father, W.J. "Buck" Collins, on September 30. Lynn Dinkle, the day school's music teacher, on the loss of her husband, Ronnie Dinkle, on September 11, 2016

**We would appreciate knowing if the status of those on the prayer list has changed. It is wonderful to share the evidence of the power of prayer, or to know if we need to increase the intensity or direction of our petitions to the Lord, Our Savior. Contact the church office with requests & updates. 792-7822. Confidentiality is respected, of course.*

Lunch Ministry

WHAT: Serving a hot lunch to the community every Saturday

WHEN: Every Saturday; volunteers work from 10:30 am –1:00 pm. Lunch is served at 11:30 am

WHO: Different groups are in charge each week, EXTRA HELP IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED AND OFTEN NEEDED; Cooking, clean up, greeting, bible study, just chatting with our guests

October 1: FPC's Women's Evening Circle

October 8: Westover Baptist Youth

October 15 : Unity Presbyterian Church's Women

October 21: FPC's Youth

October 29– Outlook Class

One of our newer missionaries is **Haemin Lee** who replaced Mike Robinson (retired). In 2007, Haemin was ordained as a Presbyterian minister and has served as a congregational minister, hospital chaplain, and homeless minister. He is presently planning another trip to the Central Asia Conference in Turkey in 2017. He hopes to include church members as Mike Robinson did - providing the political unrest and attacks settle down. He and his wife (who is also a Presbyterian minister) are traveling to Tanzania. They will be meeting with lots of African leaders/missionaries with the hope to develop a new frontier mission partnership reaching out to Muslims and unreached peoples. They ask for our prayers as they undertake these mission tasks.

The Back Pack

Weekend Program is starting again. FPC will be responsible for packing back packs the 1st Thursday in October (6th) and November (3rd). Contact Nancy Wilson if you wish to help.



TRUTH HOUSE

Your Missions Committee is also supporting Cross Road Christian Counseling with goods for their Truth House. See the box in the Sutherlin Entrance with their needs written on note cards; your gifts are truly needed and appreciated

Sunday servers and sharers

Flowers on the Reredos

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary on Sunday to the praise and glory of God and...

October 2: Given in honor of the Women of the Church by Jay and Bernadine Hayes

October 9:

October 16:

October 23: Given in loving memory of Mr. Plumer Wiseman, Dr and Mrs. Henry Wiseman, III
by Mrs. Plumer Wiseman and Mrs. Mary Ann Wiseman Lewis

October 30:



***Open dates are available for sponsoring flowers. For information please contact Rebecca Atkinson at 434-203-1666. rebeccaatkinson@comcast.net**

After the service, flowers are distributed to those persons on our prayer list or as directed by the sponsor.

Serving this month October 2016

Children's Sunday Activities

	<u>Nursery/ Sunday School</u>	<u>Younger class</u>	<u>Older class</u>	<u>Children's Chat</u>		<u>Liturgist</u>
2	Leigh Blount, Marissa Meadors	Kathy Dolianitis, Carolyn Baker	Lisa Argyrakis, TBA	Nicky Bracey	2	Nancy Schomer
9	Ava Barrett	Rebecca Atkin- son, Chris Moore	Erin Parris, Kathy Ma- chado	Allen Thompson	9	Ray Beale
16	Brenna Takata, M-L Crane	Whitney Clarke, Catie Clarke	Laura Jones, Gwen Baucom	Kent Shelton	16	Colin Meadors
23	Harriet Beale	Karan Johnson, TBA	Sara Weller, Jennifer Stowe	Whitney Clarke	23	Bunny Hayes
30	Kim Clifton, Diane Shelton	Rebecca Atkin- son, Chris Moore	Erin Parris, Kathy Ma- chado	Tom Barrett	30	Becky Meadema

	<u>Friendship: Deacons*, Elder</u>		<u>Sat Lunch Deacon, Elder</u>
3	*John Parris, M-L Crane, Eddie Blount CAKE SUNDAY	1	John Parris, Ina Ingram
9	*Ava Barrett, David Swann, Tom Barrett	8	Brenna Takata
16	*Kathy Dolianitis, M-L Crane, Dave Zook	15	Mike Reynolds, Gary Wimer
23	*Kent Shelton, Mike Reynolds, Ina Ingram	22	Susan Mathena, Dave Zook
30	*Harriet Beale, Becky Meadema, David Clark	29	Kent Shelton, Bob Newnam

*Deacon on call for visitation

	<u>Elders-Front Door</u>	<u>Sound System</u>	<u>Ushers*</u>
2	David Clark	C. B. Strange	Team 1
9	Joan Reynolds	Dick Stoakley	Team 2
16	Hampton Wilkins	David Parris	Team 3
23	Gene Hayes	Fred Baker	Team 4
30	Ina Ingram	Edward Blount	

*Team leader may ask someone to help with ushering

If you prefer to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please contact Susan Mathena 434-770-3655

Monthly Duties

Collections: Becky Meadema

Flowers: Day Circle

Communion: October 2

Eddie Blount, Thor Wright

Opportunities to Study the Word

Class: rm; leader; study or statement, time

Christian Education



Youth and Adult Sunday School: 9:45-10:40 am

- ✂ Youth (middle and high school): rm 112; Jackson Weller; uses the scripture to be used in the week's sermon to prepare for worship
- ✂ Outlook: rm 322; Jay Hayes, Tom Barrett, Bob Newnam, Kent Shelton, Whitney Clarke;
Uniform Lesson Series: "The Present Word"
- ✂ Seekers: rm 109; Joyce Perez; "Feasting the Word"
- ✂ Bible Fellowship: Library; Linda Copeland; TableTalk Series
- ✂ Children's Sunday School ages Kindergarten through 5th grade have a Sunday School lesson during the Children's Extended Time (mid-worship approximately 11:15-12:00). The lessons follow the Liturgical Calendar, bringing to life the stories and lessons that are the foundation for our Christian faith
- ✂ K-2: rm 304; see pg 7 for instructors
- ✂ Gr 3-5: rm 306; see pg 7 for instructors
- ✂ Toddlers and infants: care is provided during the Sunday School and Worship hours

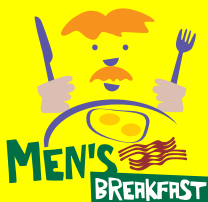
Children's Ministry:

Don't forget Sunday School is every Sunday following the Children's Chat!!!



Presbyterian Women

Monday October 3
Coordinating Council
will meet at 10:00 am in Room 108
Bible Study at 12:30 pm in Room 108
Evening: 7:00 pm at the home of
Bunnie Hayes 245 Linden Dr,
Danville 799-5662



Men of the Church

Breakfast and fellowship
October 15 at 8:00 am
Overbey Fellowship Hall.
All men are invited!!

You are invited to join us for our study: "The Apostle Paul"

Has anything really changed in 2000 years?
Americans live in a culture that places high emphasis on entertainment, achievement, and self. It's increasingly difficult for Scriptural Truth to cut through the noise and sink into our hearts. But when we stop and study Scripture, the culture we live in faces the same problems as the early Church. In this Bible Study we will use the life of Paul to highlight how followers of Christ can stand up to cultural "norms" and stand firm in Christ.

Committee meetings

- ✂ Worship Committee: (Brenna Takata, Chair); Sunday, October 2, 9:00 am
- ✂ Diaconate: (Susan Mathena, Chair); Tuesday, October 4, 6 p.m
- ✂ Property: (Tom Barrett, Chair); Tuesday, October 4, 7:00 pm
- ✂ VIP: (Pat Argyrakis, Chair); Monday, October 10, 11:00 am
- ✂ Session: (C.B. Strange, Clerk); Tuesday, October 11, 7:00 pm Session meetings are always open to members wishing to attend.
- ✂ Missions: (Gary Wimer, Chair), Sunday, October 16, 9:00 am
- ✂ Christian Education (CE): Monday, October 24, 4:30 pm
- ✂ Membership: (Chris Moore); Monday, October 24, 6:30 pm

Celebrating our family

Birthdays This Month:

happy birthday

Celebrate with us on the first Sunday in the juice room with birthday cake—

2 Kay Gillespie
4 Bob Lowther
5 Jean White
Wilson Walden
7 Bob Newnam
8 Collier Wiseman
9 David Clark
Angie Alexander
Michael Jones

11 Brenna Takata
14 Bill Fitzgerald
15 Frank Van Valkenburg, IV
Fae Smith
Nicholas Argyrakis
17 Betty Fitzgerald
Maria Abreu

20 Nultie Wiseman
22 Denise Van Valkenburg
25 Anne Kernodle
26 Carolyn Baker
26 Nick Argyrakis
28 Fred Baker
30 Gail Gunn

Want your anniversary listed? Or if we have missed your b-day this year, call Marie-Louise at 770-0136 or email [mlinusa@comcast.net](mailto:mลินุสา@comcast.net)

VIP OF THE WEEK

Please remember our VIPs in prayer each week and drop them a card or note to let them know how much they are loved

Oct. 2 Ruby Crowell 4180 Riverside Unit 105 Danville, VA 24541

Oct. 9 Clarence Edmonds Brookdale Stokesland 432 Heritage Dr. Danville, VA 24541

Oct 16 Libby Hodge 157 Marshall Terrace Danville, VA 24541

Oct. 23 Cecil Eanes Stratford House Apt. 206, 1111 Main St. Danville, VA 24541

Oct 30 Tom West 903 Main St. Apt. 1 Danville, VA 24541

A note from your Membership Committee...If you are in need of a ride to church on Sunday or to other church activities, please contact the church office. We'll make sure you get to your activity!

We are a church family with many gifts and talents ready to share, but sometimes we don't share our needs. If you have a need, call on YOUR church family to help. We are here to celebrate with and help and support one another. Christy in the church office can put you in touch with the right person or you can call a church officer.

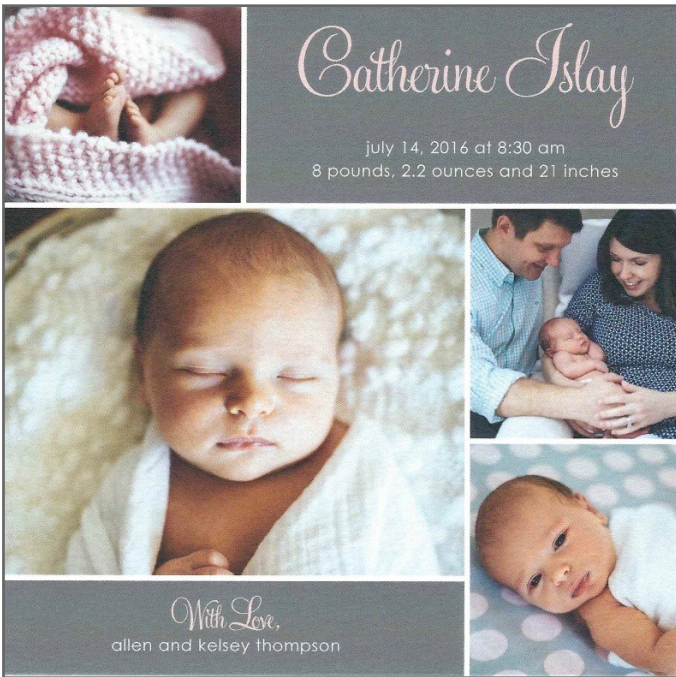


Helping Hands for Chuck and Pat Bolt.

Meals are needed for: **Pat and Chuck Bolt**. If you would like to sign up, you can access the meal schedule by [clicking here](#), or by visiting TakeThemAMeal.com and locating the schedule by recipient last name (Bolt) and password (PatnChuckB). Additional Notes: Please deliver meals to their home between 5-5.30 pm in non-returnable containers. Call Chuck before delivery 434--545-2134.

If you have any questions or don't use a computer and would like to provide a meal, please call Marie-Louise Crane at [434-770-0136](tel:434-770-0136)

Special messages



FPC Youth enjoyed an evening of food, fun, and fellowship with a **Progressive Dinner** on Sunday, September 25. Thank you to all of the youth who joined us and to all of the members who hosted the meal!



FUTURE EVENTS:

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

City Wide Gathering

Friday, November 4th 10:30 am

Salvation Army



Two publications are available at the Sutherlin Entrance table:

The Presbyterian Women's new Year Book—everything that you need to know about the Women of the Church,

The Missions Committee Booklet at the Sutherlin Entrance— a listing of all of the missions that FPC supports

STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE

It was wonderful to see so many of you in attendance at the Stewardship Kick-off Dinner on Wednesday night – Sept. 21. We hope you found the presentation on the Committees of the church very informative. We are now looking forward to the budget presentation on October 19. Please try to be in attendance for the report of the church's finances. Our Stewardship Theme for 2017 is taken from 1 Peter 4:10 - "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace", with our slogan being **STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE**.

You will be receiving a mailing in late October pertaining to the campaign. Please give prayerful consideration to how you will support the ministry of First Presbyterian Church at home and worldwide. Hopefully you will clear your calendars for Commitment Sunday – Nov. 6 as we make our commitments to this church with our pledges.

Special messages

A Message from the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee for 2017

Joan Reynolds Carolyn Baker Nancy Wilson Elaine Lea
Martha Bell David Swann Gary Wimer

The Committee has begun its task of selecting a slate of names for election of Elders and Deacons. If you would like to be considered or if you have in mind someone for a church office, please submit the information to Joan Reynolds. The next meeting will be Oct. 10 at 6:00 pm. The next Stewardship meeting will be Nov. 14 - 6:00 pm.



Poinsettia Orders

It is time once again to order poinsettias in honor of or in memory of a loved one to grace our sanctuary this Christmas season. Prices are \$7 for the 4 inch wrapped plants and \$13 for the 6.5 inch plants. They will be delivered in time for the first week of Advent, which is November 27. All orders should be in to the church office by October 21. For more information, please call Elizabeth Walden at 434.203.7778.



First Pres Day School begins 2016-17 School Year



Welcome back Day School kiddos!! We have a nearly full house and everyone is getting back on into the swing of preschool life. We've already had water day, Grandparents day and music class with Mrs. Lynn. We have several fish left on the wall in the Day School area that need to be "fished for", please help us out by fulfilling a few needs. Thank you as always for your prayers and good wishes for a new year.

Erin Parris, Director

Check out the website <http://fpcdanville.com/>

Attention

If you have information for the Sunday bulletin, please provide it to Christy Edgar at office@fpcdanville.com by the preceding Tuesday. If you would like an insert to be printed and included in the bulletin, please request it at least 10 days in advance. Thank you!

October Community Events which benefit our neighbors



The Danville Area Crop Hunger Walk: See you at Ballou Park for the 9th annual walk: October 2, 3:00 pm
Sign up at the booth @ church or online @ www.danvillecropwalk.org
Join TEAM FIRST PRES.

The River Ride: a benefit bicycle ride for Habitat for Humanity' October 8, 2016. Register at: <http://danriverride.com/>



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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