

Beyond the Columns

First Presbyterian Church—Danville, Virginia

189 Years of “knowing Christ and making Him known”

June
2016



Friends,

I want to begin by saying thank you from Kelsey and myself (and our upcoming little girl) for all of your prayers and generosity thus far.

While I must admit that my experience with baby showers is limited, I cannot imagine a baby or her parents being showered with more love than you have shown us on May 15th and in recent weeks. We look forward to see our daughter enjoy all of that love and care as well.

During the month of May, I also enjoyed working through the first couple of chapters of the book of Acts, in which we found the first stories of the early church after they saw Jesus ascend to heaven and received the power of the Holy Spirit. In fact, I enjoyed it so much that I would like to continue in the book of Acts through the summer.

The book of Acts can be separated into a few different parts. The first couple of chapters are the transition chapters between the four gospels and the adventures of the first believers. The next thirteen chapters detail the adventures of a number of different apostles as they traveled throughout the region. While Jesus did many amazing things through the apostles by the power of the Holy Spirit, those early believers also faced significant opposition and tragedy.

The final thirteen chapters of Acts focus on the travels and work of God through the Apostle Paul, whom Jesus had chosen to be the primary message-bearer to people in the farther reaches of the Roman empire. We also know of Paul, of course, because of his prolific letter-writing. While Paul's letters to believers in different cities throughout the empire make up a significant portion of the Bible, the stories of Paul's experiences in those cities appear in this last portion of the

book of Acts.

For June—and for the rest of the summer—we will work our way through the rest of the book of Acts, learning the stories that shaped the church. To add a bit of a summer-oriented tweak, we will consider the cities to which the Holy Spirit sent those first believers. While our messages will not quite be the stuff of *Lonely Planet* or *Fodor's*, we will learn about both the Word of God and the places where He sent it.

That said, of all the places mentioned in Acts, I have only been to Rome. If you have been to any of the others, I would love to hear about your experiences (Malta, anyone?). For that matter, if you know any sorcerers, eunuchs, or centurions in the area, please introduce me to them as well.

While I am excited to learn more about the early believers with you, I am also excited to find out how Jesus will use their experiences to build our own. I look forward to seeing you this month of June, and remember that wherever you happen to go, Jesus has sent you there for his sake!

In Christ ,

Allen

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 29	30	31	June 1	2	3	4
9:45am Sunday School 10:40am Fellowship 11am Worship	9:30am- Prayer	6:15pm Handbells 7pm GN Choir	12:15 pm Chapel 6pm Youth	5:30 Choir	OFFICE CLOSED	10:45 Bible study 11:15 Lunch Minis-try
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What's happening

Summertime

Means different thing for different folks, but it always means a change in activities.. We hope you make room in your schedule for the activities centered around the Church family.



Take me out of the ball game....

The membership invites you to come out to Dan Daniel Park on June 29 to a Danville Braves game! Tickets go on sale June 12;- check the Sunday Bulletin for more details.

Chapel Time

Join us for a short lesson and prayer every Wednesday at 12:15 in the Chapel (Sutherlin Entrance)

We will meet for Youth Group from 6:00-7:30pm
Wednesdays: June 1, June 8 and June 22. NO YOUTH GROUP on June 15th.

Activities: June 5th– Disc Golf in Ballou Park

- ♦ June 25: Lunch Ministry
- ♦ June 26: Youth Sunday; The Youth lead the service as well as receive honors and recognition.. If your son/daughter is graduating this year, please pick up a “Graduate Recognition and Questionnaire” from Jackson in the Church Office.
- ♦ Bovotionals – We will meet 9:30am Tuesday morning June 7th and 21st for breakfast and devotional at Bojangles (get it Bo-votional)

Prepare for the July trip to New Orleans

jackson@fpcdanville.com 792-7822



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

Contact Jackson for details:
jackson@fpcdanville.com 792-7822

Many thanks to Susan and Tommy Mathena for graciously hosting our fishing trip and, thanks to Mike and Joan Reynolds for being our fearless fishing experts!!! Congratulation goes to Nicholas Robertson for catching the first fish of the day, and a shout out to Maggie Weller for having “the one that got away.” If you missed this event, not to worry, we will do this again!!!

VBS July 18, 19, and 20 in the morning!!! Mark your calendars!!! Be looking for a postcard with registration in the near future!!!



The first fish

Opportunities to serve and share

Prayers and Praises*

Continue to pray for: Anne Banks, Chuck Bolt, Pat Bolt, Alice & Randy Bradshaw, Beth Brown, Bill Brown, Mary Ann Burton, Nelson R. Clark (David's father), Jay Covington (Jean White's nephew), Ruby Crowell, Grace Dahl, Maude Dalton, Ronnie Dinkle, Rev. Cecil Eanes, R. L. Clifton, W. J. "Buck" Collins, Clarence Edmunds, Bill Erwin, Sarah Fischer (Sally Clark's mother), Betty Fitzgerald, Fred Gunn, Lois Hayes, Tim Hooker, Kathy Huggins, Conner Jones, Adjowa Kassa, Chris Kile, Ruth Lawton, Larry Mann, Jake McGee, Thelma Meadors, Carolyn Miles, Larry Miller, Alex Mitchell, A. B. Motley, Debbie Perrin Neal, Greg Nunnally, John Rodgers (Jackson Wellers's uncle), Richard Russell (Ina Ingram's brother), Ella Ryan, Alice Saunders, Diane Shelton, Alan Sweeney, Pat Tyler, Russell Vandiver, Jean White, Nultie Wiseman.

All of the Caregivers.

All of those who have recently lost loved ones: The Gardner/Shelton/Clifton families on the loss of their cousin

Serving in the military: Mark Heard, Josh Kopp

*Praises for answered prayer in improved health and/or recovery from injury: Thomas Peyton Mahaffey

**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

June 4: FPC's Women's Evening Circle

June 11: Westover Baptist Youth

June 18: Unity Presbyterian Church's Women

June 25: FPC's Youth

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!

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

A note from the Choir

The Choirs at FPC always welcome new participants.

Rehearsals are typically scheduled as follows, but always refer to the calendar pg 2!

Chancel Choir Thursdays at 5:30 pm
Handbells 2nd, 3rd, 4th Tuesdays at 6:15 pm
Good News Choir Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

Please contact Heather at
heather.robertson@pcs.k12.va.us



Filling the pans for the Low Country boil

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...

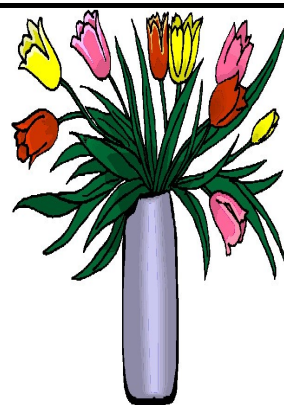
June 5– Open

June 12 – Given in loving memory of Nat Crews by his family.

June 19 –Given to the Glory of God and in Celebration of our Anniversary by Tom and Ava Barrett.

June 26–Given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Kirk by the family.

***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.
In charge of this month's distribution: Seekers Bible Class*

Serving this month June 2016

Children's Sunday Activities

	<u>Nursery/ Sunday School</u>	<u>Older class</u>	<u>Younger class</u>	<u>Children's Chat</u>
5	Leigh Blount & Marissa Meadors	Erin Parris & Kathy Marhado	Whitney and Catie Clarke	Joyce Perez
12	Ava Barrett	Laura Jones & Carolyn Baker	Kathy Dolianitis & Gwen Baucom	Harriet Beale
19	Kim Clifton & Diane Shelton	Lisa & Lia Argyrakis	Karan Johnson & Susie Crews	Jackson Weller
26	Harriet Beale	Sara Weller & Jennifer Stowe	Rebecca Atkinson & Chris Moore	Erin Parris

	<u>Liturgist</u>
5	Joyce Perez
12	Ina Ingram
19	Jackson Weller
26	Gene Hayes

	<u>Friendship: Deacons*, Elder</u>		<u>Sat Lunch Deacon, Elder</u>
5	* Mike Reynolds, David Parris, Brenna Takata CAKE SUNDAY	4	Mike, Reynolds, David Clark
12	*Mike Reynolds, Gary Wimer	11	Dave Zook
19	*Harriet Beale, Susan Mathena, Barry Cutright	18	Kent Shelton, Ina Ingram
26	*Becky Meadema, John Parris, David Clark	25	Kathy Dolianitis, Gary Wimer

*Deacon on call for visitation

	<u>Elders-Front Door</u>	<u>Sound System</u>	<u>Ushers*</u>
5	Dave Zook	Edward Blount	District 1
12	Joan Reynolds	Sam Meadema	District 2
19	Ina Ingram	Ray Beale	District 3
26	C.B. Strange	C. B. Strange.	District 4

*District leader may ask someone to help with ushering

Monthly Duties

Collections: Kathy Dolianitis

Flowers: Seekers Bible Class

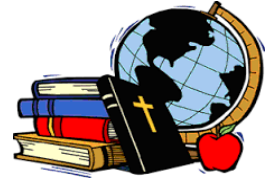
Communion: June 19

Tom Barrett and Gary Wimer

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, a devotional guide from Ligonier Ministries and R.C. Sproul.

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

- ✎ Chapel Time: Chapel on Sutherlin; Allen Thompson; short lesson and prayer; Wednesdays, 12:15

Children's Ministry:

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



Men of the church

Meetings will resume in September.
Make sure to participate in other scheduled events until then!!



Presbyterian Women

Regular meetings will resume in September. But please join us for the monthly study of "Women in the Bible."



*At the Presbyterian Women 's Tea on May 1,
Rhoda Neal was honored with
a Life Membership.
Congratulations, Rhoda!*

Women's Bible Study Summer Series

All women are invited. Study will begin at 2 pm

June 13	Joyce Perez	Tamar
June 27	Charlotte Lowther	Miriam
July 11	Linda Copeland	The woman of Abel, Beth, Maacah
July 25	Karan Johnson	Widow with two coins
August 8	Carolyn Baker	Bathsheba
August 22	Nancy Wilson	Abigail

Committee News

Committee meetings

- ✂ Diaconate: (Susan Mathena, Chair); Tuesday, June 7, 6:00 pm
- ✂ Property: (Tom Barrett, Chair); Tuesday, June 7, 7:00 pm
- ✂ Worship Committee: (Brenna Takata, Chair); Sunday, June 5, 9:00 am in the Parlour
- ✂ Session: (C.B. Strange, Clerk); Tuesday, June 14, 7:00 pm Session meetings are always open to members wishing to attend.
- ✂ VIP: (Pat Argyrakakis, Chair); Monday, June 13, 11:00 am
- ✂ Missions: (Gary Wimer, Chair), Sunday, June 19, 9:00 am
- ✂ Day School Committee: Monday June 20, 4:30 pm in the 4 yr old class
- ✂ Christian Education (CE): Monday, June 26 at 4:30 pm)
- ✂ Membership: (Chris Moore); Monday, June 27, 6:30 pm

Missions Committee

The Missions Committee's 2016 booklet is out. If you didn't get a copy at the Low Country Boil, pick one up at the Sutherlin Entrance display table and check out the ways FPC "makes Him known" !

Exciting opportunities to serve at church this Fall:

- † We are looking for someone to be the church's Team Captain for the Danville Crop Walk (promote and sign-up walkers), contact: Kathy Machado at [434-709-7745](tel:434-709-7745).
- † The Angel Tree Ministry will start back up in October. If you feel called to support Marie-Louise, please email: marielouisecrane@gmail.com or call Nancy Wilson at [434-793-2644](tel:434-793-2644).

Missionaries of the Month:

THE WEHMEYERS

Drs. Don and Martha Wehmeyer, supported by FPC since 1991, continue to minister to Hispanic populations in Southern Mexico and in Texas. They have made several trips to the Yucatan the retreat center to help with visiting groups. Three churches in the U.S. engaged in mission trips for the winter and spring of 2016 using the retreat center as their base. From there they travel to help some of the local churches. Rev. Wehmeyer teaches a course in liturgy at San Pablo Seminary which is struggling with finances. Prayers are needed for staff morale. Don is working on a short book called Natural Law and the Purpose of Freedom. The Wehmeyers traveled to Chiang Mai, Thailand as members of The Antioch Partners mission team for a retreat, a gathering of servants of God from all over the world.

Don writes that the security situation seems to have improved a little in Mexico, though perhaps the press is not reporting all the drug related crimes as in the past. What is clear, however, is that the peso has taken a huge hit with the fall of the price of oil. It lost about 30% in 2015. This causes prices to rise, and inflation is always the cruelest tax on the poor.

Pray for the people of the Yucatan and for Don and Martha as they minister in Christ's name.

Church Officers 2016-2018

2016 SESSION

Class of 2016 Ina Ingram, Hampton Wilkins,
Thor Wright
Class of 2017 Tom Barrett, Gary Wimer
Brenna Takata, Dave Zook
Class of 2018 Eddie Blount, Gene Hayes,
Bob Newnam, Joan Reynolds

2016 DIACONATE

Class of 2016 Marie-Louise Crane, Susan Mathena,
John Parris
Class of 2017 David Parris, Kent Shelton,
Mike Reynolds, Becky Meadema
Class of 2018 David Swann, Kathy Dolianitis,
Ava Barrett, Harriet Beale

Celebrating our family

Birthdays This Month:

happy birthday

Celebrate with us on the first Sunday in the juice room with birthday cake—before and after worship

1 Ken Obye
2 Clarence Edmonds
3 Tom West
4 Malcolm Mallery
Carol Stoakley
5 Mary Ann Burton
8 Emma Jones
Nicole Bracey
Lib Cuttle

9 Anne Pritchett
10 Jean Pritchett
11 Eddie Blount
12 Marissa Meadors
15 Charles Cuttle
16 Erin Parris
22 Marie L. Crane
Linda Kile
Jarrod Brown

23 Diane Shelton
25 Royal Motley,
Carpenter Walden
28 Sallie Abreu
Susan Mathena
30 Sue Miller,
Betzy Wilson

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:mลินusa@comcast.net)

Anniversaries: Congratulations!!!

14 June 1952 Betty & Bill Fitzgerald
19 June 1971 Ava & Tom Barrett
19 June 1976 David & Donna Parris
24 June 1972 David & Sally Clark
30 June 2012 Allen & Kelsey Thompson

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.

June 5 Lib Cuttle 263 Southland Dr. Danville, VA 24541

June 12 Charlotte Lowther 345 Mowbray Arch Danville, VA 24541

June 19 Alex Mitchell 507 West Main Street, Danville, VA 24541

June 26 A.B. Motley 480 West Main Street Apt. A-3 Danville, VA 24541

Presbyterian Women's Tea



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!

Notes and updates



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Tremblay

Anna Honea and Matthew Tremblay were married at FPC on May 29. They will honeymoon as they travel back to Mississippi, where Anna begins her second year of veterinary school



Low Country Boil

Was a huge success! Thanks to then membership committee and Deacons for organizing this event with very special thanks to the cooking skills of David and John Parris and the organizational skills of Donna Parris.

The 2nd annual pie contest was won by Brenna Takata. Judging this year's contest was Philip Gardner.

If you missed it this year, don't worry, it will be back next year!



Brenna Takata won "best Pie" at the Low Country boil; Donna Parris and some of the goodies at the Women's Tea; Everyone caught at least 1 fish at the children's outing; some caught their FIRST fish!



Welcome to our new Administrative Assistant

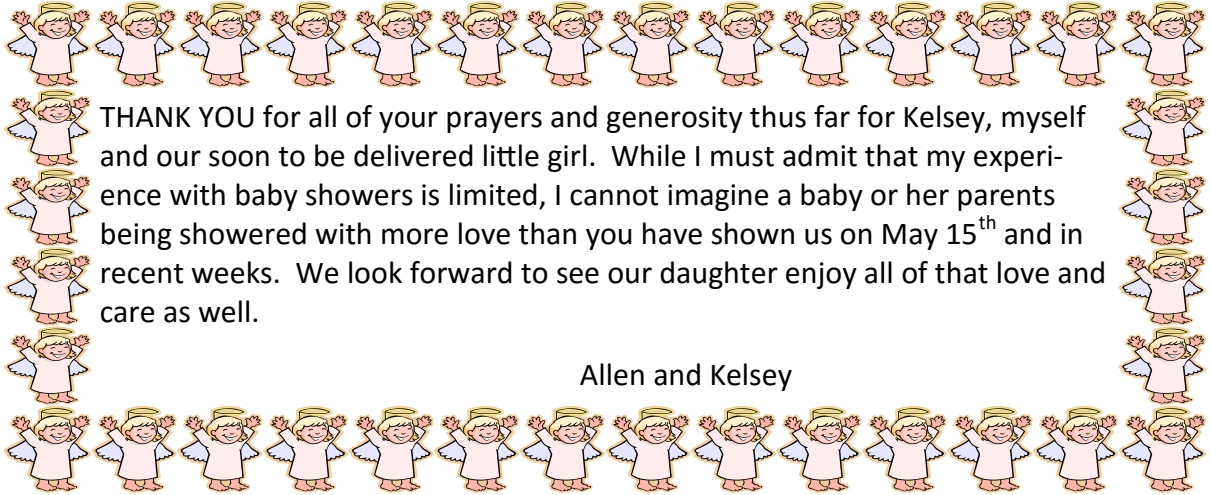
Christy Edgar has started the position and is available at 792-7822 or at office@fpcdanville.com

Newsletter NEWS

Please submit all information for the newsletter by the 20th of the month. You can receive an electronic version of the newsletter or access it on the website. Or you may pick up a copy at each of the church entrances. www.fpcdanville.com

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