

Beyond the Columns

First Presbyterian Church—Danville, Virginia

189 Years of “knowing Christ and making Him known”

August
2016



Friends,

Since the first Sunday of August is Youth Sunday and the second Sunday is the weekend of my family’s annual pig pickin’, I will

not be preaching from the pulpit again until August 21! As such, I will spend the first half of my monthly column handing out a lot of thank-you’s!

Thank you to:

All who volunteered at VBS, and Jackson and Erin for managing to combine the Day School and our children’s ministry program for it!

Bob Ramey for filling the pulpit and Joyce Perez for being on standby in case Catherine Islay came early.

The staff for keeping everything going in my absence.

Our committee chairs and committee members who have done good work and have come up with some great ideas and plans.

The many of you—really probably all of you—who have prayed, sent cards, sent flowers, provided food, and given gifts as Kelsey and I have taken on this new adventure of parenthood. We feel very encouraged and hopeful and we cannot wait to introduce Catherine Islay to you (after the first rounds of shots)! I have provided another blurb in the newsletter as a birth announcement, but I am happy to take this space to express our gratitude, as well.

Now, back to the month of August:

After Jackson and the youth group lead us on August 7 and Jackson preaches on August 14, I will spend the next three weeks finishing the first half of the book of

Acts. As we have seen thus far, the disciples have branched out from Jerusalem bit by bit, going into new cities and reaching new people with the message of Jesus. While many of them became martyrs for their faith, others were not deterred by the need to share the good news of the Gospel with the world.

By the time we get to chapters 13 and 14 of Acts, we find that the Apostles have already made it to Cyprus and some inland parts of present-day Turkey. They are encountering new challenges, but the Spirit is sustaining them and putting new and unique opportunities in places they might never have looked on their own.

These are encouraging themes as we continue through the book of Acts, because they remind us that as we try to find our way through life by Christ’s light, we follow in the tradition of many who have done the same.

Their footsteps in the faith have become our paths.

This is one of the most exciting things about the book of Acts: we are reading about people who are not much different from ourselves.

I look forward to going further into Acts with you, and I also look forward to once again being led by our youth in worship. I hope that August contains more wonderful things and that the Holy Spirit will show each of us new ways to serve and follow him.

In Christ,

Allen

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First Presbyterian Church, Danville

August 2016

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What's happening

Summer is winding down, but not over yet!

August is a transition month, so pay close attention to the schedule!

You don't want to miss anything!!

Chapel Time

Chapel time resumes in August (Wednesdays, 12:15 pm)

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND DOUBLE FEATURE MOVIES

The Membership Committee is sponsoring an Ice Cream Social and double feature movies on Wednesday, August 24th beginning at 5:00 pm.

Ice cream with all the fixin's will be served during both movies so have a single or double dip of both.

At 5 p.m, "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day"

At 7 p.m. "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World".

Please let us know if we need to reserve you an ice cream.
Hope to see you there!

The Membership Committee.



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Youth Group: August 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th,
and 31st 6:00pm-7:30pm at the Church.

August 7th – Youth Sunday

August 13th – Hiking

August 20th – River Tubing

August 27th – Lunch Ministry



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

Contact Jackson for details:

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Thank you to all the folks that helped with Vacation Bible School! Our kids learned about God's amazing love for them. They learn how we are God's beautiful creation, how God helps us in times of trouble, and how God's amazing love for us is expressed through His son Jesus, our Lord.



The Day School Summer group this year joined in our Vacation Bible School Surf Shack fun. They all caught the wave of God's Amazing Love :

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, Ronnie Dinkle, Rev. Cecil Eanes, R. L. Clifton, W. J. "Buck" Collins, Clarence Edmunds, Bill Erwin, Sarah Fisher (Sally Clark's Mother), Betty Fitzgerald, Anne Grier, Fred Gunn, Lois Hayes, Tim Hooker, Kathy Huggins, Conner Jones, the family of Kaye Keesee, Ruth Lawton, Larry Mann, Susan Mathena, Jake McGee, Thelma Meadors, Carolyn Miles, Larry Miller, Alex Mitchell, Greg Nunley, Richard Russell (Ina Ingram's brother), Ella Ryan, Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Alan Sweeney, Linda Terriberry, Russell Vandiver, Nultie Wiseman,.

ON THE MEND--(Praise & Gratitude for improved condition) Robert Brooks, Reva Goss, Kelvin Gunn, Glenda Hyde, Ina Ingram, Grace Litzenberg, Thomas Peyton Mahaffey, Barbara Newnam, Ken Obye, Diane Shelton, Melva Sweeney, Jean White

All of the Caregivers.

For those who have lost loved ones: The Kassa family on their father, Carol Stoakley on the loss of her brother, Linda Kile on the loss of her son, Chris.

**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

August 6: FPC's Women's Evening Circle

August 13: Westover Baptist Youth

August 20 : Unity Presbyterian Church's Women

August 27: 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

"Crop Walk Kick Off : Spaghetti Dinner August 3rd at Ascension Lutheran Church 6 pm. RSVP : [434-770-0136](tel:434-770-0136)."



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...

August 7: In loving memory of Justin Clay Walters, and to honor and remember the young lives of those taken from us too soon, by Nancy Schomer

August 14:

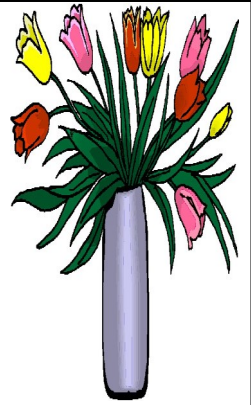
August 21:

August 28:

***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: Youth



Serving this month July 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>
7	Leigh Blount , Marissa Meadors	Whitney & Catie Clarke	Erin Parris & Kathy Machado	Tom Barrett	7	Gail Gunn
14	Ava Barrett	Karan Johnson & TBA	Laura Jones & Gwen Baucom	Joyce Perez	14	Joyce Perez
21	Kim Clifton, Diane Shelton	Kathy Dolianitis & Carolyn Baker	Lisa Argyrakis and TBA	David Parris	21	Marissa Meadors
28	Harriet Beale	Rebecca Atkin- son & Chris Moore	Sara Weller, Jennifer Stowe	Tom Gillespie	28	Gene Hayes

	<u>Friendship: Deacons*, Elder</u>		<u>Sat Lunch Deacon, Elder</u>
7	* Kent Shelton, David Swann, C.B. Strange CAKE SUNDAY	6	Kent Shelton, Joan Reynolds
14	* Mike Reynolds, M-L Crane, David Clark	13	Ina Ingram
21	* Harriett Beale, John Parris, Ina Ingram	20	Becky Meadema, Brenna Takata
28	* Becky Meadema, Kathy Dolianitis, Joan Reynolds	27	David Parris, David Zook

*Deacon on call for visitation

	<u>Elders-Front Door</u>	<u>Sound System</u>	<u>Ushers*</u>
7	Gary Wimer	Ray Beale	District 1
14	David Clark	C. B. Strange	District 2
21	Gene Hayes	Dick Stoakley	District 3
28	Eddie Blount	David Parris	District 4

*District leader may ask someone to help with ushering

Monthly Duties

Collections: Ava Barrett

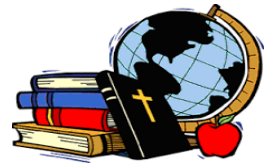
Flowers: Youth

Communion: August 21 Dave Zook & Bob Newnam

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; Will NOT MEET IN AUGUST
- ✂ **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

Children's Ministry:

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



Presbyterian Women

Regular meetings will resume on September 12. Coordinating Council will meet on Sept 12 at 10:00 am. Bible Study at 12:30 pm led by Charlotte Lowther. Evening: 7:00 pm at Donna Parris's home Meetings will be first Monday beginning in October.



Men of the church

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

Women's Bible Study Summer Series Continues All women are invited. Study will begin at 2 pm

August 8	Carolyn Baker	Bathsheba
August 22	Nancy Wilson	Abigail

Committee meetings

- ✂ Diaconate: (Susan Mathena, Chair); will NOT meet in August
- ✂ Property: (Tom Barrett, Chair); Tuesday, August 2, 7:00 pm
- ✂ VIP: (Pat Argyrakis, Chair); Monday, August 8, 11:00 am
- ✂ Session: (C.B. Strange, Clerk); Tuesday August 9, 7:00 pm Session meetings are always open to members wishing to attend.
- ✂ Missions: (Gary Wimer, Chair), Sunday, August 14, 9:00 am
- ✂ Worship Committee: (Brenna Takata, Chair); will NOT be meeting in August
- ✂ Christian Education (CE): Monday, August 22, 4:30 pm
- ✂ Membership: (Chris Moore); Monday, August 29 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—before and after worship

1 Rhoda Neal
5 Robert Brooks
7 Alexander Miller, Lee Norman
12 Will Wiseman
13 Jay Hayes, Roy Pinckney
14 Ellie Honea
15 Chris Moore
16 Alston Pritchett

17 Tom Saunders
18 Donna Parris
23 Bill Erwin
24 Jackson Weller
25 Lisa Shelton, Pat Pinckney
26 Mary Gat Hamlin
27 Kris Cox, Barbara Wilkins
28 Walker Davis
29 Ina Dodson

31 Bill Smith

Want your anniversary listed?
Or if we have missed your b-day this year,
call Marie-Louise at 770-0136
or email mลินusa@comcast.net

Anniversaries: Congratulations!!!

5 August 1972 Kay & Tom Gillespie
9 August 2003 Erin & John Parris
16 August 2003 Dixie & Gene Hayes

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.

Aug. 7 Lois Hayes Stratford House Apt. 115, 1111 Main St. Danville, VA 24541

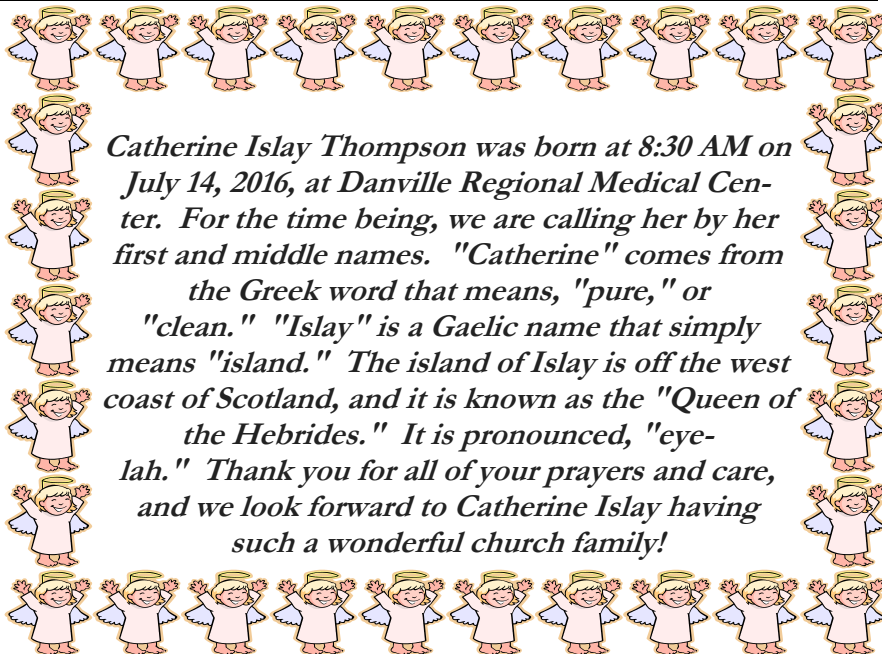
Aug. 14 Grace Litzenburg 954 Main St. Danville, VA 24541

Aug. 21 Buck Collins Brookdale Stokesland 432 Heritage Dr. Danville, VA 24541

Aug. 28 Carolyn Miles 601 Bridge St Apt 115 Danville, VA 24541

From Our Youth:

Many thanks go out to our Church Family for offering prayers for our group as we served the Lord in New Orleans, LA. We were able to do much needed work in many of the New Orleans schools and at the Ozinam Men's Shelter in downtown New Orleans. Thank you for your constant support of our young people as they grow and mature into Christian men and women.



Catherine Islay Thompson was born at 8:30 AM on July 14, 2016, at Danville Regional Medical Center. For the time being, we are calling her by her first and middle names. "Catherine" comes from the Greek word that means, "pure," or "clean." "Islay" is a Gaelic name that simply means "island." The island of Islay is off the west coast of Scotland, and it is known as the "Queen of the Hebrides." It is pronounced, "eye-lah." Thank you for all of your prayers and care, and we look forward to Catherine Islay having such a wonderful church family!

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!

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