

Beyond the Columns

First Presbyterian Church—Danville, Virginia

189 Years of “knowing Christ and making Him known”

September
2016



Friends,

As we approach the end of the summer—which different people interpret as the start of school, the end of Labor Day weekend, or September 22 (at least this year)—we will also reach a transition point in the book of Acts, which we have been studying since the start of May. You may have already noticed it, as the focus of the book is shifting from various groups of the early disciples to the work of Paul in particular.

As we start September, we will study Paul’s visit to Jerusalem in Acts 15.

Then, we will set the second half of Acts aside until after Christmas and spend some time in the book of Galatians, which Paul wrote to friends of his across an entire region of present-day Turkey. Like most of Paul’s letters, Galatians responds to questions, comments, and issues arising in a particular church or group of churches.

In the case of the Galatian Christians, their questions had a lot to do with identity. Among them were people who had been traditionally Jewish and people who had come to faith from pagan backgrounds. They were also socially and economically diverse, some coming from prominent households and others being poor. The transient nature of people in the Roman Empire meant that the Galatians were probably also ethnically diverse, so there were a lot of levels of identity at play among them.

Paul, however, was primarily concerned with the Galatians having a shared identity, shaped by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. While that identity required certain beliefs and perspectives, it also required certain practices and behaviors. In much the same way, our own faith requires us to share an identity in Christ and take on certain practices in order to preserve our own faith and the faith of one another.

After all, we live in an identity-driven world. We wrap up our identities in everything from our religion to our choice of restaurants to the types of phones we use. What’s more, we are encouraged to do this by a culture and economy that are invested in our loyalties and our desire to preserve those identities.

Oddly enough, however, as followers of Jesus we share much more of our identity with impoverished, technology-free Christians in far corners of Malawi or Vietnam than we do with non-Christians who might wear the same clothes, cheer for the same teams, and live in the same neighborhoods as we do...

...or, at least, we should. Of course, this does not mean that we are to reject our neighbors—quite the opposite, in fact—but it does mean that the most important factor in our identity is that we are children of God, loved by Him, and saved and redeemed by Jesus. Even if other people don’t know it, they are also God’s beloved children, whom He has sent Jesus to save.

The Galatians lived in an environment in which they were working all of this out together, asking questions and wondering what it meant to be followers of Jesus. In an identity-driven world, it is good for us to ask the same questions and see how the Holy Spirit has responded to them through Paul’s letter. I look forward to approaching this letter with you, and I look forward to all of the things that God has in store for us in September!

Blessings in Christ,

Allen

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First Presbyterian Church, Danville

September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	Sep 1	2	3
9:45am Sunday School 10:40am Fellowship 11am Worship			12:15 pm CHAPEL 6:00pm YOUTH	5:30 Choir	OFFICE CLOSED	10:45 Bible study 11:15 Lunch Minis-try
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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!

Chapel Time

Wednesdays, 12:15 pm
A brief mid week time for
prayer and worship



Stewardship Dinner
Sept 21
6 PM

Reservations by Sept 19 by
calling Church office
No charge!



Missions Committee Sponsored Event

Grace and Main Fellowship will hold its

annual fundraiser on September 9th in the
First Presbyterian Church Overbey Fellowship

Hall. Grace & Main's 3rd Chance Ministries will serve desserts
from 6.30-8 p.m. Raffles for personal training sessions, spa bas-
kets, etc will be held throughout the evening.

The Missions Committee is asking for **volunteers to bake desserts**
to be served that evening. The FPC congregation is invited to
share in the festivities.

(please deliver desserts at 6 p.m. that evening).

Sunday School Breakfast

Our Sunday School Breakfast will be on Sunday, September 11 from
9:30-10:30 a.m. All are invited to join us for food and fellowship. If you
are planning to attend, please call Jackson Weller at 792-7822 ext. 3
to make a reservation.

Youth Group:

September 7, 14, 21, & 28

End of Summer Retreat:

September 16-18

Lunch Ministry: September 24

Progressive Dinner: September 25

jackson@fpcdanville.com 792-7822



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY



Backpack Blessing: The
children are invited to the
Sunday School Breakfast
and to bring their back-
packs. We will offer a spe-
cial prayer for them and ask
for blessings for their
school year. This will be a
very special time and we
hope you can join us.

Stewardship News

The Stewardship Committee thanks everyone for his or her part in **Sharing God's Joy** this year. The Finance Committee has a challenging job but our congregation held fast to the mission of the church.

Looking forward to our upcoming Stewardship Season, we are planning a **Stewardship Dinner on September 21**. Our program will be highlighting all of our church committees and the wonderful work that they do. Please put this special event on your calendars and make plans to attend. There will be a delicious dinner at no charge. We do ask that you call the church office *no later than Sept 19* and **make reservations** so that we know how many to prepare for.

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, Kay Huggins (son-in-law of Thomas and Alice Saunders), Conner Jones, Angela Langford, Ruth Lawton, Larry Mann, Jake McGee, Thelma Meadors, Carolyn Miles, Larry Miller, Alex Mitchell, A.B. Motley, Greg Nunley, Ken Obye, Richard Russell (Ina Ingram's brother), Ella Ryan, Ethel Sakellaris, Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Alan Sweeney, Linda Terriberry, Russell Vandiver, Nultie Wiseman,.

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

All of the Caregivers.

For those who have lost loved ones: Heather Anderson, (loss of nephew—in-law , Kent Shelton on the loss of his brother-in-law.

**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

September 3: FPC's Women's Evening Circle

September 10: Westover Baptist Youth

September 17 : Unity Presbyterian Church's Women

September 24: 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

The Danville Crop Hunger Walk : Sign up to walk with Team First Pres online at www.danvillecropwalk.org. Either sign in and find your walk or copy paste this link to get there right away :<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/danvilleva/Team/View/23365/First-Pres-Danville;> contact Marie-Louise Crane, 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...

September 4:

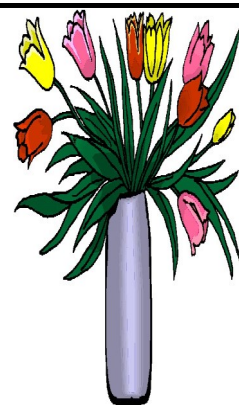
September 11:

September 18: In loving memory of my mother, Sallie Eastwood, and my husband,
G. Price Crowell, by Ruby Crowell

September 25:

***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: Evening Circle*



Serving this month September 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>
4	Harriet Beale	Karan Johnson, TBA	Laura Jones, Gwen Baucom	Erin Parris	4	Ina Ingram
11	Kim Clifton, Diane Shelton	Kathy Dolianitis, Carolyn Baker	Lisa Argyrakakis, TBA	Jackson Weller	11	Jackson Weller
18	Ava Barrett	Rebecca Atkinson Chris Moore	Erin Parris, Kathy Machado	Erin Parris	18	Gene Hayes
25	Harriet Beale	Whitney Clarke, Catie Clarke	Sara Weller, Jennifer Stowe	Kathy Dolianitis	25	Marissa Meadors

	<u>Friendship: Deacons*, Elder</u>		<u>Sat Lunch Deacon, Elder</u>
4	*Ava Barrett, David Swann, Brenna Takata CAKE SUNDAY	3	Harriett Beale, Tom Barrett
11	* Marie-Louise Crane, John Parris, Barry Cutright	10	Barry Cutright
18	*Becky Meadema, Kent Shelton, Gene Hayes	17	Kent Shelton, Eddie Blount
25	* Ava Barrett, Kent Shelton, Thor Wright	24	Kathy Dolianitis, Thor Wright

*Deacon on call for visitation

	<u>Elders-Front Door</u>	<u>Sound System</u>	<u>Ushers*</u>
4	Ina Ingram	Fred Baker	Team 1
11	Tom Barrett	Edward Blount	Team 2
18	J. Hayes	Sam Meadema	Team 3
25	Eddie Blount	Ray Beale	Team 4

*Team leader may ask someone to help with ushering

Monthly Duties

Collections: John Parris

Flowers: Evening Circle

Communion: September 18

C.B. Strange, Gene Hayes

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;
- ✚ **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

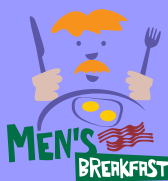
Children's Ministry:

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



Presbyterian Women

***Due to Labor Day, the September Meetings will be on September 12.
Coordinating Council will meet on Sept 12 at 10:00 am in the Parlour
Bible Study at 12:30 pm led by Charlotte Lowther in the Fellowship Hall
Evening: 7:00 pm at Donna Parris's home
451 Hawk's Ridge Rd, Danville 782-9239***



Men of the church

Meetings will resume on September. 17 at 8:00 am in Overbey Fellowship Hall. Come in for great fellowship and breakfast!!

Committee meetings

- ✚ Diaconate: (Susan Mathena, Chair); Tuesday, September 6, 6 p.m
- ✚ Property: (Tom Barrett, Chair); Tuesday, September 6, 7:00 pm
- ✚ VIP: (Pat Argyrakis, Chair); Monday, September 12, 11:00 am
- ✚ Session: (C.B. Strange, Clerk); Tuesday, September 13, 7:00 pm Session meetings are always open to members wishing to attend.
- ✚ Missions: (Gary Wimer, Chair), Sunday, September 18, 9:00 am
- ✚ Worship Committee: (Brenna Takata, Chair); Sunday, September 4, 9:00 am
- ✚ Christian Education (CE): Monday, September 26, 4:30 pm
- ✚ Membership: (Chris Moore); Monday, September 26, 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

3 Paige Wiseman
4 Sally Clark
5 Pat Bolt
6 Dixie Hayes
7 Caitlyn Crews
Susie Crews
David Hyde
8 Millie Hatcher

10 Jeff Davis
Anne Harvey
14 Anderson Miller
Sue Miller
16 Gail Jones
Pat Knick
Sam Meadema
21 Mark Heard
Tom Gillespie

22 Ava Barrett
23 Rebecca Atkinson
24 Linda Dodson
25 Thelma Meadors
26 Carol Strange
27 Bob Ramey
28 Lauren Mathena

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:mลินุส@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

September 4 Donna Fowlkes 110 Lady Astor St. Danville, VA 24541
September 11 Linda Terriberly Brookdale Rehab. Room 2,
149 Executive Dr. Danville VA 24541
September 18 Kathy Huggins Stratford House Apt. 306, 1111 Main St.
Danville VA 24541
September 25 Fae Smith 661 Timberlake Dr. Danville, VA 24540

Presbyterian Women in the
Summer Bible Study Series
enjoying fellowship and
God's word.



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.

Chuck loves banana pudding and as an extra contact number, he uses his cell phone (also for texts) 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)

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!



The Danville Area Crop Hunger Walk

Did you know that:
we will walk for the NINTH year straight?
we collected over \$112,000 in that time.
we walk to raise money for wells, for disaster relief and so much more !

Sign up at the booth @ church or online @ www.danvillecropwalk.org

Join TEAM FIRST PRES.

What are you doing on October 2nd @ 3 pm???

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