

Beyond the Columns

First Presbyterian Church—Danville, Virginia

190 Years of “knowing Christ and making Him known”

February
2017



Friends,

After a long January, I am looking forward to the shortest month of the year. I am hoping that we can get right through it and get on to Spring, but I am at least grateful that February is designed for easy planning. With the exception of leap years, February has four of each day, creating a tidy schedule and a smooth transition into March.

We don't find that kind of convenience elsewhere in the calendar. While months were initially set up to closely match cycles of the moon (which are roughly 29.5 days), the year matches the earth's revolution around the sun (almost 365.25 days). A day matches the earth's rotation on its axis. Seconds, minutes, and hours were set up so that the day could be divided evenly. While some of these measurements are irregular and don't match up with one another (hence the need for leap days), they were based on humankind's effort to create a rhythm out of the natural environment God gave us.

A week, on the other hand, was developed with some more direct divine assistance. While a number of ancient cultures used seven-day cycles in their calendars, we also know from the first chapter of the Bible that God set out a seven “day” pattern of His own. Later, in the commandments, God instructed us to set aside the seventh of those days much in the same way that He did.

So, while we have some of our own ways of measuring time—albeit imperfectly—we also practice a rhythm that God claimed and presented us in His commands to follow Him. We probably go from day to day and week to week without thinking much about that beyond gathering for worship on Sundays, but the truth is that having certain rhythms in our lives can be of great help in our efforts to grow closer to God.

During the month of February, I am going to focus on some of those rhythms and patterns using a handful of different Bible passages. I will also borrow some insights on worship and discipleship from a recent book called *You Are What You Love: The Spiritual Power of Habit* by Christian philosopher James K. A. Smith. Smith argues, as many authors have before him (including the Psalmists and others in Scripture), that God has instilled in us the need to worship and follow. Additionally, if we are not following the Spirit to worship Jesus, then we are at greater risk of pursuing other desires to worship false gods that we mistakenly think will save and redeem us.

Even though February is short, it is well suited for considering the rhythms that shape our lives. I hope that we can use this month to get our own rhythms more closely aligned with God's desires. I also pray that God will make those desires known to each of us, for our lives and for our life together. See you this month!

In Christ,
Allen

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURS	FRI	SATURDAY
29	30	31	Feb 1	2	3	4
9:45am Sunday School 10:40am Fellowship 11am Worship	9:30am- Prayer 10am Staff Mtg 6:30 pm Membership Cmte	5:15 pm Hand-bells	12:15 pm CHAPEL 6:00pm Family Night Supper 6:00pm YOUTH	5:30 Choir	OF- FICE CLOSE D	10:45 Bible study 11:15 Lunch Ministry
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What's happening



Family Night Suppers Join us for another exciting month of food, fellowship and learning. Menus will be posted in the bulletin the Sunday prior to the supper. Reservations are taken in the Juice room or you may call the church office.

Tickets are \$6 per person with a family maximum of \$18.

Reserve the Dates!

Wednesday, February 1– NO COST Covered Dish - Bring your favorite entree or side dish. The church will provide dessert and drinks.

Program: Social hour - meet and greet and catch up on family news.

Team 2 is responsible for this supper

Wednesday, February 15th– Menu- TBA Program: Life Saving Crew

Team 3 is responsible for this dinner

Bible Club for our Pre K-Grade 5 children after dinner !

Chapel Time

Wednesdays, 12:15 pm

A brief mid week time for prayer and worship



Souper Bowl of Caring will take place Sunday, February 5 following the morning worship service.

This is a special collection to benefit the Saturday Lunch

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and thank you so much for all your support throughout 2016! We had a wonderful Christmas celebration at New Community Church Tokyo with about 10 guests at our young church-plant: including a dear neighbor of mine who was entering a church for the first time in roughly 50 years.

Meanwhile across Tokyo, a young pianist who I first met at Community Arts Tokyo events 3 years ago was being baptized at another church in our church-planting network. It was a very merry Christmas in many ways, and I look forward to what God has planned for all of us in 2017!

Love in Christ, Ellie Honea



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Youth Group: Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm

February 12: Diner Trip—Your House Restaurant in Greensboro. We will meet at 4:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the church and drive to Greensboro to check out this Diner.

February 25: Lunch Ministry

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

Contact Jackson for details:
jackson@fpcdanville.com 792-7822 ext 3

Bible Club on February 15 following
Wednesday Family Supper.

Mark your calendars for VBS!!! This year's
Vacation Bible School will be June 18-22
in the evening!!!

Opportunities to serve and share



Prayers and Praises

PASTORAL CONCERNS: Kevin Bailey, Martha Bell, Chuck Bolt, Alice & Randy Bradshaw, Beth Brown, Bill Brown, Claire Campbell, Nelson R. Clark, Ruby Crowell, Maude Dalton, Rev. Cecil Eanes, Clarence Edmunds, Bill Erwin, Sarah Fisher (Sally Clark's Mother), Betty Fitzgerald, Guy Fowlkes, 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 Keen and family, Angela Langford, Ruth Lawton, Larry Mann, Thelma Meadors, Carolyn Miles, Larry Miller, Alma Moran, A. B. Motley, Debbie Perrin Neal, Lee Norman, Greg Nunley, Ella Ryan, Ethel Sakellaris, Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Linda Terriberri, Nultie Wiseman.

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Our VIPs: Ruby Crowell, Maude Dalton, Rev. Cecil Eanes, Clarence Edmunds, Bill Erwin, Anne Grier, Lois Hayes, Kathy Huggins, Ruth Lawton, Grace Litzenberg, Malcolm Mallery, Thelma Meadors, Carolyn Miles, A. B. Motley, Linda Terriberri, Nultie Wiseman

ON THE MEND: (Praise & Gratitude for improved condition) Martha Bell, Kelvin Gunn, Flo Hall (Camden Place, Greensboro), Libby Hodge, Grace Litzenberg, Thomas Peyton Mahaffey, Russell Vandiver, Jean White, Hampton Wilkins All of the Caregivers.

For those who have lost loved ones: Ina Ingram on the passing of her daughter Carol Ingram McGee; Donna Parris and her family on the passing of her uncle, Glenn Powers and her aunt, Rita Powers; the family of Anne Banks; Kim and Robert Clifton on the passing of his father, R. L. Clifton; Chuck Bolt and Lisa Bolt and their family on the passing of his wife, their mother and our friend, Pat Bolt.

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

Feb 4: PC's Women's Evening Circle

Feb 11: Westover Baptist Youth

Feb 18: Unity Presbyterian Church Women

Feb 25: FPC's Youth

If you would like to join our Missions Committee, we are looking for new volunteers. Our need especially is for new contacts for some of our missionaries. Contact Gary Wimer at 434-797-4138 or the church office.

**Missions
Committee**

ITEMS NEEDED

Items are needed for **HEALTH KITS** and **SCHOOL KITS**. These kits are collected by the Presbyterian Women on behalf of the Church World Service through Church Women United. The Kits go to areas in which the CWS have missionaries. The list of items are posted in the marked bins at the Sutherlin entrance. The kits are sent to CWS in the spring, so make your donation soon!

Sunday Servers:

Help Wanted: Liturgists, Children's Chat, Sound System operators. If you feel a calling to serve in any of these capacities, please email Brenna Takata at brenna5008@gmail.com or call the church office and leave a message with Christy.



Sunday servers and sharers



Flowers on the Reredos

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

February 5:

February 12: in loving memory of Eric Obye by Linda, Keith, and Alison.

February 19: in honor of our children and grandchildren by Ava and Tom Barrett.

February 26.

***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 February 2017

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>
5	Leigh Blount, Marissa Meadors	Karan Johnson Gwen Baucom	Carolyn Baker Kathy Machado	Kathy Dolianitis	5	Jarrold Brown
12	Ava Barrett	Kathy Dolianitis	Lisa and Lia Argyrakis	Tom Gillespie	12	Gail Gunn
19	Brenna Takata	Whitney and Catie Clarke	Laura Jones Erin Parris	Erin Parris	19	Marissa Meadors
26	Harriet Beale	Rebecca Atkinson Chris Moore	Sara Weller Jennifer Stowe	Joyce Perez	26	Joyce Perez

	<u>Friendship: Deacons*, Elder</u> *Deacon on call for visitation		<u>Sat Lunch Deacon, Elder</u>
5	*Kathy Dolianitis, Brenna Takata CAKE SUNDAY	4	Kathy Dolianitis, Tom Barrett
12	*Becky Meadema, Gary Wimer	11	Dave Zook
19	*Jarrod Brown, Joan Reynolds	18	Jarrold Brown, Eddie Blount
26	*Marie-Louise Crane, Gene Hayes	25	Becky Meadema, Bunny Hayes

	<u>Elders-Front Door</u>	<u>Sound System</u>	<u>Ushers*</u>
5	Tom Barrett	David Parris	Team 1
12	Dave Zook	Ray Beale	Team 2
19	Eddie Blount	Edward Blount	Team 3
26	Bunny Hayes	Sam Meadema	Team 4

Monthly Duties

Collections: Kent Shelton

Flowers: Women's Day Circle

Communion: February 12

Bob Newnam, Ray Beale

*Team leader may ask someone to help with ushering

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;
- ✂ Seekers: rm 109; Joyce Perez; *"Feasting the Word"*
- ✂ Bible Fellowship: Library; Linda Copeland; *Common Sense and The Gospel* (A study of the Wisdom Books)
- ✂ **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

CHURCH OFFICERS

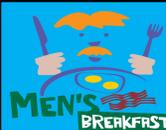
SESSION: Class of 2017, Tom Barrett, Gary Wimer, Brenna Takata, David Zook
Class of 2018: Eddie Blount, Gene Hayes, Bob Newnam, Joan Reynolds
Class of 2019: Betzy Wilson, Joyce Perez, Bunny Hayes, Ray Beale

DIACONATE: Class of 2017: Mike Reynolds, David Parris, Kent Shelton, Becky Meadema
Class of 2018: David Swann, Kathy Dolianitis, Harriett Beale
Class of 2019: Jarrod Brown, Marie Louise Crane, Susan Mathena, Jeanne Nostrandt
Alternate: Melva Sweeney



Presbyterian Women

Monday February 6, 2017
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 Pat Argrakis 115 Fenton Place, Danville



Men of the church

Breakfast and fellowship
February 11 at 8:00 am
Overbey Fellowship Hall.
All men are invited!!

Committee meetings

- ✂ Worship Committee: (TBD, Chair); Sunday, February 5, 9:00 am (first Sunday)
- ✂ Diaconate: (David Parris, Chair); Tuesday, February 7 6 pm (first Tuesday)
- ✂ Property: (Tom Barrett, Chair); Tuesday, February 7, 7:00 pm (first Tuesday)
- ✂ Session: (C.B. Strange, Clerk); Tuesday, February 14, 7:00 pm (second Tuesday) Session meetings are always open to members wishing to attend.
- ✂ VIP: (Pat Argyrakis, Chair); Monday, February 13, 11:00 am (second Monday)
- ✂ Missions: (Gary Wimer, Chair), Sunday, February 19, 9:00 am (third Sunday)
- ✂ Christian Education (Brenna Takata, Chair): Monday, February 27, 4:30 pm (fourth Monday)
- ✂ Membership: (Chris Moore); Monday, February 27, 6:30 pm (last Monday of the month)

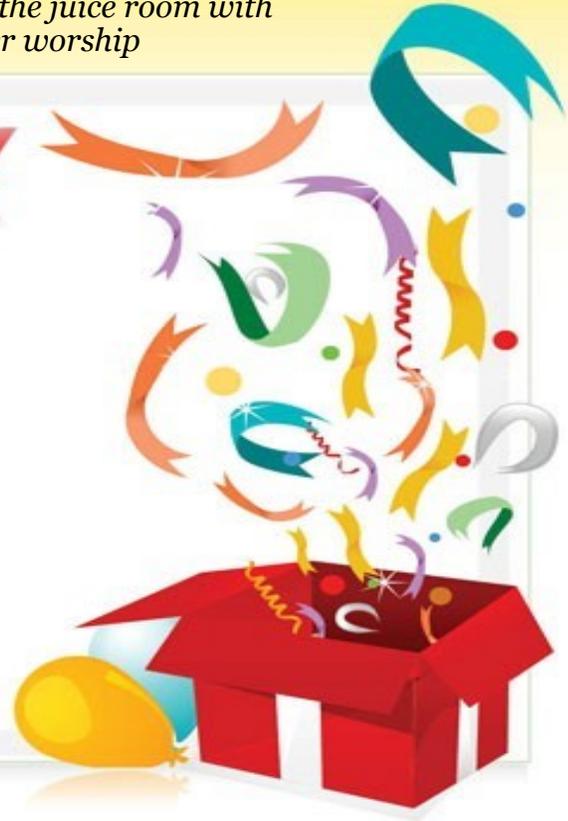
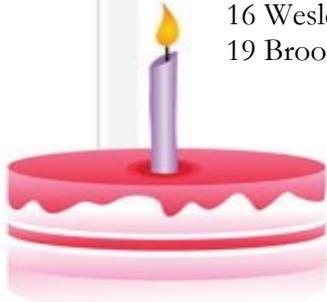
Celebrating our family

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 Sara Weller
2 Ray Beale
3 Katie Gillespie
4 Suzanne Fehrenbaker
8 Olivia Walthall
11 Virginia Jones
16 Wesley Heard
19 Brooke Atkinson

21 Jean Roman
Jill Perez
24 Ruth Lawton
25 John Parris, Jr.
26 A. B. Motley
27 Liz Goodman,
Bernadine 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



Feb. 5 Cecil Eanes Stratford Health Care Room 404 1111 Main St. Danville Va. 24541

Feb. 12 Ruth Lawton Brookside Stokesland Assistant Living 432 Hermitage Dr. Danville, Va. 24541

Feb. 19 Linda Terriberly Brookside Piedmont Assistant Ctr. 149 Executive Ct. Danville, Va

Feb. 26 Donna Fowlkes 110 Lady Astor St. Danville, Va. 24541

Many thanks to our VIP committee who selflessly visit our VIPs. It takes a special calling to help those who can no longer get to church on a regular basis still feel like they are a vital part of the church family, as indeed they are. Thank you VIP committee members.

The Bolt family wishes to thank all of those who provided meals and visited over the past months. Pat loved the company maybe even more than the food. You gave her a reason to perk up just by visiting!

Meals are still needed for **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 (ChuckBolt).

Additional Notes: Please deliver meals to his home between 5-5.30 pm in non-returnable containers. Call Chuck before delivery 434-545-2134.



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!

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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