

Beyond the Columns

First Presbyterian Church—Danville, Virginia

189 Years of “knowing Christ and making Him known”



July
2016



In last month’s column, I wrote that we would spend the summer following the early disciples through the book of Acts, looking at their stories and at the cities they visited along their way. It took us a

few weeks to get out of Jerusalem, but this month we will find Peter proclaiming the Gospel—and having the Gospel proclaimed to him—in a few of the less familiar cities in the region: in particular, Lydda, Sharon, Joppa, and Caesarea.

At least, that’s the plan. While I have set a preaching schedule for the month, I cannot make any guarantees about what passages we will hear and when we will hear them. I know that Bob Ramey will preach on either the 10th or the 17th, and you might even get to hear from Joyce Perez, but we cannot be certain about any of this, as it all depends upon the arrival of a baby! No matter how hard we try to organize life, there are a lot of things that require us to be open to unpredictability. Some of them are difficult and hard to bear, but others are wonderful and joyous.

I cannot help but think that as the disciples were scattering about the region, fleeing persecution but witnessing the wondrous work of the Holy Spirit, they had feelings of both fear and joyous anticipation. Through the course of these next few chapters, we find that even though Peter is in many ways the standard-bearer for the nascent church, the Holy Spirit keeps shaking and molding his own faith. Even Peter had to keep learning that everything he had known and experienced still had to be refined and redefined in Christ.

We will see this unfold as we go through the month, and as is typical with children, we will manage to get by with whatever happens. Kelsey and I are looking forward to our little girl meeting everyone and being a part of such a loving, Christ-

centered church family. Thank you for all of your encouragement so far and all of the encouragement to come.

Aside from my own plans, there are some good things going on at FPC in general this month. Our youth are once again going to New Orleans, where they have already done so much good work in Christ’s name. We also have Vacation Bible School with a twist this year: we will be partnering with the Day School’s summer program! Be sure to pray for these events, pray for their participants, and to check in with Jackson and Erin to see what kind of help they need.

Finally, be sure to pay attention to the calendar and various announcements in this month’s newsletter. Many committees are taking the month off, and we are not having chapel services. Meanwhile, other events—such as the Ladies’ Summer Bible Study—will keep going strong. As always, if you have any questions, you can contact the church office. I will be taking a little bit of time off after the baby comes, but I look forward to seeing you this month!

In Christ,

Allen

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First Presbyterian Church, Danville

July 2016

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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.

The membership committee has plans for several activities for the end of summer. Meanwhile, we hope that small groups will continue to have impromptu gatherings—and don't forget to invite visitors to join you for ice cream, bike rides, golfing, and other summertime fun!

Chapel Time

Chapel time will not be held in July, but will resume in August (Wednesdays, 12:15 pm)

NO YOUTH GROUP meetings in July.

Bojangles Devotional: "Bo-votional" July 5th and 26th at 9:30am at the

Bojangles on Piedmont Dr. Please bring money for breakfast.



New Orleans Mission Trip: Please be in prayer for our High School group as we go to New Orleans for our Summer Mission Trip. We will be working primarily at the Ozanam Inn, a homeless shelter. We will also be doing some work at schools in New Orleans. While we are there we will have the opportunity to learn about the culture of New Orleans and how Hurricane Katrina dramatically changed life in this major city. Please keep us in your prayers as we share Chris's love in New Orleans!!!

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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

Contact Jackson for details:

jackson@fpcdanville.com 792-7822 ext 3

Vacation Bible School

July 18-20 9:00 am– 12 noon

Come on out to the Surf Shop and catch the wave of God's Amazing Love at VBS. VBS will be held July 18-20 from 9:00 am til 12 noon for children ages 4 yrs– 5th grade. Call Jackson for details.



Hanging out with Church family is an important summertime activity: Rafael, Alex and, James

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, 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, Russell Vandiver, Jean White, Nultie Wiseman.

All of the Caregivers.

All of those who have recently lost loved ones: The families of Mary Ann Burton and of Pat Tyler. The Jackson Weller family on the loss of his uncle.

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

July 2: FPC's Women's Evening Circle

July 9: Westover Baptist Youth

July 16 : Unity Presbyterian Church's Women

July 23: FPC's Youth

July 30: Outlook Class

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



Youth assisting with Lunch ministry



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...

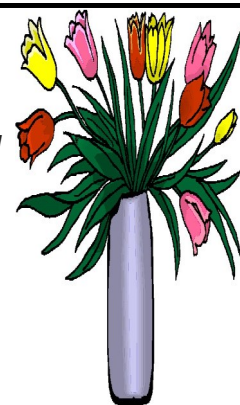
July 3 *With a heart full of love, and in memory of Warren D. Neal, by his loving wife, Rhoda*

July 10 Open

July 17 Open

July 24 Open

July 31 Open



***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: Outlook Class*

Serving this month July 2016

Children's Sunday Activities

	<u>Nursery/ Sunday School</u>	<u>Younger class and Older class</u>	<u>Children's Chat</u>		<u>Liturgist</u>
3	Leigh Blount , Marissa Meadors	Carolyn Baker, Whitney Clarke	Kathy Dolianitis	3	Marissa Meadors
10	Ava Barrett	Karan Johnson, Kathy Dolianitis	Kathy Dolianitis	10	Gene Hayes
17	Kim Clifton, Diane Shelton	Erin Parris & Kathy Ma- chado	Allen Thompson	17	Ray Beale
24	Harriet Beale	Sara Weller, Jennifer Stowe	Kent Shelton	24	Colin Meadors
31	Brenna Takata	Rebecca Atkinson & Chris Moore	Whitney Clarke	31	Bunny Hayes

	<u>Friendship: Deacons*, Elder</u>		<u>Sat Lunch Deacon, Elder</u>
3	* Ava Barrett, M-L Crane, Hampton Wilkins CAKE SUNDAY	2	Ava Barrett, Ina Ingram
10	*David Parris, Susan Mathena, C. B. Strange	9	David Clark
17	*Harriett Beale, Becky Meadema, Tom Barrett	16	Harriett Beale, Gene Hayes
24	*Kathy Dolianitis, Mike Reynolds, David Clark	23	Becky Meadema, Eddie Blount
31	*M-L Crane, Mike Reynolds, Bob Newnam	30	John Parris Jr, Ina Ingram

*Deacon on call for visitation

	<u>Elders-Front Door</u>	<u>Sound System</u>	<u>Ushers*</u>
3	Gary Wimer	Dick Stoakley	District 1
10	David Clark	John Parris, Jr.	District 2
17	Gene Hayes	Fred Baker	District 3
24	Tom Barrett	Edward Blount	District 4
31	Hampton Wilkins	Sam Meadema	Youth

*District leader may ask someone to help with ushering

Monthly Duties

Collections: Kent Shelton

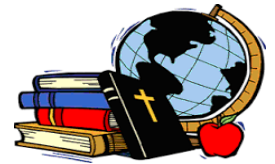
Flowers: Outlook Class

**Communion: July 17:
Thor Wright, Joan Reynolds**

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

Children's Ministry:

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



Presbyterian Women

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



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

July 11	Linda Copeland	The woman of Abel, Beth and Maacah
July 25	Karan Johnson	Widow with two coins
August 8	Carolyn Baker	Bathsheba
August 22	Nancy Wilson	Abigail

Committee meetings

- ✎ Property: (Tom Barrett, Chair); Tuesday, July 5, 7:00 pm
- ✎ VIP: (Pat Argyrakis, Chair); Monday, July 11, 11:00 am
- ✎ Session: (C.B. Strange, Clerk); Tuesday, July 12, 7:00 pm Session meetings are always open to members wishing to attend.
- ✎ Endowments: Monday, July 18 12 noon.
- ✎ Finance: Monday, July 25, 5:30 pm
- ✎ Membership: (Chris Moore); Monday, July 25, 6:30 pm

- ✎ Diaconate: (Susan Mathena, Chair); Will NOT meet in July
- ✎ Missions: (Gary Wimer, Chair); Will NOT meet in July
- ✎ Worship Committee: (Brenna Takata, Chair); Will NOT meet in July
- ✎ Christian Education (CE): will NOT meet in July

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

2 Alex Garcia
Dickie Green
3 Sophie van Valkenburg
6 Donald Crane
7 Gail Davis
Elizabeth Walden
8 Mary Ann Shelton
10 Ben Lowther
Davis Shelton

11 Pam Green
Laura Jones
Cindy Zook
12 Charles Ellis
13 Tim Hooker
15 Joe Alexander
17 Jim Motley
20 Mike Reynolds
24 Sammie Gillespie

25 Shaffer Boles,
Cliff Walden
Whitney Barrow
24 Colin Meadors
28 Bill Brown
29 Libby Hodge
30 Scott Machado
31 Matthew Dolianitis

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

Anniversaries: Congratulations!!!

7 July 1984 Barry & Martha Cutright
21 July 2000 Marie-Louise & Donald Crane
29 July 1973 Brenna & Calvin Takata
29 July 1989 Leigh & Eddie Blount

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.

July 3: Carolyn Miles, 601 Bridge St Apt 115 Danville VA 24541

July 10 Nultie Wiseman 5969 Dry Fork Rd. Dry Fork, VA 24549

July 17 Linda Terriberry Brookdale Rehab. Ctr. Room 2 , 149 Executive Dr. Danville, VA 24541

July 24 Maude Dalton Brookdale Rehab. Ctr. Room 21, 149 Executive Dr. Danville, VA 24541

July 31 Ann Banks Stratford House Apt, 102, 1111 Main Street Danville, VA 24541

Condolences to the family of
Mary Ann Burton may be sent to:
Cara Burton: PO Box 162,
Accomac, VA 23301.



Lyla and Vall say
they love summer
Sunday school!



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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