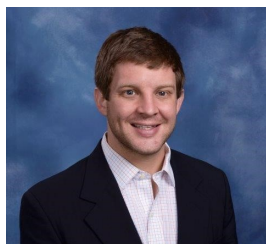


# Beyond the Columns



## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Friends,

Every time I sit down to write one of these newsletter articles, I have to fight the temptation to say, "I can't believe it's already..." Sometimes I cave and I express that sentiment in some way or another, and other times I am actually glad that a particular month has finally come. When Easter is in late April, for example, we on the church staff are usually pretty ready for May by the time it arrives. Next year,

Easter is on April Fools' Day, so I am not sure how we will feel about that. I am sure that there will be plenty of jokes about Jesus not really being in the tomb.

Anyway, I really can't believe that it is July. Last year, the summer seemed to drag because we spent June and the first 13 days of July waiting for Islay to arrive. This year, I suppose the busyness of the month made it disappear fast. I am grateful for that busyness, however, because it included this past week's Vacation Bible School. Things went well with the kids and all the volunteers, but I am personally appreciative to all of you who took part in the Adult VBS studies. I already knew that you are a sharp group, but it was edifying to hear your thoughts on some of the heroes of the faith whom I had never studied much before on my own. I look forward to doing it again!

As for July itself—and August for that matter—we will be in a sermon series that I am calling, "Coming to Jesus." In our day and age, people are all over the place with their faith (or lack thereof). Even among self-proclaimed Christians, there are many things that draw us to Jesus. Hopefully they are the things that are lasting and that can sustain life's ups and downs.

In the Bible, we find many reasons that people approach Jesus. In particular, Matthew likes the phrase, "so-and-so came to Jesus..." so we will look at a handful of examples of this in the first gospel. Sometimes, people come to Jesus with genuine faith, and other times they come to him with suspicion or self-interest, but regardless of why they come, we can learn something about the ways that we are drawn to Jesus. Just as importantly, we can learn about the ways that people around us might be drawn to Jesus.

Through this series, I hope that we can get to know Jesus, ourselves, and the ways that the Holy Spirit might be drawing people we know toward Jesus. I hope that our eyes can also be opened to our need for Jesus in good times and bad, through confidence and doubt. I look forward to getting closer to Jesus with you in July, and I will see you soon!

In Christ,  
Allen



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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Stewardship in Action, Recipe of the Month, and more.

First Presbyterian Church, Danville, VA, Holidays in United States

Jul 2017 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 10:45am - Bib. Study 11:15am - Lunch
2 9:45am - Sun. Sch. 10:40am - Fellowship @ 11am - Worship	3 10am - Staff Mtg.	4 Independence Day OFFICE CLOSED	5 6pm - Youth 7pm - Property Cmte.	6 5:30pm - Ch. Choir	7 Office closed	8 10:45am - Bib. Study 11:15am - Lunch
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Mark your calendars:  
Join us for a **Community Prayer Service** for the City of Danville  
in the Sanctuary on June 17 at 7 p.m.



Contact Jackson for details: [Jackson@fpcdanville.com](mailto:Jackson@fpcdanville.com) or 434.792.7822 ext. 3

#### Children:

- What a wonderful **VBS!!!** We were very blessed to have 25 amazing children attend VBS this year and we hope and pray that they will use the gifts that God gives them to be Heroes For God!!! Thank you to all the folks that helped with VBS this year!!!
  - Looking ahead: Mark your calendar for **August 6<sup>th</sup>**, we will have our **Rally Day Breakfast**. At the breakfast we will recognize several folks including our students moving from Elementary to Middle school. Please make sure you bring your school backpacks, we will have a commissioning for all our students as they set out to a new year at school. We will commission them as missionaries, remembering that everywhere we go, including school, we are missionaries for Christ.
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#### Youth:

- Reminder we **will not meet** for Youth Group in July;  
**Youth Group will resume August 2<sup>nd</sup>!**
- **Bovotionals** -(Devotional at Bojangles) **July 11 and 18**. We will meet at 9:00am and have a quick breakfast and devotion; we should finish-up by 9:45am.
- **Chattanooga Mission Trip July 2-7** – Please be in prayer for our Youth Summer Missionaries. We will be in Chattanooga working with Widow's Harvest Ministries; this ministry focuses on meeting the needs of widows in the Chattanooga area. We will be painting, roofing, doing yard work, deconstruction, reconstruction, and other home work this week. Look for our report at the first Family Night Supper.
- **Lunch Ministry – July 22**



## PRAYERS AND PRAISES

### PASTORAL CONCERNS—

Martha Bell, Chuck Bolt, Lisa Bolt, Alice & Randy Bradshaw, Beth Brown, Bill Brown, Mary Bray (Jarrod Brown's Aunt), Claire

Campbell, John Cao, Nelson R. Clark, Judy Cox (Kristen Cox's sister-in-law), Maude Dalton, Rev. Cecil Eanes, Bill Erwin, Pauline Fitts, Betty Fitzgerald, 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, Doug Jones, Jana Keen and family, Angela Langford, Ruth Lawton, Mike Lewis (Tom and Ava Barrett's son-in-law), Larry Mann, Ruth Meadors, Thelma Meadors, Carolyn Miles, Larry Miller, A. B. Motley, Debbie Perrin Neal, Rhoda Neal, Paul Patrick (Charlotte Lowther's son-in-law), Nancy Poindexter (Jarrod Brown's aunt), Judy Poythress (Mike Reynolds' sister), Ella Ryan, Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Alan Sweeney, Linda Terriberry, Tom West

**ON THE MEND**--(Praise & Gratitude for improved condition) Kevin Bailey, Gwen Baucom, Martha Bell, Chlodine Bittner (Jackson Weller's grandmother), Kelvin Gunn, Grace Litzenberg, Erica Mann, Lee Norman, Russell Vandiver

**Our sincere condolences** to Ray Beale and family on the passing of his brother, Buck.

**Our sincere condolences** to the family of Clarence Edmonds, who passed away on June 23.

**Our sincere condolences** to Carolyn Miles and family on the loss of Carolyn's sister, Ruby Lee Rich.

**OUR VIPs**—Maude Dalton, Rev. Cecil Eanes, Clarence Edmunds, Bill Erwin, Lois Hayes, Kathy Huggins, Ruth Lawton, Grace Litzenberg, Malcolm Mallery, Thelma Meadors, Carolyn Miles, A. B. Motley, Linda Terriberry, Nultie Wiseman

### CAREGIVERS

### THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

## SATURDAY LUNCH MINISTRY

**WHAT:** Serving a hot lunch to the community

**WHEN:** Every Saturday; volunteers work from 10:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m.

**WHO:** Different groups are in charge each week. **EXTRA HELP IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED!** Cooking, clean up, greeting, Bible Study, chatting with guests.

July 1: Women's Circle  
July 8: Westover Baptist  
July 15: Unity Presbyterian  
July 22: FPC Youth  
July 29: Outlook Class



you feel a calling to serve in any of these areas, please email Brenna Takata at [brenna5008@gmail.com](mailto:brenna5008@gmail.com) or call the church office and leave a message with Christy.

- Small Group Gathering will resume on Monday, September 11 at 9:30 a.m.

—Linda Copeland and Marie-Louise Crane

### Choir Robe Donations

We are trying to raise enough money to buy **20 choir robes and stoles**. Our current robes are more than 40 years old, so they are in desperate need of replacing. We are hoping to raise between \$2000-3000. If you would like to contribute, you can make a donation of any amount and write choir robes in the memo line of your check.

We would like most of the money to come in by July 9 so that robes can be ordered and arrive in time for Advent season. Please contribute as you are led to this project.





### Flowers on the Reredos

**July 9:** The flowers today are given in loving memory of Howard and Cile Green and Bob and Mary Clemons by Dickie, Pam, and the Green family.

Open dates are available for July.  
For information, please contact

Rebecca Atkinson at 434.203.1666 or 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 is Outlook Class.



### 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 2** Maude Dalton  
Brookdale Piedmont, 149 Executive Ct. Danville 24541

**July 9** Lois Hayes  
Stratford Health Care, 1111 Main St. Danville 24541

**July 16** Flo Hall  
Brookdale Piedmont, 149 Executive Ct. Danville 24541

**July 23** Grace Litzenberg  
954 Main Street Danville 24541

**July 30** Rev. Cecil Eanes  
Stratford Health Care 1111 Main St. Danville 24541



### Property Committee

#### *Bob's To-Do List*

Touch up paint in Sunday School/ Day School room from roof leak damage

Hall light fixture replaced

Repair porch roof at Sutherlin Street entrance

#### *Completed items:*

Power wash front steps and sidewalk

Finish grab bars in women's room across from Sunday School office

Clean Gutters

Replace sump pump line

Secure downspout

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### Christian Education

Committee

Brenna Takata, Chair

Christian Education will  
meet on Monday, July 24  
at 4:30 p.m. in the Parlor.



A list of duties, committee  
Information, and more is  
available at

[http://fpcdanville.com/  
duties-and-committees/](http://fpcdanville.com/duties-and-committees/)

On Father's Day,  
**James Frederick Gill, Jr.** was  
baptized and joined our  
church family. James is the son  
of James Gill, Sr.



## PRESBYTERIAN MISSION EMPHASIS



Two of the missionaries FPC supports are the **Rev. Dr. Tom Harvey and Judy Harvey** in Oxford, England. Tom works with The Oxford Centre for Mission Studies (OCMS), training global church leaders, scholars, and missionaries working in complex and diverse contexts around the globe.

The Harveys are coming to the States for their son's wedding and will be in Danville to tell us how their ministry is doing. The Missions Committee invites anyone who wants to join us in breaking bread with them at a local restaurant. More details will be forthcoming. Reservations will be necessary in order to accommodate all who are interested.

## BARBEQUE COURTESY OF DIXIE HAYES

*From the 2009 Stewardship Supper Cookbook*

1 4-5 lb Boston Butt roast  
1/4 cup apple cider vinegar  
2 Tbsp packed brown sugar  
1/2 tsp each salt and pepper  
1/2 tsp crushed red pepper

Cut meat to fit a 3-6 quart slow cooker. In a small bowl, combine vinegar, brown sugar, salt, red pepper, and black pepper. Pour mixture over meat. Cover. Cook on low heat setting for 10-12 hours or on high for 5-6 hours. Transfer meat to a cutting board; reserve cooking juices.

After cooling, cut meat off bones and coarsely chop. In a medium bowl, combine meat and as much juice as desired to moisten.

Note: After meat is chopped, season to taste with more salt, pepper, and Greek Seasoning; then pour Smithfield Barbeque Vinegar Sauce over meat.



**July 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  
26 Colin Meadors  
28 Bill Brown  
29 Libby Hodge  
30 Scott Machado  
31 Matthew Dolianitis

### Anniversaries

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

## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION



Last month in this column we highlighted a special form of stewardship practiced by Marie-Louise Crane. This month our spotlight falls on another member who works so tirelessly for the church. In fact, I still have an email that his wife once sent that states "From a woman who is so blessed to be married to a saint!"

Who is this saint? None other than Kent Shelton! Kent is known for his many acts of stewardship in the church including being a Diaconate and Session member, a Sunday school teacher, and for his thoughtful Young Disciple presentations. He also does a great job in developing themes and ideas for various church activities and is typically one of the people working the hardest to make the activity a success.

Kent works tirelessly on the Membership Committee to bring enjoyable and rewarding outings to the congregation and is always willing to visit church members in need. We are truly blessed to have someone like Kent who practices stewardship in so many ways. Thank You Kent!

### Stewardship Corner

#### May 2017 Financials

	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (Last Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Bud/Act (This Year)
Contributions	\$23,397.81	\$129,354.32	\$115,245.04	\$129,375.00	(\$20.68)
Other Income	\$330.46	\$1,476.04	\$113,588.55	\$4,061.05	(\$2,585.01)
Transfers	\$0.00	\$41,796.27	\$28,879.69	\$38,964.80	\$2,831.47
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$23,728</b>	<b>\$172,627</b>	<b>\$257,713</b>	<b>\$172,401</b>	<b>\$226</b>
Expenses	\$28,633	\$183,758	\$275,640	\$171,359	(\$12,399)
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>(\$4,904)</b>	<b>(\$11,132)</b>	<b>(\$17,926)</b>	<b>\$1,041</b>	<b>(\$12,173)</b>

#### Stewardship News

As you probably remember, last year we had to cut our Mission's spending due to the financial condition of our church. However, due primarily to your generosity, we were able to significantly improve our financial condition during 2016. Because of this improvement, the Finance committee agreed to increase Mission's spending by \$15,000 in the first half of 2017 and will review the second half Mission's during their next meeting. Hats off to our generous congregation!

#### Stewardship thought for July

The Stewardship theme for 2017 is "Bearing Fruit; Using our talents". There will be several activities and events over the next few months that will build on this theme. Please stay tuned...

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Founded in 1826, we were the first organized congregation in Danville. Our sanctuary and offices are located at 937 Main St, next door to the Sutherlin Mansion and Museum and a few blocks west of downtown.

On Sundays, Sunday School classes meet at 9:45 AM and worship services are at 11:00 AM in the sanctuary. For all other events, please see our calendar and missions page. You can also follow us on Twitter and like us facebook.

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