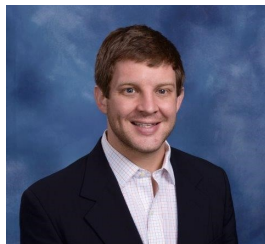


Beyond the Columns

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



Friends,

We have a lot to be excited about as we look ahead to May and the summer. This month, we will have our second monthly community prayer service (May 15), our annual Ascension Day chapel service (May 25), and our annual low country boil (also May 25). This summer, we are rolling out a new format for Vacation Bible School (June 19-22), making our annual trip to the Danville Braves' opening day game, and sending off our youth on their annual missions trip.

Somewhere in all of this, we will also begin broadcasting our worship services live on YouTube. While this can serve as a good "front door" option for us as a church (i.e.- people's introduction to us), it will also help us to stay connected with our members who travel often or who may not be able to attend worship as often as they would like. More and more of us seem to fall into those categories each year. That is why it is important for us to have so many weekly worship and fellowship options, and that is why the deacons have taken special efforts to be more active in visitation and care.

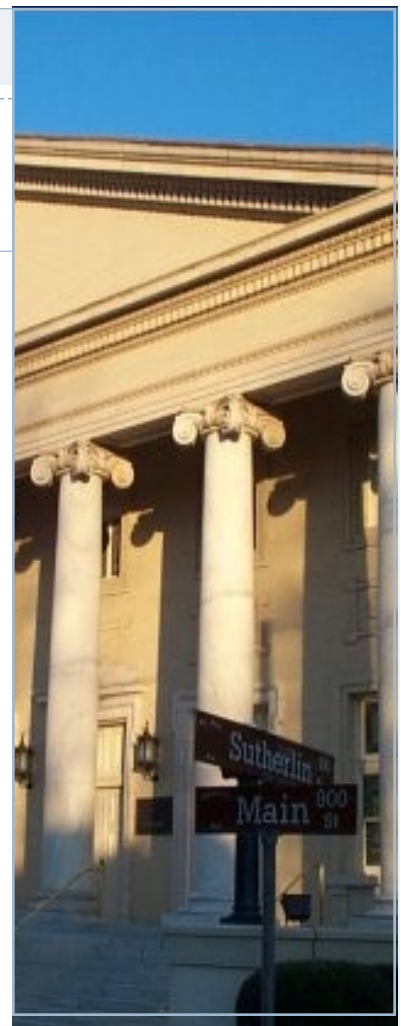
As for what will be going on in those online worship services, we will spend some time in the book of 1 Thessalonians. That's not a book that we hear about a whole lot because it gets overshadowed by the other New Testament letters. Nevertheless, it is an important book because of the message that it carries. There is strong evidence to suggest that it is actually the oldest book of the New Testament, written while the Good News of Jesus was still only being spread by word of mouth.

It also provides some insight into the ways that our earliest ancestors in the faith managed to preserve and practice their faith when they were quite literally the only believers they knew. For this reason, I'm calling the sermon series, "Faith...and then what?" Those early believers in the city of Thessaloniki had many challenges, but they were able to persevere through joy, work, togetherness, memory, transparency, and hope.

In fact, in the letter, Paul even admitted that he was surprised to receive a report that the Thessaloniki church was healthy and thriving. It was confirmation that the Holy Spirit works in unexpected ways and through difficult times to help people grow together in faith. Paul even commended the Thessalonians for being good examples whom he and his companions would commend to other churches.

As we look toward May and the summer, I pray that we can stay connected and grow regardless of where we are going or what we are doing. Moreover, I pray that our travels and activities will give us cause to come together and rejoice and the wonders that God has shown us. Have a good month, and I will see you in it!

In Christ,
Allen



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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

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

May 2017 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	9:30am - Prayer Group 10am - PW 10am - Staff Mtg. 12:30pm - Day Circle 7pm - Evening Circle	6pm - Deacons 7pm - Property Cmte.	4:30pm - Ladies Bible 6pm - Youth	5:30pm - Ch. Choir	Office closed	10:45am - Bib. Study 11:15am - Lunch
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9am - Worship Cmte. 9:45am - Sun. Sch. 10:40am - Fellowship @ 11am - Worship	9:30am - Prayer Group 11am - VIP	6pm - Youth	6pm - Youth	5:30pm - Ch. Choir	Office closed	10:45am - Bib. Study 11:15am - Lunch
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mother's Day 9:45am - Sun. Sch. 10:40am - Fellowship @ 11am - Worship	9:30am - Prayer Group 10am - Staff Mtg.	7pm - Session	4:30pm - Ladies Bible 6pm - Youth	5:30pm - Ch. Choir	Office closed	8am - Men's breakfast 10:45am - Bib. Study 11:15am - Lunch
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9am - Missions 9:45am - Sun. Sch. 10:40am - Fellowship @ 11am - Worship 2pm - Afternoon Tea	9:30am - Prayer Group 10am - Staff Mtg. 4:30pm - Christian 6:30pm - Membership	11am - Day School	6pm - Day School 6pm - Youth	5:30pm - Ch. Choir 6pm - Low Country Boil	Office closed	10:45am - Bib. Study 11:15am - Lunch
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
9:45am - Sun. Sch. 10:40am - Fellowship @ 11am - Worship	Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED 9:30am - Prayer Group	10am - Staff Mtg.	6pm - Youth			



Mark your calendars: **Eat Out to Help Out** on Tuesday, May 2nd. Remember—10% of all monies spent goes to God's Store House!

Join us for a **Community Prayer Service** for the City of Danville in the Sanctuary on May 15 at 7 p.m.

Day School Picnic May 23 at 11 a.m.

Day School Graduation May 24 at 6 p.m.



Contact Jackson for details: Jackson@fpcdanville.com or 434.792.7822 ext. 3

Children: May 20: Fishing Trip! 3-5 p.m.

Youth: Youth Group May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

May 7: 2 p.m. Scavenger Hunt

May 21: Geocaching

May 27: Lunch Ministry

Guys Camping Report: Many thanks to Ina Ingram for the use of her land in Cascade for our camping trip and many thanks to Christy Edgar for the firewood (we would have been very cold and hungry with no firewood). We had a great camping trip!



Mark your calendars for VBS

June 19-22

from 5:30 pm—8:00 pm
(Dinner will be served).

Ages for VBS are 4 year old – 5th grade. Registration forms will be mailed out and they will also be available at the Church. This year we will be at “HERO CENTRAL” where we will discover our strength in God!



PRAYERS AND PRAISES

PASTORAL CONCERNS—

Kevin Bailey, Martha Bell, Chuck Bolt, Lisa Bolt, Alice & Randy Bradshaw, Beth Brown, Bill Brown, Claire Campbell, Nelson R. Clark,

Audrey Cocke, Judy Cox (Kristen Cox's sister-in-law), Maude Dalton, Rev. Cecil Eanes, Clarence Edmunds, 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, Larry Mann, Ruth Meadors, Thelma Meadors, Carolyn Miles, Larry Miller, Alma Moran, A. B. Motley, Debbie Perrin Neal, Rhoda Neal, Judy Poythress (Mike Reynolds' sister), Carson Roberds and parents Ashleigh and Alex Roberds, Ella Ryan, Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Alan Sweeney, Linda Terriberry, Tom West

ON THE MEND--(Praise & Gratitude for improved

condition) Martha Bell, James Cannon, Marie-Louise Crane, Kelvin Gunn, Flo Hall, Libby Hodge, Grace Litzenberg, Thomas Peyton Mahaffey, Lee Norman, Mary Ann Shelton, Russell Vandiver, Jean White, Nancy Wilson

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES to the family of Guy Fowlkes, who passed on Easter Sunday April 16. To Tom Gillespie and family on the passing of his father, Donald E. Gillespie.

To Sally Clark and family on the passing of her mother, Sarah Fisher.

To the family of Ruby Crowell who passed away on April 25.

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.

May 6: Women's Circle

May 13: Westover Baptist

May 20: Unity Presbyterian

May 27: FPC Youth



Join us in welcoming our new members:

Mrs. Kim Meadows and Mr. James Gill Sr.



- The **Missions Committee** is 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.

- Sunday Servers Needed: **Liturgists, Children's Chat, Sound System Operators**. If

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

- Small Group Gathering: Every Monday morning (when church is open) for **Prayer in the Parlor** at 9:30 a.m. Please consider joining us.

—Linda Copeland and Marie-Louise Crane



Flowers on the Reredos

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

May 7: The flowers today are given in loving memory of Wanda Perez and in honor of Pat Argyrakis by the Perez children.

May 14: The flowers today are given in honor and remembrance of all mothers by the Takata family.

May 21: The flowers today are given in loving memory of Homer (Bus) B. Lowther by his family.

Open dates are available for May. 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 Bible Fellowship 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.

May 7 Tom West
903 Main Street Danville, Va. 24541

May 14 A. B. Motley
480 West Main Street Danville, Va. 24541

May 21 Lib Cuttle
263 Southland Drive Danville, Va. 24541

May 28 Charles Cuttle
263 Southland Drive Danville, Va. 24541



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Monday, **May 1**

Coordinating Council will meet at 10 a.m. in Room 108.

Bible Study at 12:30 p.m. in Room 108

Evening Circle will meet at 7 p.m. in the home of

Susan Mathena
700 Steam Way
Danville 24540

Presbyterian Women's Tea and Birthday Offering Celebration **May 21**



Church Women United will meet at Mt. Olivet UMC on Friday, May 5th to celebrate May Friendship Day. Refreshments to start at 10.30 and the worship service at 11 a.m. Bring a friend and your least coins. For information contact Donna Parris at 434-793-9239.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Worship Committee
Jarrod Brown, Chair

Worship Committee will meet on Sunday, May 7 at 9 a.m. in the Parlor.

Christian Education Committee
Brenna Takata, Chair

Christian Education will meet on Monday, May 22 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/>



Please plan to join us for this year's **Low Country Boil** held on Thursday, May 25th at 6:30. The cost will be \$7/person or \$21/family. Chicken can also be ordered. A representative will be selling tickets in the Juice room starting on May 7th. This year we'll also be having a **Pie Baking Contest** so there'll be great desserts available. More details to come!

PRESBYTERIAN MISSION EMPHASIS

Don and Martha Wehmeyer returned to Yucatan, Mexico on a permanent basis in 2016 through their sending agency, The Antioch Partners. Don continues to teach at San Pablo Seminary, recently offering a master's degree course called "Three Medieval Theologians," using Benedict, Bernard, and Kempis to see how each one treats the topic of humility. He says, "This is the greatest tool to fight against *hubris*, the greatest of the deadly sins." Don and Martha have begun their fourth church startup, Peace Community Church.

In November 2016 Don, along with Pastor Jose Chay, traveled to Bogota, Colombia to teach in a Reformed extension seminary called MINTS. A general introduction to systematic theology, a couple of hours on the doctrine of election and talks on how to use the Westminster Confession in the local congregation were given. The courses were well received because often members of Presbyterian Churches read their Bibles but don't learn the theology of the Reformation. Don and Pastor Chay went on to Cartagena, Colombia to visit with members of a Reformed Church. All 100 plus active members have come from Pentacostal backgrounds, but were specifically looking for a more coherent theology than they had in their previous churches.



Don and Martha Wehmeyer, Merida, Mexico

The Reformed confessional heritage has been an answer to their prayers.

Plans for 2017 are to sponsor three leadership retreats. The great challenge is how to underwrite the cost for 45 pastors (\$4500) to allow these servants of the Lord to have a spiritual retreat for rest and renewal. A second need is for \$5000 to remodel the women's bathroom at the Berea Seminary in Palenque, Mexico. The current facility is a corrugated metal building that is extremely hot and unhygienic. The students will do much of the work to build a proper, cement-block building. Contributions for both projects can be sent to the Outreach Foundation. The Wehmeyers' youngest child, David, graduated from university last year, and they welcomed their third grandchild, Guillen, in 2016. To follow updates on Don and Martha's ministry visit www.theoutreachfoundation.org.

NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Save the Dates for **Vacation Bible School** for children and adults: June 19-22, 2017!

MEATLOAF

COURTESY OF RUTH MEADORS

From the 2009 Stewardship Supper Cookbook

One and a half pounds of ground chuck
 1 cup dry or soft bread crumbs or 3 slices of bread torn in pieces
 Add: 1 cup milk 1 clove garlic (optional)
 1/4 cup chopped onion 1 egg
 1 1/2 tsp. Salt 1 T. Worcestershire Sauce
 1/4 tsp. Pepper 1/2 tsp Dry Mustard
 1/4 tsp Ground Sage

Mix all ingredients and spread in greased casserole dish.

Topping:

2T mustard or more 3-4 T Catsup or more 1/2 cup brown sugar

Mix these three ingredients and pour over meatloaf. Cook at 350 degrees for about 1 & 1/2 hours. Serves 6-8.



STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION



Last month in this column we highlighted a special form of stewardship practiced by Nultie Wiseman. This month we have chosen **Charles and Lib Cuttle**. Both Charles and Lib taught Sunday School and Charles was the unofficial photographer for the church for many years. Lib has been a great organizer and the face of the church to so many new and prospective members. She has also been a very active member of the church circles. What better way to “give” to the church than by focusing on the youth and new members. Thanks Charles and Lib!



May: 1 Pat Argyrakis

2 Cynthia Wright

5 Nancy Schomer

7 Gary Wimer

9 Cabell Barrow

10 Kathy Dolianitis

11 Martha Cutright,

Allen Thompson

12 Leigh Blount,

Kimberly Clifton

Frank van Valkenburg IV

15 Kathryn Beale

18 Gene Hayes, Jim Turner

20 Brannon Blount

Lyla Parris

21 Lois Hayes

24 Larry Miller

28 Carolyn Miles

30 Catie Clarke

31 Victoria Shelton

Anniversaries: May 6

Hampton & Barbara Wilkins

May 8 Roy & Pat Pinckney

Stewardship Corner

March 2017 Financials

	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (Last Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Bud/Act (This Year)
Contributions	\$17,408	\$76,233	\$72,510	\$77,625	(\$1,392)
Other Income	\$271	\$457	\$113,168	\$2,437	(\$1,979)
Transfers	\$0	\$9,108	\$3,126	\$23,379	(\$14,270)
Total Revenues	\$17,679	\$85,799	\$188,804	\$103,441	(\$17,642)
Expenses	\$34,378	\$97,274	\$211,855	\$102,816	(\$5,541)
Net Total	(\$16,699)	(\$11,475)	(\$23,051)	\$625	(\$12,100)

In March we spent \$16,699 more than we collected. YTD we have spent \$20,584 more than we collected. At this time last year, we had spent \$26,177 more than we collected.

Hello everyone from the Stewardship Committee! We plan to use this space in the monthly newsletter to communicate a snapshot of the church financials and to highlight any upcoming stewardship activities. This year's committee consist of Gene Hayes, Harriet Beale, Nicole Bracey and David Parris. We welcome any questions or comments.

Stewardship thought for May

“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.” — Winston S. Churchill

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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