



# Beyond the Columns

## A WORD FOR OUR CONGREGATION VISION COMMITTEE REPORT

Over the past several months, a Vision Committee has been meeting to discuss how First Presbyterian Church can make Christ known in the next three to five years. As a guide, the committee of eight church members is using a book entitled “Church Unique.” What is unique about First Presbyterian Church and how can we build on those strengths?

The program has a missional theme. We have looked at the unique needs and opportunities where God has placed us, looked at our resources and capabilities, and focused on what energizes our membership. During our discussions, we kept hearing the word “Nourish”— a) Provide with food or other substance for growth, healing, and good condition; b) a healing ministry for body and soul. A Vision Statement has been drafted that defines how First Presbyterian Church will glorify God and make disciples.

First Presbyterian Church exists to glorify God and make disciples. We are purposely placed for nourishing people in body, mind, and spirit to live lives of restoration and reconciliation in a community finding the Way.

The Vision Statement is a church road map, indicating what we want First Presbyterian Church to become, and sets a defined direction for church growth. The vision needs to be realistic, yet challenging.

Over the next several months the Vision Committee will frame the vision using our values, strategies, and measurable milestones, and then discuss how the vision will be put into daily practice. We will have a meeting with the congregation in the spring to get your comments and feedback. We covet your prayers and ask for God’s wisdom in guiding this process.

In Service to Christ,

Kent Shelton & Committee Members



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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

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

Feb 2018 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>8:30am - Sun. Sch. 10:30am - Fellowship 11am - Worship</p>	<p>8:30am - Prayer Group 10am - Staff Mtg. 7pm - Prayer Service</p>		<p>6pm - Youth</p>		<p>Office closed</p>	<p>10:30am - Bib. Study 11:15am - Lunch</p>
<p>8am - Worship Cmte. 8:30am - Sun. Sch. 10:30am - Fellowship 11am - Worship</p>	<p>8:30am - Prayer Group 10am - Staff Mtg.</p>	<p>6pm - Discipleship - 7pm - Prophecy Cmte.</p>	<p>6pm - Wed. Supper 6pm - Youth</p>		<p>Office closed</p>	<p>10:30am - Bib. Study 11:15am - Lunch</p>
<p>8:30am - Sun. Sch. 10:30am - Fellowship 11am - Worship</p>	<p>8:30am - Prayer Group 10am - Staff Mtg. 11am - WIP</p>	<p>7pm - Session</p>	<p>Walden's Day 6pm - Youth</p>		<p>Office closed</p>	<p>8am - Men's breakfast 10:30am - Bib. Study 11:15am - Lunch</p>
<p>8am - Missions - 8:30am - Sun. Sch. 10:30am - Fellowship 11am - Worship</p>	<p>Prisoners' Day 8:30am - Prayer Group 10am - Staff Mtg.</p>		<p>6pm - Wed. Supper 6pm - Youth</p>		<p>Office closed</p>	<p>10:30am - Bib. Study 11:15am - Lunch</p>
<p>8:30am - Sun. Sch. 10:30am - Fellowship 11am - Worship</p>	<p>8:30am - Prayer Group 10am - Staff Mtg. 4:30pm - Christian 6:30pm - Men's worship</p>		<p>6pm - Youth</p>		<p>Office closed</p>	<p>10:30am - Bib. Study 11:15am - Lunch</p>



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

#### Children:

Bible Club will meet Feb. 7th & Feb. 21st

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**Youth:** Youth Group will meet Feb. 7th, 21st, & 28th.

Ash Wednesday Feb. 14th

Youth Dinner Trip Feb. 18th

Youth Lunch Ministry Feb. 24th

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We will have our next Community Prayer Service Monday **February 19th at 7 p.m.** in the **Sanctuary**. Join us in the sanctuary, as we have prayer time and serve communion.

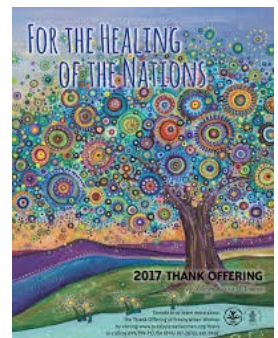


#### REMINDER:

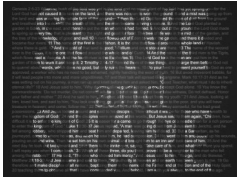
The Men's Breakfast will be February 17th at 8:00 a.m.

You are invited to join us for our study; "Unfolded: The Story Of God." Most of us know specific Bible stories, but do you know the overarching story of the Bible? While the Bible is a collection of 66 books, the reigning theme that still holds eternal implications for our lives today is God's powerful story of redemption. We will explore this story of a God who loves us, longs to be known by us, and ultimately invites us into His story.

The Presbyterian Women celebrated with their annual Thank Offering luncheon in November and collected \$161 that went towards 15 projects (10 national & 5 international) in the way of grants. The Thank Offering provides food and water, alleviates homelessness, provides educational opportunities, promotes health, and improves the lives of women, children and men throughout the world.



## PRAYERS AND PRAISES



**PASTORAL CONCERNS**—Martha Bell, Chlodine Bittner (Jackson Weller's grandmother), Chuck Bolt, Lisa Bolt, Alice & Randy Bradshaw, Bill Brown, Mary Bray (Jarrod Brown's Aunt), Tim Burnette, Claire

Campbell, John Cao, Nelson R. Clark, Judy Cox (Kristen Cox's sister-in-law), Kathy Cropp, Charles & Lib Cuttle, Rev. Cecil Eanes, Marilyn East, Pauline Fitts, Betty Fitzgerald, Fred Gunn, Lois Hayes, Kay Huggins (son-in-law of Thomas and Alice Saunders), Conner Jones, Doug Jones, Maurice Katoen, Jana Keen and family, Tim Kernodle, Angela Langford, Ruth Lawton, Larry Mann, Ruth Meadors, Carolyn Miles, A. B. Motley, Debbie Perrin Neal, Rhoda Neal, Paul Patrick (Charlotte Lowther's son-in-law), Nancy Poindexter (Jarrod Brown's aunt), Ella Ryan, Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Alan Sweeney, Linda Terriberry, Tom West, Samantha Williams

**ON THE MEND**--(Praise & Gratitude for improved condition) Kevin Bailey, Martha Bell, Dianne East, Kelvin Gunn, Mike Lewis (Tom and Ava Barrett's son-in-law),

Erica Mann, Archer McIntire, Lee Norman, Mack Williams, John Rodgers (Jackson Weller's Uncle), Russell Vandiver, Nultie Wiseman

**OUR VIPs**—Chuck Bolt, Alice & Randy Bradshaw, Charles & Lib Cuttle, Rev. Cecil Eanes, Pauline Fitts, Donna Fowlkes, Flo Hall, Lois Hayes, Goldie Keese, Ruth Lawton, Charlotte Lowther, Grace Litzenberg, Malcolm Mallery, Carolyn Miles, A. B. Motley, Fae Smith, Linda Terriberry, Tom West, Nultie Wiseman

### CAREGIVERS

#### THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Our condolences to Ida Ingram in the passing of her sister, Betty Vandiver.

Our condolences to Rev. Bob Ramey in the passing of his brother Richard, January 11, 2018.

Our condolences to Estella Falden in the passing of her granddaughter, Stacey January 19, 2018.

### 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.

Jan. 6: Women's Circle  
Jan. 13: Westover Baptist  
Jan. 20: Unity Presbyterian  
Jan. 27: Youth



Mack Williams is doing well from recent hip replacement surgery and recovering at Riverside Rehab room 25B.

The 2nd floor apartment is available for rent. Recently remodeled and painted, this apartment has 2 bedrooms (possible 3rd), 2 bathrooms, living room, dining room. Rent will be \$800/with \$800 security deposit. If you know anyone interested, please call Dick Stoakley at 792-7822 ext. 5

After 15 years of exemplary service to First Presbyterian, Dick Stoakley is retiring at the end of March. We are grateful to have had him as our Administrator/Business Manager.

If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in the Business Manager position, please contact the Admin committee or the church office.



## Flowers on the Reredos



Feb. 4th - The flowers that enhance our worship are given to the glory of God and in honor of our children and grandchildren, by Ava and Tom Barrett.

Feb. 11th—The flowers that enhance our worship are given in loving memory of Sue and Wellington McMann by their children, David McMann, Calvin McMann and Clare Lancaster.

Day Circle will be in charge for the month of February.

We have open dates available for February. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary, please contact Rebecca Atkinson at 434.203.1666 or [rebeccaatkinson@comcast.net](mailto:rebeccaatkinson@comcast.net), for more information.

After the service, flowers are distributed to those persons on our prayer list or as directed by the sponsor.



## 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 Donna Fowlkes 110 Lady Astor St. Danville, VA 24541

Feb. 12 Carolyn Miles 601 Bridge St. Apt. 115 Danville, VA 24541

Feb. 19 Fae Smith 661 Timberlake Dr. Danville, VA 24540

Feb. 26 Goldie Keesee Roman Eagle Rehabilitation and Health Care  
2526 North Main Street Danville, VA 24541



Family Night Suppers this month will be February 7th (Team 3) and February 21st (Team 4). Sign up in the Dunglinson-Roberts room or call the church office to reserve your spot.

February 7th we will have the baked spaghetti, big salads, garlic bread and asst. cobblers a-la mode. The program will be the Gartrells with a missionary update.

Bible Club will be held for children 10 & under.

Price will be \$6 per person/Children 10 & under free.



## Property Committee

### Bob's To-Do List

Paint apartment porch  
woodwork

Check storm windows for  
correct seating

Check scrubbers in  
education building roof

Sutherland Street  
Entrance –columns need  
repair & painting

Broken glass in computer  
room to be replaced

Routine Maintenance items  
around the church building  
ongoing.

### Completed items:

Sanctuary air handler  
circuit breaker replaced

AED installed



## PRESBYTERIAN MISSION EMPHASIS

### COMMITTEE UPDATES

#### Christian Education Committee

Brenna Takata, Ina Ingram  
Co-Chairs

Christian Education will  
meet Monday Feb. 26 at  
4:30 p.m. in the parlor.



Worship Committee will  
meet Sunday February 4th  
at 9:30 in Dunglinson  
Roberts.

#### Update from the Open Arms Foundation

While we are very familiar with the ministry that Bill and Wanda Perrow have with at risk boys and girls in Columbia, the Open Arms Foundation has also planted three churches. These church plants are focused on the communities that the Foundation touches, and through the ministry of the churches, God is transforming lives and families. All three churches are doing well and growing.



*The Pinar* congregation services the girls program has roughly 100 children and 20 adults. *Robledo* services are at the boy's farm and has 60 adults and 20 children worshipping regularly. The *Downtown* church has about 120 people: 100 adults and 20 children.

Notes from the Farm: Three boys graduated from the farm because their family situations improved enough for them to return home.

The Perrows very much feel that their ministry is in a new phase: one that they are calling the Next Generation. Join them as they pray for their ministry to grow and develop as they work to build God's Kingdom in Columbia.

PW Day Circle will meet on  
Monday February 5th for Bible  
Study in room 108 at 12:30  
p.m.

Evening Circle will meet at 7  
p.m. at the home of Gwen  
Baucom, 310 Sutherlin Place,  
Danville, Monday February 5th.

**The Gartrells will be with  
us for Wednesday Night  
Supper February 7th.  
Make plans to join us for  
their program.**



All women are invited to join our  
Danville area sisters in Christ for  
our next Church Women United  
gathering on Friday, March 2. It  
will be held at Loyal Baptist  
church, 468 Holbrook St., start-  
ing with refreshments at 10:30  
a.m. and we will be celebrating  
World Community Day. The  
theme will be Kindling New Fires  
for PEACE.

Mission co-workers in Brazil since 2012 (previously 1990-2008) and serving with the United Presbyterian Church of Brazil. They are developing churches in Brazil. They report that more people are worshipping with them each week. The church had an excellent school supported by the state, their town and the church. It was closed by the local mayor in January so the church and the Gartrells have started English and music classes without the necessary support.

They have many programs for the children in the area and many young people provide a strong support for their church.



Our Church contributed 191 pounds of canned goods and other non-perishable food items to God's storehouse in 2017. Our Day School contributed 101 pounds of this total amount. Let's continue to support this vital ministry!

## BBQ BUNS COURTESY OF KATHY MACHADO

1 lb. ground beef  
Biscuits (tube)  
Your favorite BBQ sauce  
Spices

Brown ground beef.  
Add sauce, spices (optional)  
Roll out biscuits until flat. Place in muffin pan.  
Fill with meat sauce and close biscuit over top.  
Bake according to biscuit directions.  
May use different fillings ex. Pepperoni & cheese.



It is difficult to believe that nearly a year has passed since I discovered the wonderful family here at First Presbyterian Church. Having spent some time seeking “a good fit” in a faith setting, it was clear that I had discovered the beginning of my new journey within these walls. Winston Churchill said, “We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.” What I

value most about my relationship with this church family are the many opportunities we have to give of ourselves for the benefit of others. I have enjoyed exploring the many programs offered by this faith community, and look forward to participating more as time passes.

Jesse and I have two musical children who have both found their place in the world following that path. Our daughter, Katie, is the Middle School Music Director and Musical Theatre Director at The Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, NY. She and her spouse reside in Dobbs Ferry. Our son, Mike, is a professional touring musician. He and his family recently moved to Hendersonville, TN from Nashville. We have two beautiful grandchildren whom we most enjoy for one full week each summer with our whole family at Oak Island, NC. Such wonderful memories are made there each year as we search for mermaids!

In the midst of my 36<sup>th</sup> year as an educator, I find that teaching sixth grade English at Dillard Middle School (NC) and directing the school's Drama Club are fulfilling and challenging in the best possible ways. Having served as a school administrator for twelve years, I am thoroughly enjoying being back in a classroom setting! With what little spare time I have, I enjoy spending it with friends and family, reading, sewing, and working on projects for church. I look forward to having time this summer to get back into our church library, and continue my work there.

Mother Teresa tells us that decisions made for ourselves should be made with our heads, and those made for others, should be made with our hearts. My decision to become a member of this faith family was made with both my head and my heart. Many thanks to all who have made me feel welcome in my new church home.



### February

- 1 Sara Weller
- 2 Ray Beale
- 3 Katie Gillespie
- 4 Suzanne Fehrenbaker
- 6 James Gill, Jr.
- 8 Olivia Walthall
- 11 Virginia Jones
- 16 Wesley Heard  
Adjowa Kassa
- 19 Brooke Atkinson
- 21 Jean Roman  
Jill Perez
- 24 Ruth Lawton
- 25 John Parris, Jr.
- 26 A. B. Motley
- 27 Liz Goodman,  
Bernadine Hayes

Let us know if we have missed  
your special day!

### 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 on facebook.

You can reach us at  
(434) 792-7822 or  
office@fpcdanville.com



The Kitchen Committee will be cleaning our McCain Kitchen & Pantry on Feb. 10th at 1 p.m. If you love to clean and help us get ready for the Holy Week, we'd love for you to come in your 'scrubs' and with your cleaning gloves on. See you there and thanks for all you do for our congregation.

Here are the criteria for FPC Scholarships from the Scholarship Committee:  
Member of FCP, Participation in FPC Youth Activities, Age 24 or younger, Submission of 2 letters of recommendation, one of which must be from the Youth Director of FPC, Submission of transcript if re-applying, must have a GPA of 2.0 or 2.0 from the previous semester at application deadline date. If you or someone you know will be applying, begin now gathering supporting documents, the deadline will be April 30, 2018.



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Dear Friends,

It is time for a new church directory! Rather than a static commercially produced directory, the committee has decided to create a dynamic, user friendly, family oriented album. The theme of the album is to "know each other" and be able to connect and build deeper relationships within the church.

The album will contain member information and photos, be printed on quality paper and be in a loose leaf notebook. This format allows us to add new members easily, updating the album at minimal cost and effort.

Each member or family unit will have a 2 sided page: page 1 will have a photo with contact info; page 2 will have in-depth info personalized by the member/family. The form attached to this letter contains *ideas for the personalization of page 2*. You are welcome to add other appropriate items which you wish to share with your church family.

Forms are submitted for each family or individual member The photo submitted can be submitted digitally or as a printed photo- but digital is best. The photo can be a single member or a group photo

The photo should be recent- TAKE PICTURES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Since this is a "family album", candid photos are suggested.

Forms and photos can be submitted by email (vickie@fpcdanville.com) or by turning into church office

Forms and photos should be returned as soon as possible

We are hoping to have the album ready for distribution in February, but this depends on the response and rate of returned forms.

Please join us in making this project a success.

**Remember we would like you to fill out page 1—page 2 is optional whatever information you wish to provide about you and your family.**

The directory committee

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College Park Baptist Church will host the Community Ash Wednesday Service Feb. 14th at 7 p.m. Please support our community service.

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Preaching schedule for February

Feb. 4th Rev. Dr. Bob. Ramey

Feb. 11th Joyce Perez

Feb. 18th Jarrod Brown

Feb 25th Jackson Weller

Please mark your calendars and make every effort to attend our services.



# First Presbyterian Church

## Session, Diaconate and Trustees

### Session

	2018	2019	2020
	Eddie Blount	Betzy Wilson	Lisa Brown
	Gene Hayes	Joyce Perez	Martha Bell
	Bob Newnam	Bunny Hayes	Fred Baker
	Joan Reynolds	Ray Beale	David Parris
		Gary Wimer (Alternate)	

### Diaconate

	2018	2019
	David Swann	Jarrod Brown
	Kathy Dolianitis	Marie-Louise Crane
	Kent Shelton	Susan Mathena
	Harriet Beale	Jeanne Nostrandt
	Becky Meadema (Alternate)	

Clerk, C. B. Strange

### Trustees

Tom Gillespie 20

Jim Motley 18

Chuck Bolt 19

You can help beautify our sanctuary this Easter by contributing a lily in honor or memory of loved ones. If you wish to purchase a plant, please complete the form below. **The cost is \$15.00 each** and they are delivered to church with wrapping and a bow. Please make sure your information is complete and legible, to ensure that it will be correct in the Bulletin.

**Deadline for orders is March 5.**

I desire to have \_\_\_\_\_ lily(ies) dedicated as follows: (Check) \_\_\_\_\_ In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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By \_\_\_\_\_

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(Name as you wish it to appear in the Bulletin)



