

## Beyond the Columns

When have you experienced God doing more than you can ask or imagine? In Ephesians 3:20 it says, "Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." I don't know about you, but I have a pretty vivid imagination.

I never would have envisioned, however, that I would have played a small part in starting fifty evangelical churches in Brazil. There are a number of reasons I would have never envisioned playing such a role. I am about as Presbyterian and mainline Christian as you can be. I have never felt the slightest call to serve in the foreign mission field and I don't even own a passport. Yet, I learned years after the fact that I had played a role in the founding of 50 churches in Brazil.

At the funeral of a beloved member of one of the congregations I served, the deceased's son got up to speak. During his comments he saw that I was there and he mentioned how a sermon that I had preached on an Easter Sunday long ago had inspired him to turn his life over to God. He ultimately decided to join another local congregation and later felt called to serve on the mission field in far off Brazil. Through the help of our congregation, the one he joined, and the dedication of his wife and family, he was eventually able to start 50 congregations in Brazil. I could never have imagined playing a role in that.

God, through his Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit works like that all the time. God takes our faithful efforts and sometimes our not so faithful efforts and accomplishes things we never could have imagined. I often wonder if the apostles could ever have imagined the impact they would have on human history. In the letters we have in the New Testament, Paul and the other authors are worried about whether the Jews and the Gentiles could ever get along with each other. They were worried about where they would sleep the next day. Would there be enough to eat wherever they ended up laying their head? Would the local or Roman authorities throw them in jail? They may have hoped to make more of an impact on the world, but did they expect it? This passage and many others in the Scriptures testifies to the fact that they did expect more. Continued on next page.....



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Upcoming Events, Meet our Members, Day School pictures and much more.

Do we expect as much? We worry whether the younger generation will ever get along with the older one. We worry whether there will ever be racial harmony. We worry about whether there will ever be economic opportunity for all people to enjoy freedom, justice, and hope. So much of what we see around us calls that hope into question.

What we sometimes cannot see is God at work through our efforts. Through our daily efforts at discipleship, through our communal efforts through this congregation and others, God accomplishes great things. Maybe what we do does not seem like much in comparison to the immense needs that surround us. However, as we preach a sermon, fix a meal, visit a shut-in, donate some used clothes, invite someone to come to church we open our hearts for God through us. It doesn't seem like much in the grand scheme of things. God can take our efforts, bless them, direct them, guide them and through the power of the Holy Spirit do marvelous deeds of power.

As we go through this time of transition in the life of First Presbyterian Church, dream big, imagine the impossible, and serve faithfully. God will accomplish more than we can ever contemplate.

In Christ,

Dr. John



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### **Children Events:**

**Reminder: Please bring your backpack with you on Sunday August 12th. We will have a commissioning for our school age children and commission them as missionaries to their schools, that they might show God's love to all they interact with at school.**

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### **Youth Events:**

**Youth Group: August 8, 15, 22, & 29**

**Youth Progressive Dinner: August 12th**

**Youth Lunch Ministry: August 25th**

# August 2018

To Know Christ And Make Him Known

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6 pm Youth	2	3 Office Closed	4 10:45 Bib. Study 11:15 Lunch Program
59:45 Sun.Sch. 10:40 Fellowship 11 Worship 12 Fellowship	6 10 Staff Mtg.	7 7p Property Comm	8 6 pm Youth	9	10 Office Closed	11 10:45 Bib. Study 11:15 Lunch Program
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## PRAYERS AND PRAISES



### PASTORAL CONCERNS—

Martha Bell, Chlodine Bittner (Jackson Weller's grandmother), Chuck Bolt, Lisa Bolt, 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, Bill Fitzgerald, Fred Gunn, Jay Hayes, Lois Hayes, Martha Jo Hodges, Kay Huggins (son-in-law of Thomas and Alice Saunders), Conner Jones, Doug Jones, Maurice Katoen, Jana Keen and family, Angela Langford, Ruth Lawton, Larry Mann, Ruth Meadors, Carolyn Miles, A. B. Motley, Paul Patrick (Charlotte Lowther's son-in-law), Nancy Poindexter (Jarrod Brown's aunt), Ella Ryan, Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Alan Sweeney, Linda Terriberry, Mrs. Ellen Tunnicliff, Tom West, Samantha Williams

**ON THE MEND**--(Praise & Gratitude for improved condition) Kevin Bailey, Martha Bell, Dianne East, Kelvin Gunn, Mrs. Helen Harris, Tim Kernodle, Erica Mann, Lee Norman, Kaiden Sheldon, Mack Williams, Russell Vandiver, Nultie Wiseman

**OUR VIPs**—Chuck Bolt, Alice & Randy Bradshaw, Charles & Lib Cuttle, Rev. Cecil Eanes, Donna Fowlkes, Flo Hall, Lois Hayes, Goldie Keesee, 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 Dixie Hayes and family in the passing of her sister-in-law, Carolyn Prince (Loris, SC).

Our condolences to Sally Clark and family in the passing of her father, Ed Fisher.

Our condolences to the family of Will & Lee Goodman in the passing of Liz Goodman, their mother.

Our condolences to the family of Jessica Gardner (Philip) in the passing of her father Jim Winn July 29th.

## 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.

August 5: Women's Circle  
August 12: Westover Baptist  
August 19: Unity Presbyterian  
August 26: Youth



Please remember to reach out to our VIP's this Summer as you might be going in and out of town but they probably won't; a card, a call or a visit: we know they will love to see you and hear all your stories.

The June Clothing Drive yielded an overwhelming outpouring of items which were gratefully taken by many of our Lunch Ministry guests. The items that were left, were delivered to the Salvation Army store and to the Langhorne House in their support. Thanks to all who donated; it truly was appreciated!!

## Sunday Flowers on the Reredos



We have no flowers to date for August if you would like to place flowers one Sunday please contact Rebecca.

Youth will be in charge for the month of August.

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary, please contact Rebecca Atkinson at 434.203.1666 or 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.

August 6 A. B. Motley  
480 West Main St., Danville, VA 24541

August 13 Lib Cuttle #108 Commonwealth Health Care  
1111 Main St., Danville, VA 24541

August 20 Charles Cuttle Roman Eagle Nursing Home  
2526 N. Main St., Danville, VA 24540

August 27 Dr. Randy Bradshaw  
Colonial Suite, Commonwealth Health Care  
1111 Main St. Danville, VA 24541



We celebrate 15 years of service for **Jackson Weller**.  
We thank you **Jackson**, for your continued commitment to First Presbyterian Church. You strive to make a difference at our church. We are thankful for you and thank your family for sharing you with us.



## Property Committee

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

Routine Maintenance items around the church building ongoing.

Develop a paint schedule for hallways, etc.

Replace shingle roof

Repair Apt. #1 before renting out

Replace sound control board

Plaster in choir loft

### **Completed items:**

Baseboard in Day School area replaced

Work in ground floor apartment

## PRESBYTERIAN MISSION EMPHASIS

### COMMITTEE UPDATES

**Christian Education Committee**  
Brenna Takata, Chair

Christian Education will meet Monday August 27th at 4:30 p.m. in the parlor.

We will once again participate in the “Back Pack” program at God’s Storehouse. We usually meet around 4 p.m. one afternoon (usually Thursday) a month to fill bags with edible groceries for weekend nourishment. The food is provided and organized by God’s Storehouse. We are given a list, the groceries are lined up, and we simply fill the bags. God’s Storehouse delivers the bags to the appropriate school. It usually takes about 30-40 minutes to fill the bags. Anyone who might like to help should contact Nancy Wilson or the church office. The program probably won’t start until October. When time is finalized we will post in the church bulletin.



Worship Committee will meet August 26 at 9:00 in the parlor.



The Annual Gathering of the Presbyterian Women of the Peaks (our Presbyterian Women’s district) will be held Saturday, September 29th, at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg. There is an exciting lineup of speakers for this Gathering, as well as some surprises along the way so mark your calendar and join me there. ML Crane, Moderator– PW FPC

### DIACONATE NEWS



Happy Holidays or Summer Vacation from your diaconate! The deacons are organizing a Summer project and are asking for hotel toiletries. We hope to collect as many as possible to make hygiene bags for the lunch ministry guests. Some have been asking for this—maybe because Hotel Leeland has closed—we hope you’ll join in and bring us your goodies for our collection bins in the Narthex and Sutherlin entrance. Have fun and be safe this Summer.

### COMMISSIONING SERVICE

**Back to School Commissioning Service will be Sunday Aug. 12 during the worship service, we ask the children to bring their backpacks as we will commission the students to be missionaries in their schools. You are also invited to our Sunday School breakfast Sunday Aug. 12th at 9:30 a.m. During breakfast we will recognize our promoted students.**

## BLACK BEAN SALAD BY LIB CUTTLE

### Ingredients:

1 red, 1 green, & 1 yellow bell pepper, diced  
 1/2 c red onion, diced  
 1 can corn, drained  
 1 clove garlic, minced  
 1 tsp cilantro  
 1/4/c olive oil  
 4 Tbsp. red-wine vinegar  
 1 tsp. lime juice  
 Salt & pepper, to taste  
 1 can 15 oz. black beans, drained  
 Tortilla chips

Combine bell peppers.

Add red onion, corn, garlic & cilantro.

Add olive oil, red-wine vinegar, lime juice, salt & pepper to taste.

Toss.

Add can of black beans.

Toss and serve with tortilla chips.

## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

In last month's "Stewardship In Action", we highlighted a special form of stewardship practiced by Pat Argyrakakis. This month we'll highlight the contributions of Linda Copeland. Linda is a long-time church member and a retiree City of Danville Social Services Dept. She has chaired our Missions Committee and is very dedicated to the local and worldwide church missions. She is dedicated to Bible Study and is integral part of the Monday morning prayer group that gathers and prays for our church, its people and the community. Linda is a past Session member and has served on a Pastor Nominating Committee. She is also active with Sunday School and with the Women on the Church. As one of her friends said, "When the Church doors open, Linda is there!" Linda's many contributions to our church exemplifies the true meaning of stewardship. Thank you Linda!



5 Robert Brooks

7 Alexander Miller  
Lee Norman

12 Will Wiseman

13 Jay Hayes  
Roy Pinckney

14 Ellie Honea

15 Chris Moore

16 Alston Pritchett

17 Tom Saunders

18 Donna Parris

24 Jackson Weller

25 Lisa Shelton  
Pat Pinckney

26 Mary Gat Hamlin

27 Kris Cox  
Barbara Wilkins

28 Walker Davis

29 Ina Dodson

31 Bill Smith

### Anniversaries

5 Aug 1972 Kay & Tom Gillespie

16 Aug 2003 Dixie & Gene Hayes

## Stewardship Corner

### June 2018 Financials

		MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (Last Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Bud/Act (This Year)
Contributions		\$ 20,851	\$ 113,636	\$ 76,233	\$ 81,625	\$ 32,011
Other Income		\$ 617	\$ 1,022	\$ 457	\$ 1,376	\$ (354)
Transfers		\$ 13,044	\$ 66,021	\$ 9,108	\$ 25,618	\$ 40,403
Total Revenues		\$ 34,511	\$ 180,679	\$ 85,799	\$ 108,619	\$ 72,060
Expenses		\$ 27,554	\$ 119,964	\$ 97,274	\$ 108,619	\$ (11,344)
Net Total		\$ 6,957	\$ 60,716	\$ (11,475)	\$ 0	\$ 83,404

### Stewardship News

Hello everyone from the Stewardship Committee! No special notes for now; enjoy ypur summer!

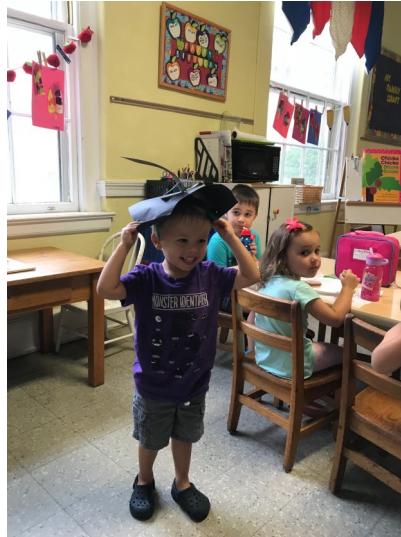
## DAY SCHOOL NEWS

### 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  
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### Day School Summer Session Fun!!

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST**

Sunday School classes are invited to breakfast August 12th in Overbey Hall. Breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m. We hope everyone can join together for this time of fellowship as we kick off the new Sunday School year. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 12th.

~~Christian Education Committee



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