

Beyond the Columns

Dear Friends,

It's been great getting to know the people of First Presbyterian Church during the last couple of weeks. I am happy to be with you and to follow up on the fine interim work that you have accomplished with John McDonald in the past year. Your Pastor Nominating Committee continues to diligently serve the congregation as it seeks the person called to be your next pastor.

So, right now First Presbyterian Church is living in an in between time. And being in between often makes us uncomfortable. We want to arrive. We want to reach our destination. Yet quite often in the Scriptures God is up to something during in between times.

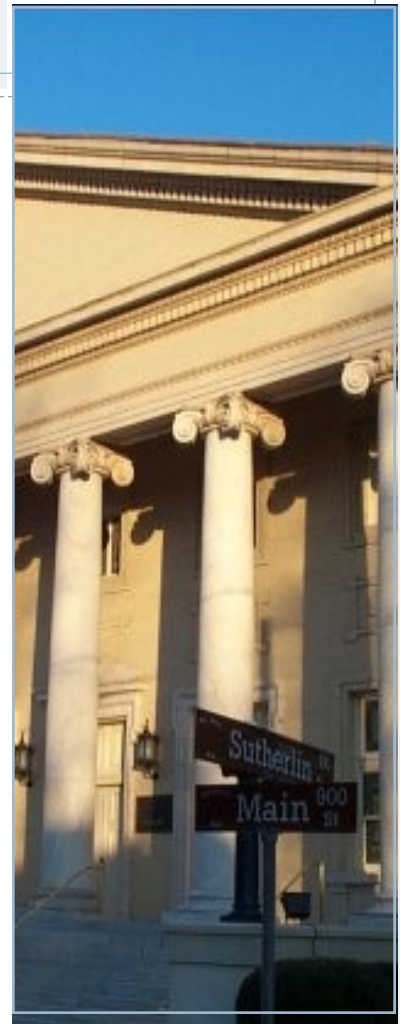
I was thinking about Jacob as an example of this. Jacob was in between important events in his life in the twenty-eighth chapter of Genesis. He had just received a blessing from his father Isaac who told him to go on a journey along which he would find a wife. The story tells us that somewhere between Beersheba and Paddan Aram Jacob stopped in his journey to find a place to sleep. This place in between in the story is not even named. As Jacob slept he had his well-known dream of a ladder stretching from earth to heaven with angels ascending and descending upon it. And in the dream God spoke to Jacob saying, "I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised." When Jacob awoke he exclaimed, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." The place was so special that Jacob gave it the name Bethel, which means house of God.

The truth is that we spend much of our lives in between even as we are often anxious to arrive. We move through the human seasons of childhood, maturity, family responsibility, work responsibility, retirement and eventually return to the God who created us and sent us on our way. To live by faith is to discover and rediscover the faithful God who remains with us and provides for us along the way.

My prayer is that during this interim period we will experience the presence and providence of God in a special way. I am glad to be with you on that journey. Please know that even as I travel back and forth between Bedford and Danville you can reach me at (540) 797-6847 or plaidpastor@yahoo.com

Peace,

Rev. Steve Willis



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Upcoming Events,
- Stewardship Corner, VBS pictures, and much more.



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Children Events:

On August 11th during Youth Sunday, we invite the children of the church to bring their backpacks to church and come forward to be commissioned as missionaries to their schools. We will commission them to go out and share and show the love of God to their classmates and teachers. This is always a very special time for our children.

Youth NEWS:

Youth Sunday and Senior Recognition August 11th

Progressive Dinner August 18th

Youth Group August 14, 21 & 28th 6 p.m.—7:30 p.m. (dinner included)

Youth Lunch Ministry August 24th

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT HELPED WITH THE SON SERVANTS TRIP WE HOSTED !!! IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS THANKS TO GOD AND YOUR WORK!!! We will report on this trip and our trip to West Virginia in October during a Wednesday Family Night Supper.



August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5:30 pm Chancel Choir	2 Office Closed	3 11:15 Lunch Program
4 9:00 Worship Comm 9:45 Sun.Sch. 10:40 Fellowship 11 Worship 12 Fellowship	5 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 5:45 pm Deacons	6 7 pm Property	7 5 pm PNC	8 5:30 pm Chancel Choir	9 Office Closed	10 11:15 Lunch Program
11 9:30 Breakfast 9:45 Sun.Sch. 10:40 Fellowship 11 Worship 12 Fellowship Youth Sunday/Rally Day	12 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 11:00 pm VIP Comm.	13 7:00 pm Session	14 5 pm PNC 6 pm Youth	15 5:30 pm Chancel Choir	16 Office Closed	17 11:15 Lunch Program
18 9:00 Mission Comm 9:45 Sun.Sch. 10:40 Fellowship 11 Worship 12 Fellowship	19 10:00 am Staff Mtg.	20	21 5 pm PNC 6 pm Youth	22 5:30 pm Chancel Choir	23 Office Closed	24 11:15 Lunch Program
25 9:45 Sun.Sch. 10:40 Fellowship 11 Worship 12 Fellowship	26 10:00 am Staff Mtg. 4:30 pm CE Comm. 6:00 pm Membership	27	28 4:00 pm Day School Comm. 5 pm PNC 6 pm Youth 6:00 pm Open House	29 5:30 pm Chancel Choir	30 Office Closed	31 11:15 Lunch Program

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To Know Christ And
Make Him Known

Prayer and Praise

PASTORAL CONCERNS— Brian Anderson (H. Perryman's brother), Chlodine Bittner (J. Weller's grandmother), Chuck Bolt, Lisa Bolt, Amy Bracey Bill Brown, Lisa Brown, Tim Burnette, Claire Campbell, John Cao, Judy Cox (Kristen Cox's sister-in-law), Kathy Cropp, Charles & Lib Cuttle, Matthew Dolianitis, Fred Gunn (W. Gunn's brother), Flo Hall, Lois Hayes, Kay Huggins (son-in-law of Thomas and Alice Saunders), Conner Jones, Doug Jones, Gail Jones, Maurice Katoen, Jana Keen and family, Bob Lowther, Angela Langford, Ruth Lawton, Larry Mann, Ruth Meadors, Dana Overstreet (S. Mathena), Sali Parker (K. Dolianitis), Paul Patrick (Charlotte Lowther's son-in-law), Meg Powell (B. Takata), Ella Ryan, Debra Thompson (C. Bolt's daughter), Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Alan Sweeney, Samantha Williams, Easton Zunker (K. Meadows)

ON THE MEND--(Praise & Gratitude for improved condition) Kelvin Gunn, Mrs. Helen Harris, Erica Mann, Mary Lou Snead, Russell Vandiver,

OUR VIPs—Chuck Bolt, Alice Bradshaw, Charles & Lib Cuttle, Flo Hall, Lois Hayes, Goldie Keese, Ruth Lawton, Charlotte Lowther, Grace Litzenberg, Fae Smith, Nultie Wiseman

CAREGIVERS

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

THE PEOPLE OF TOGO

OUR PNC COMMITTEE

Condolences to the friends and family of Libby Hodge who passed away June 25, 2019.

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 3: Women's Circle
August 10: Westover Baptist
August 17: Unity Presbyterian
August 24: Youth
August 31: Outlook Class



Day help is needed, approx. 4 hours per day with Barbara Wilkins' mother. If you know of anyone that does this type of work (sitter) please contact Barbara at 434-251-0816. Thanks in advance!!

The Finance Committee will begin work on the 2019-20 budget soon; all committees are urged to submit their budget request to the Finance Committee by August 31st.



Please correct your directories:
Gwen Baucom has moved!
Her new address is:

Gwen Baucom
9801 Harmony Woodsway Apt 222
Richmond VA 23233





Sunday Flowers on the Reredos

August 4- The flowers today are given in honor of our congregation by Lisa Bolt.

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 5 Lois Hayes #239
Roman Eagle
2526 N. Main St
Danville, VA 24540

August 12 Grace Litzenburg
954 Main St.
Danville, VA 24541

August 26 Alice Bradshaw
1111 Main St. Colonial Apartment
Danville, VA 24541

If you feel visiting the elderly is your gift, please consider joining our VIP Committee. Talk to one of the following members: Pat Argyrakis, Mary Ann Shelton, Joan Reynolds, Bunny Hayes, Nancy Wilson, Susie Crews, or Kent Shelton.

Carolyn Miles would love to receive your cards after her recent surgery. Her address is:

Carolyn Miles
910 Wilcox Ave. Ext.
Marion, SC 29571



Property Committee

Bob's To-Do List

Computer, streaming TV & sound system hardware & repair Sutherlin Speakers

Investigate the aging alarm system, Carbon Monoxide & Fire Alarm

Investigate humidity control with Centech in Sanctuary

Investigate Amp replacement

Routine Maintenance items around the church building ongoing.

Sun Sail for playground Area

Completed Items

Hinge on little kitchen door

Garbage disposal was fixed

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Christian Education Committee

Brenna Takata, Chair

Christian Education
will meet August 26th at
4:30 p.m. in the parlor.



Coordinating Council will
not meet this month.

**There will not be Day
or Evening Circle
meeting in August.**



Worship Committee will
meet August 4th at 9:00 a.m. in
the Chapel.

Stewardship Corner

June 2019 Financials

	MTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	YTD Actual (Last Year)	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Bud/Act (This Year)
Contributions	\$ 33,444	\$ 167,304	\$ 170,718	\$ 169,750	\$ (2,446)
Other Income	\$ 849	\$ 6,045	\$ 1,362	\$ 2,757	\$ 3,288
Transfers	\$ 11,407	\$ 31,113	\$ 90,050	\$ 47,986	\$ (16,874)
Total Revenues	\$ 45,700	\$ 204,462	\$ 262,131	\$ 220,494	\$ (16,032)
Expenses	\$ 31,002	\$ 211,817	\$ 197,061	\$ 220,494	\$ 8,677
Net Total	\$ 14,698	\$ (7,355)	\$ 65,070	\$ (0)	\$ (7,355)

Stewardship News

Hello everyone from the Stewardship Committee! Continuing with our theme for 2019, we highlighted our Mission Committee with a "Minute for Missions" on July 9th and the Christian Education committee will be highlighted in a "Minute for CE" on Aug 11th and the Vision committee will be highlighted on Sept 8th. Stay tuned to this article for more Stewardship news.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER RECIPES
BREAD PUDDING BY JACKSON WELLER

Pudding:

2 c. milk
1/4 c. butter
1/2 c. sugar
2 large eggs, slightly beaten
1 Tbsp. vanilla
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
1 tsp. cinnamon
4 c. French bread, cubed 1 1/2 inches

Sauce:

1/2 c. butter
1/2 c. sugar
1/2 c. heavy whipping cream
1/2 c. packed brown sugar
1 Tbsp. vanilla

Heat oven to 350. Grease 1 1/2 qt. casserole; set aside. Place bread cubes onto baking sheet. Bake 8-10 minutes or until toasted. Place bread cubes in casserole, set aside. Combine milk and 1/4 c butter in pan. Cook over medium heat 4-7 minutes or until butter is melted. Cool slightly. Combine all remaining pudding ingredients in bowl; mix well. Add milk mixture; mix well. Pour milk mixture over bread cubes. Bake 40-45 minutes or until set in center. Meanwhile, combine all sauce ingredients except vanilla in pan. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, 5-8 minutes or until mixture thickens and comes to a full boil. Stir in 1 Tbsp vanilla. Spoon warm pudding into individual dessert dishes; serve with sauce. Store refrigerated.

Back to School Commissioning Service will be Sunday Aug. 11th during the worship service, we ask the children to bring their backpacks as we will commission them to be missionaries in their schools. You are also invited to our Sunday School breakfast Sunday Aug. 11th at 9:30 a.m. During breakfast we will recognize our promoted students.



Just a reminder, after events and meetings please turn off all lights and set the alarm system when you leave. Thank you.



2 Alice Bradshaw

5 Robert Brooks

7 Alexander Miller

12 Will Wiseman

13 Jay Hayes
Roy Pinckney

14 Ellie Honea

15 Chris Moore

17 Tom Saunders

18 Donna Parris

24 Jackson Weller

25 Pat Pinckney

27 Kris Cox
Barbara Wilkins

28 Walker Davis

29 Ina Dodson

31 Bill Smith

Anniversaries

Aug 5, 1972 Kay & Tom Gillespie

Aug 16, 2003 Dixie & Gene Hayes

If we've missed your special day let us know !!

**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 like us on facebook.

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

Opportunities to Study the Word Sunday Mornings

Youth & Adult Sunday School 9:45 a.m.– 10:40 a.m.

Youth (middle & high school) Rm 112 /Jackson Weller & Tom Gillespie discuss the scripture lesson being used in the sermon, to prepare for worship/discussion type class

Bible Seekers/Rm 109/ Joyce Perez “Feasting on the Word” / discussion type class

Bible Study Fellowship/Library/Linda Copeland Ligonier Ministry’s “Tabletalk Magazine” / discussion type class

Outlook/Rm 322/Jay Hayes, Tom Barrett, Bob Newnam, Kent Shelton & Gene Hayes “The Present Word” / lecture type class

The Children’s Extended Time (mid-worship 11:15-12:00) Deep Blue Cokesbury Curriculum bringing to life the stories & lessons that are the foundation for our Christian faith.

K-2/Rm 304/various instructors

Gr 3-5/Rm 306/various instructors

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