

Beyond the Columns

First Presbyterian Church—Danville, Virginia

189 Years of “knowing Christ and making Him known”

May
2016



What have you been up to since Easter? Have you stuck around town? Did you go to the beach? The lake? The mountains? A whole bunch of dance recitals? I didn't do much immediately after Easter, but while Bob Ramey was leading you in worship last week, I went to a conference in Denver and then joined Kelsey for a couple of days in Atlanta.

Every year, it seems that by the time we get to May, we have so much going on that Easter is a distant memory. This year's early Easter has made that seem even more so. If we look back at the time frame of the events following Jesus's resurrection, however, we find that this is the point at which things *really* got interesting (not that being resurrected from the dead isn't interesting). From what we know, the 40 days after Jesus's resurrection were not terribly different from his few years of ministry with his disciples.

After those 40 days, however, Jesus ascended and was taken up into heaven. Just before he ascended, Jesus told his disciples that the Holy Spirit was going to come to them and that they would be his witnesses throughout the world. Ten days later, the Holy Spirit gave the apostles gifts for speaking and for performing miracles, and they went out and did what Jesus had told them. In these few days, the church was born!

Since the start of Advent, we have mostly been in the book of Luke, and we are going to continue in May with Luke's second book: Acts. Sometimes it is called “The Acts of the Apostles,” but an even better title might be, “The Acts of Jesus Christ through the Apostles, by the Power of the Holy Spirit.” That's a tough one to fit into a children's song, though, so we will stick with “Acts.”

It is always insightful to go back to the book of Acts and see the firsthand accounts of what the Apostles did once they got their gifts and duties. Whereas Luke probably wrote his gospel about

Jesus's life based on eyewitness accounts, he actually *was* an eyewitness to many of the stories that we find in Acts. Luke managed to experience and capture most of the high points of the early spread of the church, at least to the north and west.

Sometimes, however, it can be difficult to relate to those stories. For example, I don't think any of you have been teleported to a royal eunuch's desert caravan to help him interpret Scripture (at least not during my pastorate). You might, however, come across someone—even a non-Christian—who is intrigued by something he or she has read about Jesus. So, while the context of Acts does not always translate, the work of the Holy Spirit back then can help us recognize the work of the Holy Spirit today.

Additionally, the work of the church back then can help us recognize the work of the church today. The work of the Holy Spirit might have been a very new thing to people at the start of Acts, but the Spirit's work can always move us and motivate us and show us new ways to seek and serve Jesus. After all, the church is always changing, spreading throughout the world and into new hearts and minds every day. Even when it might seem slow and back-to-normal, like the 40 days after Easter, we should always be prepared to buckle up and see where the Holy Spirit is headed.

I look forward to finding that out with you this month and in the months to come!

In Christ,

Allen

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What's happening

Faith and Prayer Walk

Weather should be great to continue worship after Sunday service by walking around the block in prayer and thanksgiving. Meet at the Sutherlin entrance as soon as we can after service ends.



Low Country Boil

Please plan to join us for this year's Low Country Boil held on Wednesday, May 25th at 6:30. The cost will be \$8/person or \$24/family. Chicken can also be ordered. A representative from the Membership Committee will be selling tickets in the Juice room starting on May 9th. This year we'll also be having a Pie Baking Contest so there'll be great deserts available. More details to come!



New Member Class Series

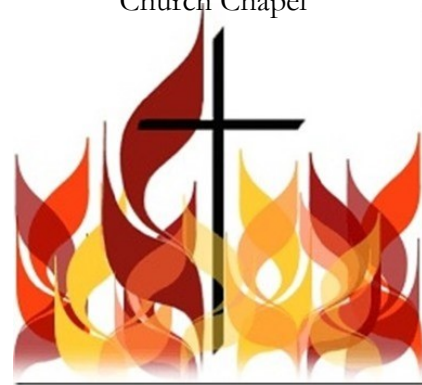
May 1 and May 8 in the Fellowship Hall
at 9:45 a.m.

Chapel Time

Join us for a short lesson and prayer every Wednesday
at 12:15 in the Chapel (Sutherlin Entrance)

Ascension Day Service

May 5, 2016 12:15-1:15 pm First Presbyterian
Church Chapel



Youth Group

We will meet for Youth Group from 6:00-7:30pm
Wednesdays: May 4, May 11, May 18,
May 25th— Low Country Boil

May 15 is the Scavenger Hunt
May 26th- Lunch Ministry

jackson@fpcdanville.com 792-7822



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

Contact Jackson for details:

jackson@fpcdanville.com 792-7822

"You get a line, I'll get a pole, and we'll go down to the
fishin' hole."

The children will go fishing on the
afternoon of May 22 nd . Please mark your calendars
and be looking for a postcard with full details on this
event!!!

May 22 2:30– 4:30
at Tommy and Susan' Mathena's

Presbyterian Women's Tea

The Presbyterian Women will host a tea on

Sunday, May 1, 2016 2:00-4:00 pm

Overbey Fellowship Hall

Please join us as we honor one of our own with a

Life Membership.

You do not have to be a regular circle member to attend.

Opportunities to serve and share

Prayers and Praises*

Continue to pray for: Anne Banks, Chuck Bolt, Pat Bolt, Alice & Randy Bradshaw, Beth Brown, Bill Brown, Mary Ann Burton, Nelson R. Clark (David's father), Jay Covington (Jean White's nephew), Ruby Crowell, Grace Dahl, Maude Dalton, Ronnie Dinkle, Rev. Cecil Eanes, R. L. Clifton, W. J. "Buck" Collins, Clarence Edmunds, Bill Erwin, Sarah Fischer (Sally Clark's mother), Betty Fitzgerald, Fred Gunn, Lois Hayes, Tim Hooker, Kathy Huggins, Glenda Hyde, Conner Jones, Chris Kile, Ruth Lawton, Larry Mann, Jake McGee, Thelma Meadors, Carolyn Miles, Larry Miller, Alex Mitchell, A. B. Motley, Debbie Perrin Neal, Richard Russell (Ina Ingram's brother), Ella Ryan, Alice Saunders, Diane Shelton, Alan Sweeney, Pat Tyler, Russell Vandiver, Nultie Wiseman.

All of the Caregivers.

All of those who have recently lost loved ones: The Family of Alice Macdonald, Thor Wright (father), Rhoda Neal (nephew), Becky Meadema (cousin), Luis Abreu (mother). Marie Louise Crane (uncle)

Serving in the military: Mark Heard, Josh Kopp

*Praises for answered prayer in improved health and/or recovery from injury: Ina Ingram, Joyce Perez, Thomas Peyton Mahaffey

**We would appreciate knowing if the status of those on the prayer list has changed. It is wonderful to share the evidence of the power of prayer, or to know if we need to increase the intensity or direction of our petitions to the Lord, Our Savior. Contact the church office with requests & updates. 792-7822. Confidentiality is respected, of course.*

A note from your Membership Committee...If you are in need of a ride to church on Sunday or to other church activities, please contact the church office. We'll make sure you get to your activity!

TRUTH HOUSE

Your Missions Committee is also supporting Cross Road Christian Counseling with goods for their Truth House. See the box in the Sutherlin Entrance with their needs written on note cards; your gifts are truly needed and appreciated

Lunch Ministry

WHAT: Serving a hot lunch to the community every Saturday

WHEN: Every Saturday; volunteers work from 10:30 am –1:00 pm. Lunch is served at 11:30 am

WHO: Different groups are in charge each week, extra help is always appreciated

May 7: FPC's Women's Evening Circle

May 14: Westover Baptist Youth

May 21 : Unity Presbyterian Church's Women

May 28: FPC's Youth

God's Storehouse Backpack Program

We are packing up the lunches for the Back Pack Program at God's Store House again on Thursday, May 12th, 4.30 pm if you'd like to come and help.

Contact : Nancy Wilson.

A note from the Choir

The Choirs at FPC always welcome new participants.

Rehearsals are typically scheduled as follows, but always refer to the calendar pg 2!

Chancel Choir Thursdays at 5:30 pm

Handbells 2nd, 3rd, 4th Tuesdays at 6:15 pm

Good News Choir Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

Please contact Heather at

heather.robertson@pcs.k12.va.us

Church Women United

All women are invited to celebrate May Friendship Day with Church Women United on Friday, May 6th at 10.30 at High Street Baptist Church. Please bring your least coins and a friend. For more information, contact Donna Parris at [434-793-9230](tel:434-793-9230).

Sunday servers and sharers

Flowers on the Reredos

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

May 1: In loving memory of Wanda Perez, and in honor of Pat Argyrakis by the Perez children

May 8:

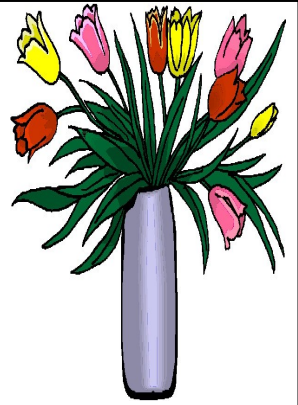
May 15: To the glory of God and in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Allen Thompson by the Blount family

May 22: In loving memory of Homer (Bus) B. Lowther by his family

May 29: In celebration of the marriage of Anna Honea and Matthew Tremblay

***Open dates are available for sponsoring flowers. For information please contact**

Rebecca Atkinson at 434-203-1666. 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: Bible Fellowship Class*

Serving this month May 2016

Children's Sunday Activities

	<u>Nursery/ Sunday School</u>	<u>Older class</u>	<u>Younger class</u>	<u>Children's Chat</u>		<u>Liturgist</u>
1	Leigh Blount, Marissa Meadors	Lisa and Lia Argyrakis	Whitney and Catie Clarke	Kent Shelton	1	Colin Meadors
8	Ava Barrett	Erin Parris, Kathy Machado	Karan Johnson, Susie Crews	Whitney Clarke	8	Bunny Hayes
15	Kim Clifton, Diane Shelton	Laura Jones, Carolyn Baker	Kathy Dolianitis, Gwen Baucom	Tom Barrett	15	Becky Meadema
22	Harriet Beale	Sara Weller, Jennifer Stowe	Rebecca Atkinson, Chris Moore	Tom Gillespie	22	Gail Gunn
29	Brenna Takata	Carolyn Baker, Gwen Baucom	Karan Johnson, Susie Crews	Pat Bolt	29	Pat Bolt

	<u>Friendship: Deacons*, Elder</u>		<u>Sat Lunch Deacon, Elder</u>
1	*Kathy Dolianitis, Harriet Beale, Tom Barrett CAKE SUNDAY		
8	*Kent Shelton, Marie Louise Crane, Dave Zook	7	Kathy Dolianitis, Gene Hayes
15	*John Parris, Mike Reynolds, Hampton Wilkins	14	Gary Wimer
22	*Harriet Beale, Ava Barrett, Gail Gunn	21	Becky Meadema, Tom Barrett
29	*Becky Meadema, David Swann, Brenna Takata	28	John Parris, Brenna Takata

	<u>Elders-Front Door</u>	<u>Sound System</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
1	Gene Hayes	Ray Beale	
8	Ina Ingram	C. B. Strange	
15	Jay Hayes	Dick Stoakley	
22	Joan Reynolds	John Parris, Jr.	
29	Barry Cutright	Fred Baker	

Monthly Duties

Collections: Becky Meadema

Flowers: Bible Fellowship Class

Communion: May 15

Ina Ingram, Gene Hayes

Opportunities to Study the Word

Class: rm; leader; study or statement, time

Christian Education



Youth and Adult Sunday School: 9:45-10:40 am

- ✂ Youth (middle and high school): rm 112; Jackson Weller; uses the scripture to be used in the week's sermon to prepare for worship
- ✂ Outlook: rm 322; Jay Hayes, Tom Barrett, Bob Newnam, Kent Shelton, Whitney Clarke;
Uniform Lesson Series: "The Present Word"
- ✂ Seekers: rm 109; Joyce Perez; "Feasting the Word"
- ✂ Bible Fellowship: Library; Linda Copeland; Tabletalk, a devotional guide from Ligonier Ministries and R.C. Sproul.

Children's Sunday School ages Kindergarten through 5th grade have a Sunday School lesson during the Children's Extended Time (mid-worship approximately 11:15-12:00). The lessons follow the Liturgical Calendar, bringing to life the stories and lessons that are the foundation for our Christian faith

- ✂ K-2: rm 304; see pg 7 for instructors
- ✂ Gr 3-5: rm 306; see pg 7 for instructors
- ✂ Toddlers and infants: care is provided during the Sunday School and Worship hours
- ✂ Chapel Time: Chapel on Sutherlin; Allen Thompson; short lesson and prayer; Wednesdays, 12:15
- ✂ Women's Circle: First Monday of the month, 12 noon, 2:00 pm or 7:00 pm. See below for details
- ✂ Men's Breakfast: Third Saturday. See below for details

Children's Ministry:

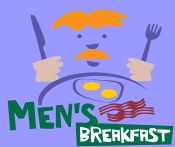
Don't forget Sunday School is every Sunday following the Children's Chat!!!

New Member Class Series

May 1 and May 8 in the Fellowship Hall

at 9:45 a.m.

Men of the church



Breakfast Fellowship & Bible Study
Saturday May 21, 8:00 am
Overbey Fellowship Hall

Study: "The 24 Hours that Changed the World"

Come enjoy great food & fellowship

Presbyterian Women



Monday, May 2, 2016
11:00 a.m. Coordinating Council
12:00 p.m. Salad and Circle
2:00 p.m. Day Circle
7:00 p.m. Evening Circle
Sandra Strange
285 West Main Street

Women's Bible Study Summer Series

All women are invited. Study will begin at 2 pm

June 13	Joyce Perez	Tamar
June 27	Charlotte Lowther	Miriam
July 11	Linda Copeland	The woman of Abel, Beth, Maacah
July 25	Karan Johnson	Widow with two coins
August 8	Carolyn Baker	Bathsheba
August 22	Nancy Wilson	Abigail

Committee News

Committee meetings

- ✂ Diaconate: (Susan Mathena, Chair); Tuesday, May 3, 6:00 pm
- ✂ Property: (Tom Barrett, Chair); Tuesday, May 3, 7:00 pm
- ✂ Worship Committee: (Brenna Takata, Chair); Sunday, May 1, 9:00 am in the Parlour
- ✂ Session: (C.B. Strange, Clerk); Tuesday, May 10, 7:00 pm Session meetings are always open to members wishing to attend.
- ✂ VIP: (Pat Argyrakis, Chair); Monday, May 9, 11:00 am
- ✂ Missions: (Gary Wimer, Chair), Sunday, May 15, 9:00 am
- ✂ Day School Committee: Monday May 16, 4:30 pm in the 4 yr old class
- ✂ Christian Education (CE): Monday, May 23 at 4:30 pm)
- ✂ Membership: (Chris Moore); Monday, May 30, 6:30 pm

Mission Committee

We would love to have your pocket change in the HUNGER envelopes found in your church pews on Sunday. Every penny is appreciated and helpful!

Don't forget those who are hungry and are served by God's Store House; consider bringing groceries with you on Sunday and drop them in the box in the Sutherland Entrance.

Bill Perrow and the Open Arms Foundation in Medellin are looking for an A-Team of dry wallers to help them renovate their downtown property this Summer.
Contact : Joyce Perez.

Funeral palls have been replaced and are in the vault. There is one for caskets and one for crematory urns. Please inform a church staff member when one is needed.



Church Officers 2016-2018

2016 SESSION

Class of 2016 Ina Ingram, Hampton Wilkins,
Thor Wright

Class of 2017 Tom Barrett, Gail Gunn,
Brenna Takata, Dave Zook

Class of 2018 Eddie Blount, Gene Hayes,
Bob Newnam, Joan Reynolds, Gary Wimer

2016 DIACONATE

Class of 2016 Marie-Louise Crane, Susan Mathena,
David Hyde, John Parris

Class of 2017 David Parris, Kent Shelton,
Mike Reynolds, Becky Meadema

Class of 2018 David Swann, Kathy Dolianitis,
Ava Barrett, Harriet Beale

Celebrating our family

Birthdays This Month:

happy
birthday

*Celebrate with us on the first
Sunday in the juice room with
birthday cake—
before and after worship*

1 Pat Argyrakis
2 Cynthia Wright
5 Jason Shelton
5 Nancy Schomer
7 Gary Wimer
10 Kathy Dolianitis
11 Martha Cutright
11 Allen Thompson

12 Leigh Blount
12 Kimberly Clifton
14 Anne Grier
15 Kathryn Beale
18 Gene Hayes
18 Jim Turner

20 Brannon Blount,
20 Lyla Parris
21 Lois Hayes
24 Larry Miller
28 Carolyn Miles
30 Catie Clarke
31 Victoria Shelton

Anniversaries: Roy and Pat Pinckney May 8 1982 **Congratulations!!!**

Want your anniversary listed?
Or if we have missed your b-day this year,
call Marie-Louise at 770-0136 or email [mlinusa@comcast.net](mailto:mลินusa@comcast.net)

VIP OF THE WEEK

May 1 Clarence Edmonds, Brookdale Stokesland Rehab Ctr, 432 Heritage Dr, Danville, VA 24541

May 7 Libby Hodge, 157 Marshall Terrace, Danville, VA 24541

May 15 Cecil Eanes, Stratford House, Apt. 4 1111 Main Street Danville, VA 24541

May 22 Tom West, 903 Main Street, Apt. 1 Danville, VA 24541

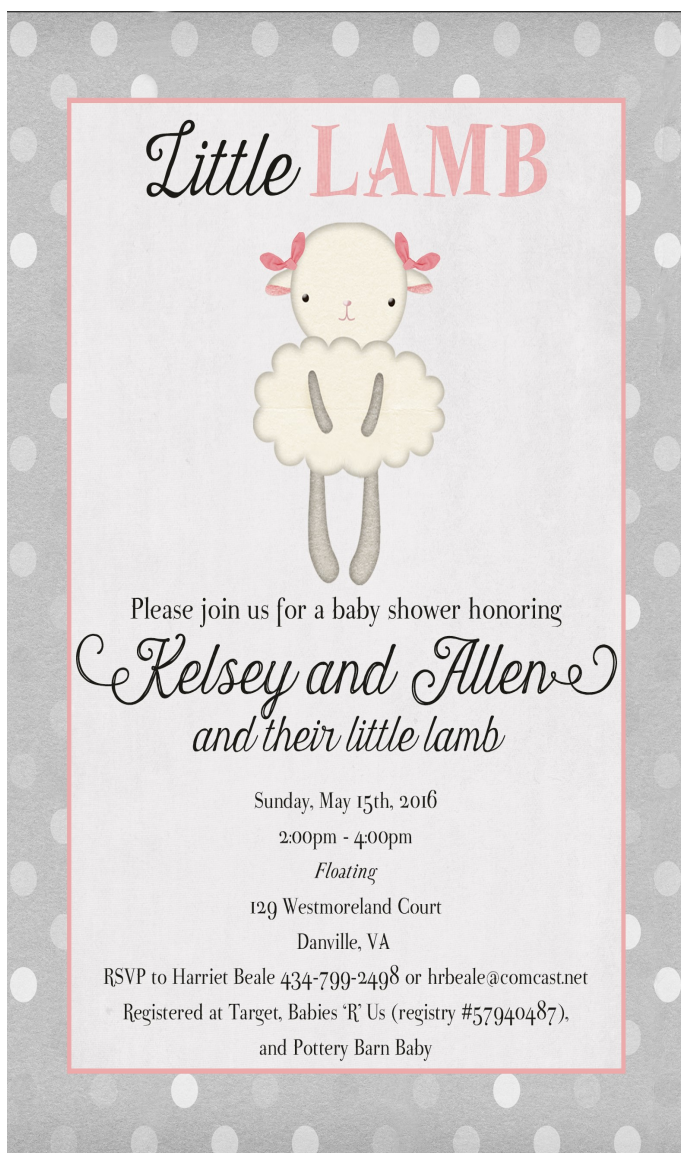
May 29 Charles Cuttle, 263 Southland Dr, Danville, VA 24541

Please remember our VIPs in prayer each week and
drop them a card or note to let them know how much they are loved.

Attention

If you have information for the Sunday bulletin, please provide it to Natalie Langley at office@fpcdanville.com by the preceding Tuesday. If you would like an insert to be printed and included in the bulletin, please request it at least 10 days in advance. Thank you!

Notes and updates



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

First Presbyterian Church has
scholarship funds available.

For an application, call the church office
(792-7822 ext. 1) or email: office@fpcdanville.com

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING

AN APPLICATION IS: MAY 31, 2016

Late applications will not be considered. Scholarships
will be awarded on the basis of financial need,
academic achievement, stipulations of the wills and
availability of funds.

Emailed completed applications are preferred

LOOKING AHEAD

June 26 th will be Youth Sunday; our young people will
lead worship, and we will honor our graduates. If your
son/daughter is graduating this year, please pick up a
“Graduate Recognition and Questionnaire” from Jack-
son in the Church Office, so we might honor them on
June 26 th .

Children:

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School, July 18
-20 (in the morning)!!! More details next month!!!

Newsletter NEWS

Please submit all information for the newsletter by the 20th of the month.
You can receive an electronic version of the newsletter or access it on the website. Or you may pick up
a copy at each of the church entrances. www.fpcdanville.com
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Check out the website <http://fpcdanville.com/>

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