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Dear John,

The long-deceased Southern Baptist minister, raconteur, humorist, author, and **Hee Haw** cast member, Grady Nutt, once wrote: "I believe that the essence of living is this: to be able to look back, and say with a smile, 'I'm glad I did that!'"

I don't know about you, John, but a lot of my time seems to be spent saying, "I wish I **hadn't** done that!" Life is complicated, our lives are flawed, our motives are mixed, our intentions are sometimes ill-intended, we speak and act before we think, our follow through sometimes falls through, and we all suffer from a malady inherited from our earliest ancestors, Adam and Eve. We sin. We fall short. We fail.

There's some slight consolation, I suppose, in knowing that even the great apostle Paul had his foibles. He acknowledged to the church in Rome that he sometimes did the very things he knew he shouldn't, and that he sometimes didn't do the very things he knew he should. He encapsulates very nicely in Romans 7 the universal human condition.

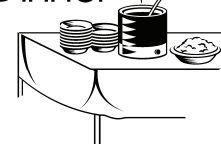
But Rev. Nutt was on to something, I think. Oh, to be able to look back and say, "I'm glad I did that!" "I'm glad I plucked up my courage and had that conversation! I'm glad I wrote that letter! I'm glad I made the apology! I'm glad I spoke up! I'm glad I took a stand! I'm glad I volunteered! I'm glad I visited the shut-in! I'm glad I wrote the check! I'm glad I baked the cookies! I'm glad I took the time! I'm glad I did the right thing!"

As surely as we all have our regrets and our moments we wish we could have back, we all also have opportunities to do something or say something which, when we look back, will cause us to say, with a smile, "Lord, I'm glad I did that!"

Of course, the only way we'll be able to say that . . . the only way we'll be able to look back and say, "I'm glad I did that!" . . . is for us to do it.

Your friend, Gus

Fellowship  
Dinner



**POTLUCK DINNER  
AND  
ART EXHIBIT**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5  
FELLOWSHIP HALL  
6:00-7:30 P.M.**





**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

The Coordinating Team will meet on **Monday, October 3 at 10:00 A.M.** in the library.

The Young and Not So Young Circle will meet on **Tuesday, October 4 at 9:30 A.M.** in the library.

The Horizons Circle and Book Circle will meet on **Monday, October 10 at 9:45 A.M.** for light refreshments in the officer room. The Book Circle will meet in the library at **10:00 A.M.** The book to be discussed will be *Ex Libris: Confessions of a Common Reader* by Anne Fadiman.

The Evening Circle will meet on the second Tuesday of each month. The first meeting will be **October 11, 7:30 P.M.** at the home of Joanne Roos, 1514 Savoy Pl., Lynchburg, 24503.

**FPC Giving has gone Mobile!**

First Presbyterian Church now offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easier for you to give any time from your smart phone. Simply scan the image to the right, using your phone's Quick Response (QR) code reader!



As you consider your stewardship pledge, remember you can give electronically, either through your smart phone or our website at [www.fpcli.org](http://www.fpcli.org). Gifts can be one time, bi-monthly or monthly. Payments may be charged to your credit card or deducted from your bank deposit account. In addition to your pledge, other gifts such as memorials or special offerings can all be made online.

Contact Lori Wright in the business office if you have any questions.

**FINANCIALLY SPEAKING... as of August 31, 2011:**



|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Income Budgeted to date:   | \$522,455 |
| Income Actual to date:     | \$562,340 |
| Expenses Budgeted to date: | \$589,206 |
| Expenses Actual to date:   | \$553,999 |

In August our actual income exceeded our actual expenses, resulting in a surplus of \$8,341. We appreciate the faithful giving from our members and friends.



**Saints Alive! Living Generously**

The Stewardship Campaign will kick off on **October 9** and will end with a reception on **October 30**. You will be receiving your pledge packet by mail, and we encourage you to return your Pledge Card and Time & Talent sheet promptly. This will allow the Budget & Finance Committee to finalize next year's budget expeditiously.

Please return your Pledge Card even if you are unable to give at this time. This will save the Stewardship Committee from following up on unreturned cards. Should you wish to change your card, you can change it at any time. We need a response from everyone.

We trust that you prayerfully will consider your pledge.

In Christ, Your Stewardship Committee

**The Single Adult Fellowship**

will get together for lunch on **Sunday, October 9**. We will meet at Pueblo Viejo, 3025 Old Forest Road. Meet by 12:30 P.M.



**Children's Choir begins November 1 at 4:45 P.M.** for grades 1 through 6. For details, contact Ray Weidner.

## Community Missions

Last spring, the Community Missions Committee decided that during these difficult economic times, we would allot most of our funds to supply basic needs: food and shelter.

Three of our largest donations go to Meals on Wheels, The Rivermont Food Pantry, and Daily Bread.

The Daily Bread offers free meals to whoever goes to its location downtown on 721 Clay Street (845-5703).

As with other ministries we support monetarily, FPC members volunteer with many of these agencies. Two or three weeks each year, volunteers from FPC drive the special diets route for Meals on Wheels.

Once a year we collect goods for the Rivermont Food Pantry. With this agency FPC volunteers also help pack "Starter Bags." Every family unit receives a starter bag and a hygiene bag (soap, TP, laundry detergent, etc). Extra bags are also filled depending on the number of people in the family. They are given enough food for three meals a day for three days. Those bags are easily and quickly distributed when someone in need goes to the Rivermont pantry.

You may remember that FPC collected food in August. That food went to the Churches for Urban Ministry's pantry. Thank you for your great support of the FPC food drive.

In the coming months, we will discuss other agencies, the services they offer, and volunteer opportunities.

Marilyn Bellaire, Chair

### SAVE THE DATE!

**Oct. 16—Annual Youth Rake N'Run.**

Contact Meggan Farwell if you need help raking leaves. We will be working from 4:30-6:00 P.M.

**Dec. 4—"Hanging of the Greens Service," 5:00 P.M.**

**Dec. 18—Children's Pageant during worship,  
11:00 A.M.**



## Men's Fellowship

An open invitation is extended to all men of First Presbyterian Church to participate in one or all of our Men's Fellowship Programs.

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month as follows:

Oct. 12, 2011  
 Nov. 9, 2011  
 Jan. 11, 2012  
 Feb. 8, 2012  
 Mar. 14, 2012  
 April 11, 2012 (Ladies' Night).

We have social time from 6:00-6:30 P.M. Buffet starts at 6:30 P.M. The program begins at 7:15 P.M. and is over by 8:00 P.M.

Sign-up sheets will be available in the lobby two Sundays prior to the program date. The cost of each program is \$10.00, including a full buffet catered by Meriwether-Godsey.

Please come and join your friends or meet new ones. We look forward to seeing you on Oct 12, 2011.

The following is a description of the programs on the specified dates.

**Oct. 12, 2011** Three Presbyterian ministers from local churches share their experiences in growing and maintaining their congregations.

**Nov. 9, 2011** Our own Dave Tate will bring us the latest on nuclear power here and overseas.

**Jan. 11, 2012** To be announced

**Feb. 8, 2012** Dr. Lucius Clay, Lynchburg surgeon, will provide us with an enjoyable evening with stories of his grandfather, General Lucius Clay, who was in charge of rehabilitating Berlin at the end of World War II.

**Mar. 14, 2012** To be announced

**April 11, 2012** To be confirmed



**CHURCHES FOR URBAN MINISTRY CITRUS SALE**



**It's that time of year again.** Churches for Urban Ministry (CUM) is an organization started more than 50 years ago. Your purchases help support Camp Timothy, a six-week summer Christian camp for kids in the inner city. CUM also supports a food pantry, a male mentoring program, a school year tutoring program "Timothy II," and other ministries that directly impact families and children in need.

**Please note that the 20 lb boxes are a better value.** Although the profit margin is about the same on both the 10 lb boxes and the 20 lb boxes, you really do get more for the money! I order quite a lot for my own use. Often I am still using the fruit in early February. The fruit keeps well in a cool garage or porch as long as you cover the fruit with a blanket when it is freezing.

Order by sending the following form **with your payment.** Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church. Send checks directly to the address on the form! **Delivery will be Dec. 16.** The fruit is from Florida Indian River Groves; it makes wonderful Christmas presents! **Orders must be received by Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011.**

Your donations are always welcome.

Cut along line and mail.

| Description  | Price | Quantity | Total Price |
|--|-------|----------|-------------|
| 10 lb box navel oranges (16-18 oranges)            | 16.00 | _____    | \$ _____    |
| 20 lb box navel oranges (28-40 oranges)            | 12.00 | _____    | \$ _____    |
| 10 lb box red grapefruit (8-10 grapefruit)         | 16.00 | _____    | \$ _____    |
| 20 lb box red grapefruit (16-24 grapefruit)        | 22.00 | _____    | \$ _____    |
| 10 lb box mixed oranges & grapefruit (6-8 o & 5 g) | 16.00 | _____    | \$ _____    |
| 20 lb box mixed oranges & grapefruit (16 o & 9 g)  | 22.00 | _____    | \$ _____    |
| 10 lb box tangelos (22-30 tangelos)                | 16.00 | _____    | \$ _____    |
| 20 lb box tangelos (36-50 tangelos)                | 22.00 | _____    | \$ _____    |

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please **phone** me when the fruit arrives, and I will pick it up at the home of Sandra Wilson, 5316 Hickory Hill Dr. (Directions will be in **First Press** closer to the time of delivery.)

Please **deliver** the fruit to my home.

**Send this form with a check** made out to **First Presbyterian Church**, and mail to **Sandra Wilson**, 5316 Hickory Hill Dr., Lynchburg, VA 24503.

**Orders must be received by Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011.** Thank you for your support.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Berkley, Meredith | Loflin, Tripp                  | <b>15</b> Berkley, Janice   | Carrico, Tommy               |
| Clark, Joe                 | Rhodes, Eliza                  | Cosby Christina             | Ellison, Ralph               |
| Green, Winston             | Strosnider, Mark               | Duckworth, Ella Mae         | Eskridge, Ella               |
| <b>2</b> Burton, Buck      | <b>8</b> Bennett, Lizzie       | Moore, Caroline             | Fleming, Kevin               |
| Craddock, Laura            | Boswell, Elaine                | <b>16</b> Foster, Matt      | Overstreet, Kathryn          |
| Sorenson, Jane             | Buhler, Nate                   | Kittrell, Will              | <b>25</b> Craddock, Cameron  |
| <b>3</b> Giles, Liza       | Hunt, Susan                    | Modjeska, Sheila            | Hensley, Rebecca             |
| McDonald, Margot           | Mason, Eloise                  | Morgan, Johnnie Lu          | Ingram, Eve                  |
| Timmons, Susan             | <b>9</b> Baker, Rose           | <b>17</b> Thornton, Sue     | Kittrell, Anna Claire        |
| <b>4</b> Powell, Christie  | <b>10</b> Nexsen, Meg          | Willis, Sue                 | <b>26</b> Harrington, Blair  |
| <b>5</b> Adams, Catherine  | Sydnor, Sallie                 | <b>18</b> McCausland, Buddy | Hatcher, Barbara             |
| Christian, Lynch           | <b>11</b> Bennett, Lea         | Wombwell, Debbe             | Pearson, Betty               |
| Laughon, Holmes            | Hughes, Mary Lee               | <b>19</b> Crumbley, Laura   | <b>27</b> Reams, Dippy       |
| Saltz, Anne                | Overstreet, Paul               | Hovda, Sharon               | Richards, Nathan             |
| <b>6</b> Blue, David       | Shelton, Lynn                  | Lewis, Canton               | <b>28</b> Morrison, Gail     |
| Burton, Louis              | <b>12</b> Armstrong, Jr., Mark | <b>21</b> Harding, Jeremy   | Worsham, Patty               |
| Irons, Jack                | Buckles, Cynde                 | Landes, Charlie             | <b>29</b> Landes, Brandon    |
| Pinkard, Joseph            | Houck, Betsy                   | Semones, Camden             | McGuinn, Jack                |
| Smith, Maureen             | Stephens, Barrett              | Tate, Mary Ann              | McGuinn, Sam                 |
| Thompson, Lanie            | Wilmoth, Sue                   | <b>22</b> Milam, Rick       | Rumney, Marshall             |
| Waters, Margaret           | <b>13</b> Petty, Beth          | <b>23</b> Brown, Mary Lynn  | Tanner, Louis                |
| <b>7</b> Basten, Walter    | <b>14</b> Johnsen, Ed          | McAvoy, Brian               | <b>30</b> Pierpoint, Claudia |
| Gallagher, Kirk            | Wiley, Nancy                   | <b>24</b> Ball, Ellie       | <b>31</b> Perry, Jack        |

If your name is not here but should be, please call the church at 384-6231.

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS IN OCTOBER

Ellen Wiley—384-7676  
Lou Mekanik—420-2006

Thanks to Leslie Roberts and Janice Berkley for serving in September.



Gail Midkiff  
Angel of the Month

We bid farewell to Gail Midkiff, our FPC parish nurse, at the end of September. She has served our church family faithfully since 2009 by providing us with a wealth of health and wellness information. We thank you, Gail, and we'll miss you!

**FIRST PRES WELCOMES  
PAUL HENSLEY,  
ITS RECENT NEW MEMBER!**



**Paul and Rebecca Hensley  
1004 Williamsburg Pl., Lynchburg, VA 24503  
Telephone: 434-384-1954**

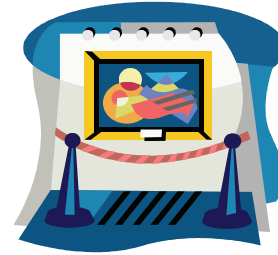
Paul is the newest member of our church, and his wife Rebecca is also a member of our church. Paul and Rebecca married in 2009. They are both members of the Chancel Choir.

Paul is originally from Lynchburg. He has lived away from here since 1963. Paul received his Doctorate in Colonial American History from William and Mary, and he spent many years as the archivist at Winterthur (Wintertour) in Wilmington, DE. (5105 Kennett Pike [Route 52]). After leaving Winterthur, he continued to do archival work in Virginia museums.

Since his move back to Lynchburg, Paul has been busy working as an elementary school substitute teacher for special needs children and has been driving for Meals on Wheels.

We are delighted to have Paul and Rebecca as members of our church. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Paul and welcome him as our newest member.

**OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**



**October Fellowship Dinner  
Celebrates Our Talented Artists**

FPC is blessed with a truly gifted and talented congregation, and in October we will showcase the talents of our very creative art community at our congregational potluck dinner.

**POTLUCK DINNER AND ART EXHIBIT  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5  
FELLOWSHIP HALL, 6:00-7:30 P.M.**

Please plan to join friends and family for this special event as we kick off our 2011-12 dinner series. Bring a dish to share, and do help us plan by signing up in the narthex.



**Ooh La La**

**It's French Toast Breakfast Time Again!**

It was a favorite last year, and we're bringing it back for our October Sunday breakfast.

**AUTUMN BREAKFAST  
BAKED APPLE FRENCH TOAST  
WITH SAUSAGE AND BACON  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16  
FELLOWSHIP HALL, 9:30-10:00 A.M.  
A freewill donation will be collected**

**Coffee Café** is up and running every Sunday morning, 9:30-10:00 A.M., in the fellowship hall, except on full breakfast Sundays. Drop by for informal coffee and pastries and Sunday morning greetings.

**A TABLEUX OF THE STORY OF  
ABRAHAM & SARAH**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL PICTURES FROM  
MARGIE WEIDNER'S DRAMA GROUP  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2011**



**FPC Youth Group**

**Sunday, October 2 – 1:30–6:00 P.M. Five Bridges Kayaking Trip.** Middle School and High School youth meet at James River Float Company at 1:30 P.M., and get ready for a great kayaking trip down the James River. Parents and siblings are welcome as this is the first of the month fellowship event. **The cost is roughly \$15 per person and may decrease, depending on our numbers.** There is a cutoff of 35 people, so contact Meggan ASAP to reserve your spots. Pick up will be at 6:00 P.M. The float company's address is 122 Rocky Hill Road, Madison Heights 24572. **Waivers need to be signed when you drop off your child. You also can print one off the website in advance (<http://jamesriverfloatcompany.com/images/waiver.pdf>).**

**Sunday, October 9 — 4:30–6:30 P.M. Middle School Faith, Fun, and Fellowship (FFF) Night.** Calling all middle schoolers!!! Come to the church for a fun evening you won't want to miss. **Bring \$3 for dinner.**

**Sunday, October 16 – 4:30–7:00 P.M. Rake N' Run.** Middle School and High School youth meet at the church in the fellowship hall parking lot with your rakes and gloves for our annual rake and run. We will rake several yards and then head to Mi Patron for dinner. We will need parents to drive to the yards and to Mi Patron. Pick up after dinner will be at Mi Patron in the Boonsboro Kroger shopping center. Please let Meggan know if you can drive and help rake and drive [meggan@fpcl.org](mailto:meggan@fpcl.org)! **Bring \$ for your dinner, drink, and tip!**

**Sunday, October 23 — 4:30–6:30 P.M. High School Faith, Fun, and Fellowship (FFF) Night.** Calling all high schoolers!!! Come to the church for a fun evening you won't want to miss. **Bring \$3 for dinner.**

**Sunday, October 30 – 4:30–6:30 P.M. Halloween Party at Meggan's House!** Costumes are optional but encouraged. Come to Meggan's House, 338 Saratoga Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24502 (near Wyndhurst and Brookville High School) for a bonfire, cookout, and Halloween fun and games!

## PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

are extended to  
Rich Stallings  
in the death of his brother  
**David Stallings**  
who died on September 9, 2011,

and to

Carolyn Sparks  
in the death of her husband  
**Richard Thomas Sparks**  
who died on September 17, 2011,

and to

the Harvey family  
in the death of  
**Harriette "Dingle" Harvey**  
on September 22, 2011.

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

2011 - 2012

**Diaconate Chair - Alan Pettigrew**  
**Clerk of Session - Diane Stroud**

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|--|---|-------------------------|
| <b>Budget/Finance</b>                    | - | <b>Doug Brockman</b>    |
| <b>Building</b>                          | - | <b>Caskie Giles</b>     |
| <b>Care &amp; Nurture</b>                | - | <b>Robin Johnsen</b>    |
| <b>Christian Ed.</b>                     | - | <b>Persis Tinsley</b>   |
| <b>Community</b>                         | - | <b>Marilyn Bellaire</b> |
| <b>Mission</b>                           |   |                         |
| <b>Grounds</b>                           | - | <b>Mike Harrington</b>  |
| <b>Membership/<br/>Fellowship</b>        | - | <b>Lee Perry</b>        |
| <b>National/World</b>                    | - | <b>Harold Riley</b>     |
| <b>Personnel</b>                         | - | <b>Bryant Hare</b>      |
| <b>Ushering/Offering</b>                 | - | <b>Julie Brammer</b>    |
| <b>Witness/Outreach/<br/>Stewardship</b> | - | <b>Alan Pettigrew</b>   |
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**DEADLINE: Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011**