

What's First

at
Second Presbyterian Church
January 2012

Our Vision

*As members of Second Presbyterian
Church,*

*We gather in worship;
We grow in God's Word;
We serve in Jesus' name.*

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Dear Saints at Second,

Today I wish to say something about “testimonials.” The word is a tough one for Presbyterians to manage. It conjures up all kinds of images of people walking up to strangers and asking them about their faith, then telling them about theirs. That can be a testimonial, but many people are turned off by that kind of “Let me tell you how it really is” testimonial.

Another kind of testimonial is, “This is who I am and what I believe.” It is much more genuine than the other. It doesn't have to be so condescending, but is more “defining.” We were having a lively discussion at a committee meeting recently when it occurred to me that the other person was giving her testimony. Although she was feeling inadequate for the situation, she was actually defining her faith. I found it inspiring.

The lesson is for us to get over our “fear” of the old idea of a testimonial and to be able to just say what we believe when the timing is right. I wish I could be more specific about “how to,” but the fact of the matter is this: if you believe, then you will be testifying to your faith in Jesus Christ.

The session closes its meetings with the following blessing; I invite you to use it too:
Wherever we go, God is sending us. Wherever we are, God has a purpose in our being there. Christ who indwells us has something he wants to do through us where we are! Let us believe it and go in his grace and power.

Grace and Peace,
Daniel E. Hale, D. Min.

PREACHING SCHEDULE - January, 2012

January 1, **2B-06, 1st Sunday after Christmas**, Isaiah 61:10-62:3, Luke 2:22-40

January 8, **2B-07, Baptism of the Lord**, Genesis 1:1-5, Mark 1:4-11

January 15, **2B-08, Epiphany #2**, 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20], John 1:43-51

January 22, **2B-09, Epiphany #3**, Jonah 3:1-10, Mark 1:14-20

January 29, **2B-10, Epiphany #4**, Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Mark 1:21-28

ANNUAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE BY REQUEST

Annual statements on giving will not be mailed except by special request. If you desire a statement, let Becky know by January 9.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE

Please continue to remember our sick and shut-ins in your prayers or with a card, call or visit. They look forward to these things. Let them know we care.

Senior Day was held on Thursday, December 8 in McIlwaine Hall with 22 people enjoying the Christmas music program presented by Daryl Pecht and Randy Rainey. The delicious lunch was prepared by Evelyn Peebles. Thank you everyone for making Senior Day a big success.

Congregational Care Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the church library.

Hunger Corner

The Monthly Food Offering will be received on Sunday, January 1. The recipient for this month is the Al-A-MO Recovery Center.

Mark Your Calendars!

Senior Day: Thursday, February 9, 2012.

Dorothy Riggan, Chair.

WITNESS AND SERVICE UPDATE

The Witness and Service Committee would like to thank all those who helped make the 2010 Salvation Army Christmas Stocking project a success! We turned in 39 filled stockings this year. Dr. Beecher Watson & Sam Mattocks, Co-Chairs.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

2012 Communion Dates:

Sunday, February 5

Maundy Thursday, April 5

Sunday, June 3

Sunday, August 5

World Communion Sunday, October 7

Christ the King Sunday, November 25

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24

Dorothy Riggan, Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flower Calendar

Now is the time to reserve a special Sunday for worship services. The Flower Calendar is on the bulletin board near the restrooms. Please call the church office early in the week for information to be included in the bulletin.

2012 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes are available in the back hall. It will be helpful if you can deliver envelopes to neighbors and family members.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for the kind words, cards, and prayers that you sent when my father passed away in October. It came as a surprise. So your support was very much appreciated.

In Christ, Marcia Hale

A Special Thank You to the following people who so lovingly gave of their time and talents to make the church even more beautiful for the Christmas season: Pattie Bonham, Martha Churn, Carl Guthrie, Bettie Guthrie, Susan Lobaugh, Alice Martin, Betty Malone, Cynthia Smith, Keith Snavely, Moses Tucker.

SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA TRAINING CENTER UPDATE

Thank you for your Christmas gifts to SVTC this year. Second Church donated 41 gifts to this worthy project.

Evelyn Peebles

Second Presbyterian Church Session Highlights, November 17, 2011

- ❖ Approved the October Treasurer's report.
- ❖ Approved a Minute for Mission for Sunday, December 4.
- ❖ Approved 6 Men's shelter feedings for 2012: First Wednesday of January through June
- ❖ Approved 4 DCU street feedings, 2 in April and 2 in October.
- ❖ Approved Holy Communion dates for 2012
 - : Feb. 5,
 - Apr 5 – Maundy Thursday,
 - June 3,
 - Aug 5,
 - Oct 7 – World Communion Sunday,
 - Nov. 25 – Christ the King Sunday,
 - Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve
- ❖ Called a congregational meeting for Sunday, December 18 after worship for the purpose of electing the Elder Class of 2014.
- ❖ Approved Moses' request to use McIlwaine Hall on Saturday, December 31, 4 -6 PM for a church event.
- ❖ Approved with regret Betty Holt's request to be placed on the Inactive Membership Roll.
- ❖ Approved Dr. Hale's housing allowance of \$25,000 for 2012.
- ❖ Called a congregational meeting for Sunday, January 8, 2012 after worship for the purpose of changing Dr. Hale's terms of call
- ❖ Next stated meeting: JANUARY 19, 2012 7 PM
- ❖ Presbytery of the James Stated Meetings for 2012 are as listed:
 - February 18, 2012; Saturday – Grace Covenant: Alice Martin and Wayne Tucker are Commissioners
 - June 19, 2012; Tuesday – Salisbury Presbyterian Church
 - October 20, 2012; Saturday – Chester Presbyterian church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri.	Sat.
1 Worship, 11:00 a.m. Monthly Food Offering received	2 Church Office Closed, Happy New Year 	3 Martha Circle, 10:30 a.m./parlor	4 Handbells, 6:30 p.m. Church Choir, 7:30 p.m.	5 Prayer Time, 9:30 a.m. Reading Through The Bible, 11:00 a.m.	6	7
8 Fellowship Time, 10:30 am Elder Installation Service 11:00 Congregational Meeting, 12:00 Education/Nurture Committee, 12:15 pm	9 Church Circle, 10:30 a.m. Worship Committee, 11:30 a.m. Ruth Circle, 7:00 pm	10 Congregational Care Committee, 10:00 a.m.	11 Handbells, 6:30 p.m. Church Choir, 7:30 p.m.	12 Prayer Time, 9:30 a.m. Finance Committee, 7:00 pm	13	14
15 Worship, 11:00 a.m.	16	17	18 DCU Meeting, 12:15 pm Handbells, 6:30 p.m. Church Choir, 7:30	19 Prayer Time, 9:30 am Reading Through The Bible, 11:00 a.m. “What’s First” Articles for Feb. due 12 noon Session, 7:00 p.m.	20	21
22 Blanket Sunday, 11:00 am	23	24 Presbyterian Men’s Breakfast Meeting, 8:00 am	25 Handbells, 6:30 p.m. Church Choir, 7:30	26 Prayer Time, 9:30 am	27	28
29 Hymn Sing, 11:00 a.m.	30 PWCT Meeting: 10:30 a.m./library	31				



**Second Presbyterian Church
Presbyterian Women Missions – Calendar 2012**

January 22 – Blanket Sunday is a special mission opportunity that can involve all ages. Blankets enables Church World Services (CWS) to respond to disasters at home and around the world. Please support this worthy cause and **purchase a blanket-\$5.00**, in honor or memory of a parent, child, grandchild, friend, pet or doing what God's moves you to do. Checks payable to PW and note Blankets on the memo line.

"Alone we work. Together we work miracles."

February 26 – "Undie Sunday" please bring children's **underwear** to the conference room (across from the Historical Room) to be delivered to Madeline's House, a shelter for abused women and their children. Many women and children who enter the shelter arrive with no more than the clothes on their backs. Please help these children with new underwear (diapers, pull-ups, T-shirts)

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March 25 - After School Program for at risk youth. Petersburg Parks and Leisure Services offers a free after school program for at risk youth. The mission of the program is to provide an after school safe haven where city youth can engage in positive programs that enhance their academic, social and physical being. Activities include tutorial, nutritional classes, computer time, arts/crafts, physical fitness activities, field trips and operates September through June. Students arrive at 3:00 p.m. and depart at 7:00 p.m. This is an all volunteer program and snacks are always in demand. **Please bring your food items to the conference room by March 25.**

APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH (SAAM)

April 15 - CARES is an emergency shelter for women and children. Located in Petersburg, CARES serves the communities of Chesterfield, Colonial Heights, Dinwiddie, Hopewell, Petersburg and Prince George. While in the shelter, the families receive case management, one-on-one support and referrals to additional resources. CARES help the women and children transition from homeless to housed and then, through Post Shelter Case Management, provide the long term support they need to remain housed. In September, 2010 CARES provided 302 bed nights to 20 adults and 128 bed nights to 22 children. In the first eleven days of October, 2010 CARES provided 137 bed nights to adults and 66 to children. CARES has sheltered women just discharged from the hospital after the birth of their child and elders and everyone in between. **Please support CARES with hygiene/toiletry products and bring your gifts to the conference room.**

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May 20 - Networker's "Nickels for Nets" is a malaria prevention program. Malaria kills a child every 30 seconds making it the most common cause of death among children in Africa and second leading cause of death among children in Asia. This year 700,000 children, most under age 5, will die from malaria. These children can be protected by sleeping under a mosquito net. **Every \$10 collected** provides a mosquito net and malaria prevention education for a family in sub-Saharan Africa. PLEASE HELP!!!

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June in July Tri-Cities Workcamp adults and young men and women volunteer to paint, build ramps and repairs homes for homeowners in need. It is the students way to "give back" to the community. **We will provide lunch for 7 campers**, 5 days; 2 sandwiches, chips, fruit and sweet; fast food is permitted. *Beverage provided by Workcamp.*

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September 26 - James House Intervention/Prevention was founded in 1989 and serves the Tri-Cities and surrounding counties. James House offers support, advocacy and education for people affected by domestic/sexual violence. We need help with **snacks for the children**. Please bring your food items to the conference room (across from the Historical Room) by September 23

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October 23 - "Socks for Seniors" we are collecting **socks (with rubber sole/grips)** to give to seniors in nursing homes.. Please help this worthy cause.

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November 14 -"Operation Christmas Child" was founded in 1990 and is a unique project of Samaritan's Purse that brings joy and hope to desperate situation around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes. **Please bring your filled boy or girl shoe box** to the church and in the conference room by November 12. Please remember to include postage-directions are in the brochure.

November 25 - Southside Virginia Training Center "Holiday Campaign"- This campaign provides gifts for over 300 individual s with intellectual disabilities. Gift suggestions: cassettes, videos, CD's, costume jewelry, knit hats, gloves, scarves, sweat shirts, sweaters, rainwear, hats, parkas, wallets, handbags, baseball hats, radios, large print books, picture Bible, arts and craft supplies.

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December 09 - White Gift (2011) donations fed 3 families (11 people) for Christmas and beyond, 21 fruit trays were delivered to homebound, sick, bereaved, and church staff, 12 remembrances (socks, sugar free candy, cookies, hand cream) were given to members in convalescent centers. **Please support the White Gift mission project with food, monetary donations, and volunteering to help deliver food and fruit trays. (Saturday, December 22nd is delivery day)**

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January Birthdays

1 Bill Kropp
 6 Reps Haskins
 12 Rose Talbott
 Linnea Pittman
 15 William Graham, Sr.
 17 Daniel Hale
 18 Christine Hale



19 Ross Johnson
 21 Donna C. Harrison
 23 Karen Graham
 24 Madeline Purcell
 31 Nyah Speitel

SCHEDULES

JANUARY 2012

<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Closing/Security</u>	<u>Counters</u>
1 Rudy Rowland Nell Rowland	Carl Guthrie	Janet Haskins Davidina Tutwiler
8 Thelma Kirkland Sam Kirkland	Jack Schoeb	Ann Wright
15 Gloria Rose Janet Haskins	Bill Rose	
22 Pat Plymale Alice Kropp	Carl Guthrie, Jr.	
29 Michael Wright Karen Wright	Tim Smith	

FELLOWSHIP TIME
January 8
 Congregational Care Committee

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Many, many thanks to all of you who helped with the abundance of projects at Christmas. Your enthusiasm and generosity are without measure! Now we begin a new year, and there is still much going on. **January 22 is Blanket Sunday.** As the cold weather reminds us – it is good to be warm. \$5 will buy a blanket to help keep someone cozy and warm in these winter months.

February is not far away, and Lent will begin. For the 51st year the PW will be sponsoring the Lenten Series. Notice of speakers and hostesses will be coming soon so you can mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Blessings for a Happy and Healthy New Year!
 Alice Martin, Moderator

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN – JANUARY MISSION PROJECT

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BUILDING & GROUND COMMITTEE

Thank You!

It is the beginning of a new year, Christmas has come and gone, and we are settling back into our old routines. There are so many things we take for granted because we "don't see" or even "think about" something that just seems normal. We drive into the church parking lot and there is a car or truck sitting near the pecan tree with one of our faithful Security Team members that arrive at 9:15 and do not leave until the church has been secured, lights turned off, air conditioners turned off, and a multitude of other things. They walk around the parking lot (front and rear of the church) in the cold of winter and the heat of summer to make sure our vehicles are safe. They donate their time and talent and we are blessed to have such a dedicated group of men. A special thank you to our faithful Security - Church Closing Team;

Thank You!

**BILL ROSE, JACK SCHOEB, TIM SMITH, KEITH SNAVELY,
MARK STEVENS, MIKE WRIGHT, CARL GUTHRIE, JR., CARL GUTHRIE**

Thank You!

JOB WELL DONE!!!

Carl Guthrie, Chair.

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