

Holy Spirit, Guide Us...

This month, we will celebrate Pentecost. On this day (May 19, this year), we remember how the Holy Spirit came to Jesus' followers, and we celebrate the birth of the Church. We'll have a joyful time of worship, and we hope you will join the fun and wear red or other flame colors that day. We won't just be remembering and giving thanks for a long ago occurrence. Pentecost isn't just an ancient story; it is about us, today. It is about the ongoing life of the followers of Jesus. Just as the Spirit energized the early church, she is still the Church – our church – life today!

The Holy Spirit is described in Scripture as a life-sustaining, energizing force, which guides us - and sometimes pushes us - into all we are meant to be as people of God. For almost a year, we have been listening to and doing our best to follow the guidance of the Spirit as we form our new church together. God has answered our questions of who we are to be and what we are to do (a church who nourishes hearts for God, is a home to friends and strangers, and is a hub for sharing God's love as we work to feed the hungry – physically, emotionally, and spiritually). Our leadership team (a combination of the implementation and Dawnings teams) is now hard at work on the next steps, the first of which is naming our new church! This month, we hope to share that name, as well as the process by which we will be voting on it. Be on the lookout for this announcement! Once we have our name, many other processes will begin: identity/branding/marketing work, including a new church sign; foundational documents such as bylaws, job descriptions, budget and financial policies; combining our finances and deciding how to be the best stewards of our assets; making improvements to our church facilities; determining what leadership structures and practices will help us best live into our calling as a church...the list goes on.

While there is much to be done, we know, just as we knew a year ago, that God has brought us to this time and place, and God will continue to guide us. It's likely the early church shared some of our feelings as they began a brand new thing, but as they focused on being who God called them to be, praying and worshiping together, breaking bread, teaching and being taught, and meeting the needs of their community, something beautiful happened – they became a family of faith, and the church grew as others saw “how good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!” (Psalm 133:1).

This Pentecost season, may the boldness of God's Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of the Spirit transform us, and may the gifts of the Spirit be our goal and our strength.

Your Pastors,
Steve and Melissa



May Birthdays

Ray Templin	May	2	Josh Vest	May	21
Jessica Pruitt	May	3	Judy Farano	May	23
Linda Dwyer	May	4	Joe St. Claire	May	29
Steven Harris	May	16	Cara Sutherland	May	31
Kaitlyn Hatcher	May	20			

Prayer Concerns

- Those who are homebound or in retirement/nursing homes: Jim Bryant, Jane Byrum, Virginia Draper, Mary Durrer, Sue Epperly, Buddy Hawkins, Evelyn Hutcherson, Nadine Minnix, Shirley Moore, Betty Obenchain, Louise Parris, Betty Payne, Becky Peyton, Jack Pilcher, Evelyn Ragland, Linda Reynolds, Alice Scogin, Slyvia Shortt, Anna Mae Smith, Joe St. Clair, Frances Williams, Katie Wood
- Those with cancer including Beth Bankston (friend of Debbie and Gordon Williams), Linda Dwyer, Doug Hicks (Kathy Kinsey's Brother), Barbara Kern, Penny Long (Bob Crawford's sister), Wayne Simmons (cousin of Vilas Secrist & Linda Dwyer), Posey Weddle (Michael Krawchison's uncle), Declan (four year old friend of the Morris family), Carolyn Young
- Our congregations, our pastors, our community, and those around the world
- Angela Johnson (Joyce Short's niece)
- John Beard (Becky Beard's brother), recovering from a stroke
- Betty Hall, recovering from a fall t
- Debbie Foutz, as she recovers from surgery
- Gerri Mills' son-in-law's brother, Kevin
- Linda Murray
- Janet King's son-in-law, Chuck Bruen
- Jack Cooper's family & friends, in his passing

Giving

Thank you for your faithful support of the ministry of our church. If you wish to give an offering, you may do so by placing it in the designated plate in the foyer, via mail, electronically through your bank or our websites at: <https://cabcbchurchtrac.com/give> or <https://bit.ly/givecalvary>. You may also donate by scanning our QR codes:



Bible Study Opportunities

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study** is a great way to connect with God and with our church family! We have classes for all ages and stages of life at 9:30 am.
- **Midweek Bible Study** meets Wednesdays, at noon, in the conference room and on Zoom: (www.bit.ly/cabcbiblestudy) . Rev. Steven Harris is leading us in a study of the book of Romans.
- **Young Adult Dinner & Bible Study:** Young adults (20s-30s) are invited to join us for dinner & Bible study.

Faith Lending Library

- We have seasonal resources for the 50 days of Easter on the bookcase in the foyer. Please feel free to borrow books and return them when you are done so that others can enjoy them as well!

Graduates

- We want to celebrate with our church members who are graduating from high school, college, or professional programs. Please let the church office know of graduates **by May 11**.

Thank You...

- Please see the following note from Bobbie Hawkins:
“Thank you for your prayers, cards and words of encouragement throughout the past weeks. You, Rev. Melissa and Dr. Steve truly lifted me up and your prayers were certainly felt. God blessed me with a successful surgery and recovery and the love of a caring congregation. God bless you all, Bobbie Hawkins”
- Please see the following note from Judy Conner:
“Many thanks to the good cooks at CABC/Calvary who gave of their time and talents to prepare a delicious meal which was enjoyed so much after Mother’s services. Can’t thank you enough! Blessings, Judy Conner”
- Please see the following note from The Housing Authority:
“Dear CBC/CABC, Thank you so much for being a part of the Egg Hunt Event through donations & your presence & help during the event. It was a great day! Your presence & interaction meant so much!”

Youth

- Youth are invited to join us on Sundays from 5-7 pm for dinner and discipleship.
- Our next Parenting Teens and Tweens Small Group will be **Sunday, May 19**, following worship.

Women’s Missions: Evelyn Townsend Circle

- The Evelyn Townsend Mission Circle will meet at noon on **Monday, May 13**, at the home of Ellen Scott. All women of the church are invited to be a part of this group that focuses on missions and offers wonderful times of fellowship and encouragement.

Ongoing Book & Magazine Collection

- The Evelyn Townsend Circle is collecting reading materials for the Roanoke City Jail library and for TAP. Paperback books and magazines will go to Roanoke City Jail and hardback books will go to TAP. Please place your donations in the appropriate box in the foyer.

Branan G. & Gay F. Thompson Scholarship Application

- Applications are available for the Thompson Scholarship, which honors the memory of our pastor emeritus and his wife. Priority is given to congregational families of our church, but application is not limited to such. All college students (including graduating high school seniors and returning college students) are encouraged to apply. Applications are available outside the church office or by e-mail upon request and should be returned to the church office **by May 19th** for consideration by the Finance Committee.

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Check out some pic of the good things going on...



Family Walk through Holy Week



Community Involvement: Housing Authority Easter Egg Hunt



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Check out some pics from Youth Sunday...



Leading Worship



The PrayGround



Preaching



Worshipping with bubbles...

