

Dear Church Family,

How does one navigate the seemingly complex journey of forming a new congregation? I'm certain that's a question all of us continue to ponder...including your pastors. It's not that we couldn't figure out how to organize a church based on the models of the 1950's. The struggle is how to create a living organism that is solid in its faith but flexible in its form. Better put, how do we follow the will of God when our vision of the world to which we intend to minister is so beyond human comprehension. (i.e. We don't know what we don't know.)

Roy Honeycutt, former president of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, once said that pursuing the will of God is like walking in a dark wood with only a small flashlight to guide you. All you can clearly see is the spot the light is illuminating; only the very next step you are about to take. Anything beyond that is hidden in shadow. So, again, how is one to move forward without knowing the path?

First of all, one should not concentrate too much on the path. Before one begins a journey, one generally, knows where they are at the beginning and the destination where they intend to arrive. Everything in between is mysterious, not clearly perceptible, and unpredictable.

We know where we are starting. Paul says it like this in his letter to Timothy: "...for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day." Know that being Church is a continual process. Yes, the Church is the body of Christ, but not every congregation is always the most perfect representation of Christ. We are progressing toward a more and more accurate reflection of Christ. We are becoming. We are on a constant path of discovery and recovery of growth inwardly and outwardly.

So, we are going to trust God. We are going to take our Savior seriously- but not ourselves. We want to maintain a playful spirit. We are at our best when we are having fun, interacting with others, and being our true selves. It is playfulness that dispels fear and anxiousness.

We want to be bold. We want to be curious. We want to be surprised. We want to experiment, evaluate, adjust and learn from both our missteps and successes and have the courage to never give-up.

We've got a long journey ahead of us. The important things are not plans, structures, rules, organizational charts, committees, etc. They are our faith and trust in Christ, our Savior, our love and trust in each other, our assurance that we are fulfilling God's vision for Radiance Community Church.

Take a deep breath, know that you are unconditionally loved, and pray sincerely without ceasing that God's will would be done.

Peace and Blessings, beloved,
Your Pastors, Melissa Scott and Steve Pollard

July Birthdays

Hallie Urquhart	July 01	Louise Parris	July 20	Judy Conner	July 29
K. P. Fitzgerald	July 06	Karen Viele	July 24	Dana Felton	July 30
Kim Pitts	July 15	Ben Martin	July 24	Joyce Short	July 31
Kathy Richardson	July 16	Rose Ann Burgess	July 25		
Cody Knott	July 18	Don Wray	July 26		
Anne Andrews	July 19	Betty Garraghty	July 27		

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, Alice Scogin, Sylvia Shortt, Anna Mae Smith, Joe St. Clair, Frances Williams
- Those with cancer including Beth Bankston (friend of Debbie & Gordon Williams), Linda Dwyer, Doug Hicks (Kathy Kinsey's brother), Angela Johnson (Joyce Short's niece), Barbara Kern, Penny Long (Bob Crawford's sister), Meredith Martin (friend of the Kinseys), Wayne Simmons (cousin of Vilas Secrist & Linda Dwyer), Posey Weddle (Michael Krawchison's uncle), Declan (four year old friend of the Morris), Carolyn Young
- Our congregations, our pastors, our community, and those around the world
- Betty Hall • Cheryl Nicely • Vilas Secrist
- Janet King's son-in-law, Chuck Bruen • Karen Viele's aunt, Faye Jones, with multiple health issues
- Karen Viele's stepmother, Sandy Jones
- Joyce Waugh's niece, Betsy White, diagnosed with breast cancer

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:



NOTE: Please continue to write checks to the individual church names until our new church account is in place.

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 Thursdays at 6 pm, hosted by Pastor Melissa and Ric.

Faith Lending Library

We have seasonal resources for Pentecost and the "Growing Season" of Ordinary Season on the bookcase in the foyer. Feel free to borrow books and return them when you are done so that others can enjoy them as well!

Radiance Kids Are Wild About Jesus this Summer

- **Salem Red Sox Faith & Family Night**, Friday, July 19, 7 PM: The game begins at 7:00. If you sign up in the foyer (or by calling or e-mailing the church office) by June 30, the cost of your general admission ticket is \$14, and that includes a \$5 concession gift card.
- **Monkey See, Monkey Do Party, Sunday, July 21**, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM: Come join us for a WILD time of games, crafts, and fun in the fellowship hall as we learn how to imitate Jesus. Lunch will be provided.
- **All Ages "Feed the Need" Local Missions Week**, July 22-26: We will have activities during the week that are appropriate for all ages. A complete schedule is coming soon!
- **Mill Mountain Zoo Scavenger Hunt, Friday, August 9**, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM: Come see the wild animals, go on a scavenger hunt, and learn how God is wild about us! Bring a picnic lunch. Cost is \$10 for children and \$12 for adults.
- **Back to School Blessings, Sunday, August 11**, 10:30 AM: During worship, we will have a time of blessing the children for their return to school. We'll have a special gift for each of them, too!

Youth Summer Schedule

- **Passport Missions Camp** at Eastern Mennonite University, **July 8-12**
- **Pizza and a Movie** at Ric & Melissa's house, **Wed., July 17**, 5-8 PM
- **Salem Red Sox Faith & Family Night, Friday, July 19**, 7 PM: The game begins at 7:00. If you sign up in the foyer (or by calling or e-mailing the church office) by June 30, the cost of your general admission ticket is \$14, and that includes a \$5 concession gift card.
- **All Ages "Feed the Need" Local Missions Week, July 22-26**: A complete schedule of how we will serve the hungry in our community is coming soon!
- **Family Olympics, Sat, Aug. 3**, 2- 4 PM: We'll have some friendly field day competition, parents vs. youth.
- **Carowinds, Wed., Aug. 7**, 7:00 AM-10 PM Cost is \$50/person. There is a water park, so bring a swimsuit and towel.
- **Back to School Blessings, Sun., Aug. 11**, 10:30 AM: We have prayers and a gift for you!
- **Aquapocalypse Water Games, Sun., Aug. 11**, 4 PM: Wear a swimsuit/clothes you don't mind getting messy. Bring a towel!

Summer Office Hours

Our summer office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Book & Magazine Collection

The Evelyn Townsend Circle wishes to thank the congregation for your generous donation of books to the Roanoke City Jail library and TAP. We will be pausing this collection until the fall but be sure to set your donations aside so we will be ready to begin again in September!

Missions This Summer

Impact Virginia Lunches: The week of July 8-12, we are helping to feed youth mission teams who are working in our community. If you can help prepare or deliver lunches, please contact Robert McKinney or the church office.

"Feed the Need" All Ages Mission Week, July 22-26. We're putting feet to our faith by feeding the hungry in our community. Each day, we'll work with a local mission partner, and there will be projects for all ages and abilities. Here is the schedule as we know it so far. A sign-up sheet will be in the foyer once we know the exact days and times for all activities.

- Monday, July 22: Working in the community garden at Keystone Community Center or volunteering with Feeding America (one will be Monday; one will be Thursday)
- Tuesday, July 23: Serving at Presbyterian Community Center
- Wednesday, July 24:
 - 10 a.m.-noon: Preparing and delivering lunch for The Least of These
 - 12:30-3:30: Distributing food boxes at Manna Ministries at the Rescue Mission (ages 10 and older)
- Thursday, July 25: Working in the community garden at Keystone Community Center or volunteering with Feeding America (one will be Monday, one will be Thursday)
- Friday, July 26, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Volunteering with Saleeba's Store of Hope (this is a ministry that distributes pet food to unhoused people, so they don't have to lose their animal friends)
- Saturday, July 27
 - Distributing goodie bags and praying with people in the Roanoke Memorial Emergency Room waiting area (shifts at 10, 1, and 4)
 - Working in Our Lady of Nazareth's Giving Garden
 - 4-8 p.m.: Preparing and serving dinner at Straight Street

We will also have mission projects that can be done here in the church building, and we will have a full schedule of those soon. They will include:

- Making dog toys from fleece to be distributed on Friday
- Making snack bags for the Ronald McDonald House Family Room at RMH
- Baking cookies for the Rescue Squad and Fire Department
- Making and delivering treat bags to our shut-ins
- Building and installing a blessing box (several plans are available here: <https://www.littlefreepantry.org/resources-1>) Pastor Steve will be heading up this project
- Beginning July 7, we will have a box in the foyer to collect your donations of dry cat food, wet and dry dog food, 2.5-gallon bags and 1-gallon bags for Saleeba's Store of Hope.

We hope that each of you will plan to participate in at least one of these activities as we live out the mission God has given us to feed the hungry!



Radiance Community Church: What's Next?

- In June, we voted to contract with Missional Business Services to assist us with the business, legal, and logistical steps of forming Radiance Community Church. As we work on those things, we are also:
- Deciding on our denominational affiliations (our pastors are recommending that we be affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia)
- Working with a graphic designer on a logo and branding
- Assessing the improvements needed on our church facilities (including audio visual needs in the sanctuary)
- Finding ways to live out our mission to feed the hungry (spiritually, emotionally, and physically)

Much of this work will be taking place this summer. As the work grows, so will the need for each member to be involved as you can.

One question that we have been asked is how to make donations to Radiance Community Church. Our first steps forward will be to establish the new church legally, and then we will be able to set up a bank account. Until then, continue to give to Calvary Baptist or Colonial Avenue Baptist.

July Worship Series - Putting Feet to Our Faith

This month, we're focusing on how some of the people of the Bible demonstrate faith in action, and what we can learn from them about putting feet to our faith.



Worship Leadership

We would love to have more of our church family involved in worship leadership. If you would like to read scripture, pray, or serve as an usher (taking up the offering), please sign up on the list on the table in the foyer.

Upcoming Meetings

- Implementation Team, Monday, July 1, 5:30 p.m.
- Deacons, Sunday, July 21, 2:00 p.m.

Daily Meditations

Mary Ellen Gearhart writes daily devotional meditations that she shares through e-mail. If you would like to receive these donations, please e-mail the church office, and we will share your e-mail with her to be added to the list of recipients.

July Worship Leadership Schedule

July 7

Greeters	Neal Kinsey, Penny Horsley
Scripture Reader	Paula Dull
Offertory Prayer	Joyce Short
Usher (taking up the offering)	Mary Shirley, Mary Harris, Becky Beard, John Urquhart
Communion	John Urquhart, Glenda Pollard, Ric Scott, Mary Harris, Paul Howell
Children's Worship Leader	Donna Kester

July 14

Greeters	Lisa Baker, Nancy Vest
Scripture Reader	Nancy Burgess
Offertory Prayer	Bob Crawford
Usher (taking up the offering)	Ray Templin, Susan Snyder, Janice Deyerle, Ric Scott
Children's Worship Leader	Mary Harris

July 21

Greeters	Mary Shirley, Gordon Williams
Scripture Reader	Brennon Viele
Offertory Prayer	John Urquhart
Usher (taking up the offering)	Ric Scott, Brennon Viele, Bob Crawford, Mark Smith
Children's Worship Leader	Nancy Vest

July 28

Greeters	Vicki Wray, Bobbie Hawkins
Scripture Reader	Ray Templin
Offertory Prayer	Susan Snyder
Usher (taking up the offering)	Joyce Short, Mary Shirley, Becky Beard, John Urquhart
Children's Worship Leader	Glenda Pollard