

A  
COMMUNITY OF  
FAITH  
STRIVING  
TO

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CHRIST  
PERSONALLY

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INTIMATELY

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PASSIONATELY

**Our Mission**

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

**Our Vision**

To **Know** Christ personally, **Grow** with Christ intimately, and **Show** Christ passionately

**Your Fruitfulness**

Although the thermometer tells me that, as I write, it is 92°, the calendar says that we are quickly approaching the end of summer. While we have had to make adjustments because of the pandemic, and we miss those who aren't able to gather in person, it has been a good season of connecting with God, each other, and our community. During worship each week, we have examined the aspects of the fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We have also prayed that God would grow that fruit in us, and I have seen much evidence of your fruitfulness this summer:

- We gave Dunkin' Donuts gift cards to the teachers and staff at our neighborhood school, Green Valley Elementary School, to thank them for caring so well for our community's children in a really hard year.
- Each month, you have donated generously to the needs of Keystone Community Center.
- Our children and youth were able to attend Passport Camp, where they learned about God's Story and their part in it. They prayed for and gave offerings to CBF missionaries, as well, and our youth were able to safely do mission work in Greenville, SC, as part of their week at camp.
- More than 20 of our members, along with members of Colonial Presbyterian Church, participated in our "In Our Backyard" Mission Week. We were able to join with local organizations such as Roanoke County Parks, Feeding Southwest Virginia Food Bank, Manna Ministries at the Rescue Mission, Keystone Community Center, and Impact Virginia, as well as making cards and gifts for and visiting our members who are in nursing or retirement homes.
- Our summer Bible study of the Psalms led to wonderful discussions, and we even wrote our own psalms at the last session.
- We sent our children and teenagers, as well as school employees, back to school with a special blessing and gift from the church. We honored and celebrated our high school graduates, giving them Bibles in which church members highlighted the verses that have been meaningful to them.
- The church voted to establish a volunteer staff position, Minister-in- Residence, and called Rev. Steven Harris to fill that position (you can read more about that in this newsletter).
- Thanks to the graciousness of Colonial Presbyterian Church, our youth were able to safely gather outside in their picnic shelter for Bible study and fun all summer long, including for an end of summer "Aquapocalypse" party which 15 youth attended.
- Several church members gave their time and energy to clean & redesign our children and youth spaces to prepare for the new church year.
- We continued to host Calvary Baptist Church for their afternoon worship services and enjoyed a joint worship service and picnic together.

That is A LOT of good fruit, and those are just the happenings that were on the church calendar. You have allowed the fruit of the Spirit to grow in your lives, too! I have seen it in the way you care for each other, at times of grief, and in times of celebration.

Keep reading inside to see the ways we have witnessed the Fruit of the Spirit working...

Blessings,  
Pastor Melissa



## ***Finances for 2021***

Total Budget Income for 2021:	\$ 82,344.88
Jan. Budget:	\$ 12,087.16
Feb. Budget:	\$ 8,603.34
March Budget:	\$ 12,904.60
April Budget:	\$ 10,707.21
May Budget:	\$ 11,041.22
June Budget:	\$ 11,424.91
July Budget:	\$ 15,576.44
August Budget:	\$
September Budget:	\$
October Budget:	\$
November Budget:	\$
December Budget:	\$

## ***September Birthdays***

Bill Parker	September 2
Betty Payne	September 3
Danny Counts	September 3
Allison Trent	September 6
Madaline Brown	September 8
Barbara Tinnell	September 9
Annamary Emick	September 12
Martha Crockett	September 14
Mia Viele	September 16
Jessica Dean	September 18
Cason Krawchison	September 17
Ashley Krawchison	September 27
Brad Dillon	September 30

## ***Prayer Concerns***

- Those affected by COVID-19
- Those who are homebound or in retirement and nursing homes: Betty Brown, Madaline Brown, Lois Burge, Jane Byrum, Mary Durrer, Freda Guill, Evelyn Hutcherson, Yvonne Metz, Nadine Minnix, Shirley Moore, Betty Obenchain, Bill & Liz Parker, Louise Parris, Evelyn Ragland, Katie Wood
- Those with cancer including Alison Ziegelmeir (Ric Scott's cousin), Barbara Kern, Richard Rader, Bob Padfield (Kati Agee Padfield's father-in-law), Jack Cooper, and Brian Britt (Ron Britt's son)
- Paula, daughter of Reatha Linkenhoker
- Buck Conner
- Doug Heptinstall
- Marie Maddox
- Margaret Jones' daughter, recovering from back surgery

## ***Brown Bag Bible Study***

Our midweek Bible study this fall is a study of the book of Jeremiah. Join us at **noon** in the fellowship hall **each Wednesday, beginning September 8!** Feel free to bring your lunch, and we will feast on good food and on God's Word!

## ***Youth Dinner & Discipleship***

Our Youth Dinner & Discipleship will begin again on **September 12**. We will meet from **5-7 pm in the picnic shelter at Colonial Presbyterian Church**. Because we are outside, masks are not required most of the time, but please bring one just in case it is needed. Bring your dinner, and we'll provide dessert! This month, we'll be learning about "Faith in an Anxious World."

## ***Church Council Meeting***

Church Council will meet at **4:00 pm on September 12**. Reports are due to the church office by September 8

## ***Thank You!***

A big thank you to everyone that helped make our church picnic, that included Calvary Baptist Church, a huge success! Those that helped plan, those who made food, those who attended, and those who helped set up & clean up, all worked together to create such a great time of fellowship for everyone! Thanks for all your hard work & delicious food!

***Thank You!***

## ***Our Fruit of the Spirit Tree***

On our "Fruit of the Spirit" trees in the foyer, some of you shared other evidences of God's good fruit, too:

- Getting to visit family for the first time in a year
- Spending time with a friend with dementia
- Smiles shared with strangers
- Someone taking the time to help with my cell phone
- "Every day I ask God to give me the strength and patience I will need for the day. He never lets me down."
- Being offered understanding when I am slow to accept something
- A child riding on her dad's shoulders, hands thrown up in the air, wearing a big smile
- Working with the mission team
- Watching the children at camp learning how to become part of God's story
- Finding joy in everyday life
- Kindness in sharing with friends and neighbors, and being the recipient of their kindness, too – invitations to cook-outs, shared produce and baked goods
- Picking up trash at Explore Park along the river bank so fish and people can live trash free
- Our youth's interaction with younger youth in their Bible Study Group at camp
- Joy in having good friends, in watching a grandfather with his grandson, in working together, and in the smile of a child
- Fresh fruit and produce enjoyed and shared with others
- Recognizing the goodness that God provides each day
- Neighbors helping each other

"But **the Holy Spirit** produces this kind **of fruit** in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. **There** is no law against **these things!**" Galatians 5: 22-23

## ***Meet our Minister-in-Residence***

At our August congregational meeting, the church voted to establish a volunteer staff position, the Minister-in-Residence, and to call Rev. Steven Harris to fill that position. The Minister-in-Residence will serve the church in several ways:

- As A Theologian: This work will include things such as planning and presenting a midweek Bible study, assisting in leading worship (and filling the pulpit when Pastor Melissa is away), and developing other thematic and Biblical studies for the congregation and community.
- As a Pastoral Psychotherapist: Rev. Harris will also be available to provide pastoral care and counseling for both individuals and groups to our church family, members of other churches, such as Colonial Presbyterian and Calvary Baptist, and to the community. He will also do assist Pastor Melissa and our deacons by providing pastoral care when requested. He will also develop and lead groups such as centering prayer and process groups.
- As a Marketing and Outreach Planner: This will include providing marketing and outreach to foster the church's ministries and programs and promoting the ministries and programs of the church. Many of you already know Steven as a member of our church. You may not know all that qualifies him to serve us well in this position. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is trained as a Pastoral Psychotherapist through the Association of Pastoral Counselors and Association of Clinical Pastoral Education and has been commissioned by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship as a pastoral counselor. He also held the position of Executive Director and Director of Resource Development at the former Pastoral Counseling Center of the Roanoke Valley, positions which required marketing, fundraising, and promotion skills.

We are blessed that Steven will be sharing those gifts and skills with us! While this is a volunteer position, when there are five Sundays in a month, we will be receiving a love offering on the fifth Sunday that will be given to him as a sign of our appreciation.

SHARE JESUS  
WITH A FRIEND

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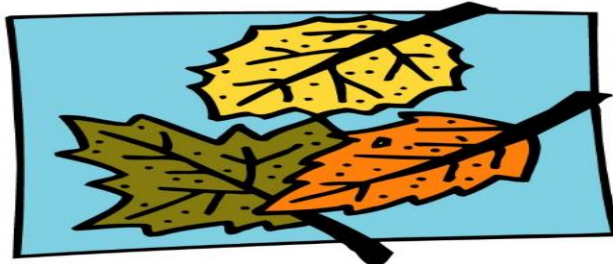
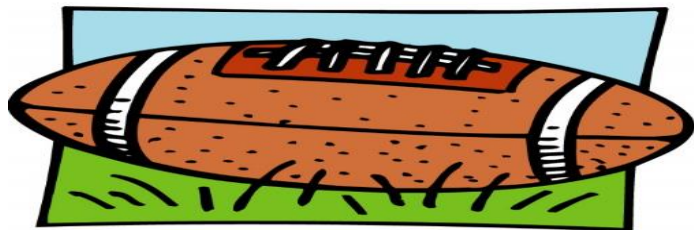
**Our Church Staff:**

Rev. Melissa Scott  
Pastor

Rev. Steven Harris  
Minister in Residence

Karen Viele  
Church Administrator

Bill Lininger  
Music Director



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