

# First Presbyterian News

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It seems that God has made us with the capacity to look both "at" and "along" our lives, to see what is in front of us and what is beyond us, and to find that the two are not opposed ways of seeing but belong together. It is the bad fortune of our world to have separated the two ever since the philosopher René Descartes posed a divide between mind and matter. His dualism has bedeviled us ever since. In contrast, C. S. Lewis says that Christianity is "the most materialistic" of all religions and that God must love material things after all, God made them! We need again to heed his wisdom. True knowledge is found in the Word who became flesh, as we look both "at" and "along" the beams each and every day. – **Leighton Ford**, *The Attentive Life*

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8th Sunday after Epiphany

**THE MCPHERSON LECTURESHIP**  
*The Attentive Life: Discerning God's Presence in All Things*



**Leighton Ford** is an author, social activist, leader, communicator, and mentor, and is president of Leighton Ford Ministries. He has spoken face to face to millions of people in 37 countries on every continent of the world and served from 1955 until 1985 as Associate Evangelist and later Vice President of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. For many years Ford was featured as the alternate speaker to Billy Graham on the Hour of decision broadcast and his own daily TV and radio spots in the United States, Canada, and Australia.

Ford is also author and co-author of numerous books. His newest book, *The Attentive Life, Discerning God's Presence in All Things*, was published in May 2008. He lives in Charlotte, North Carolina, with his wife, Jean. Their children are a married daughter, Deborah, a son in business, Kevin and their older son, Sandy, who died after heart surgery in November 1981. The Ford Family is active in Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC.

### 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School

*"Paying Attention: The Hours of Our Lives"*

Note: All adult classes will meet together in Watts-Hill Hall for the Lectureship at 9:45 a.m.

### 11:00 a.m. Worship

**Pennies for Hunger will be received.**

Sermon:

*"God Is Paying Attention: Are You?"*  
**Leighton Ford**, preaching

#### Worship Texts

Old Testament	Exodus 3:1-14
New Testament	2 Peter 1:19

Acolytes: **Gwendolyn Dilworth**

Crucifer: **Sydney Curtis**

Greeters: **Elizabeth High, Judy Pidcock**

After Worship Greeters:

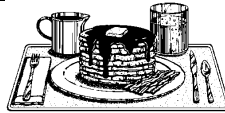
**Andy Henry** (side, font)

**Andy Widmark** (Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: **Jon Kimball** (head), **Delia Kwon** (flower delivery), **Joy Kerner, Cris Rivera, Mary-Jo Keenan, Carolyn Merritt**

## INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAY

People telling people---that's how we hear about a good book, or movie, or a new restaurant. What about your church and your faith journey? We are all journeying together and each of us is at a different milestone. Will you share the opportunity to join with us in our faith journeys with a friend, neighbor or colleague who might not have this experience? **Sunday, February 27** is "Invite a Friend to Church" Sunday, won't **YOU**?



### CONGREGATIONAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Everyone is invited to Watts-Hill Hall at **8:45 a.m. THIS SUNDAY** for a delicious pancake breakfast. Wear your favorite shade of blue, and come meet our newest members. Sponsored by the CE Committee

### NEWCOMERS' CLASS

The next session in the current series of the newcomers' classes will be on **Sunday morning, February 27 at 9:45 a.m.** in the Wilson Parlor following breakfast.

### WORK DAYS AT FPC SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26 SATURDAY, MARCH 5

9:30 a.m. - Noon

The Landscaping and Gardening Committee invites you to join us for pruning and other adventures. Please bring work gloves, clippers, trowels, shovels and rakes. We will also need a weed-wacker or lawn mower. For further information contact **Barbara Buckley** (bjbuckley1@frontier.com) or **Kate Busa** (katebusa@gmail.com).

### LENTEN STUDY:

#### THE PRACTICE OF FORGIVENESS

During Lent, FPC will offer an 8-week course on the practice of forgiveness. Using the *Companions in Christ* curriculum, the study will explore the practical steps for moving from guilt, shame, and anger, to forgiveness and reconciliation. The cost of the book is \$15.00. A **Friday morning class** with childcare will run from **March 4 – April 22 from 10:30-noon**. A **Sunday evening class at the church will run from March 6 – April 17 from 3-4:30 pm**. If you would like to order a book, contact **Marilyn Hedgpeth** at 682-5511 or via email.

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

The ties that bind us to God and to each other are amazing. Our speaker this Sunday is **Leighton Ford** whose ministry has reached around the globe in the service of God and God's people. He has written and spoken about the Christian faith in his capacity as a minister in the PC(USA) and as president of Leighton Ford Ministries as well as working to alleviate hunger and poverty in the service of Christ. I first met Leighton Ford in the 1950's when he was in seminary. My dad, who entered ministry at age 40, was a classmate of Leighton. He and my dad would go out to preach in churches on the weekends during seminary. I remember as a boy having conversations with him about ministry and sports.

Later, my younger sister and her husband were in a young adults class at Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte taught by Leighton and his wife, Jean. He is also a family friend of the McPherson family. I look forward to welcoming him to FPC on Sunday as our Twelfth McPherson Lecturer. After the 8:45 a.m. breakfast on Sunday, he will discuss his latest book, *The Attentive Life*, and then preach for us. We will look forward also to welcoming the McPherson family who will be present for the McPherson Lectureship and to celebrate **Peaches McPherson's** 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday. This will be a day that the Lord has made. Thanks be to God!

**Joe**

### NOTES

- The **Presbytery of New Hope** held its stated meeting at FPC Wilson on Saturday, with 350 in attendance. **Phyllis Supple** was elected moderator of the Presbytery for 2011. Voting on the Amendments to the Constitution of the PC(USA) went smoothly with all amendments passing, including the new form of government (170 – for/ 92 against); and the new language for amendment G-6.106b (158 – for/ 118 against). For these amendments to be adopted by the PC(USA) they must be approved by a majority of the Presbyteries. In addition to Phyllis Supple, those in attendance from FPC on Saturday included **Joe Harvard, Sam Miglarese, Marilyn Hedgpeth, Cherrie Henry, Bob Yoder, Bob Keever, Lesley Curtis, and Diane Standert**.
- Congratulations to **Cherrie Henry**, who has accepted a position as Interim Pastor at the Efland Presbyterian Church. We are excited that she has this new ministry opportunity.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, the following were elected at large to the Nominating Committee for officers: **Bette Conroy, Laura Kelley, Dan Hudgins, and Edwin Mwangi**. They join officers **Peter Fish** (chair), **Henry Njoroge**, and **Joy Kerner** on 2011's committee. The pastors' terms of call did not change for 2011, but minor changes in appropriations were approved.

## OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **Eric, David, and Catherine Sapp**, upon the death of their grandfather, **Jeff Sapp**, in Biltmore, NC.

## OUR CONCERNS

**Sue Fricks** is recovering from surgery at home.

Please continue to keep the **McDow family** in your prayers and deeds of love, as little **Florence** recovers at home, and as Leslie's father, **Jim Goff**, begins chemotherapy.

Hillcrest: **Tom Howerton**

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Carol Johnson**

**Katherine Carr**

**Betty Jelstrup**

### Added this week:

**Chester Bisette**, grandfather of Abi Bisette

**Denise Duffy**, sister of Andy Henry

**Don Morgan**, brother-in-law of Joyce Houk

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## CROASDAILE DRIVERS

The following persons have agreed to pick up members at Croasdaile Village and bring them to worship on Sundays:

February 27 – **Dan Hudgins**

March 6 – **Miriam Morey**

March 13 – **George Danser/Jean Cary**

March 20 – **Dan Hudgins**

March 27- **Dan Hudgins**.

## FEBRUARY'S

### "LEARN BY HEART"

#### Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

**DON'T FORGET YOUR  
PENNIES FOR HUNGER!**

## YOUTH NEWS

Friends,

This week is a busy and exciting one concerning our involvement with Habitat for Humanity Youth United. On **Wednesday, February 23**, and **Thursday, February 24** of this week, CPK (at Southpointe Mall) will be having their Youth United fundraiser. Eat at California Pizza Kitchen, fill in a 'coupon' at the front door with FPC-Durham and 20% of what you pay for your meal goes to Youth United. Join me on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and we'll make it a youth event! The more the BETTER for everyone!

On **Saturday, February 26** at 12 noon will be our Kick-Off celebration at 810 Colfax St. 27701. This will be fun for the whole family--but if you're coming please RSVP so I can let the folks know at Habitat how much pizza for them to order.

Finally, next Sunday will be 'ROUND 2'-with **Susan Dunlap** and **Lenore Champion** leading us in some awesome preparedness for LENT and some 'shepherd leading the sheep' GAMES!

Peace, ya'll!

**Rebecca**

## REGISTRATION FORMS . . .

for Vacation Church School 2011, "Out of these Waters", which will be held June 20-24 at New Hope Camp and Conference Center, are available in the church foyer and online at the church website.



**REGISTRATION deadline for FPC members is April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please get your forms in on time!

## FIRST FRIENDS AND FAMILIES

**Saturday, March 5**

**5:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

**at FPC**

Meat and veggie lasagna provided. Please bring salads, bread, or dessert. Please also bring your favorite game. **RSVP requested via the EVITE**. Contact **Deborah Momsen-Hudson** or **Kathy Conner** for more information.



## The 2011 DURHAM CROPWALK

is scheduled for **Sunday, March 20 at 2:30 p.m.** Walkers, sponsors and volunteers are needed to make 2011 our best year ever! Learn more by visiting <http://www.durhamcropwalk.org>. Join FPC's on-line team by following this URL <http://www.churchworldservice.org/goto/firstpres-durham.org> or get your walking papers by signing up after worship in the foyer. FPC's CropWalk recruiter,

**Rebecca Leonard**

## FPC BASKETBALL

Games are played at Hope Valley Baptist Church's gym.

Come support FPC's team!

**7 pm Tues., February 22 Tournament**

**8 pm Thurs., February 24 Championship**

## FPC MEN OF FAITH

All FPC men are invited to **Nosh's Café** (Erwin Road near Duke/VA hospitals) for coffee and/ or breakfast and a time of fellowship and conversation on **Friday, February 25 between 7:45 – 9:00 a.m.**

## ~ COMMUNITY EVENTS ~

### L'ARCHE DURHAM?

L'Arche brings together people with and without developmental disabilities to share their lives in communities of faith and friendship. A group is forming to begin the preliminary process toward starting a L'Arche here in Durham. Please join us **Thursday, February 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Reality Center**, 916 Lamond Ave to learn, listen and pray with others interested in discovering where God is leading. For more information, contact **Jillaine VanEssen** (608-469-2104) or [jkvanessen@gmail.com](mailto:jkvanessen@gmail.com).

### SENIORS STAYING PUT

#### ANNUAL MEETING

*Neighbors Helping Neighbors  
to Stay in Place*

**Monday, March 7**

**5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Watts Street Baptist Church**

800 Watts Street, Durham

For more information send an email to

[SeniorsStayingPut@gmail.com](mailto:SeniorsStayingPut@gmail.com)

or go to their website:

<http://sites.google.com/site/durhamseniorsstayingput/>

## JON LEVINSON TO SPEAK

**Sunday, March 13, 2011**

**7:30 – 9:30 p.m.**

**Judea Reform Synagogue**

**Jon Levinson**, the Albert A. List Professor of Jewish Studies in the Harvard Divinity School, and renowned Biblical Scholar, will address the apparent contradiction between modern Reform Judaism's skepticism about resurrection and its prominent place in traditional prayerbooks for daily, holiday, and Shabbat worship.

## TEACHER NEEDED

The First Presbyterian Day School has an immediate opening for a teacher degreed in Early Childhood Education for its 3-year-olds classroom. Please submit resume to **Katharine Smith**: 682-0493 (fax) or email: [fpds2002@yahoo.com](mailto:fpds2002@yahoo.com).

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