

# First Presbyterian News

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War and politics, pride and humility (and even humor) collide in the intricate story of the healing of Naaman's flesh.

- *Joshua Vis*

## SUNDAY, JULY 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Worship  
Sermon: "The General"  
*Joshua Vis*, preaching

Worship Texts	
Old Testament	2 Kings 5:1-27
Psalm Lesson	Psalm 30
Epistle Lesson	Galatians 6:7-16
Gospel Lesson	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Narthex Greeters: **Edward & Delia Kwon**

After Worship Greeters:

**Mac McCorkle** (side, font)

**Peter Fish** (Narthex/Main St)

Ushers: **John Kelley** (head usher),  
**Delia Kwon** (flowers), **Jackie Mbah**,  
**Anthony Kamau**, **Jon Kimball**,  
**Moses Gatheca**

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

This Sunday, and every Sunday in July, we will focus upon another great Christian symbol: STARS. The children will study Psalm 148, "Praise him sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!" We will make glittery, beaded, colorful stars; decorate cookies in the shape of stars; and put together a quilt with each child making a square for a verse of the psalm. Singers will sing songs about stars, and bell players will play some Christmas selections. Please join us!

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Summer Reading Series

We're taking a break - **no Summer Reading Series discussion this Sunday, July 4**. You are encouraged to join another class that is meeting this Sunday. We will resume the series on the following Sunday, July 11.

### Lectionary Class

Are you able to work miracles? Are you sure? What is the value of a miracle? "Let us not grow weary in doing what is right." Join us for discussion at 9:45 in the East Parlor. **We welcome members of the Faith and Community class this Sunday.**

The **Hand-in-Hand / Crossroads Class** is meeting over the summer. Join us in **the Wilson Parlor** at 9:45.



The Church office will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, July 5** in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

## THANK YOU!

to all of the FPC folks who participated in the **Week of Mission** this past week. A group of volunteers worked at **Genesis Home** one evening, both serving a meal and leading children's activities for the families staying there. Another group joined our friends at **Iglesia Emanuel** and assisted with distributing food to families and serving a meal. A member of our youth group volunteered at the **Iglesia Emanuel** soccer camp, and a group served meals on our regular day at **Urban Ministries of Durham**. The **Durham Summer Service Week**, a joint effort of leaders from FPC and the Durham Friends Meeting, was also held last week and engaged 14 high school students in service projects in the Durham community. Other youth and leaders helped serve a meal for 100 participants of the **Duke Youth Academy**. Thanks to all of you for taking the time during this record heat wave to share your gifts with others in the community.

### Duke Youth Academy

*Rebecca, Jenna, and Maryn Leonard, Joe and Carlisle Harvard, Dawn Carsey, Cherrie and Sam Henry*

### Genesis Home

*Dale Gaddis, Lee Courtland, Phyllis Supple, Mal King, Jody, Julie, Ben and Charlotte Maxwell, Kim, Jon, Lily and Grace Abels, Bet Lawson, Aurelia, J.L. and Parker Klinck, and Jo Bernhardt*

### Habitat for Humanity

*Laura and Shaun Horrigan Miguel and Margaret Rubiera*

### Iglesia Emanuel

*Diane Standaert, Doris Smith, Joy, Leo and Camille Kerner, and Jared Rist* (soccer camp)

### Urban Ministries of Durham

*Homer Ashby, Andy Henry, and Diane Standaert, Mary-Jo Keenan, Bob Keever, Jean Lazarides, Carol McKnight and Katharine Whitmore*

### Youth Summer Service Week

*Christyn Klinck* (team leader), *Elizabeth Klinck* and *Lily Abels* (campers), *Vera Cecelski* (counselor), *Bill Brown* (instruction and supervision) *Cherrie Henry* (advisor)

### Food donations:

*Bill and Jane Brown, Barbara Buckley, Dawn and Jane Carsey*

### Wood donations:

*Eugene Brown, Mary-Jo Keenan, Bill and Sally Hendrickson, Durham Habitat via Miguel Rubiera, Catherine Miller*

### Tools donations:

*Curtis, Fricks, Morton, Rubiera, Fish, Henry, and Carsey families, Susan Dunlap, Elizabeth High, Orange County Habitat via Tyler Momsen-Hudson, Charlie Sneed, Nowell Creadick, Betsey Beach*

## FROM JOSHUA VIS

**Kim** and I have been in Durham for the past five years. I have been pursuing my Ph.D. in Old Testament at Duke University, while Kim has been teaching Kindergarten and first grade at Creekside Elementary School in Durham. Our daughter, **Mahalia**, was born a little over two years ago. We recently interviewed for and were offered a position through Mission Services of the PCUSA in Sao Paulo, Brazil. I will be teaching biblical studies (in Portuguese) at a Graduate institution just south of Sao Paulo. This position was to be filled by **David and Leigh Knauert**. I remember listening to David tell me about this position. I was so excited for him and his family, and it was then and there that I realized that I wanted to do something similar. Thus it is with great joy and great sadness that Kim, Mahalia, and I embark on this adventure. We will be leaving for Brazil sometime in early 2011. In the meantime, I am working furiously on my dissertation (Leviticus 1-7: Evaluating its Function as Christian Scripture) and Kim and Mahalia are enjoying a summer of swimming, painting, potty training, and more. I appreciate the opportunity to deliver Sunday's sermon and I look forward to sharing my thoughts on Naaman, Elisha, et al.

Sincerely,

*Joshua Vis*

## NOTES

- Copies of **These Days** devotional book for July-September 2010 and a **Durham Senior Resource Guide** are available in the foyer and narthex.
- **Donors are needed to provide worship flowers for Sundays in August**. If you would like to remember or honor a friend or loved one, or acknowledge a birthday, baptism or anniversary, please contact **Susan Thompson** at 477-0425 (home) or 361-8868 ext 292 (work).

## OUR SYMPATHIES

The love and concern of the congregation is extended to **Bob and Lena Yoder** on the death of Bob's aunt, **Virginia Estelle Yoder Trout**.

*"Jesus said,*

*'I am the resurrection and the life.'"*

## LET'S BUILD IT!

Contributions (or pledges) are still needed before we can begin building the **Robinson Everett Memorial Habitat House**. We are close to raising the \$15,000 needed to be eligible for the \$10,000 Steward Fund grant. **Pledge cards are available from the church office**. Please call 682-5511 or stop by the church for more information. Many thanks to those who have already contributed!

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to **Lisa and Elmer Gauldin** on the birth of a son. **Gabriel Ryan** was born on May 12, 2010. He joins big brother Lucas.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Admay Family**  
**Fricks Family**  
**Don Jenkins**  
**Josh Stanek**  
**Carolyn Wolfe**

**Barbara Fish**  
**Florence McDow**  
**Sandra King**  
**Jerry Tyren**  
**Don Jenkins**

**Tom Howerton** (Hillcrest)  
**Leigh Knauert Family**

### Added this week:

**Jane Gardner**, former FPC member, is recovering from hip surgery.

- ◆ **Mary Booth**, friend of FPC
- ◆ **Sally Caughman**, Carlisle and Joe Harvard's sister-in-law
- ◆ **George Cox**, son of Sarah Cox
- ◆ **Steele and Molly Dewey**, daughter and son-in-law of Peaches McPherson
- ◆ **Brad Holbrook**, father of Kerry Holbrook
- ◆ **Anne Creadick Kennedy**, sister of Nowell Creadick
- ◆ **Joan B. King**, sister-in-law of Mal King
- ◆ **Barb Kurtz**, sister of Joyce Houk
- ◆ **Elizabeth Leathers**, daughter-in-law of Anne Leathers
- ◆ **Anne Martin**, sister of Beth Neece
- ◆ **Stephen McAllister**, son-in-law of Bill and Debbie Mathews
- ◆ **Laura Tandler**, sister-in-law of Susan Spratt
- ◆ **Sharon Van Vichten**, friend of Ann Prospero
- ◆ **Karen Wolcott**, cousin of Jean Wilson
- ◆ **Judy Wood**, mother of Sharon Hirsch
- ◆ **Muriel Yager**, mother of Patrice Nelson

The **Things That Matter Book Group** will meet at the home of Delia Kwon (10 Bravehart Court, 27713) on **Tuesday, July 13, at 7:00 p.m.**, to discuss *The Lost History of Christianity: The Thousand Year Golden Age of the Church in the Middle East, Africa and Asia* by Philip Jenkins. Contact Delia to RSVP and get directions to her house: 206-4347 or [delmelkwon@hotmail.com](mailto:delmelkwon@hotmail.com). Newcomers are welcome!

## FIRST FRIENDS AND FAMILIES

### Summer Service, Fellowship, and Food

Wednesday July 7

6-ish until 8-ish p.m.

**St. Philip's Episcopal's Summer Suppers in the Community Garden**  
In case of rain, cancellation decision will be made around 6:15 p.m. Watch your email and mailbox for details, or contact **Christyn Klinck** at [cfklinck@gmail.com](mailto:cfklinck@gmail.com).

## YOUTH NEWS

Dear friends,

I'm away this week on holiday and am enjoying time spent with my immediate and extended maternal family. Storytelling and laughter is abundant here and I'm being reminded of the importance of Sabbath. Scripture tells us that Jesus took time away from everyone and everything and would go to the wilderness to pray. Also, God commanded that we remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. While I am here resting, I will pray for you and I will take time to listen to God in my life. I will listen and tell stories about my family but I will also read some of our ancient stories to discern ways to live and to 'remember my name'. I invite you all to do the same this summer. Read the Bible; it is filled with amazing stuff!

Peace y'all,

**Rebecca Leonard**

PS. I understand that many of you gathered with Emily to begin a book group and read and discuss Rob Bell's 'Velvet Elvis'. Look for an email to tell you times and places for these gatherings.

## HISPANIC MINISTRY NEWS

Our summer has started and we've been keeping a lot of kids busy since their summer vacation started. 25 Latino children and youth participated in Vacation Church School at Camp New Hope with the support of partner churches which provided scholarships, and friends from FPC who provided transportation. We also hosted our annual week-long soccer camp, which was intentionally bilingual and integrated. Our on-going soccer program is in full swing, with three teams and 50 children participating, and we've already played our first games against teams from Greensboro. Games will continue throughout the summer and fall. Volunteers and visitors are welcome! Stay cool!

**Rev. Julio Ramirez-Eve**

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

### How Do You Solve a Problem Like . . . ?

The FPC Annual Women's Retreat is being planned for **August 6-7** at the Avila Retreat Center north of Durham. It's 21 hours of well-spent time for reflection and prayer. It's time to form deeper friendships with the women we greet in church once a week. Who's going this year: **Marilyn Hedgpeth, Katharine Whitmore, Susan Seahorn, Carol Wills, Carol Johnson, Barbara Fish . . . and others**. The cost is \$50 payable to the church, earmarked "Women's Retreat." Please consider joining us for a time of deepening our faith and friendships. For more info, contact **Marilyn Hedgpeth** at 682-5511.



Please welcome the following new members who joined FPC on June 13:

**Catherine and Tom Admay**, 4700 Kerley Road, 27705, 403-2865, have lived in Durham since 1996. Catherine graduated from Yale College and the Yale Law School. She is on the faculty at the Sanford Institute of Public Policy where she teaches human rights law to both graduates and undergraduates. Catherine was born in Johannesburg, South Africa and spent her childhood years in Brussels, Belgium and Irvine, CA. Tom was born in Poughkeepsie, NY and was raised in Colorado, Ohio, and Illinois. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois with a BS and MS in Civil Engineering, specializing in geotechnical (soils). Tom is an Engineer with Engineered Foundation Solutions, PLLC. The Admays joined FPC by reaffirmation of faith.

**Sallie and David Verner**, 62 Citation Drive, 27713, 490-4479, have lived in the Durham area for the past 10 years. They are both native North Carolinians--Sallie from Burlington, and David grew up in Charlotte. Sallie attended Elon College and the Presbyterian School of Christian Education. She retired recently from her position as DCE at University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill. Sallie is joining FPC by transfer of her membership from the University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill. David earned a B.A. from Johns Hopkins University and continued his studies at Union Theological Seminary (M.Div.) and Emory (Ph.D.). He is a Pastoral Counselor and a colleague of Homer Ashby at Triangle Pastoral Counseling in Raleigh. David is a member of New Hope Presbytery. The Verners are the parents of an adult son, Sam.

Dear FPC family,

The inaugural week of **Durham Summer Service Week** would not have been such a terrific success without you, who donated wood, tools, food, advice, a truck, manual labor, and money, and who prayed for us during the week. The 14 kids in DSSW built a beautiful wheelchair ramp, sorted potatoes at the Food Bank, served food to the community surrounding St. Philip's Garden, packed "blessing bags" for hungry folks who knock on our door, and learned about many different ways one can live a life of service and serve in our community. You can see pictures at [www.durhamsummerservice.org](http://www.durhamsummerservice.org). Thank you, thank you, for all of your support.



Sincerely,

**Christyn Klinck**

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