

# NEWSLETTER

Pearisburg, Virginia 24134 [921-1021]

October 2018

Dr. Brian Burch, Pastor

## **Welcoming Our New Disciples**

Darrell Adams - Tuesday nights you can find him eating supper with the Wild Bunch. He is active in his Sunday school class and the Men's Prayer Breakfast. Often you will find him and his dog Daisy walking around the church. Darrell does contract work for the VA on nationwide IT projects. He volunteers his time with the Boy Scouts and loves his sports, especially playing golf and going to concerts. His first contact with our church came years ago when he met fellow Marine Bill Ballard and his daughter Sandy at a Lenten service.

Devin Kirk - Devin came to our church family through love. Yes, he fell in love with Anna Millirons; married her and now they are the proud parents of Lyla. During an evangelism event he accepted Christ. On September 9 before the baptism of his daughter, Devin publicly professed his own faith and was baptized. Devin works for BAE Systems and loves spending his free time hunting.

Edward Fansler - Edward met Serenity in Texas and a year ago they were married. Life was tough for this young couple, but the last several months they began to see positive changes. With the help of family, they relocated to Pearisburg. Their son, Edward Colton Fansler Jr was born in August and Edward became a security guard for Ethan Allen Distribution center in Dublin, VA.

Serenity Fansler - Five years ago, Ed and Cindy Groves were married. Among the blessings of this merged family was Serenity who instantly became an active part of our youth group. As a new mom, she is employed at Dairy Queen and working quickly to complete her GED. She has big dreams for her son and herself. An important part of her week is worship and it was a proud moment for her the day Colton Jr was baptized that she could declare her faith and join our church family.

Troy & Tracy Ferguson - This couple joined our church family by transfer of membership. They were already heavily involved. For the last several years Tracy was a key VBS teacher. They are active in our children's ministry and together helped organize our recent Bike Rodeo. Troy has joined the sound team during worship, and their family are dependable Sunday school participants. Tracy is the librarian at Macy Elementary. Troy works with Volvo. They have three daughters: Shannon, who teaches at Macy; Olivia and Lauren who take part in Take TWO and Sunday school.

## **Fall Festival**

Children get ready for a new event! Sunday, November 11 get ready for the Fall Festival. Mandy Seeberger is providing the leadership for this event.



- Oct 3 – Men's Prayer Breakfast - 8am
- Oct 4 – Apple pie making – 9am – 4pm
- Oct 6 – Lord's Acre Sale
- Oct 8 – Lord's Acre Meeting
- Oct 9 – Lydia-Susanna – 10am
- Oct 11 – New Friendship Circle – 7pm
- Oct 16 – Prime Timers Program – 6pm
- Oct 18 – Young at Heart Lunch – 12pm

### **Every Wednesday:**

- Handbell Ringers – 6 pm
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal – 7 pm

## **Making a Difference!**

A typo led to a massive rush. The USDA was offering free monthly boxes of food to low-income seniors in Giles County. Instead of having a year to complete the sign-up process, we had 10 days. Church leaders like Drema & Mike McMahon and Morris Fleischer were called and asked to spread the word. Drema did more than spread the word, she became a powerhouse behind an effort to sign up as many seniors as possible. The next sign up opportunity was not until January 2020. By the deadline well over one hundred seniors in our community were found and blessed. What a joy when Christians work together for the good of others! Our picnic shelter is now one of the distribution sites on the third Tuesdays of each month. Please be in prayer for our low-income seniors. Too many exist in our community.

## **While You're at It**

What a joy to serve God alongside people who dream big! The original goal for the parsonage was to redesign the main floor restroom so you could enter it on a walker. Your church leaders hired Darrin Light and used part of the money from the extra lot to make changes that are truly beneficial. The parsonage now has a bathroom and bedroom that are wheelchair accessible. While we were at it, the washer and dryer were moved to the first floor to meet the denominational requirements. While we were at it, three inside doorways on the first floor were also expanded to 36" wide. While we were at it, the wood floors on the first floor were sanded down and new coats of varnish were applied. While we were at it, the rest of the first floor received a paint job. While we were at it, some minor electrical work was completed. Thanks again to Jan Houck and Debbie Taylor who coordinated the work on this extensive project. While we are at it we want to host a parsonage open house on Sunday afternoon, November 4.

# MEMORIAL GIFTS

Were given this month in loving memory of:

*Eugene Altizer  
Emma Fuller*

### Stewardship Report-Budget

Received September a year ago.....	\$ 17,239.50
Received September .....	\$ 19,584.25
Received Y-T-D a year ago .....	\$ 170,855.37
Received Y-T-D .....	\$ 169,352.00

### **Macy Backpack Ministry**

The first backpacking session will be Wednesday, October 10 at 9:30 am upstairs in the backpack room. If you have free time come and join us for an hour or two!

### **Giles County Come Together For North Carolina Hurricane Relief**

Pearisburg Fire Department is collecting items needed by victims. Please drop off at fire department beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> from 2-6pm. Items needed are: cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items, face masks (dust masks), gas cans, garden hoses, trash bags, trash cans, zip lock bags, non-perishable foods, water and diapers. The only clothing needed at this time is socks, underwear and t-shirts. They have requested no other clothing.

### **Wickline 100**

Gillette Wickline celebrates his 100th birthday on October 21. This man, who loves Jesus and is filled with the Holy Spirit: 115 Eagle Drive Pearisburg, VA 921-3470 is his home address.



### **Prime Timers**

Prime Timers will meet on October 16, at 6 pm. Come join them for a dinner of ham, Perk's sweet potatoes and bread, a healthy veggie, and dessert. Entertainment has not been confirmed at present time.

**LORD'S ACRE SALE**  
**October 6, 2018**  
**7am – 1pm**

### **Giles County Bible Bus Fundraiser**

Spaghetti Dinner  
October 7, 2018  
12pm – 3pm  
Narrows Fire Department

Dinner includes: Spaghetti, Salad, Slaw, Roll/Garlic Bread, Dessert, Drink  
Cost: \$7.00  
Dine-in or carry out available.  
For large orders call 540-599-9560

### **Take TWO Grows**

It seems like yesterday when this program began, and we expected six children to arrive. This school year we wanted to share the following exciting news. Our original director Debbie Leet with her five new grandchildren stepped down as director. Teresa Fields who grew up in this church and has two of her grandchildren in Take TWO is our new director. Our numbers are up and last week we broke a new record with 41 children present. That number could go even higher as parents continue to sign up their children for this proven program. Our September news continued to improve as a \$1,500 grant award was presented to Take TWO. If you would like to help with this ministry, we are currently looking for a snack person from about 2:45-4:00 pm each Wednesday.

### **October 14 Worship**

Our vision as a church is to be a place that invites, serves and grows. Sunday, October 14 is an "invite" Sunday. Connie Richardson and her band are coming to bless you with their music. Connie knows what it is to serve. Daily she delivers food all around Giles County to the neediest among us. As you invite your friends, relatives and neighbors to come listen to the musical gifts of this servant you just might find yourself growing in your faith!

*In Memoriam*

Emma Fuller  
September 5, 2018

Our condolences go out to the family of Emma Fuller at her passing. Emma was a member of Pearisburg First UMC since April 26, 2004.

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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