



# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HEIGHTS

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## WHAT'S IN A LOGO?

Now that our logo is prominently displayed on the front of the church, I've found myself thinking about it every day as I arrive. A good logo is simple and evocative, easy to recognize and remember, but bringing to mind multiple layers of images and meanings as you study it. Our logo accomplishes both of these things very well.

### In the Beginning was the Word

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. — John 1:1-4*

The first thing your eye catches is the open Bible, at the bottom of the image. Visually we are reminded that the Word of God is our beginning and our foundation. All of what we believe and know is grounded in and flows out of the Bible. But a closed book doesn't do any good. It needs to be opened and read in order for the words within to bring life and light. And of course, as the passage from John implies, the image of the Bible in the logo points to the Word of God, and that Word of God is Jesus Christ. But these aren't just old, stagnant, dead words, Hebrews 4:12 reminds us that the Word of God is "living and active." What is it that keeps the Word of God alive today?

### The Spirit Gives Life

*It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. — John 6:63*

The eye naturally moves upward from the open Bible and sees the dove, with wings spread, rising out of the center. The dove has long been a visual representation of the Holy Spirit (see Luke 3:21-22), and as it prepares to take flight it gives the image of being alive and free. Being centered in the Word, the dove also reminds us that the Spirit is the seal of our salvation and our inheritance (Ephesians 1:13-14). And as the Spirit fills the Word, so also it fills us. The Holy Spirit gives life to believers and empowers us to take the Word of God into the world through our actions and our words.

May God bless each of us as we seek to be a community of faith that are "hearers and doers" of the Word (James 1:22) and "strengthened with power through his Spirit" (Ephesians 3:16) to serve others in Christ's name!

*Blessings, Rev. David Garrison*



**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:**

- 7 Marie France
- 13 Bobby Irvine,  
Elizabeth Kidd
- 15 Robi Vandevander
- 16 Alayna Vandevander
- 18 George Brine,  
Jonathan Bryant
- 19 Mickie Brine
- 21 Gabbi Scruggs
- 23 Debbie Irvine
- 26 Lois Stewart



**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 25 Bob & Marie France, 1951



**OCTOBER ATTENDANTS**

- 7 Linda Lange, Judy Reyburn
- 14 Debbie Irvine, Sandy Stafford
- 21 Sharon & Gerald Bryant
- 28 George & Mickie Brine



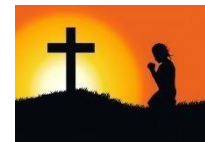
**FIRST SUNDAY COLLECTION OF  
NON-PERISHABLES FOR THE  
MONROE BAPTIST FOOD PANTRY**

Can't bring your donations on the first Sunday? Leave your items any time in the receptacle in the foyer area. Monetary contributions are appreciated as well. Monroe Baptist volunteers can purchase food from the Blue Ridge Food Bank at a much lower price than at the grocery stores.

Don't forget items for children and pets are needed as well.



*I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears. Psalm 34:4 NIV*



**Prayer requests:**

**Sandy Stafford's mother, Bessie Gillie**, has been in the hospital for pneumonia. She is being tested for a spot on her lungs.

**Julie Lerner** has a cracked rib.

**Betty Reed** is receiving physical therapy at Guggenheimer Rehab Center.

**Sue Burnett** is undergoing chemotherapy to treat lung cancer.

**Anita Moore** has had surgery for colon cancer.

**The Leddens' grandchildren, Keith & Denna Crumrine** and children are in New Guinea.

**Andrew Brunson**. Please pray for his release.

**Law enforcement personnel, first responders.**

*Remember others who cannot be with us in church:*

**John and Dick Collins, Dot Stinnett, Leonard Rowe, Margaret Watts, Dot Rucker, Doris Eden, Monyeene Wood, Bob & Marie France.**

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

***Morning Circle:***

The morning circle will meet Tuesday, October 2 at 10 a.m. in the church Library. June Hedrick is the study leader. They continue their study with Max Lucado's book, ***A Love Worth Giving***. If you were not a part of this circle last year, you can still begin. Missing previous studies will in no way hinder what you will be learning in the new year. We would welcome new members to our group. Following their Bible study, the ladies will be treated to lunch in the fellowship hall. Afterwards they will visit Betty Reed.

***Evening Circle:***

The women's evening circle will meet the same evening at 7 p.m. in the NewSong classroom. Their new Bible study is ***Pursuing God***, a DVD presentation by author Margaret Feinberg. This 12-session study covers the books of Genesis and the Gospel of John – 6 sessions in each. Participants are encouraged to purchase their study guides in the office before October 2.

**YOUTH GROUP -- Every Sunday  
6:00-7:15 P.M.**



Like a tattoo, our lives show we've been marked.

People get tattoos for a lot of different reasons, but in almost every case, it's because they want to make a statement. To physically and permanently show others something about themselves, or what they believe, or what's important to them. And the thing about tattoos? They're pretty much forever. You can't easily get rid of that statement, that mark.

The Christian life is a lot like a tattoo. When we place our trust in Christ, our lives are changed, transformed, marked. Permanently. And how we live our lives, the decisions and choices we make every day, speak as loudly as a tattoo. What does your life tell others?

Each Sunday @ Youth Group we'll be exploring just what a life marked for Christ looks like. What are the characteristics and attributes that show a life that lives and shows "trust in Christ, expressed in love" (Gal. 5:6)? How do we live this out in our daily lives? Join us as we explore those questions and more!

**WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

Sat, Oct. 13, 10am - Noon



The Women's Book Club will meet October 13 at Judy Reyburn's home at 10 a.m.

They are reading Francine Rivers' latest novel, **Masterpiece**.

Like to read? You are welcome to join them. Please let Judy know if you will attend.



**Table Talk Continues  
Christian Faith and Other Faiths  
5:45 – 6:45**

September 19 we began our fall series of Wednesday evening Table Talk by concluding our series of studies, **Christian Faith and Other Faiths: Understanding and Outreach**. We'll begin with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS), more popularly known as the Mormons. We'll look first at the founding and the growth of the LDS. Then, following the pattern of our previous studies, we'll look at points of contact and points of conflict between the LDS and historic Christianity. We'll follow a similar outline in exploring the history, theology, and practices of the Jehovah's Witnesses.

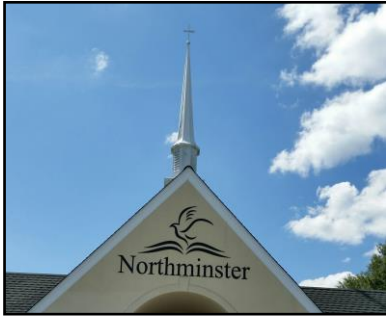
If you've ever wondered about either of these faiths – what they believe, why they are so persistent about coming to your door, or how to engage them in conversation – bring your questions and join us Wednesday evenings, from 5:45 PM – 6:45 PM.

**COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**October 7**



We observe the Sacrament of communion on the first Sunday of each month.

MISSIONS UPDATEMEMORIALS:

We were able to purchase the new signage on the front of the building with memorial funds contributed to the memory of the following:

Elsie Craven, Phyllis Floyd, Mattie Meador, Jack Litchford, Pauline & Phillip Kalin.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sun., Oct. 28 @ 5:30

Come join us for our annual Trunk or Treat at NEPC on Sunday, October 28 from 5:30 until 7:30. Decorate your trunk and bring lots of candy to share with the neighborhood ghosts and goblins. If you are a participant, please be at the church by 5:15, so that we can be set up and ready to go by 5:30. Come dressed in your favorite costume as well!! We will also be serving hot dogs, chips and drinks. Come enjoy the fun, even if you are not a trick-or-treater. If you are unable to come, but would still like to be a part of the event, please donate candy in the container in the foyer marked **Halloween Candy**. That would help those that are participating in the trunk or treat. Sign up on the church bulletin board.



NEPC has for years supported various mission and outreach projects. The Missions Committee is going to highlight one of these missions each month.

Gleaning for the World:

NEPC has supported GFTW for about 20 years. The original GFTW founder, Ron Davidson, retired recently and has been replaced by Jeanne Smily-Mason, a 20-year employee. The emphasis of the outreach has been changed to more local and national projects due to increased disaster needs. Recent actions include:

*College Lake flood relief:* The day torrential rains flooded much of Lynchburg, two 18-wheel trailer loads of supplies (non-perishable foods, baby supplies, personal hygiene items, etc.) were prepared for distribution to those in need.

*Alamo Texas flood:* One week after the Lynchburg disaster another trailer load of similar supplies was delivered in 100 degree heat.

*Elon Tornado relief (ongoing):* A week later another trailer load of similar supplies was delivered for ongoing relief efforts.

*California Fires:* The same week, co-ordination began for supplies delivered to the thousands of displaced Mendocino CA residents. Dozens of GFTW volunteers began collecting supplies at several local collection points.

*Currently, hurricane Florence relief* efforts include more donation collections, sorting and shipping supplies.

Currently NEPC supports GFTW financially and with about a dozen volunteers helping at the warehouse on the third Monday of each month. Watch for monthly updates posted on the Missions bulletin board in the hallway. Donations to support any of those missionaries can be turned in with your Sunday offering. Please indicate on your envelope what amount you would like to go to that specific mission ministry.

**PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER**



The Session has decided to start a new outreach, and we are excited about the opportunity! We will be having elders available after Sunday services to pray for anyone wanting prayer. We plan to have two elders available in the front of the Sanctuary right after the worship service.

We want to use sitting elders as well as those elders not currently on Session. If you are willing to be scheduled for the effort, please let Ron Reyburn know. He will set a schedule once he has elders' names.

**GROUP OUTING**  
**“MORE THAN FUNNY”**  
**Oct. 18, 2018**

The Fellowship committee is organizing a group outing to the Regal Cinemas to see Michael Jr. in “More Than Funny” on October 18. This performance by comedian Michael Jr. was filmed before the EPC General Assembly audience in June this summer.

A number of people have signed up to attend; we still have a few tickets for sale at \$15 each. Those attending should meet at the theater lobby at 6:45 p.m. or at the church to carpool at 6:30 p.m.

Please pay for your tickets in the office as soon as possible. The tickets will be distributed at the theater.

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28**

**By: George Brine, Stewardship & Budget Chair**

Stewardship is the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care. That “something” is the blessings we have received from God so that we can continue His work.

Through Christ, God will supply every need of His people. Giving is one way we can show our gratitude for His many blessings.

The act of giving moves a believer toward an expanded vision of what God calls the church to be and do in its ministries.

We are grateful for your continued support and the many contributions you make to the life of this church.

<b>FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT</b>				
	<u>General Operating Fund</u>		<u>Campaign/PC USA Debt</u>	
	<u>August</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>Total to date</u>
Income	10,523	80,662	1,451	46,085
Expense	11,100	93,721		
Balance	-577	-13,059		

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**DAVID GARRISON, *Pastor***

**ELDERS**

**Ron Reyburn, *Clerk of Session***

**Judy Reyburn, Harry Rucker, George Brine**

**John Lange, Sharon Bryant, Anne Wilkins**

**Bob Mills, *Director of Music***

**Liz Boothe, *Organist***

**Sharon Bryant, *Superintendent***

***of Sunday School***

**Vonnie Rucker, *Secretary/Treas.***