



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HEIGHTS

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For [the sacraments] are visible signs and seals of an inward and invisible thing, by means whereof God worketh in us by the power of the Holy Ghost.

- Belgic Confession Article 33

A New Sign...

Have you noticed there's a new sign on the front of the church? It's kind of hard to miss. The Session did a great job coming up with the design and McBride Sign manufactured and installed it for us. The first Sunday after its installation, the comment I heard most was, "Now people will know where we are!" Without a doubt, it certainly increases our street visibility.

...of an Inward and Invisible Thing

But as the Belgic Confession states (which is echoed in most all of the Reformed Confessions, including Westminster), a sign is a visible expression of an inner reality. The sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper do not save in and of themselves, but rather point to and provide a visible expression of the salvation that God has brought in our hearts. There is no doubt that this sign is worthwhile and will be useful for helping people in our community know where our church is located. But of far greater value is how we, as a community of faith, live out our faith in our community — the acts of love and service that we perform on a regular, daily basis. The world isn't transformed by signs, it's transformed by acts of love and service in the name of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.



...of Things Yet To Come

There are a lot of great things coming this fall at Northminster. Wonderful and uplifting worship services, community-building fellowship events (like the church picnic!), and opportunities to dig deeply into the Word of God in order to grow as disciples and be equipped for acts of service. Like our logo shows, the Spirit flows out of the Word, and once the Spirit is released, like a bird, it goes everywhere, unhindered. It is our hope and prayer that our time spent at Northminster - whether it be at Circles, Sunday School, Worship, Table Talk, Dinners, Youth Group, or anything else - would equip and empower you to go out and serve others in Jesus' name. May our lives be a clearer sign of our community of faith than the sign on our wall!

*"The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound,
but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.
So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." (John 3:8)*

Blessings, Rev. David Garrison

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

- 10 Dot Stinnett
- 11 Ian Moore I
Caiti Vera
- 16 Ray Vandall
- 19 Sharon Bryant
- 23 Peggy Wright
- 25 Bobbie Garrett
- 27 Tim Wright



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

- 1 Vance & Anne Wilkins, 2007
- 5 Ray & Janet Vandall, 1956
- 10 George & Mickie Brine, 1977
- 10 George & Linda Sievewright, 1977
- 13 David & Kristin Kidd, 2014
- 18 David & Karey Garrison, 1999
- 21 George & Beverly O'Brien, 1974



SEPTEMBER ATTENDANTS

- 2 George & Mickie Brine
- 9 Marge Mills & Karen Aspengren
- 16 Maggie Brockman & Anne Wilkins
- 23 Ron Reyburn & Vonnie Rucker
- 30 Ernie & Barbara Baker



CONGRATULATIONS TO

David and Kristin Kidd on the birth of their baby daughter, **Emmalynn Mae**. Emmalynn was born Saturday, August 25.

This is the second daughter for David and Kristin. We are sure Elizabeth Ann will be a big help with her new baby sister.



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



Prayer requests:

Betty Reed was admitted to the hospital August 25 due to pneumonia.

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.

Doris Eden is now at a private home in Lynchburg for health care.

Bob France has been moved to a private home for around-the-clock care.

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, September 4 at 10 a.m. 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. The first lesson for the new year is entitled "The Heart Full of Hurts"--"Love...keeps no record of wrongs." from I Corinthians 13:4-5. June says, "Our meetings consist of not only Bible Study but fellowship among good friends, too. We are more "family" than just a group of ladies with no concern for each other. We have a project as well--keeping in touch with folks who need encouragement with cards, sometimes a visit, and telephone calls. We would welcome new members to our group."

Evening Circle:

The women's evening circle will meet the same evening at 7 p.m. in the NewSong classroom. They will begin a new bible study and discuss projects for the coming year. If you've been thinking about how to become more involved, this group is a great place to start.



FUND RAISER FOR YOUTH

We will be selling short sleeve T-shirts (\$15), long sleeve T-shirts (\$18) and hoodies (\$25) during the month of September. These are ideal for showing your love of your church, starting conversations and just plain looking good! All proceeds from the shirt sales will go toward purchasing furniture for the youth room. Thank you in advance for your support!

**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.

**YOUTH GROUP KICKS OFF
SEPTEMBER 9!
Every Sunday
6:00-7:15**



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, Sept. 8 10am - Noon**



The Women's Book Club will meet September 8 at Vonnie Rucker's home at 10 a.m. They are reading **The Invisible Girls: A Memoir**, by Sarah Theberge

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



Table Talk Resumes Wednesdays, Starting September 19, 5:30 pm

This fall, we'll launch our 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 5:30 PM – 6:45 PM.



**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC
SUN., SEPT. 23
5:00 PM**

Bring the family and friends to this year's Annual Church Picnic. Gather at 5 p.m. under the big tent in the back yard. As volunteers grill hot dogs and hamburgers, others will play games and fellowship together.

"A Lil'Bit Moore" - Ian, Debbie and Jackson Moore will provide musical entertainment.

Your Fellowship Committee will furnish the meats, condiments and drinks. Sign up to let us know how many will be attending. Please bring your favorite picnic side dish or dessert to share.



**COMMUNION SUNDAY
September 2**

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

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT				
	<u>General Operating Fund</u>		<u>Campaign/PC USA Debt</u>	
	<u>July</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Total to date</u>
Income	11,070	70,139	2,691	44,634
Expense	12,116	82,621		
Balance	- 1,046	-12,482		

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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.*