



# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HEIGHTS

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## One Year Ago...

Do you remember a year ago? You were wondering just what this new pastor you'd called would be like; and we were wondering about this new congregation and community we'd been called to serve. There were so many unknowns and questions for us all. But just behind all of that uncertainty was our God, who holds all of us in His hands, who knows the future as certainly as the past. God has shown all of us that He knows exactly what He is doing. Without a doubt, it has been a wonderful year. One of the things I enjoyed most at the EPC General Assembly in June was being able to brag about the wonderful congregation I've been blessed to serve as pastor for the past year. As I told several friends and mentors, I couldn't imagine a better congregation to serve for my first solo pastorate. It's hard to find the words to express how thankful I am for how you've welcomed and loved my family over the past year. The picture to the right was taken the day we moved into our new home.



## ...But There's More To Come!

As great as the past year has been, I can't wait to see all that God has in store for the year(s!) to come. The various ministries of the church and the Session are hard at work prayerfully discerning how God is already at work in and around us, and how He is inviting us to join Him in that work. Plans are being laid for some pretty cool things in Christian Education, Missions & Outreach, Worship, and Fellowship over the months to come. The best part is that you get a sneak peek at what's ahead on Rally Day, coming up Sunday, August 26. How is God inviting you to continue growing as a disciple of Jesus Christ and what opportunities is He providing for you to serve as Jesus' hands and feet? Plan to join us for Rally Day and you just might find out. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Blessings, Rev. David Garrison*

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:**

- 4 Jade Stewart
- 6 Dick Collins
- 10 Sue Pechmann,  
Monyeene Wood
- 11 Tatum Sievwright
- 20 Jeremy Bryant,
- 21 Jackie Hodges,  
Bob Mills
- 23 Margaret Watts
- 27 Kristin Kidd
- 29 Vonnie Rucker



**AUGUST**

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 4 John & Linda Lange – 1973



**AUGUST ATTENDANTS**

- 5 Ernie & Barbara Baker
- 12 Linda Lange & Judy Reyburn
- 19 Debbie Irvine & Sandy Stafford
- 26 Gerald & Sharon Bryant

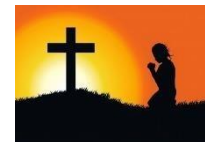
**FIRST SUNDAY  
COLLECTION OF  
NON-  
PERISHABLES  
FOR THE  
MONROE  
BAPTIST FOOD PANTRY**



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 welcomed as well.

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



**Prayer requests:**

**Sue Burnett** has been diagnosed with lung cancer. She began chemotherapy July 26.

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

**The Leddens' grandchildren, Keith & Denna Crumrine** and children are in New Guinea for 1 year to help build a church.

**Deborah Cooper's granddaughter, Elizabeth**, has been in UVA hospital for heart issues. She is 7 months old.

**Doris Eden** is now at Guggenheimer Nursing Home.

**Larry Irvine** is in need of surgery in the near future.

**Alice Sales** has begun a series of chemotherapy treatments for cancer.

**Bob France** has been moved to a hospital in Farmville.

**Bobbie & Albert Garrett** appreciate your prayers for their health. Bobbie was hospitalized recently.

**Andrew Brunson**, has been moved to house arrest. He is a missionary in Turkey, falsely imprisoned in that country almost 2 years. Please pray for his release.

**Families in Elon and Lynchburg affected by the recent tornado on April 15.**

**All active servicemen and women.**

**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, Bob & Marie France.**

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

***Morning Circle:***

The morning circle will meet Tuesday, August 3 at 10 a.m. Their study is "A Love Worth Giving" by Max Lucado. June Hedrick is the study leader.

***Evening Circle:***

The women's evening circle will not meet in August. However, they will be planning summer activities including the reveal of "secret sisters", and deciding on their study to begin in September.

**YOUTH MINISTRY END-OF-SUMMER COOKOUT**

@ The Garrisons  
Sunday, August 19  
6:00-7:30

Students and their friends in 6th-12th Grade are invited to the Garrisons for a cookout as we celebrate the unofficial end of summer and beginning of school. We'll grill some food, play some games, eat the food we grilled, and more! We look forward to seeing you there. See Pastor David or Karey if you have any questions.



**AFTER-WORSHIP RECEPTIONS**

Our after-worship receptions are always an enjoyable time, as they give church members and visitors an opportunity to chat and get to know each other better in a welcoming, relaxed setting. We would like to have at least one reception every month. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board, along with suggested dates and themes.

August 26 is Rally Day and September 23 is the All-Church Picnic. Please consider signing up to host an after-worship reception some other Sunday in August and September.

The Fellowship Committee

**RALLY DAY**

**AUGUST 26 9:45 A.M.**

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The Rally Day festivities will be held on Sunday, August 26 from 9:45 until 10:40 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You will get the chance to explore many of the activities that NEPC provides for the congregation. Each activity (examples: Adult SS classes, Women's Morning and Evening circles, Men's Group, Mission involvement) will have a display set up explaining their purpose and the things that they do. Later, a representative from each group will give a short synopsis of their activity and will answer questions from the participants. We want the members of the congregation to be aware of the many opportunities there are at NEPC and encourage more involvement.

A light breakfast will also be served.

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
***ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC***  
***SUN., SEPT. 23***

Mark your calendar now to attend the Annual church Picnic. It will be held on the church grounds, starting with family games following by grilled hamburgers and hot dogs.

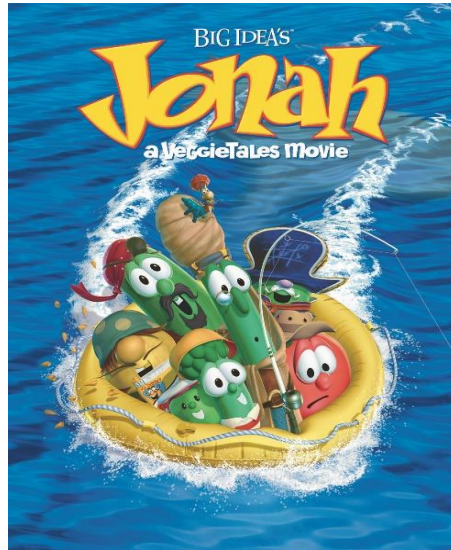
This is a great opportunity to invite extended family, former members, and/or someone looking for a church family.

The Fellowship committee will provide a sign-up sheet for picnic-type food needed. This fun event is also a great time to include extended family. Watch for more information in the weeks to come.



**CHURCH FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

Everyone - particularly families and children - is invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, August 3 at 6:30 pm for **Jonah: A VeggieTales Movie!** Get ready as Bob the Tomato, Larry the Cucumber and the rest of the Veggies set sail on a whale of an adventure. Filled with music, laughs and some of the silliest adventurers ever to be swallowed whole, this is the story of Jonah and the Whale as you've never seen it before - a story where we learn that one of the best gifts you can give - or get - is a second chance. We look forward to seeing you there!



**FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING - HELPING HANDS MINISTRY**



On July 29 we will take our "Fifth Sunday" offering to support the Helping Hands Ministry of Amherst County. The Madison Heights Baptist Church administers this program. Their purpose is to assist county residents with emergency financial needs. Helping Hands is funded strictly by donations of churches in the county.

**JUST A FEW REMINDERS:**

- We have a FAX machine in the church office that is available to members.
- Our church secretary is a notary for the Commonwealth of Virginia. She can notarize your signature at no cost to those in the congregation.
- Contributions are needed for the *Capital Improvement Fund*. These funds are designated for large property improvements and/or repairs.
- **PC USA DISMISSAL DEBT** on the pew envelopes and your offering envelope is the debt we are paying to PC USA for dismissal.
- We have a Body-Life Fund for the express purpose of helping our own members with emergency financial needs. The name of the member receiving help is known only to the 3 people who have to approve the request.



**COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
**AUGUST 5**

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



**WORKDAY EFFORT -- THANK YOU**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2018**

Just a follow-up to the “summer” workday. Usually there is a fall and a spring workday scheduled into the annual calendar. This year the spring workday turned into a summer workday because the Property Committee chair was delayed in getting it on the schedule. The late scheduling was met with summer travel and planned family events.

The weather agreed and the day turned out to be not too hot and it stayed dry. The impending rain never showed up that day and the Round Up weed spraying that Peter Garrison completed had a chance to take effect.

Special thanks to Pastor David, Joel Carnefix, Harry Rucker and Linda Lange for coming up during the weeks prior and attending to things that were identified as needing to be done. Pastor pressure washed the library and back classroom concrete walkways. I don’t think that has ever been done before. Joel spruced up the front entrance pillars, which were in need of attention and paint. Harry got the pillar light working that has been out for a while and John did some yard work. Thanks for your time.

Saturday’s effort included Don Hedrick, Anne Wilkins, Gerald Bryant, George Brine, Pastor David, Meg and Peter Garrison, Linda and John Lange. Thank you to all that attended and donated their time and effort in this semiannual event. Hope to see you again later in the year.

Although a lot was accomplished there are things that remain to be attended to. If you have the desire to assist in this endeavor, let John Lange know and he can point you in the direction of need. Weeding is always a good place to start.

Until the next workday;

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR TIME AND EFFORT, JOB WELL DONE!

John D, Lange, Property Committee chair

<b>FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT</b>				
	<u>General Operating Fund</u>		<u>Campaign/PC USA Debt</u>	
	<u>June</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>Total to date</u>
Income	9,201	59,069	1,076	41,943
Expense	<u>11,103</u>	<u>70,505</u>		
Balance	- 1,902	-11,436		

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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.**