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Comfort to the Soul



Rob Norris, Senior Pastor

To the astonishment of the watching crowd, Jesus once said to a gentile soldier that he had not seen such great faith amongst His own people. (Matt. 8:10) Many of us wonder how it is that we gain such a faith. The answer has not changed since the centurion asked Jesus to heal his servant. The secret strength of faith is found in what it feeds on.

Faith always studies God's promises, because in these promises we see His gracious heart revealed, causing us to praise and honor Him.

At the same time the believer knows that because it is God who has made those promises, they will always be kept. For such is the concern of the Holy Lord for His own glory that He will never allow any stain upon His name.

Then faith recalls the way God's promises for the redemption of His people have been fulfilled in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is proof of the way God's promises have been kept as we are reminded that "God spared not His own Son but gave Him up for us..." This act of God brings comfort and assurance to the soul. It is perhaps why the psalmists are constantly seeking to call us to "remember." As we look backwards we are able to trace

New Women's Ministries Director



*Jill Lindstrom,
Search Committee Member*

Following the departure of Melissa (Carder) Huang, the search committee is delighted to introduce **Jean Bronson** as the new **Director of Women's Ministries**. Jean is warm, engaging, energetic, joyful, and passionate about her calling to minister to women. Most importantly, she loves God and His Word, lives by His grace, and cares deeply for His church.

Jean comes to Fourth from the Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church in St Louis, MO, where she has been Director of Women's Ministries and Assimilation since 2006, and was Coordinator of Children's Ministries and Women's Ministries prior to that. While there, she organized a dynamic women's ministry, facilitating women in the exercise of their gifts, incorporating diverse individuals into the community, and walking alongside women of various ages and stages in faith and life—to the benefit of the whole church body. Her goal is to help women grow in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus and lean on Him.

Prior to living in St Louis, Jean was the Director of Preschool Ministries and Coordinator of Evangelism/Missions at Park Cities Presbyterian Church in Dallas, TX. She also served for 20 years in various leadership roles with Bible Study Fellowship, led women's Bible study groups, and taught children's Sunday school and vacation Bible school.

Married for more than 30 years, Jean and her husband Bill have three adult children: a son living in Alexandria, VA, with his wife and three children; a missionary son who lives with his family in Thailand; and a daughter who is a middle school teacher in Washington, DC. Both Jean and Bill grew up in Baltimore, and have extended family in the mid-Atlantic region.

When Jean joins our staff (in late summer), please welcome her warmly into our family of faith—and rejoice in God's good provision for His church!

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From the Pastor's Study July/August reviewed book

"Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands"

by Dr. Paul David Tripp

One of the first books that I ever read from the pen of Paul David Tripp is "Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands," and it continues to be a source of information and encouragement in seeking to serve other people. Into this slender volume is packed a great deal of help to any believer who seeks to speak into the life and challenges of another Christian brother or sister.

Dr. Tripp begins with the clear biblical conviction that God uses His word in the transforming of others; from there he unfolds the character of God and the central demand of worship. He exposes the idols that sometimes cloud our hearts and distort our understanding and is constant in being able to direct in the ministry of grace. It is a manual for sanctification at a very practical level, a book and I can commend it as being biblical, theologically sound, and practically helpful.

Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands, by Paul David Tripp, is available for checkout in Fourth's Media Center. Other materials by the same author which are available in the Media Center include 15 books, four DVDs and five CD sets. To reserve this book, [click here](#). Look for the Paul Tripp display beneath the Media Center windows, or ask a library staff member for assistance.

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Terence Little Brings Big Promise

Ron Meyer, Pastor of Congregational Care

In mid-April, Terence Little joined the Church and Family Life team as an intern for a period of one year. He assists with visitation, teaches Sunday school, assists in worship, sits in with pastors where appropriate in their counseling ministry, and assists with Children's Ministry and in local outreach ministries.

Terence has been visiting members prior to surgery, in long-term care facilities, and helping with a myriad of tasks related to congregational care.

In college Terence served with Campus Outreach, a ministry focused on discipling believers. He holds an MA degree from RTS Charlotte. He served in a children's home in North Carolina for seven years. Christ Covenant Church, Matthews, NC, invited him to assist them as an intern helping with church planting. He is very familiar with the church, as his father is a pastor.

Terence plans to begin working toward his PhD degree from Westminster Theological Seminary in the fall of 2013. His desire is to teach and serve within the life of the church.



Tommy Myrick to Build Small Groups

Rob Norris, Senior Pastor

At its last meeting the Session approved the hiring of Tommy Myrick as an intern within the Church and Family Life Committee for a two-year period. His task will be to build and resource a Small Group Ministry.

Tommy trained at Westminster Seminary California, in Escondido, CA, where he was President of the Westminster Student Association. At Independent Presbyterian Church in Savannah, GA, he designed a new Bible study and Sunday school ministry for 20-year olds. He has had some preaching experience and has regularly assisted in the leading of worship, and conducted regular discipleship with young adults in the congregation. He also introduced Christianity Explored & Discipleship Explored.

At New Life Presbyterian Church in Escondido, CA, he led congregational prayers during morning worship services and taught children's Sunday school. At Grace Community Church in Sun Valley, CA, he served the college ministry as an under-shepherd to an overseeing Elder and led the Generations Bible Study as team-teacher of college students. He has also worked with the White Horse Inn Ministry, helping to create new study guide materials for individual and group use.

For the past several years, internships within our Church and Family Life Committee have been funded through a generous gift from one of our members. Now, in filling these positions at no cost to our budget, we are able to bring wonderful resources to this much desired ministry within the life of our church. Please welcome these young men into our midst, sharing in the many gifts they bring to our ministry.

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Fourth Family Milestones

Information reported to these sources will automatically be included in this monthly listing unless you request otherwise.

Births and Adoptions:

Amanda Westley, x219, awestley@4thpres.org

Marriages:

Jean Erskine, x205; jerskine@4thpres.org

Anniversaries:

Jeri Weaver, x206; jweaver@4thpres.org

Deaths:

Janet Tate, x217; jtate@4thpres.org

~Deaths~

Ray Whitesel | May 28, 2012

Husband of the late Betty A. Whitesel
 Father of Jeffrey (Kathleen) Whitesel and
 the late Christopher (Mary) Whitesel
 Grandfather of two

Pat Bielaski | June 5, 2012

Jerry B. Patterson | June 15, 2012

Husband of the late Esther Patterson
 Father of Gary (Lisa) Patterson and
 Linda (Christopher) Hall
 Grandfather of ten
 Great grandfather of nine



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 Email photos to accompany your
 announcements to jweaver@4thpres.org.
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Please do not send photos through the mail.

Checking Out the Authors Among Us

Mary Hospedales, Special Features Writer

Have you ever wanted to travel the globe without all the hassle and expense of airplanes? Try hopping into a hot air balloon and flying away.

Perhaps you've always wanted to see the Eiffel Tower. Maybe you've imagined basking in the baking heat of the rolling, grassy savannahs of Africa. In *Olive's Balloon Adventure*, written by Polly Thatch and illustrated by Susan Newcott, you can do just that, and follow Olive, a little girl, on her whirlwind trip around the world. Watch and learn along with her as she discovers how to balance independence with a willingness to accept a helping hand. She even learns to ask for help when it is needed!

Olive's aid comes from unexpected sources—an eccentric but fun collection of animals, including Siberian tigers and New Zealand kiwis—all eager to help her on her way. These creatively chosen characters give her tidbits of knowledge—including words of another language and dress of other cultures.

Exquisitely drawn pictures in vibrant colors grace every page, piquing the imagination, and making Olive's quirky adventure truly come alive. You can even trace Olive's route around the earth on a clever folded map at the very end of the story. I'm definitely going to borrow someone's little sister or brother so that I can read this story to them or, in Olive's style, have them read it to me!

Olive's Balloon Adventure, by Polly Thatch and Susan Newcott, is available for checkout from the Authors Among Us section of Fourth's Media Center OR the Children's Library.

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Scenes from Children's Library Story Hours.
**Come join us on Thursdays at 11:00 on July 19 and July 26
 to hear great readers read new children's books.**
Photos courtesy of Terence Little

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NEW MEMBERS

The following new members, Class #63, were received into membership of Fourth Presbyterian Church at the Session Meeting, Tuesday, May 29, 2012.

Photos courtesy of Charles Brady.



Back Row (l-r): Andrew Meletta
 Front Row: James Palma, Maia Palma
 Auberon, Josiah, Adalia



Back Row (l-r): Robert Bloomer, Erin Jones
 Front Row (l-r): Jeff Vuono, Donna Vuono, Heather Pettway,
 John Pettway



Back Row (l-r): Charlotte FitzGerald, Andy FitzGerald,
 Cheryl Weaver
 Front Row (center): Dee-Dee Gray-Weaver,
 Heather Kauffman, Dan Kauffman Benjamin, Seth, Matthew



Back Row (l-r): Robin Spilman, David Spilman, Ryan Olivett
 Front Row (l-r): Tom Spilman, Pat Spilman, Ken Sisco, Janet Sisco



Front Row (l-r): Jeffrey Sich, Jason Ford, Karl Golovin

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Fourth Presbyterian School Summer Programs 2012

John Murray, Headmaster

Our camps kicked off to an amazing start in June, with two weeks of sports camps featuring basketball and soccer. Former NBA player and University of Maryland star Adrian Branch led the basketball camp, along with outstanding area coaches. Fourth School teacher and former competitive soccer player TJ Fleming coached our soccer players, also assisted by excellent coaches. Campers received great instruction from their experienced coaches and definitely honed their athletic skills. Daily pool time was a highlight as well!



More importantly, the camps had a Christ-centered focus, as each coach related sports and their personal experiences to walking with Christ. What a blessing to provide campers with a fun, enriching experience through godly role models!

We have three more weeks of day camp and enrichment camps in July and August. The day camps focus on weekly theme verses during morning assemblies, followed by arts and crafts activities. Nature walks, crazy games, and team sports will be enjoyed by all. It's not too late to sign up for these awesome summer programs!



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SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

Day Camp

July 16-20
 July 23-27
 July 30-August 3

Swimming Lessons

July 16-20
 July 23-27
 July 30-August 3

Enrichment Camps

Far-Out Field Trips	July 16-20
Study Skills	July 16-20
SAT Math Prep	July 16-20
Growing Gardeners	July 23-27
International Cooking Class	July 23-27
Guitar Camp	July 30-August 3

ESOL Connecting with the World

Margaret Cudney, ESOL Publicity Director

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me..."

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Fourth has a tremendous opportunity to connect with students from around the world through its English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program. Through ESOL, faithful Fourth volunteer teachers and staff have had the privilege of sharing their lives with hundreds of immigrating, studying or working internationals over the past 15 years.

Year 16 is scheduled to begin on September 11, we plan to have enough leaders and teachers to carry out—or even expand the program during the coming school year. With the growing diversity in Maryland's suburbs—minorities are now the majority in Montgomery County—our mission field grows every day.

A key focus of ESOL at Fourth is not only to help internationals learn or improve their ability to speak and use the English language but also to introduce them to Jesus Christ in the midst of the some of the biggest transitions and challenges of their lives. (John 14:6).

Looking Back

Over the years, God has provided excellent and dedicated teachers to take on this important volunteer job. Sharon Nothman has taught since the start of the program 15 years ago, and even held class the night before giving birth to her second child! Other teachers last term included Julia Aman-Smith, Adrienne Weaver, Janet Scott, and Judith Wortman. Some are attorneys and health educators by day. You don't need a degree in teaching English to participate.



Larry Lull tests incoming students to determine in which of five levels new students fit. For years Sharon Nyhus has been "the Bible lady" and social chairman for breaks in the Upper Room. Our registrar Jackie Keller bravely prepared students' certificates for our recent 2012 graduation ceremony despite newly emerging health concerns. Karen Hoobler has provided devotions this past year, presenting Bible lessons and new songs to our students during break times.

At least 25 Bibles were distributed to students at graduation, either in their own languages or in English. Bibles with side-by-side English and another language are a great way to learn English! It was exciting to have the students read John 3:16 in their own languages thanks to New Testaments provided by The Gideons which include this verse in about 15 different languages.



Summer Conversation Class

As a bridge between the regular class years (September to May with a break at Christmas) we offer a Summer Conversation Class. Classes are now being taught by Dr. William Nickels, well-known professor from the University of Maryland. (See his book, *Understanding Business*, used around the world as a basic business text, in the Authors Among Us section in Fourth's Media Center.)

Students in the summer class come from various countries (including Brazil, Columbia, Iran, Korea, and Mongolia) and include scientists and au pairs.



Looking Ahead

In the spring, Michael Prather, Deacon and retired government employee, assumed responsibility for directing the ESOL program at Fourth, taking over from Helen Tsieu-Loy. **We still need a co-director so that the various**

responsibilities for leading the program can be shared. Duties include recruitment, publicity, and planning special events such as the International Christmas Potluck and the International Picnic each June.

The ESOL ministry is supervised by Director of Missions and Outreach, Rob Yancey, and there are many other behind-the-scenes supporters and contributors to the program—Rev. Ron Meyer, Patricia Windsor, Jeri Weaver, Natasha Gilliam, substitute teachers Carol Bontempo, Patricia McAllister and Phil Gatti.

Anyone interested in working with this dynamic and diverse program should contact Michael Prather at MPrather@compuserve.com. You will be as blessed as the students.

Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these, my brothers you did it to me." - Matthew 35-40

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Focus on the Youth...

Please join us in praying for our youth.

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July 1-7

Pray for our seniors and the full time staff who traveled with them to El Salvador for a week-long mission trip. Pray for safety and good health. Pray for those they seek to serve and serve alongside. Pray God would move in their hearts and lives and that their view of Him would expand. Pray for our summer staff and full time staff back home as they prepare for more summer trips and events, especially the eighth grade mission trip which leaves next week.

July 8-14

Pray for our eighth grade class and their staffers as they travel to York, PA, for the eighth grade mission trip. Pray for those they seek to serve and serve alongside. Pray God would move in their hearts and lives and that their view of Him would expand. Pray for our summer staff and full time staff as they prepare for more trips and events throughout the summer, especially the high school bike trip which leaves next week.

July 15-21

Pray for our high school students as they head to North Carolina on their bikes! Pray for safety and hydration and mental toughness. Pray for team-building. Pray the staff would lead well and care well for our students. Pray that God would be glorified through this trip. Pray for the middle school staff and students back home as they continue with their events and activities.

July 22-28

Pray for the youth search committees as they seek to fill positions for a Pastor of Youth & College and Middle School Director. Pray that God would grant members of both committees wisdom and discernment as they make decisions. Pray for the right person for each job and for smooth and quick transitions. Pray for Corey Gray and Collin Christensen as they eventually move, to other roles, and for Collin and his wife Kristen as they relocate to Atlanta. Pray for God's blessing and guidance for their families.

July 29-August 4

Pray for our summer staff as they continue to plan events and activities and seek to minister to our youth. Pray for each staff member by name. Pray for wisdom and discernment in planning and programming into the summer and for encouragement in their faith as they seek to come alongside parents in pointing our youth to Christ.

August 5-11

Pray for our students and families as they come to the end of summer vacation. Pray for renewed vision and purpose heading into the school year for our students and their parents. Pray our students would be a light in their schools and look for ways to bring the Gospel to their friends. Pray they would be students of the Word and in encouraging relationships in the church.

August 12-18

Pray for our summer staffers, back to college or on to careers. Pray for each staff member by name. Pray for purpose and direction and renewed zeal as they seek to be lights to their friends and coworkers. Pray they would be students of the Word and in encouraging relationships in the church. Pray for wisdom and discernment in life and encouragement in their faith as they seek to come alongside parents in pointing our youth to Christ.

August 19-25

Pray for our full time staff by name. Pray that the ministry would continue to be effective in pointing students to Christ even during this time of transition. Pray for unity among the staff. Pray for their time in the Word that they would be encouraged and uplifted in their faith. Pray for peer and mentor relationships to flourish and provide spiritual nourishment for their work with our students.

August 26-31

Pray for God to provide volunteer staff and Sunday school teachers for the 2012-2013 school year. Pray for solid leaders who will actively pour into our students' lives. Pray for middle and high school Bible studies and small groups. Pray relationships would be formed and developed through these times of prayer and study. Pray for unity among our staff and students and that they would be folded into the body as a whole.

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Deacon Ministry

2012 Deacon Board

Barbara Hocker, Deacon

"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." - Romans 8:28

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the new members of our diaconate board appear below. They have been called to serve you. Please approach any Deacon, current or new, to share in prayer and other needs. We are here to serve you. The current Deacon Officers are: Don Robinson, Chairman; Akin Harrison, Vice Chairman; Hannah Steele, Secretary; Harry Lincoln and Charles Smith, Co-Treasurers.

DEACON BOARD MEMBERS



Michael Boyle

Mike and his wife Hannah and five children joined Fourth Presbyterian in January 2001. At Fourth, Mike has taught Sunday school to first graders and fourth grade boys and is involved with Romanian Christian Enterprises and its Amy's House ministry.



Roland Hirsch

Roland and his wife Paula Jean have been members of Fourth since the mid-1990s. They have three children and seven grandchildren. Roland has previously served as a Deacon, including five years as co-Treasurer. He also has been a member of the coffee service group in Halverson Hall since it was opened.



Susan Fisher

Susan and her husband Joseph have attended Fourth about 18 years. Susan came to Christ in 1987 during a difficult time in her life. Susan has served previously as a Deacon and a Sunday school teacher. She helps with the registration for the 11am Pastor's Class. Currently Joe and Susan volunteer with the Alpha Ministry.



Stephen Howe

God used Stephen's Campus Crusade for Christ experience to bring him to Fourth. Having attended Fourth for several years, he became a member in 2006. Steve has been involved in the Soup Truck ministry with Young Career Fellowship, teaching first and second grade Sunday school,



Shirley Giles

Shirley and her husband Bob have been attending Fourth Church since 1977. Their three daughters were active in Fourth's youth programs. Shirley has served on Stephen Ministry, two Nominating Committees, and the Church and Family Life Committee. She has been an Inter-City tutor and a Camp Bennett summer counselor. She has previously served a three year term on the Deacon Board, including one year as chair. She has participated in Community Bible Study for over 20 years.



Marie LeDuc

Marie and her husband Mark have been at Fourth for about six years and their three daughters have been active in the Youth program. Marie has volunteered with the 3rd-4th grade Sunday school team, hosted high school K-groups in her home and, with her husband, prepared monthly high school leadership lunches. Currently, Marie is a "floater" for the 9:30 morning Children's Ministry and is frequently found in the crib or toddler rooms. She teaches math part-time at the Fourth Presbyterian School.

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Asoka Siddhiarachchige

Asoka was born and raised in Sri-Lanka in a Buddhist home. In 1989 while living Singapore, she was given a Bible, received the Lord Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized. Shortly after moving to the United

States she became a member of Fourth Presbyterian Church in 1997. She is a friendly greeter at 8 am services, and a collector of money at Fourth's Wednesday night dinners. She was trained in Evangelism Explosion and served as a trainer. She is now serving a second 3-year term as Deacon.



Louise Smith

Having attended Fourth for over 30 years, Louise has been involved in the Bright Lights tutoring program and participated in the 11am Pastor's Class. She has participated in a small group Bible study and several Wednesday night classes. This is the second term she has served as a Deacon.



Elaine (Robinovitz) Smoot

A member of Fourth since 1989. Elaine started serving actively as an Ambassadors small group Bible study co-leader, then as a Steering Committee member. In the early days of Tuesday night Club, she assisted with the newborn to 2 year olds. In 1991, she moved her mother from New York to Bethesda. "Mommy" was included in all of Elaine's

activities until her death in 2004 at the age of 96. In the early 90's Elaine assisted various leaders of Fourth's Young At Heart; later she was part of a small task force that coordinated their monthly meetings and trips. She and Doug Smoot were married in 2005. Doug is past Chairman of the Diaconate. They share a common dedication to serving the Lord.



Colleen Spicka

Colleen joined Fourth with her late husband, Ed, in the 1980s. Together they were active in the Mariners, Fourth Academy, women's and men's retreats. She is currently a member of the newly-formed Northern Virginia Circle.

Colleen desires to serve Christ with the gift of encouragement and support in ministry with others.



Bruce Weiss

Bruce has been a member of Fourth for two years, though his association with Fourth goes back over ten years, having participated in Bible studies, men's retreats and pastor's classes before becoming a member. He has been a small group leader at the retreats for the past few years, and he currently leads table discussions at the 11am

Pastor's Class. He and his wife Joanne have two grown children.



Theodore Wu

Ted and his wife Marilyn ("Lyn") have been attending Fourth Church since mid-1980s and became members in 1994. Lyn served as Children's Choir "mother" and Ted sang with the Sanctuary Choir for several years. Their son Joshua grew up at Fourth, serves as a Trustee and teaches third grade Sunday school.

In addition to the above, Wayne Chen, Harry Lincoln and Charles Smith have each volunteered to serve a second three-year term.

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Highlights of the 2012 Fourth Church Picnic

Again this year, the Fourth Church congregation enjoyed a beautiful day of fellowship and fun with a picnic on our Fourth School grounds. The picnic is a long-standing tradition for our church as we gather at Fourth school, and for many years before that at a state park. One of the rich blessings of such an event is serving one another. Many volunteers came early to set up. Others cordoned off an area for our Wheels of Fourth car show, prepared the soccer and baseball field for games, set up for face painting, pony rides, and swimming.

Our nearly 300 attendees were encouraged to bring a salads, main dishes or desserts to go along with grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. Part of the fun included clean up of the grounds afterwards so that our school was ready to resume Monday. Everyone enjoyed a beautiful day that built into the life of our church.



Photos Courtesy of John Sillin

