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## ...from David's Desk

### “What Does Easter Mean For Us Human Beings?”

In a sermon to prisoners in Basel, Switzerland, April 2, 1961, the great Protestant teacher and preacher, Karl Barth, asked the question: *“What does it mean to celebrate Easter?”* He answered his own question: *“To celebrate Easter means: to hear the YES and the NO which God has spoken in what he did on Good Friday; the Yes to all of us and the No to our estrangement from him, which is our misery.”*

Barth went on to observe that all of us, all of us, sometimes feel that God has abandoned us. Of course, the irony in our feelings is this: we repeatedly abandon God again and again. Easter, however, has declared the truth that God has never, nor will ever, abandon us human beings. Karl Barth writes: *but the truth of Easter Day, like the truth of Good Friday—is this, that God holds us fast, whoever we are and whatever our situation, whatever we may feel or think, however difficult our mood may be today and tomorrow... He is present, he does not abandon us, even when we cannot help thinking ourselves abandoned. ... The truth is that he is completely and utterly ours and that we are completely and utterly his. This is the Easter message. And celebrating Easter means that we should submit to this Easter truth*. Karl Barth, “Call for God”, pp 54-55.

By God's grace may we surrender to the truth of Easter, and know that God loves us and will not let us go. May we live in that light.

AMEN



#### Staff

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D.Min —Pastor

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Session

#### Session Members

- Class of 2025:  
Fred Coots, Lynne Bolton,  
Jim Porter
- Class of 2026:  
Lyn Burton, Hal Bailey,  
Patsy Dickerson
- Class of 2027:  
Cathy Goad, Patty Vari,  
Teri Walker

It may be spring time, but remember  
that our furnace is not working so  
dress appropriately for church, it may  
be cool inside.

## Report From The Session Meeting:

### ⇒ Old Business

Thank you to David Kincaid and his “crew” have stabilized the steeple on the inside so it will not “blow over”.

About a year ago, the Fincastle Library donated a fire proof file cabinet to FPC. It is very heavy and in order for it to be used, it needed to be moved up stairs. Thanks to William (pulling) and Allen (pushing on the right) Dickerson and Gill Ayers (pushing on the left) for being able to move it upstairs. Now John Kilby can “fill it up” with important documents.

### ⇒ Committee Reports

*Finance*—Hal Bailey

*Communications*—Patsy Dickerson: First thanked the session and church for all of the support during this last month; gave out the Session Contact Groups for 2025; reported that in June the website should get a “face lift”

*Congregational Care*—Cathy Goad: Reported that Rachel Paderick has requested to be put on the prayer list because the “due date” for her daughter is drawing near.

*Mission*—Teri Walker: Remember to sign up for the Food Pantry on the 3rd and 4th Fridays of May and June. You need to show up at the pantry from 9:30—11:30. There is a sign up sheet on the table under the bulletin board. Also, the Food Pantry has requested the following donations: CEREAL, CEREAL BARS, MAC & CHEESE, DRY CAT AND DOG FOOD. (Remember that May 4 is 2 cent a meal and food pantry donations Sunday)

*Christian Education*—Lyn Burton: Women’s Bible Study will continue on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall

*Worship*—Lynne Bolton: Thank you to all who contributed to the Easter Season services: Maundy Thursday, Palm Sunday and Breakfast, Sunrise Service and Easter Sunday Service. The guest preachers while David is gone will Be Rev. Dr. Kyle Allen (retired from Covenant PC) - on May 4, May 11, June 1) and Rev. Don Makin (retired from Christiansburg PC) - on May 18 and May 25)

*Fellowship*—Jim Porter: Men’s Breakfast on May 17 at North Star (9 am)

*Property*—Fred Coots: Fred and Hal will meet again with G. J. Hopkins about the furnace; stay tuned

*Personnel*—Lynne Bolton: no report



Update Report from the  
Pastor Nominating  
Committee:  
Paul Phillippe, Chairman  
Cathy Goad, Hal Bailey,  
Alan Brenner, Bill Walker

The committee would like to pass along the following information:

The Church Information Form is now complete and is presently being submitted to the presbytery search coordinator assigned to our church for their review and approval. Upon the coordinator’s approval, it will immediately be sent on to the presbytery office for them to start sending our church information out to ministers who would like to view and consider it.

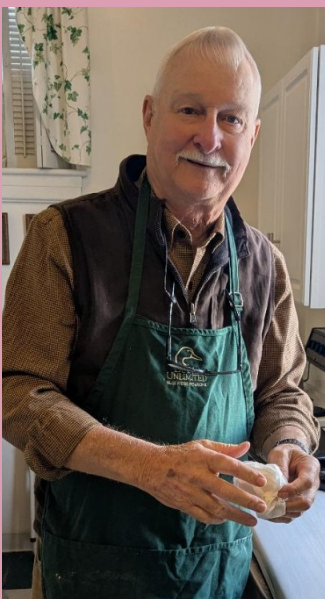
*Pictures of Easter Season  
2025*



*Easter Sunday Service*



*Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast*





FPC Activities are in  
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# May 2025

Community  
Activities are  
in BLUE



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>David and Patsy on vacation all of the month of May. David will resume work on June 2nd and preach on June 8</div>				1 National Day of Prayer	2	3 Step-Back-Into History: See poster
4 2 cent a meal and food collection 9:30—SS Kyle Allen preaching	5	6	7	8 Rich Evan—4pm Update on Court-house Construction—Fin. Lib.	9	10 60th Anniversary of DAR at Wilson Warehouse 3 pm
11 9:30—SS Kyle Allen preaching	12 Rev. McRae Book Talk at 6 pm—Eagle Rock Library	13 Women's Bible Study 2 pm FPC	14 Bike Centinel Talk—Tom Ewing 6 pm Troutville Town Hall	15	16 Food Pantry Volunteer 9:30—11:30	17 Men's Breakfast 9 am North Star
18 9:30—SS Don Makin Preaching	19	20	21	22 HFI Festival Planning Meeting 6 pm all are welcome—FPC	23 Food Pantry Volunteer 9:30—11:30	24
25 9:30—SS Don Makin Preaching	26	27	28 Wholeness and Healing Prayer Service and Light Dinner 5 pm	29	30	31 Paddling Through History Buchanan to Arcadia (BCHS)



# Step-Back-Into- History

## A DAY at The Early Cabin

*18th and 19th Century  
Living in Fincastle*

**May 3, 2025**

**10 am—4 pm**



### THROUGHOUT THE DAY

- ⇒ Visit the POSTCARD COLLECTION of Mike Lee, inside the Early Cabin
- ⇒ Listen to live music
- ⇒ Play 18th Century Games
- ⇒ Visit the historic reenactment campsite of the Fincastle Company
- ⇒ Buy a CORN DOG LUNCH - \$4.00
- ⇒ HFI Bake Sale



### Schedule for the day

#### Living History Events

- ⇒ 10:30 am— Tour the Campsite
- ⇒ 11:00 am—Dress like a patriot and have your picture taken with historic reenactors
- ⇒ 11:30 am—Reading of the Botetourt Resolutions, on the steps of the Early Cabin
- ⇒ Noon—Make homemade ice cream
- ⇒ 1:00 pm—Writing/lettering in 18th C. style
- ⇒ 1:30 pm—Coloring Station
- ⇒ 2:00 pm— Presentation by Abigail Adams, wife of John Adams, inside the Early Cabin
- ⇒ 2:30 pm—Make homemade ice cream
- ⇒ 3:00 pm—Coloring Station
- ⇒ 3:30 pm

**Fair Weather Event—Check the Historic Fincastle Inc Facebook page to check on status of event on Saturday, May 3rd.**