



## NOTES FROM THE FIELD

When Jonah was little he loved to sit in the driver's seat of our car and pretend he was driving. The car didn't leave the driveway, and he wasn't tall enough to see over the steering wheel, but he would pretend he was driving somewhere. He has always liked cars, and his sister is quick to remind him that she will be driving before he will.

He would hold the wheel, work the wiper lever, push the radio button and then turn the heater knobs. We always left the door open when he did this, so he wouldn't accidentally press the door lock button – although he probably would have liked that because he could stay in there uninterrupted.



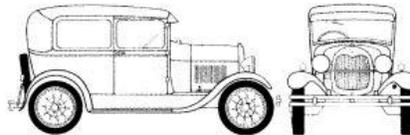
Sometimes the dome light would stay on all night, or the wipers would sweep the windshield when I started the car the next morning, or the fan would blast on high, and I would smile to myself and remember Jonah sitting there playing the night before. Good memories to be sure.

I had a similar experience just recently. I was visiting a church member who has a *Ford Model A* in his garage. I sat in the driver's seat and grabbed the wheel. For a brief moment I imagined I was driving that beautiful machine down a bumpy dirt road – it wasn't just

a classic car, it was a time machine!

In the one hundred years or so since that *Model A* rolled off of Henry Ford's assembly line the basic design of a car has not changed very much, has it?

New technologies, new materials and computers are included in modern cars, but like that classic, they still have four wheels, an internal combustion engine, seats for the driver and passengers, a glove box (Does anyone besides me still call it a glove box?), bumpers, lights, muffler, etc.



Could we say something similar about the church? In the two millennia since the first church was organized by the Holy Spirit, hasn't the basic design stayed pretty much the same?

Like those first disciples who became the church, aren't we, in 2012, a collection of people who follow Jesus, have been organized into a resurrection community? We meet regularly for worship, study, prayer, fellowship, and mission.

We welcome others who want to follow Jesus and join with us in our work.

We understand ourselves connected to a larger Christian Church that is universal, which means the church exists anywhere in creation where the followers of Jesus gather.

We look to the authoritative witness of God's redemptive work in creation (the Bible) and consider it our best rule for life and faith.

There is then a question is before the modern church. Are the bonds that connect us to that ancient church and to one another strong enough overcome some very powerful modern-day forces? Here are some of those forces:

The force of consumerism, which pulls us to ask: what benefit do I receive from the church?

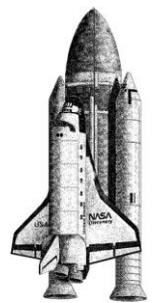
The force of nostalgia, which pulls to ask aren't our best days behind us anyway?

The force of novelty, which pulls us to ask isn't new better than old?

The force of fear, which pulls us to ask when danger is near, shouldn't we climb the nearest tree?

What should we say about these (and other) forces? As the church, we claim that Newton's second law is at work when it comes to these divisive forces.

There is a mightier force (a mighty-space-shuttle-engine-kind-of-force) at work holding us together. Listen to Ephesians: *make every effort to*



*maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.* This mighty force is God at work in us, the force of unity, of peace, of life together in Christ, Jon

Nursery Helpers for November  
 November 4-*Barbara Quesenberry*  
*Bonnie Keller*  
 November 11-*Linda Hall*  
*Angie Cooper*  
 November 18-*Retha Robinette*  
*Sandra Wimmer*  
 November 25-*David & Jane Prater*

**Prayer List**

*Janet Martin, Peggy Riley, Nell Matney, Bob Elliot, Doris Poe, Leroy Jones, Jody Williams, Carrie Kimery, Mike Altizer, Mary Gustin, Jack W. Cole, Al Roper, Emma Barton, Jeanie Evans' sister-in-law, Lucy & Joe Foster, Mack Rasnake, Sarita Mullins, Lois Cornett, Pearl Reynolds, Connie Counts, Harry Jackson, Kaitlin Clay, Meredith Haga, Bruce Blessing, Carrie Blevins, Ann Lowry, Judy Puckett, Karen Combs, Sally Brown, Donna Abel, Carter & Emerson Hale, Kitty Pelfrey, Helen Garland, Elizabeth Ponder, Barbara Adams, David King, Bob Lowe, Lynn McConnell, Nancy Thompson, Barbara Knight, Jim Groseclose, Sara Lawson, Carolyn Deaton, Virginia Thompson, Edna McConnell, Bill & Marge Margerum, Sandra Wimmer, Janet McCauley, Rhonda Moore, Eva Bailey, Bo Miller, Nancy Greary, Rickey White, Terry White, and Helen Carter.*

**Responding to the Good News**

Date	Attendance	Offering
8-05-12	132	\$3997.00
8-12-12	158	\$3465.64
8-19-12	116	\$4969.97
8-26-12	122	\$3137.00
9-02-12	127	\$3165.75
9-09-12	135	\$3643.00
9-16-12	121	\$4563.34
9-23-12	119	\$3865.00
9-30-12	117	\$5451.02



**Sunday, November 11**

Please join us on Sunday, November 11, right after worship as we honor Bucky Buchanan for his many years of service to Green Spring Church and the community.

12:00noon - Covered-dish Dinner  
 1:00pm - A time to honor Bucky

Many of us have been helped by Bucky, and we want to share our Bucky stories together. If you would like to say a few words, please tell a member of the "Bucky Day Committee": Troy Gillespie, Grace Garrett, Carolyn McConnell, Phyllis and Jack Briscoe.

Habitat for Humanity is building a home in Abingdon.



The work continues...

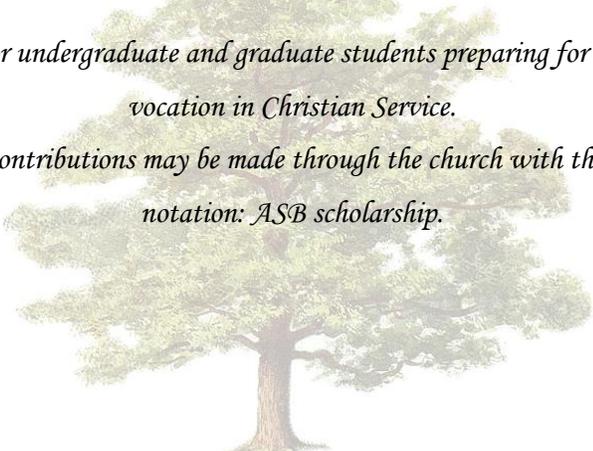
**The Andrew Sexton Buchanan Scholarship**

*The Session of Green Spring Presbyterian Church  
 announces the newly established*

***Andrew Sexton Buchanan Scholarship***

*for undergraduate and graduate students preparing for a  
 vocation in Christian Service.*

*Contributions may be made through the church with the  
 notation: ASB scholarship.*



Halloween Haunted Houses decorated by the children of Green Spring

## Birthdays October/November

October 1-Cole Lambert  
 October 3-Betty Trivette  
 October 3- Phyllis H. Sams  
 October 9-Whitten Puckett  
 October 12-Connie Counts  
 October 13-Patti Quarles  
 October 17-Earl Combs  
 October 19-Jacob Singleton  
 October 21-Bill Margerum  
 October 21-Bobby Hensley  
 October 28-Shonna McVey  
 October 29-Irvin Brown  
 October 30-Ryan Halsey  
 November 1-Ann Lowry  
 November 1-Jennie Lou Brown  
 November 5-Rick Hall  
 November 6-Barbara King  
 November 9-Sarah Singleton  
 November 9-Maidie Kelly  
 November 12-Lynna Altizer  
 November 14-Doug Phillippi  
 November 14-Mack Bailey  
 November 17-Megan Cooper  
 November 17-Shane McBride  
 November 17-Jack Briscoe  
 November 19-Hal Phillips  
 November 21-Lea Combs  
 November 28-Anna Kate Cooper  
 November 29-G.T . Harris

## Anniversaries October/November

October 2-Blair & Nicole Cahoon  
 October 19-Jerry & Sandra Wimmer  
 October 24-Tom & Carolyn Deaton  
 October 28-Hal & Hazel Phillips  
 November 15-Joe & Billie Stringer

## Boy Scouts Troop 70

Boy Scout Troop 70 will be meeting weekly on Monday nights at 7:00pm at the church. Come join us as we are planning an exciting new outdoors program. Bill Thompson, Scout Leader, invites all boys age 11 and up to join.

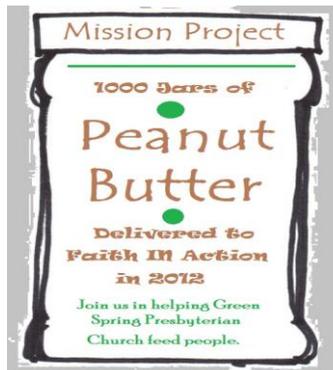
## October/Pastor Appreciation Month

To show how much we love and appreciate our pastor, Jon Martin, we surprised him with special bulletin covers, a gift, card and flowers on Sunday, October 14, which was Pastor Appreciation Day.

# Sunday School SCHEDULE

9:45-10:40am

Pre-school	<i>God Made the World</i>	Teacher: Jeanie Evans
Primary	<i>The God Who Calls Us</i>	Teacher: Patty Clark
Middle School	<i>Choices God's People Made</i>	Teacher: Jane Prater
Adult Bible Study	<i>What Does Faith Cost?</i>	Teachers: Tom Deaton/Jasper Reynolds
Warner Room	<i>The Book of James</i>	Teacher: Jon Martin



## Peanut Butter Offering

August total	179
September total	71
October 7	18
October 14	7
Overall Total	1156

### From the Choir Director Kevin Flannagan

First of all, I want to say what a privilege it is to help lead the music ministry of Green Spring Church. Our choir is a wonderful group of caring, dedicated people whom I love working with on a weekly basis. With the departure of Patti Quarles, some changes will be occurring in the music ministry of our church. Please keep the Pianist Search Committee (myself, Rev. Jon Martin, Deb Weddington and G.T. Harris) in your prayers as we search for someone to assist us in our musical leadership.

On Sunday afternoon, November 11th at 5pm, members of area church choirs will be joining together to present selections from Handel's *Messiah*. This performance will take place at the Lincoln Theater in Marion. Two members of our choir will be participating and Kevin Flannagan will be one of the featured soloists. During this concert, an offering will be received which will benefit the Food Pantry of Marion. Come out and enjoy beautiful music and help those in need!

It's hard to believe but the Advent and Christmas seasons are right around the corner, Christmas Play Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, November 4th for our children will be offering their annual Christmas Play in worship on Sunday, December 16th. Rehearsals will be held following worship until 1:45pm on November 4th, 11th, 18th and December 2nd and 9th. If your child plans to be a part of the play, please speak with Kevin soon.

The choir has begun work on a Christmas music program that will be presented at Watauga Chapel on Sunday evening, December 9th at 6:30pm. The program called "Preparing Our Hearts for the Joy of Christmas" will include a variety of music including well known carols such as "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing, Angels We Have Heard on High and God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen". Joining the choir will guest soloists Dr. Robert Matthews and Tara Mueller from Emory & Henry College along with flute player Schery Collins from here in Abingdon. I encourage everyone to attend this special program, you will not want to miss it!