

# The View

*our vision is...*

*To identify and claim our God-given gifts and use them to: Reach the world with Christ's good news; Equip each other as disciples; Respond, "Here I am," when the Spirit calls.*

January 1, 2012

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Message from Our Pastor

## An Epiphany on Discernment

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The official end of Christmas comes with Epiphany, January 6th. The word means "appearance" or "manifestation." It celebrates the visit by the Magi and the incarnation of Jesus, along with his baptism. We moderns sometimes use the word to indicate a new insight or bright idea. The ancients connected it to the winter solstice when the days began to lengthen, bringing more light.

As we begin a new year, I believe we need an epiphany (more light) on the task we all share, that of discerning God's leading for the church – Forest Hills and the church universal.

I've learned more about discernment from Eugene Peterson's book, *Practice Resurrection*. In it he points out the church has three primary languages; kerygmatic (preaching/proclamation), didactic (teaching), and paracletic (discerning). Of the three, we are most comfortable and informed about the first two. We know preaching; we have

great sanctuaries centered around it. We know teaching is about scripture, questioning and answering, theological wrestling; we have classrooms dedicated for this.

Discernment is different. It is the work of combining what comes from scripture and what is proclaimed in preaching and mixing it into the experiences of our day-to-day lives. Discernment is the task of answering the question; "God, I've heard your Word, now what do I/we do?"

Unlike teaching and preaching, discernment can be done anywhere and with anyone—over a cup of coffee, in the stillness of the night, in the prayers and prattle of our day. There is no "leader" of discernment like a preacher or teacher – no expert to go to for the answers. Discernment, therefore, can be easily ignored or discounted as unnecessary, but it is essential and intertwined with the kerygmatic (preaching) and didactic (teaching) language our faith.

When Jesus prepared his disciples for the inevitable time when they would be on their own, he used the language of paracletic (discernment). He used it with these people who already were familiar with the Word preached and the teachings of scripture, but they were in need of comfort,

encouragement – discernment in the "muddled details of daily-ness."

The most demanding and rewarding feature of discernment is listening. Discernment means paying attention to the proclamation and teaching within the company of brothers and sisters while allowing the Holy Spirit (Paraclete) to guide our path.

The church of Christ faces many challenges as we go forward in faith, in mission, in stewardship, participation, growth and more. Discernment must be part of our equipment. Rejoice that the "Mighty Counselor" is in deed with us in spirit and in truth, and listen carefully.

Grace and peace,

*Joe Blankinsiepe*



## PRAYER CONCERNS...

### *In Our Church Prayers*

**Keith Silver; Charlene Berube; Martha Millard; Mac and Kathy Fairly**, brother and sister-in-law of Cindy Salter; **Clarisse Coffey**, mother of Charlie Christian; **Kathy Sechrist** and her sister **Ann Long; Carolyn Mallard**, sister of Bobby Johnson; **Carrie Gayle** and her mother; **Mich Krull; Gretchen Braswell; Bobby Jones; Timothy Strickland**, father of Janice Grady; **Mary Parker; Gib White; Marion Stephenson; Sylvia White**, aunt of Krissa Schaaf; **Marjorie Coughenour**, mother of Cindy Salter; **Bob Winzeler**, brother of Dan Winzeler; **Nancy Blanchard; Peggy Cox**, mother of Teresa McGee; **Rachel & Raymond Taylor**, parents of Betsy Garber; **Bill Wrenn; Jodi Barlow; Randy Scoggins**, friend of the McKenna's; **Brandon Vernet; Ann Bencini**.

### *In Christian Sympathy*

Our prayers of comfort and peace are lifted for the family and friends of **Khacky Lambeth**. Khacky was a charter member of Forest Hills. She passed away on December 29, 2011. Services were held here on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

Also lift up for the family of **Leigh Ferrell**, first cousin of Betsy Garber. They were like sisters, so continue to lift Betsy up as she struggles with this loss. Ms. Ferrell passed away on December 26, 2011.

### *Joyful Noise!*

Praise to God for the healthy delivery of **Adeline Marie Bayer**. Adeline is the daughter of Whitney Salter Bayer & Daniel. She was born on December 28, 2011. Congratulations to proud family: Mike & Cindy Salter and Alan, Candace & Lily Gatewood!

The Prayer Ministry Leader for January is Betty Smith. To include or remove your prayer request or joyful noise, call the office at 336-883-4239 or email foresthills@northstate.net. If your prayer request is confidential in nature please note that in your email.

## CELEBRATIONS!

If your birthday or anniversary is missing or listed incorrectly please contact the church office to have our database updated.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Thorany Tagalk	Jan 1
Seth Brenner	Jan 3
Wayne McGee	Jan 4
Richard McPherson	Jan 4
Janice Grady	Jan 5
Katie Kennedy	Jan 6
Todd Patterson	Jan 8
Ryan Krull	Jan 9
Thai Khoutsvanh	Jan 10
Geraldine McKinnon	Jan 11
Bob Brenner	Jan 12
David Elosser	Jan 12
Derek Bittner	Jan 13
Rustin Thomas	Jan 15
Jean Mauldwin	Jan 17
Rob Gross	Jan 20
Peyton Thomas	Jan 21
Mark Troutman	Jan 22
Fred Wilson, Jr.	Jan 22
Brad Harrison	Jan 24
Dan Winzeler	Jan 28
Bob Smith	Jan 30

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Bill & Cathy Bencini	Jan 3
Mark & Anna Troutman	Jan 9

## COMING UP...

Click [here](#) for the full church calendar.

Jan 5	Community Clinic Meal @ 5pm
Jan 7	De-Greening the Church @ 9am
Jan 8	Fellowship Lunch @ Noon
Jan 8	Children & Youth Program @ Fellowship Lunch
Jan 13	Mobile Meals @ 9:30am
Feb 5	Souper Bowl of Caring Luncheon following Worship
Feb 9	Women's Dinner Date @ 6:30pm
Feb 10	Mobile Meals @ 9:30am

## JANUARY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

### January 8

Acolyte: Ryan Garber  
Nursery Volunteer: Shannon & Philip Spencer  
Nursery Floaters: Wayne & Teresa McGee  
Ushers: Cindy & Will Thomas, Ron & Kathryn Aldridge  
Elders on Call/Greeters: Tom Schaaf & David Drewry  
Hospitality Elder: Linda Greene  
Children's Sermon: Brenda Drewry  
Flower Ministry: Janet Hutchens & Teresa McGee  
Sanctuary Flowers: TBA  
Chancel Guild: Ann Fulton

### January 15

Acolyte: Will Thomas  
Nursery Volunteer: Julie Greene & Jen Vandemeer  
Nursery Floaters: Dale & Sheila McKenna  
Ushers: Cindy & Will Thomas, Ron & Kathryn Aldridge  
Elders on Call/Greeters: Tom Schaaf & David Drewry  
Hospitality Elder: Linda Greene  
Children's Sermon: Mich Krull  
Flower Ministry: Tee Childress  
Sanctuary Flowers: Anne & Gary Smith, Scott & Niki Butterworth  
Chancel Guild: Ann Fulton

### January 22

Acolyte: Carolyn Troutman  
Nursery Volunteer: Ken & Betsy Garber  
Ushers: Cindy Thomas, Ron & Kathryn Aldridge, Jen Vandemeer  
Elders on Call/Greeters: Tom Schaaf & David Drewry  
Hospitality Elder: Linda Greene  
Children's Sermon: Staff  
Flower Ministry: Linda Sasser & Pat Simmons  
Sanctuary Flowers: TBA  
Chancel Guild: Ann Fulton

### January 29

Acolyte: Latoya Arphai  
Nursery Volunteer: Steve & Teddee Ashworth  
Nursery Floaters: Wendi & Todd Patterson  
Ushers: Cindy & Will Thomas, Ron & Kathryn Aldridge  
Elders on Call/Greeters: Tom Schaaf & David Drewry  
Hospitality Elder: Linda Greene  
Children's Sermon: Ruth Lenger  
Flower Ministry: Jackie Templeton  
Sanctuary Flowers: TBA  
Chancel Guild: Ann Fulton



## January Fellowship Lunch

On Sunday, January 8th following the service of Worship, the first 2012 Fellowship Lunch will take place in the Fellowship Hall. The Fellowship Committee will provide ham and baked chicken, rolls. They would like to make things interesting: if your last name begins with letters A-H bring a SALAD; I-P bring a side dish, Q-Z bring a dessert. The dish should serve 8-10. There will be a small fee (\$2.00) to pay for the meat. The entertainment will be the Children & Youth Christmas program.

## Children & Youth Christmas Program

*"Matt & Lucy's Version Birth"*

The children & youth will be performing "Matt & Lucy's Version Birth" on Sunday, January 8th as the entertainment for the Fellowship Lunch after Worship. Enjoy a whimsical exploration of the two gospel Christmas stories. Special cameo appearances by beloved FHPC members. Bring a friend!

## Congregational Meeting

*Pastor's Terms of Call*

There will be a meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, January 15th following the service of worship, for the purpose of acting on the recommendation of Session to the Pastor's Terms of Call.



## New Sunday School Opportunity

Before you get too excited, there are certain exclusion criteria: If you are potty trained, STOP READING NOW. We are starting a new Early Christian Awareness program for our youngest members. Designed for children 6 months to 3 years, the Early Christian Awareness program takes advantage of the fact that a tiny child is THE MOST INTELLECTUALLY ALERT OF ALL HUMAN BEINGS to teach them about God, Jesus, the Church and the importance of each one of them as a child of God.

1. The program uses tools that stimulate all of the child's senses to achieve the following goals:
2. To provide a relaxed, happy Christian environment: this includes teacher's attitude and a comfortable, stimulating space.
3. To enable the child to experience faith through the caring, loving and nurturing of the entire team.
4. To communicate that God loves him and is the Creator of him and the world.
5. To help the child know that he is a special person and is an important part of this church.
6. To enable the child to learn through perceptual means using all senses.
7. To begin the process of self-discipline, patience and the pleasure of sharing.
8. To have parents involved enriching their parenting skills being involved with their child's spiritual growth and their own personal spiritual development, believing that growth in grace of parent and young child are inseparable.

The class begins Sunday, January 8th, so bring your little ones ready to have fun! Hannah Utley and Gay Wyche will be teaching this class in Rm 7 of the Education Wing.



## Financial Peace University

*Start 2012 off on the right financial foot!*

(FPU) consists of a 13-week video curriculum, taught by financial expert Dave Ramsey, that incorporates small-group discussions to encourage accountability and discipleship. Financial Peace University is highly entertaining for everyone, with a unique combination of humor, informative financial advice and biblical messages. This class starts on Sunday, January 8th at 6:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome!

## Northwood Elementary

*Needs you can help fulfill...*

The school is in need of kleenex, hand soap (pump style), hand sanitizer (large pumps) and little boys belts. If you can donate any of these items please bring them to the Northwood bin in the Commons. Thanks!

## New Website Launched

Long overdue, an updated Forest Hills website is live! Many thanks to Beth Utley for her persistence in getting this going! If your committee or group has something to add - pictures, articles, news flash about an upcoming event, anything! - simply contact the church office. We can make updates in real time! Check it out and send us feedback: [www.ForestHillsPres.com](http://www.ForestHillsPres.com).

# In Appreciation

Throughout the year Forest Hills receives many donations in honorarium and in memory of loved ones. We gratefully acknowledge gifts given in the months of November and December 2011:

## Courtyard Garden Fund

Jerry & Janice Bain,  
in memory of Bryan Fulton

Anonymous,  
in honor of Groome Fulton

Louise & John Campbell,  
in memory of Rufus Hughes,  
brother of Ann Johnson

## Mission Fund

Master's Help Ministry

Kent & Nancy Berry,  
for Caring Services, Inc.

Betsy & Ken Garber,  
for Mobile Meals Christmas gifts

Stan & Judi Bittner,  
for Mobile Meals Christmas gifts

## Memorial Fund

Marge Meurs,  
in memory of Barbara,  
sister of Nancy Kiers

Julia Metcalfe,  
in memory of Barbara,  
sister of Nancy Kiers

Susan Martz,  
in memory of Billie Crabtree,  
mother of Teddee Ashworth

## Organ Fund

Rudy & Vivian Frazier,  
in memory of John Massey

Rudy & Vivian Frazier,  
in memory of Madge Williams,  
mother of Thelma Spurgeon

## Elders & Committee Assignments

**Joe Abernethy**, Class of 2012  
Moderator: Long Range Planning Cmte  
Mbr: Property Cmte

**Stan Bittner**, Class of 2012  
Moderator: Missions Cmte  
Mbr: Endowment & Personnel Cmtes

**Sissie Burgess**, Class of 2012  
Moderator: Pastoral Care  
Mbr: Property & Memorials Cmtes

**David Drewry**, Class of 2012  
Moderator: Property Cmte  
Mbr: Youth Connection & Long Range  
Planning Cmtes

**Linda Sasser**, Class of 2012  
Mbr: Pastoral Care & Missions Cmtes

**Randy Simmons**, Class of 2012  
Moderator: Memorials Cmte  
Mbr: Missions & Property Cmtes

**Candace Gatewood**, Class of 2013  
Co-Moderator: Worship Cmte  
Mbr: Evangelism & Youth Connection Cmtes

**Rob Gross**, Class of 2013  
Moderator: Stewardship Cmte  
Mbr: Memorials Cmtes

**Sheila McKenna**, Class of 2013  
Moderator: Nominating Cmte  
Mbr: Personnel & Worship Cmtes

**Tom Schaaf**, Class of 2013  
Moderator: Personnel Cmte  
Mbr: Evangelism Cmte

**Hannah Utley**, Class of 2013  
Co-Moderator: Worship Cmte  
Moderator: Youth Connection Cmte  
Mbr: Nominating Cmte

**Gay Wyche**, Class of 2013  
Mod: Christian Education Cmte  
Mbr: Missions Cmte

**Bill Bencini**, Class of 2014  
Mbr: Memorials & Personnel Cmtes

**Bob Brenner**, Class of 2014  
Mbr: Fellowship & Property Cmtes

**Groome Fulton**, Class of 2014  
Moderator: Endowment Cmte  
Mbr: Stewardship Cmte

**Linda Greene**, Class of 2014  
Moderator: Fellowship Cmte  
Mbr: Property Cmte

**Missy Hill**, Class of 2014  
Mbr: Christian Ed & Pastoral Care Cmtes

**Cindy Thomas**, Class of 2014  
Mbr: Long Range Planning & Worship Cmtes

**Carolyn Troutman**, Youth Elder  
Mbr: Missions & Youth Connections Cmtes

## View Publication & Church Information

*We welcome your input to this newsletter! If you, your committee or group have information or pictures you'd like published simply email or call the church office prior to the deadlines posted on the church calendar.*

*We encourage you to keep informed of the activities and events of Forest Hills by going to our online calendar at [www.ForestHillsPres.com](http://www.ForestHillsPres.com). We are also on Facebook - simply link from our website!*

*You are welcome to stop by our office during the week, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. except on Wednesday's we close at Noon. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and Worship Service begins at 11 a.m. on Sunday's; childcare is always provided. If you are interested in more information about anything you read in this newsletter or about our church in general, please do not hesitate to call us at 336-883-4239 or email [ForestHills@northstate.net](mailto:ForestHills@northstate.net). We hope to see you soon!*

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