



June & July 2026

The Acts of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:1-4

The book of Acts is formally known as the Acts of the Apostles. But I think it should be called the Acts of the Holy Spirit! The Apostles are not the moving force behind all the acts that are recounted in that book. Acts is about the Spirit in the church. We often call Pentecost the church's birthday, but the birth of the church took longer than one day. Pentecost was just the beginning! From that day, the apostles, sent out by the Spirit, courageously stepped forward to proclaim Christ and invite people to know him and to give their hearts and lives to Him. In doing so, they were an essential part of the church, the body of Christ, that the Spirit was forming and shaping. But the acts were powered and guided by the Spirit.

This is still true of the church today! We are wholly dependent upon the gift of the Spirit so that we can continue to build up the church, the body of Christ. As we seek the Spirit's guidance, we can learn a great deal from the stories of the Spirit and the birth of the church that are found in Acts.

For the month of June, we will be studying the book of Acts. I invite you to read the chapters that we are considering each week (that outline is below) (because there's no way a sermon can cover everything that is addressed in the chapters). Let us all pray for the Spirit to guide our church through the insights we gain from learning more about how the Spirit moved in the church that came before us.

May 31 - General overview of Acts, (Acts 2-3): The stories and sermons of Acts.

June 7 - The Radical Community (Acts 3-5): Examining the early church's unity, miraculous signs, sacrificial giving, and courageous boldness despite opposition from religious leaders.

June 14 - Expanding Horizons (Acts 6-12): Tracing the gospel's move beyond Jerusalem to Samaria and the conversion of Saul, showing God's grace to unlikely people.

June 21 - Mission to the World (Acts 13-20): Highlighting Paul's missionary journeys, the establishment of Gentile churches, and the Gospel engaging with diverse cultures, such as the sermon at Athens.

June 28 - Unhindered Impact (Acts 21-28): Covering Paul's imprisonment and, eventually, his journey to Rome, showcasing God's faithfulness through trials and the unstoppable spread of the message.

Pastor Leigh

From the Session:

At its stated meeting on May 19, the Session took the following actions:

- Appointed a task force to consider removal of old equipment from the playground and evaluate future needs for play equipment and the play space. Serving will be Rich Gaffoglio, Nancy Kelly, Jennifer Graves, April Paulk, Lauren Payne and Dale Luengen.
- Approved policies recommended by the Stewardship and Finance Committee, including a Capital Needs Restricted Fund Policy, Donation and Gift Policy, and Environmental Review Policy for Real Estate Gifts. The policies support the creation of an accounting fund in which monetary gifts dedicated for specific maintenance or building projects can be held until those projects are ready to be started. The policies address also ensure that donations to the church are appropriate to its mission and witness and are not a financial burden.
- Began a prayer partner ministry in which members regularly meet and pray together for each other and for the church.

July Worship, 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall and breakfast treats at 10:30 AM!

Join us in July in the Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship from 10:30-11:00 AM and worship at 11:00 AM. Our July series is on Questions of Faith. Each Sunday we will reflect on questions posed by our congregation.

Inquirers' Group - Interested in learning more about this congregation? An Inquirers' Group is available! Time is set aside for an Inquirers' Gathering on Sunday, **July 12th** immediately after worship. If you are interested in attending in person or online, contact the church office.

Mission Focus Sunday! July 26, 2026. Learn more about some of our Mission partners on July 26th! Join us during fellowship time before worship and for a minute for mission during worship to learn more about how we partner with organizations to share Christ's love in this community. And there may be a visit from our Presbyterian Paws, too!

Prayers for our Worship and Music Crew!

We have groups going to both weeks of the Worship and Music Conference at Montreat (June 21-26 & June 28-July 4). Please pray for them and for our worship and music ministries that will be nourished through their participation in this wonderful conference.



BLOOD DRIVE

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of CARTERSVILLE BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

For more information, to schedule an appointment, &
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Deacon's Corner

With lively group messaging, our Deacons stay connected regarding the needs of our church family. Whether the need is for cards, meals, visits, prayer, or encouragement, your Deacons work together to care for those in our congregation and community.

If you become aware of a need — whether for a member, friend, family member, or visitor — please reach out to your Deacon or any member of the Deacon body. And sometimes, the need is simply a listening ear, a coffee partner, a lunch date, or someone to talk with. We are here for those moments too.

It is our privilege and honor to serve and help care for the needs of our church family.

June & July Faith Development Dates

- **Tuesday, 12 p.m., June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**
Bible Study--Romans for Everyone, by N.T. Wright
Cornerstone Room
- **Tuesday, June 2, 6 p.m.**
Friendship Table--Families of children, youth, and
FD Committee will help serve. Fellowship Hall
- **Sundays, 10 a.m. June 7, 14, 21, 28**
Sunday School for Adults, Cornerstone Room
- **Monday, June 14 - Saturday, June 20**
Montreat Youth Conference (High School)
Montreat NC
- **Wednesday, June 17, 9:30 a.m.,**
Cornerstone Room - Book Study--*Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn from Them*, by Liz Curtis Higgs (This is the final meeting. We will resume in September with *Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible*, also by Liz Curtis Higgs. Look for details in the August Love Letter.)
- **Sunday, June 28, 1 p.m.**
Heritage Presbyterian Church, Acworth
Celebration for Montreat Middle School Conference Attendees and Leaders from Cherokee Presbytery
- **Monday, July 6 - Friday, July 10,**
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Vacation Bible School
- **Monday, July 13, 7 p.m.**
Faith Development Meeting, Session Room
- **Wednesday, July 15 - Sunday, July 19**
Montreat Youth Conference (Middle School)
Maryville College, Maryville TN



SAVE THE DATE!

It's time to start planning our annual Fall Mission and Spiritual Formation Retreat at the North Georgia Mission Lodge near Blue Ridge! We have confirmed weekend reservations for **Friday, November 13 to Sunday, November 15**. Watch for details in future newsletters and worship bulletins!



Sunday, June 7th starting at 9:00 am

Join us for the Men's Breakfast on the first Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP to dwc1945@gmail.com.

Ladies Night Out - 6:00 p.m.

Come join us for good food and fellowship.

- **June 18** at Sixes Tavern
 - **July 16** at Table 20
- All ladies are welcome!



FPC Book Club

The book club will meet on **Thursday, June 25th** to discuss The Mostly True Story of Tanner & Louise, by Colleen Oakley. This novel is about intergenerational friendship and a road trip. On **Thursday, July 23rd**, the book club will discuss The Blue Castle, by LM Montgomery. This novel is about a woman who decides to stop living by others' rules. Both meetings will be at 10:30 a.m. in the Cornerstone Room. Please join us and bring a friend.



VBS Registration is Open & Volunteers are Needed

[>>Click here to Register for VBS<<](#)

July 6-10, 9:00 a.m. until noon.

VBS is open to children going into Pre-K4 (Potty Trained) through 5th grade, and it is a time for kids to hear God’s Message, deepen their faith, enjoy songs, create crafts, and have a wonderful week.

Volunteers with all abilities are needed: teachers, snack coordinators, set builders, guides for our children, game leaders, decorators, etc. There is a place for everyone at VBS!

We have a [VBS Amazon Wishlist](#) for items needed.

Setup help needed: Sunday, July 5th after worship (lunch provided)

If you want to volunteer for VBS, contact andrea@cartersvillepres.org.



Montreat Donations Needed &

Write them Notes

- Support our youth going to Montreat (June 14 -20 & July 15-19) by financially helping us with meals.
- We will graciously accept Ingles Gift Cards, checks (Montreat Meals in the memo line), or give online (<https://cartersvillepres.org/give/> note: Montreat Meals). Please give your donation to Andrea or place in the offering plate.
- Pray for our youth and leaders going to Montreat.
- If you would like to write notes to our youth going to Montreat, please email andrea@cartersvillepres.org to get a list of the names of youth participating.



Summer 2026 Dates

High School Youth Montreat – June 14-20

VBS– July 6-10, 9 a.m. until noon

Middle School Youth Montreat – July 15-19

June Birthdays

1	Karen Russell	27	Phil Bridges
2	Anna Godfrey	27	Tom Mendenhall
4	Elizabeth Watanabe	27	Susan Panter
6	Emily Godfrey	30	Dylan Sanborn
6	Paul Green		
6	Eden Olson		
8	Molly Layne		
10	Marilynn Devine		
10	Call Brownlow		
11	Edward Shrader		
13	Karl Mosley		
15	Katherine Bowen		
18	Karen Rodgers		
21	Susan Ingram		
22	Terry Nelson		
22	Emily Ireland		
23	David Gregory		
24	Georgie Russell		
26	Margie Vonnahme		



In June Pray for Our Church:

Staff: Becky Ferguson, Allie Garner (Preschool), Jennifer Graves (Preschool)

Officers: Trey Gaines (Session), Cindy Sims (Diaconate)

Ministries: Mission & Service Ministry

Families: June 1-7: Brian and Heather Choate, Zim and Martha Choate, Scott and Tina Clark (Kellie), Jimmy and Tinsley Cline (Jackson, Mason, Julian), Jerry and Sue Coalson

June 8-14: Dennis and Nan Collier, Emily Collier, Molly Collins, Suzanne Collins, George and Debby Crim

June 15-21: Ann Cummings, John and Lori Cummings (Jack, Maggie), Norman Daugherty, Randall and Deborah Davis, Bill and Marilyn Devine

June 22-30: David and Betty Dundee, Kathy Farnon, Vernon and Becky Ferguson, Walt Floyd, Rich and Rhonda Gaffoglio

July Birthdays

2 Mark Bridges
 3 Tom Bowen
 3 William Klingbeil
 5 Brian Purtymun
 6 Pam Hughes
 8 Carolyn Noble
 9 Ben Jones
 10 John Cummings
 12 Katie Godfrey
 13 Mary Gilreath
 13 Frank Johnson
 14 Gary Boulter
 20 Terry Purdy
 20 David Benton
 25 Neal Miller
 25 Patti Scoggins
 28 Mike Ball
 30 Trey Gaines

30 Janet Martin
 30 Wylie Steed
 31 Rhonda Ireland

*In July Pray for Our Church:*

Staff: Angie Hood, Dede Hatfield (Preschool), Lauren Hlavacek (Preschool)

Officers: Becky Carr (Session), Ben Jones (Diaconate)

Ministries: Worship Ministry

Families: July 1-7: Trey and Beth Gaines (Margaret, Meredith), Jessica Gardner (Patrick), Mark and Veletta Gebert, Jean Gilliland, Mary Gilreath

July 8-14: Cander and Susan Ginn, Craig Godfrey, Katie Godfrey (Anna, Emily, Sam), Paul and Joan Green, Tom and Celeste Green

July 15-21: David and Sara Gregory (Megan, Ethan), Patti Hall (Ezra, Jake), Mina Harper, Clark and Mary Hart, Lois Hill

July 22-31: Lauren Holt, Hannah Howell, Harvey and Sandy Howell, Brad and Pam Hughes, Cal and Kathryn Hurley (Matthew)



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June Calendar

June 2

6:30pm - Properties Committee Meeting

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

12:00pm - Roman's for Everyone Weekly Study

June 7

9:00am - Men's Breakfast

June 8

6:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting

June 14 - 20

High School Montreat Week

June 15

5:30pm - Stewardship & Finance Meeting

6:30pm - Mission Committee Meeting

June 16

7:00pm - Session Meeting

June 17

9:30am - Monthly Study - "Bad Girls of the Bible"

June 18

6:00pm - Ladies Night Out @ Sixes Tavern

June 21 – Father's Day

June 25

10:30pm - FPC Book Club

June 28 - July 3

Montreat Worship & Music Week

July Calendar

July 3

Church Office Closed for Independence Day

July 5

9:00am - Men's Breakfast

July 6 - 10

Vacation Bible School Week

July 8

1:00pm - Red Cross Blood Drive till 6pm

July 13

7:00pm - Faith Development Meeting

July 15 - 19

Middle School Montreat Week

July 16

6:00pm - Ladies Night Out @ Table 20

July 23

10:30pm - FPC Book Club



The church office will be closed

Friday, July 3 for Independence Day.