

Welcome

Green Spring Presbyterian Church

A place to worship, to serve, to belong ... Since 1781

June 17, 2007

The Reverend Frank C. Preston, Interim Pastor

GREETERS: Sam Evans & Family
GREETERS NEXT WEEK: Mary Jane Crosby & Elena Hutton
NURSERY: Rita Reynolds
NURSERY NEXT WEEK: Brook Lambert
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Sujean Bradley
DEACON OF THE MONTH: Maria Briscoe (676-2092)
NOTE GREETERS: If you will not be available a particular Sunday, please contact Linda Hall (628-3037)

THIS WEEK FATHER'S DAY

Sun.	June 17	9:45am 11:00am 6:30pm	Sunday School Worship Service Watauga Chapel Singing Service
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Wed.	June 20	10:00am 7:30pm	Bible Study/Prayer Group Choir Practice
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COMING SOON

Sun.	June 24	9:45am 11:00am 6:30pm	Sunday School Worship Service 2 Cents Meal Watauga Chapel Singing Service
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Mon.	June 25	10:00am	Presbyterian Women Field Trip to the River-Johnson City, TN /take health kits
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Wed.	June 27	10:00am 11:00am 6:30pm 7:30pm	Bible Study/Prayer Group PW Picnic at Retirement Center Deacons' Meeting Choir Practice
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Fri.	June 29	6:00pm-dark	Family Fun Friday- here at the church
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A member congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Abingdon Presbytery
Green Spring Presbyterian Church
serves Jesus Christ at
22007 Green Spring Church Rd., Abingdon, VA 24211
Adult & Children Sunday School Classes 9:45am
Worship Service & Children's Church 11:00am
Nursery Provided
(276) 628-1956 (Pastor's Office) (276) 628-6288 (Church Office)
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Order of Worship

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 17, 2007

“HAPPY FATHER’S DAY”

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Frank C. Preston

Leader: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASSING THE PEACE

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today is one of the days the Lord has made.

PEOPLE: WE WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.

Leader: God has made us to be his companions.

PEOPLE: LET US PRAISE GOD WITH ALL OUR HEART.

Leader: Come among us, Lord. Your people wait.

*BEGINNING PRAYER

*HYMN #22

“Come, We That Love the Lord”

CONFESSING OUR SINS

Friends, God calls us to admit our sins and repent of them, to believe the good news of forgiveness in Christ Jesus, and to celebrate the coming of God’s rule in the world. Let us in honesty confess our sins, that God’s forgiveness may be real to us. Let us pray.

EVER-LOVING GOD, YOU KNOW THE SECRETS OF OUR HEARTS EVEN WHEN THEY PUZZLE US. WE ADMIT TO YOU JUST HOW WE ARE. WE ARE SELDOM SATISFIED WITH WHAT WE HAVE IN LIFE; WE LONG FOR WHAT OTHERS HAVE. WE OFTEN MISS THE SIMPLE GIFTS OF THE DAY. TEACH US TO WAIT BEFORE YOU IN PRAYER. OPEN OUR EYES TO THE BEAUTY AND MYSTERY OF WHAT IS OURS, AND OF WHAT YOU WISH US TO BE.

GRANT US WHOLENESS FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST.
AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI (#805 in hymnal)

ANTHEM

“In My Father’s House”

THE OFFERING

*Doxology (#809 in hymnal)

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #384

“This Is My Father’s World”

TIME WITH CHILDREN***

CELEBRATIONS and CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE (Sung by all)

Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 15: 1-2, 11-24

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD!

SERMON

“O, JUST TO BE FREE!”

*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

WE BELIEVE THERE IS NO CONDEMNATION FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST JESUS; ...FOR WE KNOW THAT GOD IS WORKING ALL THINGS TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THOSE WHO LOVE GOD, WHO ARE THE CALLED ACCORDING TO GOD’S PURPOSE...WE ARE CONVINCED THAT NEITHER DEATH NOR LIFE, NOR THINGS PRESENT, NOR THINGS TO COME CAN SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD. AMEN.

*HYMN #692

“Faith of Our Fathers”

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*Choral Response

*CHORAL POSTLUDE

*Congregation please stand.

*** K through 5th grade depart for Children's Church
Following the Children's Sermon.

† OUR CHURCH AT WORK †

June 17, 2007

Frank C. Preston, Interim Pastor
Cristin Colvin, Accompanist
Pam Myhill, Choir Director

◆ Last Sunday there were 104 in worship. The offering total was \$3261.50, broken down as follows: General Fund \$3236.50, Cemetery Fund \$25.00.

◆ Next week's readings are: 1 Kings 21: 1-10 (11-14) 15-21a; Psalms 5: 1-8; Galatians 2: 15-21; Luke 7: 36-8:3.

God Blessed
the World
with Fathers

◆ *Welcome to all! We are delighted that God led you to worship with us this morning. If you are a visitor and interested in learning more about our church fellowship, please speak with the pastor or call his office at 628-1956. Also, please take a moment to fill out the 'Visitors Card' and place it the offering plate, giving us the opportunity to welcome you and to know more about you.*

◆ *Blair & Gilda Keller* have placed the flowers in honor of their 57th Wedding Anniversary (**today**) and the other fourteen GSPC Couples who have already, or will celebrate 50 or more years of marriage during 2007 : *Jimmy & Betty Sparks*, Jan. 9th - 50yrs; *Jack & Phyllis Briscoe*, Aug. 25th - 51yrs; *Tom & Connie Counts*, Nov. 6th - 53yrs; *Carl & Loretta McCauley*, March 20th - 53yrs; *Frank & Eleanor Preston*, March 28th - 54yrs; *Hal & Hazel Phillips*, Oct. 28th - 55yrs; *Bob & Joann Kilbourne*, Aug. 23rd - 55yrs; *Bucky & Patsy Buchanan*, Dec. 24th - 56yrs; *Leighton & Ann Sprinkle*, June 23rd - 56yrs; *George & Virginia Thompson*, Dec. 26th - 56yrs; *Joe & Billie Stringer*, Nov. 15th - 58yrs; *Bill & Jane LaRue*, June 1st - 61yrs; *Bill & Marge Margerum*, June 12th - 64yrs; *Dave & Martha Brown*, Nov. 6th - 64yrs.

◆ Please note that a 'pew reservation sign' has been placed at the end of the last center pew to reserve this seating for those with special needs.

◆ **Linda Hall** will be in the vestibule following the worship service today to receive names of those who would like to volunteer as "Greeters" during the month of **August 2007** through **December 2007**.

◆ Come to the "Watauga Chapel" tonight at 6:30PM to enjoy the musical talents of **Bobby Smeltzer** and **Debi Wagner**, "The

Cleveland Duet". Stay after the program for refreshments served by the **Briscoes**. Next Sunday **"The Riches"** will bring the music. Ann Abel, Eleanor Preston and Elizabeth Phillippi will serve the refreshments.

- ◆ At the close of the worship service last Sunday there was a **"called congregational meeting"** for the purpose of electing a **"Pastor Nominating Committee"** (PNC). Those elected were: Ann Abel-Chair, Jack Briscoe, Bucky Buchanan, JoLynn Evans, Mary Jane Crosby and John Clark. This committee will now move on with the search for a new Pastor for Green Spring Presbyterian Church.
- ◆ The **"flower calendar"** in the church office still has several dates open for anyone wishing to place flowers in the sanctuary.
- ◆ The **"two cents per meal"** offering will be received next Sunday.
- ◆ The Presbyterian Women will be taking a **Field Trip** to the **River** in Johnson City, TN on Monday, **June 25th**. If you would like to go please meet at the church by 10:00AM. The health kits will be delivered that day. For more information, you can speak to **Jeanie Evans**.
- ◆ The Presbyterian Women will also be hosting a **picnic** at the **Retirement Center** on Wednesday, **June 27th** at 11:00AM. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact **Eleanor Preston**.
- ◆ The monthly meeting of the **Deacons** will be held in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesday June 27th at 6:30pm.
- ◆ **FAMILY FUN FRIDAYS**.... will be on **June 29** and **August 17** beginning at 6:00PM and lasting until Dark. This **fun time** will be for all ages. Folks will gather out front of the church for a time of supper and games. The menu will be **HOTDOGS, BURGERS,**

CHIPS and lots of **DRINKS**. Tables will be set up for eating and chatting. Then, there will be all kinds of **FUN GAMES** for everyone. So mark these dates on your calendar. (More details next week).

Mrs. Nancy Lowry would like to express her sincere appreciation to Dr. Frank Preston, Bob Gillespie and members of the Session for nominating her, to be one of four, to receive "The Distinctive Older Adult Award" from the Abingdon Presbytery. She said that she appreciates this more than anyone could know. She was overjoyed and speechless last Sunday when receiving the recognition during the worship service. She loves the gorgeous red roses and has enjoyed their beauty all week. Thanks so much!

- ◆ A Big "Thank-You" to those who had a hand in installing the new church sign.
It looks great!!!
- ◆ **Add to your directory**.... Lincoln and Sumer Walters, 219 Hunter Hill Circle, Unit 12, Bristol, TN 37620.
- ◆ To date we have received **approximately \$3,000** for the **"Hurricane House"**. The deadline is approaching for turning in application forms for the Presbytery's mission trip to Mississippi to build the house. The **deadline date** is **June 21st**. The goal is to take at least twenty people from the Presbytery as a mission team.

