



THE Link

January-February
2018

*The news on what's
happening in the life of
Cameron Presbyterian Church.*

New Elders Ordained, New Members Welcomed



As part of a busy Sunday on January 21, four elders were ordained and two new members joined the church. Following worship, the congregation enjoyed a covered dish lunch in the Fellowship Hall before opening the Annual Congregational Meeting.

The new elders, from left above: Jim Leiby (Class of 2020), Jane Ethridge (Class of 2018), Tom Shaw (Class of 2020) and Joe McKay (Class of 2020).

For more on the Annual Meeting and new members, see page 2.

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Annual Meeting Approves Budget, Hears Plans for 2018



Brenda and Nick Gordon attend their first Annual Meeting as members of PCP; they joined the church on January 14.



Kay Kelly greets Elder Joe McKay after worship.

Decisions, decisions. Treasurer Kathy Oldham ponders what to choose from the delicious desserts on offer.



Linda Seiberling congratulates new members Ken and Valerie Haynes.

Meeting Tidbits

Terry Kerr announced that he is updating the church website and would like input from committees about website content.

Linda Seiberling announced that the Presbyterian Women are planning another supper with freewill offering to benefit the Moore County Free & Charitable Clinic in March. Last year's Lasagne Supper was a success. This year's supper will feature casseroles.

Fellowship Committee Chair Julie Oksendahl informed the meeting that her committee plans to continue the Movie Nite program and asked attendees to complete a brief questionnaire on each table about movie preferences.



Sharon and Tom Shaw and Kay McKay look over the budget.

From your Pastor



Join the Conversation!

Have you ever tried to communicate with another person without a common language? It's possible to express some things on a basic level with facial expressions, touch, and gestures, but to connect in a deeper way, we need to be able to understand one another.

When David and I were first studying Chinese, we struggled to tell our hosts, "Good, good [to] eat!" Only much later could we express the nuances of what we appreciated about the taste and aroma and presentation of a wonderful meal. Our host family during language study remained relative strangers until we began speaking their native tongue.

Speech overcomes our isolation from one another, enabling us to reveal our inner thoughts, feelings, and intentions. As children begin to talk, what a wonderful window we have into their developing personalities! Before she turned one, our daughter peeked between airplane seats at the two tired businessmen behind us and spoke her first word: "Hi!" It's no surprise that she has grown up to be a person who easily connects with other people, an adept communicator.

Language itself is a gift, but God is the ultimate communicator. God speaks into the darkness of a formless universe, Let there be light, and there is light! God creates humankind and then talks to Adam and Eve. God speaks through a burning bush and through Moses, through messenger angels and by the prophets. God's word is remembered and retold and written and it continues to upset rulers and encourage the faint of heart

and pierce the souls of many. We call it the Bible, and not only does it give information and commands, warnings and guidance and encouragement, but it gives life.

God is not a silent, distant god, but one who breaks the language barrier between divine and human so that the God who cannot be comprehended can be known.

When David and I studied a Chinese dialect called Hakka, there were Taiwanese ministers and theologians who said that certain theological concepts and religious ideas could not be expressed in Hakka. That's because it was considered an earthy, uneducated form of Chinese, not a refined or scholarly language like Mandarin or Taiwanese. But Hakka Christians knew that no language is too hard for God to use to communicate! As for its earthy flavor? Perhaps some scholars had forgotten the testimony of John: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. (John 1:14a) And so the Word of God was written down in human words, Hakka words, in a new translation of the Bible and preached by Hakka speakers, to communicate God's word more clearly and more deeply than before.

The Word is still speaking through the written word of the Bible. I encourage you to spend time reading the Bible on your own. Don't just depend on your preacher hearing God's voice and then interpreting it through a sermon. Listen for God's word through scripture for yourself.

I use a Bible reading guide called *Encounter with God* to help me read the Bible more regularly. And that's exactly what Bible-reading needs to be—an encounter, a conversation with God. A time to listen and to ask questions, a time to learn and to wonder, a time to argue and to worship. God still speaks through scripture. Join the conversation!

- Rev Kathryn Dudley

Our Vision

In response to feedback from our growing and changing congregation, we envision fulfilling our mission by:

- *Enhancing our facilities*
- *Expanding our programs*
- *Attracting and inspiring through worship*
- *Serving faithfully through our missions*



Come
Join Us!

Adult Sunday School Topics for February and March

Feb 4 - The Three Major Prophets, Art Munguia

Feb. 11 - Studying the Bible , Rev. Kathryn

Feb. 18 - Solomon, Jim Leiby

Feb. 25 - The Reformation, Cheryl Bacon

March 4 - The Reformation, Cheryl Bacon

March 11 - Studying the Bible , Rev. Kathryn

March 18 - Revelation, Julie Oksendahl

March 25 - Jesus' Time in the Wilderness, Jim
Leiby

April 1 - No Class, Easter Sunday



February

Norma Loase	Feb. 1
Barbara Peiker	Feb. 7
Debbie Peele	Feb. 9
Jennifer Ethridge	Feb. 12
Larry Allen	Feb. 13
Lois Hendrickson	Feb. 15

March

Summer Hennings	March 1
Tony Keith	March 6
Dean Phillips	March 14
Billie Krigler	March 18
Dickie Barber	March 19
Katia Bereznitskaia	March 30

Try Some Low-Impact Yoga

Do you want to get a little healthier and more flexible this winter? Join our yoga group on Mondays from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Sunday School classroom. Wear comfortable clothes you can move in, and bring a yoga mat or large towel and a bottle of water. We will use low-impact yoga DVDs as we exercise together. All movements can be done in a chair if you prefer.

Join us! ■



Coffee Talk is back. Come chat with Rev. Dudley and fellow CPC members!

Dewberry Drop Relocated to Elementary School



The New Year's Eve Dewberry Drop, formerly held at Phillips Memorial Park, changed its venue and welcomed 2018 on December 31 at the Cameron Elementary School. Following the descent of the dewberry (at left), those in attendance went into the school cafeteria for soup, hot chocolate and music by some members of the New Horizons Band (below). The change in location and warm refreshments were well timed, as New Year's Eve was very cold.

Photos by Linda Seiberling



Town Commissioners Okay Police Job Description, Form Committees

Creation of a Street Fair Committee and assignment of commissioners to chair other specific committees were among the actions of the Cameron Board of Commissioners at their January 23 meeting.

The Board also agreed on a job description for the next town police officer and discussed the need for a Vision Statement and Five-Year Plan.

Applications for the town policeman position will close February 28. Several candidates had reportedly expressed interest in the job at the time of the meeting.

The Link needs your news! Please send items of interest to our church community to Sandy Leiby (sleiby@yahoo.com) or call 910-245-2535.



At Phillips Memorial Park ...

On the first Saturday of each month the Park Committee will have "stick pick-up" between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. Anyone wanting to help is welcome to come. Remember to wear some garden gloves and dress for the weather.

Young trees recently planted at the park by Sarah Hillmer and Fred Lazorçak: five maples and a tulip poplar.

Elders

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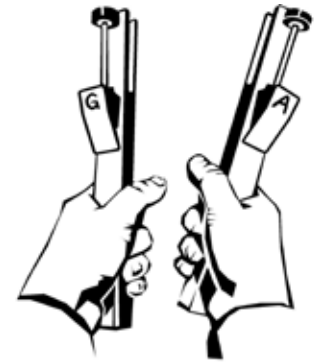
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Easter Cantata Will Be on Palm Sunday

The Easter cantata "Footprints in the Sand" by Martin/Angerman is scheduled for Palm Sunday, March 25, at 5:00 p.m., with the Sanctuary Choir and featuring Marie Riedesel, flutist.

You don't need to be able to read music to enjoy playing the Memorial Hand Chimes. Give it a try! Rehearsal at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays.



Handchimes



Plan to attend "Mid-Winter Magic," featuring the music of Alan Daubenspeck and Dan Rush.

Getting to Know You

We started this column in *The Link* to help our members get to know each other better. In each issue, we'll feature details that different members would like to share with our church family. This issue features Ken and Valerie Haynes, who joined our church January 23.



Valerie ('Val') and Kenneth ('Ken') Haynes both were born in New York and met at Syracuse University; they married in 1969. Val's B.A. was in Psychology; Ken's was in Spanish. Val subsequently earned an MBA from SUNY/Oswego and Ken, after receiving his MBA in Comptrollership at Syracuse University, continued to an MS in International Relations from the Tufts Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

From 1972 until Army retirement in 1997, Ken was an Army Quartermaster, Comptroller and Foreign Area Officer (Latin America). He then became a contract instructor in Latin American Regional Studies for the JFK Special Warfare Center and School. Going into Civil Service, he became the Contract Strategy Officer at the JFK Special Warfare Center and School, and spent the last seven years before civil service retirement in 2009 as Deputy Director, U.S. Army Security Assistance Training Management Organization.

Val's career, meanwhile, focused on the volunteer management field: First at a hospital, then at a Hospice, then for Food and Friends, a service organization that delivered food to people home-bound with AIDS. In 2011 she retired as a District Administrator of North Carolina Court System's Guardian Ad Litem Program after 13 years, though she has returned to the GAL Program since then for a year as a contractor.

They moved to North Carolina in 1996. During the time when she and Ken lived in Fayetteville, and attended the MacPherson Presbyterian Church, Val became a Stephen Minister, and Ken was ordained an Elder.

Val and Ken have two daughters, Wendy LaFever (born in 1974) and Robyn Owen (born in 1977). Wendy and husband Mark live in Herndon, Virginia. Robyn and husband Jeff

Recipe Corner ...

Chicken and Pastry

1 3-4 lb chicken or 2 whole chicken breasts
 1 -2 quarts chicken stock
 1 onion, diced
 salt & pepper
 1/2 cup each frozen peas & sliced carrots
 fresh parsley

For the pastry:

2 cups all-purpose flour
 1/2 tsp baking soda
 1/2 tsp salt
 3 TB shortening
 3/4 cup buttermilk

Cover chicken and onion with stock in a deep saucepan or heavy kettle. Bring to a boil, reduce to simmer and cook until chicken is tender. When cool enough, remove from bones and cut in bite-size pieces. Reserve cooking broth and taste for seasoning.

Combine flour, soda & salt, then blend in shortening with a fork until mixture is crumbly. Add buttermilk all at once, stir until dough comes together, then turn out on well-floured surface and knead lightly until smooth. Roll out about 1/4" thick and cut into strips about 1"x 3".

Return chicken to the broth & bring back to a boil. Drop pastry strips one by one into chicken and broth, stirring gently. Cover the pot, cook for a few minutes & add peas & carrots. Continue simmering until pastry is cooked through. Garnish with chopped parsley.

Val and Ken Haynes (cont'd)

live in Colfax, N.C. with their daughters Lilly (age 4) and Hannah (age 2).

Ken's hobby is music: voice (he sings in our church choir), guitar, ukulele and psaltery. Val enjoys reading, yoga and playing 'Words with Friends' online. Val and Ken divide their time between Vass, N.C. (fall to spring) and Vine Valley, N.Y. (spring to fall).



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Here is this issue's puzzle! If you think you have the solution, send results to Jim Leiby (jimleiby34@gmail.com).
The winner of the December puzzle: Kay McKay

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A	U	D	S	A	A	S	R	T	E	V	O	C	A	V
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C	E	A	P	R	I	E	S	T	S	L	L	A	E	A
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All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and after you have found all the words, Mark the leftover letters in the correct order to form the mystery answer.

Adam, Adultery, Augustus, Betrayal, Brother, Calvary, Christmas, Covet, Creator, Cross, Daniel, Demons, Disciples, Easter, Flood, Gabriel, Garden, Great, Hand, Happy, Hatred, Heavens, Help, Isaiah, Jews, Lucifer, Mercy, Messiah, Michael, Murder, Pharaoh, Prayer, Priests, Prophets, Psalm, Red River, Romans, Silvers, Sinners, Solomon, Son of God