



## DISCIPLE Bible Study at Mount Vernon!

The acclaimed Bible Study from Genesis to Revelation will be offered from September 9 to May 5.

The Rev. Barry Foster will be the Guide for the study.

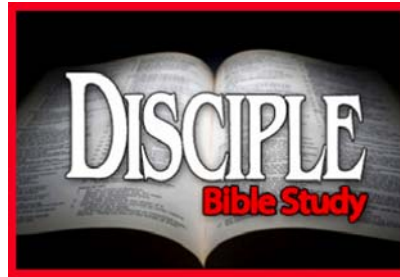
If you are interested in registering for this class, please contact the church office or fill out the slip in the Sunday bulletin insert. The class is limited to 16 members, so sign up right away!

The Study is 30 sessions, and the class will meet on **Sundays from 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.**, in the Parlor. Please call Barry with any questions.

Cost: \$35.00 for your own "Study Manual."

This is your chance to become more aware of how the Bible was created, about the message of the God of Israel and his Messiah, the Christian message, and how your own faith is shaped and lived out.

*"I know I needed to have a much deeper understanding of the biblical message and how the Old and New Testaments are related. ... The fellowship and the different points of view brought to bear were exactly what I needed to begin the next step in my walk with God."* DAN NEWELL



*"Disciple classes explain the Old Testament and why it is relevant to understanding the New Testament. ... As you progress through the series of classes, you will be so enriched with your new understanding that you will want to keep going with more classes."*

SARAH SOUTHWARD

*"Taking the class was one of the best decisions I've ever made. I've become more mature in my understanding of Scripture. This study deals with the questions asked by everyone – those concerning faith, God, and Jesus Christ. I received a sense of peace and faith that has enriched my life beyond measure."* ANN HURT

You're invited to

## Mount Vernon's Annual Picnic

Sunday, September 9, 4 - 8 p.m.

Shelter #6 at Ballou Park



Tug-of-war  
Class against class!



Kickball game

Children's  
games & activities



Horseshoes



Dessert contest:  
Each family, bring a dessert!

Food provided by **Mama Possum's**  
Hamburgers, hot dogs,  
barbecue, more!



**Rain: We're at the church.**  
**Shine: We're at the park!**

Questions? Call Sam Newell, 203-7431.

Please sign up! Call the church office, 793-6824, or fill out a slip at church, provided in the bulletin.

## Read All About It: Our New Children's Library!

When I first heard that Mount Vernon planned to create a children's library, I jumped at the chance to participate. For as long as I can remember, I have loved books and believed in their power to inform, enrich, and shape a person's world, no matter his or her age. The Mount Vernon Children's Library will be a lending library for children and youth, offering resources in Christian faith and character development.

Leslie Navis, Beth deAristizabal, and I have been at work cataloging our existing collection of books and shopping around Danville for additional titles. Frank Cuthrell has built us a wonderful new set of shelves. And I am excited to have set up a library "wish list" online for any church member who would like to contribute and make the selection even more amazing for our children.\*

When visiting the wish list, you will notice that each book can be purchased from an organization called Better World Books. This "online bookstore with a soul" supports both environmentally-friendly business practices and worldwide literacy with every transaction. It offers a wide selection of new and used books and, for each book purchased, donates to one of its five partners: Books for Africa, Invisible Children, National Center for Family Literacy, Room to Read, and Worldfund.

Donating to the Mount Vernons Children's Library through Better World Books will support not only our children, but children around the world as well. It is a win-win!

The Children's Library will have an Open House and Book Sale on Wednesday, September 12, following our fellowship supper and programs. Please visit us on the second floor to check out our new space and shop a selection of gently-used books. All sales will directly support the library.

\* Find our wish list online at [wishlist.com/MountVernonUMC](http://wishlist.com/MountVernonUMC)

– Angela Longerbeam, Children's Council Coordinator



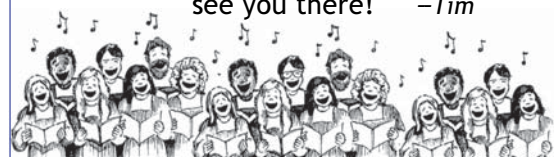
## Cast of a Thousand Voices

On September 23, the Aldersgate Choir will try something new. We would like to fill the front of the church with as many voices as possible.

The Choir invites anyone who is interested to join us on September 23 to sing an anthem.

Please note that there is no commitment beyond that one Sunday, and we are not trying to pressure you to join the choir. You simply attend one rehearsal on the previous Wednesday (Sept.19).

If you are interested, see Tim Navis for a demo CD and music. Hope to see you there! –Tim



## Wednesday Dinners and Programs Resume on September 12

6:00 p.m. - Dinner

6:30 p.m.-7:10 p.m. - Programs

Children Around the World: In preparation for our musical, "Christmas Around the World," our children will visit a different country each week, sampling food, customs, clothing, and more! *Leader: Sue Davis*

Young Adults will continue their study of contemporary and theological issues. Each week includes a thought-provoking video clip followed by lively discussions. *Leader: Leslie Navis*

### In the Fellowship Hall:

Sept. 12:

"Meet Lude Labieville," Averett student from Haiti

Sept. 19:

"The King James Bible," Barry Foster

Sept. 26:

"The King James Bible," Barry Foster



A fun time was had by our children and young adults at the Milams' farm on August 12! We enjoyed feeding the chickens and guinea hens, piling into the backs of trucks for a wild ride to the river, good food, and lots of laughter! Thanks so much, Margaret and Harry, for hosting us.

Wesley Ringers rehearsals resume on September 12 at 5:30 p.m.



## The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Danville Area CROP Hunger Walk: Sunday, October 7, at 3:00 p.m.

Last year 450 Danville and Pittsylvania County residents representing 27 churches and community organizations met in the Mount Vernon parking lot for a common cause: to raise money to combat hunger and poverty in Danville and around the world! Our church had 47 walkers and contributed \$2,847.00. We hope to increase our participation and donations this year, as the needs are great.

Here's how to get involved:

- 1. Be a walker.** A sign-up sheet and collection envelopes will be available each Sunday in September outside the church office on the table. Ask friends and family to sponsor you as a walker with their donations. We will have both a 1 mile and a 5K walk.
- 2. Make a donation.** If you can't walk, you can make a donation or sponsor one of our walkers. Our goal is \$100.00 per walker!
- 3. Attend our fund-raiser on Sunday, September 30.** Tobias Lutz and our youth group are preparing lunch in the Fellowship Hall for our church family immediately following the 11:00 service. Join us for a fun time of fellowship, and make a donation or sign up to walk!

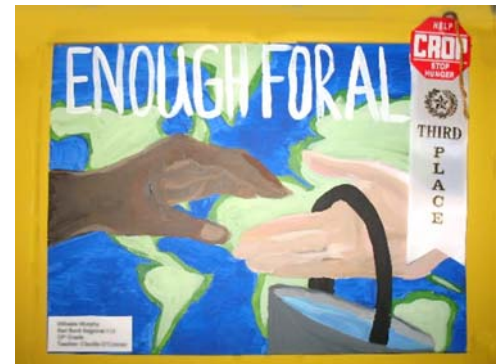


*Thanks to many youth and adult volunteers who have been hard at work transforming our basement youth room! With repairs and a fresh coat of paint on the walls, this room will be an inviting space for our Children's House children on rainy days, Boy Scouts, the youth, and our new Children's Church meeting room.*

*Mac Newell painting a mural of Jesus and the children to decorate the hallway outside the youth room*

## CROP Walk Poster Contest

All children and youth are invited to submit a poster! A winner will be announced in three age groups: elementary, middle, and high school. A sheet of contest details can be picked up on the table outside the church office.



## SERRV Sale

For the past two years, we have had a SERRV Sale in October to benefit artisans in developing countries. We sold jewelry, Christmas items, pottery, scarves, baskets, and more. This year our SERRV Sale committee has decided to have a **SPRING SALE!** We will have new merchandise, including spring jewelry and scarves, gardening items, home decorations, and linens, as well as favorites like baskets and wooden items.



## Project Crossroads 2012

During one of the worship times on the Project Crossroads mission trip, team members were invited to reflect upon "What does the kingdom of God look like?" They responded with poetry and art.

I am seeking, ever searching for  
A place with no sin, no sorrow, no shame.  
Where the hopeless may hope.  
Where the weary may rest.  
Where the weak find strength.  
Where the forgotten could be loved.  
What cosmic force would cast away my fear?  
No manner of men or power of the Earth have done so.  
What can erase all the lines I have crossed?  
Must I take up my cross and succumb to death?  
Or is there another that will take up His?  
A cross that encompasses the Perfect Love I seek?  
A Perfect Love that encompasses me.  
A Perfect Love that casts away my fear.  
Now I can hope.  
Now I can rest.  
I now have strength, for  
I am now loved.  
Everything old is gone, all things are new.  
There is a place with no sin, no sorrow, no shame.  
A place I am no longer seeking for.  
I close my eyes, for I walk by faith, not by sight.  
I have found my loving home.

—Dustin Milam  
Grandson of Harry and Margaret Milam



## News from Catherine Bauman in Burundi

Catherine is serving as Education Director of Village Health Works in East Africa. Because of security concerns, she cannot post a blog on the Internet. However, she sends occasional e-mail updates. If you would like to receive her updates via e-mail, please let Beth know at [bbauman@comcast.net](mailto:bbauman@comcast.net). If you do not receive e-mail, you can pick up a copy outside the church office.

*Village Health Works (VHW) was formed in 2007 to bring high-quality health care to the rural*



*Burundi community of Kigutu, as well as to address the root of the village's poor health—poverty. The Kigutu Health Center provides clinical services to the community, focusing on primary care, pediatrics, and women's health. It provided care for a staggering 16,000 patients in its first nine months of operation. VHW also works to directly treat poverty through community development and education projects.*

## Carpenter's Project Planned

On Thursday, September 6, through Saturday, September 8, our Mount Vernon carpenters will be at work in the community, making repairs and building a ramp for a handicapped person.

Please call Chuck Sampson, 709-7597, to volunteer and for more information.

Funds for Carpenter's Project are getting low; donations are welcome!



CHURCH COUNCIL



Monday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall



## In Our Thoughts and Prayers . . .

At home: **Bill Hardy, Zane Kinn, Margaret Powell**

At Roman Eagle: **Virginia Farley, Lucy Scarce, Zula Callahan**

At Riverside Healthcare: **Nancy Barker, Greg Read**

At Our Lady of Hope (Richmond): **Alyce Roach**

At Stratford House: **Marjorie Hood, Irene Guthrie, Becky Farthing, Sylvia Gibbs, May Bergman, Paul and Helen Stanfield**

At Stratford House Rehab: **Mildred Ferrell**

In Rock Hill, SC: **Don Moore**  
In Raleigh: **Vitula Porter**



*To Lindsay and Jason Payne,  
whose son, Cutler Jonathan Payne,  
was born on August 24.*

*He is the grandson of Beth and Lester Payne.*

## September

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| 1 Jesse Mayhew, III<br>Steve Wyatt<br>Charles Sampson  | 17 Sidney Harris<br>Jean Read                                    |
| 2 Phyllis Acker<br>Leslie Navis<br>Thomas Underwood, Jr.                                     | 18 Brendan deAristizabal<br>Jerry Franks                         |
| 3 Chris Griffith<br>DeDe Moyer   | 19 Katie Brooks  |
| 4 Jeff Clifton<br>Steven Daniels, Jr.  | 21 Jennifer Caldwell<br>Lyn Joyce<br>Lindsay Payne<br>Jesse Wall |
| 5 Cathy Grogan<br>Thomas O'Neill, III  | 22 Samuel Lea Burton<br>Rebecca Daniels                          |
| 6 Betty Atkins<br>Kelly Jordan<br>Glenn Milam<br>Matkins Milligan<br>Lauren Slayton          | 23 Randy Handy<br>Nancy Ingram                                   |
| 9 Cathy Darkis<br>Joan Marley  | 24 Suzanne Thompson<br>Steve Southward<br>Carol Williamson       |
| 10 Gene Saunders   | 25 Eddie Mitchell<br>Richard Turner                              |
| 11 Berkley Keck, Sr.<br>Jeff Rudder<br>Bill Stephens, Jr.<br>Dorothy Stephens<br>Betty Yates | 27 Pat Farley<br>Jim Sutherland                                  |
| 12 Marjorie Whitmore   | 28 Mary Alice Anglea<br>Nancy Barker<br>Dawn Davis               |
| 13 Adam Caldwell   | 29 Linda Burton  |
| 15 Lester Payne<br>Tammy Waters  | 30 Dorothy Adkins<br>David Caldwell<br>Sue Myers                 |
| 16 Taylor Daniels<br>Briggs Bauman   |  |

## October

- 1 Patrick Clifton  
Rob Coleman  
Nell Fredericksen  
Ella Payne  
Jason Payne  
Bill Stephens

## Our Worship Assistants

### USHERS

**September 2:** Fred Duncan, James Bucklew, John Morris (*alt*)

**11:00:** Bill Griffith, David Fuquay, Tommy Hodges, Tom Leggett, Tom Underwood, Gene Saunders (*alt*)

**September 9 - 8:30:** John Morris, Tom Savastano, Butch Dalton

**11:00:** Frank Grogan, J.G. Hurt, Budge Kent, Gene Saunders, John Ranson, Kelly Brande (*alt*).

**September 16 - 8:30:** Fred Duncan, James Bucklew, Bill Booker, John Morris (*alt*)

**11:00:** Tom Leggett, Andrew Farley, David Fuquay, Tommy Hodges, Bill Smith, Frank Grogan (*alt*)

**September 23 - 8:30:** Bill Booker, Butch Dalton, John Morris

**11:00:** Tom Leggett, J.G. Hurt, Bill Smith, Charles Sampson, Tom Underwood, John Ranson (*alt*)

**September 30 - 8:30:** Tom Booker, James Bucklew, John Morris

**11:00:** Young Adults

### OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD

Betty Turner, Jan Sutherland, Beth deAristizabal, Martha B. Hylton

## Attendance, Tithes, Gifts

<u>Week of</u>	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
August 5	33	94	\$9,836
August 12	47	105	7,697
August 19	26	91	3,961
August 26	31	95	3,138

## Our Deepest Sympathy to...

*Pat Maurakis and her family,  
in the death of Albert P. Maurakis,  
on August 21, 2012.*



### Gluten-free communion bread is available at Mount Vernon.

Please contact the pastor at 793-6824 before Communion Sunday if you would like to be served gluten-free wafers.

## Our Super Youth Painters



Not pictured, Kathryn Waters

### Mount Vernon United Methodist Church

107 West Main Street, Danville, VA 24541  
(434) 793-6824

Sunday Services of Worship:  
8:30 and 11 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

The Rev. Barry S. Foster, Pastor  
Parsonage/Cell: (434) 709-0093

For more information  
about worship services, programs,  
classes, events, and more,  
visit the Web site:  
[www.gb-gm-umc.org/mountvernon](http://www.gb-gm-umc.org/mountvernon)

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September 2, 2012

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Scripture: John 8: 1–11*

*Sermon: “Stones and Words”*

The Rev. Barry S. Foster

September 9, 2012

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Scripture: Mark 9: 14 – 29*

*Sermon: “Only Through Prayer”*

The Rev. Barry S. Foster

September 16, 2012

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Scripture: Romans 1: 1–12*

*Sermon: “God’s Speech”*

The Rev. Barry S. Foster

September 23, 2012

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Dr. Ralph Kelly Hawkins

Professor of Religion, Averett University

September 30, 2012

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Scripture: Matthew 5: 14–16*

*Sermon: “Heart Light”*

The Rev. Barry S. Foster

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