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Dear Folks

“I’m depressed,” I said to Sally. That got her attention! It was Monday night, August 21st. We were at the dinner table. “What’s wrong?” she said with worry. I looked up at her, smiling. Planting my tongue in my cheek, I fake-moaned, “The eclipse is over.” She balled up her napkin and threw it at me.

Rev. Dr. Bob Bardin

I know that depression is no joke.....I’ve been depressed.....but I like to tease my wife. It’s kind of like a “love pat.” I had been giving Sally a hard time about the eclipse for weeks. She was into it, I’m telling you, excited as the day drew near. We’re off together on Mondays, so we decided to go to Topsail, put up an umbrella, and watch the eclipse from the beach. Realizing too late that we didn’t have dark glasses for viewing, she stopped at every store between Goldsboro and the beach to beg for a pair. When she arrived at the beach empty handed, I knew that there was not a pair of glasses to be had in Eastern North Carolina. I know my wife to be....how shall I put this....persuasive.

As for me, I pooh-poohed the whole thing, mystified at all the hype. The media, sniffing increased profits from ratings, went all henny-penny eclipse viral. Electronic information signs along the highways trumpeted warnings of traffic jams from Yankee hoards invading the total eclipse zone. In this age when everything is turned into an “Event,” there were “Event Planners” directing eclipse parties. There might have been alcohol involved in these events.

Under the beach umbrella, I prepared for the eclipse by reading the *News Argus*. This took five minutes. Then I munched on Cheetos, waiting for it to get dark. (An Event Planner on Pinterest recommended Flamin’ Hot Cheetos as an ideal total eclipse accompaniment.) Yes, I made that up, but they sure were good. As for the much-anticipated-darkness? You know by now....it never came. Why, I’ve seen a better shadow show from a stray cumulus puff ball cloud. The only reason I know that an eclipse actually took place is that a nice man stopped to visit us no-oil-in-our lamps-no-dark-glasses-for-our-eyes-foolish-ones and offered to share his own. One look up confirmed that the bridegroom had indeed arrived. And....and....it did get chilly.

It’s even harder to tell when something comes between you and the Son, blocking out his light and life from your own. You can keep right on living during a total eclipse of the Son. Millions and millions do. As I told the children on the Sunday before the “Big Event”, many things, even silly things, can become gods that stand between you and the Son. And you can keep right on going about your business, obliviously. It doesn’t get pitch dark, like you’d think. That comes later, when night falls. But it does get a little chilly, I think....if you get still and pay attention. Chilly with a coldness that sweaters can’t remedy. Part of my job, as a preacher, I think, is to be like the nice man on the beach, sharing the glasses, so you can see for yourself where the chilliness comes from.

Warmly,

Bob



WHAT: Kirkin' O' the Tartan

WHERE: First Presbyterian Church, Goldsboro NC

WHEN: September 17, 2017, 10:00 a.m.



Covered Dish lunch following service

NOTE: Presbyterians trace their roots back to Scotland. In early history, clans were simply a gathering of peoples for their protection and for economic, political and social support. They were not necessarily related by blood. Specific tartans developed simply because each area liked to weave a certain design using local herb dyes.

Why then do we celebrate clans and tartans? It is because the clansmen demonstrated true brotherhood and the clan was the family. The tartan is a symbol of this love and togetherness. In our Kirkin' service, we will remember ancient times, as well as past and present kith and kin, while asking God's help and blessings in the future.

Scottish Heritage 5K RUN/WALK

Saturday, September 16th at 8:00am

FPC of Goldsboro will be sponsoring a **5K kilt run/walk and Scottish Heritage Days Community Event**. In addition to the 5K kilt run, there will be Celtic Dancing and Scottish games for the entire family to celebrate the Scottish Heritage of the Presbyterian Church. **Contact Scott Gibson if you have any questions.**

We need your help. Please sign up to volunteer in the back hallway of the church. Posters are available to be handed out. Applications for the 5K run are available to be picked up in the back hallway.

In celebration of our Presbyterian Scottish Heritage, we would like for each of you who have Scottish ancestry to write your name under your associated Scottish Clan(s). There is a map of Scotland in the hallway for you to use. Hopefully we can use this to add to our understanding of congregational connection to the Presbyterian Church heritage. Have fun.

Scottish Heritage Sunday

Sunday, September 17th at 10:00 am

Guest speaker for Scottish Heritage Sunday will be Rev. Gillian Weighton, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Racine, WI. Following the worship service, there will be a covered dish lunch. Some traditional Scottish fare will also be available.



There will be a meeting for all who are interested in volunteering for the Scottish Heritage 5K Kilt run/walk September 10th immediately following Worship service in Black Chapel.

Thank you!

Dear FPC friends,

Thank you for the acts of kindness you have bestowed upon me during my recent illness. The cards, visits, flowers, and prayers were all a source of encouragement.

Russell Lee





SEPTEMBER

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sept. 3 Rev. Bob Bardin
 Sept. 10 Rev. Bob Bardin
 Sept. 17 Rev. Bob Bardin
 Sept. 24 Rev. Bob Bardin

ELDERS

Sept. 4 Jewel Sauls
 Sept. 11 Bill Royall
 Sept. 18 Scott Gibson
 Sept. 25 Bob Bass

DEACONS

Evelyn Rose
 Eddie Radford
 Hettie Grisette
 Susan Bowmer

USHERS

Deacon-in-Charge: Phyllis Patterson
 Co-Deacon: Blain Crocker
 Ushers: Mary Hope Crocker, Jake Crocker,
 Hinton Crocker, Leslie Hunter

CHANCEL GUILD

Angie Best and Wanda Starling



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT

Join us every Wednesday from Sept. 20 through Nov. 15
 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

FPC family will meet for fellowship, music, worship and Bible study.

5:30 p.m. to 6:10 p.m. Family Fellowship Dinner (activity center)
 6:10 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Worship and Music (all ages in the chapel)
 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Bible study for youth (youth room)
 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Pastor's Bible study for adults (chapel)

Please note: Childcare is available for infants and toddlers from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



1 Mr. Mike Pate
 3 Henry Faircloth
 Ms. Stephanie Slusser
 4 Mr. Mun Best
 8 Mrs. Mary Glenn Pittman

9 Mrs. Barbara Goss
 Mrs. Jackie Joseph
 10 Mrs. Sue Blackshear
 11 Mrs. Peggy Till
 Mrs. Nancy Smith
 14 Mr. Jerry Anderson
 Ms. Laura Klepper
 15 Mrs. Fran Boyce
 18 Mrs. Barbara Huff

18 Mr. Tom Johnson
 19 Mrs. Susan Stackhouse
 21 Mrs. Lucy Warren
 Mrs. Joyce Wooten
 25 Ms. Joyce Keller
 26 Mrs. Mary Ann Parker
 Mr. Terry Cottle
 28 Mrs. Jerri Holland
 29 Mrs. Julia Crumpler
 30 Mrs. Emma Jordan

Love in Action



Please begin cleaning out your closets and bringing your clothes to the church.



Clothing Give Away

Saturday, October 7 ~ 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

For the third year in a row the Mission Committee is having a Clothing Give Away Saturday, October 7, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. in the gym. We trust that our congregation will again be generous in bringing lots of good, clean clothing, on hangers, that they or their children or grandchildren have either outgrown or no longer need or wear. We also ask that you enlist your friends to do the same. A donation receipt will be available if desired. Please mark the clothes by size and gender and bag accordingly. We will start sorting and setting up for the event on Monday, October 2, at 9:00 a.m. and will need help throughout the week. Also, on Saturday morning, helpers are needed to assist the guests with their clothing selection. To request a pick up of donated clothing or to help with this event, please sign up at the church reception area.

GOD HAS BLESSED US, TO BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS!



FRIDAY, SEPT. 8
6:00 P.M. TILL 8:00 P.M.
MEET AT "I WANNA HAVE FUN!" AT 2001 N.
WILLIAM STREET
PARENTS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DROP



9:00 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast in McChesney Hall
9:30 a.m. Chapel—Bible presentations
Introduction of SS classes,
prayer, and dismissal



COLLEGE STUDENT'S ADDRESSES

Please make sure to send in the new addresses for your college students so that we may keep in touch with them throughout the school year!

Email Lisa Royall at lisaroyall1111@gmail.com.