



Pastor's Perspective — Far Too Important to Assume

By Ron D. Lindholm, Senior Pastor

One of the things Neita and I enjoy doing is taking a late afternoon or early evening walk through our neighborhood. Since we don't vary our route much from day to day, we've come to expect a certain routine and predictability. Perhaps that's why the fancy black limousine with smoked windows and DC plates idling along the curb ahead caught our attention right away.

As we walked toward it, we were curious to whom it belonged, who might be in it and what it was doing in our neck of the woods—never expecting to get any answers. But then, almost as if on cue, the window opened to reveal the face of the driver. (By the way, this story is not going in the direction you think it is—but I believe it contains a valuable lesson.) He had a map in his hand, a GPS display on his dash and a very frustrated look on his face. He said: "I'm lost. I made a wrong turn somewhere and ended up here, but I don't know where 'here' is. I

How, then, can...they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

Romans 10:14

can't find where I am on the map. I need to get to Dulles. Can you help me?" We were pleased to be of assistance. For people who know the way, it's easy. For those who don't, sometimes all the technology in the world won't help.

As Neita and I walked away, discussing our encounter with the driver, we began to think about it in light of eternity and our tendency (probably yours too) to make assumptions about people that prove to be contrary to fact. In a parking lot of drivers, the last driver we would expect to be lost is the one with on-board GPS. Who are the people in our lives that are like that driver when it comes to their relationship with Christ? Who are the people we assume to be saved (because they look the part), without ever bothering to verify the assumption? When it comes to eternity, let's resolve not to operate on the basis of unconfirmed assumptions.

Church Picnic

A church picnic will be held at the church on Saturday, July 9 at 12:30 PM. Once again this year we will have games for all ages, as this was one of the highlights of last year's picnic. This is an excellent opportunity to strengthen relationships with the fellow members of

your church family. We hope to see you there! Guests are also welcome. A sign-up sheet is on the Information Table in the church foyer. Meat and drinks will be provided. Each family will be contacted regarding a food item to bring.



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of July 25-29 from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. All children 3 years old to 6th grade completed are welcome. This year's theme is "Jungle Adventure: Discovering God's Love". The children will be learning about God's love through a study of the life of Christ, concluding with His once-for-all sacrifice for sin.

Activities will include music, crafts, games and snacks. As always cookies are needed, and can be placed on the counter in Fellowship Hall. The children will also be learning about Bangladesh, and the VBS offering will be used to help publish the first Christian children's book in the Bengali language designed to



reach Muslim children for Christ.

Registration forms are available in the church foyer. Please use the flyers that are available in the foyer to invite children from your own neighborhood.

Our desire is to see the Lord reach whole families with the gospel, adding these families to His church through this ministry. Please pray for our teachers—Kara Benham, Sarah Buckley, Rebecca Bythewood, Tracy English, Gina Irving, Neita Lindholm, Deanne Mahoney, Mary Ann Monk, Amy Mount, Pastor Odom and Brian Platt—as they share God's love through Christ with the children the Lord brings to VBS.

Getting to Know Our Church Family

Bob & Vernice Fulmer

Bob grew up in Aiken County, SC with his 6 siblings. His father was a farmer and owned a country store. Bob lost his mother when he was two and his father remarried. His family was committed to serving the Lord in their local church.

Vernice was raised on a farm in North Alabama and also had 6 siblings. Much time was spent enjoying time together with family who lived nearby. Her family was also active in the ministries of their local church.

As a child Bob enjoyed driving his father's Model T and fishing at his uncle's river. Vernice enjoyed Saturday trips to the country in the wagon, swimming, riding their mule, cheerleading, softball, basketball and school plays.

Bob accepted Jesus as Savior at the age of 14 while attending a revival meeting where the preacher spoke about Jesus, heaven and hell. Vernice heard God's Word from the time she was a young child, but it was not until she was 12 years old that she came to realize Christ died for her that her sins might be forgiven.

Bob joined the Navy shortly after high school and served on the USS Wasp, which was torpedoed by the Japanese in 1942 and sank. Bob was rescued at sea and went on to serve on six other ships before retiring.

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.
Romans 12:15

Bob married Marian Hall in 1943. The Lord gave them 48 years together and two daughters.

Vernice was married to John Vaughn for 43 years before he went home to be with the Lord. John served in the Army during World War II and for many years thereafter. His final assignment was at the Pentagon, and Vernice has been in Northern Virginia ever since. The Lord gave John and Vernice one daughter.

After his time in the Navy Bob worked as an engineer for several companies in the Washington, DC area. Vernice worked for one of those same companies for 24 years as an executive secretary.

When Bob's wife Marian passed away in 1991 an obituary notice was sent to Vernice. She extended sympathy to Bob and invited him to church at Fellowship. Bob began attending with Vernice and two years later they were married at our church.

Bob and Vernice have a deep love for their church family. They also have a great appreciation for our Pastors and missionaries. Bob and Vernice help with Vacation Bible School, church cleaning and the annual International Student Ministry. Vernice taught Sunday school for 40 years and has sung in church choirs. Bob and Vernice pray that the Lord will enable them to continue to be actively involved at Fellowship.

Congratulations to our graduates Dan Buckley (Landmark Academy) and Jacob Cox (Lake Braddock Secondary)!

Money Matters

A generous love offering of \$1,031 was given for our missionaries Jim and Jan Ruff during their visit to Fel-

June Giving Per Week (General Fund)	\$4,920
Weekly Need	\$4,691
Year-To-Date Giving (General Fund)	\$125,164
Year-To-Date Need	\$121,966
Year-To-Date 50@1 Giving	\$3,071



Calendar



July 3	No Evening Ministries
July 9	Church Picnic (12:30 PM)
July 12	Nursing Home Ministry (2:00 PM)
July 16	Stacie Scott Bridal Shower (2:00 PM)
July 22	Ladies Game Night (7:00 PM)
July 23	Church Workday (8:30 AM)
July 25-29	Vacation Bible School (9:00 AM)
July 27	Quarterly Business Meeting (7:30 PM)

Upcoming Events

Game Night: Women's Ministries will have a game night at the church on Friday, July 22 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Please bring your favorite game and a snack to share.



Summer Workday: Please join us on Saturday, July 23 at 8:30 AM as we address various property needs.

Bridal Shower



We used to know them as Tommy Scott and Stacie Walters, but now they are Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Scott. We wish Tommy and Stacie the Lord's best in their new life together. A shower in Stacie's honor will be held at the home of Neita Lindholm on Saturday, July 16 at 2:00 PM. All of the ladies of the church are encouraged to attend. Stacie is registered at Target, Williams-Sonoma, and Dillards.com (registry number 118040286). Please RSVP to Tracy English or Neita Lindholm.

