

# DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Family Focus Newsletter

April 30, 2010

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Dear Nesters,

I did not have a chance to write a final note for the newsletter before leaving. Actually I had the chance; I just kept putting it off because I became too emotional every time I thought of sitting down to write you!

It was truly a blessing and a privilege for me to have the opportunity to be in ministry with the Nesters as a whole and with each of you individually over the past years. I have loved watching your families expand and your children grow up, and have been humbled and blessed by the ways in which you have allowed me to be a part of the joys and struggles that go along with family life. It has been great to see the ways in which the Nesters (or “Young Families”) has evolved from a fellowship group, to one that includes a Sunday school class for families, to a group that actively engages in mission, all as a result of your vision and commitment. The Nesters still throw the best parties in the church though!

During this time of transition, as your Associate Pastor Nominating Committee conducts its search for your next associate pastor, please consider ways in which you can serve this group and the church as a whole so that this transition period can go as smoothly as possible. Please make sure the church office knows of any pastoral concerns that arise so that folks who have special need of the ministries of the church will not be overlooked. Plan a fellowship event for the Nesters or coordinate a day for families to join in gleaning. Above all, please make sure that you welcome visitors and those new to the church; pick up the phone and personally invite them to join you at a Nesters’ event or the church picnic. You are the church!

Thank you again for allowing me into your lives and for all the notes, cards, e-mails, flowers, etc that you sent me during my last days at DCPC. I will always be grateful for my time among you. I had a great first week in Albemarle and feel that this opportunity is the perfect transition for me but I do miss you. Please stay in touch. My e-mail is [juliehill88@yahoo.com](mailto:juliehill88@yahoo.com).

I should stop rambling now! You are the best!

With love and gratitude,

Julie

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