



2020

# June AT-A-GLANCE

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## Congratulations Dr. Turner!

By Mary Langhorne

May and June are months that we celebrate graduates and DUMC is pleased to celebrate Kevin Turner. I recently sat down with Kevin Turner, six feet apart, to learn about his accomplishment.

Kevin, tell me what your degree is.

**KT:** It is Doctor of Pastoral Music.

Where did you go to school?

**KT:** Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

Why Perkins/SMU?

**KT:** This is a brand-new degree and I am the first to graduate with this degree. It does not exist anywhere else. This program is unique in that it blends the Doctor of Ministry and Doctor of Music.

Can you tell us more about the program, what you learned?

**KT:** I started the program in June of 2016. The program is designed for people who have been doing what they have been doing for ten years and is a next step in growth and learning. The description of the program says "The Doctor of Pastoral Music (D.P.M.) is designed for experienced church musicians who have achieved a Master of Sacred Music degree, or its equivalent and who are devoted to increasing their effectiveness in and broadening their vision of the pastoral dimensions of music ministry into the larger community."

As I said, I started in June of 2016, when I flew out to Dallas Jody Seymour was our Senior Pastor, when I got back Sally Langford was the Senior Pastor. Every class seemed to pay off right away. The first classes were leadership in ministry. It mattered in helping the staff and Sally during the transition.

Other courses I took included Issues in Pastoral Music, Missional Music, Music in Worship and Renewal, and theology and music. The classes and conducting lessons, with the Associate Director of the Charlotte Symphony, aided me as we began increasing our instrumental works for worship.

Some of the pieces that we now incorporate into our services at DUMC were pieces I learned at SMU. My thesis work prepared me for the upheaval in our current pandemic influenced lives.

What is your thesis about?

**KT:** The title of my thesis is "The World is about to Turn: Imagining a New Ecclesiology for Emerging Adults Through Missional Music Ministry." Little did I know how much the world was turning. I started my career at DUMC in 1999, the Church as a whole, not just DUMC, has changed a lot in 20+ years. I feel like this doctorate program has helped better equip me to deal with uncertainty. I am fortunate that DUMC has allowed me to grow during my 21 years here. When I started at DUMC I was the Associate Music Director, over time I was promoted to Music Director, in 2011 when I was Ordained as a Deacon, I became the Minister of Music and now...

Two more questions, like most all 2020 graduates I guess the ceremony has been impacted.

**KT:** Yes, it was supposed to be Saturday, May 16; that is still the day the degree is conferred. The graduation ceremony has been rescheduled to August 15, subject to change of course.

Finally, will it be Doc Turner or Rev Kev?

**KT:** Rev Kev.

Please join me in congratulating Kevin on this great achievement.

*Mary is a member of Staff Parish Relations Committee.*



## Our Trip to the Holy Land

By Dawne Kakitsis

A group of 22 pilgrims both from DUMC and other local churches traveled to the Holy Land from February 25 - March 6. We recently connected through a Zoom gathering to share memories of our trip. We also discussed how Holy Week was different for us and we discussed what we tell people when they ask about our trip.

We all agreed that we had so much to share and to be witness to for Holy Week this year and we missed our church communities during the Easter season to share with them. Many of us shared that we are ready to go back again!

I share with people the experience of light and dark, conflict and beauty, or Holy Saturday and Resurrection Sunday moments from my travels. For example, I would see and experience the beauty of the countryside blooming in spring in Israel (the almond trees and date palms were extraordinary). Yet, our guide would explain that trees were planted along the roadside because of incoming gunfire from Syria when they controlled the Golan Heights in the past. Also, I ate the most bright, green, and sweetest kiwi that I have ever had at the kibbutz, but a Hezbollah camp site sat on top of the mountain overlooking us.

I experienced the beauty and sacredness of the Temple Mount, but our guide reminded us that we were standing on the most religiously sensitive spot in the world. I was in awe of the sweeping views from Mount Precipice but keenly aware that people wanted to throw Jesus off the edge of that cliff. I came back to the same sense of tension in US. The beauty of spring and the gift of spending time with my family, but the pandemic and invisible virus lurking around us. Being in the Holy Land prepared me in a way that I wasn't expecting when I returned. I have a deeper appreciation for the balance



of light and dark. I saw what an empty tomb looks like at the Garden Tomb location. Amen!

During our Zoom call, we talked about the connectedness with one another as pilgrims who took this journey at a very unique time. We were so blessed to have been on the few returning flights directly back to the US because our original flight had been cancelled. We also experienced the Holy Land at a time when many tours had cancelled so it was not as busy as it normally would have been in the spring. Also, the water levels of the Sea of Galilee and the Jordan River were the highest they had been in 37 years. We had a change of plans regarding the baptism site that we visited. The Yardenit Baptism site was closed so we got to experience the Qaser Al-Yahud baptismal site instead.



We delighted in how wonderful the food, hospitality, and local life in Jerusalem and the Galilee made for such heart warming memories. Our pre-dinner gatherings and conversation were deeply meaningful as we reflected on each day. We were even a little "star struck" to find author James Martin, SJ who wrote *Jesus A Pilgrimage* preaching in the Catholic church at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. The majority of us read his book before our travels and were pleasantly surprised to cross his path during our travels.

Our guides with Scopia travel, both Ophir Ben-Yitschak and Yuval Kalev, exhibited true gospel hospitality during our stay. I believe most of us will carry the memory of seeing the moon shining on the Sea of Galilee from our balconies and being reminded that Jesus gazed on the same reflection. In the end, it is the light that shines in the darkness that we carry with us both at home and abroad.

### A Note From Associate Director of Music, Ms. Virginia

I've thought a lot about what children will remember about this time when the world upended and we ended up staying home for a long time. We have been holding a Zoom meeting each week for our elementary music students, and we decided that we would write a hymn to recall our time during quarantine. We talked about why we sing hymns – to praise God – and what praises we could give God even in this time that has been admittedly very difficult for most of us, young and older alike. We look forward to sharing this with you in the weeks to come, as we will record it from each of our own homes, and then put it together as one hymn to share with our congregation.



### Men's Shelter Lunch

DUMC provides lunch at the Men's Shelter in Charlotte the first Sunday of every month. Our next date to serve is Sunday, June 7.

Please consider signing up to serve a meal, make a sausage or vegetarian casserole, purchase fruit cocktail, or purchase green beans. Food can be made in advance and dropped off. Sign up at [davidsonumc.org](http://davidsonumc.org) under Registrations.



## MORE HISTORY ON JOHN WESLEY

Charlotte Thomas, Director of Involvement



United Methodists celebrate Aldersgate Sunday in May to mark the day that John Wesley experienced assurance of his salvation. It is a day for us to reflect on our own faith journey. About his experience Wesley said, "I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sin, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death." Wesley's conversion is a

watershed moment in his life, his experience with God moved from his head to his heart.

Moved by the Holy Spirit, Wesley could not be constrained by the walls of the Anglican church, he took his transformational message to the streets and out to smaller churches. That led to the development of small "societies" that met in private homes. When these societies became too large, Wesley organized "classes," each with 11 members and a leader. Classes met weekly to pray, read the Bible, discuss their spiritual lives, and to collect money for charity. Men and women met separately, but anyone could become a class leader. The moral and spiritual fervor of the meetings is expressed in one of Wesley's most famous aphorisms: "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

Wesley scheduled his preaching around local Anglican services, but local bishops still objected. Wesley responded, "The world is my parish" - a phrase that later became a slogan of Methodist missionaries. Wesley never slowed down, and during his ministry he traveled over 4,000 miles annually, preaching some 40,000 sermons in his lifetime.

You may be interested to know, John Wesley never left the Church of England, nor was he ever disowned by it. Nonetheless, Anglican authorities disapproved of Methodist "irregularities" such as preaching without regard for parish boundaries and they refused to recognize Methodist services as Anglican worship. English law allowed non-Anglicans to hold worship services only if their religious group was officially registered. Wesley thus found himself in a difficult situation. If the Methodists registered, they would be acknowledging that they were not Anglicans; but if they did not register, they would be breaking the law. In 1787 Wesley made the difficult decision and instructed his preachers to register, the first step toward legal separation. By the time of his death in 1791, the British Methodists were on their way toward establishing themselves as an independent church, just as the American Methodists had done with Wesley's blessing, in 1784.

## PRAYER LIST

Names remain on this list for two issues, unless otherwise requested. To add your name or that of a friend or loved one, contact Sherry Carpenter (scarpenter@davidsonumc.org or 704-892-8277).

Mason Acacian	Caroline McMahon
Joe Banks	Carole & Woody Naman
Judy Boppe	Cynthia Salvage
Kim Browning	Gary Turner
Alex Dahan	Linda Turner
Judy Feigl	Charles Walker
Cheryl & Shawn Greenwood	Ashleigh Whaley
Jim Hecht	Alice Younts
Devin Kiser	Emmaline Younts
Margie Klinge	

### SYMPATHY to:

The family of Lana Wendt  
The family of Frank Boyd  
The Cutler family in the death of Karen's mother  
The Gruce family in the death of Patty's father  
The Welborn family in the death of Randy's mother  
The Russell family in the death of Wendi's father

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE

Join us this summer for a new way of doing VBS! Backyard BOLT: *Towards Faith in Jesus* will be an online experience in which your family can participate in real time or you can wait and watch it at your own pace.

Virtual VBS will be available on the davidsonumc.org website Monday, June 22 - 25.



All required materials are common household items. You will also find you can access the material ALL SUMMER LONG! Tell your children to be on the lookout for many familiar faces while participating in this new and exciting VBS. You never know which volunteers and/or DUMC staff members may pop up with a message, a greeting, or the Bible story of the day. Also, you know we will have the "good" kind of drama and some amazing music! We cannot wait to present BOLT to you!



## OPPORTUNITIES TO STAY CONNECTED



Join our Pastors, Shane and Kevin, and our Director of Communications, Karen Payne, as they discuss current topics happening in and out of the church. If you have a topic or question for future episodes, please contact [Karen Payne](#). Watch/listen to past episodes on our [website](#) under Resources.



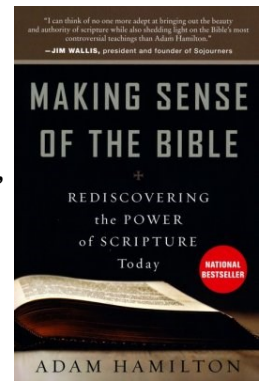
This pandemic and quarantine have changed our lives in ways none of us could have imagined. Some of us are experiencing feelings of anxiety, depression, and trauma as we never have in our lives. We want to offer some help. Join Rev. Jim Humphries for a new online series called "Finding Peace."

In each episode of "Finding Peace,"

Jim will speak to different area mental health professionals and trained specialists about ways we can address and cope with the emotions many of us are facing today, while seeking the peace of Christ. You can watch past episodes on our [website](#) under Resources.

Making Sense of the Bible, by Adam Hamilton, addresses the hot-button issues that plague the church and cultural debate, and answers many of the questions frequently asked by Christians and non-Christians alike. Chuck Sherrill will lead you through the topics as you seek to make sense of the Bible! This seven-session class is on Sundays from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. beginning June 14 online through Zoom. The book can be purchased online and is approximately \$10.00.

Click [here](#) to register for the class. Please contact [Chuck Sherrill](#), with any questions.



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