

FPC NEWS

A NEWSLETTER FOR FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



WHAT IS CHRISTLIKENESS?

BY PASTOR ANDREW GILMAN

Having come into the church as a high school student, my vocabulary surrounding the experience expanded with every Sunday service and youth retreat. One term that became part of my Christian vernacular was the word "Christlikeness". To this day, I don't believe I have ever had someone sit down to delineate exactly what is meant by it. Perhaps that's because it seems somewhat self-explanatory. Christlikeness is to be like Christ. However, my teachers always said you can't define a word by using the word. So, this article will be an attempt to discuss Christlikeness in the hopes that our own path to Christian maturity might be aided by our understanding of it.

The Biblical basis for the call to Christlikeness is not a single Bible text, for the basis is far more substantial than can be summed up in one verse of scripture. The basis consists of three texts which we will do well to hold together: Romans 8:29, II Corinthians 3:18, and I John 3:2.

Romans 8:29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. (Continued on page 9)

KEY DATES

MAY 5

Communion Worship

MAY 12

Happy Mother's Day

MAY 19

Senior/Scholarship Sunday

MAY 27

Church Office Closed

MAY 29

Youth Overnight at Chenoweth

DEEPEN YOUR FAITH

THE WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM

Q. 71. HOW IS JUSTIFICATION AN ACT OF GOD'S FREE GRACE?

A. By his obedience and death Christ made the correct, real, and full satisfaction to God's justice on behalf of those who are justified.¹ Yet, insofar as this satisfaction is accepted by God as a guarantee of performance, which he might have demanded from the justified, and since God himself provided a guarantor in the person of his only Son,² in justification God imputes righteousness to the justified³ and requires nothing from them in return except faith,⁴ which they also have as a gift from him.⁵ Consequently, justification comes to the justified as an act of God's free grace.⁶

1. Rom 5.8-10, 19.
2. 1 Tm 2.5-6, Heb 10.10, Mt 20.28, Dn 9.24,26, Is 53.4-6, 10-12, Heb 7.22, Rom 8.32, 1 Pt 1.18-19.
3. 2 Cor 5.21.
4. Rom 3.24-25.
5. Eph 2.8.
6. Eph 1.17.



READING PLAN

WEEK 1 | MAY 1-3

- ☐ Psalm 70
- ☐ Psalm 71
- ☐ Psalm 72

WEEK 2 | MAY 6-10

- ☐ Psalm 73
- ☐ Psalm 74
- ☐ Psalm 75
- ☐ Psalm 76
- ☐ Psalm 77

WEEK 3 | MAY 13-17

- ☐ Psalm 78
- ☐ Psalm 79
- ☐ Psalm 80
- ☐ Psalm 81
- ☐ Psalm 82

WEEK 4 | MAY 20-24

- ☐ Psalm 83
- ☐ Psalm 84
- ☐ Psalm 85
- ☐ Psalm 86
- ☐ Psalm 87

WEEK 5 | MAY 27-31

- ☐ Psalm 88
- ☐ Psalm 89
- ☐ Psalm 90
- ☐ Psalm 91
- ☐ Psalm 92

YOUR MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

PSALM 139:13-18

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

BIRTHDAYS

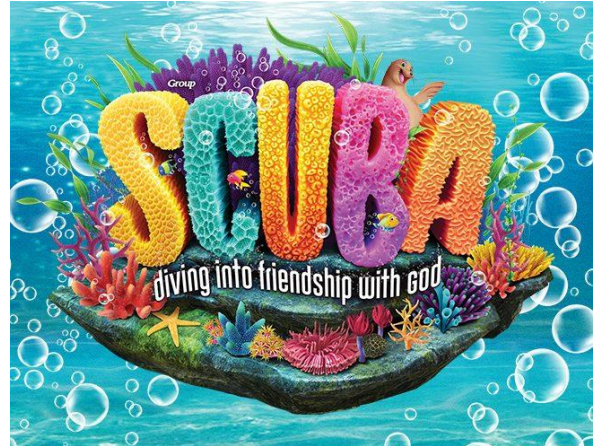
- 05/04 Andrew Gilman
Glenna Funderburg
- 05/07 Elaine Snyder
- 05/08 Cathy Cornell
- 05/12 Wes Jetter
- 05/16 Callee Moore
- 05/19 Jayden Mumaw
- 05/21 Angelina Hayes
- 05/23 Helen Miller
- 05/24 Jared Ervin
- 05/31 John Burkett

ANNIVERSARIES

- 05/06 Steve & Lisa Headley
- 05/23 John & Beth Vehre
- 05/26 Gene & Karen Henninger



EVENTS



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 29 - AUGUST 1, 2024
6PM-8:30PM

Snacks | Crafts | Music | Games
Underwater Bible Adventures

VOLUNTEERS: Sign-ups to serve will be available in June. Mark your calendars now and PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

ATTENDEES: Registration will open online at the end of the month! Check bulletins in the coming weeks for more details.

PROMOTION: We typically use Main Street Greenville's First Friday events in the summer to promote VBS and get people to sign-up. Please save those dates as well so you can help us out and serve the community!

SAVE THE DATE

VBS CELEBRATION SUNDAY

August 3, 2024
Kids show us what they learned

FALL KICK-OFF

September 8, 2024
New Ministries beginning

RETREAT WEEKEND

September 27-29, 2024
Dr. Zack Eswine teaching

DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY OPERATIONS UPDATE

By Paige Ervin

WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION WHEN YOU NEED IT

This year has been a busy one and people have had questions come up about dates and times for various events at the church. Here are 2 ways to stay informed!

1. FPC News – Our monthly newsletter has all the details in it about any upcoming events. The newsletter is always available on our website and on the app. Take a hard copy home with you from church and hang it on your fridge!
2. Church App – Our app is available on smartphones AND computers. It always has a running calendar of events available for you to view. It also has the latest prayer requests and more. See me if you want help getting the app set up!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENIOR/SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY

Join us for worship on Sunday, May 19th as we celebrate and recognize our senior, Carson Henry. Scholarships will also be awarded during worship on this day. This day is part of our "Pass the Promise" program here at FPC. See the FPC Kids hallway for more information about this program.

LITTLE LEADERS

There will be no children's church through the summer for our elementary students. However, parents of elementary students may opt-in to Little Leaders for their child. Little Leaders is open to all elementary students over the summer months. Little Leaders will be dismissed similarly to Children's Church. However, they will be joining the Pre-K and under students in the Green/Blue room where they will be expected to play and interact with the younger kids as leaders. Sign-up at the Welcome Desk! See Paige with questions.

CHURCH VOLLEYBALL

FPC is participating in the Church Volleyball League again this summer. We invite everyone to come and be a part of this fun time of fellowship. Games are Monday and Friday nights in June and July. Games begin at 7pm with the youth team. You do not have to commit to play every game to be a part of the fun. If you can only play Mondays or only play Fridays, we'll take you! Sign-up at the Welcome Desk.

PROFESSIONS OF FAITH

Mylee Mae Hines and Meeka Lynn Conley both shared professions of faith before members of the session last month. Mylee will take her first communion on May 5th and Meeka will be baptized soon. *(The arrival of her brother has delayed it briefly.)*

GROW OPPORTUNITIES

MEN'S STUDY

The men will meet again on Saturday, May 4th at 8:30am at the church, in The Nook. Their current study, "Transformation" is based off Romans 12:2. Contact Augie R. (906-523-4459) for more details.

WOMEN'S STUDY

The women's study is on break until the fall. The women may take walks again throughout the summer. Look for details about when and where in next month's newsletter.

PASTOR'S STUDY

Every Wednesday at 10:30am, Pastor Andrew will continue his study through Ezra in The Nook. All are welcome to attend.

COVER THE CHURCH

In the parlor, this prayer group focuses on praying for FPC, its' Sunday morning worship service and ministries. You are invited to pray silently in the parlor or pray aloud as you feel led. They will meet every Sunday at 9:30am and pray until 9:45am, leaving plenty of time for socializing before church!



PRAYER

Please continue to pray for the following updates from last month.

04/29/2024: Tiffany Conley gave birth to Noah Allen Fennig on Sunday, April 28 at 1:56am. He weighed 9lbs. 9oz. Your prayers for Noah, Mama and the family are appreciated!

04/24/2024: Please be in prayer for Don Boyer, as well. He is currently in the hospital with congestive heart failure. Your prayers for him and the family are appreciated.

04/24/2024: Please be in prayer for Tish Shepherd's son, Paul E Hodson II. He is working hard to join the military. He has conquered a lot of his goals already. However, he still has some hurdles to overcome. Please pray that he is able to reach his goal weight and to keep pushing forward with any health issues that may be an issue.

04/24/2024: Please be in prayer for Didi Howell. She has been unable to carry Sammy around for the past week due to an injury that occurred while working out. Please be in prayer that her body heals.

04/16/2024: Please keep Terri Fryman in your prayers today. She had a reaction to last week's treatment. Pray that her body responds well to this week's injection.

04/14/2024: Terri Fryman was taken to the ER for a reaction to her cancer treatment last week. She is currently at The James in Columbus. Please be in prayer for her. It's not urgent, but the doctors wanted to monitor it closely and quickly.

04/08/2024: Please pray for the Hines family as they mourn the loss of Amanda's grandmother, LaRose Boyer. The funeral will be Friday at St. John's Lutheran Church at 10am.

04/06/2024: PRAYER PRAISE! The surgery went well for Missy Riethman's younger cousin. He is now home, recovery has begun, and it is going well. Thank you for your prayers!

04/05/2024: PRAYER PRAISE! As you may remember, Jim Fryman was waiting for test results of his own. His hematologist says no treatment is needed at this time.

04/03/2024: A younger cousin of Missy Riethman is scheduled for an urgent surgery tomorrow. Your prayers are much appreciated for the young boy and his parents.

04/03/2024: Please keep Jenna Gilman in your prayers. She has had chronic nose bleeds for the last couple days resulting in multiple doctor and hospital visits.

04/02/2024: Hazel Blanchard passed away early Monday morning. Please be in prayer for her family as they grieve.

04/02/2024: Continue to pray for Jack & Gloria Horner during this trying time. Both of them have been temporarily moved into the BRC on the third floor, in separate rooms.

FPC LIFE (CONT. PG. 10)

FISH DONATION DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who brought in non-perishable food items and hygiene products for FISH Choice Food Pantry in memory of Hazel Blanchard! Hazel founded FISH and we were able to give over 200 items in her honor. Thank you!

NEW MEMBER

Congratulations to Katherynne (Katie) Watern for taking vows in front of the congregation and becoming our newest member on Sunday, April 14. Welcome to the FPC family! We are excited to see you flourish in this new community of Christ.

NEW BABY BOY

There was a blue carnation on the altar on April 28 to celebrate the birth of Tiffany Conley's new little boy! Noah Allen Fennig arrived at 1:56am on Sunday, April 28. He weighed 9lbs. 9oz. Congratulations to the new Big Sister and Big Brother, Meeka, and Maddox too. The whole family is over the moon with joy!

GHS WAVAIRES

The GHS Wavaires joined us on April 7. It is always a treat to worship with them!



FPC KIDS SPECIAL

By Sienna Gilman

Look to hear from another one of our FPC Kids next month!

WAVAIRES: FRESHMAN YEAR

This year has been very fun and very busy in Wavaires. I still can't believe I made it! Many at the church realize that I've missed quite a few Sundays for Cantata, so it's time I shared how it went. My first week of Cantata was a bit nerve-racking. Don't get me wrong, I was excited too. I was always thinking about dancing and my duet. As weeks passed, performing Cantata became much easier. I found myself relaxing and enjoying performing. I also liked the time I was given to get to know my fellow Wavaires. They did a really great job helping the incoming members feel welcome. By the end of the Cantata season, I found myself not even having to focus on dancing and singing. It felt very natural. Based on how my first year of Wavaires and Cantata went, I can't wait to do it all over again. Although I don't enjoy waking up so early, I guess that's just part of the job. 😊

First Presbyterian Church of Greenville Ohio
Minutes of the Session of
March 14, 2024

I. **Opening**

A. **Call meeting to order with reading of the Word and prayer**

The March 2024 stated meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Greenville was called to order on March 14, 2024 at First Presbyterian Church at 7:00 PM by Pastor Andrew Gilman. Pastor Gilman opening the meeting with prayer.

Members Present: Pam Bowman, Lisa Headley, Peter Haviza, Randy Tester, Jan Roestamadji, and Craig Leland (6). Quorum was met.

Members Absent: Rebecca Detling and John Vehre, Clerk of Session.

Guests: Katie Watern (potential new member of First Presbyterian), Paige Ervin

Pastor Gilman asked for a volunteer to keep the minutes due to the absence of Clerk of Session. Lisa Headley volunteered to keep the minutes.

Approval of Agenda A motion was made to approve the agenda, by Jan Roestamadji and seconded by Peter Haviza. The motion passed 6-0.

New Member Katie Watern gave her testimony for joining the church. She stated her reasons for requesting membership are in part due to Pastor Gilman's sermons that bring her healing, joy, strength, and peace. Jan Roestamadji acted as Katie's sponsor. The session members each asked Katie questions to get to know her and to affirm that she has accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. After this, Jan and Katie left the room so the session could vote. Peter Haviza made the motion to approve Katie Watern for membership to First Presbyterian, seconded by Pam Bowman. The motion passed 5-0 with Jan abstaining.

Approval of Minutes After reading the minutes, Randy Tester asked for one correction. In the paragraph for the Building Committee, he asked that the last sentence be corrected to say that "Randy also indicated that he would like to look into new vendors, and also wants to establish better relationships with all vendors" (not just North Star Hardware). After discussion and agreement, Peter Haviza made the motion to accept the minutes of the February 8, 2024, Session Meeting. Pam Bowman seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

II. **Agenda Items**

Presbytery Review February Pastor Gilman thanked all who helped with the Presbytery meeting. He discussed the feedback he received from others in attendance which was all positive and called our attention to the Midwest Presbytery Review summary. He also passed a thank you card around from Karen Henninger who thanked session for their hard work on the renovations.

Presentation of the Annual Church Report (ACR) to Session It was found that the Annual Church Report was not given to First Presbyterian Greenville session members as is required. After discussion it was decided that the ACR will become a standard document in the February session meetings in the future. Randy Tester made the motion to accept the Annual Church Report given to session on this date. It was seconded by Jan Roestamadji. The motion passed 6-0.

Presbytery Vote and General Assembly Commissioners The session members discussed upcoming Presbytery meeting, date and locations. After discussion, the session commissioned Craig Leland to attend the meeting May 10-11, 2024 at Oakhill Presbyterian Church in Grand Rapids, MI.

A proposal was brought to session for Paige and Kelsey Ervin to attend the General Assembly at Hope Church in Cordova, TN on June 18-20, 2024. In order for this to happen a fundraising letter needs to be sent to the congregation asking for donations to help incur expenses for travel, hotel and childcare at the General Assembly. After discussion, Peter Haviza made the motion to approve the letter as presented to the congregation, seconded by Jan Roestamadji. The motion carried 6-0.

Tornado Warning At this time, the city's tornado sirens went off and the session members moved the meeting into the basement for safety. (Paige Ervin joined the meeting at this time as she was in the building during the tornado warning as well.)

Building Committee Report Randy Tester brought forth an estimate from E&M Lawn Maintenance, LLC in the amount of \$960 for landscaping and clean-up for 2024. The cost does not include new bushes as E&M is still in the process of sourcing them. Amanda Hines, who has volunteered to fill the planters by the narthex entry will consult with E&M for more landscaping needs in areas affected by the renovation. A separate cost for this portion of the project will be presented to the session at a later date. A motion to accept this proposal was made by Pam Bowman and seconded by Craig Leland. The motion carried 6-0.

Building Use Policy Change The proposal was for the session to grant the Head of Staff and the Director of Ministry Operations to grant permission for building use. Pam Bowman led a discussion on liability insurance related to building use. This proposal was TABLED until the Building Use Contract is approved and until Pastor Gilman can check the amount of liability insurance the church carries.

Bike Rack A proposal was brought forth by Randy Tester for the Session of EPC to purchase a bike rack not to exceed \$200 to accommodate people biking to the church. Randy provided an estimate of \$151.96 from Global Industrial. Jan Roestamadji made the motion to purchase the bike rack, seconded by Peter Haviza. The motion carried 6-0

Randy Tester then read the building report reflecting the first of 4 quarterly reviews of the church. The review concentrated on the kitchen and areas involved with the renovation. There were found to be 15 items to be addressed, 10 of which were directed to the renovation punch list items. Additional reviews will take place in May, August, and November 2024.

Outreach Mission Festival of the Risen King Paige Ervin came into the meeting at this point and gave a presentation on this outreach ministry to the community. There is a request from the planning staff for permission to raise money for this event slated for April 27, 2024, from the community. The event has a total cost of approximately \$4,000. In order to offset this cost, the committee would like to gather sponsors from local businesses. The committee also requested that the session members act as representatives and deliver flyers to local business leaders. An advertisement/appeal flier was provided for session members. A deadline for sponsorship was set at 4/15/2024. Jan Roestamadji then made the motion to raise support via sponsorship from local businesses to off-set costs associated with the Festival of the Risen King. The motion was seconded by Craig Leland. The motion carried 6-0.

Insurance Policy Adjustment Post A Commercial Estimator Result from Littman Thomas Insurance Agency was provided to the session to show adjustments to the policy after the renovation. To coordinate this item with discussion earlier regarding liability insurance for Building Use, Peter Haviza suggested the session see a copy of the declarations page at the next meeting. The Estimator Results show a Replacement Cost Summary of \$6.792 Million. There was no vote taken and the item was TABLED.

Parish Life A written request on how to fund/budget coffee hour in the Nook was brought to the session from Rebecca Detling. A Hospitality Team has been formed who will prepare, host, and clean up the Nook. A list of approximate expenses totaling \$1821 per year was provided. This figure may increase due to any special events. Discussion followed on how to fund this important mission of the church. A motion was made by Peter Haviza to add this expense to the budget as soon as possible. After more discussion of expenses vs donations already in place, Jan Roestamadji revised the motion to just keep track of expenses until the end of 2024, then fold this expense into a line-item in the budget for 2025. Craig Leland seconded the motion. The vote carried.

Finance Report January and February Jan Roestamadji gave a detailed financial report. She noted that the February giving was at a historical low point. She asked the session to be in prayer to increase monthly giving by the congregation. Trust and Income is showing a negative figure due to the renovation. She asked for patience as the committee is in transition. It was suggested that a meeting between the Trust Committee, Finance Committee, Marnelise van der Walt, and John Vehre be scheduled after Marnelise's return from her trip. Jan stated she would organize this informational meeting. Peter Haviza moved to accept the finance report, Lisa Headley seconded the motion. The vote carried 6-0

Mission Committee Report World Outreach (the Mission arm of EPC) has invited Pastor Gilman to teach a class to pastors in central Asia. He would like to leave the US on 7/1/24 and stay in-country for 10 days to teach. World Outreach is covering the cost of the airfare. He requested session support for the hotel and a per diem for the duration of the trip. Pastor Gilman gave a rough idea of the expense of \$1500 to include lodging, food, and study materials for all 20 students. Craig Leland made the motion to approve Pastor Gilman's request and to fund the trip for up to \$1750 using money from the Mission account. Peter Haviza seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Pastor's Report (Andrew Gilman – written submission) Pastor Gilman read his report and stated a total of 16 worship services for February and March 2024. Pastor has requested vacation July 8-July 25, 2024. He will be missing a total of 3 Sundays from the pulpit and has already found pulpit supply for 2 Sundays. The third Sunday will be pre-planned by Pastor Gilman but executed by members of the church as a whole. A short discussion of the upcoming ribbon cutting ceremony was discussed. Randy Tester made the motion to accept the Pastor's Report, seconded by Peter Haviza. The motion carried 6-0.

Deacon's Report Pastor Gilman then read the Deacon's Report. A motion was made by Peter Haviza to accept the report, seconded by Craig Leland. The motion carried 6-0.

III. Closing

Prayer. A closing prayer was made by Jan Roestamadji.

Adjournment. With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jan Roestamadji and seconded by Peter Haviza. The motion carried 6-0.

Lisa Headley

Andrew Gilman

Acting Clerk of Session

Moderator of Session

LEADERSHIP MEETINGS THIS MONTH

DEACONS	MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024	7:00PM
STAFF	THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024	7:00PM
SESSION	THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024	7:00PM

WHAT IS CHRISTLIKENESS? (CONT.)

When Adam fell, he lost much (though not all) of the divine image in which he had been created. But God restored it in Christ. Conformity to the image of God means to be like Jesus, and Christlikeness is the eternal predestining purpose of God in a believer's life toward that end.

II Corinthians 3:18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

If Romans highlights the eternal perspective of God for your life, this verse shifts that perspective to the present transformation of a believer by the Holy Spirit; from God's eternal purpose to make us like Jesus, to his historical work by His Spirit to transform us into the image of Jesus.

I John 3:2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

So if God has an eternal plan or blueprint for our becoming like Jesus, and He is currently at work through the Holy Spirit to implement that plan, it is no wonder that God calls us here in this third Bible verse, to participate or cooperate with Him in this endeavor.

Jesus says "Follow Me". He says "Imitate Me". When Jesus says this to a disciple or follower of His, the future is somewhat uncertain from our human point of view. Follow you where Lord? Imitate you how? But ultimately we have and know all we need for the task. We know that we are to be like Christ and we know the Holy Spirit is with us; indwelling us, as we set out on the journey of discipleship.

Having established the Biblical basis for Christlikeness, I want to now move to illustrate this truth with a number of NT examples.

We are to be like Christ in His incarnation

Incarnation is a big fancy theological word. What do you mean be like Jesus in His incarnation? The concept is not that we are or ever were somehow

divine or eternal; only Jesus is those things. However, we are told by the Apostle Paul to be like Jesus in His incarnation.

Philippians 2:5-8 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Here we have many specific directives on how we are to be like Jesus in his thoughts, and actions toward people He condescended to be with and to save. Service, humility and sacrifice are just a few of the themes we can spend time meditating on as we seek to be like Jesus.

We are to be like Christ in His service

We see this exemplified for us in the Upper Room. Jesus washes His disciples' feet in an act of service and humility toward them. In some ways we take this image very literally. We have a foot washing service on Maundy Thursday each year commemorating and reenacting this with one another. But the real point of that service is not to be so literal as to see service as washing another's feet. Our feet don't get as dirty as their's did in sandals and dust of Jesus' day. This is largely symbolic for us. Symbols point to the thing symbolized which in this case is the need to be like Jesus in how we serve others.

We are to be like Christ in His love

Jesus famously summed up the law of God in the two greatest commands. Love God and love your neighbor. But perhaps the most striking place to see the need to imitate Christ in His love is found in Ephesians.

Ephesians 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

To live a life of love is a command that all our behavior should be characterized by. Christ loved

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us by giving Himself up for us while we were yet sinners. This was the demonstration of Christ's love toward you. So Paul is urging us to be like Jesus in His death, to love others with Calvary Love.

Do you see what is happening? Paul is urging us to be the incarnation of Jesus, to be servants like Jesus, and to sacrifice in love like Jesus on the cross.

We are to be like Christ in His mission

We have seen the Great Commandment now let us look at the Great Commission. It is called the Great Commission because it is a CO-mission. Jesus makes an appeal to us as His followers to live lives that are engaged in the completion of the mission He came and started. It is the work of spreading the truth of God's Kingdom throughout the world that God created.

This mission is immensely significant. We are sent into the world. Indeed, we cannot complete this mission unless we are willing to get into other peoples' worlds. Sharing life with others with the purpose of pointing them to Jesus is part and parcel of the Christian life. You might say that to

live without a commitment to this Mission Command from the Bible is to live a life diametrically opposed to the work of God in your own life. We might ask the question: Could you be considered to be like Jesus if you were not about the work of spreading the message of God's love to the World.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He sent His only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

In the Upper Room on the night before His death Jesus prayed "As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them (His followers) into the world". We are to be Christlike in His mission.

So in summary, God's purpose is to make us Christlike. He does this by filling us with the Holy Spirit. And He is inviting you to a life of taking His call to follow Him seriously. We are disciples, and followers of Jesus. This means that we love like Jesus, we serve like Jesus, we get into people's lives like Jesus, and we are on mission with Jesus to reach the world with the gospel.

Let's be a church of Christlike followers in all we do this summer at FPC.

FPC LIFE

SOLAR ECLIPSE

The solar eclipse was quite a sight to see! The youth gathered to watch it together at the church. What a special moment they will remember forever. We hope you all were able to enjoy it too.



NEW RECYCLING BIN

There is a new recycling bin in the vestibule (between the double set of doors at the main entrance). Any paper or cardboard can be left in this bin. On Sunday mornings, the most common items you might typically throw away—bulletins and empty coffee cups are both welcome to go in this bin instead! See Rebecca Detling with any questions.



FPC LIFE (CONT.)

YOUTH CLEAN-UP

Thank you to the youth for their hard work getting the hidden corners of the church back in order! They have cleaned up the choir room and all our upstairs classrooms. Their final project is the basement which they plan to tackle this summer. We couldn't have done it without you!



NOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS

We wanted to say congratulations to our youth leader, Brandon Ervin, on his new job as the Executive Director of Main Street Greenville! We know he will do amazing in this new role, and we love the fact that it still allows him to work with our youth and coach football. Congratulations Brandon! We are all so proud.

NEW ROOMS

The kids are still enjoying their new rooms and toys during children's church!

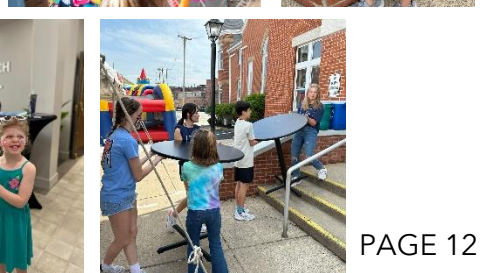
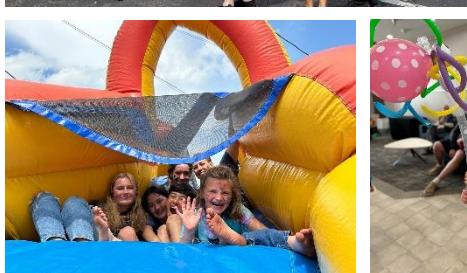


FESTIVAL THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who stepped up to serve at this year's Festival of the Risen King! We served 130 kids for the day, nearly DOUBLE what we have seen in year's past and God blessed us with the BEST weather. With a team of 30 volunteers during the festival and another 10 to help with all the prep; it truly was a team effort! Thank you to all our sponsors this year as well. It was a huge success and will be back again next year!



FPC LIFE (CONT.)



MAY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Worship Team Rehearsal 9:30am Cover the Church (Pray) 10am Worship 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am Bible Study 	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am Bible Study 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Staff Meeting 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Closed 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Men's Study
<p>5</p> <p>Communion Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Worship Team Rehearsal 9:30am Cover the Church (Pray) 10am Worship 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Youth Group 7pm Deacons Meeting 	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am Bible Study 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Session Meeting 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Midwest Presbytery Meeting Office Closed 	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Mother's Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Worship Team Rehearsal 9:30am Cover the Church (Pray) 10am Worship 	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am Bible Study 	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Closed 	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Senior/Scholarship Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Worship Team Rehearsal 9:30am Cover the Church (Pray) 10am Worship 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Youth Group 	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am Bible Study 	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Closed 	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Worship Team Rehearsal 9:30am Cover the Church (Pray) 10am Worship 	<p>27</p> <p>Memorial Day (Office Closed)</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Summer Lock-In at Chenoweth 10:30am Bible Study 	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Closed 	<p>Jun 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Men's Study

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