



First Presbyterian Church FIRST NEWS

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Rev. Clint Schofield, Pastor
Brenda Robinson, Church Secretary

Pastor's Notes September 2019 "Stewardship"

Christian stewardship is basic to all that we do for our Lord. Financial stewardship furnishes the fuel for all our other ministries. The root meaning of the Biblical word *stewardship* (*Gr. Oikonomia*) is "the management of a household," usually on behalf of someone else. While that management has a financial dimension, it also includes responsibility for everything in the household. A manager cares for, protects, conducts, and administers. Christian stewards are not owners; they are the trustees of an enormous God-given estate. What God gets done through congregations happens through the money that stewards manage.

The apostle Paul sets forth an excellent foundation for dynamic Christian stewardship in his letters for the Corinthian church. Writing to a church besieged by controversies and inner conflict, Paul suggests that it first turn its attention out-ward. He lifts up the needs of the people of Judea, who were suffering from far more serious problems than were the people of Corinth famine and persecution. (*Right now please open your Bible and turn to and read 1 Corinthians 16:1-4.*)

Paul was writing to a church whose members could legitimately have responded to his call with, "We've got troubles of our own." Paul says that if we turn our attention towards others, we will see our own difficulties melt like ice cream on a hot, sunny day.

The apostle also presents, within these four verses, what may be the most succinct theology for Christian giving and stewardship ever written. In verse two, he makes four admonitions: *First, giving is an act of worship.* On the day of worship, Sunday, set aside an offering. *Second, give systematically.* If we give when we worship, we will give regularly. *Third, give proportionately to income.* We cannot give what we have not received. But we can withhold what we have received. Giving an amount in proportion to what we earn – a percentage of our income – controls the selfish human reflex. *Fourth, plan your giving in advance.* "By the time I have arrived," Paul is saying, "the offering will be in my hand." These four biblical foundation stones are still as solid as they were twenty centuries ago.

At this point you may be thinking, is stewardship only about giving money? Here are some suggestions about the definition of stewardship:

The believer's response to the creating, redeeming, and sanctifying love of God.

A way of life that includes the way we manage our whole redeemed lives and our possessions.

What I do after I say "I believe."

Caring for all that God has entrusted to us.

The fruit of saving faith.

The church in mission.

The way we use the resources God has entrusted to us for the purposes to which the Lord has called us.

Stewardship is a way of life through which the believer lives out their call from Christ. Prayerfully consider in the coming days how God is calling you into a life of stewardship. Christ's peace be with you all.

See You In Church!
Clint

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

03	Congregational Care	12:30 pm
03	Deacon Meeting	11:00 am
03	Weekly Prayer Group	1:00 pm
04	Bible Study	10:00 am
04	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
08	Food Bank Collection	
08	Second Sunday Lunch	
09	Presbyterian Women Meeting	12:00 pm
10	Weekly Prayer Group	1:00 pm
11	Bible Study	10:00 am
11	Luke Bible Study	5:15-6:30 pm
11	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
12	Food Bank Work Day	9:00-12:00 pm
17	Weekly Prayer Group	1:00 pm
18	Bible Study	10:00 am
18	Luke Bible Study	5:15-6:30 pm
18	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
22	Goodall Witcher Worship	1:30 pm
24	Weekly Prayer Group	1:00 pm
24	Session Meeting	5:30 pm
25	Bible Study	10:00 am
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LEADING WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER GREETERS

- 01 Mark & Lorana Rush
- 08 Mullens Family
- 15 Charlie Blue & Wally Penberthy
- 22 Mullens Family
- 29 Driscoll & Laura Jenkins

SEPTEMBER LITURGIST

- 01 Martin Grelle
- 08 Linda Bracken
- 15 Shayne Embry
- 22 Debra Embry
- 29 Sue Fielden

SEPTEMBER ELDER OF THE DAY

- 01 Elane Valero
- 08 George Larson
- 15 Mike Conner
- 22 Elisabeth Montgomery
- 29 Laura Baughman

Year to Date Financials

thru July

Offerings received in July	\$14,382
Offerings received thru July	\$98,833
Expenses thru July	\$95,810
Budgeted exp. thru July	\$124,057



“Scholarship Program”

The response from the congregation in supporting our College Scholarship Fund is greatly appreciated! Currently we have 7 students receiving scholarships. Your support will make a big difference in the future of these young people. Thank You!

**THE FOOD DRIVE BOX
WILL BE IN THE NARTHEX
Sunday, September 8th
Our work day is the 12th**



**Food
Bank**

BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday morning Bible Study will start meeting again on Wednesday September 4th at 10:00am. We will be studying of the book "The Divine Conspiracy-Rediscovering our hidden life in God." All are welcome and we look forward to much sharing and vigorous discussion. The Author, Dallas Willard, was a professor of theology and philosophy at Fuller Seminary in Pasadena California. Dr. Willard has authored several books.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL 2019

Our Victorian grandmothers practiced Christmas in July when they started needlework projects to use as Christmas gifts. We no longer follow this tradition, but surely you have a memory to share. The lonely, empty basket is waiting in the Fellowship Hall for your contribution. It will bless your brothers & sisters in Christ!

THE CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE

Will meet on Tuesday, September 3rd, 12:30 pm at the church. There's many ways to serve on this committee. You do not have to be able to meet with us once a month. We have various tasks that are once a month, quarterly, or once or twice a year. We need help preparing food for 2nd Sunday lunches, members recovering from illness or surgeries, church receptions/ lunches for special occasions and families in mourning. We need assistance purchasing kitchen and church supplies, cleaning/organizing the kitchen, and laundering kitchen and dining linens.

We love our job serving you and have lots of fun! However, the committee has lost some members so we really need your help and welcome your participation. Please let me know if you need further information or would like to volunteer. Debbie Bergman (254) 749-6372

NEXT SUNDAY!

Second Sunday Lunches have returned! So make plans to stay and have a delicious lunch after Church, not to mention a wonderful time of fellowship. You will be glad you did!

CARNEGIE HALL TRIP FUND RAISER - FINAL YARD SALE

Saturday, October 12th, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the yard of Presbyterian Place. Elane Valero will be sending an email with further details.

LITTLE LION, LITTLE LAMB

A Cantata for Christmas by Heather Sorenson

Composed in both traditional and blended choral stylings, this cantata weaves the historic symbolism of both the Lion of Judah and the Lamb of God into the Christmas story. Through original songs and traditional carols, singers and listeners are reminded that this story is not just an event in history, but a “living story” that still impacts the world today. FPC Family, have you ever wondered if you can sing? Most people can and don’t even know it. Here is your opportunity to try singing for a season, the Christmas Season. ***Please review the schedule posted in the Fellowship Hall.*** If you can really commit to it with a maximum of 2-3 absences, then let Karen know. A book will be ready for you on September 4th. Rehearsals start September 4th and the Performance is December 5th and 8th.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Elane Valero - Mission and Outreach 2019-2021
email: skrapseuale@gmail.com
Call/text: 254-253-1231.

FOOD BANK (August): A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped with Food Bank on August 15th: LAURA JENKINS, Lorana Rush, Joyce Grelle, Rhonda West, Laura Baughman. Steve Robertson and Beth Hatcher came by and left since there was sufficient help.

FOOD BANK (September): Thursday, September 12th, from 9:30-12:00. Help is appreciated as we need new folks to learn the "ropes". We do this once a month, so I am hoping to have some repeat helpers. Contact me if you are willing to assist.

QUARTERLY FOOD BOX MINISTRY

This ministry served 42 families in June, and is hoping to serve that many, or more, in September.

Taking place at IMMANUEL LUTHERAN (911 W. 3rd St.):

- Thursday, September 26 is drop off and sorting
- Saturday, September 28 is final sort and delivery

More details and specifics will be shared closer to the actual date.

Contact me if you are willing to assist

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Beginning Wednesday September 11th from 5:15pm to 6:30pm we will start our weekly Fall Bible Study on Luke. Luke was an educated and cultured man, the first real historian to write about Jesus. He places Jesus at the heart of the first century Jewish and Roman worlds into which the Christian gospel exploded. What Jesus said, what he did, and what happened to him has forever changed the course of history. So let us gather these Wednesday evenings, opening our Bibles to glean what the Lord has planned for us to learn. The Gospel of Luke is our text and there will be supplemental information as well. Clint will be leading the class. Please join us!

FIFTH QUARTER

On Friday September 13th FPC will partner with the Church of Christ to host this after game Youth Event. We need homemade cookies and chap-erones. The event starts after the game is over and ends at Midnight. There are sign up lists in the Fellowship Hall. Hope you will participate. Thanks!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Our meetings occur on the second (2nd) Monday of each month in the Fellowship Hall starting at 12:00 noon.

We start in September and end in May. In December, we have a Christmas party rather than a meeting.

The meeting includes a snack or simple meal (sign-up sheet for 2 hostesses per meeting will be available), business discussion, and a Bible study. We have new study books that are available for \$10.00 each.

The study book is titled *Love Carved in Stone, A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments* by Eugenia Anne Gamble. Brenda Robinson has them in her office (hours 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.). Elisabeth Montgomery will be our study leader.

First meeting : September 9th - hostesses: Elane Valero, Laura Jenkins

Second meeting: October 10th - hostesses needed

Third meeting: November 18th* - hostess needed

*(This is the 3rd Monday in November. DAR is hosting a Veteran's Day Program at FPC on the 2nd Monday in November, 11/11/19,)

Fourth meeting: December 9th - CHRISTMAS PARTY - hostess needed










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Monthly Planner

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SESSION MEMBERS

CLASS of 2019
Laura Baughman
Brian Haenisch
Elisabeth Montgomery
Linda Bracken

CLASS of 2020
Debbie Bergman
Lois Krause
George Larson

CLASS of 2021
Elane Valero
Mike Conner
Don Forson

TREASURER
Jean Lewis

DEACONS
Punky Penberthy
Jenny Walker
Grant & Dana Ferguson
Lorana Rush

TRUSTEES
Brian Gillaspie
Chris Bergman
Joe Borden

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
Punky Penberthy, Moderator
Linda Bracken, Vice-Moderator
Jenny Walker, Secretary-Treasurer
Kay Gebhardt, Historian
Ann Wiland, Least Coin

Laura Jenkins & Elane Valero, Coordinators for NH parties



Sunday School – Bible Study – All Ages – 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship 10:30 – 10:50 a.m.
Worship – 11:00 a.m. Sunday (Communion on 1st Sunday of month)
Presbyterian Women – 2nd Monday of month 12:00 p.m., (Sept.-May)
Session Meets – 4th Tuesday of month, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Adult Choir Practice – Wednesday evenings – 7:00 p.m.



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