

- 1. Admit your need.
"I am a sinner."
- 2. Be willing to turn from your sins.
"I am sorry for my sins, Lord. Please forgive me."
- 3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave.
"I believe you did what you said you did—that you died on the cross then rose from the dead and have the power to save me."
- 4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit.
"Please come into my life and change me. Make me a new person."
- 5. If you have recently received Christ, we would like to give you a Bible. Contact Pastor Aaron if you are interested.

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Events in Our Church Family

Today	1-4 pm	Fellowship Hall Reserved
Monday	6:30 pm 8:00 pm	Campaigners (Baldauff Res.) Young Life Club (Gilbert's)
Wednesday	6:15 am 6:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:45 pm 7:00 pm	Men's Fellowship (Great Room) Pioneer Clubs Quartet Practice Women's Bible Study (Rm. B-01) Brass Practice (Sanctuary)
Thursday	10:00 pm 6-10 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Women's Small Group (Fell. Hall) Church Reserved Adult Small Group (Rm. B-01) Adult Small Group (Rice Residence)
Friday	9am-noon	Church Reserved
Saturday	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study (Rice Residence)
Sunday	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service Sunday School Contemporary Worship Service Mission Dessert (Fell. Hall) Community Thanksgiving Service (UMC)



Community Thanksgiving Service

Next Sunday, Nov. 18th

7:00 pm

South Charleston Methodist Church

Speaker: Pastor Aaron White

Shoe Boxes Are Due Today!

Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child are due back to the church today. You may leave your packed shoebox beneath the shoebox table in the entryway. Please make sure you have attached a label to the top of your box. These can be found in the brochures. Please also include a check for \$9 to cover shipping. If you would like to "follow" your shoebox, you may contribute \$9 online (at www.samaritanspurse.org) and print a packing label from there. If you have any questions, please see April Entler.



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From the Pastor

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

I want to take a moment to thank you for your participation in the congregational meeting last week. We had 88 participants at the meeting and I feel confident that your wonderful elders communicated clearly the compelling and exciting vision that the Lord has given us, and how we hope to realize it.

This week I had an encouraging conversation with a long-tenured member while we were taking a ride in the countryside. He was expressing his excitement about the energy he is feeling at the church. He recognized that we have seen increasing attendance at weekly worship, where people are hearing and singing the gospel, but what is more, he is confident that this is an energy he has not felt at FPC in a very long time. I hope you are feeling the same energy! The Lord is proving himself faithful to our congregation and blessing the hard road you all have taken in the past 2+ years.

I want to take this opportunity again to commend to you the two sheets that are in the newsletter — the blue one and the yellow one, both of which you saw last week at the congregational meeting. Please take this opportunity to look at them (and take further opportunities in the future to do so!). These two sheets are the fruits of many hours of labor.

First, the yellow sheet is a flow chart (front and back) of the leadership model of First Presbyterian Church. Some new things are present on this sheet, as in: (1) there is no longer elders for specific roles (i.e., finance, fellowship, worship, etc.); (2) the Deacons will now take on areas of finance (with the help of the Finance Team), facilities, and fellowship, as well as the roles they have previously taken on (i.e., food pantry, card ministry, etc.); and (3) there is a new specific category that is overseen by the Session called "Staff" that includes ministry staff, support staff, and worship staff (which means, staff is overseen by the head of staff [the pastor], but Session is responsible for major staff management decisions, evaluations, and hire/terminations).

Second, on the blue sheet you have before you our ten-year vision, five-year vision, and year-one strategic implementation plan. The flow of the sheet moves from the top left hand corner at the "situational analysis" box, straight down through the mission statement and "needed resources boxes". The flow of the blue sheet then moves from the bottom left to top right, from strategic priority #1-3 (that are arbitrarily numbered; meaning that they are not numbered in order of priority) up to year five vision and then finally to year ten vision. Each strategic task is assigned a point-elder(s), and each sub-task is assigned a deadline and point person. These details are to ensure the completion of the task. The beauty of this type of strategic planning is that it gets us out of the mode of making decisions either by a knee-jerk reaction or by tabling decision. Rather, we plan and exe-

Upcoming Sermon Topics

- Nov. 18—The Spirit and the Cross (Zechariah 12:10)
- Nov. 25—All People, Every Nation (Micah 4:2-5)
- Dec. 2—Joshua & Satan (Zechariah 3:1)
- Dec. 9—Announcing: John the Baptist (Haggai 2:8)

Where to turn to for help & answers...

Card Ministry.....	Barbara Florence
Chair Loan	Janine Miller
Change of Address, Phone or Name.....	Janine Miller
Church Calendar.....	Janine Miller
Church Grounds	Jay Mitchell
Deacons.....	Dan Smith, Fred Berge, Jim Lightle
Food Pantry	Jim Lightle, Fred Berge
Maintenance, Church Building.....	Bob Entler
Membership.....	Pastor Aaron White
Music Ministry	Carol Wildman, Deanna Mattinson
Newsletter	Janine Miller
Nursery	Julie White
Pioneer Clubs.....	Rachel Baldauff
Prayer Chain	Janine Miller
Rental, Church Facilities.....	Janine Miller
Session	Pastor Aaron White, Dave Morrow, Aaron Baldauff Chuck Wildman, Jim Hildebrand, Janine Miller
Small Groups	Dave Morrow
Website	Janine Miller
Youth Ministry.....	Dave Morrow, Pam Vaughn, Rachel Baldauff



November's

Items of the Month for the Food Pantry

Boxed Stuffing & Potatoes

*Thank you so much for
your donations! Please
place them in the Food
Pantry bin in the Fellow-
ship Hall.*

If you have any questions for the Session regarding the Vision Plan, the leadership model, or anything else, you may submit them by placing them in the Question Box on the Get Connected table or by emailing them to questions@fpconnect.org.



In Our Nursery

Nov. 11	Cathy Delk	Dec. 16	Deanna Mattinson & girls
Nov. 18	Maddie White	Dec. 23	No Nursery Attendant
Nov. 25	Jeannine Ervin	Dec. 30	Pam Vaughn
Dec. 2	Laura Waymire	Many thanks to everyone who volunteered to work in the nursery!	
Dec. 9	Raelyn Severt		

cute. Additionally, with five and ten years in mind, we do not have to get everything done in the first year (or even the first month of the first year!). Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Session with any questions via this email: questions@fpconnect.org.

The Session of First Presbyterian Church is very enthusiastic about the direction that the church is taking with the vision that the Lord has revealed to them. Please make knowing the content of the yellow and blue sheet. I want to emphasize that what you seen on these two sheets is what we know. That means that there is no secret knowledge or agenda. We see what you see! As your ordained leadership, we hope to maintain a healthy level of transparent leadership and we hope this transparency keeps us accountable to God's vision for our church, and your mutual investment in the present and future of our church.

Finally, I want to encourage you to practice resting and generosity. At the end of year five, we plan to celebrate a Year of Jubilee where we will strategically rest as a church and exercise generosity. In the next five years, we need to practice. Don't simply find time but make time to rest with your family and with your co-laborers at church. And make room in your budget each year to practice generosity. Both of these tasks will take work, but the Lord will meet you and empower you in both endeavors!

Blessings to you in our risen Lord, Jesus Christ,
Pastor Aaron

Mission Dessert



Everyone is invited to the Mission Dessert next Sunday, Nov. 18th from 5-6:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our speakers (who we are absolutely thrilled to see!) will be here to give us an update of their activities. Please bring a dessert to share.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

The **Election Day Salad** Bar was a BIG success due to everyone's help, including those who put up flyers, those who helped set up the tables and chairs, those who prepared many delicious salads, pies, nut bread and scalloped chicken, those who came to eat, the cashier, those who graciously helped on Tuesday, those who helped clean up – putting tables and chairs away and vacuuming and, of course, those who kept us in their prayers. We took in \$939 that will help fund a future project. Don't forget to pick up your dishes on the cart by the kitchen in Fellowship Hall. Again "Thank You" to all!

Young Adult Addresses

Our college students are away from home and busy with their studies but would surely appreciate hearing from a friendly familiar face. Please feel free to drop a note to one or more of our college kids and let them know they are thought of and missed!



First Friday—Our Youth Program Kick-off!

FPC is beginning a special ministry to our youth called **First Friday**. Beginning in December, on the first Friday of each month we are planning to have an intergenerational event with adults and our junior and senior high students.

In celebration of our BC101 class finishing their work, we are kicking off our monthly First Friday events with a Euchre tournament at the Baldauff residence. We will provide pizza and drinks, and prizes for our top three teams!

Grab a junior or senior high partner and sign up at the Get Connected table!

Thank You!

First Pres Family,

Thanks so much for the trip to the West Baden Springs Hotel at French Lick. We had a great time. Went hiking on some of the resort's trails. The colors were just starting to change and it was just beautiful. Thanks again to everyone!

Paul & Marilyn Copeland



We'd like to extend an enormous thank you to the workday crew who cleaned and repaired and moved things last weekend. We had a record number of people here—men, women, and children—and even a few four-legged creatures who came to help. People pitched in to do whatever was needed and the church looks wonderful as a result! Thank you so much to those of you who gave up part or all of your Saturday morning!



Thank you, Don & Louise Berrier, for opening up your home/barn/yard to the church family last Sunday evening for the Fall Picnic. The food was delicious, the fire was warm, and the turn-out was grand, even with the sprinkles that joined the party after dark.

