

HOW TO RECEIVE CHRIST

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 and some study materials. Contact Janine Miller if you are interested.

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Events in Our Church Family

Monday

6:30 pm

Campaigners (Baldauff Residence)

Wednesday

6:15 am

Men's Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 pm

Pioneer Clubs

6:45 pm

Women's Small Group

7:00 pm

Brass Practice (Sanctuary)

Thursday

10:00 am

Women's Bible Study (Fell. Hall)

6-10 pm

Church Reserved (except FH)

6:30 pm

Adult Small Group (Fell Hall)

6:30 pm

Adult Small Group (Baldauff Residence)

Friday

9am-noon

Church Reserved

9-11 pm

Fifth Quarter (Gilbert's)

Saturday

7:00 am

Men's Bible Study (Rice Residence)

Sunday

8:30 am

Traditional Worship

10:00 am

Sunday School for All Ages

11:00 am

Contemporary Worship

Noonish

Church Potluck & Annual Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 pm

First Friday Super Bowl Party (Rice Res.)



FPC NEWS

Jan. 27, 2019

New Members' Class

(also Long-time Members!)

Begins Next Sunday!



How many of us would like to learn more about our church? Pastor Aaron will be teaching a class for anyone who would like to join FPC and **also** for those of us who have been around here for a while as a "refresher course." This course, which will begin next Sunday, Feb. 3rd, will meet for six weeks (through Mar. 10th) in Room B-01 at 10:00 am. If you're interested in coming, please RSVP to Janine Miller so we have enough materials. If you forget, come anyway!

Potluck & Annual Meeting

Everyone is invited to FPC's Annual Meeting & Potluck next Sunday, Feb. 3rd, following the 11:00 service. We'll have the potluck first, providing meat, drinks, and paper supplies. Please bring a side dish and dessert to share. The meeting will follow dinner.

Please be sure to see Janine Miller this morning who has the report for you to look over prior to the meeting next week if you'd like.



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From the Pastor

Greetings in Jesus, Our Lord and Savior,

This year the church will beginning significant movement forward in three areas: small groups, vision casting for our campus, and defining and streamlining leadership. Each of these items are strategic ministry initiatives that we will be praying for and acting on in 2019 according to our implementation plan.

A question I have received on several occasions refers to these three priority ministry initiatives, and I hope to clarify briefly how your Session, specifically, will be at work on these items.

In the past, your Session members were very, very busy with committee work. They were what you would call “chairs of standing committees.” This model of leadership is a type that is much in line with institution building. There are virtues to this model but also many drawbacks, most notably the fact that your Session members were actually not chairing committees but doing most or all of the work of that said committee.

My desire as part of the Session of FPC is that your Session can return to the biblical norms of an elder of shepherding the congregation. This is call “the shepherding model”. The model change of shepherding leads to the question that I have received on a couple of occasions, and I assume is a question some others are curious about: **What do elders do if they are not chairing committees?**

Simply put, your elders are called to shepherd you all in prayer, teaching the Word of God, and spear-heading a strategic ministry initiative in our 2019 implementation plan.

What is the major benefit of your elders leading a ministry initiative instead of a committee? The major virtue of this change is that each of these ministry initiatives have clear goals and objectives and have deadlines. Of course, we have all faced the *ad nauseam* work of a standing committee: no deadlines, long meetings, and goals that are rather unclear to say the

least. Instead, our ministry initiatives (that will change each year as we work our way towards the 5- and 10-year vision God has set for FPC) are clear and objective. These objectives are going to be hard work (so pray for your elders and offer your assistance!) but they are traceable and quantifiable. This means we know exactly what we are hoping and praying for, we know how God has worked in our midst, and we can give Him glory for His work through our ministry.

Another note you should be aware of is stewardship. These initiatives and objectives steward our resources well. Our time and treasure are limited and need budgeted. One example of this is that each of you have only so many hours in the day. Your elders’ time is valuable and their shepherding needs structure and accountability so that they can have time with family, time in the community, and time to fellowship with others at FPC. One important step towards this is that we have made each Session meeting two hours in length and guided by our strategic plan. I am a firm believer that content is the enemy of learning/progress. If we don't get it done today, there is always tomorrow. The most important thing is that we are serving God and serving our neighbor. Your Session wants to set a good model of managing time well, not engaging in “spiritual busy work”, and spending each dollar wisely. Goals and objectives enable your Session to shepherd with clear accountability.

So in the end, what’s new? Primarily, you have gained a new pastor and six new shepherds who are equipped (and continually learning) to serve God in this village and see the Kingdom expand to the glory of God.

Please pray for your Session and ask questions. We invite your questions and input!

God bless you and your family,

Pastor Aaron

Upcoming Sermon Topics

- Feb. 3—Blessing and Where It Comes From (Luke 11:27, 28)
- Feb. 10—”The one who dies with the most toys...” (Luke 12:13-21)
- Feb. 17—Unlikely Repenters (Luke 13:1-17)
- Feb. 24—The True King Suffers and So Do We (Luke 13:22-33, 14:25-33)
- Mar. 3—Celebrating Together at the King’s Work (Luke 15:8-32)

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
Deacons.....	Dan Smith, Fred Berge, Jim Lightle Bob Entler, Steve Paugh, Brad Timmons
Food Pantry	Jim Lightle, Fred Berge, Dan Smith
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, Rob Vaughn
Small Groups	Don Grigorenko
Website	Janine Miller
Youth Ministry.....	Dave Morrow, Pam Vaughn, Rachel Baldauff

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TOM YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT I GOT FRONT ROW SEATING AGAIN OH MY GOODNESS RUN UP HERE NOW I'LL SAVE IT WHILE I CAN

February's Food Pantry Requests

Mac 'n Cheese Canned Veggies

Thank you so much for your donations! Please place them in the Food Pantry bin in the Fellowship Hall.

February Greeters & Readers

Greeters

8:30 Service—Lynne Pulver & Barb Florence
11:00 Service—Diana Timmons & Jodi Smith

8:30 Service Reader

Rick Burton

February Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary

- Feb. 16 Ralph & Robin Wilson—18 years
- Feb. 18 Steve & Terri Paugh—41 years
- Feb. 19 Jay & Monica Mitchell—24 years

2019 Greeters

Greeters are an incredibly important part of our Sunday morning ministry. They are usually the first faces we see when we walk in the door and it often can set the mood for the morning, making us feel welcome and part of the church family.

We are in need of several months worth of greeters for 2019. Please see the sign-up sheet on the Get Connected table if you can help. If you'd like, you are welcome to sign up for more than one month, or if you can only do a few Sundays for one of the open months, please put that down as well. If you have any questions, please see Janine Miller.



Midwest Presbytery Meeting



We have the honor of hosting the next Midwest Presbytery meeting which will take place Friday, Feb. 15—Saturday, Feb. 16. There are typically between 135 and 150 people who attend these meetings and so it tends to take a lot of volunteers to take care of everything. Meetings begin Friday around 1:00 and end on Saturday around noon. We will be providing a dinner and a worship service Friday

evening and a continental breakfast and worship service on Saturday.

Jane Hildebrand or Janine Miller will be contacting members about helping in a variety of different ways. We will need cooks, servers, greeters, cashiers, and child care volunteers as well as people to set-up and tear down tables/chairs and run sound and projection. If you have not been contacted yet and would like to help, please see Janine.

“First Friday” on Super Bowl Sunday!

Both teens and adults are invited to a **Super Bowl Party** at the home of Greg & Connie Rice next Sunday evening beginning at 6 pm. We'll have the game on, lots of other games to play if you're not into football or the game is boring, and of course, plenty of food! Teens—invite your friends! Adults, even if you don't want to stay all evening, drop in for a bit and enjoy some fellowship time!



Living by Faith or Emotions?

Emotions can be misleading. Probably no one issue has caused more people to lack the assurance of a vital relationship with God than a wrong emphasis on feelings. I have had moments of great joy, enthusiasm and spiritual awareness. And I have also felt times of sorrow and disappointment. But I do not depend on these feelings to determine my union with God. My emotions can be very deceiving.

We are to live the Christian life by faith, not emotions. Yes, emotions have a place in your experience, but how you feel does not determine the truth of your life with Christ. Rather, your emotions are a result of your faith and obedience. Our Lord said, "The one who obeys me is the one who loves me; and because he loves me, my Father will love him; and I will too, and I will reveal myself to him." The Book of Romans assures us, "In the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith.'"

There is a place for emotions in the Christian experience, though you should not seek them nor attempt to recapture them from the past. While you should not ignore the value of legitimate emotions, it is more important to remember that you are to live by faith in God and in His promises- and not by seeking an emotional experience.

—Adapted from *Transferrable Concepts:
How You can be Sure You Are A Christian*
by Dr. Bill Bright, co-founder of Campus Crusade for Christ

Thanks to the following people for their service to God during the past month:

Fred & Daphne Berge and Steve & Terri Paugh for greeting at our worship services.

Rachel Baldauff, Karin Rotroff, Cathy Delk, Mackenzie White & Aiden White for serving in the nursery.

Chuck Wildman, Aaron Baldauff, and Jeff Miller for clearing the church parking lot and sidewalks of snow.



All Junior & Senior High Students are invited to

Fifth Quarter at Gilbert's after the
basketball game this Friday.



We would like to **extend our sympathies** to the family of Dale Weber who passed away Sunday, Jan. 13. Dale's daughter, Linda Cline, is a long-time member here at FPC.

An Evening of
Worship
with
Meredith Andrews

Friday, Jan. 25
6:30-8:00 pm
Dixon Ministry Center
Cedarville University
Free!