

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. Contact Pastor Aaron if you are interested.

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Events in Our Church Family

Monday	6:30 pm 8:00 pm	Campaigners (Baldauff Res.) Young Life (Gilbert's)
Tuesday	3-7 pm	Fellowship Hall Reserved
Wednesday	6:15 am 10:30 am-2pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 6:45 pm 7:00 pm	Men's Fellowship (Great Room) Sanctuary Reserved Pioneer Clubs Service Night Quartet Practice (Lounge) Women's Small Group (Room B-01) Brass Practice (Sanctuary)
Thursday	10:00 am 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 (Baldauff Residence)
Friday	1-6 pm 7:00 pm 9-11 pm	Midwest Presbytery Meeting Worship with the Presbytery 5th Quarter (Gilbert's)
Saturday	7:00 am 7:45 am 8:30 am-noon	Men's Bible Study (Rice Residence) Presbytery Breakfast Midwest Presbytery Meeting
Sunday	8:30 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service Sunday School New Members' Class (Rm. B-01) Contemporary Worship Service



FPC NEWS

Feb. 10, 2019

Midwest Presbytery Meeting

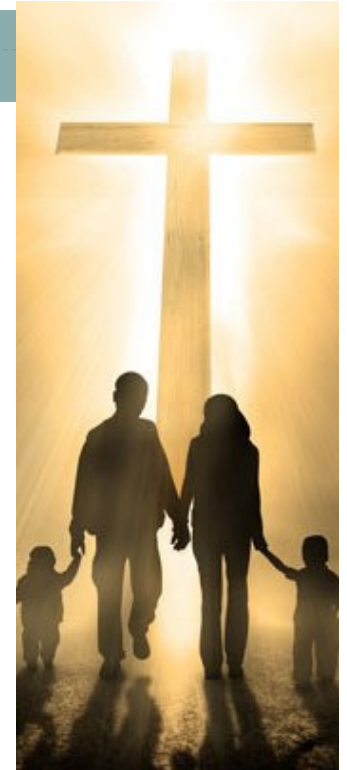


The EPC's Presbytery of the Midwest will have one of only three meetings this year here at FPC this coming Friday and Saturday. EPC pastors and ruling

elders from Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan will gather to discuss business, make decisions, fellowship, and worship together.

Many of you have already volunteered to help with food, technology, worship, and other jobs for the gathering. If you haven't yet volunteered to help, **we are still in need of food donations.** There is a sign up sheet at the Get Connected table in the Fellowship Hall.

On Friday evening, our church is in charge of a worship service which begins at 7:00 pm. Pastor Aaron will be preaching and our music ministry will be leading a traditional service. We would love for everyone to come and join in worshipping the Lord with our EPC brothers and sisters.



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From Pastor Aaron

Greeting, people so dearly loved by God,

We often hear about the “body of Christ” in sermons or Bible studies, or we speak of the “catholic church” (which means the universal church, not the denomination) when we say the Apostles Creed . When we confess the universality of the church and the fact that we are part of Jesus’ body, we remind ourselves of our identity as part of the people of God, saved by grace.

However, while this concept can often be encouraging because it points to a unity in diversity that we all admire and desire, it can also be very hard to understand in a practical ways. How do we really see the body of Christ, and how does the universal church really happen?

In this season at FPC, we actually have three opportunities to see the universal church in action!

First, we have a new members’ class happening. By becoming a member of a church, you make a commitment to partner with the local church, her mission, and the mission of the universal church. We see the Apostle Paul talk about the importance of partnership with the local church in his letter to the Philippians. Some might say commitment to a church and its part in the mission of the universal church does not necessarily

need to come by membership. This has become a common view in our culture. But much like a marriage, commitment is valuable to all involved, and has important implications for how we act, our identity, and what we believe is true. Being a member is good for you! And being a member is good for the witness of the church in the low-commitment culture we now inhabit. So, if you are a not a member, join us! There is no obligation to join if you attend the class, and you do not have to be either Presbyterian or Reformed. Come ask questions, explore with us, and if you feel so compelled by the end of the class, make the commitment to the mission of the local and universal church!

Second, just last week we had our annual meeting. Presbyterians are good at clogging the pipes with business and cerebral things, I know! But actually the business of the annual meeting points to something greater. It points to our active involvement in the mission of the church in our village setting (session/local church), in our region (the presbytery), and in the nation and world (General Assembly). I hope you are excited about where God is taking us! Our 10 and 5 year vision is exciting to me and the rest of your session, and our business at the annual meeting is, in part, a celebration of how God has worked in the year prior and will work in the year to come!

Third, we have the honor of hosting presbytery! Again, presbytery is the meeting and gathered worship of a region of EPC

Upcoming Sermon Topics

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)

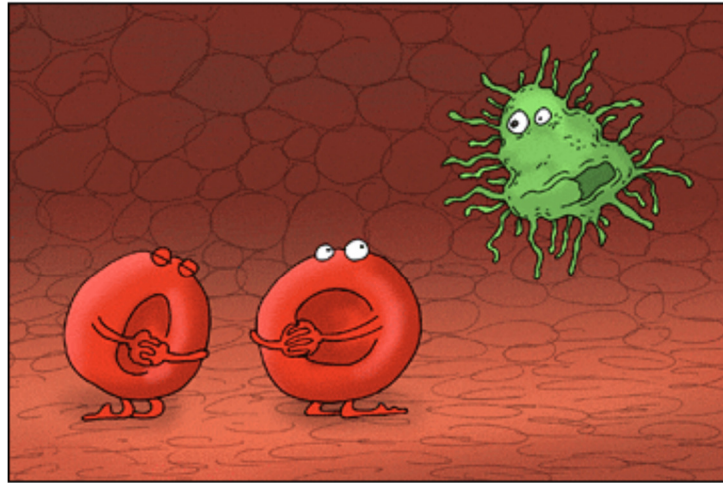
Mar. 10—Managing the King’s Resources (Luke 16:1-13)

Mar. 17—The Cost of Faith and forgiveness (Luke 17:1-19)

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 Rob Vaughn, Chuck Wildman, Jim Hildebrand, Janine Miller
Small Groups	Don Grigorenko
Website	Janine Miller
Youth Ministry.....	Dave Morrow, Pam Vaughn, Rachel Baldauff

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ARE YOU RED BLOOD CELLS AWARE THAT YOU ARE WORSHIPPING IN VEIN

February's

Items of the Month for the Food Pantry

Mac 'n Cheese
Canned Veggies

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

Not once does the Bible say, "Worry about it,"
"Stress over it," or "Figure it out."
But over and over it clearly says, "Trust God."

In Our Nursery

- Feb. 10 Terri Paugh
- Feb. 17 Rhonda Bryant
- Feb. 24 Cathy Delk & Sarah Vaughn

Many thanks to everyone who volunteered to work in the nursery! **Julie White is looking for March & April volunteers. Please see Julie if you can serve.**



All Junior & Senior High Students are invited to Fifth Quarter at Gilbert's after the basketball game this Friday.

churches that happened quarterly (Fall, Winter, and Spring, and also Summer at General Assembly). Next week we will host about 150 other pastors and ruling elders, and we will have the opportunity to hear about their ministries and be able to worship together Friday night and Saturday morning. I (Pastor Aaron) will preach Friday night, and we would love to have you all come and worship with us!

In all of these things we see how God is using us as part of a greater whole; a greater body and a greater universal church. Your commitment is valuable, blessed by God, and brings about thanksgiving! Your prayers propel this effort. And God's Spirit empowers all of these things so that one day we might celebrate that every knee has bowed to Jesus Christ, our universal Lord and Savior.

Blessings in our Lord,
Pastor Aaron



Andrew Peterson In Concert

This Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 7:00 pm

Dixon Ministry Center
at Cedarville University

Singer, Songwriter,
Author, Storyteller

Andrew's poetic and theologically rich expressions have been always honest, sometimes painful, ever restless, ever hopeful, ever human. He is the rare artist who clearly sees his talent, not as a reason for pride and self-promotion, but as a thing he is given primarily to steward in the service of others.

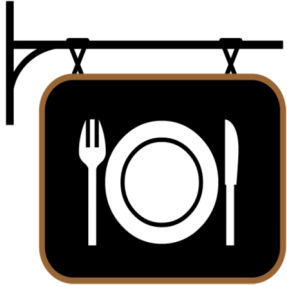
Free of charge & open to the public

Combined Worship Service



There will be a combined worship service on Sunday, Feb. 24, for Pioneer Club Sunday. Sunday School will begin at 9:00 am and worship at 10:00. This would be a wonderful service to invite friends and family with children to if they don't already have a church home.

2019 GOLD Club Begins!



The first meeting of this year's GOLD Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 27, at the Asian Grill here in South Charleston at 11:30 am. For car pooling information and reservations, please call Barb Florence at 462-7398 **no later than Sunday, Feb. 24.** We will need to know ahead of time if you are coming so that we have enough seating for everyone.

2019 Gold Club schedules are also now available at the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall.

Assurance of Salvation

As you walk in faith and obedience to God as an act of your will and allow Him to change your life, you will gain increasing assurance of your relationship with Him. You will experience God's work in your life as He enables you to do what you could never have done on your own - things like being able to love someone who treats you badly, maintaining a spirit of peace while surrounded by great pressures and problems, developing a growing desire to reach other people with the love of Christ.

But, if you do not trust God and His plan for your life and obey His commands, you will inevitably have doubts about your salvation.

Some people refuse to receive Christ because of pride or self-will. I have not met one single person who has ever said, "I have considered all the

historical evidence and the claims of Christ, and I cannot believe He is the Son of God."

Another reason people are reluctant to commit their lives to Christ is because Satan has deceived them. Has your enemy Satan deceived you? Have you thought you must become a better person before God will accept you? Has your enemy caused you to question whether God really loves you? Has he caused you to become comfortable with your disobedience to God?

No matter what influence may be keeping you from Christ, I encourage you to turn from that influence -- and turn to Christ.

—by Dr. Bill Bright, "Transferrable Concepts: How Can You Be Sure You Are A Christian?"

Mission Field: Spain

Dear Friends & Family,

Hey everyone, it has been a couple weeks since I've returned home from Spain. Now that I have had time to process everything, I would like to share about what God is doing in this beautiful country. Before I tell you about the ministry, I feel led to share that the Awakening that took over Europe in the 1800's, did not reach the country of Spain. Therefore, only 2% of the country is evangelical. Because Satan has had such a strong foothold in this country for centuries, there is a lot of work that needs to be done.

The ministry that we worked with focuses on people of all ages. One of their ministries is located in a Muslim city that is about 40 minutes outside of Barcelona. There, they hold Bible studies for men and women as well as a children's ministry. A big portion of our time was spent helping run different youth events. We had the opportunity to share the Christmas story, teach about the parable of the lost sheep, organize a day of games, and share our testimonies. Being able to spend time with the kids and get to know them personally is something that I will carry with me forever.

Because of the overwhelming amount of work and discouragement that they sometimes face, missionaries that are deployed in Spain usually average 3 years max. Please keep the missionaries in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to work to advance the kingdom. While we were there, I sensed that their ministry was refueled spiritually, mentally, and physically. It is extremely important to remember them as they are working in a very dark and broken place.

I would like to say thank you so much for your prayers and overwhelming support that made this amazing trip possible. Because of your prayers and support, I had the opportunity to see how God is working through this ministry! If you would like to hear more about what the Lord is doing in Barcelona and the next step in my journey towards the mission field, please feel free to contact me!

In Christ,

Jake Routzahn