

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

Today	11:00 am	Donut Fellowship (Fell. Hall)
Monday	10a-3pm	<i>Memorial Day</i> Sanctuary Reserved
Tuesday	10a-3pm	Fellowship Hall Reserved
Wednesday	6:15 am	Men's Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday	6:30 pm 8:00 pm	Adult Small Group (Fell Hall) Brass Practice (Sanctuary)
Friday	10:30a-12p 5-7 pm	Jazz Trio Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Praise Band Practice
Saturday	7:00 am 12-4 pm	Men's Bible Study (Rice Residence) Fellowship Hall Reserved
Sunday	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service Summer Sunday School Contemporary Worship Service

FPC NEWS

May 26, 2019



We are delighted to welcome the following into membership this morning!

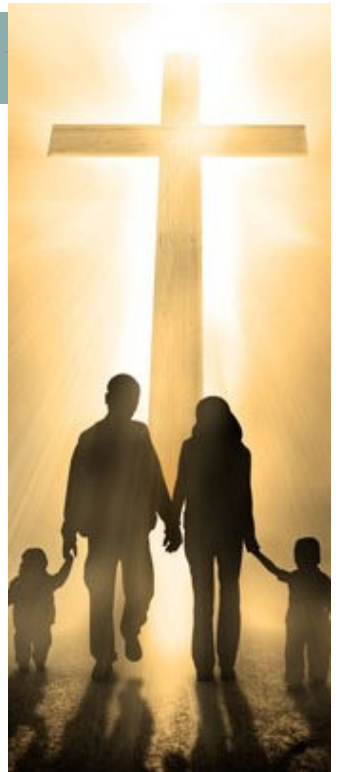
Ray Sheridan
Jennifer Whetstone
Jenny Severt
Barbie Cain
Greg & Connie Rice

Be sure to stop in the Fellowship Hall following our worship service for a donut, a cup of coffee or hot chocolate, and some great conversation with other members of our church family!



Next Sunday during worship we will be honoring our graduating seniors:

Camie Mitchell
Emily Vaughn



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From the Pastor

Greetings, congregation of FPC,

In the past several months, some of the deacons, session members, staff of the church, and some of you have encountered folks wandering into the church and asking for help of various kinds. Sarah and I have experienced this too. Normally this help is of the financial variety to aid with gas or food. Because of the bike path, I believe that South Charleston has become one of the stops along the way from Xenia and farther west, to Columbus and farther east or north. If that is the case, these requests will continue to arrive at our door, and we need to be ready to respond appropriately. Very briefly, I would like to give you a few points to help you if you encounter one of these requests.

First and most importantly, we are a gospel community and you are (as I am) one of its ambassadors of hope, grace, generosity, and care. We must at all times remember that Jesus said in Matt. 25:40, “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.” Our gospel message is not words alone, nor is it simply actions/example. It is both. But this leads us to decisions from wisdom.

In the specific case of being asked by an individual for money for any need, your first resort should be to direct them to me or the deacons. We are equipped to respond with experience



and wisdom to these sorts of requests. Please do not hesitate to reach out! The discouraging but simple fact is that nine times out of ten those making these requests have become accustomed to making this a way of life and are part of a loose circuit of people who depend on churches and the church’s lack of communication to make ends meet.

If it is not an option to reach out to me or the deacons, here are a few things to keep an eye out for to see if the request is possibly genuine (though there will always be exceptions):

1. The one who actually needs support is **normally from the community** and/or has some connection to someone in the church or are themselves a member. Those who are “walking from Cleveland” or “have just driven in from Cincinnati” are very, very rarely making a genuine request.
2. The one who needs help will be **willing to go through a process** to receive that help. If you tell someone

Upcoming Sermon Topics

- June 2—Truth (John 16:12-15)—Aaron Baldauff
- June 9—Rebirth (John 3:1-21)
- June 16—Redemption (Romans 8:1-6)
- June 23—Help (John 14:15-30)
- June 30—Love (Romans 5:1-5)
- July 7—Worship (1 Cor. 6:12-20)

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	
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



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YOUNG JESUS FOUND THIS TO BE A GOOD THING IN GENERAL ... THOUGH A LITTLE AWKWARD AT TIMES

June's Food Pantry Requests

Canned Fruit & Applesauce

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

June Greeters & Readers

Greeters	8:30 Service Reader
8:30 Service—Bob & April Entler	Tom Staton
11:00 Service—Brad & Diana Timmons	

June Anniversaries

June 1	Rob & Pam Vaughn—23 years
June 6	Ron & Gwen Phillips—42 years
June 10	Bob & April Entler—41 years
June 16	Dave & Rhonda Bryant—35 years
June 17	Keith & Karin Retroff—30 years
June 17	Aaron & Sarah White—13 years
June 28	Fred & Daphne Berge—39 years



- that they need to talk with me or the deacons and go through a process and they get impatient, that is a big red flag.

3. The one who needs help **will not imposition you**. Often those who are preying on churches or those at the church will attempt to catch you at an awkward moment. They may catch you when you are the last in the parking lot or as church just let out or after an evening program. This is another big red flag.

4. The one who needs help **has a normal sounding story**. Often those who are attempting to ask for illegitimate support will engage you in a long, exhausting, full-throated, and unverifiable story. Often this story is impossibly tragic. Most frequently I hear stories about someone’s mother dying and needing cash for gas to the next town or some variation of that theme. The attempt is to wear you down so that you will do anything to get out of the situation

5. The one who needs help **will accept other forms of help that is not cash**. Simply put: Do not give out cash. The church never gives out cash. We give vouchers to be used at Shoemakers. Cash enables the circuit of enablement. If you are asked for cash, it is most likely not a legitimate request.

6. Finally, the one who needs help **will not guilt or shame you**. Those who are attempting to illegitimately ask for support will use their greatest weapon which is your guilt. They will use heavy religious language and lead you to feel shameful for not helping them. There is no shame in saying no.

7. More can be said, but these cover the major bases. BUT, if you feel very uncomfortable, **please reach out to the village police or direct that individual there**.
- To wrap up, let me reiterate one important principle: We are gospel ambassadors. We need to be ready to help at all times, but we are also called to be shrewd as serpents. I am here and so are your deacons when you are stumped. If someone indeed needs help and will submit to the process we have in place, we will help them free of charge since this is the model of the gospel and what Jesus commands. We are blessed to have a food pantry that is well stocked to address these instances and a deacon fund to assist in other ways. A process needs to be followed, however. We need to do the best thing, not for us or the church, but for that individual and not enable the continued pattern of inauthentic requests for help.

Please reach out to me if you need more help in this area.

Pastor Aaron

Summer Sunday School



Our Summer Sunday School classes begin next Sunday. Info is below. If you would like to volunteer to teach one of our children’s classes for a Sunday or two this summer, please see Dave Morrow this morning.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Teacher(s)</u>	<u>Room</u>
Toddlers & 2’s	Laura Waymire	208
Pre-K through Gr. 2	Volunteers	204
Grades 3-6	Volunteers	205
Jr/Sr High	Diana Timmons & Rhonda Bryant	202

Adult Sunday School

•Expositor Bible Class April Entler B-01



Community Garage Sale

On Friday, June 7, and Saturday, June 8, South Charleston will have it’s annual Community Garage Sale. FPC will be offering free hot dogs, chips, and a drink from 10am-2pm both days! Be sure to stop by for lunch.

We are also offering space in our parking lot for your own personal garage sale! The church will not be able to provide tables so you will need to bring your own but the site is free to members. For nonmembers, each parking space is \$10 and you will need to submit a signed liability waiver and the fee ahead of time to the church office. Liability waivers are available on the counter in the mailroom. If you have any questions, please see Janine Miller.

Father's Day Pancake Breakfast & Worship Service



Sunday, June 16th
Home of Jim & Jane Hildebrand
10550 S. Charleston Pike

9:00 AM Pancake Breakfast served by the men of the church
10:00 AM Outdoor Worship Service (weather permitting)

Speaker: Pastor Aaron

Please bring your lawn chairs.

(In case of rain, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast at 9:00 and the Sanctuary at 10:00 for worship.)

Thank You

First Presbyterian Church,
I am so thankful for your willingness to support Eagles Wings Disc Golf. I am so passionate about helping this community and I’m glad to have your support. I look forward to sharing how you’ve helped impact God’s Kingdom.
Reaching further together,
Zachary Smith