#### Page 8 **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 vou 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."
- If you have recently 5. received Christ, we would like to aive you a Bible. Contact Pastor Aaron if you are

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interested.

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Deacons' Meeting (Fell. Hall) 6:00 pm

10am-3pm

**Events in Our Church Family** 

Sanctuary Reserved

## Tuesday

Today

Monday

Fellowship Hall Reserved

## Wednesday

6:15 am

6:30 pm 7:00 pm

## Friday

5-7pm

### Saturday

### Sunday

9:00 am 10:00 am

Session Meeting (Rm. B-01)

# 10am-3pm

3-7 pm

6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall Reserved

Campers leave for YL Camp

Praise Band Practice (Sanc.)

Lunch in the Parking Lot

Community Garage Sale (Parking Lot)

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Men's Bible Study (Rice Residence)

Men's Fellowship (Great Room)

#### Thursday

Adult Small Group (Fell. Hall) Brass Practice (Sanctuary)

10 am-2pm

7:00 am

Young Life Camp Pancake Breakfast at the Hildebrand's Outdoor Worship at the Hildebrand's

Young Life Camp



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		





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**From An Elder** 

#### Greetings, church family.

As an update on the work of the Session, I bring to you the second summary of the recent study the Session completed. The study was on a series of articles entitled *Recovering the Office of Elder, The Shepherd Model*, by Eric Laverentz. Eric is a former pastor of our fellow EPC neighbor - Kirkmont Presbyterian Church. The series of articles detail how the church has drifted from a biblical model of church governance and urges congregations to return to the proper roles of the elder/deacon offices recorded in Scripture.

In this second installment, Laverentz reviews the writings of several leading reformed theologians, namely John Calvin and Samuel Miller, specifically as it relates to church discipline. The word *discipline* seems uncomfortable – and the practice of carrying it out is indeed so. Yet the Bible commands that the elders of the church carry out the task of calling members who have strayed from Christ-like living back into the life of Christian community. Over the past century, this task has mainly fallen to pastors. Since the word *pastor* relates to the work of an actual shepherd, it makes sense that many view the pastor as the one who seeks to return 'errant sheep' to the fold of God's flock. However, Laverentz argues that the biblical model places this task on the hands of the elders as co-shepherds. Indeed, in our

church polity, the "pastor" is part of the Session as the teaching elder. Presbyterian governance, modeled from the Scriptural outline, holds that *all* of the elders – teaching and ruling, together as the Session – are the shepherds of the congregation. As such, our primary task as members of the Session is to care for the flock – pastorally. That includes the task of church discipline.

So, why does this matter? Laverentz asserts that it matters because if discipline and soul care are to be carried out effectively, compassionately, and with care, it must be done in relationship. That is, a church member will not receive correction from another whom they do not know. But if an elder has a cultivated relationship with that member, then it may well be received. And that type of trusting relationship in a church of any size cannot be maintained by only one person. Hence the wisdom of the biblical writers - indeed of God as the inspiration for their writings - that the everyday tasks of maintaining church property, finances, and food distribution should be tasked to deacons, so that the elders can cultivate the relationships necessary for effective shepherding. This is not to say that each of us individually bears no responsibility for an errant brother (see James 5:19-20); however, the task is especially given to the elders, as co-shepherds of the church under our Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ. May He be glorified in our work.

\*A summary of *Rediscovering the Office of Elder: The Shepherd* Model (Part 2) by Eric Laverentz, Theology Matters, Vol. 24, No. 3 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) July 14—Creation (Psalm 104:24-35)

## Where to turn to for help & answers...

Card Ministry	Barbara Florence
Chair Loan	Janine Miller
Change of Address, Phone or N	JameJanine 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	
	Janine Miller
Rental, Church Facilities	Janine Miller
Session	Pastor Aaron White, Dave Morrow, Aaron Baldauff
	bb Vaughn, Chuck Wildman, Jim Hildebrand, Janine Miller
	Don Grigorenko
_	Janine Miller
	Dave Morrow, Pam Vaughn

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EVERY DAY I COME HERE AND PRAY FOR A SIGN, BUT I'M STARTING TO THINK THAT I'M NEVER GOING TO GET ONE

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# **Flower Care**

The Deacons are this, please con-

# Breakfast at the Bryant's **This Morning!**



All junior and senior high students are invited to the home of Dave & Rhonda Bryant this morning at 9:45 for breakfast! Everyone will be returning to church by 11:00.

# An Encouraging Word

The Bible repeatedly "encourages" Christians to "encourage one another." How can you tell when someone needs encouragement? The answer is easy, said Chick-fil-A founder Truett Cathy: if they're breathing! He quipped, "I get a lot of encouragement, but I never got an overdose."

Offering encouragement is an easy way to have a big impact. In fact, two esteemed Christian writers call encouragers angelic and godly. George MacDonald said, "If, instead of a gem or even a flower, we could cast the gift of a lovely thought into the heart of a friend, that would be giving as the angels give." And G.K. Chesterton said, "If I can put one touch of rosy sunset into the life of any man or woman, I shall feel that I have worked with God."

Who in your life might need an en-

couraging word today?



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## looking for someone to care for the flower beds this summer. If you are interested in helping with

tact Bob Entler or Fred Berge ASAP.



June's Items of the Month

# **Canned Fruit**

for the Food Pantry

# Applesauce

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



Many, many thanks to Nick Liberator for mowing the church lawn during the month of May!

# In Our Nursery

June 9	Sarah White
June 16	Father's Day (No nursery)
June 23	Terri Paugh Hope Manning
June 30	Emma Parker

The nursery will not be Staffed in July.

We are in need of volunteers to mow for June. If you can help, please sign up today at the Welcome Center. The mower is located in the garage. If you don't know the key code, please see Bob Entler.

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# **Opportunities for Giving**

Several people have recently asked lately the various funds that FPC offers to which givers can contribute. Our church has various funds which go to different ministries or projects from which you can choose. All of these funds can be found on a drop-down list for e-offering givers. Most will also be included on the new paper offering envelopes which will be available at the Welcome Center later this summer.



Vision Implementation Model. This year's projects included Sanctuary Overflow décor and the sound system.

**Camp Scholarships**—Gifts given to this fund can go to Young Life Camp, Pioneer Camp, or various junior high camps we have offered in the past.

**Deacon/Good Samaritan Fund**—This funds the deacons' assistance to church and community members in need. This fund can help with things such as rent or utility bill assistance.

**General Fund**—This runs the day-to-day operations of the church which may include staff salaries, worship/office/education/fellowship supplies, missions & evangelism projects, utility bills, and building repair and maintenance.

**Manna Food Pantry**—This fund operates the food pantry for our community and are used to supply food vouchers to Shoemaker's IGA as well as buy food in bulk.

**Memorial Fund**—The gifts given "In Memory" of a deceased loved one go here. This fund is generally used for special items for our Sanctuary. The latest uses for this fund included the Sanctuary projection screen and our new ESV chair Bibles.

**Missions**—Most of the mission monies come from the General Fund, but you can also contribute money directly to the Missions Fund. The contributions to this fund are generally used to support those working long-term in missions in other countries or for those going on short-term mission trips.

**Music Fund**—Anything contributed to this fund can be used for any of our music ministries at either service. In the recent past, it has been used for musical instruments and microphones.

**Pioneer Clubs**—While Pioneer Clubs do not have their own specific fund, any money specifically marked "Pioneer Clubs" will go directly to fund our Pioneer Club program (excluding camp). This includes supplies, curriculum, and snacks.

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Every year around Mother's Day, baby bottles are delivered to churches to be handed out and filled with change, checks, and bills. We call this event "Blessings in A Bottle," also known as BIB. While for some, participation may seem as simple as emptying your pocket change at the end of every day, the impact it can have is truly immeasurable.



If you'd like to participate, please take a bottle from the display in

the Fellowship Hall today. All bottles need to be returned to the church **next Sunday**. (All proceeds go towards the work of the Pregnancy Resource Clinic of Clark County.)

# **CPR/AED** Awareness Class

You may be aware that we now have an AED unit in our church which is located in the coatroom. If you'd like to learn how to use it in case of an emergency, here is your chance! The Safety Council is presenting a free CPR/AED Awareness Class on Saturday, June 22, from 10amnoon at Gilbert's. Certified instructor, Steve Saunders, will teach the basics or simply refresh your skills on this life-saving method. You may just attend or fully participate in all or part of this 2-hr block of instruction. Certification is available.

# **GOLD Club**



The next gathering of the GOLD Club will be on Wednesday, June 26 at Applebees (1800 W. First St, Springfield) at 11:30 am. For car pooling information and reservations, please call Barb Florence at 462 -7398 **no later than Sunday, June 23.** 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 available at the Welcome Center..