

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

<b>Monday</b>	10am-3pm 6:00 pm	Sanctuary Reserved Session Meeting (Rm. B-01)
<b>Tuesday</b>	10am-3pm 3-7 pm 6:00 pm	Fellowship Hall Reserved Fellowship Hall Reserved Deacon's Meeting (Rm. B-01)
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 am 6:30 pm	Men's Fellowship (Great Room) Quartet Practice (Sanctuary)
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 pm	Brass Practice (Sanctuary)
<b>Friday</b>		Church Reserved
<b>Saturday</b>		Church Reserved
<b>Sunday</b>	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Service Sunday School Worship Service

# FPC NEWS

Aug. 11, 2019

## Upcoming Events

Things are gearing up around here for the fall! Below are some things already on the church schedule:



Thurs., Aug. 29	Free Concert at Gilbert's (p. 4)
Sun., Sept. 1	8:30 service at FPC 11:00 service at Gilbert's (p. 4)
Sun., Sept. 8	New Sermon Series Begins— Topic: Small Groups (pp. 2-3)
Wed., Sept. 25	Gold Club's Mystery Trip
Sun., Sept. 29	Community Worship Service at Heritage Festival (Speaker: Pastor Aaron)
October	Small Groups Begin
Oct. 4-5	Fall Session Retreat

## New Members' Class

Pastor Aaron will be offering a 6-week New Members' Class beginning Sunday, Oct. 6th. If you are interested in joining or learning more about it, please see Pastor Aaron.



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# Churching Small

By Rev. Aaron W. White, Ph.D.



there I Am in the midst

The business of making church bigger and bigger is indeed big business. But **next month here at FPC we are going to focus our hearts, minds, and actions on “churching small”!**

The author of Hebrews commands us “to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another...” (Hebrews 10:24-25).

The business of making church big again is a mission that seeks to put the most butts in the seats on Sunday mornings. Sometimes this comes at great cost to the integrity of the local church and other churches in the community. It can simply start putting the wrong emPHASIS of the wrong syllA-BLE.

**“God has given us a mission and a vision that is much greater than simply Sunday morning worship.”**

While attracting the most people to Sunday worship is not all bad, it is not the whole story. We are confident that we are preaching the gospel and the full counsel of Scripture every morning at FPC, so we hope to see worship at-

tendance increase as God wills. But God has given us a mission and a vision that is much greater than simply Sunday morning worship. With the greatest emphasis possible, this is why your elders **MUST** be shepherds and not committee chairs, and this is why we must strategically plan each year under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Part of this shepherding mission and strategic vision-ing is **forming a vital and replicating small group ministry.**

As we can see in the Hebrews verses above, several things stand out: stir up on another, love and good works, meeting together, some people do not meet together, encourage one another.

It would seem as we look at this passage that the familiar line “I don’t need to go to church to be a Christian” is not a 20th or 21st century invention. It is a notion from the very beginning! But we want to take this one step further. It is important to

## Upcoming Sermon Topics

- Aug. 18-Sept. 1 — Jude
- Sept 1 — 8:30 service at FPC, 11:00 service at Gilbert’s
- Sept. 8 — Begin Sermon Series on Small Groups
- Sept. 29 — Community Worship at the Heritage Festival

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

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OUR NEWEST COMMITTEE MEMBER, CHICKEN LITTLE, HAS SOME RADICAL NEW CONCEPTS FOR A NEW FEAR-BASED CHURCH MEMBERSHIP GROWTH CAMPAIGN

## Nursery News

Aug. 11— Barbie Cain

Aug. 18— Rachel Baldauff

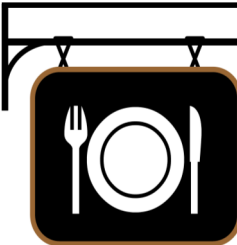
Aug. 25— Kenzie White

*If you would like to volunteer for the Nursery this fall, please contact Julie White at 937-206-8388 or 937-462-9045.*

"I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had no where else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day."

— Abraham Lincoln

## GOLD Club



The next gathering of the GOLD Club will be on Wednesday, Aug. 28 at Red Lobster (1898 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, Aug. 25.** 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.

## August's Items of the Month for the Food Pantry

Canned Tuna  
Beef Stew

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

meet together regularly with other believers in our church to share life, encourage each other to good works and love, and worship together. We believe we must meet together and "church big" on Sunday mornings and during the week we must meet with our neighbors and "church small"!

### We must engage in small groups.

Small groups are a key part of my testimony. I remember arriving at OU in the Fall of 2002. I heard that my friend Ryan, a guy I knew from Upper Arlington, was starting a bible study. I thought to myself "that sounds like a nice thing to involve myself in." Little did I know that it would be the beginning of an integral life-practice that would introduce me to Jesus in a deeper way and lead me through some of my greatest growth in my Christian walk than any other thing. **Simply put: If I had not been part of small groups, I would not be where I am in my walk with Jesus.**

Starting in September, we want to invite you to experience this same spiritual journey and Christian growth. Don Grigorenko is leading the charge and his mission to plan and begin small groups at FPC has the Session's complete and enthusiastic backing.

We will kick off our small group push with a sermon series on "churching small" through small groups. In this se-

ries you will hear from me, but you will also hear from Don and three elders on small groups. You will have the opportunity to give small groups a try. What I mean is that (1) for those of you who want to be part of a small group but want to make sure it is the right fit, (2) for those of you who want to be part of a small group but don't want to be committed to a group forever, or (3) for you small group skeptics, we will have a short small group commitment of 8 weeks in the Fall, capped off by a Christmas party. After that you can decide to stick with it for the rest of the "school year" (through May), or change small groups to a better fit, or just drop it altogether. We are confident, however, that you'll enjoy your experience!

All of this to say: **small groups are good for you and your family!** They are also one of the ways we sense that the Lord will extend His kingdom throughout this village. So, to a certain extent, **churching small is for you, but your involvement is also for your un-churched/de-churched neighbor that does not yet know Jesus.**

I look forward to you joining me in CHURCHING SMALL!

God's richest blessings,

Pastor Aaron



# Free Concert at Gilbert's!

On Thursday, Aug. 29th, the Christian rock band, *10 Talents*, will be giving a free concert at Gilbert's at 7 pm. The community is invited!

**Their Schedule:**

- Speaking to the students at Southeastern High School during the day Thursday
- Eating supper (provided by FPC) at Gilbert's before the concert that evening
- Joining us for 11:00 worship on Sunday, Sept. 1. (This worship service will be held at Gilbert's.)



**About 10 Talents:**

*10 Talents* is a non-profit touring pop rock band from Adrian, Michigan with full production, staging, light show, and projection. *10 Talents* is set up to enter any venue or location and within hours transform a blank canvas into a concert atmosphere. During the summer months, the band tours youth camps, and during the fall and winter, they spend their time touring public high schools as part of an organization that holds assemblies and concerts. With over 150 performances in 2018 and their world-wide tour in 2019, the band is active and capable of catering to any audience, but their focus is today's youth. Playing a mix of originals and popular cover songs that are relevant to youth, this 5-piece band provides an energetic, engaging performance with full production.

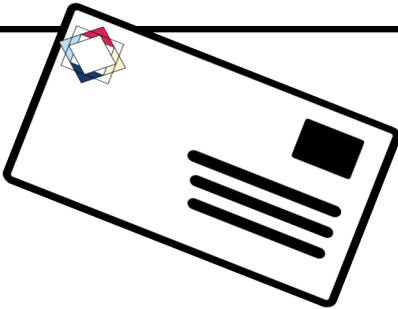


## Our Flower Beds are in Need of a little TLC!

If you are talented with flowers or enjoy working outside and would like to take on the church flower beds, you would be very welcome! Please see Bob Entler if you are interested in helping or have any questions.

# "Giving" Reports

Jane Hildebrand recently sent out the 6-month giving reports which should have listed your giving through the end of June. If you have any questions, please see Jane.



## A Thank You from Linda Smith

Thank you so much for all the birthday wishes sent my way! I never dreamed I'd celebrate my 70th when 6 years ago I received this diagnosis ! But God has allowed me to defy the odds and blessed me with additional years! I praise Him for my wonderful family and dear friends! Thank you so much for all the prayers, encouragement and support you have shown me and my family! I love you all so much!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! 🙏😊❤️  
Linda :)



# Hope Unleashed Women's Conference

Saturday, October 12, 2019  
9am - 4pm

Wittenberg University Student Center  
200 West Ward, Springfield, Oh 45504

- \* Enjoy times of worship and fellowship.
- \* Meet our Keynote Speaker Carol Kent.
- \* Break-out sessions designed with you in mind.
- \* Continental breakfast & lunch.



Shannon Maier



Lisa Meiners



Julie Pierce  
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Lauren Miller



Joy Ware Miller  
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