Page 8 **HOW TO RECEIVE** CHRIST

"I am a sinner."

2. Be willing to turn from your 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 interested.

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1. Admit your need.

"I am sorry for my sins,

Monday 6:00 pm

Session Meeting (Rm. B-01) Campaigners (Gilbert's)

Sanctuary Reserved

Pioneer Clubs

Men's Fellowship (Great Room)

Gold Club to Carriage Inn (Enon)

Women's Small Group (Rm. B-01)

Fellowship Hall & CE Wing Reserved

Brass Practice (Sanctuary)

Tuesday

10am-3pm

8:00 pm

Events in Our Church Family

Wednesday

6:30 am 11:30 am 6:30 pm 6:45 pm

Thursday

3-8 pm 7:00 pm

Friday

10:30-11:30 am Jazz Trio Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 5:30-7:00 pm Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary) Fifth Quarter (Gilbert's) 9:30-11 pm

Saturday

8:30-11:30 am Church Workday Youth Event at the Bryant's 4:30 pm

Sunday

8:30 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
3-6 pm	Ice Cream Social (Parking Lot)

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Sept. 15, 2019 **FPC NEWS**



Next Sunday from 3-6 pm, we are offering free ice cream and other goodies as well as music to our community! Jane Hildebrand is looking for volunteers to donate and/or serve food. If you can help in any way, please see the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

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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Sept. 15, 2019



As humans we have a general intuition of knowing when something is around the corner. We can smell the rain before it is here. We can smell the ocean when we are still miles off. We can sense the changing of the seasons. We can feel the excitement of Christmas season approaching. We are programmed to know what's next, and we become a bit fearful or disoriented when we cannot.

The latter issue is about faith, and we can cover that at a later date. However, right now I would like to talk about the goodness of our natural tendency to anticipate.

In our life as a church, the same is true. We have things that happen on an annual basis, and we tend to anticipate their approaching. The downside is that life is so busy we often experience the feeling of things "sneaking up on us." We become a servant to the year, rather than leveraging the momentum of the year effectively.

In my time in campus ministry we had three phases of the year. The phases were: win, build, and send. Each season of the year was characterized by

Cycles in Detail??

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

one of these phases, and each season built on the last. Everything we did in our programming and ministry had a purpose and each program or event carried on the momentum of the previous season or current season. We strategically planned the year.

What we called this planning is cycles in detail. Each year has a cycle. It just does. And our planning details that cycle. We must ask: What season are we in? Is it a win season? a build season? a send season? That is, is this a season of gathering and launching (win)? Is this a season of growing and learning (build)? Or, is this a season of going out and applying what we've built together (send)? Further, what is the specific emphasis of the month or week of the season? How would we theme the emphasis? According to the emphasis, what are THE most important things we need to do? And conversely, what are things we need to say 'no' to? Finally, how do we communicate these emphases, and all get on board as a singular movement?

For example: I believe we are in a WIN season right now. Our emphasis right now is twofold: small group/church membership push and youth ministry kick-off (which Sept. 22 — Growing in Grace in Small Groups (Gal. 6:1-10)—Don Grigorenko

Sept. 29 — Community Worship at the Heritage Festival (Pastor Aaron)

Oct. 6—Passing on the Faith in Small Groups (2 Tim. 2:1-2)—Dave Morrow

Oct. 13—Becoming One Body in Small Groups (Ro. 12:1-13)—Aaron Baldauff

Where to turn to for help & answers...

Card Ministry		
Chair Loan Janine Mil		
Change of Address, Phone or NameJaning		
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	Jodi Smith	
Prayer Chain	Janine Miller	
Rental, Church Facilities Janine Mille		
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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A VERY SLOW PANDEMONIUM BROKE OUT WHEN THE CONGREGATION AT SLOTH CHURCH FOUND OUT THAT THEY WERE DEADLY SINS

Nursery News

- Sept 15 Melody Henderson Rylan McInerney
- Sept. 22 Rachel Baldauff
- Sept. 29 at Heritage Fest
- Oct. 6 Jeannine Erwin Kate Mattinson
- Oct. 13 Rhonda Bryant Sarah Vaughn
- Oct. 20 Cathy Delk Aiden White

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

September's

Items of the Month for the Food Pantry

Oats Cereal

(Cheerios, Raisin Bran, & Cornflakes Preferred

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

GOLD Club

The next gathering of the



riage Inn (25 Greene Valley Dr., Enon) at 11:30 am. For car pooling information and reservations, please call Barb

Florence at 462-7398 today. We will need to know ahead of time if you are coming so that we have enough seating for everyone.

For those of you signed up, the Mystery Trip will be on Thursday, Sept. 26.

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includes Pioneer Clubs and Young Life). So if this is true, how do our sermons point to these emphases? How do our announcements reflect these emphases? What special events do we have, and how do they support (and not take away from) our primary emphases? Etc. You get the picture.

Why am I communicating this to all of you? Most importantly because you are

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with purpose.

members of our church (or PARTNERS). You share co-ownership in ministry at FPC, and you are called to join in to make this ship sail. You

are not here to receive, but rather to be ambassadors for Christ for the part of the body of Christ (or congregation) with which you are a member (2 Cor 5). Simply put, our time, talents, and treasure are limited commodities. We only have so much time, money, and energy to invest, so we must invest wisely and with purpose. This means that when we do ministry and we pray to reach this village with the gospel, we should ask of each thing we do, "Why this?" and "Why now?" Of course, this would mean that doing something because "this is what we've always done", "people like this", and "we do it to make our church bigger" are not strategic nor efficient justifiers.

Instead, we should ask, "How does this emphasis fit within our mission, vision, strategic planning, and the general movement of the calendar?" We cannot do a lot of things well. We can do only a couple of things well. And each of those

items must have the focus of "presenting all mature in Christ." From Fifth Quarter or Ice Cream Social to the preaching of the Word and small groups, each has a role in presenting "all mature in Christ" within the movement of the year.

We should ask, "How are we growing in depth of character and breadth of influence to reach South Charleston with the gospel?" That is, how are we growing deeper in our

> faith walk with Jesus? How are we giving those who don't know Jesus the opportunity to come in close and consistent proximity with someone who does?

So as we launch into a new year of ministry (mapped out by the school year), how are we using the natural momentum of the year for Jesus?

In the coming month, you will see a document called "Cycles in Detail". This document, like the yellow sheet and blue sheet, is a form of communication, but also a tool of accountability. "Cycles in detail" is a rather static document that simply maps out our typical year and how each aspect strategically "fits" in the season. Unlike "Cycles in Detail", the blue document (the strategic plan) is a living document. Both work together, and both keep us moving with our eye on the ball.

Thanks for partnering with the Session in ministry!

In Jesus, Pastor Aaron

Mystery Youth Event at the Bryant's!





All junior and senior high students are invited to the Bry-

ant's house (12920 Columbus-Cinci Rd) this coming Saturday, Sept. 21, at 4:30 pm. We will be having a surprise activity AND food! Can't get much better than that!

Don't miss it!

Fall Women's Bible Study

The Wednesday Women's Bible Study will begin on Sept 18 (when Pioneer Clubs begin), at 6:45 pm. We will be meeting in Room B-01 and will be studying the life of Joseph. If you have any questions, please see Lois Staton.

Also for Women...

Liz Curtis Higgs will be speaking at High Street Church of the Nazarene on Tuesday, Oct. 8th, at 7 pm. Liz is an author, speaker, and encourager and is noted for her great sense of humor. She has written 37 books, including "Bad Girls of the Bible" and the "Women of Christmas," to name a few. Liz explores the lives of biblical women who had a personal encounter with Jesus and their stories are amazing, their lives inspiring, and the truth they teach us is nothing short of life-changing. This show is open to women of all ages. Tickets are \$20 for General Admission and \$34 for VIP access. For more information and tickets, go to lizcurtishiggs.com.

Church Workday

This coming Saturday, Sept. 21 from 8:30-11:30 am, the Deacons will be holding a church workday. Everyone is welcome! Below are just some of the jobs needing to be done:

- General cleaning,
- Organizing table /chair storage
- Servicing lawn mower & snow blower
- Replacing batteries, filters, light bulbs,
- Painting

A complete list of jobs are available at the Welcome Center. If you can't make it on Saturday but would like to do something ahead of time, let the deacons know what supplies you need.



Thank You

It was a pleasure hanging out in your town and getting to know you and some people from the community. Thanks again for the hospitality. Three days doesn't sound like a long tour, but it sometimes can feel long and you guys taking such good care of us really helped everyone feel refreshed and in good spirits.

> Looking forward to the next time, 10 Talents (the Christian band that performed at Gilbert's)

A Tour of Israel?

FPC is in the beginning stages of putting together a tour to Israel with Mark Ziese for June 4-June 14, 2022. If you are interested in such a trip or even if you think you might be, you may want to look into acquiring a passport as it can take up to six months to process. The cost and itinerary will be coming later. If you have any questions, please see Diane Eichelberger who has participated in this tour before.

