

**Events in Our Church Family**

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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<b>Monday</b>	8:00 pm	Campaigners (Gilbert's)
<b>Tuesday</b>	10am-3pm	Sanctuary Reserved
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 am 6:30 pm 6:45 pm	Men's Fellowship (Great Room) Pioneer Clubs Women's Small Group (Rm. B-01)
<b>Thursday</b>	3-8 pm 7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall & CE Wing Reserved Brass Practice (Sanctuary)
<b>Friday</b>	10:30-11:30 am 5:30-7:00 pm	Jazz Trio Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary)
<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 pm	Youth Event at the Bryant's
<b>Sunday</b>	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Service Sunday School Worship Service

Oct. 13, 2019

# FPC NEWS

## Trunk or Treat

Thursday, Oct. 31, 6-8 pm  
Church Parking Lot

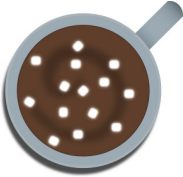


Each year on Beggar's Night, FPC enjoys opening our parking lot to the community, dressing up for the area children, and handing out candy, tracts, and other goodies. We'd love to have a good portion of you reading this participate this year! Throw on a goofy hat, park your car in the parking lot, sit next to it, and hand out candy. It doesn't have to be complicated! If you want to decorate even more, google "Trunk or Treat Ideas." No scary stuff though, please. We want to REACH our community, not scare them away.

### Questions? See Janine Miller

We are also looking for someone to:

- Help hand out hot chocolate OR apple cider (depending on the weather)
- Help serve hot dogs to kids & their parents



***If you can't come but would like to donate candy for participants to hand out to neighborhood children, there is a candy donation box in the Fellowship Hall.***



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# Autopilot Is Not A Kingdom Virtue

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

People so dearly loved by God, grace and peace to you in God from our Father through our Lord Jesus Christ,

James says to us in his epistle the following:

*Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"—yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."*

Basically, James is saying, "God is God, and you are not. If you believe otherwise, you are boasting."

I find this to be reassuring. God is in control; but how often I attempt to take control from Him!

In many ways, James' words take us back to Jesus in Matthew 6, who bids us to seek God's kingdom first, and to not be anxious; God is in control and will provide.

In ministry or at church, this can be an especially difficult principle to follow. We want to see **x** amount of people at church on Sunday. We want to see **x**

amount of dollars appear in the plate. We want to see **x** amount of conversions and baptisms. We want to see **x** amount of kids at Pioneer Clubs, Jr. High Night, or Fifth



Quarter. But those things are frankly outside of our control. So what can we do? Should we be "couch-potato Calvinists" (or "fatalists" as I call them) that believe everything is predestined anyway, so what use is it to God for me to do anything? Or should we be "Anxious Arminians" who scurry about like Martha and forget our Lord? Neither.

Instead, we should plan by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, diligently do our work, and let God be God.

Bill Bright, the founder of Campus Crusade for Christ, once said, "Successful evangelism is sharing the gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit, and leaving the results up to God." Same can be said for our ministry at FPC.

## New Sermon Series: Who Are We?

- Oct. 20—Evangelical (Romans 5:6-11)
- Oct. 27—Missional (Romans 10:14-18)
- Nov. 3—Connectional (Romans 12:1-8)
- Nov. 10—Reformational (Romans 8:18-39)

## 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 .....	Jodi Smith
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

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ZACCHAEUS WAS A WII LITTLE MAN

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

Canned Fruit  
Canned Vegetables

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

Pioneer Clubs are still short a leader for third grade. If you can help, please contact Jodi Smith.



### Community News: Train Rides!

The Ohio Rail Experience is once again offering historical train rides on Saturday, October 19. Round-trip rides between South Charleston's DT&I Depot and Springfield's Snyder Park will depart from South Charleston at 9 am, noon, and 3 pm.

Tickets range in price from \$15 - \$30 and are only available online. Go to [www.ohiorailexperience.com](http://www.ohiorailexperience.com) and select the "South Charleston Rocket" for October 19 to purchase tickets.



For further information, go to the website or contact Sue Mattinson at the Heritage Commission at

About that, I would say two brief things:

- 1) Your Session has now shepherded FPC through its first annual strategic plan. We planned by God's guidance, and worked by the assurance that God is doing the soul-work we cannot do. He has done a lot of work this year, I am glad to report!
- 2) Your Session, at our Fall Retreat last weekend, planned out our 2020 strategic plan. With this plan now in draft form, we are two years into our five year plan. I am excited to soon reveal where we feel we are headed in 2020!

In both of these plans, we have to say "Lord willing." We must seek His Kingdom first, and let Him be the Lord over the results. However, we also must stay faithfully busy. **Autopilot is not a Kingdom virtue.** Let me put this more clearly: **if you are a member and simply showing up to church each week (or twice a month), you are in autopilot. Church is not a sit-and-get club. Membership = partnership.** God cannot use us if we are not stepping out in faith.

Let me ask you: Where will you take a step of faith and volunteer and "get busy" at FPC and leave the results up to God in 2020? Will it be in youth ministry? Children's ministry? Facility management? Office volunteering? Where do you feel called to seek God's Kingdom?

Blessings to you all! I am excited to see how God will work in our midst in this coming year!

Pastor Aaron

### Nursery News

Oct. 13 Rhonda Bryant  
Sarah Vaughn

Oct. 20 Cathy Delk  
Aiden White

**We are in need of volunteers. If you would like to help in the Nursery this fall, please contact Julie White ASAP**

### Youth Event at the Bryant's



All junior and senior high students are invited to the Bryant's house

on Saturday, Oct. 19, at 4:30 pm. We will be having a surprise activity AND food! **Don't miss it!**

### A New Baby!!

Congratulations to proud grandparents, Chuck & Carol Wildman, on the birth of a grandson, Hayes Owen, to Sam & Abby Wildman of Iowa last Sunday evening. Hayes weighed 8 lb. 3 oz. and was 20 inches long.




**It's A Boy!**



# Thank You

Many thanks to the praise band/team for working so hard to get ready for both the Ice Cream Social and the Heritage Festival worship service. Also thank you to everyone who helped carry music items back and forth from the Sanctuary to the event of the day.

Thank you to the following people for donating your time during our church workday several weeks ago: Bob & April Entler, Jeff Miller, Jim Hildebrand, Brad Timmons, Jordan Timmons, Dan Smith, Steve Paugh, Fred & Daphne Berge, Barbara Florence, Alan Stiles, Aaron & Rachel Baldauff and Elenore and Oliver, Pastor Aaron, Dave Morrow, Rob Vaughn, Greg Rice, and Kevin Mattinson.



Janine Miller is on the lookout for an **office volunteer** to help for about an hour once a week. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Janine at \_\_\_\_\_.



# Small Group Kick-Off

On Sunday, Oct. 27th beginning at 12:30 pm, there will be a Small Group Kick-off for everyone participating in small groups this fall. Whether you're a leader or a participant, please come for a pizza lunch at Gilbert's and join the group for a brief study.

# From the Pregnancy Resource Clinic

I am excited to share the results with you and your congregation from your recent participation in our Blessings in A Bottle campaign. This has raised funds which will help women and men Choose Life when facing an unplanned pregnancy.

- Total proceeds from the 2019 campaign are **\$36,270.66.**
- Your church's contribution was **\$643.22**

I praise God that your church is partnering with the PRC in this way. We also greatly appreciate Lois Staton, the BIB liaison in your church, who was so helpful.

-Gail Welsh, Executive Director of PRC

# Scam

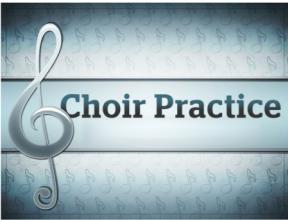
If you happen to receive a message from the pastor asking for a gift card please do NOT respond or act. The message is not from Pastor Aaron. Apparently several people in other churches have received messages such as this via text and/or email.

# In Concert (x2)

Keith & Krystin Getty will be in concert at Cedarville University in the Dixon Ministry Center on Monday evening, Oct. 28th, at 7:00 pm. For more information and to order tickets, go to [www.cedarville.edu/Event/Gettys-Sing-Ohio](http://www.cedarville.edu/Event/Gettys-Sing-Ohio).

You are invited to a special organ concert by Trudy Fabor at Covenant Presbyterian's 200th anniversary celebration this afternoon at 4 pm. Covenant is located at 201 N. Limestone St.

# Community Christmas Choir



The South Charleston Community Christmas Choir rehearsals begin on Sunday, Oct. 27, at 5:00 pm at the Methodist Church. The choir is open to high school students and adults. The concerts will be Saturday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 pm and Sunday, Dec. 8, at 2:00 pm. Please contact Kim Owens with any questions.

# 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.

