

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

Sunday	6:30 pm	Small Group 1 (Grigorenko's)
	6:30 pm	Small Group 3 (White's)
	6:30 pm	Small Group 5 (Rice's)
Monday	7:00 pm	Campaigners (Gilbert's)
	6:30 pm	Small Group 4 (Retroff's)
Tuesday	10am-3pm	Sanctuary Reserved
	6:00 pm	Deacons' Meeting (Fell. Hall)
Wednesday	6:30 am	Men's Fellowship (Great Room)
	6:30 pm	Pioneer Clubs
	6:30 pm	Junior High Night (Gilbert's)
	6:45 pm	Women's Small Group (Rm. B-01)
Thursday	3-8 pm	Fellowship Hall & CE Wing Reserved
	6:30 pm	Small Group 2 (Vaughn's)
	7:00 pm	Brass Practice (Sanctuary)
Friday	10:30-11:30 am	Jazz Trio Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	5:30-7:00 pm	Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary)
Sunday	8:30 am	Worship Service
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service



FPC NEWS

Nov. 10, 2019



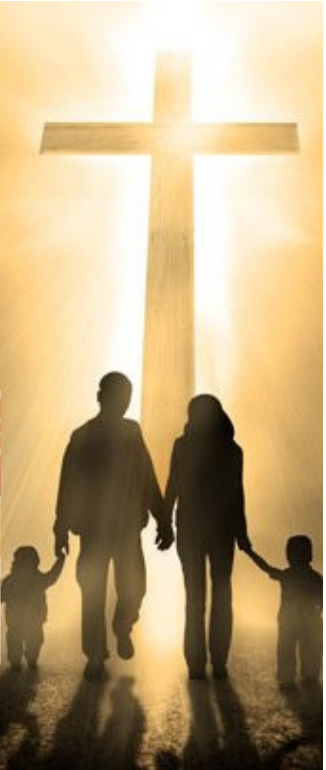
Community Thanksgiving Service

at FPC

Sunday, Nov. 24

7:00 pm

Speaker: Pastor Cathy
from the Methodist Church



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And They're Off!

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

Greetings, congregation of FPC,

Grace to you from God our Father and from Our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is a God of fulfilled promises. He does what He says, and He says what He does. That is why we can always take Him at His Word, and this is why we weekly place ourselves under the discipline and training of His Word when we hear the Word of God preached in Church. God is good!

One area that I want to highlight is small groups. God has richly blessed us in this core area of ministry, and He is showing himself faithful to fulfill promises in this initiative.

At the outset of 2019, the Session felt led to make small groups a core strategic plan item. We felt God leading us to forming and launching a small group ministry. We prayed hard and felt God leading us to invest in ministry that would make our church one that has the depth of character and breadth of influence to reach South Charleston with the gospel. We are seeing that happening!

Just last week we kicked off the

small group ministry at FPC. We prayed hard for five small groups to begin with, the leaders to lead them, and the people to populate them. God fulfilled His promise on all accounts! We have five micro-communities now meeting and busting at the seams! What a wonderful thing to give Him praise for. It is such a blessing to feel so undeniably led by God and see how He works in our midst to make that thing happen.



there I Am in the midst

My prayer going forward is that God will use the micro-communities to bless, grow, reach out to, equip, care for, and establish individuals and individual families in a community context. God is at work and it is a blessing to step back and see Him move!

God bless you all.

Pastor Aaron

Sermon Series: Who Are We?

Nov. 17—Covenantal (Romans 15:22-33)

Nov. 24—Charitable (Romans 12:9-21)

Next Sermon Series—*Advent: Waiting with the Prophets*

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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PETER FINDS HIS FAITH TO BE MUCH STRONGER IN THE WINTER

November's Items of the Month for the Food Pantry

Boxed Potatoes
Boxed Stuffing

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

Advent Service

In celebration of Advent, along with decorating with poinsettias and other Christmas ornamentation, we will be having a special Advent service on Sunday evening, Dec. 1, at 7 pm. Mark your calendars!



Veterans' Memorial Dedication Tomorrow

The South Charleston Veterans Memorial will be dedicated on Monday, November 11 at 1 P.M. We hope that many will join us as we honor our local veterans as well as all veterans from all over our country and from all periods of service to our country.

The Memorial is located at the end of Woodward Street (State Route 41). It is next to the bike path on the south side of the village.

In case of very inclement weather the dedication will be moved to Southeastern High School.

Thank You!

The Election Day Salad Bar was a BIG success due to everyone's help including those who put up flyers, those who helped set up the tables and chairs, Pastor Aaron for unlocking the doors Tues at 6am, those who prepared many delicious salads, pies, nut bread and scalloped chicken, those who came to eat, the cashier, those who graciously helped on Tuesday, those who helped clean up – putting tables and chairs away and vacuuming, and, of course, those who kept us in their prayers. We took in \$926 that will help buy some new items for our nursery.

Don't forget to pick up your dishes on the cart by the kitchen in the Fellowship Hall.

Again, *Thank You* to all.
Jane Hildebrand



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 937-207-7679.

Appreciate —and Act

October was Pastor Appreciation Month, reminding us to thank our hardworking ministry leaders. But the people in the pews — though they might lack official church titles — also play important roles in doing God's work.

In *User Friendly Churches* (Regal Books), researcher George Barna compares the behavior of people in growing vs. stagnant or declining churches. Members of growing churches actively participate in the church's ministry. "They did not divorce their faith from their lifestyle; their faith *was* their lifestyle," Barna writes. "They took seriously the classical Reformation doctrine of the priesthood of all believers."

By contrast, laypeople in stagnant churches tend to observe rather than participate. "They perceived their role as being in the audience in the stands," Barna notes, "nodding approvingly in efforts to demonstrate religious behavior as the clergy went through their paces."

Appreciate our pastor, but then follow his example by living out your faith!

--The Newsletter Newsletter, Oct. 2017

Nursery News

Nov. 10	Sarah White	Dec. 1	Erin Webb
	Josiah White		Kate Mattinson
Nov. 17	Kenzie White	Dec. 8	Sarah Burton
	Aiden White		Rylan McInerney
Nov. 24	Julie White	Dec. 15	Barbie Cain
			Aiden White

We are in need of volunteers. If you would like to help in the Nursery during the coming months, please contact Julie White at 937-206-8388 or 937-462-9045

Hello everyone,

I have exciting news! Our numbers are growing in the nursery! As many of you know, I just send out texts using our church directory to ask for helpers. If you don't want to help, that is fine. Just tell me when I text you. Our numbers are so big in the nursery that we are moving to two workers every week.

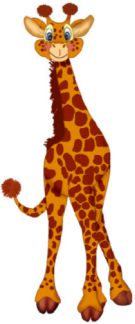
We are also planning to do some updating in the nursery. If you have any **gently used toys** that you would like to donate, please let me know. At this time, we do not need newborn toys. I am also looking for a **baby swing**. I have a few that cry a little when they are dropped off and I am thinking these children would maybe like to swing.

We also have some very smart toddlers who know how to open the gate. We are looking into a way to fix this problem, but until then we are going to close the door. ***Unless you are dropping off a child for nursery, please do not open the door.*** It upsets some of the children. (I think they think it's time to leave.)

We are also asking that ***if you are just giving your child a break from service but are going to stay with them and possibly return to church, please use the Fellowship Hall*** for this. Again, going in and out upsets some of the babies.

As always, if anyone has any ideas, please do not hesitate to tell me. It has been a while since I have had little ones.

In Christ,
Julie White



The Yoke of the Risen Jesus

By Rob Vaughn

Hello again, church family. I wanted to share with you some recent thoughts. I often listen to a sermon or read a piece of Scripture and am struck by some new angle. Such it is with God's word – such depth and richness that is truly inexhaustible. I was recently contemplating the following passage where Jesus tells his disciples: "Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:18-30 – ESV.) I have always been confused by this instruction. Specifically, why would I want Jesus' yoke? Was it actually 'easy' and 'light'? After all, Jesus was tortured, mocked, rejected, and ultimately killed. How is that easy and light – and why would I want it?!

During a recent sermon, Pastor Aaron made a reference to the risen Jesus – and the truth that he sits in bodily form today at the right hand of God. That's when this passage came into a whole new light for me. Jesus must be talking about his *finished* work – his *present* state. We do not need to suffer the punishment for sin and the pain of eternal death. Jesus already did that and, as he himself said, it is *finished*! The yoke we take, the light burden of Christ, is the resurrection. Indeed, the rest we find in Jesus must be the *eternal* rest that Jesus already enjoys. And the yoke we take from him is the *inheritance* of the Kingdom that we receive as fellow children of God. What great hope!

So, practically what can this mean? It means, I think, that in this world we do and will have trouble. But as Jesus said, we must take heart because he has overcome the world. This is what makes us different as Christians. This is what can we point to as we slog through this earthly life. We face the same troubles as non-believers – we don't escape pain and suffering in this life. But we are different because we have hope in a future resurrection and fellowship with our Lord. The future reality that we will be like Jesus – resurrected in bodily form and eternally united with our Father – is the hope we have that others don't. And as the apostle Peter said, we should always be prepared to give a reason for the hope that is within us. This is our purpose – to share the Good News.

