

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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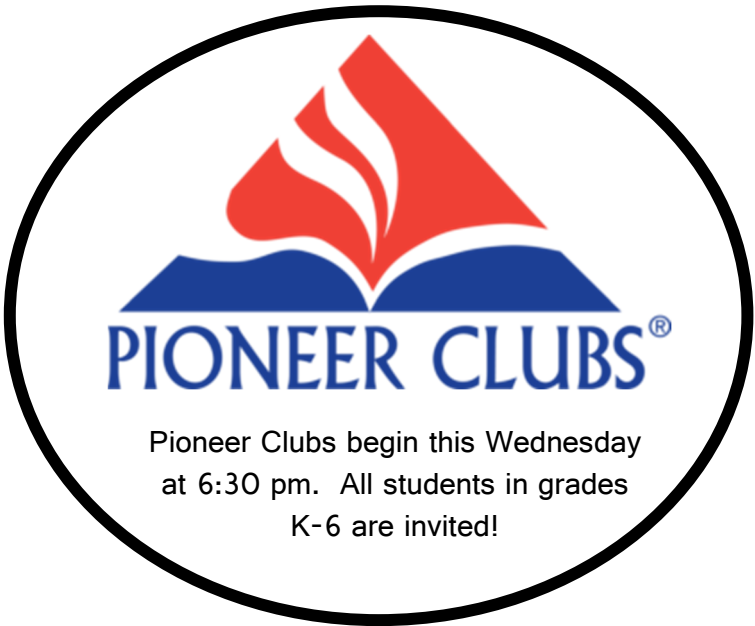
Events in Our Church Family

Sunday	6:30 pm	Small Group 1 (Grigorenko's)
	6:30 pm	Small Group 3 (Woods')
	6:30 pm	Small Group 5 (Rice's)
Monday	6:30 pm	Small Group 4 (Rotroff's)
	8:00 pm	Senior High Campaigner's (Gilbert's)
Tuesday	3-7 pm	Sanctuary Reserved
	6:00 pm	Deacons' Meeting (Fell. Hall)
Wednesday	6:00 am	Men's Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	6:30 pm	Pioneer Clubs
	6:30 pm	Jr. High Night (Gilbert's)
Thursday	10:30a-12p	Praise Leaders' Practice (Sanctuary)
	6:30 pm	Small Group 2 (Vaughn's)
	7:00 pm	Brass Practice (Sanctuary)
Sunday	8:30 am	Worship Service
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	6:30 pm	Small Group 1 (Grigorenko's)
	6:30 pm	Small Group 3 (?)
	6:30 pm	Small Group 5 (Rice's)



FPC NEWS

Jan. 12, 2020



Pioneer Clubs begin this Wednesday
at 6:30 pm. All students in grades
K-6 are invited!

Looking Ahead:

On Sunday, Feb. 9, we will celebrate our **Pioneer Clubs** at Pioneer Club Sunday. Because our clubs are vital to our church vision, our entire congregation will worship together at a joint service beginning at 10:00 am. In lieu of Sunday School, we will have donuts in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:30 am.



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Why It’s Great to Be A Presbyterian

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

Just an hour before writing this article, I had lunch with the stated clerk of our presbytery (basically the CEO of the presbytery) during his visit to Xenia to see his family, along with the pastor of Cedarville Pres and Kirkmont Pres. Over some good Bob Evans food, we discussed the things we see God doing in our respective churches and in the presbytery, as well as our hopes for the future. It was an encouragement to sit with these three pastors and share a common bond in Christ, our vocation, and our commitment to one vision in our denomination.

We certainly live in a culture and have for a while, that would say, “Get rid of denominations!” or “Why split over doctrinal matters?” or “Aren’t we all in the body of Christ--can’t we simply not have denominations?” All of these questions come from legitimate concerns, but I am not able to address them all in the detail needed in this small article.

I would say that healthy and ecumenical denominations (because some are not) actually

fully embody (pun intended?) the body of Christ.

In our case, we can praise God for the fantastic support our denomination has given us and the wonderful fellowship and order it brings us as well. Imagine the transition at FPC between pastors without the superb service of Pastor Bill Rasch or Pastor Paul Copeland. Those two men, who were part of the support of the presbytery, not only carried us through that time of transition — a normally difficult time for churches — but aided our leadership and helped us gain momentum in our vision casting and

search for a new shepherd. It is hard to imagine where we may have been without the support of our denomination during this time.

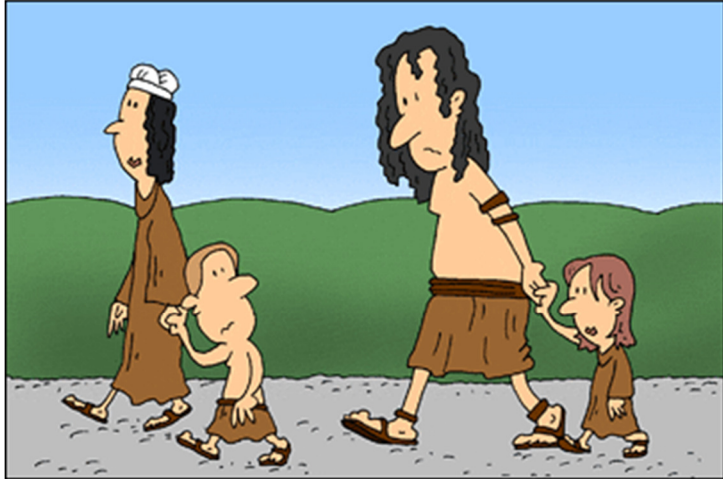


Sermon Series: Exploring the Bible—How God Relates to Us

- Jan. 19— A BIG Step of Faith (Gen. 6 & 9)
- Jan. 26— God Makes An Important Promise (Gen. 12, 15-17)
- Feb. 2— God Fulfills His Promise (Gen. 21-22)
- Feb. 9— God Saves His People (Ex. 2-3, 12, 14-15)

Where to turn to for help & answers...

Building Maintenance	Bob Entler
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
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



DOUBLE DATING WITH EACH OTHER'S SISTERS TURNED OUT TO BE THE MOST AWKWARD THING THAT BOTH GOLIATH AND ZACCHAEUS HAD EVER DONE 07-25-2008

January's

Item of the Month for the Food Pantry

Soup
Crackers

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

Help! Photos Needed

Janine Miller is putting together a brief overview of this past year's activities, happenings, and goings-on. It is more effective to show with pictures than with words, so if you have taken any photos you would like to share with the church family, please email them to Janine at scharlestonfirst@sbcglobal.net this coming week. Thank you!

Nursery Volunteers

Jan. 12	Rhonda Bryant Aiden White
Jan. 19	Julie White
Jan. 26	Kenzie White Raelyn Severt
Feb. 2	Pam Vaughn Sarah Vaughn

Installation

We will be installing our new church officers on Sunday, Feb. 2, at the 8:30 service.

Elders

Tom Severt
Greg Rice
Chris Cain

Deacon

Dan Smith

Currently, the presbytery continues to be a central source of encouragement and support. David Brown, our stated clerk with whom I met, has in many ways become a pastor to us pastors. He has created clusters of churches within our presbytery where teaching elders (pastors) and ruling elders can find fellowship among area EPC churches. We are part of a cluster with Greenville, Cedarville, Lebanon, Kirkmont, and a couple others. He also goes out of his way to learn more about our churches and how he can support us individually.

Additionally, we can be grateful for the initiatives of World Outreach, the mission's agency of the EPC. By being a member of the EPC, we are part of a denomination that has a clear goal to send missionaries to unreached Muslim populations around the world.

Our presbytery also examines our potential pastors in order to ensure that those standing in the pulpit or meeting people in their offices have integrity and are preaching God's Word solidly.

Finally, being called Presbyterian does not presume a doctrinal system. However, Reformed theology has traditionally been the doctrine of the Presbyterian church since its roots in Scotland. Being Presbyterian means that we believe the church should be governed in a particular way. Unlike most other familiar systems, we do not have bishops or Popes, and we are not a top-down government. Instead, we are bottom-up. "A healthy local church produces a healthy national and international



church," one man once said to me of Presbyterianism. This meant to me that if we are moving forward by preaching the gospel in our church, fellowshiping together over God's Word, administering the sacraments, and loving our village well, our denomination is integrally helped by us. We are essential to our denomination!

In sum, being Presbyterian means that there are no small people. It also does not mean that we cannot love or have fellowship with other gospel-preaching churches in our vicinity. Being part of a denomination, as I see it, actually endorses fellowship in the body. I would also add that it means in the best of times and in the hardest of times, our church will have a long life to look forward to preaching God's Word because we have the support of our presbytery.

As we embark on our 198th year of being "the Presbyterian Church" in South Charleston, let's be grateful for the body of believers that God has linked us within our denomination. God is good!

God bless you all, and praise God for our co-laborers who have vowed to be with us through thick and thin.

Pastor Aaron

Church Potluck & Annual Meeting

On Sunday, Feb. 2, everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 service for a church potluck and the Annual Meeting.

Potluck—bring a pot of soup, a platter of sandwiches, a salad, or a dessert (or any combination of the above). Paper products and drinks will be provided.

Annual Meeting—immediately following the potluck our Session will present the Strategic Plan for 2020 along with several other interesting tidbits. Be sure stay to find out what our goals will be this year.

Interested in a small group? We have groups available!

- Sundays at 6:30 pm (3 groups)—see Don Grigorenko
- Mondays at 6:30 pm—see Don Grigorenko
- Thursdays at 6:30 pm—see Don Grigorenko
- Men’s Fellowship: Wednesdays at 6:00 am (Fellowship Hall)
- Women’s Bible Studies
 - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (Room B-01)
 - Thursdays at 10:00 am (Fellowship Hall)



there I Am in the midst

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the coming year:
“Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.”
And he replied: “Go out into the darkness and put your hand
into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light
and safer than a known way.”

—M.L. Haskins

Yes! We have a church calendar!

Find it at www.fpcconnect.org/calendar.

Fun things you can do with our calendar

Check church events—time, date, location
(can also use the “Search” button)

Check rental availability—Want to hold a family event? Need a location? Check the church calendar to see if your date is available! Members are charged no rental fee, just an hourly rate to cover utility costs.

Schedule a church event, practice, meeting—go to the calendar, click on “Suggest Event”, fill out the form, and submit

Subscribe to calendar feeds—iCal is available with the online FPC calendar (click the iCal button near the top of the calendar)



10 Talents at FPC

Sunday, February 23
11:00 am service

10 Talents is a Christian rock band who travels the country (and even overseas) to share the gospel through their music and their testimony.

