

## WHERE TO TURN TO FOR HELP & ANSWERS

**Card Ministry** | Barbara Florence

**Change of Contact Information** | Janine Miller

**Children's Church** | Sarah White

**Church Calendar** | Janine Miller

**Deacons** | Fred Berge, Jim Lightle, Steve Paugh, Christy Routzahn, Dan Smith, Brad Timmons, Paul Webb, Bob Entler

**Events** | Katie Mitchell

**Food Pantry** | Jim Lightle, Fred Berge, Dan Smith

**Membership** | Pastor Aaron White

**Music Ministry** | Carol Wildman, Deanna Mattinson

**Newsletter** | Janine Miller

**Nursery** | Ashley Woods

**Pioneer Clubs** | Jodi Smith

**Prayer Chain** | Janine Miller

**Rental, Church Facilities** | Janine Miller

**Session** | Pastor Aaron White, Rob Vaughn, Jim Hildebrand, Greg Rice, Todd Severt, Chris Cain, Jeff Miller

**Small Groups** | Don Grigorenko, Aaron Baldauff

**Thursday Morning Breakfast Club** | A. J. Woods

**Technology & Website** | Mindy Wildman

## HOW TO RECEIVE CHRIST

ADMIT YOUR NEED.  
"I am a sinner."

BE WILLING TO TURN FROM YOUR SINS.  
"I am sorry for my sins, Lord. Please forgive me."

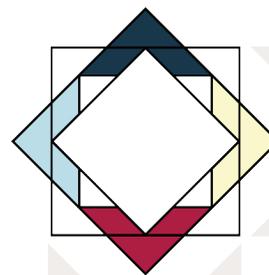
BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU ON THE CROSS AND ROSE FROM THE GRAVE.  
"I believe you did what you said you did—that you died on the cross then rose from the dead and have the power to save me."

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 RECEIVED CHRIST, WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOU A BIBLE. CONTACT PASTOR AARON IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

## GOLF OUTING & POTLUCK

Whether you love to golf or you just miss fellowshiping with your church family, come and join us! The golf outing will be at Locust Hills, May 2, followed by a potluck.

If you are interested in golfing, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall beginning next week. Golfers should be at the golf course by 1:15p, and the cost is \$20. Prepay by cash or checks (made out to the church) by April 25th. Please mark your payment for the Golf Outing and place it in the offering.

Everyone is invited to join us for a potluck following the golf outing. The potluck will be held in the Locust Hills Pavilion at 4:30p. We will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, and paper supplies. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

If you are able to bring a grill or have any questions, please contact Bodie (Jim) Lightle, Christy Routzahn, or Paul Webb.

## NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Beginning April 18, 2021

If you are not yet a member, but would like to be or would just like to learn more about FPC, here's your chance!

Pastor Aaron will be teaching a 6-week New Members' Class beginning Sunday, April 18th, during the Sunday School hour.

Please contact Pastor Aaron if you're interested in joining.

March 21, 2021

Written By

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

## What's Your Center

What motivates you? Have you thought about that recently? What gives you the drive to swing your legs out of bed and move through life? Take a moment to think about it...

I know for many it can be the joy that their spouse brings to their life, or the love of their vocation, or the drive to achieve. On a more serious and honest side, for many of us anxiety, fear, stress, and other such negative emotions can be the primary motivator for taking on the day — the feeling that “If I don’t do it, it won’t get done”, or “If I don’t do it, then no one will”, or my dad’s favorite, “If you want it done right, do it yourself.” Maybe you want to be honest today and say that this second category of descriptors is more in tune with where you are right now. That is OK to admit that. If you do, the gospel is for you! If you feel you are more in line with the former category, the gospel is for you too!

The importance in taking a moment to think about this question is that we all have a center. As Bob Dylan famously sang, “You gotta serve somebody.” Your center is what you serve, and your center is what you build the house of your life and your eternity upon.

Many, many American Christians have found other centers besides the gospel in recent months, but also more likely, in recent decades. Most notably, fear has become a Christian virtue. The strange thing about fear is that it is an opportunist. Fear takes every opportunity to displace your center. One day it might be one thing and the next another. It is always looking for something more secure and more stable, but it will never relinquish its power over you. It needs your attention. It’s a narcissist. Which also makes it a legalist that will demand more and more and more from you, but never quenching its thirst for your attention nor perfect fulfillment.

But the promise that you have, sister or brother, is that if you are united with Christ by grace and through faith, you are no longer a slave to fear. Instead, you can build your house on the stable, unchanging, immutable, and sovereign character of God and His Word and do His Word without hesitation or wavering.

As Jesus says in Luke 6:46-49:

46 “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you? 47 Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: 48 he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. 49 But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”

Sister or brother, I beg of you to seriously reflect about your center. Jesus assures you that you can call Him whatever you want, but if He is not your center, then your house is not secure. Secure your house in His name and Word and sleep easy tonight.

God bless you,  
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## Events in Our Church Family

COME JOIN US!

### TODAY

8:30AM  
10:00AM  
11:00AM  
6:30PM

WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
WORSHIP SERVICE  
CAMPAIGNERS (GILBERT’S)

### WEDNESDAY

6:00AM

IRONMEN FELLOWSHIP (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

### THURSDAY

5:30PM

PRAISE BAND PRACTICE

### SUNDAY (3/28)

8:30AM  
10:00AM  
11:00AM  
6:30PM

WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
WORSHIP SERVICE  
CAMPAIGNERS (GILBERT’S)

### WEDNESDAY (3/31)

6:00AM

IRONMEN FELLOWSHIP (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

### THURSDAY (4/1)

7:00PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

### FRIDAY (4/2)

7:00PM

COM. GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE (UMC)

## Easter Offering

Session has voted for the Easter offering this year to be divided equally between our missionaries and camp scholarships. Special Easter offering envelopes will be available Easter morning next to the offering boxes.

## Easter Memorial Flowers

All orders for Easter Memorial flowers need to be submitted today. Fill out the enclosed pink order form or email Janine at [office@fpconnect.org](mailto:office@fpconnect.org).

Memorials will be written in the Easter bulletin.

## Holy Week Praise Devotionals

This year the music team is organizing a special praise devotional series for Holy Week. Much like at Christmas, these devotionals will consist of a short Scripture reading and a musical selection. We will pre-record the devotionals and post them the week leading to Easter.

If you would be interested in reading a Scripture, please contact Carol Wildman 937-605-2267. All recording sessions will be scheduled for the week of March 21st.

## Holy Land Tour 2022

One event scheduled for the church's 200th celebration is a tour of the Holy Land. This is the first time for such an undertaking by our church. The itinerary and cost will come soon but the dates are set: June 4 – 13, 2022. The group size will be 15 to 25 individuals as we wanted this to mirror a small group. The group will be led by Dr. Mark Ziese, Dean of School of Bible and Theology, Johnson University. You can learn more about Dr. Ziese on his website: [markziese.com](http://markziese.com).

We will visit such places as Caesarea, Jericho, Masada, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem and so much more.

Once the travel brochure has arrived, informational discussions will be held. And after the group has been set, more specific information will be presented.

In anticipation of this wonderful opportunity, make sure your passport is current through December 2022. Continue saving money!

If you have any questions, contact Diane Eichelberger.

## NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Do questions arise throughout the week about the context and background of the Meeting With Jesus Bible study? Dive deeper into the text during this interactive Sunday School class.

Pastor Aaron and Don Grigorenko will be leading a Q&A style class (formerly the Narthex).

Each Sunday they will be discussing that day's scripture passages.

## MARCH *Anniversaries*

Mar. 16 | Tom & Lois Staton | 30 Years

Mar. 18 | Tom & Sharon Allen | 32 Years

### THANK YOU TO OUR NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Mar. 21 Ashley Woods

Mar. 28 Erin Webb

Apr. 4 Ashley Woods

Apr. 11 Sarah Burton

## NURSERY

Every effort will be made to keep the nursery clean and sanitized, but parents who leave their children in the nursery need to be aware that there will be other children there, as well as toys that other children have touched.

**Our nursery director, Ashley Woods, is asking those who would be willing to serve to please contact her at 740-505-2331.** All volunteers must wear a mask and would be serving at their own health risk.

## Holy Week 2021

Maundy Thursday | April 1, 2021  
Service at First Presbyterian | 7pm

Good Friday | April 2, 2021  
Service at Methodist Church | 7pm

Easter Sunrise | April 4, 2021  
Service at First Presbyterian | 6:30am

## GriefShare Grief Recovery Groups

The Methodist Church is offering a grief recovery support group, entitled GriefShare each Thursday from 6-8 pm beginning Apr. 8. To register, contact the Methodist Church at 937-462-8043 or call or text Lori at 937-284-2714. For more information or to sign up for daily emails dealing with grief, go to [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org).

## Food Pantry Donations

Help us support our community by donating non-perishables food items to the Manna Food Pantry.

March | Pancake Mix & Syrup  
April | Peanut Butter & Jelly  
May | Tuna Helper & Hamberger Helper  
June | Canned Fruit & Applesauce  
July | Pork N Beans & Canned Beans