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Thursday Morning Breakfast Club | A. J. Woods

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HOW TO RECEIVE CHRIST

ADMIT YOUR NEED.
"I am a sinner."

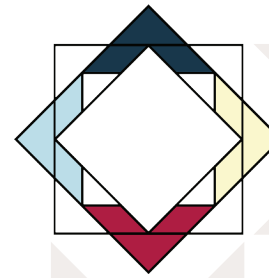
BE WILLING TO TURN FROM YOUR SINS.
"I am sorry for my sins, Lord. Please forgive me."

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

GUEST SPEAKER REV. DR. ERIC LAVERENTZ

On Sunday, May 16, we have the honor of hearing Rev. Dr. Eric Laverentz speak at both worship services plus offer two seminars: one during the Sunday School hour and one over lunch following the 11:00 service.

Dr. Laverentz, who formerly served as Senior Pastor at Kirkmont Presbyterian Church in Beavercreek, is currently Lead Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Edmond, Oklahoma, Coordinator of the Elder Leadership Institute, and a Flourishing Leaders coach. He is a published author and a conference speaker on church leadership.

Our Session has been studying his article series entitled "Recovering the Office of Elder: The Shepherd Model" over the past two years. Dr. Laverentz and his wife, Jen, have four children ages 5-13.

HOW'D I GET MY BIBLE

SUMMER SEMINAR AT FIRST PRES.

This summer Pastor Aaron and Don Grigorenko will host a study series featuring Bible experts answering common questions about where our Bible came from and why we can trust it.

More information coming soon.

April 25, 2021

Written By

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

Coming Soon!

As a church we have been talking a lot about what it means to “partner” with the local church; this is a contrast to being a consumer. Much like a team of sled dogs, we all pull together

and in the same direction and therefore finish the race. Imagine if the dogs pulled all in their own direction or quit the team if they didn’t like the food or the snow? The race would never be finished! As many of you remember, my first sermon series here at FPC was out of Philippians about what it means to partner with the church and pull alongside of one another and under the direction of the Session. Now, each new members’ class (every fall and spring), we take prospective new members through a class called Equipping Partners so they too can join our team and pull towards the finish alongside of the rest of us! So far, so good! We are increasing not only in numbers here at FPC, but more importantly, in partners!

The latest partnership opportunity will begin to be produced over the last half of 2021. It is called *Corresponding with Paul*.

What is “Corresponding with Paul”? CWP is FPC’s own version of *Exploring the Bible* or *Meeting with Jesus*, but this time we’ll be going through Paul’s Letters from Romans through Philemon. Our goal is to put together a book, in-house, that our congregation can use as we have with these other wonderful books we have done over the last year and a half.

As your pastor and along with the rest of Session, we found it hard to imagine not doing what we have been doing in ETB and MWJ. We believe these tools have brought us all closer together in our daily Bible reading, biblical literacy, and preparation to hear God’s Word preached each week. Since Crossway has yet to publish another book like these previous volumes we have walked through, it is time for us to roll up our sleeves and do one ourselves!

Now, through the partnership of about two-dozen of your fellow partners, we will get to work on this wonderful project. Pray for them!

More to come....

In the meantime, continue to work away at *Meeting with Jesus*.

God bless you,

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Events in Our Church Family

COME JOIN US!

TODAY

8:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00AM PARTNERSHIP CLASS (CHAPEL)
11:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE
6:30PM CAMPAIGNERS (GILBERT’S)

WEDNESDAY

6:00AM IRONMEN FELLOWSHIP (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

THURSDAY

6:30AM THURS. BREAKFAST CLUB (GILBERT’S)
5:30PM PRAISE BAND PRACTICE

SUNDAY (5/2)

8:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00AM PARTNERSHIP CLASS (CHAPEL)
11:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE
1:30PM GOLF OUTING (LOCUST HILLS)
4:30PM POTLUCK (LOCUST HILLS)
6:30PM CAMPAIGNERS (GILBERT’S)

TUESDAY (5/4)

11:00AM ELECTION DAY CARRYOUT

WEDNESDAY (5/6)

6:00AM IRONMEN FELLOWSHIP (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Election Day Carry Out

It's back! Join us for an Election Day Carry Out.
May 4, 2021 | 11a-1p
First Presbyterian Church
There will be no sit down available this year.

Pioneer Club & Graduation Sunday

Every year we like to honor our students. This year we had an amazing turnout of K-6th grade students participate in Pioneer Clubs. We would like to share some of that experience with our church family during Pioneer Club Sunday.

We would also like to honor our graduating Seniors as they prepare for their next journey.

Join us and invite a friend for a special combined outdoor service and donuts.

9:30a | Donuts 10:00a | Combined Service

Thursday Breakfast Club

All high schoolers are invited to join us for Thursday Breakfast Club!

Breakfast begins at 6:30a every Thursday now through May 6th at Gilbert's Youth Center.

If you are interested in volunteering with Breakfast Club, talk to A.J. Woods.

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.

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

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

More information to come.

If you have any questions, contact Diane Eichelberger.

YOU'RE INVITED

Everyone is invited to celebrate the graduation of Jed Miller and Justin Vaughn.

May 23 from 3-6p at First Presbyterian Church.

MAY *Anniversaries*

May 1 | Tim & Deanna Sullivan | 28 Years

Golf Outing and Potluck

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO
SIGN UP FOR GOLFING

Whether you love to golf or you just miss
fellowshipping 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. 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
today, **April 25th**. Please mark your payment for the Golf Outing and place it in the of-
fering.

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.

THANK YOU TO OUR NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Apr. 25 Christy Routzhan

May 2

May 9

May16

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.

Food Pantry Donations

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

May | Tuna Helper & Hamburger Helper
June | Canned Fruit & Applesauce
July | Pork N Beans & Canned Beans
August | Canned Tuna & Beef Stew
September | Cereal & Oats