

WHERE TO TURN TO FOR HELP & ANSWERS

Card Ministry | Barbara Florence

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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."

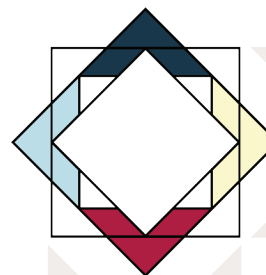
BE WILLING TO TURN FROM YOUR SINS.
"I am sorry for my sins, Lord. Please forgive me."

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

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.

If you plan on attending the 12:30 session, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. We will be ordering pizza and need to know how many will be attending.

8:30A & 11:00A | SANCTUARY
WORSHIP MESSAGE: BLAMELESS CHURCH (JUDE 24-25)

10:00A | SANCTUARY
ELDER AS SHEPHERDS

12:30P | FELLOWSHIP HALL
CREATING A COMMUNITY OF SHEPHERDS

May 9, 2021

Written By

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

A Praying Congregation

This past Thursday was the National Day of Prayer. One thing that always encourages me about being the pastor of this church is that this congregation is always in prayer. A praying

congregation is a healthy and growing congregation.

To encourage us further to that end, I would like to share a brief section from a book I am reading with my discipleship group that addresses prayer in the life of a healthy congregation. It is from a book by John Owen, a British pastor from the 1600's, called Duties of Christian Fellowship: A Manual for Church Members. John Owen, like many of the other Puritan writers, wrote plainly with many Scripture citations and in a style that is "on the nose"--that is, he doesn't pull many punches. They did this because they care deeply for the health of Christ's church and the sheep in the congregation.

In a section called "Rules for walking in fellowship with respect to other believers, with explanations of the rules, and motives for keeping them", John Owen's second rule is as follows:

Believers must maintain continual prayer for the prospering of the church under God's protection.

He cites Psalm 122:6; Philippians 1:4-5; Romans 1:9-10; Acts 12:5; Isaiah 62:6-7; Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 4:12.

Explanation:

Just as prayer is the great means of prevailing with the Almighty, Isaiah 45:11, so it is the sure refuge of the saints at all times, both for their own behalf, Psalms 61:2, and also for others, Acts 12:5. It is a benefit which the poorest believer maybe bestow, and the greatest ruler has no power to refuse. This is the well-trodden path of the soul's communion with God and for which the saints have many gracious promises of help, Zechariah 12:10; Romans 8:26; innumerable precepts to perform, Matthew 7:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; 1 Timothy 2:8; many encouragement, James 1:5; Luke 11:9; and precious promises of acceptance, Matthew 21:22; John 16:24; Psalm 50:15. By these and many other ways, the Lord has abundantly witnessed to his delight in this sacrifice of his people.

Now, as believers are called upon to pray for all men, of every kind, 1 Timothy 2:1-2, (except for those who have committed the sin leading to death, 1 John 5:16) even for their persecutors, Matthew 5:44, and those who enslaved them, Jeremiah 29:7, so they must especially pray for all saints, Philippians 1:4, and particularly for those with whom they are in fellowship, Colossians 4:12. The Lord has promised that 'over the whole site of Mount Zion and over her assemblies' there shall be 'a cloud by day, and smoke shining of a flaming fire by night', Isaiah 4:5, and it is the duty of all to pray that this should be the case. Someone who does not continue in prayer for the protection of the church is not worthy of the church's privileges. Prayer, therefore, for the good, prosperity, flourishing, peace, increase, edification, and protection of the church is a duty required from all its members.

Motives for obeying this rule:

- Respect for the ordinances of God.
- Concern for God's glory.
- The honor of Jesus Christ.
- Our own benefit and spiritual interest.
- The directness of the commands.

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

MONDAY

6:00PM MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

TUESDAY

9:00AM STAFF MEETING (VILLAGE CUP)
6:00PM DEACONS' MEETING

WEDNESDAY

6:00AM IRONMEN FELLOWSHIP (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

THURSDAY

5:30PM PRAISE BAND PRACTICE

SUNDAY (5/16)

8:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00AM PARTNERSHIP CLASS (CHAPEL)
11:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE
12:30PM LUNCH SEMINAR

WEDNESDAY (5/19)

6:00AM IRONMEN FELLOWSHIP (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Happy Mother's Day

Blessings In A Bottle

Each year the Pregnancy Resource Clinic of Clark County raises funds with their Blessings in A Bottle campaign. These donations go to provide services to women who are faced with an unwanted or unplanned pregnancy. The PRC offers information and services to these families and provides resources to those who choose to parent their little ones.

This Sunday, Mother's Day, you may pick up a bottle from the table in the Fellowship Hall and take it home. Fill it with loose change or bills and then bring it back on Father's Day. All donations will go directly to the PRC.

Election Day Carry-Out

We would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who helped with this year's Election Day Salad Bar Carry-Out. We were able to raise \$493 for the Women's Association ministry and served 102 meals.

Please do not forget to pick up your dishes from the cart outside the kitchen.



Jennifer Powell McNutt @jpowellmcnutt · Nov 23, 2020

Q: "Are you a Christian?"

A: "Ask my neighbor."

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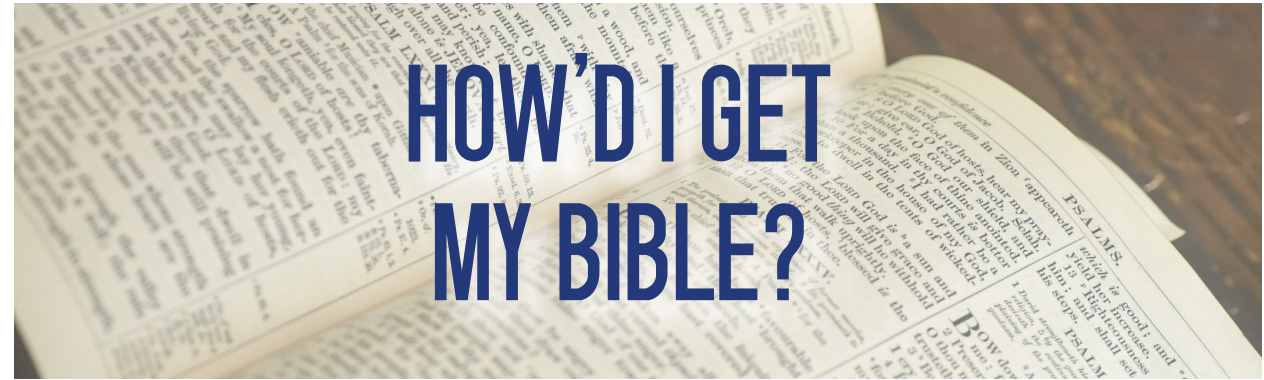
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I will confess to you all that I am no "prayer warrior", but when I feel the assault of the Enemy, the weakness of my flesh, witness the suffering and trials of my sisters and brothers, and experience the joy of thanksgiving, I pray. One of the greatest roadblocks to my prayer life is to engage in "legalistic prayer", as I call it, wherein I "pray as I should and for the things I should pray for." I am sure you've been there before. Instead, take heart the words of John Owen and pray often for Christ's church for all the reasons listed in whatever way the Spirit would lead you to do that.

God bless you and keep you,

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One of the causes of biblical illiteracy in our modern church culture is an ignorance of the history of the Bible, its origin, accuracy, transmission and translation. We hope to address that problem with a summer seminar series entitled "How'd I Get My Bible?"

Each Sunday evening, May 30-July 25th at 6pm, Pastor Aaron & Don Grigorenko will facilitate this series with a leading scholar present through Zoom who will answer questions on particular topics.

May 30 | What is the Bible? | Robert Yarbrough

June 6 | Did the Bible Exist Before it was Written? | David Wenham

June 13 | Who Wrote the Old Testament? | Aaron W. White & Scott Redd

June 20 | Who Wrote the New Testament? | Stanley Porter

June 27 | Who Put the Bible Together? | Pete Gurry & John Meade

July 4 | No Meeting

July 11 | Why Are There So Many Translations? | Paul R. House

July 18 | What Were the Early Translations of the Bible? | Mark Strauss

July 25 | Are We Still Translating the Bible? | Don Grigorenko

Pioneer Club & Graduation Sunday

May 23, 2021

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

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.

Looking Ahead

How'd I Get My Bible? | May 30-July 25
Father's Day Breakfast | June 20
Pioneer Day Camp | July 19-20

THANK YOU TO OUR NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

May 9 Ashley Woods

May 16 Jenny Severt

May 23 Nursery will be open but there will be no workers.

May 30 Diana Timmons

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