



WELCOME TO FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT 2026



Greetings, people so dearly loved by God; grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!
As many of you are aware, we have four core emphases at FPC:



Worship
(gathered prayer, preaching, and the sacraments)



NextGen Ministry



Discipleship
(small groups, discipleship groups, and Sunday school)



Missions

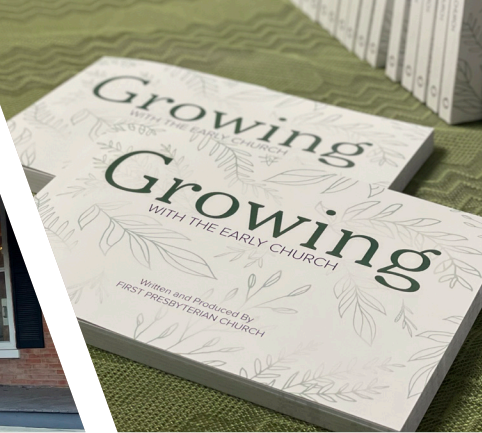
God has called us, as a local church, to pursue these priorities with our time, talents, and treasure. This annual report is one way we tell the story of how God has been at work among us. If a friend ever asks what FPC is all about, I encourage you to share this booklet as an introduction to the life, values, and mission of our church.

This past year has been marked by both faithfulness and renewal. I want to highlight just a few things here, knowing that many more things could receive much praise and gratitude.

One significant milestone was the completion of our daily devotional book, *Growing with the Early Church*, which also shaped our 2024-2025 sermon series. This creation of this project was a true congregational effort. It was a joy to see Scripture, prayer, and shared reflection woven into the daily lives of our church family.

In the fall, we launched a two-year focus called “One Church, One Vision.” This initiative has helped us refocus our shared life around youth and discipleship ministry. Year one centers on the relaunch of junior high ministry and Sunday school. Year two, beginning in the fall of 2026, will focus on relaunching senior high ministry and strengthening our small groups. This is not about programs for their own sake but about forming disciples who know Christ, love His church, and live faithfully in the world.

In August of 2025, we prayed earnestly for the revival of youth in our town—and God responded quickly. Three high school students sought baptism and have since become a regular and committed part of our church body. There has been a passion for the Jr. High ministry that kicked off this fall. Some nights there are nearly 20



students attending Jr. High Group. These are signs of God's quiet but powerful work among us, and they give us great hope for the future.

Another meaningful change this year was our move to one unified service of worship. Bringing the body of Christ at FPC back together in a single gathering has been a blessing, strengthening our sense of shared identity and community around the Word and Sacrament.

Behind the scenes, the deacons and session have worked diligently to steward our resources wisely. Together, they have focused on rebuilding our "rainy day" fund and ensuring that our financial practices give the congregation confidence and clarity. Their careful stewardship allows us to move forward faithfully, focused on the ministry God has entrusted to us.

As we look ahead, I encourage each of you to prayerfully consider where God may be calling you to offer your time, talent, and treasure. I am especially encouraged by the vitality of our women's Bible studies and Sunday school discipleship. I also continue to pray that men will step forward to cultivate fellowship, accountability, and growth

together as men in Christ.

Thank you for your faithfulness, your prayers, and your love for Christ and His church. It is a joy to serve alongside you.

With gratitude and hope in Christ,
Pastor Aaron White

FPC AT A GLANCE

4 BAPTISMS
1 YOUTH & 3 ADULTS

126 WK/AVERAGE
ATTENDANCE

174 MEMBERS
(INCL. CHILDREN)

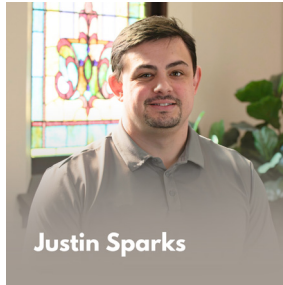
LEADERSHIP SESSION

FPC is overseen by Elders, a group of people who have been called by God and elected by the congregation through the Nominating Committee for a 3-year term. Elders make most of the decisions involving the life of the church family. They are charged with the spiritual leadership, teaching, protection, care, and discipline of the congregation.



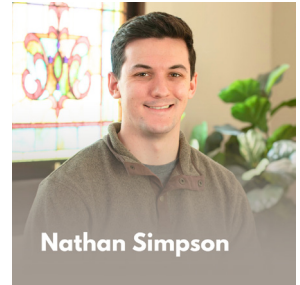
Aaron White
Pastor

Teaching Elder



Justin Sparks

Class of 2026



Nathan Simpson

Class of 2026



A.J. Woods

Class of 2027



Jeff Miller

Class of 2028

5 YEAR VISION 2023-2028

We see in the next five years the development and further support of the core ministries and initiatives of the church, anchoring ourselves in God's ordinances and undergirded by prayer. We will see this come into reality by (1) equipping elders, deacons, and staff for joyful and healthy leadership, (2) seeking and making disciples at all levels of ministry, (3) seeing our members placed in areas of influence in our village's daily life, and (4) resourcing other churches for effective gospel-centered ministry, ultimately preparing our congregation to plant another body of disciple-making believers in a local community.



One Church | One Vision | One Purpose

A Two Year Shepherding Initiative

Purpose

- Worship God weekly in Word, prayer, and sacraments
- Grow disciples in love for Jesus and life in the Spirit
- Pass on faith to the next generation
- Send global workers to reach the nations
- Love neighbors with intentional, no-strings-attached care

This Year's Focus (2025-26)

- One Worship Service — reunited as one family
Beginning Nov. 2, 2025 we will have one service starting at 9am with Sunday School to follow. This service will be in the traditional style.
- Jr. High Launch — raising a new generation
- Sunday School Training — equipping members of all ages with practical tools

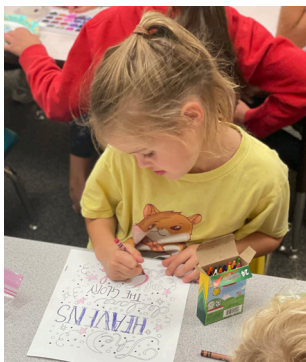
Looking Ahead (2026-27)

- Renewed Small Groups — sharing life and building fellowship
- Sr. High Ministry — preparing to reach spiritually hungry youth

Join us by...

- Praying often.
- Serving joyfully.
- Giving generously.
- Encouraging one another.

Together, we move forward as one church,
trusting God to grow His kingdom.



NEXTGEN MINISTRY

We believe in equipping the next generation with the word and love of Jesus. FPC offers programs like Sunday School, Children's Church, Pioneer Clubs, and teen programs for students of all ages to allow them to learn, grow, and thrive.

PIONEER CLUBS

Pioneer Clubs helps kids know Jesus, grow in their faith, and have fun along the way. Through Bible lessons, music, and hands-on activities like crafts and games, children discover how to live out their faith with joy and purpose.

64 FALL 2025
WK/AVERAGE
(WEDNESDAYS 6:30P)



Scan for a virtual tour of the new NextGen HQ.

NEXTGEN HEADQUARTERS

NextGen HQ is where Jr. and Sr. High students connect, grow, and build lasting friendships rooted in faith. Our youth center provides a safe, engaging space to explore God's Word and deepen their relationship with Jesus.

13 JR. HIGH GROUP
WK/AVERAGE
(WEDNESDAYS 6:30P)

6 SR. HIGH BIBLE STUDY
WK/AVERAGE
(DAY & TIME TO BE DETERMINED)

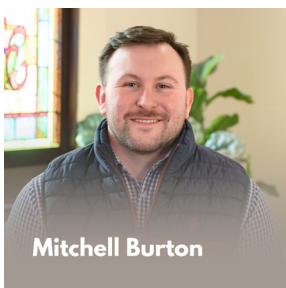
5 JR. HIGH BIBLE STUDY
WK/AVERAGE
(THURSDAYS 6:30A)

A special thanks to the students who helped transform the Manse into the new youth center!



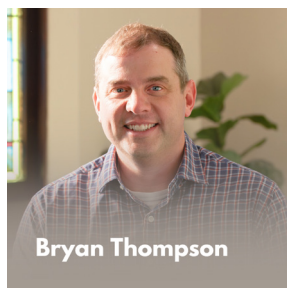
Pam Vaughn

Class of 2026



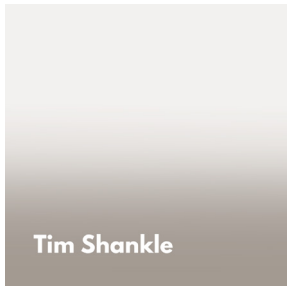
Mitchell Burton

Class of 2027



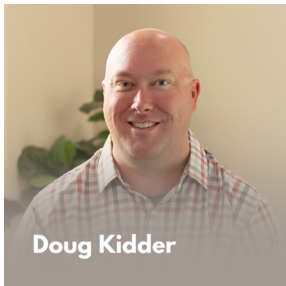
Bryan Thompson

Class of 2027



Tim Shankle

Class of 2027



Doug Kidder

Class of 2028

DEACONS' MINISTRY

The FPC Deacons serve our church by managing facility repair, keeping track of finances, and organizing fellowship activities. They also serve the South Charleston community through the Food Pantry and other outreaches.

MANNA FOOD PANTRY

The Manna Food Pantry continues to serve families in the Southeastern School District. There were 25-30 households served in 2025.

Thank you to all the families, individuals, and organizations who have supported the food pantry.

COMMUNITY CARE

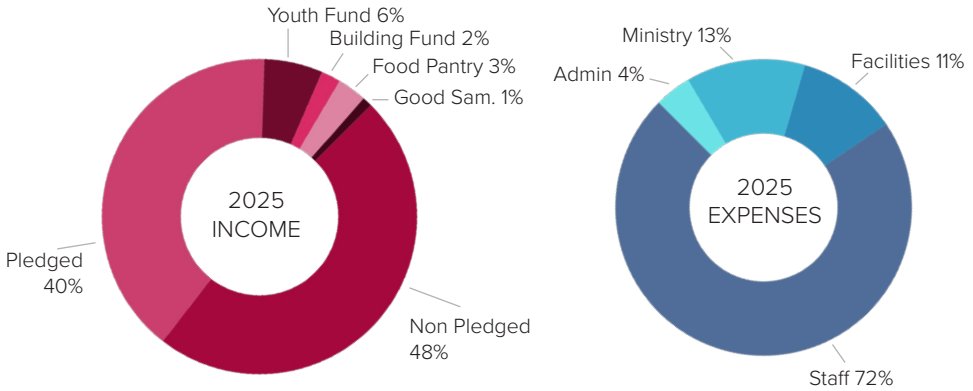
Through the Good Samaritan Fund, deacons helped community members with emergency needs for utilities. Christmas food baskets and gifts were also distributed.

Additionally, the deacons provided Barb Florence with cards and stamps to continue the popular card ministry that blesses many in our community.

FPC FINANCES

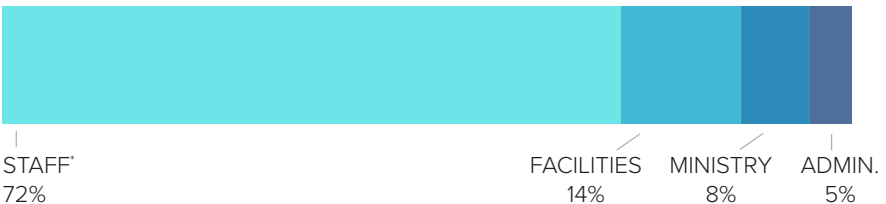
2026 Treasurer: Mitchell Burton (Deacon)

Our Session and Diaconate plan to strategically save surplus funds, **equal to three months of operating expenses (\$90,000)**, to strengthen the church's long-term financial health and ministry sustainability, so that we can **maintain a future-oriented mission and vision of fulfilling the Great Commission.**



INCOME HISTORY		
Year	Income	
2020	\$272,882	FPC has seen a 27% increase in income since 2020.
2021	\$384,978	
2022	\$334,314	
2023	\$372,638	
2024	\$407,334	
2025	\$348,651	

2026 BUDGET \$346,672



*Ministries at FPC are supported by 7 staff members (1 full time and 6 part time), who carry out the day-to-day, hands-on tasks of all our core ministries.

FINANCE DETAILS

MINISTRY

OVERALL MINISTRIES

2025 GOAL: \$22,150

SPENT \$21,431

2026 GOAL \$29,100

WORSHIP

2025 GOAL: \$1,400
SPENT \$470

2026 GOAL \$850

MISSIONARIES

2025 GOAL: \$14,400
SPENT \$14,400

2026 GOAL \$14,400

CHRISTIAN ED.*

2025 GOAL: \$2,800
SPENT \$2,485

2026 GOAL \$1,700

FELLOWSHIP**

2025 GOAL: \$2,150
SPENT \$717

2026 GOAL \$2,150

*Christian Education includes Sunday School, Small Groups, and Training.

**Fellowship includes: Donut Sundays, Chili Cook-off, Coffee & Kitchen Supplies, etc.

MINISTRY NEEDS:

- COFFEE SUPPLY DONATIONS (SEE JANINE MILLER)
- SOMEONE TO PLAN/ORGANIZE ONE FELLOWSHIP EVENT FOR THE YEAR (SEE EVAN DELK)
- GOLF-OUTING: HELP WITH COORDINATING (SEE EVAN DELK)
- FUNDS/FUNDRAISING FOR SPECIFIC EVENTS (SEE EVAN DELK)
- COFFEE SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP VOLUNTEERS (SEE PAM VAUGHN)

OUTCOMES

- ADULTS GROW IN FAITH THROUGH STRUCTURED LEARNING GROUPS
- CHILDREN & FAMILIES ARE SUPPORTED BY CHRIST-CENTERED INSTRUCTION
- MINISTRY LEADERS ARE EQUIPPED WITH CURRICULUM RESOURCES
- WORSHIP SERVICES ARE PROVIDED WITH NEEDED MATERIALS
- GUESTS EXPERIENCE WARMTH, WELCOME, AND HOSPITALITY
- OUR CHURCH REMAINS CONNECTED TO MISSION BEYOND OUR WALLS

FINANCE DETAILS

YOUTH MIN.

Youth Ministry includes:
Summer camps,
Pioneer Clubs, Pioneer Camp,
Junior & Senior High Activities.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

2025 GOAL: \$11,500

SPENT \$9,738

DONATIONS \$3,437

2026 GOAL \$9,500



MINISTRY NEEDS:

- 3RD GRADE PIONEER CLUB LEADER (SEE JODI SMITH)
- SNACK DONATIONS (SEE JODI SMITH, NATE MOHLER)
- JR & SR HIGH SUPPORT AND HELP TO THE LEADERS (SEE JUSTIN SPARKS, AARON BALDAUFF)

OUTCOMES

- YOUTH PARTICIPATE IN CAMPS AND RETREATS THAT DEEPEN FAITH
- JR. & SR. HIGH STUDENTS BUILD CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIPS
- YOUNG PEOPLE EXPERIENCE CONSISTENT SPIRITUAL FORMATION
- YOUTH FEEL KNOWN, WELCOMED, AND SUPPORTED BY THE CHURCH
- FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED DURING KEY FORMATIVE YEARS



YOUTH CENTER RENOVATIONS

INCOME: \$21,000**
 SPENT: \$17,000**

BALANCE \$4,000

* Specific donations for this purpose
 ** These numbers are estimates. For more precise numbers, see the monthly financials at the Connection Kiosk.



ROBERTS ROOM - PHASE 2

PHASE 1 (COMPLETED)

Budgeted: \$2,500

Lighting \$161
 Dividers \$64
 Paint \$498
 Technology \$21
 Activities \$387
 Signage \$138
 Furniture \$220
 Other Exp. \$192

PHASE 2 (ONGOING)

Roberts Room

HVAC \$7,515
 Flooring \$8,100
 Paint \$120

PHASE 2 NEEDS:

- Installation of a new door (see Doug Kidder)
- Exterior painting (see Doug Kidder, Tim Shankle)
- Chimney removal (see Doug Kidder, Mitchell Burton)

FINANCE DETAILS

MANNA FOOD PANTRY



Scan for Food Suggestions

FOOD PANTRY

DONATIONS: \$20,602*

SPENT \$10,756**

BALANCE \$9,800

* Also numerous food donations from both community and church members

** Orders of canned goods to stock the pantry and vouchers for recipients to spend at Shoemakers for fresh foods bimonthly

FINANCE DETAILS

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

GOOD SAM.

DONATIONS: \$3,275

SPENT \$1,091

BALANCE \$3,885

Used for families in our community to assist with emergency needs for utilities, unforeseen expenses that create hardship.

FINANCE DETAILS

BUILDING

FUND

BUILDING

DONATIONS: \$7,045
SPENT \$3,930

BALANCE \$8,833

MAINTENANCE NEEDS

- LIGHTING FIXTURES REPLACED IN CLASSROOMS (SEE TIM SHANKLE)
- PAINTING OF SOME CLASSROOMS & HALLWAY (SEE PAM VAUGHN)
- FUNDS TO SAVE FOR AGING ROOF AND HVAC - REPAIRS/REPLACEMENT (SEE MITCHELL BURTON)

HOW TO GIVE

When we give—whether through our finances, our time, or our talents—we're joining God's work in the world. Every gift supports the ministry of the church, strengthens the community of believers, and helps meet the needs of others.



Easily give online through myEoffering or givebutter.com.



myEoffering



An offering is taken in person during every service. This is a time of reflection and thanksgiving.



Give Butter



15 N. CHILLICOTHE ST.
PO BOX P
SOUTH CHARLESTON, OHIO 45368
WWW.FPCCONNECT.ORG