



The Lamplighter

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MAY 2017

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Pastor's Pen

A Strange Church by Floyd Trexler

It was a strange church—with only seven members, an old door less garage supported by questionable timbers.

The preacher was five years old, holding an open Bible who couldn't read a word, but was very reliable.

You see, one of the members never slept a nod, but whispered in the preacher's ear (whose name was Rev. God).

Rev. God was member number one, the other six had chores, Billy played his musical comb. George ushered at the doors. Eddie and Claude were the choir. Margaret took up the money. Little Floyd preached the sermon flowing with milk and honey.

Some say it wasn't a church. 'Twas too small and little, but God was there with us, right smack in the middle.

And, that's all it really takes to plant a church on sod, six trusting little kids, and one Big Loving God!

(a true story recalling my childhood)

Pastor Trexler had served as pastor at my First Call in Kentucky. He was about the age I am now, and was a popular preacher when congregations needed someone to serve as pastor for a Sunday or two.

When I first read Floyd's poem, I could picture this white-haired, kind-hearted old man, as a five year old. He's been gone a long time now, but I will see him again!

I stuffed his poem in my May file, the month this year, that all belongs to Easter. We join together in this 50 day season to celebrate our risen Lord's presence in our midst and God's undying love for the human family. From little kids in a rundown garage, to you and I in our sophisticated world.

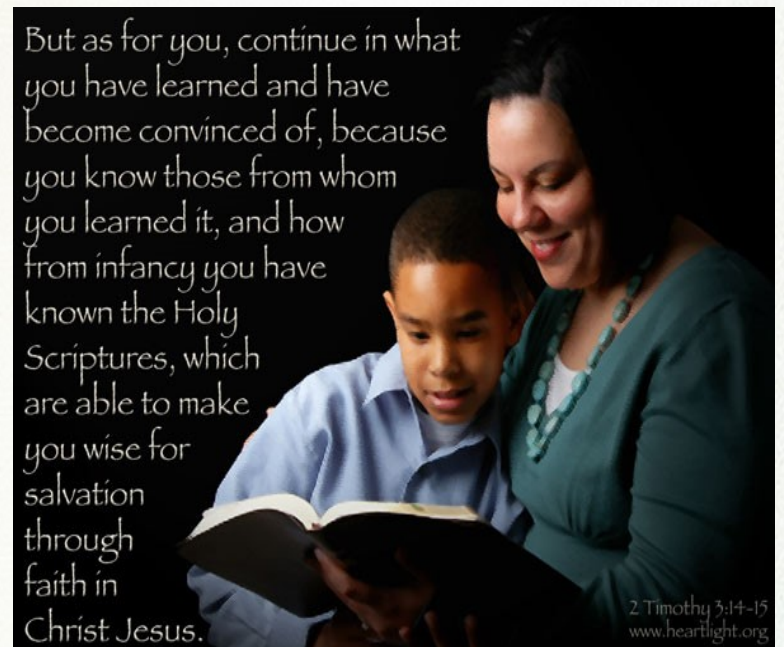
*Bless you this Easter season,
Pastor Otto*



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Woman of the Year:
Sunday, May 14th!

*Charm is deceptive,
and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the
Lord is to be praised.
Proverbs 31:30*



But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:14-15
www.heartlight.org

How Many Times to Visit?

Visit once-and you are fulfilling an obligation.

Visit twice-and you are showing real interest.

Visit three times-and you are demonstrating a real concern for the person.

Visit a fourth time-and you are showing determination.

Visit until you enlist and win the prospect-and you are modeling the love of Christ.

Your witness counts!

YOUTH CORNER



There is still time to join
in the fellowship of our youth by preparing the
Wednesday evening meal.

Please sign up in the educational wing today!
The Youth & J.A.M. continue to meet each Wednesday
(through May) at 6. p.m. If you know any youth who may
not have a church home, invite them to join us!



Thank you!

*A huge thank you to Melanie Dean-Brenner,
and all those who made the youth trip to
Thunder Over Louisville possible! A fun time was
had by all, (even with the weather)!*

Are all the Children In?

I think of times as the night draws nigh of an old house on the hill, of a yard all wide and blossom starred,
where the children played at will.

And when the night at last came down, hushing the merry din, mother would look around and ask, “are
all the children in?”

Tis many and many a year since then, and the old house on the hill no longer echoes to childish feet, and
the yard is still, so still.

But I see it all, as the shadows creep, and though many the years have been, I still can hear my mother
ask, “are all the children in?”

When we step into the other land, where mother so long has been, will we hear her ask, just as of old,
“are all the children in?”

-Author unknown

FPC News & Notes

Annual bingo night!

Reminder: Our annual bingo night has been rescheduled for Friday, May 5th at 6:30. Please bring a white elephant gift for a prize, and also bring a snack to share! Once again, Mickey and Curry will serve as hosts. So bring a friend and come enjoy a fun evening! (adults only)

DID YOU EVER THINK YOU MIGHT LIKE TO PLAY HANDBELLS? NOT SURE?

COMING THIS SUMMER!

INTRODUCTION TO HANDBELLS:

ALL ARE WELCOME!

AGES 4TH GRADE TO 94!

THE DATES AND TIMES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE DONNA HOUSTON OR LOOK FOR THE SIGN UP SHEET IN THE EDUCATIONAL WING!



The Future of FPC

FPC recently completed a five-part congregational series on the future of FPC. The first program introduced the challenges and opportunities facing FPC; the next three programs were roundtable discussions by the congregation on those challenges and opportunities; and the final program was a Sunday Night Live where the key findings from the discussions were presented and discussed.

Based on the results of the congregational discussions and surveys, Session made the following recommendations.

OUTREACH

- Hire a professional marketing consultant to develop an integrated and comprehensive marketing program for FPC, including effective use of both traditional and social media. Develop messaging.
- Create an Outreach Committee to manage outreach and implement marketing plan when completed.
- Ask Pastor Otto and Rev. Davis to develop a program to help FPC members/friends make invitations.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND INTEGRATION IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- Create a "Deacon's Council"
- Members include Pastor, elected Deacons, Friend of Month, and additional volunteers
- Responsible for comprehensive and coordinated congregational care, fostering connection among members, checking on absent congregants, and on-boarding & integrating new members/friends.
- Develop a Committee Policy document that includes term of membership and process for selecting new committee members. Survey congregants on interests/talents and willingness to volunteer.

WORSHIP SERVICE

- Ask worship Committee to develop plan to address recommendations on hymns and sermons:
- Congregational hymns: include more songs that are easier for the congregation to sing and are more uplifting.
- More diversity in the mix of hymns.
- Sermons: more emphasis on how the Christian faith relates to the issues facing individuals, families and society today.

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FPC News & Notes

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CHURCH VAN

Session will ask committees how they might use a van to advance the FPC mission.

Ask the Finance Committee to evaluate options for acquiring a van and the cost of acquiring/maintaining.

CHURCH PLAYGROUND

Ask Young Disciples Committee and Building and Maintenance Committee to work together to develop a plan for a playground, including costs and risk mitigation.

FPC PRESCHOOL

Create Task Force to explore and evaluate the feasibility and wisdom of FPC opening a Preschool.

Includes: need/market; impact on FPC /operations; own or lease space to someone else; costs; etc.

Ask Young Disciples Committee to evaluate Parents Day Out and other options to help families with kids

In terms of the timing for implementation of the recommendations, Session proposed the following schedule:

Begin now and move ahead with prudence **ASAP**

Create Outreach Committee and Deacon's Council: greater emphasis on outreach and congregational care

Worship Service modifications:

Begin evaluation process now; make decision; if yes, implementation when funds available

Church Van/Church Playground

Begin evaluation process now; decision and implementation after new pastor arrives

FPC Preschool Proposal

Updating / Refreshing the Educational Wing and Basement

At the Sunday Night Live program (April 23, 2017) there was lively and very helpful discussion of the findings and recommendations from the congregational series. There was a strong feeling of optimism about the future of FPC, given the love of the congregation for FPC and the wonderful opportunities presented in the near future by the hiring of a new pastor and receiving Delene Clendining's gift to the church.

If you would like a copy of the report presented at Sunday Night Live, please contact Candice at the FPC Office. She can mail you a copy or send you a copy by email.

Please feel free to contact any member of Session with any questions or comments you have on the findings or recommendations.

Session Highlights

- Many thanks to the Session members on the Evangelism task force including Barry Hain, Meredith Halcomb, Donna Houston, Prentice Knight, and Anna Smith. This group planned our discussions on Sunday mornings and at Sunday Night Live regarding church growth.
- Thanks to Barry Hain, elected commissioner to the May 9th Presbytery meeting in Murray, Ky.
- Session approved funds, which will come from the Youth fund, for Gena and Gwen Stubbs to accompany the Presbytery youth trip to Chicago. Funds were also approved for Olivia Rahm and chaperone to attend the Montreat Youth Conference this summer. Olivia will be traveling with the youth from the Bowling Green Presbyterian church.
- Session approved Youth trip to Thunder over Louisville and a May lock-in for the Youth.

May 2017 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press 1993). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

Monday, May 1

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Dan. 4:19–27
1 John 3:19–4:6
Luke 4:14–30

Tuesday, May 2

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Dan. 4:28–37
1 John 4:7–21
Luke 4:31–37

Wednesday, May 3

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Dan. 5:1–12
1 John 5:1–12
Luke 4:38–44

Thursday, May 4

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Dan. 5:13–30
1 John 5:13–20 (21)
Luke 5:1–11

Friday, May 5

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Dan. 6:1–15
2 John 1–13
Luke 5:12–26

Saturday, May 6

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Dan. 6:16–28
3 John 1–15
Luke 5:27–39

Sunday, May 7

4th Sunday of Easter
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Gen. 18:22–33
1 Peter 5:1–11
Matt. 7:15–29

Monday, May 8

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Jer. 30:1–9
Col. 1:1–14
Luke 6:1–11

Tuesday, May 9

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Jer. 30:10–17
Col. 1:15–23
Luke 6:12–26

Wednesday, May 10

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Jer. 30:18–22
Col. 1:24–2:7
Luke 6:27–38

Thursday, May 11

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Jer. 31:1–14
Col. 2:8–23
Luke 6:39–49

Friday, May 12

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Jer. 31:15–22
Col. 3:1–11
Luke 7:1–17

Saturday, May 13

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Jer. 31:23–25
Col. 3:12–17
Luke 7:18–28 (29–30) 31–35

Sunday, May 14

5th Sunday of Easter
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Isa. 32:1–8
2 Thess. 2:13–17
Matt. 7:7–14

Monday, May 15

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Jer. 32:1–15
Col. 3:18–4:18
Luke 7:36–50

Tuesday, May 16

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Jer. 32:16–25
Rom. 12:1–21
Luke 8:1–15

Wednesday, May 17

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Jer. 32:36–44
Rom. 13:1–14
Luke 8:16–25

Thursday, May 18

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Jer. 33:1–13
Rom. 14:1–12
Luke 8:26–39

Friday, May 19

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
 Evening: Pss. 49; 138
 Deut. 31:30–32:14
 Rom. 14:13–23
 Luke 8:40–56

Saturday, May 20

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
 Evening: Pss. 23; 114
 Deut. 32:34–41 (42) 43
 Rom. 15:1–13
 Luke 9:1–17

Sunday, May 21

6th Sunday of Easter
 Morning: Pss. 93; 150
 Evening: Pss. 136; 117
 Deut. 15:1–11
 1 Tim. 3:14–4:5
 Matt. 13:24–34a

Monday, May 22

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
 Evening: Pss. 124; 115
 Deut. 8:1–10
 or Deut. 18:9–14
 James 1:1–15
 Luke 9:18–27

Tuesday, May 23

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
 Evening: Pss. 66; 116
 Deut. 8:11–20 or Deut. 18:15–22
 James 1:16–27
 Luke 11:1–13

Wednesday, May 24

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 9; 118
 Deut. 19:1–7
 James 5:13–18
 Luke 12:22–31

Thursday, May 25

Ascension of the Lord
 Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 68; 113
 Ezek. 1:1–14, 24–28b
 Heb. 2:5–18
 Matt. 28:16–20

Friday, May 26

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
 Evening: Pss. 49; 138
 Ezek. 1:28–3:3
 Heb. 4:14–5:6
 Luke 9:28–36

Saturday, May 27

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
 Evening: Pss. 23; 114
 Ezek. 3:4–17
 Heb. 5:7–14
 Luke 9:37–50

Sunday, May 28

7th Sunday of Easter
 Morning: Pss. 93; 150
 Evening: Pss. 136; 117
 Ezek. 3:16–27
 Eph. 2:1–10
 Matt. 10:24–33, 40–42

Monday, May 29

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
 Evening: Pss. 124; 115
 Ezek. 4:1–17
 Heb. 6:1–12
 Luke 9:51–62

Tuesday, May 30

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
 Evening: Pss. 66; 116
 Ezek. 7:10–15, 23b–27
 Heb. 6:13–20
 Luke 10:1–17

Wednesday, May 31

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 9; 118
 Ezek. 11:14–25
 Heb. 7:1–17
 Luke 10:17–24

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LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

• Sunday, May 7

LECTOR: DEBBIE WYATT
USHERS: DANNY JOINER
TERRY JOINER

• Sunday, May 14

LECTOR: DEBBIE WYATT
USHERS: DANNY JOINER
TERRY JOINER

• Sunday, May 21

LECTOR: DEBBIE WYATT
USHERS: DANNY JOINER
TERRY JOINER

• Sunday, May 28

LECTOR: DEBBIE WYATT
USHERS: DANNY JOINER
TERRY JOINER

WEEKLY EVENTS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- **Handbells:** will resume in the fall
- **Choir:** Wednesdays, 6-7:30 pm
- **AA Meetings:** M, T, R, & F @ 7:30 pm; W @ 6:00pm; M, Sat. @ 8:00 a.m.

May 1 Fellowship Comm 3 p.m.
Building & Maint. 5 p.m.

May 2 Worship Comm. 5:30 p.m.

May 4 Young Disciples 5:30 p.m.

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FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Bingo Night 6:30	6
7 Communion	8 <i>Leroy Brown</i>	9 <i>Sam Halcomb</i> <i>Sue James</i>	10 <i>Hazel James</i>	11 <i>Carol Switzer</i>	12 <i>Malita Joiner</i>	13
14 Mother's Day FPC Woman of the Year	15	16	17	18 <i>Tammy Garrett</i>	19 <i>Mary Jo Dreher</i> <i>Melinda Jones</i>	20 <i>Loretta Eve</i> <i>Bob Thompson</i>
21 Session	22 <i>Maxine Key</i>	23 <i>Margaret</i> <i>Crowder</i>	24	25	26	27 <i>Sally Brown</i> <i>Frances Hain</i>
28	29 Memorial Day (office closed)	30	31			

*Birthdays in italics

Stewardship Corner

April Avg Attendance: 68

Apr. 2 80

Apr. 9 61

Apr. 16 61

Apr. 23 70

Apr. 30 66

April Wkly. Offering Avg.\$2,041.40

Apr. 2 \$2,731.00

Apr. 9 \$2,733.50

Apr. 16 \$1,891.00

Apr. 23 \$895.00

Apr. 30 \$1,957.00

Looking Ahead..

JUNE:

ELDER OF THE MONTH:
CJ Hall

ELDER HELPER OF THE MONTH:
Becky Stubbs

FRIEND OF THE MONTH:
Nancy Thomas



Benevolence Update

Thanks to interest income and contributions from our members, we have given out over \$942.00 in 2017 to help neighbors with rent, utilities, food, etc. The balance of the fund is \$1,134.98. If you would like to contribute, just place a donation in the offering marked 'benevolence'. Thanks for your continued support!

Ruling Elders Serving on Session:

Meredith Halcomb

Caren Gibson

Barry Hain

CJ Hall

Donna Houston

Emma Jean Kirby

Prentice Knight

Anna Smith

Becky Stubbs

DEACONS:

Pat Chai

Marcella Davis

Woon Yen Prall

Clerk of Session: Donna Houston

Next Regularly Stated Session Meeting: May 21

Clerks of All Committees: Please submit any committee minutes to the church office by **May 18** for inclusion in the Session packet. Thank you!

CONNECT WITH US!

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Teacher: Prentice Knight

Time: Sunday, 9:30am-10:30am

9:30-9:45 — Coffee & Fellowship

9:45-10:30 — Class Time

Location: The Cornerstone (new building near the gazebo)

Bible study & thoughtful discussion of the Scripture with the purpose of fostering spiritual growth & developing a better understanding of how a follower of Christ should live in the modern world.

BIBLE JOURNALING CLASS

Sundays 9:45 am

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth Sunday School

Time: 9:45am

TODDLERS

(ages 5 and under) are welcome in the nursery (ground floor of education wing)

ADULT CHOIR

Wednesday, 6:00pm-7:30pm

Upstairs, education wing

"Serve The Lord With Gladness; Come Before His Presence With Singing!" Psalm 100 (It's Biblical!!)

HANDBELL CHOIR

Will resume in the Fall.

NEW MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

Are you considering joining FPC as a new member? Do you know someone who has been attending recently who might like to join? If you have interest in participating in new members classes, please contact the church office or Pastor Jeff!

Do you have something to go in the
Lamplighter? Submit it to the office by
the 20th of each month.



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