



# The Lamplighter

**FEBRUARY 2017**  
**Monthly Newsletter of**  
**Franklin Presbyterian Church**

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## Pastor's Portion

**Are we a mission church?  
Not, should we be, but are we?**

Jesus did not start a church. The church did not start on Pentecost. Jesus began a movement, a group of people, within the Jewish church, who shared a unique vision and understanding of who God is, and what God is about. These people were so **excited and enthused** about what God was doing in Jesus, that they told their friends and neighbors and families. Within a few years, their numbers had grown so greatly that they threatened the existence of the current political and ecclesiastical powers. The movement began to grow more organized, and the church developed. Within four hundred years, the Jewish movement, which found its **excitement and enthusiasm** and live in Jesus, became the state religion of the Holy Roman Empire.

Today, Christianity is no longer the state religion. We are again finding ourselves in the minority, in some ways similar to the situation and beginning of the movement. But we still find

*(continued)*

### FEBRUARY

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Becky Stubbs

ELDER HELPER: CJ Hall

FRIEND OF THE MONTH: Pat Markell

## Pastor's Portion (cont)

**excitement and enthusiasm** in the Good News of God's Love in Jesus. And we still cannot help but invite others to share the excitement with us.

Bring a friend to hear about the Good News! And when you bring your friend, **come to worship prepared to be excited and enthused, because that Good News is for all of us!**

Pastor Jeff



## How the Bible Came To Be

### The Bible and Canon

The books that make up the present biblical canon (a term meaning "rule") were chosen through a process that took place over a period of about one thousand years. There is considerable agreement that the books known as the Law or Torah (the first 5 books of the bible) were the first books to be regarded as scripture and authoritative. That probably happened about 400 B.C. The other two groups of books in the Old Testament, the Prophets and the writings, came to be regarded as scripture later, between 400 B.C. and A.D. 100. Between the Jewish colonists who lived in Greek speaking areas. This translation was known as the *Septuagint*. The Christian Old testament canon was formed from it.

In A.D. 98 a council of Jewish scholars at Jamnia established criteria for determining how a book may be considered sacred. Seven books known as the Apocrypha, were rejected by this council. The Protestant Christian Churches follow this list of Jewish books as their Old Testament. They did not accept the Apocrypha books as canonical, or authoritative. The Roman catholic, Anglican, and Eastern Orthodox churches retain these seven Apocryphal books in their Old testament for a total of forty six books.

The first Christians, as well as Jesus, used the Jewish scriptures (Old testament) as their bible. Later, between about A.D. 50 and 125, they wrote their own scriptures, known as the New testament. It took nearly three more centuries and many disputes before the present list of twenty seven books was adopted as authoritative by the western church. This list of twenty seven books was first listed in A.D. 367 in the 39th Festal Letter of Athanasius, a bishop of the church.

*Lifted from the "Study Bible-the New Student Bible"-NRSV*

### **benevolence Update**

Thanks to the interest income and the generous donations from FPC, we were able to pay out \$1,989.55 in 2016 to help our neighbors in need. The balance in the account as of 01-31-17 is \$1,593.42





## *"Starry Tales For A Winter Night"*

Everyone is welcome to join TLC on Thursday, February 9th from 7-8 p.m. at Hardin Planetarium in Bowling Green. Admission is FREE! Please RSVP to Diane Shutt. Call or text 270-776-4762. Everyone is also welcome to meet at FPC at 5:45 p.m. to carpool to Bowling Green. Please join us! We look forward to seeing many there!



## Chili Cook Off featuring Family Feud Game

Join in the fun on Saturday night, Feb 25 at 6:00 p.m. for our 4th annual FPC chili cook off. This year's entertainment will be a game of FPC Family Feud!

The Chili Contest will feature 3 types of chili: mild, hot, and vegetarian. Please sign up to enter one of these chili contests (you can enter all 3 if you'd like!). We also have a sign-up sheet for soft drinks/tea, fritos, and desserts. (This event is also BYOB).

And while we're enjoying our yummy chili, we'll be entertained by a rousing game of Family Feud, led by WFKN's Brian Davis and the Franklin Favorite's Brian Hancock. We had so much fun playing Match Game last year, we've convinced these two to return for a second year as our Game Show Hosts! We'll need 20 FPC contestants to play the FPC Feud! Please sign up early to ensure your slot as a contestant. It will be great fun!



### *Reminder:*

**Good Samaritan  
Food Pantry**

On the first Sunday of each month, we partake of the Lord's Supper together in worship. On each first Sunday, we also bring our gifts of canned goods and pantry items for the Good Samaritan food pantry. These items are placed in the red bin at the back of the sanctuary.

Thank you to all who have given over these past months and years, and thank you to all who will continue to give in the future! Let us find nourishment at God's table each month, that we may be sent out to nourish God's world.

# Stewardship Corner

## January Average Attendance:

Jan. 1	51
Jan. 8	56
Jan. 15	59
Jan. 22	64
Jan. 29	70

## January Weekly Offering Average: \$

Jan. 1	\$2,786.00
Jan. 8	\$1,705.00
Jan. 15	\$1,575.00
Jan. 22	\$2,240.00
Jan. 29	\$3,345.00

Average Weekly Income Needed for Budget:  
\$2,403.85

## 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:**  
Marcella Davis  
Woon Yen Prall  
Mary Frances Page

### Next Regularly Stated Session Meeting: February 19th

Clerks of All Committees: Please submit any minutes from **January/February** to the church office by for inclusion in the Session packet. There is also a Called Session meeting on February 12th. Members are reminded they are invited to attend.

THANK YOU!

### Don't Forget!

The new Bible Journaling Sunday School class begins on February 12th. Please see Jane Rahm for additional information.

“Do not lag in zeal,  
be ardent in spirit,  
*serve the Lord.*”

-Romans 12:11



**Monday, February 6**

Morning: Pss. 5; 145  
 Evening: Pss. 82; 29  
 Isa. 57:14–21  
 Gal. 6:11–18  
 Mark 9:30–41

**Tuesday, February 7**

Morning: Pss. 42; 146  
 Evening: Pss. 102; 133  
 Isa. 58:1–12  
 2 Tim. 1:1–14  
 Mark 9:42–50

**Wednesday, February 8**

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;  
 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 1; 33  
 Isa. 59:1–21  
 2 Tim. 1:15–2:13  
 Mark 10:1–16

**Thursday, February 9**

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20  
 Evening: Pss. 16; 62  
 Isa. 60:1–22  
 2 Tim. 2:14–26  
 Mark 10:17–31

**Friday, February 10**

Morning: Pss. 51; 148  
 Evening: Pss. 142; 65  
 Isa. 61:1–9  
 2 Tim. 3:1–17  
 Mark 10:32–45

**Saturday, February 11**

Morning: Pss. 104; 149  
 Evening: Pss. 138; 98  
 Isa. 61:10–62:5  
 2 Tim. 4:1–8  
 Mark 10:46–52

**Sunday, February 12**

**6th Sunday after Epiphany**  
 Morning: Pss. 19; 150  
 Evening: Pss. 81; 113  
 Isa. 62:6–12  
 1 John 2:3–11  
 John 8:12–19

**Monday, February 13**

Morning: Pss. 135; 145  
 Evening: Pss. 97; 112  
 Isa. 63:1–6  
 1 Tim. 1:1–17  
 Mark 11:1–11

**Tuesday, February 14**

Morning: Pss. 123; 146  
 Evening: Pss. 30; 86  
 Isa. 63:7–14  
 1 Tim. 1:18–2:8 (9–15)  
 Mark 11:12–26

**Wednesday, February 15**

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 48; 4  
 Isa. 63:15–64:9  
 1 Tim. 3:1–16  
 Mark 11:27–12:12

**Thursday, February 16**

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20  
 Evening: Pss. 80; 27  
 Isa. 65:1–12  
 1 Tim. 4:1–16  
 Mark 12:13–27

**Friday, February 17**

Morning: Pss. 130; 148  
 Evening: Pss. 32; 139  
 Isa. 65:17–25  
 1 Tim. 5:(1–16) 17–22  
 (23–25)  
 Mark 12:28–34

**Saturday, February 18**

Morning: Pss. 56; 149  
 Evening: Pss. 118; 111  
 Isa. 66:1–6  
 1 Tim. 6:(1–5) 6–21  
 Mark 12:35–44

**Sunday, February 19**

**7th Sunday after Epiphany**  
 Morning: Pss. 67; 150  
 Evening: Pss. 46; 93  
 Isa. 66:7–14  
 1 John 3:4–10  
 John 10:7–16

**Monday, February 20**

Morning: Pss. 57; 145  
 Evening: Pss. 85; 47  
 Ruth 1:1–14  
 2 Cor. 1:1–11  
 Matt. 5:1–12

**Tuesday, February 21**

Morning: Pss. 54; 146  
 Evening: Pss. 28; 99  
 Ruth 1:15–22  
 2 Cor. 1:12–22  
 Matt. 5:13–20

**Wednesday, February 22**

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11  
 Evening: Pss. 125; 91  
 Ruth 2:1–13  
 2 Cor. 1:23–2:17  
 Matt. 5:21–26

**Thursday, February 23**

Morning: Pss. 143;  
 147:12–20  
 Evening: Pss. 81; 116  
 Ruth 2:14–23  
 2 Cor. 3:1–18  
 Matt. 5:27–37

**Friday, February 24**

Morning: Pss. 88; 148  
 Evening: Pss. 6; 20  
 Ruth 3:1–18  
 2 Cor. 4:1–12  
 Matt. 5:38–48

**Saturday, February 25**

Morning: Pss. 122; 149  
 Evening: Pss. 100; 63  
 Ruth 4:1–22  
 2 Cor. 4:13–5:10  
 Matt. 6:1–6

**Sunday, February 26**

**Transfiguration of the Lord**  
 Morning: Pss. 103; 150  
 Evening: Pss. 117; 139  
 Dan. 7:9–10, 13–14  
 2 Cor. 3:1–9  
 John 12:27–36a

**Monday, February 27**

Morning: Pss. 5; 145  
Evening: Pss. 82; 29  
Deut. 6:1–15  
Heb. 1:1–14  
John 1:1–18

**Tuesday, February 28**

Morning: Pss. 42; 146  
Evening: Pss. 102; 133  
Deut. 6:16–25  
Heb. 2:1–10  
John 1:19–28

**March**

**Wednesday, March 1**

**Ash Wednesday**  
Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 27; 51  
Jonah 3:1–4:11  
Heb. 12:1–14  
Luke 18:9–14

**Thursday, March 2**

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 126; 102  
Deut. 7:6–11  
Titus 1:1–16  
John 1:29–34

**Friday, March 3**

Morning: Pss. 22; 148  
Evening: Pss. 105; 130  
Deut. 7:12–16  
Titus 2:1–15  
John 1:35–42

**Saturday, March 4**

Morning: Pss. 43; 149  
Evening: Pss. 31; 143  
Deut. 7:17–26  
Titus 3:1–15  
John 1:43–51

**Sunday, March 5**

**1st Sunday in Lent**  
Morning: Pss. 84; 150  
Evening: Pss. 42; 32  
Jer. 9:23–24  
1 Cor. 1:18–31  
Mark 2:18–22

**Monday, March 6**

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;  
145  
Evening: Pss. 121; 6  
Deut. 8:1–20  
Heb. 2:11–18  
John 2:1–12

**Tuesday, March 7**

Morning: Pss. 34; 146  
Evening: Pss. 25; 91  
Deut. 9:(1–3) 4–12  
Heb. 3:1–11  
John 2:13–22

**Wednesday, March 8**

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 27; 51  
Deut. 9:13–21  
Heb. 3:12–19  
John 2:23–3:15

**Thursday, March 9**

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 126; 102  
Deut. 9:23–10:5  
Heb. 4:1–10  
John 3:16–21

**Friday, March 10**

Morning: Pss. 22; 148  
Evening: Pss. 105; 130  
Deut. 10:12–22  
Heb. 4:11–16  
John 3:22–36

**Saturday, March 11**

Morning: Pss. 43; 149  
Evening: Pss. 31; 143  
Deut. 11:18–28  
Heb. 5:1–10  
John 4:1–26

**Sunday, March 12**

**2nd Sunday in Lent**  
Morning: Pss. 84; 150  
Evening: Pss. 42; 32  
Jer. 1:1–10  
1 Cor. 3:11–23  
Mark 3:31–4:9

**Monday, March 13**

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80;  
145  
Evening: Pss. 121; 6  
Jer. 1:11–19  
Rom. 1:1–15  
John 4:27–42

**Tuesday, March 14**

Morning: Pss. 34; 146  
Evening: Pss. 25; 91  
Jer. 2:1–13, 29–32  
Rom. 1:16–25  
John 4:43–54

**Wednesday, March 15**

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 27; 51  
Jer. 3:6–18  
Rom. 1:(26–27) 28–2:11  
John 5:1–18

**Thursday, March 16**

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 126; 102  
Jer. 4:9–10, 19–28  
Rom. 2:12–24  
John 5:19–29

**Friday, March 17**

Morning: Pss. 22; 148  
Evening: Pss. 105; 130  
Jer. 5:1–9  
Rom. 2:25–3:18  
John 5:30–47

**Saturday, March 18**

Morning: Pss. 43; 149  
Evening: Pss. 31; 143  
Jer. 5:20–31  
Rom. 3:19–31  
John 7:1–13

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## LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

- **Sunday, February 5**  
LECTOR: BECKY STUBBS  
USHERS: JIM SOWNEY  
BILL SPARLEY
- **Sunday, February 12**  
LECTOR: BECKY STUBBS  
USHERS: JIM SOWNEY  
BILL SPARLEY
- **Sunday, February 19**  
LECTOR: BECKY STUBBS  
USHERS: JIM SOWNEY  
BILL SPARLEY
- **Sunday, February 26**  
LECTOR: BECKY STUBBS  
USHERS: JIM SOWNEY  
BILL SPARLEY

## WEEKLY EVENTS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- **Handbells:** Wednesdays, 5-6:00 pm
- **Choir:** Wednesdays, 6-7:30 pm
- **AA Meetings:** M, T, R, & F @ 7:30 pm; W @ 6:00pm; Sat. @ 8:00 a.m.
- Feb. 2** Worship Committee Meeting at Sol Azteca at 5:00 p.m.
- Feb. 6** Fellowship Committee Meeting 3:00 p.m.  
Building & Maintenance Committee, 5:00 pm
- Feb. 15** Young Disciples 6:00 p.m.

# FEBRUARY 2017

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 <i>Mary Frances Page</i>	3 <i>Ginny Brown</i>	4 <i>Jennifer Prall Ethel Schwab RITI</i>
5 Communion	6	7 Red Cross Blood Drive 12-4	8 <i>John Freas</i>	9 "Starry Tales for a Winter Night" 7-8 @ Hardin Pl.	10	11 <i>Charlie Shumaker</i>
12 <i>CJ Hall</i>	13	14	15	16	17	18 RITI
19 <i>Melanie Dean</i>	20	21	22 <i>Bill Sparley</i>	23	24	25 Chili Cook-Off Family Feud 6:00 p.m.
26	27 <i>Jamie Johnson</i>	28				

\* Birthdays in italics



# Looking Ahead

## MARCH

Elder of the Month: Barry Hain

Elder Helper of the Month: Becky Stubbs

Friend of the Month: Barbara Shriver

Mar. 1 Ash Wednesday  
Service 7 p.m.

Mar. 3 World Day of Prayer

Mar. 12 Daylight Savings  
Time begins

## APRIL

Elder of the Month: Caren Gibson

Elder Helper of the Month: Donna Houston

Friend of the Month: Sandy Sparley

Apr. 9 Palm Sunday

Apr. 14 Good Friday

Apr. 16 Easter  
Breakfast/Easter Egg Hunt

Apr. 30 5th Sunday  
Potluck



The Youth Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6-7 p.m. at the Cornerstone. Dinner is provided and the meeting opens and closes with prayer. After a spiritual practice or scripture study, we will discuss upcoming mission projects/activities and play some games. Andrew Garret is the Youth Group leader.



### CONNECT WITH US!

[www.franklinpresbyterian.org](http://www.franklinpresbyterian.org)  
[franklinpresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:franklinpresbyterian@gmail.com)



[www.facebook.com/franklinpresbyterian](http://www.facebook.com/franklinpresbyterian)

### CONTACT US

#### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday  
9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

LUNCH: A half hour between  
11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

#### TELEPHONE

(270) 586-4535

#### FAX

(270) 586-4592

#### CHURCH STAFF

Pastor Jeff Otto-  
Interim Pastor

Candice Mendoza

**Pastoral Administrative Assistant**

Carolle Tracy, **Music Director**

Donna Houston, **Organist**

Shirley Crutcher, **Nursery**



## Community Education

*Independent Facilitator*

*Debbie Wyatt*

*Presents*

## Parenting the Love and Logic Way™

**A six session parenting program designed by the Love and Logic Institute.**

### Learn how to:

- ▶ Avoid un-winnable power-struggles and arguments
  - ▶ Stay calm when their kids do incredibly upsetting things
  - ▶ Set enforceable limits
  - ▶ Avoid enabling and begin empowering
  - ▶ Help their kids learn from mistakes rather than repeating them
  - ▶ Raise kids who are family members rather than dictators
- And much more!

**This parenting program is designed to give you practical skills  
that can be used immediately!**

**Dates:** Thursdays, Feb. 9, 2017- Mar. 16, 2017

**Time:** 5:30pm Family Dinner, 6:00pm-8:00pm Class

**Cost:** \$20 per family (\$10.00 rebate for attending all 6 classes)

Includes free family meal, childcare for ages 12 and under, and program materials.

**Location:** Franklin Presbyterian Church, Cornerstone Bldg., 201 N. College St, Franklin, KY

Facilitators of the *Parenting the Love and Logic Way™* curriculum are independent  
and are not employees of the Love and Logic Institute.

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Please register me for your upcoming *Parenting The Love and Logic Way™* class!

Name:

\_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

List Names/Ages of children attending childcare: \_\_\_\_\_

Children

Cash     Check # \_\_\_\_\_     Money Order    Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration and payment to:

Community Education, 430 S. College St., Franklin, KY 42134. For information call 270-586-3809.

# WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## 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

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.

## YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth Sunday School

9:45

## TODDLERS

(ages 5 and under) are welcome in the nursery (ground floor of education wing) from 9:30am until worship finishes.

## ADULT CHOIR

Wednesday, 6:00pm-7:30pm

Upstairs, education wing

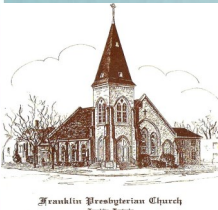
*“Serve The Lord With Gladness; Come Before His Presence With Singing!” Psalm 100 (It’s Biblical!!)*

## HANDBELL CHOIR

Wednesday, 5:00pm-6:00pm

Downstairs, education wing

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



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