

the Lamplighter

monthly newsletter of Franklin Presbyterian Church

Winter Bible Study

JANUARY 2022

An excerpt from the publisher: "[Galatians is] one of the most passionate letters in the New Testament. Paul would not sit quietly by and let those who'd been liberated by Christ's glorious gospel submit again to a yoke of slavery. He'd send a letter with the volume turned up, calling believers to stand firm in the truth, stay bold in love, and walk by the Spirit. He'd remind them what it looked like to live for God's approval rather than human approval..."

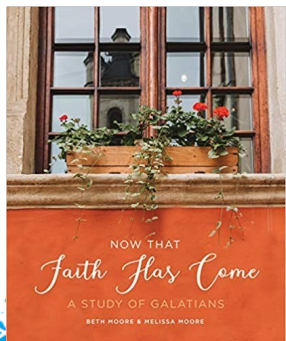
Join us on **Tuesdays at 6:00pm beginning January 11th** as we take a deep dive into this brief but very punchy letter, led by Beth Moore and her daughter Melissa. (She's famous as a teacher of women, but this study is for everyone!) Sessions will include a video and (hopefully) animated discussion, and there's "homework" each week (optional, but there's a *lot* of good stuff in it!).

Sessions will run for 75-90 minutes, but you can always leave early if need be. Snacks will be offered, and feel free to bring your own food! Childcare will be provided.

Workbooks are available in the church office and will be brought to the first session (there's no homework before Week 1). This seven-session study will be hybrid, and you can participate via Zoom. Contact Bailey with any questions!

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Pastor's Pen

A New Revelation

Beloved, we have emerged from the Advent Season right into Christmas! What a blessed journey we have experienced together in the deep and immense love of God as we celebrate the Incarnation of our Savior Jesus Christ.

This time that follows is often a time for recovering from the holidays, for new resolutions to "be better" as the calendar changes. As we move toward the Season of Epiphany, we may want to be ready to receive more from our God. Traditionally, the Epiphany is of course a celebration of the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child and thereby a furthering of this gospel, this Good News, to those beyond the Children of Israel.

This Revelation is the next phase in a bounteous plan of Revelation of God's own self to God's people, an expansion of what being the "People of God" means. From a God of Creation and a God of Covenant to the God of Salvation and the God of Compassion, we see the different ways we have been shown more and more of who God is.

The Redeemer Jesus Christ is revealed to us in the Incarnation. The Holy Spirit is revealed to us at Pentecost. In this season of Epiphany, a time of great discovery is at hand for us at Franklin Presbyterian Church. Perhaps, through our participation in Room in the Inn, we might see Jesus in a new way in the eyes of those who come through our doors. Perhaps, through our discipleship in Bible Study, we might see the Holy Spirit at work in our lives as we learn and devote ourselves to scripture together. Perhaps, as we minister to one another and our neighbors, as we find new ways to love, a great joy might reveal itself to us.

And always, we pray. We pray for those struggling through this season. We pray for those who need comfort and strength during illness, transitioning lives, and grief. We pray for how we can be receptive to the new things God is showing us during this season.

All glory, praise, and honor to our Lord Jesus Christ. May we see what we are being shown!

Pastor Daniel



***God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly,
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,
mindful that our steps make an impact
and our words carry power.
May we walk gently.
May we speak only after we have listened well.
Creator of all life,
help us enter the New Year reverently,
aware that you have endowed
every creature and plant, every person and habitat
with beauty and purpose.
May we regard the world with tenderness.
May we honor rather than destroy.
Lower of all souls,
help us enter the New Year joyfully,
willing to laugh and dance and dream,
remembering our many gifts with thanks
and looking forward to blessings yet to come.
May we welcome your lavish love.
In this new year, may the grace and peace of Christ bless us now
and in the days ahead.- Vinita Hampton Wright***

Get Involved at FPC!

Opportunities to serve Locally

These are areas where you can serve and who to contact or how to enroll:

Franklin-Simpson Boys and Girls Club Meals Marcella Davis

People Serving People (serve Wednesday meal, Thanksgiving, Christmas) Caren Gibson

Franklin-Simpson Good Samaritan – pantry items, funds for rent, shelter, electricity,
water, and food Curry Davis

Habitat for Humanity – host Spring pancake fundraising meal Caren Gibson

Room in the Inn (RITI) - Cold Weather Homeless Shelter housing in The Cornerstone
Bailey Pickens

Summer Feeding Program – help deliver lunches to children during the summer months
Linda Knight

Annual Bean Soup Event in Nov. – for Mission Projects Donna Houston

White Christmas Offering – deliver food baskets to area residents Caren Gibson

Summer Church Yard Sale – mission outreach Marcella Davis

Opportunities to serve Globally

Living Waters For the World Ministry - trains and supports teams to provide access to clean
water by installing water systems Donna Houston

Opportunities to serve In the Church

Assist with Youth Program Melissa Cropper/Jen Van Beek

Usher for Worship Services Frances Hain

Matthew 25 Clothes Closet Debbie Wyatt

Video Team Recording Services Bailey Pickens

Liturgist for Worship Services Bailey Pickens



Fellowship

We welcome Donna Houston and Nancy Thomas as the new Co-Chairs for our Fellowship Committee. They will bring new energy and ideas to this committee!

Don't forget that the right freezer in the Cornerstone has Manna Meals that anyone is free to take and give to someone in need. They do not have to go to a member. Whether for an illness, a pick-me-up, or "just because", these are available for everyone.

Matthew 25

Our Matthew 25 Committee just completed our very first year as a committee here at FPC. It has been a very busy committee with the following accomplishments:

Clothes Closet: We wrote and received a \$15,000 grant to establish the clothes closet and support the Feed the Need Soup Kitchen.

- During 2021, the Matthew 25 Clothes Closet served over 400 people and gave out almost 3,000 items of clothing. We have partnered with the following agencies to either give clothes, and/or receive their financial support – Simpson County Health Department, Good Samaritan, St. Vincent DePaul ministry, Franklin Simpson County Schools, Simpson County Literacy Center, Hope Haven, Room in the Inn, The Housing Authority, and the Boys and Girls Club. Clothing donations as well as monetary gives from other churches and MANY individuals has made this a community program.
- We are sad to bid farewell to Cathy Stratton who is moving to Franklin, Tennessee to be closer to family. She has been the visionary and driving force of the Clothes Closet since its inception and will be great missed. Thank you Cathy for this amazing ministry!

Dismantling Structural Racism

- We purchased a variety of books on understanding structural racism for both children and adults. These are available for checkout in the Parlor.
- We purchased a sign that is displayed on Kentucky Street which emphasizes inclusion for all at FPC.

Eradicating Systemic Poverty

- Supported the establishment of the Soup Kitchen run by Tammie McCorry of **Feed the Need**. We purchased several pieces of kitchen equipment as well as a deep freezer to support this ministry. Besides serving over 50 meals each Tuesday and Thursday, guests are able to pick up groceries received as part of Feeding America. Often, people are able to use our showers and laundry facilities on an as needed basis.
- Established vouchers for gas, food, and lodging for those in need. While mainly supported by the Pastor's Benevolence Fund, Matthew 25 was able to meet with businesses and develop vouchers so that a check does not have to be written immediately. These businesses send us a monthly bill for services provided.
- Established a food pantry in the old kitchen to give food for those in need of a hot meal or snack.

Congregational Vitality

In conjunction with Fellowship, Christian Service, and Young Disciples, we were able to finally return to potlucks, special meals, and other projects that reach out into the community with our members. We have always had strong ties to other non-profit agencies, but we have been able to reconnect with some after Covid-19 and add others with participation from our members.

What's Ahead?

While we will continue the Clothes Closet, several new projects are in the works, so stay tuned AND get involved with us!



News & Announcements



Help provide a warm WELCOME with Room in the Inn!

Room in the Inn is an overnight shelter for people experiencing homelessness for a host of reasons. Again this year, we are providing food and a warm bed to those who need it. There are lots of ways to get involved: Setup, takedown, serving dinner, being "innkeeper" overnight, and more. We will be hosting on Saturday, January 1st, and then each Wednesday in January and February (plus March if the weather stays cold). There's a job for everyone, whatever your availability and skillset!

For information on tasks, concerns, or any information pertaining to Room In The Inn, please contact our FPC RITI Coordinator, Bailey Pickens at bailey@franklinpresbyterian.org.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING
TOTAL: \$686.00

*Join us after Worship on Sunday,
January 9 to help 'Take Down the Green'*

YOUNG DISCIPLES 2021 RECAP

- * Youth and Kids Club gave out handmade cards and candy to the congregation on Valentine's Day .
- * Youth and Kids Club " take on" something for 40 days during Lent.
- * Easter at Home : Craft bags for Holy week and Easter eggs were delivered by FPC children.
- * Youth and Kids Club made and gave bookmarks to women in church on Mother's Day.
- * Youth presented High School graduates, Ezra Van Beek and Gwen Stubbs a blanket embroidered with bible verse chosen by siblings of HS graduates , during worship. Hosted a reception with Fellowship for high school and college graduates, Steven Cropper and Becky Stubbs.
- * Handed out handmade "tie" bookmarks to the men in the congregation on Father's Day.
- * Youth farewell cookout for Gwen Stubbs at Pralls' home.
- * Kids Club kick off pool party at Kesslers' home.
- * Started "Coffee Time" for the congregation after worship in the Cornerstone while Kids Club meets.
- * Three day in-person Fall VBS using Compassion Camp curriculum by Illustrated Ministries.
- * Field trip to Just Piddlin' Farm.
- * Hosted Christmas potluck on Dec 12, 2021 with Kids Club making table arrangements and delivering cookies to homebound and elderly church family.
- * Purchased books for nursery and Bibles which will given to all the children in church.

The White Christmas Offering total for 2021 was \$975.00 Thanks to your generosity, we were able to brighten the holidays for many families in our community.

Also, thanks to everyone who helped pack and deliver the boxes. Your help and continued support is greatly appreciated! A big thank you to the FPC Youth for all their help and especially the cards!

New Years is all about getting another chance. A chance to forgive, to do better, to do more, to give more, to love more. And stop worrying about 'what if' and **start embracing** what would be.

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January 2022 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press, 2018). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

[Year Two]

Saturday, January 1

Morning: Pss. 98; 149
Evening: Pss. 99; 8
Isa. 62:1–5, 10–12
Rev. 19:11–16
Matt. 1:18–25

Sunday, January 2

Second Sunday of Christmas

Morning: Pss. 48; 150
Evening: Pss. 9; 29
1 Kgs. 3:5–14
Col. 3:12–17
John 6:41–47

Monday, January 3

Morning: Pss. 111; 145
Evening: Pss. 107; 15
1 Kgs. 19:9–18
Eph. 4:17–32
John 6:15–27

Tuesday, January 4

Morning: Pss. 20; 146
Evening: Pss. 93; 97
Josh. 3:14–4:7
Eph. 5:1–20
John 9:1–12, 35–38

Wednesday, January 5

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 96; 110
Jonah 2:2–9
Eph. 6:10–20
John 11:17–27, 38–44

Thursday, January 6

Epiphany of the Lord

Morning: Pss. 72; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 100; 67
Isa. 49:1–7
Rev. 21:22–27
Matt. 12:14–21

Friday, January 7

Morning: Pss. 46 or 47; 148
Evening: Pss. 27; 93 or 114
Deut. 8:1–3
Col. 1:1–14
John 6:30–33, 48–51

Saturday, January 8

Morning: Pss. 46 or 47; 149
Evening: Pss. 27; 93 or 114
Exod. 17:1–7
Col. 1:15–23
John 7:37–52

Sunday, January 9

Baptism of the Lord

Morning: Pss. 104; 150
Evening: Ps. 29
Gen. 1:1–2:3
Eph. 1:3–14
John 1:29–34

Monday, January 10

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Gen. 2:4–9 (10–15) 16–25
Heb. 1:1–14
John 1:1–18

Tuesday, January 11

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
Gen. 3:1–24
Heb. 2:1–10
John 1:19–28

Wednesday, January 12

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
Gen. 4:1–16
Heb. 2:11–18
John 1:(29–34) 35–42

Thursday, January 13

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
Gen. 4:17–26
Heb. 3:1–11
John 1:43–51

Friday, January 14

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
Gen. 6:1–8
Heb. 3:12–19
John 2:1–12

Saturday, January 15

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
Gen. 6:9–22
Heb. 4:1–13
John 2:13–22

Sunday, January 16

Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
Gen. 7:1–10, 17–23
Eph. 4:1–16
Mark 3:7–19

Monday, January 17

Morning: Pss. 135; 145
Evening: Pss. 97; 112
Gen. 8:6–22
Heb. 4:14–5:6
John 2:23–3:15

Tuesday, January 18

Morning: Pss. 123; 146
Evening: Pss. 30; 86
Gen. 9:1–17
Heb. 5:7–14
John 3:16–21

Wednesday, January 19

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 48; 4
Gen. 9:18–29
Heb. 6:1–12
John 3:22–36

Thursday, January 20

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 80; 27
Gen. 11:1–9
Heb. 6:13–20
John 4:1–15

Friday, January 21

Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 139
Gen. 11:27–12:8
Heb. 7:1–17
John 4:16–26

Saturday, January 22

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
Evening: Pss. 118; 111
Gen. 12:9–13:1
Heb. 7:18–28
John 4:27–42

Sunday, January 23

Morning: Pss. 67; 150
Evening: Pss. 46; 93
Gen. 13:2–18
Gal. 2:1–10
Mark 7:31–37

Monday, January 24

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
Gen. 14:(1–7) 8–24
Heb. 8:1–13
John 4:43–54

Tuesday, January 25

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
Gen. 15:1–11, 17–21
Heb. 9:1–14
John 5:1–18

Wednesday, January 26

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 125; 91
Gen. 16:1–14
Heb. 9:15–28
John 5:19–29

Thursday, January 27

Morning: Pss. 143;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
Gen. 16:15–17:14
Heb. 10:1–10
John 5:30–47

Friday, January 28

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
Gen. 17:15–27
Heb. 10:11–25
John 6:1–15

Saturday, January 29

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63
Gen. 18:1–16
Heb. 10:26–39
John 6:16–27

Sunday, January 30

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
Gen. 18:16–33
Gal. 5:13–25
Mark 8:22–30

Monday, January 31

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
Gen. 19:1–17 (18–23) 24–29
Heb. 11:1–12
John 6:27–40

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LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

• Sunday, January 2

LECTOR: KEITH LAWRENCE

USHERS: DEB THOMPSON

BOB THOMPSON

• Sunday, January 9

LECTOR: AMY GANT

USHERS: DEB THOMPSON

BOB THOMPSON

• Sunday, January 16

LECTOR: AMY GANT

USHERS: DEB THOMPSON

BARRY HAIN

• Sunday, January 23

LECTOR: TORI HENNINGER

USHERS: DEB THOMPSON

BOB THOMPSON

• Sunday, January 30

LECTOR: AMY GANT

USHERS: DEB THOMPSON

BOB THOMPSON

MEETINGS

Fellowship: 01/04/22 2 pm

Matthew 25: -01/11/22 4 pm

Bldg. & Maint. 01/19/22 4 pm

Young Disc. 01/20/22 4:30 pm

SESSION: 01/22/22 RETREAT

JANUARY 2022

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion	3	4	5 <i>Jen Van Beek</i>	6 <i>Joe Shumaker</i>	7	8
9 <i>Donna Houston</i>	10 <i>Will Rahm</i>	11	12 <i>Wilson Webb</i>	13	14 <i>Jo Becker</i>	15
16 <i>Beth Lagani</i>	17 <i>Pat Chai</i>	18	19 <i>Ada Stubbs</i>	20 <i>Terry Joiner</i>	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 <i>Dan Ware</i>	28	29
30	31					

* Birthdays in italics

JANUARY

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Jane Rahm

ELDER HELPER: Cathy Stratton

FRIEND OF THE MONTH: Debbie Wyatt

Looking Ahead

FEBRUARY

8th Red Cross Blood Drive 12-6

MARCH

2nd Ash Wednesday

CHURCH STAFF

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Stewardship Corner

DECEMBER AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 56

DEC. 5 56
DEC 12 70
DEC. 19 62
DEC. 26 37

DECEMBER AVERAGE OFFERING: \$2,176.00

DEC. 5 \$4,701.98
DEC 12 \$1,527.00
DEC. 19 \$2,037.00
DEC. 26 \$438.00.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS AT 9:45 AM IN THE CORNERSTONE

Resuming January 9

Youth Sunday School

1st and 3rd Sundays-9:45 am

Youth Group (Google Meet)

2nd and 4th Sunday 7 pm

Kids' Club-Each Sunday after Worship

WINTER BIBLE STUDY

*Beginning Tuesday January 11
through February 22.*

*Each Tuesday evening at 6 pm
in the Cornerstone & on ZOOM.*

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January 27.***



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