

## Early Voting begins October 13, 2020

Worship 10:30am, Adult Sunday School 9:30am.  
Bible Study & Brown Bag Lunch Thursdays 10:30am.  
Continuing with Book of Genesis. All welcome!

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### October 2020 Newsletter

Submitted by Cheryl Dunn

#### **FAITH IN GOD IS THE KEY**

One of the books I have been reading is GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE by Charles F. Stanley. I felt a nudge from God to share the part entitled “Faith in God Is the Key”. One of the requirements of discovering God’s will is faith. It takes faith to uncover what He has planned for you to do. It also takes faith to hold the right course when the winds of adversity blow hard against your heart and mind. This is why it is so important to know God’s Word and to pray, asking for His guidance each day. If the disciples had taken time to think clearly, they would have realized that they were in the company of the Savior, and He was not about to abandon them or His plan for their lives. Be encouraged when difficulty comes, because either you are on the right path or God is in the process of making a course correction in your life. Either way, when you submit your heart and life to Him, you will continue to advance and come away with a great blessing. Many wonders how God can be glorified through the tragedies of life. If we truly trust Him, He will provide the peace and understanding we need to settle this issue. We live in a fallen world where bad things happen. However, God is infinitely good, and He has the ability to use our brokenness and sorrow for His glory and for our good. The apostle Paul writes, “We know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose” (Romans 8:28). God works all things together for good, but there is a condition to this promise, and it is this: We must live our lives devoted to Him. He loves us with an everlasting love, but He also desires our devotion and love in return. The will of God is wrapped up in our relationship to a loving God, who has only the very best in mind for each one of us. When our world seems to fall apart, He is near to our hearts holding the eternal glue that prevents us from caving into hopelessness and sorrow. Certainly, we can live life in a way that overcomes any obstacle because of His power within us. But what happens when we are living outside the will of God – when we have turned our backs to His plan and purpose? Two things that become very apparent are our lack of joy and lack of spiritual discernment. “The golden rule for understanding spiritually,” writes Oswald Chambers in MY UTMOST FOR HIS HIGHEST, “is not intellect but obedience. If a man wants scientific knowledge, intellectual curiosity is his guide; but if he wants insight into what Jesus Christ teaches, he can only get it by obedience. “Chambers goes on to write, “Intellectual darkness comes through ignorance; spiritual darkness comes because of something I do not intend to obey.” Obedience is a key to finding God’s will for your life. The moment you say, “No, Lord, I won’t do that” is the moment you miss out on a tremendous blessing because you have taken a step away from His will and one toward disobedience.

### November Garage Sale

Sara Smith is organizing another Garage Sale here at FPC, **November 13 & 14**. One table/space proceeds will benefit the church. You can bring Items to donate for church table at any time. Please contact Sara at 832-754-8449, if you have any questions pertaining to tables or spaces available.

Reminder to bring non-perishables on Communion Sundays to share with Helping Hands as they really need help during this Covid19 pandemic. So many are unemployed due to the pandemic and need help feeding their family. Just one or two items can make a big difference to others.



### Prayer List

Cooper & Cheryl Dunn

Richard Buie

Polly Norton

Kristi Tobias

Dave Cochran

Delories Mikeska

Judy Sitton

Wes Carroll

Tracy Morton

Jane Turner

Marni Peters

Eric Moore

Glenn Jochec

Carolyn(friend of Jerlene)

“Sam” Eda

Diana Parr

**Remember all those affected by hurricanes, wildfires and other natural disasters. Pray for our military both home and abroad. Pray for our country and our leaders.**

The only bird that will peck at an Eagle is the crow. He sits on his back and bites his neck. The Eagle does not respond or fight with the crow. It doesn't waste time or energy on the crow. It simply opens its wings and begins to rise higher in the sky. The higher the flight, the harder it is for the crow to breathe. Eventually the crow falls due to lack of oxygen. Stop wasting your time with the crows. Just take them to your heights and they'll fade.

Many thanks go to Tracy Morton for accepting nomination of Ruling Elder on current Session at First Presbyterian Church. Tracy was ordained and installed September 6, 2020.

Remember whenever you're in a position to help someone, be glad and always do it because that's the Universe answering someone else's prayers through you.



**November 1, 2020**

## PLEDGING, TITHING, GIVING

### What's It All About?

We know that financial stewardship is an important component of a balanced spiritual life. Returning to God from that which God has given us is a tangible way to express our faith. When each of us gives as we are able, together we fund ministry within our church, to the community, and to the world.

### Pledging

#### What is a Pledge?

A pledge is an estimate of giving; some call it a statement of intent. Your pledge amount may be changed, increased or decreased during the year, at any time as your financial circumstances change.

#### Why should I pledge?

Pledging allows you to make intentional decisions about your financial giving. When you plan ahead for your giving, you make conscious choices about spending your money in ways that reflect your faith and values. Receiving your pledge allows our Session/Stewardship Committee, to do for our church what you do for your household: plan wisely for the use of our resources in support of the mission and ministry to which God has called us. The Church sets a budget based on the total amount pledged. While plate offerings are important to the church, your pledge lets the Session plan more accurately for the ministry we can accomplish.

#### How much should I pledge?

Determining the amount of your annual pledge is between you and God. However, as you make this important decision, reflecting on your vision of stewardship may be beneficial. You may want to consider your personal vision of stewardship in terms of a spectrum:

- I give because I am supposed to give — a sense of duty
- I give to pay my own way — a sense of fairness
- I give to return a portion of my blessings — a sense of gratitude
- I give to keep church ministries free to all — a sense of generosity

There is no secret as to how you move along this progression. However, when you push yourself to another level, you will find your faithfulness expanding as well.

#### Your pledge matters!

Every pledge makes a difference, regardless of the amount.

#### What if I make a pledge but find I can't pay it in full?

Parishioners raise and lower their pledge all the time. A pledge is an estimate to help church budgeting; it is not a legal or moral obligation. Please don't let your uncertainty prevent you from making a pledge. If you have financial difficulties or other unexpected events, simply notify the Stewardship Chair.

### Stewardship Overview

Stewardship is responsibility for taking good care of resources entrusted to one. We are being good stewards by taking care of each other and our neighbors through our financial support of our church family through an Annual Giving pledge. Additionally, we are good stewards by giving of our time, talent and energy to the many ministry opportunities offered at and through our church. We are all asked to give back joyfully to God in thanksgiving for the abundance He has given us through our pledges of time, talent and treasure! Share your Priceless Joy!!

**Consecration Sunday**  
**October 18, 2020**

Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship.

Consecration Sunday is a day when people are asked to grow spiritually by giving a percentage of their income to the Lord's work through their congregations. Asking the question of us Lord, "What percentage of my income would you have me give?" has prompted spiritual revival in members and church.



**October Birthdays**

**09..... Willie May Kuykendall**

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**12..... Barbara Jochec**

**14..... Blake Hambright**

We still need help with changing our sign.

The doors enclosing the letters are too heavy for one lady to open and close. If anyone could find time to replace the letters, we could make sure that the lettering will be in order for you to install.

Again, if anyone has ideas for short phrases or short scriptures, please contact the office or email ideas to the church at [fpcrosenberg@yahoo.com](mailto:fpcrosenberg@yahoo.com).

Any and all help is appreciated!