

THE CHURCH FAMILY

Presenting Everyone Complete in Christ

FROM YOUR PASTOR'S DESK

There have been many famous kingdoms in the history of our world. Currently there are many nations that have some form of monarchy. My Grandfather was from Denmark, and you may be surprised to know that Denmark has a Queen named Margrethe II. There is a great fascination with monarchies, royal families, castles and all the regal pomp and circumstance that are part of life in a kingdom.

This Sunday we will begin a new sermon series on the Kingdom of God. Of course as the word indicates, a critical element of a kingdom is having a "king." The most important foundational truth of this series is the fact that God is the King. Psalm 145:11-13 says *"They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations."* This is an excellent summary of the mission of the church: to share with others what a glorious King we have- His majestic power, the splendor of His kingdom, and the everlasting nature of His reign.

We must also emphasize that Jesus is the Divine king. We recently celebrated the triumphal entry on Palm Sunday when Jesus is recognized as a King. *"Blessed is the King of Israel... See your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."* (John 12:13-15) But this is no ordinary king. Revelation 19:16 describes how Jesus, the mighty Word of God, has this written on His robe and on His thigh: "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords." And Philippians 2:10 says *"that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow... and every tongue that Jesus Christ is Lord."* Jesus is the King who left His throne to become the servant King here on earth, it is His Kingdom that we seek.

What is our prayer in this time of transition and change? It is simply this: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done." I am challenged and excited as I think about the answer to that prayer. That God's kingdom can be established in our lives and in our church. But it all begins with the acknowledgement that there is only one true King worthy of our worship and it is His Kingdom that we long for in this place.

Serving the King,

Steve





MAN DAY
will be
SATURDAY, MAY 5!



All men are encouraged to come out and help. After our workday is complete, we will return to the church for lunch! Contact Pastor Steve if you are available to volunteer.

If you have any project at your house that you need help with, please contact the church office with details. Our men would love the opportunity to help!

WIC NEWS

Ladies' Spring Banquet Monday, May 7, 6:30 pm

Cost is \$5.00 per person.

Stop by the display in the main hallway to sign-up before April 30!

As of today, there are still a couple of spots left in the **Card Making Workshop**. It will be **Saturday, May 5** at 9:00 am. You can sign up online through the WIC SignUpGenius website.

Reminder: The next scheduled WIC Council meeting is Sunday, April 22nd at 4:00 pm.

SPRING CONFERENCE UPDATE

We have great news for those who missed our Spring Conference with Dr. Gary Chapman! Dr. Chapman has graciously allowed us to put the conference videos on our website for a short time. The conference was split into 2 segments: *Keeping Love Alive After the Memories Fade* and *Married and Still Loving It*. These were excellent presentations. Take time to watch both videos at www.fpctanley.org, click on the Sermons tabs. Don't delay...we can only keep the videos online until May 12!

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 Barton Care Group 7:00 Burrell Care Group	2 10:30 Wed. Morn Care Grp. 6:30 Abernathy Care Grp	3 6:30 CE Committee Mtg. MTW Committee Mtg. 7:00 Adult Rec. Volleyball 7:30 Officers' Prayer	4	5 Man Day! 9:00 Card Making Workshop 2:00 Men's Open Basketball
6 AM Communion <i>Care Groups, Children's Ministry and Youth</i>	7 6:30 Ladies' Spring Banquet	8 6:30 Barton Care Group	9 10:30 Wed. Morn Care Grp. 6:30 Abernathy Care Grp Tech Team Mtg.	10 6:30 AHG Unit Meetings 7:00 Adult Rec. Volleyball	11	12 7:00 Deacons' Meeting 2:00 Men's Open Basketball
13  Mother's Day <i>No evening activities</i>	14 6:30 Outreach Comm Mtg	15 6:30 Safety/Security Mtg.	16 6:30 Children's Min Team	17 12:00 Best Years Lunch Outing to Asheville 6:30 Preschool Graduation 6:30 AHG Leaders' Mtg. 7:00 Session Meeting Adult Rec. Volleyball	18 <i>Last day of Preschool</i>	19 2:00 Men's Open Basketball ← Youth Ridgehaven Retreat →
20 ← Youth Ridgehaven 9:00 Children's Min. SS Teacher Training 2:00 Baby Shower for Hayley Rutkowski 4:00 WIC Council Mtg. <i>No evening activities</i>	21 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 Facilities Comm. Mtg	22	23 6:30 SOAR Comm Mtg	24 6:30 AHG Unit Meetings 7:00 Adult Rec. Volleyball	25	26 2:00 Men's Open Basketball
27 <i>No evening activities</i>	28  Memorial Day <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Church Office and CDC closed</div>	29	30	31 7:00 Adult Rec. Volleyball		

MAY RESPONSIBILITIES



NURSERY

- May 6:** 10:15 AM - Greg and Amanda, Maelin & Emery Huss
May 13: 10:15 AM - Mark and Deanna Beatty, Alyssa Lowery
May 20: 10:15 AM - Sandy Lasley and Sally Ormsby
May 27: 10:15 AM - Suzy and Emma Deneen

Train a child in the way he should go, and
when he is old he will not turn from it.
Proverbs 22:6

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

- May 6:** Communion
May 13: Tommy Barton
May 20: Ron Ensley
May 27: Ken Dake

MISSIONARY NEWS

Reminder! **Steve and Dianne Hill**, our missionaries in **Celedin, Peru**, will be here this Sunday, April 22, at 6:00 pm. Please join us in Founders Hall to hear from them. You may bring a snack food to share, but this is not necessary. Drinks will be provided.

Pray with **Andrés and Ruth Garza** for the church planting effort in **Monterrey, Mexico**. Their objectives for 2018 are:

- Establishing a church of 120 adults and 40 children
- Nahuatl speaking and drug addicts rehab worship sites
- To become self supporting
- To train 10 officers
- To start a young professionals initiative "Fellows Monterrey"

A number of you have been praying for **Pastor Andrew Brunson** on trial in **Turkey** for his Christian faith - the Turkish authorities are equating Christianization with terrorism. He was sent back to prison following his ten hour hearing this past Monday. The trial is to be continued on May 7. Instead of being returned to the prison he was at prior to this hearing, he was sent back to a prison that is notorious for its overcrowding – one cell designed to hold 8 prisoners has 22. Please continue to pray for Andrew's release. His parents who live in Black Mountain, NC served with the Mitchells in Mexico when Andrew was a young child.

We wish a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to those in our missionary family celebrating birthdays in **May!**

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| 02 – Ellis Comer (2014) | 17 - Jake Hunt |
| 04 – Clyde Comer | Hernando Saenz |
| 06 – Michael Wadhams | 19 – Wendy Bakelaar (1998) |
| 10 – Carisse Cosner (2000) | 22 – Harold Bracken |
| 11 – Harriet Troutman | Bonita Davidson |
| 13 – Suzanne Dye (2003) | 26 – Lucy Piteo (2011) |
| 15 – Phineas Dirks (2013) | |
| Sam Hunt (2007) | |

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Lisa and Harrison Revels, along with grandmother **Terri Fowler**, returned home from the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital last week. Harrison’s surgery went well. He will remain at home until his next appointment in six weeks. Continue to pray for Harrison as his body learns to adapt to the changes.

After a long wait, **Mike Gamage** was finally able to have his knee replacement surgery last week. Mike had knee replacement surgery last November but due to infection, that *knee* was removed at the beginning of this year. Mike is at home and has started physical therapy this week. Continue to pray for Mike as he completes the extended time of physical therapy and recovery.

Congratulations to **Paul and Tiffany Drenth** on the birth of their 4th child. **Fletcher Allen** was born April 1. He is welcomed by 2 big brothers, **Garret and Lucas** and big sister **Maddie**.

YOUTH NEWS



Our youth community project is going very well. A huge thanks to those of you who have already brought in items for the bags. If you haven’t already contributed, stop by the display in the main hallway to pick up a tag (or as many as you want)! All you have to do is buy the item as described on the tag and return it to the designated bin. The youth will then fill bags with the items. The bags will be available for anyone to take so they can hand them out to the homeless and less fortunate. Deadline to turn in donations is Saturday, April 28.

Remember the youth retreat will be May 18-20. Cost is \$60. See bulletin board across from the church office to sign-up today!

MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed monthly for budget	65,149.24
Received in March for budget	61,358.43
Needed to date for budget.....	195,447.72
Received to date for budget	162,675.03
Needed monthly for Faith Promise.....	13,156.67
Received in February for Faith Promise	16,710.00
Needed to date for Faith Promise	39,470.01
Received to date for Faith Promise.....	44,897.00

Birthdays to Celebrate in May

3 Jessica Rhyne

4 Cody Bingham

5 Heather Rumpfelt
Gary Shroyer

6 Paul Abernathy
Rockie Boggess
Ashlyn Jurina

7 Zac Rust



8 Sabrina Shroyer

11 Danielle Abernathy
Tim Featherstone
Ed Kasper
Kindyll Killian

13 James Teague

14 Joyce Burt
Nancy Cozart
Anna-Kathryn Lamb
Callan Saine

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ARMORBEARER

Prayer Calendar – May 2018

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Armorbearers were personal attendants of a warrior chieftain who accompanied him in dangerous missions; they held huge shields sometimes surrounding their leader to protect him. **Intercessory prayers** by church members' can **protect** their leaders from “the flaming arrows of the evil one” and uphold them “that words may be given to me [Paul] in opening my mouth boldly to **proclaim** the mystery of the gospel” (Eph 6:16, 19)

Prayer Promptings from God’s Word for May

¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ...may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you...the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and...the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand ...²¹far above all rule, authority, power and dominion...above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. (Eph. 1:16ff)

Pray for Pastor Steve and Pastor Dan

Pray daily as the Holy Spirit guides you in thinking about, and praying for our pastors. Some suggestions for prayer are included, but pray also as you are aware of other particular needs and concerns they may have.

Monday: To love God with all their heart, and to love others as themselves. (Matt. 27:37-39)

Tuesday: To trust the Lord completely for their wisdom, so that he will direct their daily path. (Prov. 3:5,6)

Wednesday: To pray always, putting on the armor of Lord to stand against the wiles of the Devil. (Eph. 6:11ff)

Thursday: To love their wives and manage their family in ways that honor Christ. (Eph. 5:25, I Tim. 3:4,5)

Friday: That God’s word will be their reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness. (II Tim 3:16)

Saturday: To care faithfully for the flock and have compassion for lost sheep. (John 10:16, Lk. 15:4)

Sunday: To empower them to preach and teach the Gospel in the power of the Spirit. (Matt. 4:23, Rom. 10:15)

Prayer for Our Ministry Leaders and Staff

Pray daily as the Holy Spirit guides you in thinking about, and praying for, our ministry leaders and staff:

Monday: Debbie Smith, Director, Child Development Center

Tuesday: Global Outreach, Adult Ed/Care Groups
Jimmie & Martha Sue Mitchell

Wednesday: Lauren Henderson, Children’s Ministry

Thursday: Sandra Taylor, Administrative Assistant

Friday: Eric Beam, Music Director

Saturday: Pray that **all** who preach, teach and lead on the Lord’s Day at FPC will bring God’s word in the power of the Spirit to bless his people and glorify Jesus Christ.

Prayer for Our Elders and Deacons

- 1 **Kevin Rhyne:** Pray for a Christian spiritual revival within our nation.
- 2 **Robert Rhyne:** Help me to step out in faith with Christ always in the lead.
- 3 **Will Robinson:** Pray that I will be a good father and a Godly father to my son.
- 4 **Ronnie Smith:** Pray that I would not allow the little aggravations of life to distract me from time with the Lord.
- 5 **Tracy Withers:** Pray for our MTW committee as we prepare for this year's conference.
- 6 **Ryan Abernathy:** Please pray for my wife, Elizabeth, that her health remains good as she nears the end of her pregnancy.
- 7 **Chris Baker:** Pray that God will guide us in all the decisions and situations of our lives at home and work.
- 8 **Tommy Barton:** Pray that we will be good stewards of all God has entrusted to us.
- 9 **Mark Beatty:** Pray that my shoulder will continue to heal and my range of motion will return.
- 10 **Lynn Burrell:** Prayer and praise for our technology team for their vision, knowledge and hard work, to keep FPC moving to achieve the technical goals required for our future growth.
- 11 **Dean Chaney:** Pray for God's Spirit to give us wisdom as elders in decisions that we are making to lead our church in God's way.
- 12 **Ken Dake:** Pray for our youth and those of us who are involved with them as we seek to provide a vital ministry to them at this time of their lives.
- 13 **Andrew Deese:** Pray for Hailey and her change in work schedule from full time to part time.
- 14 **Ron Ensley:** Prayers for my sister Debbie Fraley. She is having severe lower back pain and most likely facing surgery.
- 15 **Ed Faggart:** Pray that I show patience and the love of Christ towards those who disagree with me and or see matters differently.
- 16 **Mason Friesenhahn:** Pray for me that with my busy schedule that I make more time for the Lord.
- 17 **Mike Gamage:** Pray that God strengthens my faith and blesses me with a stronger prayer life.
- 18 **Chris Graham:** Praise and prayer for our youth and their "Blessing Bag" project, showing their Christ-like love for the homeless.
- 19 **Mark Harper:** Pray for my mom who is recuperating from broken ribs and a few other issues from a recent fall.
- 20 **Rick Herd:** Pray that I will not be anxious about any thing and know that God is always with me and in control.
- 21 **Jimmie Mitchell:** Pray that I would love what is good, be upright and disciplined in my life.
- 22 **Matt Ormsby:** Pray for continued good health for my family.
- 23 **Jerry Ratchford:** Pray that God's word will be our standard in all that we seek to do at FPC.
- 24 **Grady Rhyne:** Pray for strength and help as I have been having some back issues recently.
- 25 **Kevin Rhyne:** Pray for me to be conscious of my sins and seek daily repentance for them.
- 26 **Robert Rhyne:** Give me confidence to share the Gospel with others with confidence.
- 27 **Will Robinson:** Pray I will not let stresses from the business get to me.
- 28 **Ronnie Smith:** Pray for our summer SOAR sports ministry and its witness to our community.
- 29 **Tracy Withers:** Pray for the adults and drivers needed for the Palmer Home trip in June.
- 30 **Ryan Abernathy:** Please pray that Elizabeth and I find peace in God's guidance as our daughter nears her arrival.
- 31 **Chris Baker:** Pray for the children and families of our church as schools begin their summer recesses and summer plans and activities begin.

Praise and Thanksgivings

- Praise for all the prayers and support from church members and the positive results throughout an extended recovery from knee infection.
Mike Gamage
- Praise for God's leading to a Senior Pastor that He has called to FPC.
Ron Ensley
- Thanks for the work of the technology team and the installation of the new projectors for our sanctuary.