

THE CHURCH FAMILY

Presenting Everyone Complete in Christ

FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Scott Deneen

Serving in a *Kingdom* oriented church is such a blessing. What do I mean by “Kingdom” oriented church? Well, for starters, it means we believe Jesus Christ is King and Head of His Church. Pastors, elders, deacons, etc., serve under Christ rather than side-by-side, and they serve at His behest.

Practical aspects of serving in a Kingdom church is sharing everything we have with other churches belonging to Jesus. Any knowledge, ministry vision, spiritual understanding, etc. is recognized as God-given, and therefore, meant to be shared with all God’s people – SOAR know-how, Biblical insight, gym use, mission trip planning, etc. are all things we want to share with our neighbors.

Another aspect is that we do not grab for power, attention or accolades. Rather we constantly delight in Christ’s sovereign governance of His Kingdom and are happy when He “adds to our number.”

That being said, the leadership at FPC recognizes the necessity of a Seniors Ministry and has moved to hire a Seniors Ministry Pastor...someone who has a heart for God’s people, can come alongside them, minister God’s Word to them, pray for them, and provide needed pastoral care at critical times. As we prayed over who that might be we came to the conclusion that the best “fit” for our people was Pastor Dan King. (Some of you may have heard of him!) And he has graciously agreed to serve us/you/Christ in this capacity beginning this week.

In conversation with Pastor Dan, he was concerned about not intruding upon my newly appointed Sr. Pastor role. I appreciate his respect and am grateful for his concern, but, as he also understands, we serve Christ together as brothers and want/hope/pray for God’s highest blessing upon you (FPC).

Pastor Dan will still worship at Christ Church at River’s Edge in Belmont on Sundays, but begin visiting our seniors on a weekly basis. This will be a blessing to them, to me, and to our church as a whole as we work together to honor Christ through the blessing of His people.

Grace and Peace,



LET’S MAKE 2016 A GREAT YEAR AT FPC!

Invite someone to church! Volunteer for the nursery! Visit a shut-in! Call someone to tell them you missed seeing them in Sunday School/Worship! **Invite someone to church!** Join one of our women’s circles! Send a note when someone is sick! Become part of a care group! **Invite someone to church!**

**Ask the Lord what you can do to
make 2016 a great year at FPC!**



**BEST YEARS
VALENTINE PARTY
FEBRUARY 13
1:00 - 3:00 P.M.
Founders Hall**

Make plans to come for
great food, fun and games!!

NEW SECURITY PRODEDURE

Due to safety and security reasons we will be locking all the doors to Founders Hall, upstairs, downstairs, the stairwell, the gym and activity building during the Sunday morning service. These doors will be locked at 10:30 AM. You will always be able to exit at anytime, but keep in mind the door will lock behind you. After 10:30 AM, you may enter any door on the sanctuary end of the building including the doors by the church office and on the nursery hallway.



This will start the 1st Sunday in February. We believe it is best for the safety of church. We hope you do not find this to be an inconvenience.

WIC NEWS

Join one of our 5 women's circle groups for the first official meeting of the new year. The circles will meet on Monday, February 1 at 7:00 pm with the exception of Grace Circle which will meet at 6:00 pm. Locations for the meetings are as follows:



- Denver Circle meets at the home of Vickie Smith
- Elizabeth Circle meets at the home of Deanna Beatty
- Grace Circle meets at the home of Wendy Ham (6:00 pm)
- Readers Circle meets at the home of Anna Friesenhahn
- Ruth Circle meets in the Church Parlor with Michaela Lamb hosting

February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Newsletter Deadline	2	3 10:30 Wed. AM Care Grp [Preschool closed]	4 6:30 CE Committee Mtg. MTW Committee Mtg AHG Camp Mtg. 7:30 Officers' Prayer	5	6 2:00 Men's Basketball
7 AM Communion 11:30 Palmer Home Team Mtg-Founders Hall 6:00 Image Bearers, Youth, Care Groups	8 7:00 WIC Circle Meetings	9 6:30 Barton Care Group 7:00 Burrell Care Group	10 10:30 Wed. AM Care Grp 6:30 Youth; Abernathy CG Children's Min Team	11 6:00 AHG Unit Meetings	12	13 7:00 Deacons' Meeting 1:00 Best Years Valentine Party-Founders Hall 2:00 Men's Basketball
14 9:00 Children's SS Teacher Training 6:00 Image Bearers, Youth, Care Groups	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 6:30 Barton Care Group 7:00 Burrell Care Group	17 10:30 Wed. AM Care Grp 6:30 Youth; Abernathy CG	18 6:30 AHG Board Mtg. 7:00 Session Meeting 7:30 AHG Leadership Mtg	19	20 8:00-5:00 Gym-Powder Puff Derby-AHG
21 4:30 Communicants' Class 6:00 Image Bearers, Youth, Care Groups	22 7:00 SOAR Committee Mtg.	23 6:30 Barton Care Group 7:00 Burrell Care Group	24 10:30 Wed. AM Care Grp 6:30 Youth; Abernathy CG	25 6:00 AHG Unit Meetings	26	27 2:00 Men's Basketball
28 4:00 WIC Council Mtg. 4:30 Communicants' Class 6:00 Image Bearers, Youth, Care Groups	29 Newsletter Deadline					

FEBRUARY RESPONSIBILITIES

NURSERY SCHEDULE

February 7: 10:15 AM - Debbie, Lauren and Emma Harper
6:00 PM - SaDara Tilley

February 14: 10:15 AM - Stacey Hall
6:00 PM - VOLUNTEER NEEDED

February 21: 10:15 AM - Mary Ruth Heffner
6:00 PM - VOLUNTEER NEEDED

February 28: 10:15 AM - Suzy Deneen
6:00 PM - Amanda Huss



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

February 7: Communion

February 14: Leon Lineberger

February 21: Robert Rhyne

February 28: Chris Baker

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

Michael and Tricia Lee – From early childhood, Tricia, now a nurse, believed God was calling her to missions. However, it was not until Michael made a short-term trip with MTW to Monterrey, Mexico, that he truly sensed God calling him to long-term missions. In response to God's leading, the Lees accepted a call in 2007 to do theological training and coaching of church planters, and mercy ministry in Monterrey. After completing nearly four years of preparation and work on the field, in 2014 the Lees sensed and accepted a more challenging call: to assist in establishing a new work where none had previously existed in Panama City, Panama. In addition to church planting in Panama, the Lees coordinate member care for MTW Latin America, ensuring that MTW's missionaries are receiving the spiritual care they need to grow and thrive as God's people on the field.

Aaron and Leticia Zapata - Aaron grew up in Yucatan, Mexico in a Christian family. He accepted Christ as Savior at a summer youth camp when he was nineteen. He married Leticia in 1976. After working as a civil engineer for five years, Aaron felt a call to become a pastor. He attended Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, MS, where he obtained Master of Divinity and Master of Christian Education degrees. Since then, Aaron has pastored five churches and has served as president of the San Pablo Theological Seminary in Mérida, Mexico. The Zapatas currently live in El Paso, Texas where Aaron teaches in the San Pablo Seminary - Juarez campus, serves as a church planter and seeks to multiply the gospel ministry along the border. Aaron and Leticia have three adult children: Aaron, Mark, and Ana.

Happy Birthday to Our Missionary Family Celebrating Birthdays in February

04 – Krista Babel
11 – Steve Hill
13 – Charles Davidson
09 – Vicki Barton
Eden Wadhams (2000)

21 – Diane Bakelaar
23 – Emanuel Lepadatu (2004)
24 – Anita Chambers
26 – Katelyn Comer (2010)
27 – Kenton Wood

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our sympathies to **Sharon Morton** and **Stephanie Youngblood**. Their brother, Daryl Lee Ingle lost his battle with cancer on January 14.

Jean Cavin remains at the Robin Johnson Hospice House in room D13. She has been there for care since January 10.

WITH LOVING THANKS

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the delicious supper you provided to us and all the support you have shown us during this difficult time.

Dicky Franks



YEAR END GIVING STATEMENTS will be available for pick-up in the near future!



Our church family **mailboxes** have now been updated for the new year. If you are a teacher, elder, deacon, committee chair, circle leader or staff member you should have a mailbox. Please be sure to check your mailbox each week to collect your correspondence.

DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed monthly for budget	60,718.82
Received in December for budget	80,359.38
Needed to date for budget.....	728,625.89
Received to date for budget	796,925.30
Needed monthly for Faith Promise.....	16,517.75
Received in December for Faith Promise.....	23,068.50
Needed to date for Faith Promise	198,213.00
Received to date for Faith Promise.....	188,744.50

Birthdays to Celebrate in February

1 Jake Fox

3 Chris Ham
Justin Jurina

5 Isaac Jessen
Dan Ormsby

6 Grace Kopka
Leslie Smith



7 Jack Revels

8 Dawn Edwards

10 Maria Bailey
Howard Graham

12 Thea Friesenhahn
Naomi Treat

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ARMORBEARER

Prayer Calendar – February 2016
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A Prayer of our first President, George Washington:

“O eternal and everlasting God, I presume to present myself this morning before thy Divine majesty, beseeching thee to accept of my humble and hearty thanks, that it hath pleased thy great goodness to keep and preserve me the night past from all the dangers poor mortals are subject to, and has given me sweet and pleasant sleep, whereby I find my body refreshed and comforted for performing the duties of this day, in which I beseech thee to defend me from all perils of body and soul...Increase my faith in the sweet promises of the gospel; give me repentance from dead works; pardon my wanderings, and direct my thoughts unto thyself, the God of my salvation; teach me how to live in thy fear, labor in thy service, and ever to run in the ways of thy commandments; make me always watchful over my heart, that neither the terrors of conscience, the loathing of holy duties, the love of sin, nor an unwillingness to depart this life, may cast me into a spiritual slumber, but daily frame me more and more into the likeness of thy son Jesus Christ, that living in thy fear, and dying in thy favor, I may in thy appointed time attain the resurrection of the just unto eternal life; bless my family, friends, and kindred.”

-An undated prayer from Washington’s prayer journal, Mt. Vernon...From *Beliefnet*

The Armorbearer Intercession

Armorbearers were personal attendants of a warrior chieftain who accompanied him in dangerous missions. Armorbearers holding huge shields sometimes surrounded their leader to protect him from attack. As the Armorbearers protected the warrior chief from the enemy’s arrows, so church members’ intercessory prayers can protect their pastor from “the flaming arrows of the evil one” (Ephesians 6:16).

Prayer Notes from Pastor Scott

Besides taking up the Senior Pastor role here at First Pres., I am also the Moderator of Catawba Valley Presbytery (our regional church) for 2016. Both roles are an honor but have their unique challenges. While being somewhat familiar with pastoring, I am completely ignorant of moderating meetings, and, therefore, very anxious.

Presbytery meetings are normally straight forward with lots of Committee reports, motions for actions and voting – nothing too difficult...except when you don’t know the “rules of procedure.”

I am currently studying my Book of Church Order and Robert’s Rules of Order in an attempt to prepare myself adequately. However, rather than seeing my anxieties as stemming from lack of parliamentary knowledge, I see my main problem as pride. Here’s why: my worry is not lack of knowledge, rather, my real worry is looking like a fool – that’s pride.

So pray for me to study diligently and to be given clarity and understanding. And pray for me to rest in Christ’s view of me rather than other people’s (or my own projection of what I think other people’s views are). My goal is a smooth, orderly meeting for the Presbyters and a calm, Christ-satisfying demeanor for me. Your prayers would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks for praying!

February Daily Prayer Requests

- 1 **Matt Ormsby:** Pray that I will be a stronger spiritual leader of my household this coming year.
- 2 **Jerry Ratchford:** Pray for my co-worker whose contract expired. Pray he finds employment soon.
- 3 **Percy Raleigh:** Please pray for me to be lead by God's word and strength in my new assignment as Chairman of Facilities for the Deacons.
- 4 **Grady Rhyne:** Pray for the people who are sick and suffering among our congregation.
- 5 **Robert Rhyne:** Pray that God might provide me with wisdom to exemplify Christian patience between duties at work and home.
- 6 **Johnny Smith:** Pray for the youth in helping them deal with the trials and pressures the world brings on them daily.
- 7 **Chris Baity:** Pray for God's wisdom in some upcoming decisions.
- 8 **Chris Baker:** Pray for parents who are seeking to balance jobs, family, and church responsibilities in a way that honors God.
- 9 **Tommy Barton:** Pray that God would help me to love others as He would have me to do.
- 10 **Clyde Haley:** Pray that our Church will be led by the Holy Spirit of Christ our Lord.
- 11 **Charles Hamrick:** Pray for the Palmer Home team preparing for the 2016 mission trip.
- 12 **Mark Harper:** That I will seek God's will in all the decisions I make in my everyday walk and that I will be a blessing to those around me.
- 13 **Joel Jessen:** Pray that Kim and I would have wisdom regarding possible work opportunities for her over the coming year.
- 14 **Mark Johnson:** Prayers in helping me be more confident in God's plan and to try not to get in His way of those plans.
- 15 **Leon Lineberger:** Pray for God's direction in the lives of the young adults in our families and church.
- 16 **Garry Lucas:** Pray that believers in our church and country will exercise their Christian duty to pray for our nation's present and future leaders.
- 17 **Jimmie Mitchell:** Pray that I might love God with all my heart, mind and strength, and love and serve others as I love myself.
- 18 **Dan Ormsby:** That all involved in volleyball will be a Godly example to the participating children and families, that lives will be changed for Christ.
- 19 **Matt Ormsby:** Pray for the volleyball season and that individuals involved will grow closer to the Lord.
- 20 **Jerry Ratchford:** Pray for a healthy pregnancy for my nephew's wife who recently miscarried.
- 21 **Percy Raleigh:** Pray for me as I continue to serve as Co-Chair of the MTW committee.
- 22 **Grady Rhyne:** That I would obey what is God's will in matters of the church in the coming year.
- 23 **Robert Rhyne:** Pray for me to be a good shepherd at FPC even in the midst of my shortcomings.
- 24 **Johnny Smith:** Pray for those who teach and lead the youth of our congregation.
- 25 **Chris Baity:** Pray for the process of selling our house.
- 26 **Chris Baker:** Pray that all who are involved with the SOAR Volleyball will show the love of Christ to those who participate.
- 27 **Tommy Barton:** Pray for the ministry to the children of our congregation.
- 28 **Clyde Haley:** Pray for our home bound members that God will heal and strengthen them, both spiritually and physically.
- 29 **Charles Hamrick:** Pray for all of those teaching our Sunday School classes.

Praise and Thanksgivings

- Praise God for the smooth transition of leadership from Pastor Dan to Pastor Scott.