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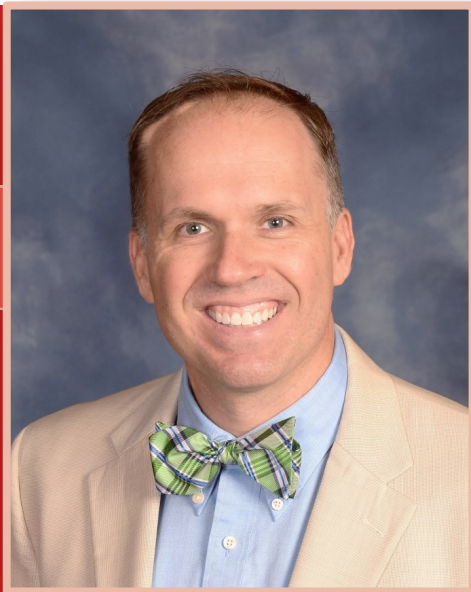
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ULTIMATE LOVE

ULTIMATE SACRIFICE





Rev. Kyle Schmidt

Made for More

Music is powerful. Music has the ability to make you think and move your spiritual barometer. I continue sharing with you some songs that have influenced or are influencing my life. These may or not be songs that you are familiar with, but I ask that you read the lyrics and my commentary. I welcome your thoughts or feedback.

Your life stands and represents more than you can imagine. As the song builds, the writer quickly builds a mid-tempo chorus which is instantly memorable. Baldwin contends that God didn't just save us so we could go to heaven one day. Salvation, he asserts, is only the beginning; we were made for so much more. Baldwin's song echoes the words of Jesus found in John 10:9-10: *"Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life."* As we embark upon our Lenten journey this month, I encourage you to pray how God could use your life for more.

I pray this song brings a smile to your face and heart. As we have done, this will be the final song each week of February, prior to service. I look forward to continuing to share more words of inspiration in the months to come. If you haven't heard the song, I encourage you to Google it. Blessings!

Your Brother in Christ,

-Kyle

Made for More

Song by Josh Baldwin featuring Jenn Johnson

*I know who I am 'cause I know who You are
The cross of salvation was only the start
Now I am chosen, free and forgiven
I have a future and it's worth the living*

*'Cause I wasn't made to be tending a grave
I was called by name
Born and raised back to life again
I was made for more
So why would I make a bed in my shame
When a fountain of grace is running my way
I know I am Yours
And I was made for more*

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So why would I make a bed in my shame
When a fountain of grace is running my way
I know I am Yours
And I was made for more*

*Oh hallelujah
You called out my name
So I'll sing out Your praise
Hallelujah
You buried my past
And I'm not going back*

*Hallelujah
You called out my name
So I'll sing out Your praise
Hallelujah
You buried my past
I'm not going back*

*'Cause I wasn't made to be tending a grave
I was called by name
Born and raised back to life again
I was made for more
So why would I make a bed in my shame
When a fountain of grace is running my way
I know I am Yours
And I was made for more
Come on, sing it out (Hey)*

*I wasn't made to be tending a grave
I was called by name
Born and raised back to life again
I was made for more
So why would I make a bed in my shame
When a fountain of grace is running my way
I know I am Yours
And I was made for more
Come on, hallelujah*

*Oh hallelujah
You called out my name
So I'll sing out Your praise
And hallelujah
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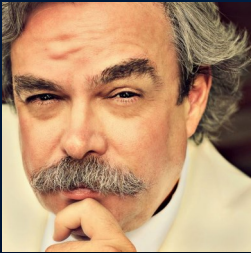
*Hallelujah
You called out my name
(And I'll sing out Your praise)
Singing hallelujah
You buried my past
And I'm not going back*

*'Cause I wasn't made to be tending a grave
I was called by name
Born and raised back to life again
I was made for more
Come on, sing it over yourself
Oh so why (Would I make)
A bed in my shame
When a fountain of grace is running my way
I know I am Yours
And I was made for more
Yeah*



*The Cleveland Storytelling Guild will present
their 28th annual Ocoee Story Fest on*

**Friday, February 2nd
at First Presbyterian Church,
433 North Ocoee Street
Cleveland, Tennessee**



Featured guest will be humorist, author and storyteller Stephen Hollen. He will be sharing from his extensive repertoire of personal stories, tall tales and other stories sure to delight the entire family. In the days leading up to the festival, Stephen will be sharing in local schools through the generous funding from the Arts in Education and Business Council of the Cleveland Bradley Chamber of Commerce.

Now in its 28th year, Ocoee Story Fest is among the first storytelling festivals in the country, and is one of the longest running festivals in the region, outside the National festival held each year in Jonesborough, Tennessee. We are happy to bring Stephen back to Cleveland to share with the community.

The stories will begin at 7:00 PM.

A suggested love offering of \$5, with a family maximum of \$15 is requested.

For more information, contact Judy Baker at tellone406@gmail.com or 423.618.7257.





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

*This season we will
studying
**Life Lessons from
Philippians:
A Guide to Joy**
by Max Lucado.*

In an era marked by frustration,
could you use more contentment?

In a world filled with anxieties,
worries, and fears, could you stand to
have a bit more joy?

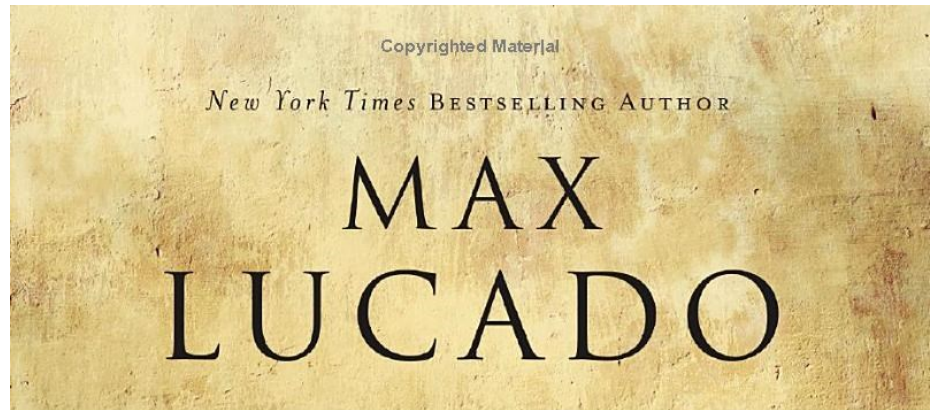
The believers in Philippi were
struggling. They were trying to grow
in faith and live for Christ. Trying to
deal with conflict and threats of
persecution. The apostle Paul was
stuck in a Roman prison when he
wrote to this young church. His letter
could have focused on his own
troubles. Instead, he wrote about
living a life full of joy, peace, and
contentment.

Paul's confidence reminds us of God's
wisdom and control in the difficult
moments of life. His excitement
challenges us in this guide to joy.

We hope to see you there.

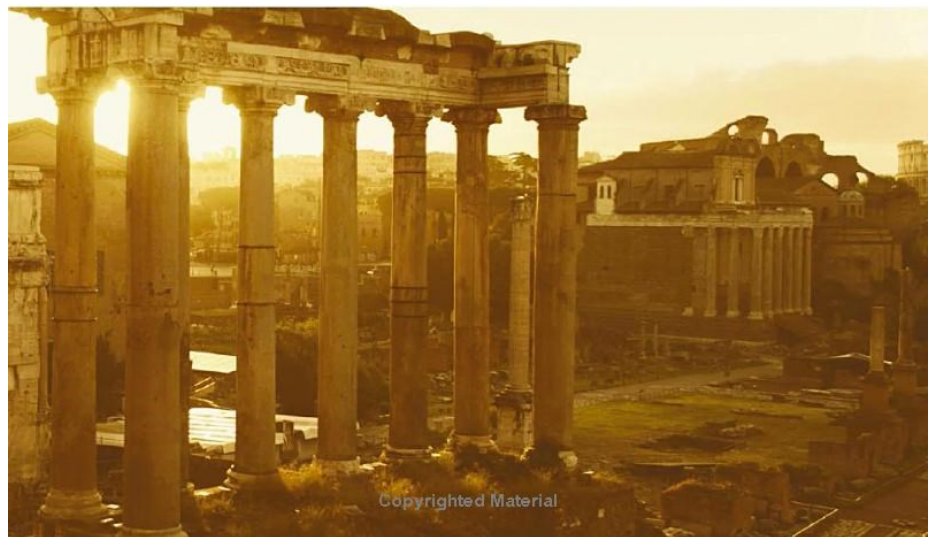
Presbyterian Women will resume meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

*Mark your calendars and please plan to join us for
fellowship, good eats (after all we are Presbyterian!) and
a continuation of the study of Phillipians.*



LIFE LESSONS *from*

PHILIPPIANS



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WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

We will have four Wednesdays of activities this month, including a church-wide Valentine Dinner put on by our youth. We will have our annual Ash Wednesday service and then for two weeks we will continue our viewing of *The Chosen*, followed by discussion.



Want to see the life of Jesus come to life? As the biggest crowdfunded project in TV history, *The Chosen* is the first-ever multi-season show about the life of Jesus. This series allows viewers to see the life of Jesus through the eyes of those that knew Him. Follow the transformations of His followers through the ministry of Jesus as He journeys to change the world. No prior Jesus knowledge is necessary, just a desire to dialogue with other Christians on the spiritual path.

Wednesday Schedule

2/7 Valentine Dinner, 6:00pm
2/14 Ash Wednesday Service, 6:00pm
2/21 Dinner & Programs (*The Chosen*)
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Children's Choir 5:30—6:00pm

Dinner 6:00-6:30pm

Bible Studies 6:30—7:30pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30—8:30pm

FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The Worship stream will start at 10:30 am Sunday, with Worship service starting at 10:45 am. At the conclusion of service, the worship video will be available on our Youtube channel.

We thank you for your faithfulness. To God be all glory!

Worship Note: We will have communion on Sunday, 2/4.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The **DANHO Sunday school class** continues to meet in the Gibson Fellowship Hall, They are working through *Making of Biblical Womanhood* by Beth Allison Barr. They are always open to new participants as we seek to grow in our faith.

The **CIA Sunday school class** continues to discuss Max Lucado's, *Traveling Light*. They meet in room 8 of the Education wing.

FEBRUARY WORSHIP READINGS

Real Bible: Here and Now with Rev. Kyle Schmidt

February 4: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23, Sermon: *Partnership*

February 11: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9, Sermon: *Change Up*

February 14: Psalm 51:1-17, Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21, Sermon: *When the Dust Settles*

February 18: Genesis 9:8-17, Sermon: *Bonded Together*

February 25: Genesis 17:1-7, Psalm 111, Sermon: *Covenant Love*

FEBRUARY Birthdays

Perry Singleton	2nd
Pamela Singleton	2nd
Angelo Barnick	3rd
Chris Barber	8th
Wayne Carter	10th
Willow Holiday	10th
Sandy Daigle	16th
Matthew Smith	19th
Amy Atchley	20th
Anthony Barnick	21st
Logan Schmidt	21st
Jennifer Johnson	23rd
Ed McClintock	24th
Ann Chittenden	27th



ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL OF CARING



On February 11th our youth will be collecting the Souper Bowl of Caring offering. This is a nationwide effort that uses the hype of the Super Bowl to raise money for hunger relief ministries. All of the money and food collected next Sunday will go to support our local Boys & Girls club in a campaign called *Nutrition Without Borders*. Accepted food items (besides cash) should be children's snacks, i.e. Gold Fish, chewy bars, fruit cups, crackers, beef sticks, oatmeal, cheese dip sticks, ramen noodles, Jello Cups, Caprisuns. Look for the Soup Pots to place your donations!

Since 1990, local food charities across all fifty states with over 305,000 unique groups participating. Every dollar donated to Souper Bowl of Caring creates over \$18 for food charities. The cause unites all communities to Tackle Hunger.

SHROVE TUESDAY



Shrove Tuesday occurs the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. It officially ends the season of Epiphany and is the vigil for the starting of Lent. Traditionally viewed as a day of repentance, Shrove Tuesday has become the last day for celebration and feasting before the period of fasting required during the Lenten season. The name "Shrove Tuesday" is derived from the word "shrive", which means to confess and receive absolution. The name denotes a period of cleansing, wherein a person brings their lusts and appetites under subjection through abstention and self-sacrifice.

Our celebration of Shrove Tuesday will be **February 13th from 5:00-7:00pm** as we enjoy a gourmet pancake dinner. Come and join the indulgence.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE



Join us February 14th at 6:00pm.

Our worship of God begins our congregation's observance of Lent. Not counting Sundays, Lent is a period of 40 days during which Christians are invited into a life of self-examination, filled with prayer, reflection, introspection, and contemplation of the mystery of God's salvation in Jesus Christ, as well as awareness of their own falling short of God's glory.

Sundays are not counted, for every Sunday is the LORD's Day, a mini-Easter, a time of celebration. Please consider joining us as we have the imposition of ashes.

Come, let us worship.

Psalm 95

Thoughts by Wayne Carter

Worship is at the very heart of the life of the Church. Worship is the principal influence that shapes our faith. It is one of the most visible ways we express our faith. Particularly in the reformed tradition, worship fosters a strong sense of unity with God and with the community of faith with the past, present, and future. It is through worship we see a world in need of God and are able to participate with that healing.

Perhaps one of the intriguing questions regarding worship is best directed at “why” we do things. Much of our form of worship is rooted in the Jewish tradition (Jesus was Jewish).

In one sense, the book of Acts in the New Testament is the most important for our understanding of the early Church. Apart from the book of Acts, we have little information about the early Church, except for what we can deduce from the letters of Paul. Throughout the book of Acts, consistent in the Church is the spreading of the “word”.

Worship since Christianity began seems to have changed due to the human desire for power. From the outside looking in, the communist manifesto described religion as “the opiate of the masses”. Without an understanding of the aspects of worship, it would appear the mystery involved in the sacraments, the magnitude of the architecture, and politics are tools used to soothe the poverty of the mass while the elite drown in pleasure.

The evolution of thought (Enlightenment), though despised by many, appears to be the beginning of unity back into the Church. The very early Christians had little organization but a central purpose, the great commission. However, once a hierarchy was in place the power struggle began. During the enlightenment period, people begin to ask “why” we do things.

The sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper are but of two prime examples of this evolution of thought. Our understanding of these is they are a sign and act of God’s self-giving, by which God’s grace is made available to us. The sacraments are the primary signs of the covenant of grace. The mystery is not necessarily in the basic elements (water, bread, wine), but in the work of the Holy Spirit.

Architecture and Church furnishings appear to be one of the greatest examples of the massing of human wealth and power in the name of religious worship.

One of my most moving religious experiences was setting in one of the Catholic Cathedrals in West Germany. I went in simply to view the majesty of the building and beauty of the art work. What I discovered was without a word being spoken, I was experiencing a truly moving religious event. I found

myself teary eyed as I viewed the various artistic accounts of the suffering of our ancestors. The realization of the pain and agony of the Christ became etched clearly in my memory. The glory of the resurrection abounded. Surely, all this must have been inspired by God.

On the other hand, I recall the historical accounts of wars that resulted in thefts and killings that appear to have occurred mainly for the massing of wealth beyond my imagination in the hands of a few, while at the same time the vast majority of people were living in hunger, fear, and disease with no seeming hope for the better. This seemed to contradict the directive to go and “feed my sheep”.

Perhaps one of the significant reasons the middle-ages was so dark were the power struggles within the Church. These power struggles were seemingly for individual rather than corporate good. This being a time where to disagree with the leaders of the Church or to have new ideas meant excommunication and/or death.

Clearly, one of the most important (if not the most important) inventions was the printing press. This allowed the masses to be more educated and as a result more involved. Eventually new ideas surfaced and powers begin to shift.

The question of “why” is best answered with the motivation of the individual. Whom do you seek to glorify, God or Self? Throughout it all, the Holy Spirit has been active interceding for us, guiding us, and teaching us. God is sovereign.

The reformed tradition’s worship is centered on God rather than self and feelings. Our attention is drawn to the majesty and glory of God. God who created all, sustains all, who was revealed in the person of Jesus raised from the dead to rule over all, and who is at work in and among us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Although we see change as inevitable in Christian worship, we remember the past. Unity of faith is part of our assurance. Retaining such things as creeds and common prayers, we are binding ourselves with Christians of the past.

We are beginning to look at others in ways that highlight our resemblances rather than our differences. We see Baptism as a fundamental to our faith. We recognize the scripture being read and proclaimed as central to worship. We share a common liturgical calendar. We are beginning to recognize that in belief and practice there is more that unites us rather than divides us at the Lord’s Table.

The very early creed “Jesus is Lord” exemplifies where worship began and perhaps where we are going.

HOLA!



**ADULT SPANISH
CLASSES**



A 10 weeks module to learn spanish
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Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

SAVE YOUR SPOT!

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Care Kits

for
Cleveland



organized by Abigail Blazer, Girl Scout Troop 40090 in collaboration with
First Presbyterian Church 433 N. Ocoee Street Cleveland, TN 37312

DONATIONS NEEDED!

The following items will be accepted:

HYGIENE BAGS for the Homeless \$20

- lip balm
- (travel size) shampoo
- (travel size) conditioner
- washcloth
- deodorant
- bar soap
- (travel size) lotion
- toothbrush
- (travel size) toothpaste
- feminine pads
- disposable razors
- hair ties
- hairbrush or comb
- (travel size) sunscreen
- (travel size) wipes
- sanitizer
- (travel size) tissues
- socks
- bottles of water
- hats, scarves, gloves
- disposable rain ponchos
- 2 ½ gal. jumbo zip bags

COMFORT BAGS for Kids \$12

- small stuffed animals
- small water bottles, juice boxes or drink pouches
- small books
- snacks (individually packaged)
- snack size M&Ms
- suckers
- play dough
- crayons
- colored pencils
- coloring books
- small toys
- stickers or sticker books
- 2 ½ gal. jumbo zip bags

Venmo donations to:
First Presbyterian Church
(possible code: 0350)

*please label your donation
"Hygiene or Comfort Bags"



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Donations will be accepted @ First Presbyterian Church of Cleveland.



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This mission continues to need your assistance.
Please remember us in your prayers!

Check out more at:

<https://www.carekitsforcleveland.org/>

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

Children's Sermon/ Children's Church - Sundays 10:45am

***February 11th**

Kids Valentine's Party!

12:00pm—2:00pm

Toddler to 5th Grade are invited to stay after church for food, fun & activities! We can't wait to share the love with the kids!

**Deadline to drop off valentine goodies in the kids/youth bags they will take them home after.*



MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL:

February 7th

Church Valentine Dinner

6:00pm

Youth will be cooking & serving dinner to ALL the church members!

Childcare provided.

February 9th

Girl's Valentine's Night Out!

5:30pm

Girls will meet at FPC and go out for a fun night out to celebrate Valentine's Day!

February 16-18th

Youth Summit

High-School Retreat 2024

Holston Presbytery Camp (NC)

Activity: Skiing

(Sign up with Jessica)



**SAVED
WITH
AMAZING
GRACE**

February 23rd

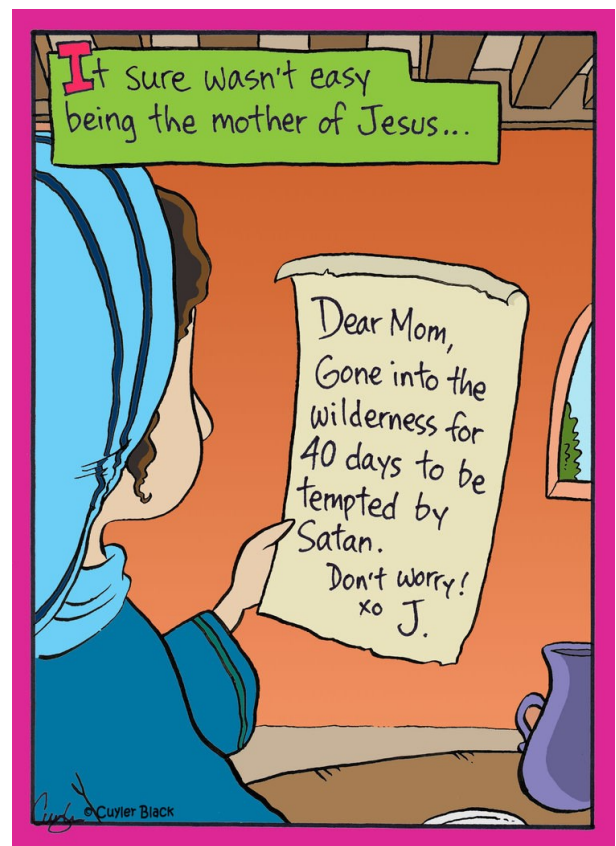
Boy's Valentine's Night Out!

5:30pm

Boys will meet at FPC and go out for a fun night out to celebrate Valentine's Day!

***Other Children & Youth Ministry February dates TBA**

FPC FUNNIES



February

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Upcoming March Dates

- March 3rd- VBS shirt preorder & volunteer sign-up
- March 11-15th- School Spring Break
- March 23rd- Easter Community Event
- March 24th- Palm Sunday
- March 28th- Maundy Thursday
- March 29th- Good Friday Prayer & Foot Washing
- March 31st- Easter

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