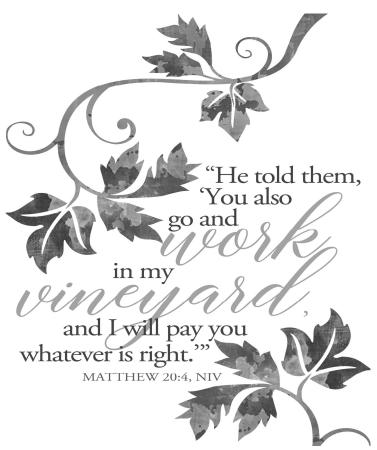


Good News

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Another month. Another extension of the Phase 2 restrictions. Another delay before we can reopen church.

But this past month, we've had some "fun" too. Dawn had a scare after being exposed to the corona virus earlier in the

month at a family gathering and had to be in quarantine for 2 weeks.

And then last week, we nearly had two tropical storms hit us at the same time... I tell you, 2020 just keeps getting better and better, doesn't it?

Of course, any tropical storm in the Gulf in late August gives us all some flashback to Katrina. On Friday and Saturday, the grocery stores and gas stations were all full of people stocking up and preparing in case they ran out of food and power. (Thankfully Marco petered out while still offshore, and Laura's track has moved much further westward.)

It's strange, but that's how most of us react when a storm is in the Gulf: Nervously eyeing the storm, getting prepared, making plans to get out if needed. No matter how much we don't want to, almost all of us get anxious (even if for just a moment) when we hear of a tropical system in the Gulf, fearing that it could be another Katrina. That's just the way we are after that storm. That has become our "New Normal".

And thinking of that, I wonder what our "New Normal" will be in the aftermath of the coronavirus. Because unless a vaccine or treatment is produced that is 100% effective, there will likely be a great many changes to our lives. We won't shake hands as much with people we don't know. We will wear masks in public more often. We won't be able to gather as we

once did. And a lot more things will be happening online than ever before: shopping, meetings, parties and friendships, concerts, sporting events, even church.

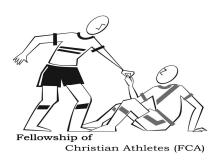
Which means that we will need to begin thinking and planning for how things will need to be different going forward. Most of us are hoping for a "Return to Normal", where everything will pick up where we left it. Most of us don't want to imagine that "This is how things *will be* from now on."

We should get ourselves ready for the possibility that things will not be what they were before. But the good news is that we have a God who always brings new things and new possibilities. The question is "Do we want to come along or do we want to be left behind?"

Blessings, Keith

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Due to the pandemic, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) will not meet at this time; however, they plan to resume early Friday morning breakfast and worship once the state allows.

Please keep the students in your prayers!



Help Feed the Hungry

Mount Olive Feeding Ministry remains closed through the month of September due to the Pandemic.

We will let you know when they reopen.



CCC (Community Christian Concern) is one of our church's ministry outreaches in the Slidell community. Located at 2515 Carey St., CCC provides emergency needs to families, along with a transitional men's shelter, known as the "Miramon Center".

We send monthly funds to CCC. We send McDonald gift cards for counselors to distribute to needy families with children. We are also blessed that our own congregation members volunteer their time to work at CCC during the week.

Thanks to all of you who continue to support this ministry!

To my knowledge, the pantry is open but all other departments remain closed at this time due to the pandemic. Once fully re-opened, we will let you know.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world.

Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace.

Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation.

The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is received September 6 - October 4.

Please give generously. Thank you!

School Supply Drive

We are purchasing supplies for the first graders at Bayou Woods Elementary and for the Special Needs Students at Abney Elementary.

If you would like to support this ministry, please write school supply drive on your check or envelope contribution. Or, you may copy and paste the link below into your web browser to order via Amazon.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/ U6FXH7T1KGO9?ref_=wl_share

Drop any items you purchase off at the church office, Wed-Fri, between 10 am and 2 pm.

See student supply lists on pages 8 & 9.

Thank you for your generosity and support!



School Supply Drive Items Needed

We are collecting for 1st Graders and Special Needs Students We can purchase and fill a pack or teacher kit for \$30 each. If you prefer to shop, use the list below and deliver to FPC:

First Graders:

Crayons 24 Count - 2 boxes
Washable Crayola Markers (primary colors) - 1 box
8 oz. Glue - 2 bottles
Loose Leaf Wide Rule - 200 sheets
Glue Sticks .21oz - 6 sticks
#2 Pencils - 12
Box Kleenex & Roll Paper Towels - 1 of each
Bleach Wipes
Staples
Post It Notes
Dry Erase Markers
Underwear for 7-8 year old boy/girl
Tennis shoes for 7-8 year old boy/girl

Special Needs Students:

Proposed Sensory Room Equipment
Compression Swing: Indoor Therapy Swing by Sensory
4U \$59.95; Amazon (or anything comparable)
8 piece Sunny and Fun Balance Stepping Stones Obstacle
Course: \$39.95; Amazon (or anything comparable)
Stability balls (3)
Playfoam Pals Special Supplies Fun Foam Modeling
Foam Beads Play Kit, 10 Blocks Children's Educational Clay for Arts Crafts Kindergarten, Preschool
Kids Toys Develop Creativity, Motor Skills \$19.95;

Special Needs Students cont:

Kinetic sand Kinetic Sand The Original Moldable Sensory Play Sand, Green, 2 Pounds \$9.97; Amazon (comes in various colors) or something comparable quantity: 4 Kiddy pool (for ball pit)

Click N' Play Pack of 200 Phthalate Free BPA Free Crush Proof Plastic Ball, Pit Balls - 6 Bright Colors in Reusable and Durable Storage Mesh Bag with Zipper \$27.79; Amazon

Items for sensory tubs

Pompom (various sizes

PlayDoh - 10

Plastic kiddie scissors

Salad thongs

Pipe Cleaners

Large beads

Fidget toys (there are a lot of different toys on Amazon)

Cars, trucks

Large Lego blocks

Unifix cubes

2 sets - DLOnline 40PCS Jumbo Nuts and

Bolts,Occupational Therapy Autism,Jumbo Nuts Bolts Toy,Screw nut toy,Screw toy,Jumbo Screw nut \$12.99; Amazon

Carpet squares

Large Shag style rug

Large fluffy pillows, pillows with sequins

KINFAYV Water Beads - 70000 Beads 1 Scoop 2 Tweezers 1 Spoon, Soft Water Jelly Beads Motor Skills Toy Set,Non-Toxic Water Sensory Toy for Tactile Toys,Sensory Toys,Early Skill Development \$13.80; Amazon

Magnetic gears, Texture books

CHURCH FINANCES



Roof Update:

The church's flat roof was replaced in May 2019 at a cost of \$57,000.00 The session set a goal to replenish the funds over a three year period (\$19,000/year).

Thanks to some very generous donors, we've recouped \$23,000.00 thus far.

We must raise another \$34,000.00 over the next two years to fully replenish the monies spent. If you wish to contribute to this very important cause, please write ROOF on your contribution check or envelope.

Prayerfully consider what you can give. Thank you.



September 6

Exodus 12: 1-14 Romans 13: 8-14 Matthew 18: 15-20

September 13

Exodus 14: 19-31 Romans 14: 1-12 Matthew 18: 21-35

September 20

Exodus 16: 2-15
Philippians 1: 21-30
Matthew 20: 1-16

September 27

Exodus 17: 1-7
Philippians 2: 1-13
Matthew 21: 23-32



CHRISTIAN NURTURE



Jo Ann Gomez 11th Brenda Veitch 11th Michelle Gossoo 14th Samantha Dussor 28th

Happy Birthday!

From all of us here at FPC

*Missing a birthday?
Please notify the church office ASAP.
Thank you.

CHRISTIAN NURTURE



*Family & Friends of Kenneth White (friend of Dussor's) - on his passing

Paula Gunn - moved out of state to live with her daughter

Larry & Debbie Cook - health concerns

Teachers and Students everywhere - as school begins again

Bernard & JoAnn Gomez - health concerns

Bob Clifton – health concerns

Gloria Vinson (Barbara and Laurie's Aunt) - health concerns

Ed & Charleen Kruebbe (Dawn's Parents) - health concerns

Brenda Veitch - health concerns

Sue Cartmill - health concerns

Henry Martinez (friend of Veitches) - health concerns

Nancy Armond (friend of Dussor's) - recovering from broken legs

Joy Martinez (friend of Veitches) – health concerns

Charlie Gutridge (Jeff & Kathy's Grandson) - spinal muscular atrophy

Barbara Toups (Sue's Son-In-Law's Sister) - undergoing cancer treatment

Harry Babirad (Shirley's brother-in-law) - cancer

Mitchel Glasgow (Marsha Carson's brother) - cancer

Shirley Sharpe - health concerns

Vivian Huntington - health concerns

Our Veterans, Our Military, Our First Responders, & Diplomatic Persons -

Serving around the world

* Indicates new person or change in condition

If someone who should be added to the prayer list, please let the office know. If someone is in the hospital, please tell Pastor Keith Abramowski, or call the church office.

BIBLE TRIVIA

Answer to August Bible Trivia Question

Where was Jesus when he performed his first miracle? The answer is Cana.

Jesus turned water into wine at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Read John 2: 1-11



September Bible Trivia Question

Who is the high priest of Jerusalem who put Jesus on trial?

Hint: See Matthew 26: 57 and John 18:14



HOLY HUMOR



COMING ATTRACTIONS



World Communion Sunday is Sunday, October 4th.

Though we cannot meet in person,
I suggest prayer and several moments of silence as
you have some bread and juice in memory of our
Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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<u>Service Times:</u> Online Worship at www.fpcslidell.org