



Tidings

It Takes Grace...

“And He said to them, ‘Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.’ For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.” [Mark 6:31]

During the next 24 hours, your heart will beat 103,000 times, your blood will travel about 168,000,000 miles, you will breathe 23,000 times, inhale 480 cubic feet of air, eat 3.5 pounds of food, speak 4,800 words (more for women/less for men), move 750 muscles, and exercise 7,000,000 brain cells. Whew – no wonder we feel so tired! We are constantly going, even if you think you’ve not gone anywhere. We are the

only nation with a mountain called *Rushmore* (go ahead, smile). Our tombstones might read: “Hurried/Worried/Buried.” We have all kinds of technology to make our lives easier, but how’s that working out for you? Last week Pat and I went on vacation for an entire week. Even though I’m glad to be home, I liked the time off; thank you. I think it’s a great idea to unplug everything from time to time; if we can reboot our computers and phones, why not our calendars? That is the principle God gave us with the Sabbath. It is not a legalistic day we have to observe, but it is a good time to simply focus on the Lord. I do believe God will honor

the Sabbath in our lives if we will honor it. Even Jesus took time off. In Mark 6 we read, “Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught. And He said to them, ‘Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.’ For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.” [Mark 6:30-31] A good commentary on that passage is that if we don’t come aside with Him, we will come apart without Him. Let’s focus on the things of God... Blessings, RevLon

Special Dates of Interest

- ✓ Session Meeting, August 7, 2018
- ✓ First Day of School August 8, 2018
- ✓ Wednesday Evening Activates begin for the year, August 15, 2018
- ✓ Great Banquet Team Meetings Begin, August 20, 2018

AUGUST IS HERE!

School is back in session – so is our schedule of Wednesday Night activities!

Beginning August 15, everyone is invited to come for some good home cooking in the gym and stay for the activities:
5:15PM Church Supper

6:00PM Adult Bible Study
Children and Youth Groups Meet

7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

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EXPERIENCING GOD...ON PURPOSE

First Presbyterian Church
September 8, 2018
8:30AM—3:30PM

tionship with Jesus!
AT EXPERIENCING GOD
ON PURPOSE you will:

- Explore the need to live a more intentional faith
- Experience fellowship with people of faith through music and activities
- Explore spiritual practices for experiencing God's loving presence



Steph and Shirley France's journey of experiencing God on purpose began in Madisonville as they felt the support of Christ's community during the illness and loss of their daughter, Trista.

They will share the spiritual journey, plus lead everyone in music and practices for "Experiencing God...on Purpose" in your own lives. All are welcome! This is a day to increase your personal rela-

Registration:
(This is an event for adults. Childcare will not be available)

\$10/Person \$15/Couple

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IT'S TIME!

August is here. Time for youth group, choir, and Bible study to resume. Hopefully you had a great relaxing summer with trips to the mountains, the coast, and points outside of Hopkins County. It is again time to live out Christ's presence in our neighborhood. It's time to assess our gifts and matching them with the needs of our community. I know that Christ is calling us to use our strengths in particular ways for particular reasons. He is calling us to reach out in ways we never could imagine. What do you believe you can do to help in stewardship, mission, fellowship and worship? We have many opportunities for you to participate if you are willing to ask God to give you guidance and direction. How about dreaming, planning, and implementing outreach and evangelism? How about engaging every member to

carry out the mission of FPC. You remember: To know Jesus as Lord and Savior and make Him known. Do you ask the Holy Spirit to check your spiritual pulse and get you interested and involved in the needs, desires, and challenges of our congregation? Do you feel the need to fellowship after church? How about sponsoring Hebrews Café after church as well as before? Wouldn't it be great to get to know your fellow parishioners? Can you think of ways to get the teens and their parents interested in attending Sunday Service? You do know that it isn't the pastors' responsibility alone, don't you? Have you asked God to give you that step in faith to be willing to lead a Bible study or cell group? Have you thought about what simple change you could make to create a great impact on our community

through our church? When you are feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting those imprisoned (either in their homes or elsewhere), and praying for the world to come to Jesus are you letting people know you attend First Pres? Do you invite them to worship with you? Remember to pray for guidance, strength and faith.

You are uniquely made and have amazing gifts through the power of the Holy Spirit. It takes a willingness to step out into the unknown, a commitment to change, and an acceptance to give the things our church needs to do for the LORD. Receive gratefully and give generously.

Still on the Inside,
Pastor Pete.

A GOOD ATTITUDE

“You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every

To have a humble attitude is difficult for most of us. Sometimes we have a sense of false humility that doesn’t really reflect true humility but rather an attitude of low self-esteem. But we see a world full of

headlines just the opposite of that. Pride has become the mantle worn by those that have elevated themselves and their agenda at the expense of others that would defy them or get in their way. Protests are what our world have slid into and not the kind that were for the better as they were when Martin Luther King led folks to stand for the downtrodden and the oppressed. Today people just want to protest and picket, it seems, at the drop of a hat. Are things really that bad? I’m not leaning left or right here, I’m just saying what if we all valued one another as much as God values us. If we want to see our world changed for the best this is the only way it will ever happen as every knee bows and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

As we reflect Him to those around us with a humble attitude is the way to change ourselves and hopefully influence those we have the opportunity to love and serve.

“For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.” Romans 14:7-8 I hope that we all can put life into the perspective God intended us to have and live life to the fullest. God is good all the time! And all the time, God is good!

In Christ’s Love,
Rob
Romans 12

June Finances At-A-Glance

		YTD	
Income	\$20,100.19	YTD Income	\$153,506.15
Expense	<u>-\$24,168.23</u>	YTD Expense	<u>-\$156,856.26</u>
Net	-\$4,068.04	YTD Net	-\$3,350.11
Undesignated		YTD Undesignated	
Income	\$17,351.20	Income	\$134,020.44
Expense	<u>-\$22,449.98</u>	Expense	<u>-\$123,777.88</u>
Net	-\$5,098.78	Net	\$10,242.56
Designated		YTD Designated	
Income	\$2,749.00	Income	\$19,485.71
Expense	-\$1,718.25	Expense	-\$33,078.38

YOUTH NEWS

August 15 will begin our Wednesday night youth groups. Middle and High school group meets from 6-7:30 and our first night back we will celebrate God’s gift of water with getting wet and having some fun. Hope to have all our youth attend and experience the best God can give us in this family of encouragement and love. Also anyone

interested in helping fund our youth program that shops at Kroger can do so by signing up at this link, <http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com/>. Or you can go to our church website, newfpc.com and go to the kids tab and then to Kroger Community Rewards in the drop down. Thanks so much for all

the support and we look forward to a great year and appreciate your prayers for us!

1 st	Mike & Nancy Franklin (A)	24 th	Mike Shepherd
	Mallory Hunt		David Brooks
	Craig Winstead		Connie Skultety
2 nd	Mike Franklin	26 th	Lon & Pat Lorton (A)
4 th	Chaun Castleberry		Cookie Porter
14 th	Mike & Jo Shepherd (A)	27 th	John & Cheryl Bushong (A)
15 th	Matt Sills	28 th	Kyle Gregory
16 th	Phyllis Klym (A)	31 st	Luke Ricketts
19 th	Shari Winstead		
21 st	Lanna Arnold		
22 nd	Sandy Tucker		



August 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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5	6	7 <i>6PM Session Mtg</i>	8 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 <i>5:15 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Activities 7:00 Choir Rehearsal</i>	16	17	18
19	20 <i>6PM Great Banquet Team Meetings Begin</i>	21	22 <i>5:15 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Activities 7:00 Choir Rehearsal</i>	23	24	25
26	27 <i>6PM GB Team Meet- ings</i>	28	29 <i>5:15 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Activities 7:00 Choir Rehearsal</i>	30	31	