

# THE CHURCH FAMILY

*Presenting Everyone Complete in Christ*

## FROM YOUR PASTOR'S DESK

During the past several weeks we have been reminded of the brokenness of this world. The COVID pandemic that we all thought would be winding down by now is still causing disruption and affecting people we love. Our hopes of a COVID free world are being replaced by the realization that this is going to be around for much longer than we thought.

In Haiti we witnessed another disaster when a 7.2 Magnitude Earthquake struck the nation leaving close to 2000 dead at the last count, 10,000 injured and 500,000 children with limited access to safe water, shelter and food. Our church has long supported mission work in Haiti and so our hearts and prayers go out to our brothers and sisters in that battered country.

And in Afghanistan the world was shocked to see the toppling of the government by the Taliban in a matter of days after 20 years of war. We can only imagine the danger that the Afghan Christian community must now be facing and we pray for their protection.

This week I was reading Mark 13 where Jesus is describing the ominous signs of the end times. *"And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains."* (verses 7,8) As I read these words it struck me that this describes our world. We don't know when Jesus will come again, but we know that this is the beginning of the "birth pains."

As we contemplate the state of our world we can find ourselves feeling insecure and our hope for the future dwindling. If we are looking to anything in this world to give us security and hope we will be deeply disappointed. There is only one source of true security and hope and that is when we put our trust in Jesus.

No matter how bad the tribulations of this world may become, we know there is a day coming when we *"will see the Son of Man (Jesus) coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven."* (Mark 13:26-27) Our hope lies in the indisputable fact that Jesus is coming to gather us out of this broken world and bring us to our true home where there will be no more tears, death, mourning, crying or pain. (Revelation 21:4) When it seems like the world has been upended, trust in Jesus!

Hopeful in Jesus,

*Steve*

## FROM YOUR WORSHIP DIRECTOR

Well, summer is coming to an end. We had some wonderful opportunities and blessings this summer including youth, children, missions and community outreach! God has blessed us so much as we have gathered united to worship as well. There are many other great things coming as fall and Christmas heads our way!

**Choir-** (starting Sunday, September 12 at 4:00 pm) We will be back and working toward music for the weekly services, Missions Festival and Christmas selections. So now is a great time to get on board. Our choir will continue to strive to bring that special unique quality to the worship services this fall and winter. This will allow us time to work on music and work ahead to make sure we are all prepared to give God the praise He is worthy of.

**Youth-** (starting Sunday, September 26 at 5:30 pm) Our youth praise band will resume. Look for more information from me and your youth leaders on this as we get closer. We will have a schedule for this as well! These guys have been such a blessing to me! Please encourage your teen to come and be a part of this unique time they have to work on their expression of worship.

We are looking to add the following to our music/worship ministry during the fall and winter:

- Musicians...if you play an instrument let me know.
- Singers for choir as well as special music and ensembles
- Young adults to help with our music, especially those between the ages of 19-30 years old
- Drama-gifted individuals who love to use acting as a means of communicating a biblical truth that will accentuate special services we are working toward.

If you are gifted in any of the areas above, I would love to talk to you!

Blessings,



## JOIN US FOR PROMOTION SUNDAY AUGUST 29

We will meet in Founders Hall at 9:30 am for a lite breakfast (biscuits and gravy, doughnuts, fruit and cereal choices) and to celebrate what the Lord has done this past year in Sunday School!



## OFFICER NOMINATIONS END SUNDAY, AUGUST 29.

Information along with nomination forms can be found in front of the SOAR office on the main hallway.

## FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES:

❖ ❖ **NEW TIME beginning SEPTEMBER 12: 9:15 am** ❖ ❖

The directory for the brand new Sunday School year is included in this newsletter! If you are available to attend Sunday School on Labor Day Sunday (September 5th, 9:30am), there will be classes available for all age groups but will be taught by the teachers from our 2020-2021 church year.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

Image Bearers, our Sunday evening program for children ages 3<sup>1/2</sup> - 5th grade, will be each Sunday, 6:00 - 7:30 pm. See our Children's Ministry Newsletter for more information! If your kiddo wants to participate in our Christmas Play they must attend Image Bearers for rehearsals.

### YOUTH:

We are starting our new year with a *fun* food | *friend* We'll have food, youth-led music, games, and a Bible lesson. We want to see you 6:00 - 7:00 pm at the Youth Building for our kickoff. Bring a friend or 2!

### LIFE GROUPS:

Sundays @ 6:00 pm (study/location):

- ⇒ Psalm 23 w/Matt Chandler/Ron(Mentor) and Karen Ensley's home
- ⇒ Judges w/JD Greear/Steve(Mentor) and Julie Jessen's home
- ⇒ The Whole Armor of God by Iain M. Duguid/Mark and Deanna Beatty's home (Mentors Ryan Abernathy and Mark Beatty)
- ⇒ Young Adults Topics/Great Commission House (Mentors include Young Adult Ministry Team)

Tuesdays (study/location):

- ⇒ 6:30 pm - Lifeguide: Acts/Tommy and Janice Barton's home (Meets every other Tuesday)
- ⇒ 7:00 pm - Heaven by Randy Alcorn/FPC Founders Hall (Mentor Lennie Burrell)

Wednesdays (study/location):

- ⇒ 10:30 am - Traveling Light w/Max Lucado/FPC Parlor (Mentor Renee Abernathy)
- ⇒ 6:30 pm - The Truths We Confess/Brian and Anne Abernathy's home (Mentor Kevin Rhyne)

Visit our website at [www.fpcstanley.org/life-groups](http://www.fpcstanley.org/life-groups) for this information and more!

## Sunday School/Life Group Leaders' Training

All of our Adult Sunday School class teachers and Life Group leaders are encouraged to attend a training session for the new year on Sunday, August 29th, 4:00 - 5:30 PM. Pick-up snacks will be served.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

The Women's Ministry Team meets  
Sunday, August 22 at 4:30 pm in the Parlor.

### Monday, September 13:

**6:30 Ruth Circle** meets in the Church Parlor

**7:00 Elizabeth Circle** meeting location TBD  
**Martha Circle** meets in the New Eve Classroom  
**Readers Circle** meets in Founders Hall

### Monday, September 20:

**7:00 Denver Circle** meets at the home of Vickie Smith



## BEST YEARS COUNTRY FAIR



**Saturday, September 11**  
**5:00 - 8:00 pm**

**Lineberger Family Farm**  
300 Kiser Dairy Road, Dallas  
(Bus transportation will be available.)

### **\*Homemade "Goods" Contest\***

Bring in your best...  
fruits and veggies  
jellies, jams and preserves  
homemade goodies  
home baked goods

Prizes will be awarded!

### **\*Hog Calling Contest\***

**\*Tunes\***  
by DJ Brian "The Music Man"

## FPC TO HOST PRESBYTERY!

We as Presbyterians are part of a connectional system. We are in relationship with and accountable to a regional group of churches called the Catawba Valley Presbytery. Pastors and elders from area PCA churches gather three times a year to conduct church business and also for encouragement and fellowship.

On Tuesday September 28, FPC will be hosting the fall meeting. Our worship time is 8:00am and will feature the FPC team leading music and Ivan Davis preaching. You are welcome to come and worship with us. We also need volunteers to greet, to help with the continental breakfast and refreshments, and preparing/serving lunch. If you are available to help please contact the church office. What a blessing it will be to have our extended church family on our campus!

## FAMILY FUN DAY REPORT

Fun was had by all during our outreach event. The temps were hot but the water slides, sno-cones, dunking tank and water balloons cooled us off. Everyone enjoyed the fantastic food (especially Bill's famous corn dogs), the fellowship and the chance to meet new friends. The semi-official count was 222 in attendance with many of those being guests from outside our church family. A BIG THANKS to all who helped - so many of you gave of your time, your sweat, your canopies, and your corn hole boards to make this outreach possible. Please pray that God will produce eternal fruit as a result of Family Fun Day!

## MISSIONS NEWS

After serving seven years in Prague, Czech Republic, **Cody and Katy Janicek** are moving to Bozeman Montana to start a RUF campus ministry at Montana State University. Pray for the Janiceks and their three children Milo, Ollie and Jonah as they make this transition.

Pray for the people in **Haiti** in the aftermath of the recent 7.2 magnitude earthquake.

The **Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County** sent their appreciation to FPC for participating in the **Baby Bottle Campaign**. Our church contributed \$2,099.90 to this project. As last reported, the overall total they received was \$140,164! God is good! Their next event is the **Walk for Life** on September 10. It's not too late to sign up. For details, contact the CPC office at 708-867-3706 or call the church office.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN SEPTEMBER

10 – Joshua Pollorena (2019)  
17 – Anwyn Hurrie (2008)  
18 – Foard Hunt (2009)  
David J.

20 – Kevin Bentley  
30 – Nelson Ayllon  
Paul Clark



**FPC MISSIONS FESTIVAL  
COMING IN OCTOBER!**  
Look for more details in the near future.



## FREE OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICINE GIVEAWAY DRIVE-THRU EVENT SEPTEMBER 4 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

First United Methodist Church Common Ground  
5481 Hickory Grove Road, Stanley

This event is open to EVERYONE at least 18 years of age.

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged: [www.medassist.org/mobile](http://www.medassist.org/mobile)

Free OTC medicine items include: cold, cough, flu medicine,  
pain relief, vitamins, children's medicine, etc.



Event made possible by:  
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## WITH LOVING THANKS

*Thank you all for the check-ins via phone and text and all the offers for assistance when I was in the hospital for an appendicitis and subsequent surgery. It was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Steve for coming and visiting me since Jenny couldn't come due to kids not being allowed at the hospital. I'm back to normal now.*

*Adam Greenly*



*Dear Church Family,*

*Thank you for sending me to Bonclarken this summer! It was my first year due to last year getting canceled because of COVID. I had an awesome group of girls in my cabin and we all got along well. I enjoyed making new friends, making fried Oreos, singing, and doing "paint by sticker" crafts. I am hoping that I can go back to Bonclarken next year as a CIT.*

*Love,  
Maddie Jessen*



*Thanks so much for your prayers during my recovery from surgery. It really helps to know that your church is praying for you.*

*Much love in Christ,  
Liz Johnson*



*On August 30 I will celebrate 15 years of service at FPC. I tried to tell myself it wouldn't fit my needs, but the Lord knew better. He made sure all of the wrinkles were ironed out and that I accepted the job. I am so thankful I listened to Him! I felt the love of this church from the very start. I have made many dear friends over the past 15 years. Thank you for all of the cards, notes on my desk, gifts, fresh flowers, homegrown and homemade goodies, notes and pictures on the Attendance Pad sheets (Yes CG, I still get those.), and most of all the many prayers. You have helped me get through some tough life events. I am blessed to be a part of such a great group of people. I look forward to many more years of serving God along side of my FPC family.*

*With Much Love,  
Sandra Taylor*

## WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

*In Memoriam*



**Barbara Graham**  
August 12, 1943 - August 19, 2021

Our deepest sympathies are extended to **Howard Graham, Kary, Scott, Grace and Claire Kopka**, and the other Graham family members in the death of their wife, mother and grandmother. Long time member **Barbara Graham** passed away August 19 at the age of 78 from COVID complications. Howard has been battling COVID at home after spending a few nights in the hospital.

Christian sympathies are also extended to **Deanna Beatty** and her family. Deanna's mother, **Haroleen Keener**, passed away on August 15 at the age of 76 due to complications from COVID.

**Ellen Beam** is recovering following surgery on August 4. **Karen Ensley** is doing well after her surgery on August 5. **Darlene Sweigart** had a Heart Cath on August 3.









**The church and CDC  
offices will be closed  
Monday, September 6  
in observance of  
Labor Day!**

## JULY FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed monthly for budget .....	64,660.25
Received in July for budget .....	47,605.52
Needed to date for budget .....	452,621.75
Received to date for budget .....	401,331.29
Needed monthly for Faith Promise .....	14,465.42
Received in July for Faith Promise .....	11,895.75
Needed to date for Faith Promise .....	101,257.94
Received to date for Faith Promise .....	109,989.31



# *Birthdays to Celebrate in September*

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|--|---|---|--|---|
| 1 Clay Harper  |  | 10 Julie Jessen<br>Christine Tucker                 |  | 22 Kaylyn Clevenger<br>Tracy Withers                                |
| 2 Dicky Franks   |   | 12 Angel Ross                                       |  | 23 Judy Dixon<br>Ann Featherstone<br>Mark Harper                    |
| 3 Emma Harper<br>Lauren Harper<br>Chelsea Ponzo<br>Hudson Rick |   | 15 Lindsey Deneve<br>Ann Holcomb<br>Marianne Magill |  | 25 Austin Abernathy<br>Darlene Sweigart                             |
| 4 Adam Greenly   |  | 17 Ellie Pitts                                      |  | 27 Jennifer Greenly<br>George Ross                                  |
| 5 Martha Sue Mitchell<br>Roy Redding                           |   | 18 Kevin Griffith<br>Dillon Lamb                    |  | 28 Pam Cole<br>Crystal Hare<br>Abigail Jessen<br>Marilyn Lineberger |
| 7 Chelsea Abernathy<br>Parke Sweigart<br>Jacob Treat           |  | 19 Kary Kopka                                       |  | 30 Jim Tilley   |
| 8 James Ludeman  |   | 21 Patrick Theodossiou                              |  |   |

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

### NURSERY (Ages 0-24 months)

Teachers: Melissa Clevenger, Karen Ensley

Location: Room 112 (Nursery)

We seek to provide a safe environment for our smallest members. As they experience God's love through play, song, and rest when needed! Our teachers are faithfully here each Sunday just waiting on your baby to join them so that YOU are available to pursue your own Christian Education!

### TODDLERS: (Ages 2-3 years)

Teacher: Sherry Teague

Location: Room 114 (Toddler Nursery)

### Theme: God's People

This quarter looks at God's faithfulness in the lives of his Old Testament saints from Moses to Daniel, and God's fulfillment of his promises, especially the very best promise to send Jesus the Savior.

### PRESCHOOL/Kindergarten: (Ages 4 – Kinder.)

Teachers: Ellen Deese, Stacey Hall

Location: Room 106

### Theme: God Created All Things

Through the timeless story of Moses, the children in this class will learn that God always shows His power, saves His people, and leads His people. More of God's characteristics are shown as the children will see Him provide for His people and love them. There will be a long journey through the desert to come to the conclusion that God loves our children the same way!

## PRIMARY BOYS/GIRLS (Grades 1, 2, 3)

Teacher: Taylor Mundy

Location: Room 10 (Downstairs)

### Theme: Living Together

This quarter, our boys and girls will study tips directly from scripture about how to make this life journey with a church body. They will be reminded of the fact that life is not always executed perfectly and that often we need the help of the one true God to live together in the harmony that He desires for His people. It helps that He is merciful, powerful and sovereign.

## GRADE SCHOOL BOYS/GIRLS: (Grades 4 & 5)

Teachers: Lisa Grice, Martha Sue Mitchell

Location: Room 18 (Downstairs)

### Theme: Worshipping God

The older children will be helped to understand why God reminded his people that He redeemed them from slavery BEFORE giving them the Ten Commandments; to learn that God has redeemed us from sin through Christ and calls us to trust him and obey his law; and to discover why we owe God our trust, thankfulness, love and obedience.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR TEENS

### MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 6 – 12)

Teacher: Lauren Henderson

Location: Room 14 (downstairs)

### First Theme: Fire & Faithfulness

In this four-session series with Sadie Robertson Huff, discover the lost art of faithfulness in the face of a world that wants nothing to do with God. Trek through the story of four young Israelites who, when ripped from their homes, faced a choice: remain faithful followers in a foreign land or bow before an empire that hated God.

### Second Theme: SOUL

A journey through the gospel of Mark to explore answers to life's big questions by looking at the life of Jesus.

# Sunday School

## Fall Session 2021

## September 12<sup>th</sup> – November 28<sup>th</sup>



Questions?

Contact Lauren Henderson  
[lauren@fpcstanley.org](mailto:lauren@fpcstanley.org)

## ADULT CLASSES: SIX OPTIONS!

### Pathfinder Class (Young Adults)

Teachers: Pastor Steve Jessen, Joel Jessen

Theme: **Christianity and Culture**

Location: Room 13 (downstairs)



In this class they will explore how Biblical truth intersects with culture. The class will explore the rapid changes in contemporary culture and its effects on the church. Current cultural issues and trends will be examined and how we should approach them as believers in Jesus. The hope of this class is that we would all be better equipped to reach our culture for Christ! They will be gearing their lessons towards our younger adults, but anyone is welcome to attend.

### Bible Class

Teacher: Chuck Jessen

Theme: The **Apostles Creed**

Location: Room 119 (back hallway)



"THE CREED INDEED!"; a world of great NEED! Foundations shaking; Christians quaking. Covid recovery needs more than a vaccination; it needs an infusion of Biblical truth. The APOSTLES CREED is a compact power package on which to stand.

### Journey Class

Teacher: Chris Graham

Theme: **Goliath Must Fall:**

**Winning the Battle Against Your Giants**

Location: Room 12 (downstairs)

### Goliath *Must* Fall

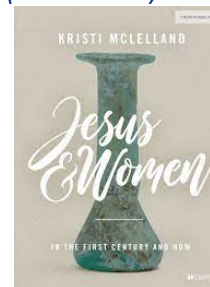
We're all familiar with David slaying Goliath--the boy vs the 9-foot giant. Great story of courage and faith. We'd like to think we are always like David as we face life....but honestly, don't we sometimes actually feel like King Saul? Some kind of giant may stand before you, taunting you and harassing you...robbing you of the power that you know you have through Christ, but you are prevented from tapping into it due to fear, rejection, anger, etc. If you're not living the freedom of life that God intends for you, this study is for you. This is a video series.

### New Eve Class (women only)

Teachers: Anna Friesenhahn, Teresa Neely, Cathy Rhyne

Theme: **Jesus & Women**

Location: Room 15 (Downstairs)



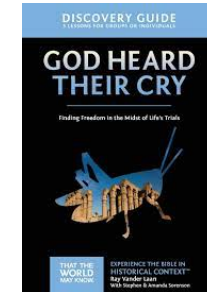
Join biblical culturalist Kristi McLelland on first century dusty roads as she transports you back to Jesus' world, stepping into the footsteps of the women who came face to face with the living God. Our sessions will examine the historical and cultural climate of first-century Middle Eastern society to not only understand Jesus more deeply but to fuel your worship of Him today.

### Fellowship Class

Teachers: Ron Ensley, Rick Herd, Kevin Rhyne, Robert Rhyne, Ron Smith

Theme: **God Heard Their Cry**

Location: Founders Hall



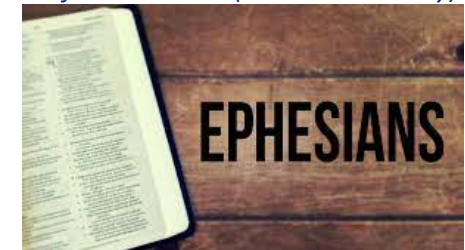
In ancient times, nothing was bigger than Egypt – powerful pharaohs, strong armies, and a multitude of gods. God's people were no match against the Egyptians. God answers the cry of his persecuted people and proclaims Himself Lord to them and their oppressors. This DVD series is filmed on location in Luxor, Egypt; Deir al Medina, Ramesseum, and the Red Sea.

### Open Bible Class

Teacher: Don Hensley

Theme: **Ephesians**

Location: Conference Room (behind Sanctuary)



In the book of Ephesians, Paul reminds us that Jesus longs for the day he will be united with the church – His bride in all her beauty. Paul's letter celebrates the beauty of the church and gives us a wonderful overview of the Christian life. Through salvation, we are all part of God's family. This will be a verse by verse exploration of this amazing book.

# ARMORBEARER

Prayer Calendar – September 2021

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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 in opening my mouth boldly to **proclaim** the mystery of the gospel.” (Eph 6:16, 19)

## Scripture Prayers that “God’s Will Be Done” – Matthew Henry

“Father, let your will be done...on earth as it is in heaven. Do whatever you please in heaven, in earth, and in the sea...For your purposes shall stand. You will do all your good pleasure. May it ever be so; not our will but yours be done...Do all according to the counsel of your will. Make even those who have not known you serve your purposes. Even when they do not intend to do your will, and do not think in their heart that they are fulfilling your purposes, let them do so nonetheless.”

*(Matt.6:9,10; Ps.135:6;Is.46:10;Lk.22:42;Is 14:24; Eph.1:11; Is.10:7)*

“Father, let your will be done concerning us and all our possessions. We present ourselves as your servants without reservation. You are the Lord. Do whatever you please. May your will be done. Give us the grace to submit to your will in conformity to the example of the Lord Jesus who prayed most earnestly, ‘Not as I will, but as you will.’ Enable us to say, ‘The Lord gave, the Lord has taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord.’ Let us be filled with the knowledge of your will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. Make us complete in every good work to do your will through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

*(I Sam3:18;II Sam15:26;Acts21:14;Matt26:39,Col.1:9,Heb13:21)*

*(From: A Way to Pray, Edit/Revised O. Palmer Robertson, Banner of Truth, Pub., p. 205,206).*

## Pray for Pastor Steve Jessen, Chaplain Ivan Davis (TLC)

Pray 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 the 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)

## Pray 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:** Jimmie & Martha Sue Mitchell, Global Outreach

**Wednesday:** Lauren Henderson, Director of Christian Education and Children’s Ministry

**Thursday:** Lisa Revels, SOAR Director

**Friday:** Sandra Taylor, Administrative Assistant

**Saturday:** Brian Miskelly, Worship Director and Luke Bynum, Technology/Digital Intern

## PRAY FOR OUR ELDERS AND DEACONS

- 1 **Ron Ensley:** Pray that as we begin a new Sunday School year that God renew FPC membership with the desire and commitment to be in Sunday School.
- 2 **Mason Friesenhahn:** Pray for our children's ministries and those who lead them as we begin our fall programs.
- 3 **Mike Gamage:** Pray I will more easily go to God for what's best and less often rely on myself.
- 4 **Chris Graham:** Pray for the FPC family to continue loving and caring for each other as this pandemic continues to be out of control.
- 5 **Don Hensley:** Pray for more men, who feel the Lord's call, to lead as church officers, during the coming year.
- 6 **Joel Jessen:** Pray for those of us leading the CrossFit Youth as we begin a new season of ministry, that we would display the love of Christ to those who come.
- 7 **Dillon Lamb:** Pray for the children, workers and witness of the CDC as they start-up again in the
- 8 **Dan Ormsby:** Pray for Sally as she recovers from her surgery.
- 9 **Matt Ormsby:** Continue to pray for Mom's recovery from recent surgery.
- 10 **Grady Rhyne:** Pray for God's provision of officers to serve as Elders & Deacons.
- 11 **Kevin Rhyne:** Pray for godly wisdom as I lead our Life Group's study of the Westminster Confession of Faith.
- 12 **Robert Rhyne:** That God will soon provide the right staff person to lead and encourage our youth and young adults.
- 13 **Will Robinson:** Pray for our family with work responsibilities, along with building a new house.
- 14 **Ron Smith:** Pray for the CDC and all the staff and children as they start a new year.
- 15 **Tracy Withers:** Pray for our daughter-in-law, Amber, and her family in the loss of her grandmother.
- 16 **Ryan Abernathy:** Pray for a smooth transition for Elizabeth returning to her regular work schedule.
- 17 **Jeremy Abernathy:** Pray for the work of our Deacons overseeing facilities and caring ministries.
- 18 **Chip Beatty:** Pray for our church musicians, choirs, and worship teams as we move into fall.
- 19 **Lynn Burrell:** Pray that our Facilities Team will be successful in our efforts to "remodel" the north entry of FPC.
- 20 **Ken Dake:** Pray for our boys Ethan and Eric as they pursue work and continued education.
- 21 **Ron Ensley:** Pray that God will strengthen my faith and relationship with Jesus Christ.
- 22 **Mason Friesenhahn:** Pray for MTW Team as they plan for the fall Missions Festival in October.
- 23 **Mike Gamage:** Pray for SOAR initiative to grow in ways to encourage participation in sports ministry in all forms.
- 24 **Chris Graham:** Pray for our young people to be shining lights in their schools and workplaces.
- 25 **Don Hensley:** Pray for our Sunday School class to enjoy the book of "Ephesians" as we begin our journey through it.
- 26 **Joel Jessen:** Pray that I would have greater focus and less distraction in prayer.
- 27 **Dillon Lamb:** Pray for the fall Missions Festival speakers and guests and those making the plans to help us to pray, give, and go.
- 28 **Dan Ormsby:** Pray for all our Sunday school teachers, that we all grow closer to God through their efforts.
- 29 **Matt Ormsby:** Pray for those returned to school that they will be protected from the pandemic.
- 30 **Grady Rhyne:** Pray for our country that leaders will seek the Lord's help and direction to lead us wisely for the good of all.

### Praise and Thanksgivings

- Praise that God is in control all the time.  
R.Ensley
- Thanks for the good attendance and opportunities for fellowship/outreach at Family Fun Day...from little babies to seasoned seniors. Praise the Lord for the many who willingly served to make it happen!