

THE CHURCH FAMILY

Presenting Everyone Complete in Christ

FROM YOUR PASTOR'S DESK

This is the time of year when we think about all the blessings for which we are thankful. We would not normally think to put “doctrine” on our list. And in most homes discussions about TULIP (a.k.a- the five points of Calvinism), will not take place in between bites of turkey and pumpkin pie. But doctrine really does matter, and as you comprehend the Biblical truths that are represented in these teachings, you can’t help but feel gratitude for all God has accomplished.

Let me recap: We were dead in our sins. (Total Depravity) In spite of our unworthiness, we were lovingly chosen as God’s adopted children. (Unconditional election) The death of Jesus effectively paid the sin price for individual sinners like you and me. (Limited Atonement) God draws us to Himself by the gift of grace. (Irresistible Grace). And our salvation is secure because it comes from God and is not based on us. (Perseverance of the Saints.) This is why we are so thankful, our salvation originates with God the Father, is applied to us through His Son Jesus, and is preserved in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. From before time began to all eternity our salvation is God’s design, and for that we are eternally grateful. “For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.” Philippians 2:13 (ESV)

In that spirit of thankfulness our eyes will soon turn toward Christmas. The doctrines that surround the Christmas story are completely in line with the deep truths that we have been probing in recent weeks. Jesus was born into that manger to bring dead people back to life, to lead His chosen flock into the Father’s presence, to die for their sins, to draw them to His side through grace and to protect them on the way.

What is the result of these doctrines? It is PEACE. We have peace with the Father, and peace with ourselves when we trust in God’s work of salvation past, present and future. This advent season we will be focusing on PEACE. Do you know someone who needs true PEACE in their lives? Why not invite them to church this December, to hear doctrine surrounding the birth of Jesus that brings PEACE? And why not encourage them to experience living doctrine in an interactive and interesting way through Christmas Scenes Dec. 12-14? To make this invite easy we will provide you with an invitation for you to share with a friend. I pray that in this season of celebration that “the PEACE of God that surpasses all comprehension will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:7 (NASB)

PEACE,

Steve



2019 MISSIONS CONFERENCE UPDATE

Have you signed-up to pray for a missionary? Turned in your Faith Promise pledge? We need you to sign-up by this Sunday, 11/24. This will allow us to make our commitments for our 2020 missionary support. We also will be mailing information to you in the next few weeks regarding your sign-ups.

Please turn in your Faith Promise card to the church office or put it in the offering plate. You can sign-up to pray in the sanctuary extension, email Sissie at harleysis04@me.com, or online at <https://fpcstanley.churchcenter.com/groups/missionary-agency-information-and-prayer-commitments>. This link will also give you a listing with pictures of our missionaries.

By signing up to pray, you'll receive regular updates from your missionary(ies) so you will know more specifically how to pray for them. Missionaries tell us the single most important thing folks can do for them is to pray. So let's make sure they are well bathed in prayer this next year!

We currently have 209 people signed up to pray. Our goal is 300.

We have received Faith Promise commitments totaling \$175,790 to date. Our goals are Level 1-\$165,000, Level 2-\$170,000 and Level 3-\$175,000.



**Angel Tree gifts are due
at the church no later
than this Sunday, 11/24!**

Be sure to place your *unwrapped* gifts in a large bag and attach the colorful angel tag with your child's number on it. Place the bag in the Library (on the nursery hallway).

WIC NEWS

The **Women's Christmas Dinner** is Monday, December 2 at 6:30. Cost is \$5.00 per person and this money will be used for our Food Pantry. **The deadline to sign-up is this Sunday, 11/24.** Be sure to stop by the WIC bulletin board in the main hallway and sign-up no later than Sunday.

**WIC Council meets
Sunday, November 24
at 11:30 am..**



2019 CHRISTMAS SCENES DECEMBER 12-14

Opportunities are available for you to participate in The Christmas Journey.

- We have some character spots available...many are not speaking parts! Stop by the bulletin board in the front office hallway for details.
- Cookies are needed to serve in our Christmas Village. We are looking for 35 bakers to each make 2-3 dozen homemade cookies. If you did not receive the Sign-up Genius invitation, please call the church office to sign-up.
- We need golf carts to use for transporting folks that are unable to walk through the scenes. If you have one that can be used, please contact Ronnie Smith (704-689-8701) or the church office.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

All children are invited to our Children's Ministry Christmas Party Sunday, December 1st, 6:00 - 7:30 PM. The Children's Ministry Team will be providing Gingerbread houses for the children to decorate! Children are asked to bring an old shoebox (to carry home their creation) and a goodie to share on our food table!



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Tuesday, November 26, 7:00 pm

Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church
203 S. Main Street, Stanley



THANKSGIVING LUNCH INVITE

Do you want to join with some of your church family for a Thanksgiving meal? Maybe you don't have family close by or maybe you just want to share the day with others. Everyone is invited to a Thanksgiving Covered Dish Luncheon at 1:00 pm on Thanksgiving Day! If you are interested, contact Tracy (704-201-6396) or Phyllis Withers (704-201-1266).

December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 9:45 Cong Mtg-Officer Election 10:15 Children's Play</p> <p>6:00 Children's Christmas Party 6:00 Life Groups</p>	<p>2 Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>6:30 WIC Christmas Dinner</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30 CDC Christmas Program 6:30 Barton Life Group</p>	<p>4 10:30 Wed. AM Life Grp.</p> <p>6:00 Missions Team Meal 6:30 Abernathy Life Grp.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 AHG Christmas Party—FoH</p>	<p>7 7:00 Deacons' Meeting</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Youth Christmas Party</p> <p><i>No evening activities.</i></p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Gym All Week for Christmas Scenes</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p><i>No evening activities.</i></p>	<p>16 Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>7:00 Facilities Comm Mtg SOAR Comm Mtg</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 Session Meeting</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>2:00 Men's Basketball</p>
<p>22</p> <p><i>No evening activities.</i></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church Office closed</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CDC (Pre-school and afterschool) closed</p> <p>7:00 Christmas Eve Service </p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>2:00 Men's Basketball</p>
<p>29</p> <p><i>No evening activities.</i></p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Pre-school closed (Afterschool will be available)</p>			

DEACON AND ELDER CANDIDATES

The following men have been examined by the Session and approved as candidates. The congregation will vote on December 1 at 9:45 am. Please be in prayer in this matter until then. The brief biographies below include (italicized) each man's Christian testimony and sense of call to office.

DEACONS

Ryan Abernathy was born in Charlotte and has lived in this area for 33 years. He has been married to Elizabeth for 8 years and they have an 18-month old daughter Avery. Ryan holds a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from NC State and works as Director of Operations at CORMETECH, Inc.

- *When I was younger in Sunday School at FPC, my teacher asked me if I wanted to accept Jesus in my heart and I did that day. I can't say I fully understood what it meant at the time but after graduating from college I found a new focus towards growing in my Christian walk and do my best to continue that growth each day.*
- *I believe I can utilize my spiritual gifts to serve the Lord and the congregation.*

Chip Beatty was born in Rome, NY and has lived in this area for 36 years. Chip and wife Shara have been married for 12 years. They have 2 sons: Bruton, age 8, and Bentley, age 3. Chip attended NC State University after graduating from East Gaston High School. He currently works as a manager at a local landscape supply company. Chip was a member at FPC for nearly 10 years before going off to college. Chip, along with Shara, re-joined the FPC family in March of this year.

- *I grew up at First Pres but then I grew away from the faith. As life events occurred, the Lord brought me back into a full relationship with him. I am grateful and ready to serve.*
- *I am a servant oriented leader and a cheerful servant of my Lord.*

Ken Dake was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan and has lived in Mt. Holly since June 2014. He and his wife Heather have been married 22 years. They have 2 sons: Eric, 19, and Ethan, 16. Ken is a Quality Assurance Manager. Ken joined the FPC family 4 years ago.

- *I grew up in a Christian family and was involved in many church activities. I accepted Christ at a young age and was baptized as a teenager.*
- *I feel I have a call to the leadership of the church in the area of service.*

Tracy Withers was born in Gastonia and lived all of his life in the Stanley area. He and Phyllis have been married 21 years, and between them, have three grown sons – Maxton and Mason Withers and Chris McAllister. They are proud grandparents to 2 grandchildren, Rhys and Leith. Tracy retired from Duke Energy earlier this year. He has been a member of our church for 18 years.

- *God brought me to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ through His grace when I was in my 40's. This was through a series of struggles and blessing at that time in my life.*
- *God calls us to serve as Christ was a servant. I believe that being a deacon best utilizes my talents and gifts that God has given to me.*

ELDERS

Don Hensley was born in Hickory, NC and has lived in East Lincoln for 38 years. Don and his wife Becky will celebrate 43 years of marriage on November 14. They have 2 grown daughters, Rachel and Catherine. Don graduated from NC State University and worked in textile management for 37 years. He then worked as a math teacher for 12 years. Don has been a member at FPC for 37 years.

- *I came to Christ as my Savior at the age of twelve after hearing a graphic sermon on the sacrifice that He made on the cross. After realizing how great that sacrifice really was, I turned my life over to Him.*
- *God has gifted me with a desire to study His Word and to share what I have learned through teaching. Through the advice of a number of godly men and women in the congregation, I believe that I have been called to office.*

Dan Ormsby was born in Norfolk, Virginia, and has been a resident of this area for 30 years. He and Sally have been married 32 years and have three adult children, Dawn, 31, Jeff, 29 and Matt, 27. Dan studied photography in the U.S. Navy and has made his living as a professional photographer ever since. He has been a member of FPC for 27 years.

- *I grew up in a Christian home believing in God, and through his grace I continue to grow in my walk with him.*
- *I feel that God has given me a heart for serving him and his people.*

Grady Rhyne is a life-long resident of Gaston County. Grady has 2 grown daughters: Laura Edwards and Jessica Rhyne. A high school graduate, Grady is retired from Freightliner's Mt. Holly plant. He has been a member of our congregation for 33 years.

- *I was born into a Christian home, and as long as I can possibly remember, I have believed Christ to be my Savior. Having grown up in the Methodist Church, we joined Goshen Presbyterian when I was about 30 years old. From that point I began to realize what it meant to be a Christian.*
- *Because of my faith in Christ I would hope that each and every person I meet can see something of the Lord in me. In recent times I have resisted the call to serve again as elder, but it continued to come from those I have confidence in to choose officers properly.*

Kevin Rhyne was born into this congregation and, except for college years and early adulthood, has been a resident of Stanley. He and Cathy have been married 38 years and have three adult children: Carly, 31, Anna, 30 and Patrick, 26. Kevin holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering and worked in the Nuclear Generation Department of Duke Energy Corp for 41½ years before retiring in December 2018. He has been a member of FPC except for the 5 years he lived in Charlotte.

- *I accepted Christ as “the” Savior of sinners through the teaching of a FPC communicant’s class when I was 12; but I really accepted Christ as “my” personal Savior and Lord through a Charlotte church Bible study when I was 26.*
- *God gives his people talents for the purpose of furthering His kingdom’s work here on earth. I feel led to use mine for the service of this congregation and to show my appreciation to God for the great mercy and love showered on me.*

WITH OUR MISSIONARY FAMILIES

Andy and Karen Weaver write: An unexpected series of events in Papua New Guinea caught us by surprise in early September and the result was the need to return to the US mid-September for personal reasons. We are now in central Florida where Wycliffe's headquarters is located. We are here with the blessing of our mission and we are continuing to serve them from here. We do hope to return to Papua New Guinea, but the time frame is unknown at this point.

Becky White writes: Praise God that mom is much better and hasn't fallen recently. Pray for students at Christ's College to integrate their personal faith and daily life with the Christ-centered teaching they receive.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN DECEMBER

05 – Elijah K. (2007)	18 – Daniel J. (2009)
08 – A. J. Babel	19 – Ellie Casson (2008)
10 – Beth K.	21 - Liviu Lepadatu
11 – Kimberly Wadhams (2004)	27 – Hudson Dye (2000)
12 – Marty Clark	28 – Emma Wadhams (2001)
13 – Victoria Weaver (1998)	30 – Rita Williams
14 – Ruth Schweitzer (2014)	



HARVEST CHURCH NEED

Harvest Presbyterian Church, our sister church in Lincolnton, suffered the loss of their pastor last week. Pastor Daniel Korzep, age 69, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, November 21. This tragedy leaves his wife, Crystal, in a serious financial situation. Leaders are putting her in touch with the PCA Retirement and Benefits, Inc. for the various means of support they offer. Meanwhile it is necessary and proper that the church and the presbytery respond first and as generously as possible. If you as an individual would like to make a contribution, you may send your gift to Harvest Church which will receive funds and pass them on to Mrs. Korzep. These gifts should be designated for Crystal Korzep, and will not be tax-deductible. The mailing address is: Harvest Church, 707 Lithia Inn Road, Lincolnton, NC 28092-8786.

Please keep the Korzep family and Harvest Church in your prayers during these difficult times.

DECEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES



NURSERY (Volunteers should be in place at 10:00 am.)

December 1: **Babies:** David and Donna Hill
Toddlers: Craig and Susan Mesimer

December 8: **Babies:** Robin and Taylor Mundy
Toddlers: Sandy Lasley

December 15: **Babies:** Johnny, Leslie and Kaleigh Smith
Toddlers: Rick and Sharon Herd

December 22: **Babies:** Lauren Henderson; Olivia and Ashleigh Fox
Toddlers: *Volunteers Needed*

December 29: **Babies:** Josh, Stacey and Samantha Hall
Toddlers: Manetta, Leah and Maelin Treat

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he
is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

December 1: Children's Play

December 8: Chris Baker

December 15: Ken Dake

December 22: Thad Davis

December 29: Ron Ensley

OUTREACH AND WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES DURING OUR 2019 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Walk Through Christmas Scenes
December 12, 13, 14 ✦ 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Advent Services each Sunday at 10:15 am
December 1*, 8, 15, 22

Christmas Eve: December 24, 7:00 pm
Come join us for a special candlelight
service celebrating the birth of Jesus.

*Our Children's Ministry will present a short skit
"A Heart Like Wally's" during the worship service.

FIND PEACE THIS CHRISTMAS

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Ellen Beam underwent back surgery on November 14. She will spend some time in the TLC for rehab before returning home.

Christian sympathies are extended to **Chris and Wendy Ham and family** in the death of Wendy's father, **Doug West**. Mr. West passed away on November 18.

WITH LOVING THANKS

We would like to thank all of our church family for the prayers, cards, emails, and phone calls during the recent passing of my mother Peggy Creech. Also, a special thanks to the New Eve Sunday School class for providing a meal and dessert for us. It meant so much to us. Thank you again for remembering us at this difficult time.

*Love,
Darwin, Kathy, and Casey Paramore*

Dear Friends at FPC,

How blessed I am to be a part a such a caring and loving church. Your prayers, notes, calls, cards, and many other expressions of support were (and continue to be) greatly appreciated through my recent hospitalization and post-op recovery. May the Lord bless you for being a blessing to me and my family.

*Yours in Christ,
Alice Jessen*

OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed monthly for budget	60,059.06
Received in October for budget	61,567.06
Needed to date for budget	600,590.63
Received to date for budget	597,336.94
Needed monthly for Faith Promise	14,091.25
Received in October for Faith Promise	9,900.00
Needed to date for Faith Promise	140,912.50
Received to date for Faith Promise	137,148.53

Birthdays to Celebrate in December

- 1 Betsey Theodossiou
- 3 Peyton Clevenger
Ginny Haley
Charles Hamrick
- 4 Lynn Burrell
Judy Lucas
- 5 Chris Abernathy
Annalise Sotelo
- 7 Libby Chaney
Harrison Revels



- 8 Daniel Deese
Billy Roberts
- 11 London Brooks
Ed Faggart
Debbie Smith
- 12 Janet Ratchford
Sarah Robinson
Wren Theodossiou
- 14 Sharon Morton
Tori Teague
- 15 Kevin Rhyne

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ARMORBEARER

Prayer Calendar – December 2019

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

An Advent Prayer-Prompt for December

In the days of Herod...there was a priest named Zechariah...And he had a wife...and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God...But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years... Zechariah was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense... There appeared to him an angel of the Lord and Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great before the Lord...he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb; he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.” (Luke 1:5-18 selected)

Pray for Pastors Steve Jessen, Thad Davis, Dan King, 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.

Mon.: To love God with all their heart, and to love others as themselves. (Matt. 27:37-39)

Tues: To trust the Lord completely for their wisdom, so that he will direct their daily path. (Prov. 3:5,6)

Wed.: To pray always, putting on the armor of the Lord to stand against the wiles of the Devil. (Eph. 6:11ff)

Thurs.: To love their wives and manage their family in ways that honor Christ. (Eph. 5:25, I Tim. 3:4,5)

Fri.: That God's word will be their reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness. (II Tim 3:16)

Sat.: To care faithfully for the flock and have compassion for lost sheep. (John 10:16, Lk. 15:4)

Sun.: To empower them to preach and teach the Gospel in the power of the Spirit. (Matt. 4:23, Rom. 10:15).

Prayer 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

Prayer for Our Elders and Deacons

- 1 **Tracy Withers:** Pray that I will be an example of God's grace and love to my family and especially my grandchildren.
- 2 **Ryan Abernathy:** Please pray that God would bless our Christmas scenes and hopefully use it as the pathway for someone to know Him.
- 3 **Jeremy Abernathy:** Thank God for our children's ministries and those who lead them at Christmas.
- 4 **Chris Baker:** Be in prayer for our officers as we end the year and look toward 2020. Pray that we continue to look for the Lord's will in all we do.
- 5 **Mark Beatty:** Please pray that my father will have a full recovery from recent health issues.
- 6 **Lynn Burrell:** Pray that injections in my back will continue to be as effective as they have been.
- 7 **Dean Chaney:** Pray God's special grace and peace on those unable to join our Christmas events and worship for health or other reasons.
- 8 **Ken Dake:** Pray that the Christmas Journey will bless the participants and all who attend to have open hearts for the good news of salvation in Jesus.
- 9 **Andrew Deese:** Pray that during the busy holiday season we remember why we are celebrating.
- 10 **Ron Ensley:** Pray for my wife Karen as she and her sister have to make some difficult decisions on the long term care of their Dad, John McCarn.
- 11 **Ed Faggart:** Pray that I will learn to rest in the Lord, as in Matthew 11:28.
- 12 **Mason Friesenhahn:** Pray for all the volunteers doing the scenes for The Christmas Journey and for visitors who attend to be drawn to Jesus Christ.
- 13 **Mike Gamage:** Please pray for willing hearts for volunteers for all FPC ministries.
- 14 **Chris Graham:** Pray for each FPC member to make time for quiet conversation with the Lord during this busy season.
- 15 **Mark Harper:** Please pray that our family will continue to grow in Christ and we'll put Him first in all we do.
- 16 **Rick Herd:** Pray for me to be a better listener.
- 17 **Dillon Lamb:** That God will bless and provide all the faithful caregivers needed in our nursery.
- 18 **Matt Ormsby:** Pray that as a church family we will have smooth transition into the new year 2020.
- 19 **Kevin Rhyne:** Pray for members to give generously and consistently to church finances.
- 20 **Robert Rhyne:** Prayers for shut-ins during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, that they may each experience the Lord's Hope and Peace.
- 21 **Will Robinson:** Pray for our music ministry during our Christmas services.
- 22 **Ronnie Smith:** Pray for Debbie as she will have her gums opened up to receive the dental implants and that all the healing will go well so she can have her bridge work completed in January.
- 23 **Tracy Withers:** Pray that our son, Mason and his fiancé, Amber, will seek God's guidance and direction as they plan for their wedding next year.
- 24 **Ryan Abernathy:** Please pray that God guides me to balance my time between church, family and work during the Christmas season.
- 25 **Jeremy Abernathy:** Pray that at Christmas we will remember God's greatest and most loving gift.
- 26 **Chris Baker:** Pray for me to have patience and an energized spirit as my job and responsibilities change going into 2020.
- 27 **Mark Beatty:** Please pray that I will grow in my walk with Christ.
- 28 **Lynn Burrell:** Pray that I will be more tolerant with a particular family member.
- 29 **Dean Chaney:** Pray for new officers as they join the leadership team at FPC.
- 30 **Ken Dake:** Pray for a good and strong new year for our youth ministry.
- 31 **Andrew Deese:** Pray for a good friend as he starts a new job and recovers from medical issues.

Praise and Thanksgivings

- Praise God for the new members who have joined our church family!
- Praise God for our recent Youth Sunday, for the youth, and youth ministry leaders who lead them & continue to pray for God's clear work in their lives.
- Thanks to God for faithful Elders and Deacons who are completing terms of service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

NEWCOMERS

Teachers: Steve Jessen and Ministry Leaders

Theme: Introduction to First Presbyterian

This class will be offered again at a later date. Speak with Pastor Steve if you are interested in joining!

YOUNG ADULTS (anyone post high school to 29)

Room 11

Teachers: Thad Davis, Joel Jessen

Theme: The Book of James

The letter of James is full of practical wisdom for the Christian Life. In this study we will look at the various themes in James and see how the Gospel is not simply an academic idea, but flows forth into action and obedience.

EQUIPPING MEN FOR SERVICE

Activity Building

Teachers: Thad Davis, Scott Deneen, Steve Jessen,
Ronnie Smith

Theme: To Be Announced

At the time of this publication, they are considering a study in 1 & 2 Peter and/or Revelation. Come to class to find out!

FELLOWSHIP

Founders Hall

Teachers: Ron Ensley, Rick Herd,
Jimmie and Martha Sue Mitchell

Theme: Study of James (w/ Francis Chan)

True faith produces fruit. A faith without action and without life change is ultimately a dead faith. The book of James speaks to the realities of a living faith in Jesus—the kind of roll-up-your-sleeves and get-your-hands-dirty discipleship that is borne out of an authentic relationship with the risen Lord. James writes to believers who know suffering, who've faced trials, and who ultimately desire a deep relationship with God.

JOURNEY

Room 12

Teacher: Dan King

Theme: Christmas/Cultures in Conflict

After completing a survey of Romans 1-7, the Journey Class will savor "The Christmas Experience," perhaps even discovering ourselves among the characters in the Christmas story. When the holidays are over, our attention will turn to "Cultures in Conflict." The lifestyle Christ calls his followers to live is, increasingly, in conflict with the culture around us. How does the Bible tell us to respond?

NEW EVE

Room 15

Teachers: Suzy Deneen, Anna Friesenhahn, Teresa Neely,
Cathy Rhyne

Theme: Life Change – Book of Isaiah

This verse-by-verse Bible study takes a deeper look at the meaning of the name *Isaiah*, meaning the "Lord's Salvation". Participants will gain a firm foundation in Isaiah and apply scriptures to their lives. It includes historical insights, word definitions, discussion questions and assignments.

OPEN BIBLE

Conference Room

Teachers: Don Hensley, Robert Rhyne

Theme: Gospel of John

There is much to learn in the gospel of John. Come, read and study the great truths found there. They have reached the Passion section. Come and learn!

BIBLE

Room 119

Teacher: Chuck Jessen

Theme: Matthew, Chapters 5-7

The Bible class is having an on-going study of the Sermon on the Mount, Christian Discipleship, Devotion, and Demeanor. Winter quarter focus is DEVOTION: The practice, prayer, piety, purpose, and perspective of Christ followers.

Sunday School

Winter Quarter 2019/20

December, January, February

Superintendents:
Sandy Lasley and Freida Robinson



**We will dismiss Sunday School
at 9:30 AM on Sunday, Dec.1
for our Congregational Meeting.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

NURSERY (Ages 0-17 months)

Room 112

Teachers: Melissa Clevenger & Karen Ensley

We seek to provide a safe environment for our smallest members as they experience God's love through play, song, and rest when needed!



TODDLERS: (Ages 18 months – 2 years)

Room 114

Teacher: Sherry Teague

Theme: God's Family

At these ages, there is a beginning awareness of what it means to be in a family. This quarter they will be introduced to the basic facts of the creation of the world by God. They will also be learning how to be a part of a Sunday School class through consistent schedules, different dynamics and a loving teacher.

PRESCHOOL/Kindergarten: (Ages 3, 4, 5)

Room 106

Teachers: Ellen Deese, Julie Jessen

Theme: **Jesus Is God's Son**

The first unit of this quarter will explore the birth of Jesus! The children will learn that God sent John to get people ready for the promised Savior, an angel announced His birth, and that He would grow up to save God's people from their sins. The second unit will focus on the evidence left behind that He really is God's Son. They will watch as Jesus grows up and has amazing encounters with mankind.

PRIMARY BOYS/GIRLS (Grades 1, 2)

Room 10

Teachers: Amanda Huss, Taylor Mundy

Theme: **Loving Jesus**

This quarter is divided into four segments. In "Believing in the Promised Savior" they will learn that all love comes from God and that He loved us first. In "Trusting in Christ for our Salvation", the children will focus on repentance, faith, and the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives. The third unit, "Showing Love for the Lord Jesus", teaches children concrete ways to express responsive hearts for what the Lord has done for them. The final unit of study is entitled "Knowing God Loves Us". Our primary children will focus on the Savior's love for His people, shown by His death and resurrection.

GRADE SCHOOL BOYS/GIRLS: (Grades 3, 4, 5)

Room 18

Teacher: Ashley Abernathy, Stacey Hall

Theme: **Listening to Jesus**

This quarterly study focuses on learning about Jesus as our great Teacher. The first three lessons bring to light the fact that as God's Son, and our Savior, He is capable of teaching us everything we need to know. We will then move to learning what He teaches about Himself, the heavenly Father, and ourselves. Jesus Christ gives our boys and girls everything they need to know to love and serve Him in Scripture. It's time they focus on what He has planned for their lives!

Welcome to Sunday School



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS/GIRLS (Grades 6, 7, 8)

Room 17

Teachers: Anne Abernathy, Jonan Bynum

Theme: Matthew to John

Your preteens and young teens will compare, contrast, and examine each Gospel and its writer's characteristics. They will see Jesus' mission and story come alive through these eyewitnesses and disciples. They will also gain excellent Bible study skills that will serve them all of their lives. Most important, we pray they will come to a greater love for our Savior and the work of redemption He provided through His sacrifice.



HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)

Room 14

Teachers: Ken & Heather Dake, Kristen Henderson, Lauren Henderson

Theme: Old Testament Survey

Ms. Lauren is going to remind these teenagers how to open up their Bibles and study God's Word. We will have many discussions on who God has always been and who He wants us to be! We will be going on a few adventures together as well! Show up and stay in touch!