

## FIRST PRESS LITE

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Sunday Fellowship: 8:30 a.m. (coffee and donuts)  
Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School (all ages): 10:15 a.m.  
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## SERMON INFORMATION

**June 3** — “Hunger Pangs: Hard  
Sayings”  
John 6:60-71

**June 10** — **New Series: The Art of  
Neighboring**  
“Taking the Great  
Commandment Seriously”  
Matthew 22:36-40

**June 17** — **Father’s Day**  
“Overcoming Obstacles:  
Time & Fear”  
I Peter 3:13-16; Isaiah 8:12

**June 24** — Guest Preacher

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Is taking a summer break and will resume  
in September.

## MEAL DELIVERY

**June 1** NoDelivery—Strawberry Festival  
**June 8** C. Timmons & Linda Ray  
**June 15** C. Timmons & Linda Ray  
**June 22** Olivia R. & Pam Hall  
**June 29** Olivia R. & Pam Hall

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electronically, please email [kalen@fepcfrankfort.org](mailto:kalen@fepcfrankfort.org).



## Life in the Body of Christ

### Thank you -

We would like to thank our church family for the many cards and prayers during  
the recent weeks. Your thoughtfulness was much appreciated.

*Kim and Susan Calloway*

### Condolences to -

- ~ Susan and Kim Calloway and family on the passing of sister, Linda, on May 1.
- ~ The family of Robert Faust, who passed away May 3. He was the son of Frederick and Martha Faust.
- ~ Kathy Montgomery and the family of Bill Pierce, Kathy’s father who passed away in California in May.
- ~ Carol Frazier and the family of Thomas R. Frazier, who passed away May 11.
- ~ Sue Wolfe and the family of Timothy L. Wolfe, who passed away May 23.
- ~ Cary Carter and family on the passing of his mother, Dorothy Carter, on May 27 in Crawfordsville.

## Church Office Hours

The church is staffed 9:00 a.m. to noon on Monday through Thursday. We strongly encourage you to make an appointment with any staff member you would like to visit with in person. Please view the full list of staff hours at <http://www.fepcfrankfort.org/welcome/staff/>

All staff members are easily accessible via their email or phone.



# First Press Lite

**FIRST EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKFORT, INDIANA**

*Focus on God, Equip God's People, Proclaim Christ, Change the World*

A monthly summary of activities at First Evangelical Presbyterian Church

June 2018

## Prayer with the Pastor

Continues each Monday @ 7:00 a.m.

## Quilts on Wings

Friday, June 8 @ 1:30 p.m.

## Return Baby Bottles Sunday, June 17

Learn about the Pregnancy Resource Center at [www.hopeforafuture.com](http://www.hopeforafuture.com)

## Reserving Fellowship Hall

Please be sure to contact the custodians as to how you would like the room to be arranged. There is a form available in the kitchen where you can describe this information. We like to ensure the usage is depicted on the schedule, but the details should be worked out with the custodians. Thanks so much for your help!

## Mark your calendar

Church family picnic August 12

## Borrowing Policy

If you need to borrow tables, chairs or other equipment from the church, please be sure to check with Donnie Albitz to be sure it won't be needed or that it hasn't been reserved by someone else. The policy states that we will not lend out kitchen equipment.



## Stephen Ministry at FEPC

Did you know that Stephen Ministry can be part of the church's outreach program? Even though our covenant with Stephen Ministries St Louis only allows us to train our church members as Stephen Ministers, we can have as Care Receivers anyone in our community who has a need, completes the referral process, and commits to meeting regularly with a Stephen Minister. In the eight years we've had trained Stephen Ministers here at FEPC, seven of the twenty-five care receivers we've helped have been non-members or from the surrounding community. Why am I telling you this? Perhaps you interact with folks- through a community organization, in a care facility, in your neighborhood, or at your work- who could benefit from a Stephen Minister, but you just hadn't realized it was possible. Now that you know, consider picking up a Stephen Minister pamphlet from one of the racks at church, read it yourself, then offer it to your friend or acquaintance. Or talk to Marty Rodkey about the possible need and how to proceed. She can still be reached at [marty@fepcfrankfort](mailto:marty@fepcfrankfort) or at home: 765-379-3112

## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

This year the OCC shoe box program is being handled a little differently at FEPC. Instead of waiting until the fall to collect items for the shoe boxes, we will be collecting items throughout the year. Then at the end of the year there will be a "packing party". During **JUNE** we are collecting **TOYS: Play-Doh, Small foam footballs, Barbies, Cars/ Trucks, Soccer ball w/pump, Boxes of small puzzles, Small dolls, Bouncy balls. Any other toy related articles. Older Kids: Uno, Yo Yo's,**

## Summer Adult Sunday School Schedule

June 3—Finish the study of the Gospel of John

June 10—July 29 study of The Art of Neighboring

NO Sunday School: July 15, July 22 and the month of August

## **Missionaries Do Retire ...**

### **David and Cheryl Morris, Navigator Ministry 1980-2018**

Our foreign missionary service with The Navigators began on December 31, 1985. Cheryl, Daniel (3 ½ months old), and I boarded an Air France plane at Chicago's O'Hare Field and headed to France for language study. After eight months in France, we flew to our assignment in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, West Africa.

Prior to our departure from the States, we had served five years with The Navigators in Indiana. Our first assignment was for two years of staff training at Purdue University where we had the privilege of working with student couples. Once our training was completed, we were asked to lead the student couples' ministry at Indiana University in Bloomington. We were there for three years and saw God really bless that ministry. We would meet with couples in Bible study as a group and then Cheryl would meet weekly one to one with the wives. I would do the same with the husbands.

Once in Abidjan, we realized that adjusting to Africa was going to take months. There were days when we would walk and pray and would hear a jet overhead. We wondered if they had a few extra seats so we could go away from the challenges we felt.

After several months and a lot of prayers, we started seeing God intervene in amazing ways in our ministry. We were assigned to work with university students, but God also brought others around who wanted to study the Bible. It was during this time that one of the young men from our neighborhood asked me if I would help him with English. At first, I said no because he was not a university student. He persisted and I agreed as long as we could use the English New Testament as the basis of our times together. He accepted this idea and for the next four years we studied English together on a weekly basis. It was at the end of the four years that Blaise came to Christ and started growing quickly in his faith. He then led most of his family to Christ and they started having a weekly family time of Bible study and prayer. During this time, Cheryl was able to connect with Blaise's younger sister.

Blaise was not a university student when we met him, but he eventually became an outstanding student at the University of Abidjan. Blaise is now married with three children and is a professor of surgery at the University of Abidjan Medical College. He is also one of the leaders of the Ivory Coast Navigator Ministry and very involved in his church.

As time passed our Navigator team saw that the Ivorians were ready to assume leadership for the ministry. This prompted our missionary team to look for ways we could help resource them for the years ahead. As a result of this process, I was asked to be on the team to develop some income generating apartments. My role was to supervise the construction portion of the project. The apartments would provide a steady source of revenue for the administration of the ministry and for the training of new staff. We finished the six ground floor apartments in 2006 and they have been fully rented for the past 12 years. There has recently been a decision to add three more floors to the ground floor units, which will make a total of 24 one-bedroom apartments.

Around the same time that the apartments were being built, I was asked to direct the development, along with Dr. Felix Kohol, of an outreach medical clinic in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. This clinic was finished in 2006 and since then the medical team has treated thousands of people and hundreds have come to faith in Christ. Dr. Kohol recently shared that 3,000 babies have been born at the clinic during the past 12 years.

While in the Ivory Coast, we had an amazing stretch of peace and tranquility. However, toward the end of the 1990's things started to unravel a bit. We had a couple coup d'états and then things would almost return to normal. Then in September 2002 there was a major attack by rebels throughout the country. As time progressed, it became obvious that we would have to evacuate. The U.S. Embassy directed all non-essential Americans to leave for their own safety. Non-essential meant that if you were not the ambassador, his team, or the U.S. military, then you needed to go. We left the country in October 2002 with hopes of returning. However, the conflict continued to be a problem and we were never able to return as a family.

From 2002 until 2006, I traveled back to Ivory Coast and Burkina Faso with a colleague to finish the two construction projects. We would go for four to five weeks at a time to whichever country was safe. In some cases, we would go to both countries on the same trip.

Today, we are pleased and thankful that things are calm in Ivory Coast and Burkina Faso. The most amazing thing is the faith and courage of our Navigator African team in each country. They are amazing!

Since 2006, we have served on different ministry teams here in the United States. We have settled in Groveland, Florida, and have worked in campus ministry, and presently with Nations Within. Every Navigator's passion is to help others know Christ and make Him known. Through small-group Bible studies and life-on-life discipleship, we came alongside people and *taught* them to be Christ's followers as they study and apply the Word of God to chart their lives. Then we trained them to pass what they have learned on to others.

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## David and Cheryl Morris, Navigator Ministry 1980-2018

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As part of Nations Within, we sought a more cohesive mosaic of diverse peoples within the United States. We focused on advancing the Gospel to those within our nation who have a cultural or national identity distinct from the majority culture. We did this because the bouquet of the nations in the United States is a Kingdom opportunity. As a ministry of The Navigators our end game is seen in Revelation 7:9, to see “a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb” (ESV). That’s exactly what we sought to do—one relationship at a time.

As we retire from Navigators, we recall First Presbyterian Church in Frankfort, and are so thankful for you. You have believed in us, prayed for us, and faithfully made it possible for us to follow the calling on our lives. Thank You!

*David and Cheryl Morris*

### Our Young People — World Travelers

This summer we find at least three of our young people from FEPC traveling abroad.

#### **Mackenna Eldridge**

Mackenna was studying abroad for two weeks in May in Thailand. This is a veterinary service study abroad opportunity. She had the opportunity to feed, bathe and care for rescued elephants at Elephant Nature Park. She also assisted in dog neuter surgeries, learning and practicing small clinical skills with over 100 rescued stray dogs at Animal Rescue Kingdom (ARK). What a great opportunity for Mackenna to gain valuable experience and skills and while visiting Thailand. Mackenna is an animal science major at the University of Findley.

#### **Katie Crawford**

Katie is doing an Asia-Pacific field study through Ball State. She left on May 9 and will return June 12. During her trip she will spend time in Bangkok, Thailand; Singapore; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; and Sydney, Australia. Her group will visit hospitals and other health related locations to interview workers and get a better idea of how people in other cultures focus on health and nutrition. She is currently a junior studying dietetics and minoring in interpersonal counseling.

#### **Jeremiah Heron**

Jeremiah recently traveled to Ireland. We will have more information about his trip next month.

Watch for more news on these three students in the July issue of *First Press Lite*.



## News from Caleb Calloway in Uganda

This was taken from a Facebook post in mid-May.

As my week comes to an end, I am looking back and thanking the Lord for this Joyous time he has given us. This past week Calvary Chapel Entebbe and the Ignite team helped out with the activities at the Christian teen sports camp at Jovens High School in Uganda. We arrived on Monday midday; we were off and running (pun intended) starting with the registration of the campers. This was the fifth year for the camp and a new location from years past. Tuesday we awoke to aerobics at 6am. And boy how those kids were ready to move. As we joined in and watched I noticed that Africans take dancing to an-

other level beyond what we Muzdngus (white people) do in America. 😄 😄

Each morning we would eat and enjoy a Hot cup of tea before getting into our lessons with the ministers. During the time of the camp we heard from six teachings focusing on the book of 1 Timothy. I was blessed to have a group of 20 kids to teach Yada to and teach them through scripture. During the afternoons the campers played Football, Basketball, Netball, and Volleyball Tournaments. They all really enjoyed their time with the sports and for the first time having a basketball court to play on. Wednesday evening we had the pleasure of Culture Night. Woow what a night it was. We were shown the cultures from north, central, east, and west regions of Uganda. This was such a blessed time to see the heritage of the Ugandan culture from 13 to 19 year olds. I met pastor Peter and Samuel from Pula Uganda, a small village in the north. I enjoyed three days of fellowship with Peter and their campers. They sang their villages songs and played the Boahop and African guitar. What a sound it has! Through our conversations I found out it is very expensive to have one record audio and especially video. So I jumped in and helped them with capturing both.

When the week came to an end, I had many of the campers come up and thank us for coming and helping at the camp. I had many want to take pictures and pray. As my mother puts it, it made my heart happy! And it truly did. The Lord was working all week long through prayer, sports, and saving lives. Then came Pastor Peter ... we conversed a bit longer and he offered an invitation to come back to Uganda to visit his church and village. He said to me, "you have blessed myself and our campers so much". This brought me to tears and it was the Holy Spirit overflowing. It was hard to say I would see them soon with a ear to ear smile.

We headed back to Entebbe to unload everything and settle in before PFK Kids Club today. One of my new friends I made, Isaiah, was in one of the c4 classes we were helping in last week. He knew scripture and was shy to talk with n the class. I asked him what the matter was and he said he didn't have a Bible. I told him I would have him one today. Isaiah came up to me and handed me a letter today and said this is for you. Again I was brought to yet another spiritual emotion. I haven't read it yet because it is for my devotions before bed tonight. All I can say is that the Lord is good and always will be. I hope everyone at church in Indiana is doing well. And thank you for the prayers. We are all doing well and getting more stories each day of the lives in Entebbe, Bussi, Nangombe, Nachiwogo.