

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

May 2019

Prayer with the Pastor

Continues each Monday @ 7:00 a.m.

Food Finders Mobile Food Pantry

Thursday, May 2, 10:30 AM—1:30 PM

All Church Dinner & Sing

Friday, May 10 @ 6:00 p.m.

Meat provided; bring a side dish.

Quilts on Wings

Friday, May 10 @ 1:30 p.m.

At Betty Moloney's

FEPC Yard Sale

May 8 5-7 p.m. Sort & Price Items

May 10 3:30—5:30 p.m.

May 11 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Bloodmobile

Thursday, May 16, 2019

11 a.m.—4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Senior Sunday Brunch

May 19 @ 10 a.m.

No Sunday School

May 19 and May 26

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.

New Members Recognized Easter Sunday



Back Row: Chuck Queen, Kris Queen, Jeremiah Herin, Sam Walker

Front Row: Kalen Jackson, Geoff Jackson, Joyce Shrock, Brian Yakovich and Chris Walker. Not pictured: Jeff Moore

2019 Confirmands



Easter Baptisms



Jeff Moore, Brian Yakovich, Kelly Kurth

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Sunday Morning Schedule

Sunday Fellowship: 8:30 a.m. (coffee and donuts)
Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School (all ages): 10:15 a.m.
*Staffed Nursery all morning

For week day staff office hours, please visit
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SERMON INFORMATION

Sermon Series: Canons of Dort

May 5 - "Redemption Planned—God's
Predestination (election)"
Ephesians 1:4-6; Romans 8:30;
Romans 9:11-13

May 12 - *Mother's Day*
"Redemption Accomplished—
Christ's Death (atonement)"
Colossians 1:13-16;
Hebrews 9:12; Romans 5:10

May 19 - "Redemption Applied (Part 1):
Depravity"
Romans 5:12, 16' 6:23'
Jeremiah 17:9; Ephesians 2:3;
Genesis 6:5

May 26 - "Redemption Applied (Part 2):
Irresistible Grace"
John 1:12-13; 3:8

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

May 5 - M. Copeland - Good Shepherd: Wolf

May 12 - M. Copeland - Great Commission

May 19 - A. Trent - Ascension

May 26 - A. Trent - Gods Gift of the
Holy Spirit

MEAL DELIVERY

May 3 John & Connie Milholland

May 10 John & Connie Milholland

May 17 Sue Wolfe & Sue Payton

May 24 Sue Wolfe & Sue Payton

May 31 Connie Timmons & Linda Ray

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Stephen Ministry at FEPC

Caring Tip #5

Having a Stephen Minister to talk with can provide a safe place to express concerns, process hurts, or share sorrows when friends and family seem to want only to cheer you up, gloss over your pain, and deny or otherwise minimize the painful reality of your suffering. The book *Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart* calls this "pink thinking", which is basically optimism run amok. To take just the example of cheering up, one caregiver said, "If you try to cheer people up, the plusses are mostly for yourself." Cheering up can make the speaker feel better, but it usually leaves the hearer feeling worse. One person said, "When people tried to cheer me up, it told me that it was not okay to be hurting because it made them uncomfortable." Hurts don't go away, and problems are not worked through by simply banishing dark and gloomy thoughts. If you find yourself needing to talk to someone who will really listen, demonstrate acceptance, and provide a safe place where understanding and comfort can grow, consider asking for a Stephen Minister. Contact Pastor Kelly or Marty Rodkey, Stephen Ministry Referrals Coordinator (call 765-379-3112 or email: marty@fepcfrankfort.org).



Life in the Body of Christ

Congratulations to:

- Lynette and Jeff Hardesty on the birth of a granddaughter, Ellyn Marie, born April 27 to parents Leslie and Daniel.

Condolences to

- Family and friends of Ronna Hayes Gossett (Merrill), who died April 6.

From the desk of Pastor Kelly Studying the Canons of Dort

A pastor once said these words (quite possibly to a question such as 'Why do we need all of this theological stuff?'), "We are all theologians; my job is to make you 'good' theologians." You see, we all have thoughts on God, we can call those thoughts, whether well formulated and informed... or not... our 'theology'. Sometimes, in moving us towards 'good theology' it becomes necessary to focus on specifics in the bible, to clearly define words and concepts in detail, and to defend some ideas as being biblically consistent while others are not.

That's what happened 400 years ago in the city of Dordrecht, Holland! The theology of the reformation was not only being challenged but at risk of being overturned. Politics and Religion were so intertwined that the division was even at risk of causing war. And so a large meeting (a synod) was convened, known as the Synod of Dort (1618-1619) with theologians, pastors and leaders in Britain and Europe to settle the dispute.

The purpose of this meeting was to provide a response to the Arminian (so named after Jacob Arminius, one of the initial leaders that opposed the reformed theology of the day) challenge against salvation coming by God's grace alone. The resulting document put forth by the Synod is what is known as the Canons of Dort. The word *canon* derives from the Greek *kanon*, meaning 'rule' and refers to a standard of belief to direct the church. These Canons answered the five errors of Arminianism, specifically their objections to the challenged Reformed doctrines of sin, grace, faith, justification, atonement, perseverance, and assurance.

The five points addressed by the Canons of Dort cover the following doctrines:

- Doctrine of Election
- Doctrine of Atonement
- Doctrine of Depravity
- Doctrine of Grace
- Doctrine of Perseverance

As we study these Canons over the next five weeks, may we grasp anew a clear vision for God's church and celebrate again God's grace in salvation.

Honduras Team Yard Sale

The Honduras Mission Team is collecting yard sale items for a fundraiser. As you're doing your spring cleaning this season, consider donating that "stuff" to the fundraiser. Please bring yard sale-worthy items to the stage in Fellowship Hall.

Dates and times to note:

May 8—Cookout at 5 p.m. followed with sorting, organizing and pricing items.

May 10—Yard sale from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

May 11—Yard sale from 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Save Your Pop Can Tabs

We have been praying for Kinley who is the daughter of Kara & Kerk Kesler & Great Granddaughter of Mitzi & Fred Carter. Kinley's older sister Kadence is collecting pop or other can pull tabs to give to Riley Children's Hospital to assist other children's medical expenses.

You can help out by contributing to this great cause. You can also help in by passing the word to other friends, families, churches, organizations, etc. so we can really help make a difference.

A container to collect the tabs has been placed in Fellowship Hall. If you have a large amount please leave them at church or contact Lynette Hardesty. Thanks for continuing to pray & supporting this family. They continue to need our prayers.

Church Supper and Sing May 10

Singing is an opportunity to lift our voices to God in praise, confession, and supplication. It also serves a certain community element as we join our voices together. We invite you to join us for supper in Fellowship Hall on **May 10**, followed by singing outside. We will provide the meat, so please bring a side. Official start time is **6:00 p.m.** See you there!

Musicians Needed

While our chancel and handbell choirs are on break this summer, we would appreciate any and all forms of special music from our congregation during worship. If you can play an instrument or would like to offer up your singing voice, please contact Heidi Troyer.

Save the Dates!!!



ATTENTION!!!!

**A new church directory is in the works!
Save October 9-12 to get
your picture taken for
the directory.**

Any pictures you buy will be ready be-

Congratulations 2019 Graduates

Elizabeth (Sophie) Moore



Sophie is the daughter of Sally and Jeff Moore. She is a graduate of Penn Foster Online High School. Her High School Activities: FHS theatre and fortissimo Freshman-Senior years. Her church activities have included youth group, choir, praise team, bell choir.

Sophie's Special Achievements have included receiving medals for show choir such as outstanding performer and 5 golds and a silver in solo and ensemble for voice.

Immediate future plans have Sophie working in life enrichment at Wesley Manor. While she has no current plans for college, she says she is not ruling it out completely.

She lists her favorite bible verse as Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Alyssa Lukasik



Alyssa is the daughter of Mark and Ashley Haynes. She is a graduate of Clinton Prairie High School where her activities included: volleyball, track, National Honors Society, Key Club, Drama Club, Science Club, Athletic Council. Her church activities have included VBS, youth group.

Alyssa's Special Achievements have included 3-time Clinton County Player of the Year in Volleyball, as well as All County, All Conference, All State, and MVP award.

Her Special Achievements in Track have included High Jump county champion, High Jump Conference Champion x2, High Jump Sectional Champion x2, 4x1 relay county and conference champion.

Future Plans: Prep year at New Mexico Military Academy, then attending West Point Military Academy to oky D1 volleyball. Undecided major.

She lists her favorite bible verse as Ephesians 2:10 "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

Congratulations 2019 Graduates

Jenna Rockhold



Jenna is the daughter of John and Amy Rockhold, and will graduate from Frankfort High School

Her high school activities have included: DECA-Current President, National Honor Society, Key Club-Current President, Student Council, Student Ambassadors, SADD, HOBY, Learning to Lead, Volleyball, Softball, IT intern for Community Schools of Frankfort

Jenna's church activities have included: Youth Group, VBS, Pastor Search Committee

Jenna's Special Achievements include the following: Lilly Endowment Scholarship Winner, DECA State and International Qualifier, Aspirations in Computing Affiliate Award, Academic All-State, Varsity Letter Winner, Governor's Work Ethic Certificate

She plans to attend Purdue University to study Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics with a minor in Spanish

Jenna lists her favorite Bible Verse as Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

TJ Mooneyhan



TJ is the son of Michelle and John Geis, and Jeff Mooneyhan. He is graduating from Frankfort High School, where his activities have included Basketball and DECA.

His church activities have included Youth Group and VBS.

TJ's Special Achievements have included Virtual Business Challenge- Second Place.

TJ plans to study Unmanned Aerial Systems to be a drone pilot.

TJ lists his favorite Bible Verse as Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through him who gives me strength."

Congratulations 2019 Graduates

Pakkaporn Udomphol aka: Prin



Prin is the daughter of Chatchai Udomphol(Dad) and Ananya Udomphol(Mom).

Prin's host family this year has been Susie and Gary Plunkitt.

Prin is graduating from Frankfort High School

Of her school activities Prin tells us that "In Thailand I helped teacher and friends making art work for a lot of activities".

While here in Frankfort, she has attended FEPC every Sunday.

As Special Achievements, Prin says she presented to the middle school and brownbag lunch about her country.

Prin's future plans include going back to Thailand to take a test. She says, "If I pass the test I might go to New Zealand to study at a university."

2019 College Graduate

Doug Coapstick

Doug is the son of Stephanie and Dan Coapstick.

Doug is graduating from Purdue University, with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering with a minor in management.

His future plans include Employment as Supply Chain Leader for Frito Lay in Fayetteville, Tennessee

2019 Confirmands



ANNA BEARDSLEY

Parents: Matt & Kristen
8th grader at FMS
Favorite verse: John 3:16
In Confirmation I learned:
"The Trinity is three different people, but all of them work together to be the same God."



LUKE BEARDSLEY

Parents: Matt & Kristen
6th grader at FMS
Favorite verse: Genesis 1:1
In Confirmation I learned:
"That my spiritual gift is faith."



ALAINA DUDLEY

Parents: Andy & Mandy
6th grader at FMS
Favorite verse: John 12:24
In Confirmation I learned:
"The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit don't equal each other but they all equal God."



LIZZIE KURTH

Parents: Kelly & Becky
6th grader at FMS
Favorite verse: Revelation 3:20
In Confirmation I learned:
"About salvation and how God saved us."



ABIGAIL PRICE

Parents: Kevin & Cathy
9th grader at CP
Favorite verse: 2 Corinthians 5:17
In Confirmation I learned:
"About God in three parts; learning about the Trinity and the Holy Spirit."

2019 Confirmands

CAMERON QUEEN



Parents: Chuck & Kris
7th grader at FMS

Favorite verse: Revelation 3:20

In Confirmation I learned:

“Sin separated us from God and by Jesus dying on the cross our sin was forgiven and we now have the ability to have a relationship and be saved by God.”

JACOB SWINFORD



Parents: Josh & Erin
6th grader at FMS

Favorite verse: Romans 6:23

In Confirmation I learned:

“We did a cross maze but it had no way out. But when we folded it, it turned into a cross and said, ‘God’s solution.’”

PATRICK SWINFORD



Parents: Josh & Erin
8th grader at CP

Favorite verse: Lord’s Prayer

In Confirmation I learned:

“There is no way to have eternal life except to accept Jesus.”

MEGAN WILSON



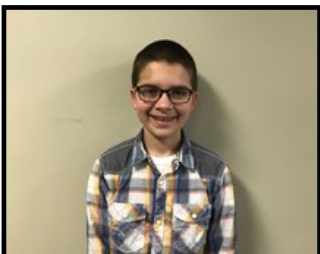
Parents: Joel & Carleigh
10th grader at Rossville

Favorite verse: Jeremiah 24:7

In Confirmation I learned:

“Once we gain salvation, we can’t lose it. What’s interesting about this is the fact that we can’t gain salvation by ourselves. Salvation is a gift from God.”

SIMON WILSON



Parents: Joel & Carleigh
7th grader at Rossville

Favorite verse: Revelation 3:20

In Confirmation I learned:

“Imputation is where our sin and Jesus’ righteousness are swapped when Jesus died on the cross, so when God looks down at us He sees Jesus’ righteousness instead of our sin.”

Update from Matt & Brooke McClain



We were blessed to be able to celebrate our 20th Anniversary in Costa Rica for a few days!

Family photo was taken in January 2019.



We look at all the Lord has done already in 2019 and are thankful and grateful!

We started off the year with the Flathead Valley Medical mission team and it was extraordinary! Please take a few minutes to check out the video at the top of this update letter for a quick glimpse!

- Almost 1000 patients served
- Four different communities
- 29 hours of medical attention
- Physical needs met opened the door for deeper spiritual needs to be met
- Outpouring of love from Guatemalan brothers and sisters - through pastoral care, medical professionals donating time serving in the clinics, donations of medicines, and simply being willing to serve in whatever way was needed.
- Deeper relationships between partnering local partnering churches
- Connections made during that week continuing to bear fruit
Seeing first hand how buying local serves global through MudMan Burgers!

We've also started our PFK Kid's Clubs back up. We now have three PFK Kid's Clubs operating weekly!

We are so excited to see how God has brought this to fruition, after much prayer! Potter's Field ministries has partnered with Palabra Viva for almost five years now and the PFK has always run bi-monthly. This year, we have stepped out in faith and began to hold the club weekly, and the response has been wonderful! There are new children coming each week and the children are learning and growing! Several women in the church have begun helping during the club and serving in various capacities.

We've seen new children in all three areas where PFM holds PFK Kid's Clubs. Our Antigua Club, held in La Guardiania, also has new children attending this year. Our Parramos English Classes are up and running and we have between 50-75 children and adults attending weekly!

Please keep PFK Kid's Clubs in your prayers. We look forward to this year!

We also had a fantastic week with the CC Boston mission team. We all were witnesses to the move of the Holy Spirit both in the members of the team, as well as through them!

We were able to take a quick trip to Florida to renew our tourist visa to Guatemala. Cindy (Brooke's mom) and Roger and Sue (Matt's parents) flew to Florida to spend a few days with us. It was wonderful to be reunited with Ethan, the MudMan crew that he has been serving with in Florida, PFM staff and meet the IGNITE Class 15 interns. We were blessed by this trip and are thankful for the memories made with our family and ministry family!

We are thankful for this season with Class 15 and the team the Lord had in place here. It has been a quick six months and we will miss them, but we rejoice in all that God has done in them and through them and for what He has that is yet to come!

We are now preparing and looking forward to welcoming Class 16 to Guatemala! Please be praying as they arrive to their homes today to spend a few days with family and friends before departing to their field locations. We are thankful for the privilege to live, serve, and grow with these young adults who really are seeking Jesus and are just looking for an opportunity to do so.

Update from Judy Hill April 19, 2019

KUZUNDELU, A CONGOLESE DOCTORAL STUDENT



The first cohort of doctoral students in New Testament (NT) had three students when the program opened in 2012. William and Pascal now have their PhD diploma. The third student, Kuzundelu, is completing (hopefully soon) his dissertation on the Epistle to the Hebrews. In March, he was able to travel to Kenya, taking four weeks away from his teaching responsibilities at the Bangui Evangelical School of Theology (B.E.S.T.) in Bangui, Central African Republic. The library at an evangelical seminary in Nairobi afforded him additional research resources and a peaceful atmosphere. I currently direct the work of three more doctoral students in NT, with others desiring to begin their studies next school year.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

For many years, I have supervised those (such as Kuzundelu) who are teaching Greek and NT courses at B.E.S.T.'s two campuses—four assistants in Bangui, three others in Yaoundé, Cameroon. My part is to encourage them, answer their questions, and provide quality assurance. Teaching is both a science and an art, and these six men and one woman are working hard to be the best communicators possible, always conscious that their role also includes the spiritual development of those whom they teach. Our common goal is to train leaders who will be a blessing and a help wherever God places them after their graduation.

PRAYING TOGETHER

The motto of SIM: “By Prayer,” represents not only the founders’ conviction but that of us all. We move forward as God directs and enables, as we depend on his guidance through our constant communication in prayer. Please join me in praying for these needs and praise items.

1. **PRAISE** the Lord for my good health and for my home’s return to “health” after some major repairs. Health and a safe home permit me to contribute to the ministry in Africa.
2. Dr. William, who teaches in and also oversees the NT program in Yaoundé, is having serious back problems. **PRAY** that he and his doctor will find a way to have lasting relief.
3. **PRAY** that Kuzundelu will complete his doctoral program before the end of 2019.
4. **PRAY** for several potential doctoral students who are seeking God’s will and provision.

Thank you for your part in my life and ministry — through your encouragement, your prayers, your gifts, and your messages. God, in his grace, has allowed me to have an ongoing ministry among his people in French-speaking Africa, even in this time of (semi-?) retirement. I am grateful for his enabling and for the blessing you have been over the years!

THE LORD IS RISEN!

Judy Hill

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