



# 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

July 2019

## Prayer with the Pastor

Continues each Monday @ 7:00 a.m.

## All Church Picnic

Sunday, July 7 @ 11:00 a.m.

Hosted by the Deacons

Meat and drinks provided; bring a side dish or dessert to share, along with your table service.

## Bloodmobile

Thursday, July 11, 2019

11 a.m.—4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

## Honduras Mission Trip

July 13-20

Keep our team in prayer

## Quilts on Wings

Friday, July 12 @ 1:30 p.m.

Wesley Manor Quilting Room B415

## FEPC Men's Breakfast

Saturday, July 20, 2019

8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

## 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.

## *From the desk of Pastor Kelly ...*

This year's EPC General Assembly was held at Cherry Creek Presbyterian church in Denver, Colorado. I want to thank all of you for your prayers during the week as we traveled, sat through various conference sessions, carried on with the business of the denomination, and attempted to acclimate to the altitude...which posed some challenges to this Indiana flat-lander.

One of the many blessings of going to General Assembly (GA) is the chance to reconnect and renew old friendships as well as form new ones, both of which took place. Another highlight of the week was the chance to gather, worship and hear God's word preached (by someone other than myself). This year we were privileged to hear from EPC Pastor Andrew Brunson. As you know, Andrew spent two years in a Turkish prison, falsely accused. He was very open and honest about what he went through during that time. His points on persecution and perseverance were heavy and challenging. I'm hoping to share with you some of his story later this summer.

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*Pastor Andrew Brunson speaking at the EPC GA*

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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

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## SERMON INFORMATION

July 7 - "Highlights from GA"  
Kelly Kurth Preaching

July 14- Dwight Herin Preaching

July 21 - Dick Hammer Preaching

July 28 - Connie Timmons Preaching

### MEAL DELIVERY

July 5 Amy & Katie Crawford

July 12 Amy & Katie Crawford

July 19 Jacque Snyder & Andy Shriver

July 26 Jacque Snyder & Andy Shriver



## Stephen Ministry at FEPC

### Caring Tip #7

*Dear God, I'm relying on you. Speak to me, and tell me what to say. Speak through me, and console the other. Speak for me, and tell the other what he or she needs to hear.*

*Oh, and Lord—tell me when to be quiet, too.*

*Thanks for being faithful. Amen*

This prayer, from the Stephen Ministry book **Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart**, typifies what a Stephen Minister might pray before a weekly visit to their Care Receiver, but it's a great prayer for any of us to use when we want to reach out to someone and aren't sure what to say. Though we don't have all the answers, we know the One who does, and He means for us to rely on Him. Otherwise, what's the sense of Psalm verses such as *The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped (28:7)* or *Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths...(25:4)*.

We don't have to go it alone; it's not all up to us! So next time you're ready to call a friend who has received a grave diagnosis or a co-worker who has endured a great loss or change, remember to be in touch with the One who knows and loves them- and you- the best. The next few tips will answer parts of the question: What Do You Say After You Say Hello? And another way for you to love your friends and acquaintances is to assure them that FEPC cares and that Stephen Ministers stand ready to come alongside in a difficult time. Contact information for Stephen Ministry is found on the FEPC website under Ministries or in the pamphlets in the racks around the church.

*From the desk of Pastor Kelly... continued—*

I'll close up this brief report with a passage from Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3:14-19, which one of the pastor's at GA used as his text when he preached.

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup> that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with **power** through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that **Christ may dwell** in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the **fullness** of God.

Here Paul prays for three things: 1) For God's power to strengthen their inner being. This is power at our core so that we can face adversity when it comes, for it will. 2) For Christ to dwell in their hearts through faith. This prayer is that Christ would dwell deeply within them... that he would indeed be 'Master in their house' (or life). And finally, 3) For God's fullness... that they would always remember God's love for them, it's vastness and depth.

Brothers and sisters, this is my prayer for you as well.

Sincerely, *Pastor Kelly*



The family spent a day enjoying God's beauty in the Rockies of Colorado before coming home.



### Church Picnic July 7

The Deacons will serve a cookout at church on Sunday, July 7 at 11:00 a.m. Meat and drinks will be provided so we ask that you please bring a side or dessert to share, and your table service. We will plan to eat outside, weather permitting.

### Quilts on Wings Has a New Meeting Place

Betty Moloney has moved from the Village into the Manor House at Wesley Manor so quilters have a new place to meet. Room B415 has been designated by Wesley Manor as the Quilter's Room and Betty will be meeting her Quilts on Wings team there. Take the elevator in the main reception area to the 4th floor. Turn right when you get off the elevator and B415 will be a few doors down on the left. Happy Quilting!



### COACH Kids Collection

COACH Kids is collecting clothing to be distributed to school nurses offices for the school year. New or gently used items are welcome, size 4/5 to adult small. Underwear, socks, shoes, sweat pants, and hoodies are needed. The collection box is in the narthex and will be picked up by August 7th.



### *Life in the Body of Christ*

#### Thank you

- Thank you for your prayers, cards, words of encouragement and visits as we grieved the loss of my (Jeff's) Mom. She is "Home in Heaven" with our Lord, Dad and all that have gone on before us.

Love & Blessings, Jeff, Lynette & Family.

### International Friendship Program

**Opportunity to Connect:** Are you open to stretching your outreach muscles? We are expecting 2,800 *new* international students to arrive in July/August at Purdue. Ten percent (280) of these students are expected to join the International Friendship Program. They are hoping to gain insight about American culture by connecting with you! We need volunteers willing to include a student in family activities 3 to 4 times during the semester – over coffee, dinner, or a weekend get-together. This is an easy way to gain a lifelong friend and make a lifelong impact.

New host orientations are scheduled between July 5<sup>th</sup> and August 2<sup>nd</sup> that people can register for now at <https://forms.gle/3SvP2nsQxMLw6wur7> . For more information , please email [friendship@purdue.edu](mailto:friendship@purdue.edu).

**Mark your calendar ...**

**Mobile Food Pantry** will be coming again Thursday, August 22

### 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-**

## Inter-generational Sunday School

Middle and high school students and all adults are invited to attend the inter-generational summer Sunday School class going on now. The class meets Sundays, after worship, in Fellowship Hall. The series is titled "The Power of Jesus' Name," a video series by Tony Evans.

## Honduras Mission Team—Collecting Items

The Honduras Mission Team is collecting small toys (Happy Meal toys), stuffed animals, stickers, and suckers for the children in Honduras and personal hygiene items for their parents. Collection totes are on the stage in Fellowship Hall and in the narthex.

Their trip is scheduled for July 13-20. Please keep them in prayer.

## News from Michael and Lindsey Kaspar with visionSynergy in Newnan, GA 30265

June 23, 2019

Dear FEPC Frankfort,

**Expectant** of what God will do this week, 700 gather from 100+ nations representing many work sectors, and the Faith and Work Movement. We are discussing and discerning How does faith in Jesus Christ impacts our Work, the Worker, and the Workplace? My specific role is as Catalyst for Ministry Collaboration with the Lausanne Movement. I get to teach workshops of God's people working together in unity to accomplish more together.

Lausanne Movement Vision has 4 parts, and GWF is looking at "Kingdom impact in every sphere of society."

Days leading up to this week have been full and a little stressful. I developed 2 hours of video teaching in 4 parts for the Virtual Global Workplace Forum. The title of this series is "Launching and operating a workplace, city, or country Network for Kingdom Impact". In the content, I used so much of what visionSynergy has developed over several years.

*My Prayer: Jesus use this how you want to encourage and challenge Christian leaders to use collaboration to accomplish the vision you've given them!*

I tried to make it simple, clear, full of passion, and prayerful, practical help. God has clearly called some in the Body of Christ to be connectors and collaborators to help others accomplish vision in the World.



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from Michael and Lindsey Kaspar ... continued ...

In preparing for this gathering, I revisited the "Spirit of Lausanne" which are 6 characteristics embodied by John Stott, a formative influence on the Lausanne Movement. Here are the 6 characteristics. What if all Christians embodied these, how would our world be different? as we gather, we aim to have these: Humility, Friendship, Study, Prayer, Partnership, and Hope. [Here is an article](#) if you want to read more about John Stott.

So, here I am. Ready to start a week of long days, pouring out much.

Here is a glimpse:

- 2 workshops - How to start a Network and How to operate a Healthy & Effective Kingdom Network
- A strategic planning/creative session (called a "Learning Lab") with a small group looking at what collaboration could most help the Christian Faith & Work Movement (we hope this results in 1 specific, practical outcome which we begin working toward together)
- Serving as a Table group facilitator during the week
- MC-ing an evening with a couple of others for the attendees under age 40

... and many conversations with strangers and friends determining how God would have us connect more in the future.

Would you Pray?

"Lord, would this not be just another week or conference. I need and want something fresh from you."

"Lord, may your presence be felt by the people Michael speaks with, may he listen to the Holy Spirit well and may the hearers sense YOUR presence, LORD, feel your heart and be given what you want them to have."

"Lord, change Michael! He doesn't want to remain static and stale, but give him something fresh from your Word—from your Spirit—from the Body of Christ."

"Lord, please help in the followup, and as Michael develops the Synergy Catalyst Program to identify and equip a generation of Kingdom Network leaders. Help him follow up well in the days after GWF."

"Lord, please provide for the Kaspar Family, especially as Michael is away. Please make yourself known to Lindsey in the midst of leading and caring for the 4 kids (and the new puppy too)."

Thank you for investing with us and in us.

*Michael and Lindsay*

Summer Schedule:

June 23 - 30th - Michael in Manila with Lausanne Movement at GWF.

June 26th evening - Vision 5:9 Network virtual meeting with Steering Team

July 1-7 - Family Rest/Vacation in Blowing Rock, NC.

July 21-28 - Michael in Seattle for Life Coach training & visionSynergy Team meetings

Early August - School starts!

Hadassah (5th grade, age 10), Judah (3rd grade, age 8), and Oswin (Grade K, age 5) all start school.  
Redmond is age 3.

## News from the Merediths ...

June 23, 2019

Hey Fellow Travelers -

A friend, Peter Kangamba from Zambia has been visiting us and sharing stories that are SO encouraging.

Peter, was in the first Bible study I led at the University of Zambia in 1989 until he graduated in 1991. After graduation we invested another 12 years in Peter while he was working for one of the copper mines in Zambia. Growing up in a very socialist Zambia, the government provided jobs, housing, some food, hospitalization and education! Really a total "welfare state" until the mid 1990's. For example, Peter said his father did not even know how much a light bulb cost. If you needed the lights checked in your mine owned (Government owned) home you filled out a work order and they fixed the problem. Even changing light bulbs. REALLY.

So, any time we planned a conference and talked about how much to CHARGE students, Peter (and the other guys) would say, "That's too much!" Apparently, ANY amount was "too much". Peter shared with others while he's been here, "Bob and I had many discussions and arguments about what is Biblically appropriate. Bob asked some VERY HARD questions. One time, Bob even told us, now that we had graduated and were working, the should buy our own pens and notebooks ourselves to use! That was hard!"

Fast forward through MANY Bible studies, questions, 'discussions' and years of investing in Peter and also for BOB to learn how to serve them better and get rid of some of his OWN cultural extra-Biblical baggage...

Peter's wife has made "5 or 6 trips" to to China to buy container loads of stuff for her own business. Peter is now the CFO of one of the copper mines, has a micro-lending company worth more than \$600,000 that empowers entrepreneurs and owns five rental houses in Lusaka, Zambia!

To say the least, Peter now KNOWS the real cost of things - and is an excellent manager of the resources God has trusted to him!

**PRAY for Peter and his wife, Patience and The Navigators Zambia as Peter mentors them and MANY OTHER friends (and their own young adult children) in financial management.**

**Also PRAY - Tomorrow morning at 10:00 DENVER TIME - Patty has her next appointment with her neurologist. I have some questions and we have observed that Patty's Parkinson's condition is "very fragile" at this time. ANY change in her meds has to be small and carefully calculated ! PRAY we can increase her movement safely WITHOUT the undesirable side effects ! Right now, finding that balance is VERY labor intensive!**

**THANKS for walking with us.**

Gratefully in Him,

Bob