



# 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

October 2020

## Prayer with the Pastor

Each Monday @ 7:00 a.m.

## Bloodmobile

Thursday, October 1

11 a.m.—4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

## Communion

Sunday, October 4

## Sing! Global

Sunday, October 4

Fellowship Hall @ 6 p.m.

## Called Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, October 18 after worship

To Elect Officers

## NO Wednesday Activities

October 21

## How to Use the Remind App

We utilize the Remind App for text reminders. We send texts about twice per week to inform you of upcoming church activities.

- Download Remind
- Search for class @352fepc
- Add yourself to the class

## Borrowing Policy

If you need to borrow tables, chairs or other equipment from the church, please be sure to check with **Colleen Spencer** 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.

## **\*\* NOTICE \*\* NOTICE \*\* NOTICE \*\***

In accordance with the mask mandate issued by Governor Eric Holcomb, **masks** will be **required** for all people over the age of 8 who are attending church events, including worship.

- ★ Masks and hand sanitizer will be available at the Sanctuary entrance or you can bring your own
- ★ Offering plates will be at the back of the sanctuary
- ★ NURSERY is available, but NOT STAFFED



**Mark your calendars ...**

**Mission Weekend**

**November 7 & 8**

See details on page 3

## **We're Back ... Wednesday Evenings**

Dinner @ 5 PM    Discipletown @ 6 PM

**No Wednesday Evening Activities October 21**

## **Wednesday Meal Servers Needed**

We are looking for a few groups to serve the Wednesday meal. As always, the meal can be utilized as a fundraiser for your group. Please contact [kalen@fepcfrankfort.org](mailto:kalen@fepcfrankfort.org) if you can help.

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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  
www.fepcfrankfort.org, or phone the church.

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## SERMON INFORMATION

### Sermon Series: Judges

**Oct 4** - "Setting the Stage: The Book  
of Judges"  
Judges 2:1-17

**Oct 11** - "The Downward Spiral and  
the First Judge"  
Judges 2:18-23; 3:7-11

**Oct 18** - "Ehud, the Left-Handed"  
Judges 3:12-30

**Oct 25 - Reformation Sunday**  
"Luther, Calvin, and ...  
Shamgar? Judge #3"  
Judges 3:31

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

**Oct 4** - Lesson: Cain & Abel

**Oct 11** - Lesson: Noah

**Oct 18** - Lesson: Abram & Sarai

**Oct 25** - Lesson: Exodus



## Life in the Body of Christ

### Condolences to:

The family of Anna Shupe, who passed away September 3.

### They Moved:

We invite you to shower the Scheid and Glover families with love as they settle into their new homes. If you are so moved, please send cards and notes to:

Jack & Connie Scheid  
8140 Township Line Road, Apt. 4314  
Indianapolis, IN 46260

Steve & Kathy Glover  
665 Laurel Ave.  
Zionsville, IN 46077

## Congregational Care Ministry

As a reminder, should any congregational care needs arise, you can contact the church office, your Elder Shepherd, or any of the members of the Congregational Care Committee:

Connie Timmons, Karen Biery, Joyce Peters or Patty Nash.



## Mission Weekend — November 7 & 8

The Mission Team is excited to announce plans for the upcoming Mission Weekend which will be held November 7 and 8 this year. Plans include a concert on Saturday evening by Jeremy Casella, a wonderful Christian musician who just happens to be connected to our congregation through his marriage to Brooke Smith, Marshall and Phoebe Smith's daughter-in-law. The concert will be held in person in our sanctuary, and "live to you" via YouTube should you wish to participate, but aren't comfortable coming to the church due to social distancing. There is no cost for the concert, but a love offering will be taken up to benefit *Grace On Wings*.

Sunday will be an exciting day to learn more about *Grace on Wings* and to hear from the mission's founder and pilot, Hal Blank. Hal will deliver our message on Sunday morning, and then the congregation will have a chance to see "Nellie" (the plane!) in person at the Frankfort Municipal Airport. "Nellie" also has ties to our congregation, as funds given by former member, Nell Wood, helped secure her purchase. *Grace on Wings* itself sprung up after Hal went on a mission trip to Moyobamba, Peru with a team from our church. Lunch will be served at the airport in the hangar where we can tour the plane and pray together over Nellie and Hal. There will be a small cost for the brown bag lunches which need to be ordered in advance. Watch for cost and ordering details to come out soon!

Mark your calendars and plan to attend these wonderful events!

## Sunday School for All Ages

Children & Youth meet on 3rd floor

Adult classes: 'Twelve Ways Your Phone is Changing You' meets in Fellowship Hall  
'Men's Class' meets in the Parlor

### Called Meeting of the Congregation Sunday, October 18 after Worship Election of Officers

## "Sing! GLOBAL"

Good News!!! The Getty Music Worship Conference, "Sing! GLOBAL" has a fantastic virtual option this year. This conference is designed for anyone who wants to grow in their understanding of how Gospel-centered worship will transform your life, your family, and your church.

**Great News!!!** FEPC has purchased a license to view the conference on-demand for the next 90 days!

Your next opportunity to take in this conference will be **Sunday, October 4th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall (social distancing/masks). Plan to bring individually packaged snacks to share. The topic for this session is "Singing the Scripture in the Sunday Service"

### **Future Dates:**

Session 3: Sunday, November 1st, 6-8 p.m. "The Word for the World: Singing, Suffering, and Witness in the 21st Century"

Continue to watch the church communication for more opportunities to view other breakout sessions from the conference with topics like: Sing the Word; Read, Pray, and Preach the Word; The Word and Children; Musician-ship and Creativity, Technology Serving the Word; The Word Among the Poor.

Email Heidi Troyer at [heidi@fepcfrankfort.org](mailto:heidi@fepcfrankfort.org) if you want more information!



## Stephen Ministry at FEPC

### Are You Experiencing Pandemic Fatigue?

Are you feeling exhausted from all the disruptions to life brought on by the pandemic? Are you or someone you know struggling with challenges like...

Isolation and loneliness?

Grief due to many kinds of losses?

Financial strain or job loss?

Tension from juggling work, childcare, schooling?

Anxiety over health?

Uncertainty about the future?

Other unexpected life challenges?

If so, you don't have to face it alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. A Stephen Minister can meet with you privately- by phone, by video chat, or in person if it's safe to do so- to focus on you and your needs. It's free and completely confidential, and it offers real care, comfort, and hope. You can find out more by contacting Pastor Kelly (314-374-6042) or Marty Rodkey (765-379-3112).

### Small Groups Are Invited to Meet

Small groups are invited to prayerfully consider meeting, if you can do it safely. Please contact Pastor Kelly or Kalen Jackson if you would like to utilize space in the church to meet.

\*Nursery will be available, but not staffed.



One bible study group recently met at the park for fellowship ...



## Pledge Cards

The Stewardship & Finance committee requests that you return your completed pledge card to church as soon as possible. Cards were distributed and mailed. If you did not receive yours, please call or email the office at [contactus@fepcfrankfort.org](mailto:contactus@fepcfrankfort.org)



## Mobile Food Pantry

Thursday, September 17 FEPC hosted Food Finders. Lots of good workers from our church and the National Guard helped load food into cars for about 190 families!

Theresa is pictured directing cars where to line up.

Thanks to all who helped today.

Our next time to host will be **Thursday, December 17.**

## Children in Worship

Now meeting in their new room.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## October

- 1—Karen Sutton
- 4—Cary Carter
- 6—Carol Frazier  
John Miller
- 7—Jeff Bracken
- 9—Alyssa Lukasik  
Lily Rockhold
- 10—Becky Kurth  
Heidi Troyer
- 12—Dick Hammer
- 13—Glenda Jones  
Sally Myers
- 15—Joyce Shrock
- 16—Mark Butchko
- 18—Jim Moyer
- 19—Mark Haynes
- 20—Kathy Montgomery
- 21—Sue Wolfe
- 22—Terri Calvin  
JoAnn Mullendore  
Connie Timmons
- 25—Cindy Chambers
- 26—Kristen Beardsley
- 27—Elaine Ridenour

## October Anniversaries

- 1—Mark & Terri Calvin
- 6—Doug & Kathy Montgomery  
Gary & Susie Plunkitt
- 17—John & Amy Rockhold
- 20—Christopher & Tiffany Thies



## McClain Family News

*"Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees; so they camped there by the waters."*

*Exodus 15:27*

This week was the official start of my teaching position at Calvary Chapel Academy. Each day, the teaching and administration staff met at the beginning of the day for a devotional time and prayer. The first few days of the week, Pastor Mark, the principal of Calvary Chapel Academy, shared from Psalms 78. On Friday, I was expecting the same, so when I arrived I opened my Bible to Psalm 78. However, he began sharing from Exodus 15. As he read from verses 22-27, tears welled up in my eyes as I recalled reading these verses earlier this year.

Exodus 15 begins with the Israelites rejoicing and singing praises to the Lord after they crossed the Red Sea on dry land. He had given them victory over their enemies and entry into the land He had promised them, both things they could not do themselves. Their song speaks of the Lord's power, strength, faithfulness, greatness, and salvation. They sing of how the Lord redeemed them and established His sanctuary among them. The words of their song demonstrate that all these things about their God have become real to them. As the Israelites travel a few days into the Wilderness of Shur, which was certainly the road less traveled, the people were overcome with thirst. They seem to have forgotten their victory cry and soon begin to complain. They come upon the waters at Marah. Imagine their disappointment when they discovered the water to be bitter and undrinkable. So Moses cried out to the Lord on their behalf, and then God directs Moses. He takes a tree and throws it into the water and the bitter waters become sweet and drinkable. The wilderness desert of Shur was a miraculous place of bitterness, of testing, of examination, of dependence, of provision, of endurance, of obedience, and of healing. As they moved on to Elim, they came upon twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees. After reading these verses, Pastor Mark shared the phrase, "God gives rest after the test." God brought His children to a place of rest at Elim, an oasis in the middle of the desert. There was no miracle or new revelation there, but He knew exactly what they needed and when they needed it and He provided for their needs.

I have this passage marked in my Bible with a specific date, just before we entered quarantine, earlier this year. It was a dark, discouraging season for our family. As Pastor Mark was sharing, I recalled the Lord's gracious promise to me as I cried out to Him in those dark days.

Verses 26 and 27 say,

*v 26 "If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought upon the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you (Jehovah-Rapha, the God who heals).*

*v 27 "Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees; so they camped there by the waters."*



## McClain Family News ... Continued

I was overcome by the goodness and faithfulness of God as I realized that God has brought us to the land He had promised me in those dark days, and given us direction to camp here, to rest under His healing hand, to possess fully all that He has provided, to diligently heed His voice and to follow Him wholly. He has called us to camp by the waters (Did you know that there are eleven Finger Lakes in this region of New York, as well as the Erie Canal?)

In that dark time that the Lord gave me these verses, I believed He was leading us to camp near the Dnieper River in Zaporozhia, Ukraine. I still believe today that was where He was leading us. However, I also fully believe that He knew what the world was about to face and He knew exactly how He was going to provide rest, for all His children, including our family, in the days that would follow.

Reading these verses this week, it's undeniable that God's leading and perfect provision for our family is here at Calvary Chapel Finger Lakes and Calvary Chapel Academy. He has brought us to the waters and called us to camp here beside them. He is the Lord who heals and redeems and establishes His people. We have certainly taken the 'long way around' to get to where we are today, but how thankful and grateful I am for the leading of the Lord and for His merciful, gracious heart towards His people.

### **Prayer requests:**

- Pray for us as we search for the home the Lord has for our family to purchase*
- Pray for Izzy as she seeks the Lord on how He would have her serve Him*
- Pray for Audrey as she diligently completes her sophomore year of homeschool classes*
- Pray for Ethan as he increases in knowledge and skill at the mill where he is working*
- Rejoice with us for the friendships the girls are forming with other girls their age in the area*
- Rejoice with us for the blessing of fellowship with CC Finger Lakes*
- Rejoice with us for the provision of employment for Matt at Pioneer Millworks, where he has found steady, consistent hours and pay in a healthy work environment where he can learn and grow*
- Pray that Calvary Chapel Academy would be a refreshing oasis for the students that are enrolled this year*
- Pray for Goshen-like supernatural protection from illnesses and viruses for the students and staff of CCA*
- Pray for salvation through Jesus to come to those who do not know Him*

For those of you who have given monthly support to our family throughout the past thirteen years, we want to THANK YOU again for your faithfulness and for your generosity, thoughtfulness, and kindness that you have shown our family.

Shepherd's Staff Mission Facilitators is no longer accepting any financial donations for our family and we have officially transitioned off of missionary support.

We thank God for His faithful provision over the years.

**Our mailing address has changed.**

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