



# 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

September 2021

## Prayer with the Pastor

Continues each Monday @ 7:00 a.m.



## Discipletown Kickoff

Wednesday, September 1



## Quilts on Wings

Friday, September 3 @ 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall



## NO Sunday School September 5



## Bloodmobile

Thursday, September 9  
11 a.m.—1 p.m. In Fellowship Hall



## Promotion Sunday

Sunday, September 12  
Children in Worship resumes



## All Church Picnic

Sunday, September 19



## Borrowing Policy

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



## Mark Your Calendar!!

# CHURCH PICNIC

September 19 @ 11:30 a.m.

Prairie Creek Park

Encompass Event Center

Pitch-in ... bring a dish to share  
and table service

The facility is equipped with plenty of seating space, indoors and out, restrooms, and a kitchen.



## Sunday Morning Fellowship Time

We welcome everyone to a time of fellowship on Sunday mornings at 8:30. Due to changes and updates to the duties of the Deacons, they will no longer be responsible for acquiring coffee and donuts. We encourage anyone with the “party planning” gift to take on this responsibility. No experience necessary! The coffee maker in the kitchen is easy to use and folks are welcome to use it.

**Labor Day**  
**Monday, September 6**  
**Church Offices Closed**

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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

**Sept 5** - "Stewardship of Our Talents"  
I Peter 4:10-11  
Proverbs 11:3; 31:10-31

**Sept 12** - *Promotion Sunday*  
"Stewardship of Our Time"  
Psalm 90:12 James 4:13-17  
Proverbs 22:4

**Sept 19** - "Stewardship of Our Treasures"  
Proverbs 3:9-10; Psalm 24  
Matthew 25:14-30

**Sept 26** - "Stewardship of Our Tongue"  
Proverbs 6:16-19  
Luke 6:45; James 3:3-12

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

**Sept 5** - NO Children in Worship

**Sept 12** - A. Trent - "The Light"

**Sept 19** - S. Calloway - "Creation"

**Sept 26** - S. Ransom - "The Fall"



## Life in the Body of Christ

### Condolences

- to the family of Saranya "Grace" Chatwanchompoo, on the passing of her father, who died Tuesday, August 10 from Covid. Please pray for the family that they would have peace and strength to get through this time. Please pray that they would come to full knowledge of the Lord through this tragedy. Grace was an exchange student from Thailand, living with the Plunkitts during the Fall 2017-Spring 2018 school year.



### Thank You

- to the 3 C's Committee for sponsoring the ice cream social on August 28. While they had a motive for getting us together, all who attended enjoyed both the ice cream with toppings and the fellowship.
- to those who supplied music leadership in our worship and those who shared in bringing the Lord's message during August.



## Stephen Ministry at FEPC

### Stephen Minister Updates

The Stephen Ministry Team has some exciting news to share: There WILL be a Fall Stephen Minister Training Class!! It will begin in mid-September and run through February 2022. There will be twenty weekly sessions (with time off for the holidays) and conclude with the commissioning of your new Stephen Ministers next March upon completion of the fifty hours of class. It seems especially fitting that there would be a class in this year of recognizing ten years of renewed Stephen Ministry at FEPC, and we are truly grateful for your prayers as we planned, hoped, waited, interviewed, and discussed.

Our theme of God Gives the Growth has been illustrated through the process: we may have planted and watered, but only God has brought the growth! (1 Corinthians 3:6 & 7) We will keep the congregation informed of the progress of the class and will provide prayer prompts as we move along so you can all share in what God will be doing through the training. It is our desire that the entire process will be a blessing to Him and to our congregation and community.

~ Marty Rodkey & Amanda Trent

## 3 C's Committee



What is CCC? If you ask Google, you will find CCC can mean any of the following: Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), Climate Change Committee, City Community College, Criminal Court Clerk and more. Here at FEPC, we know the 3C's is the new name for our Care Ministry and means **Connecting • Cares • Concerns**.



Missing: Patty Nash

The 3 C's first *Connecting* event was an ice cream social Saturday, August 28. They report that approximately 60 adults and children attended the ice cream social. During group discussions many positive comments were heard about a much needed fellowship time. The 3 C's Committee plans to update the congregation in the near future of the evening's discussion. Before doing so, an attempt will be made to contact members who were unable to attend.

How to contact your 3 C's Committee members:

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**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE  
GRACE ON WINGS FUNDRAISER**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021**

**6PM TO 9PM**

**2755 CARGO DRIVE hangar 7**

**ATTIRE: BUSINESS CASUAL**

**PARKING AT OUR HANGAR: 2640 CARGO DRIVE 46241**

**THERE IS NO COST**

**DONATIONS TO GRACE ON WINGS ARE REQUESTED IN  
LIEU OF ADMISSION COST**

**PLEASE INVITE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS,  
CO-WORKERS, CHURCH FAMILY**

**EVENT WILL INCLUDE:**

**YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO MEET NELLIE AND ABE**

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## Hope in the Harvest

On the evening of August 21, many people from several church congregations gathered in Westfield, IN to learn more about the work of Hope in the Harvest Missions International and to raise money to support the work being done in Ganta, Liberia. We were treated to a wonderful meal cooked by missionary, Bill Sebald. After dinner there was a silent auction and a presentation shared by a few people who have been to Liberia (our own Caleb Callo-way among them!), and a time of worship led by Pastor Bill Sebald. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship and learning!

COVID has really affected financial support for the ministry. If you would like to help reach the “Rise Up” goals, you can give online at [www.hopeintheharvest.org](http://www.hopeintheharvest.org) or by sending your contribution to HITHMI at our church address.

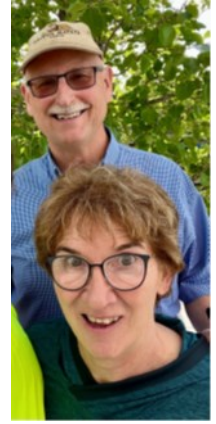


## WeCare Update

**We Care Recovery Home** is requesting new and used adult bicycles and a reliable vehicle. Maintaining a job is a critical step for the women in the home. Many of these women do not hold a driver's license. Director Jennifer Gardner has dedicated her own resources to ensure these women get to work on time. A reliable used car would help exponentially. If you have one to donate, for a tax deduction, contact the church office, or Jennifer Gardner by email at [jenny@wecarerecoveryhome.org](mailto:jenny@wecarerecoveryhome.org). Bicycles are also needed for those who can bike to work.

Update: to date they have not received any bicycle or car donations.

## News from the Merediths



Greetings Fellow Travelers!

**PERSPECTIVE** YES! We ARE still alive and NO, you've not been dropped from our 'Updates List'! This is just the first time for me to write since APRIL. ☺

**PLANS** Patty & I still **LOOK FORWARD** to departing for home" (Kenya and Zambia) on 29 September for a 28 day visit of our extended "family".

**PLEASE** continue to pray for:

- Patty's stability. Since April Patty has had one surgery, and a bit of "turbulence" with her thinking. So far, no hallucinations and nothing long-term! YAY!
- VISA's for Kenya and Zambia and **NEGATIVE COVID** tests – **FOUR TIMES**. Here, Kenya, Zambia and Kenya again before we can return.
- Friends in Kenya and Zambia who are organizing "gatherings" for us as much as are COVIDly possible.

**PEOPLE** **Mutinta Silenga**, NavStaff, spiritual "daughter" and friend from Zambia is still planning to come here and fly back with us to accompany Patty (and me). Her presence will be a **HUGE** blessing.

**PARTNERSHIP** **THANKS!** The **\$8020** for the trip we needed before September, you gave and God has provided! All that remains is **\$400** for additional **COVID** testing that I overlooked!

You can give online at: <https://www.navigators.org/staff/119206/> or by check at: <https://www.navigators.org/more-ways-to-give/>

**PARCELS to pack!** We are packing plenty of parts – computer parts, phone parts, trailer parts, books and more for our friends. **PRAY** all this stuff arrives **WITH** us in Kenya and Zambia.

Thank you **SO** much for walking **WITH** us in and through this. We are **SO** grateful for your prayers and financial partnership!

Gratefully in Him,

**Bob and Patty**

## Colby Apartment Shower

One thing that can always be counted on is the generosity of our body of believers at FEPC. Once a need is spoken, it is usually only a short time before the need is met. When Valerie and Felipe Colby shared that their children, Cecilia and Soren, would be living in an apartment in Lafayette and attending school rather than returning to Honduras, our congregation did what it always does. It jumped to action and held an "apartment shower," complete with cake by Susie Plunkitt. The Colbys were overwhelmed by the furniture, kitchen and bath items, and cleaning products that showed up. Thanks to the generosity of many, Cecilia and Soren will have a wonderfully furnished home to return to after classes. Please continue to pray for them as they adjust to living separated from their parents, for Cecilia as she attends classes at Ivy Tech, and for Soren as he completes high school at Rossville.



Before the party began



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And after



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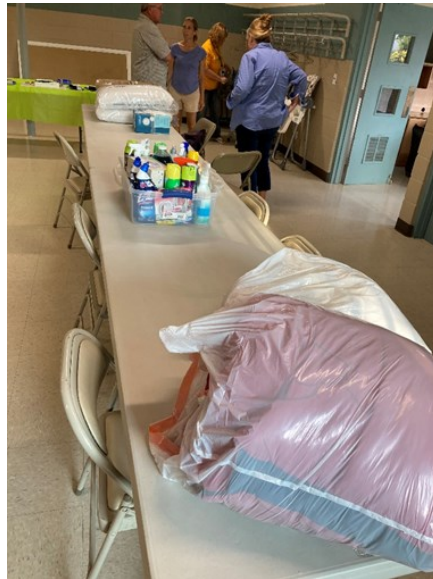
# Colby Apartment Shower



Cecelia and her cousins.




Loading the couch into the van




There's still room in here.



 **Felipe Colby**  
1h · 🧑🏻‍🦱

Hot day to move, but better than driving rain. Thanks for the prayers and help, special shout out to everyone at [First Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Frankfort](#) for all the many items and gift cards they donated! It was all perfect! Everything made it to the apartment (with help from the abuelos) and Cecilia will be working for a while to get it all set up the way she wants it, and Soren will move in as well in another month!





## News from Jessica Rockhold

# First Week Of Classes!



Dear Friends and Family,

It has been such a busy week but in all the best ways! Tech started classes on Monday and it has already been such a different experience than last year. We have been able to do so much this week and meet tons of students!

Last week to prepare for the first week of classes and everything being full speed ahead, our staff took a day trip to North Georgia to unplug, spend time with each other, and spend time in prayer. It was such a good way to prepare my heart for being back in the swing of campus ministry and pouring out to students.

### Here's what we've been up to!

- The first Ministry Team meeting of the semester! We got to gather with our student leaders and share a meal while we talked about our plans and expectations, and encouraged each other in the new roles everyone is playing this year.
- Tabling in about 100 degree heat.
- Hanging out on campus with some student leaders each afternoon and inviting random students to hang out with us and toss a frisbee and play four square. Activities like that are always so fun and it's a great way to meet new students during a time where they are looking for something to do.
- Passing out lots of flyers for our first large group and kickoff event.
- Holding our first large group of the year. It has been so long since we were able to meet all together and in person. We had a great turnout and it was so beautiful to see people connecting, laughing and worshipping together again.
- We had a free Chick-Fil-A dinner for new students and freshman. We did these last year during covid and actually found it to be a really great way for students to meet each other in a smaller group which can feel less intimidating than walking into a large group.
- Our kickoff event where we did free pizza and lawn games! So many students came out for this and it was so cool to see the groups of people playing together or just sitting and talking.
- Frisbee Friday! This usually attracts all the guys so I've avoided it in my undergrad and last year during the internship. But I can now say I have attended my first frisbee Friday!

Overall it has been a very full week. I've gone to bed exhausted every night but very happy and grateful that we get to do all of these things on campus this year. Students are craving friendship and a place to belong and I think we can see that even more clearly after a year of so much isolation and sadness.

We were praying for the Lord to provide a place for us this semester for Large Group and were having trouble with availability because of pricing and renovations and provide he did! We get to use Clary Theater for the first two weeks (this is where LG has been held for the past 8 years)

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And then when Clary Theater goes under renovations we have a space in the Kendeda building which is a new and super nice space on campus. The room looks great and the students are excited about it. We are super blessed to have a such a great room on such short notice.

## **Fundraising**

I am deeply grateful to everyone who prayed for me and financially supported me during the first year. Know that you have played a part in my life, the lives of students , and the Kingdom! Your support does not go unnoticed!

Right now I am about **83%** funded for year two! Money that I had leftover in my account after year 1 rolls over into year 2. If you are giving monthly or quarterly those gifts will automatically continue to withdraw for the second year! If you were someone that gave a one-time gift last year I would love for you to prayerfully consider giving again this year.

If you would like to give, you can click the link below and it will take you to my specific page online. And if you would like to give via check you can make it out to "Reformed University Fellowship" and put my fund code "1974" on the memo line. Checks can be sent to:

Reformed University Fellowship  
PO Box 89004  
Charlotte, NC 28289-0004

## **My contact info!**

Call/text: 765-639-5132 Email: [jessica.mercer@ruf.org](mailto:jessica.mercer@ruf.org)

**New Address: RUF 1501 Peachtree Park Dr NE Atlanta, GA 30309**

## **Praises**

- The first week back on campus has been amazing and we have gotten to meet so many new students interested in RUF
- It's been really cool to see new student leaders taking initiative and getting excited about their roles for this next year. Very encouraging to see how the Lord is using their gifts and to see how much they have grown.
- Praise the Lord for providing a space for us to meet for large group and that students are excited about our new space!

## **Requests**

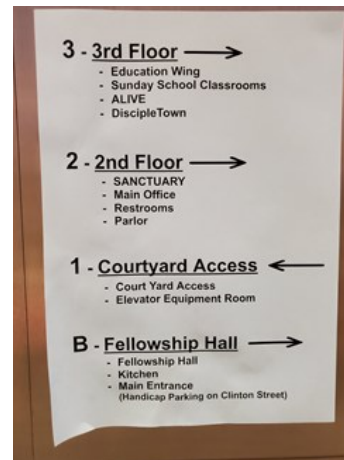
- Pray for our staff as these first couple of weeks are a little hectic for us and we have lots of things on the schedule. Pray that we would find time to rest and recharge but also give it our all when we're working!
- Pray that new students and freshman would feel welcomed in RUF and the Lord would even now be at work! Also pray that some of our fringe students would take the leap into committing and coming to RUF even if they only came a few times last year.



## FEPC Elevator Ready for Use

Congratulations to Colleen Spencer and the Trustees for a job well done! It is so nice to say, "If your knees are acting up, don't struggle with the stairs — USE THE ELEVATOR! It's a smooth ride."

Dan Troyer was kind enough to post signage in the elevator to help you know which buttons to use to access the different floors. The arrows indicate which door will open for each floor. Thank you, Dan.



Some additional things you need to know about the panel when you are in the elevator:

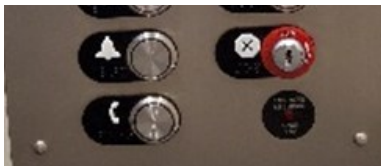
### Open and Close Buttons



The two buttons on the **LEFT** operate the door to the **Courtyard** when you reach **1**. The two buttons on the **RIGHT** operate the door on the other floors: **3, 2, and B**.

The **top buttons** are used to **open** the doors when they are closing, or to hold the door open when it is kept pressed.

The **bottom buttons** are used to close the doors.



The **Alarm (Bell)** button will sound an alarm. This should be used only if the elevator gets stuck. Kelly suggests you use the phone button instead if you are stuck in the elevator.

The **Phone** button will place a call to a dispatch center and can be used to call for help if the elevator is stuck. The emergency will then be reported to the fire or police department. There is a speaker panel in the elevator that allows you to talk with the dispatcher.

The X is not a button, but a key switch to be used by elevator maintenance staff.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## September

- 1—Grace Wickersham
- 2—Stephanie Coapstick
- 3—Doug Coapstick  
Neal Dorsey
- 4—Bill Miller  
Stan Smith
- 5—Miriam Curts  
Emma Price
- 7—Steve Glover
- 8—Payton Robbins  
Alex Snyder
- 11—Jeremiah Herin
- 12—Anne Himmelwright  
Mindy Robbins  
Joe Snyder
- 13—Matt Crawford
- 19—Leah Borntraeger
- 24—Les Bergum
- 26—Becky Milstead
- 27—Kris Queen  
Susan Ruch
- 29—Fred Downs  
Andy Dudley
- 30—Christopher Thies  
John Trent

## September Anniversaries

- 2—Dick & Grayce Moore
- 5—Larry & Olivia Rothenberger
- 11—Travis & Gina Sheets
- 19—Tom & Deb Boe
- 26—Hans & Angie Vargas

