



APRIL 2026

LIFE AND TIMES OF FEPC

FIRST EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKFORT, INDIANA

FOCUS ON GOD, EQUIP GOD'S PEOPLE, PROCLAIM CHRIST, CHANGE THE WORLD

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday Morning Prayers

@ 7:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 1

A Look at Lent @ 6 PM
in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 2

Prayer at PRC @ 8:30 AM
1746 E. Wabash St.

Maundy Thursday Service @ 7 PM
with Communion

Friday, April 3

Good Friday

Easter Sunday, April 5

No Sunday School
7 AM Sunrise Service @ TPA Park
9 AM Worship at FEPC
10 AM Breakfast

Saturday, April 11

Refocus Team @ 9 AM

Confirmation Retreat @ 6-9 PM

Friday, April 24

Graduate Information DUE

Saturday, April 25

Refocus Team @ 9 AM

Borrowing Policy

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

A LOOK AT PASSOVER

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 @ 6 PM

Join us in Fellowship Hall for a 30-minute teaching on the Passover by R.C. Sproul. The night before Christ's execution he celebrated the Passover with his disciples. He went through the rituals of the meal, but when he took the cup and bread he changed the wording — establishing the new covenant — the shedding of HIS blood for remission of sins. Jesus was announcing the ultimate Passover.



EASTER WEEK ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, April 1 - 6 pm A Look At Passover
R.C. Sproul video teaching
Thursday, April 2 - 7 pm Maundy Thursday
Service
Sunday, April 5 - 7 AM Sunrise Service
@ TPA Park
9 AM Easter Worship @ FEPC
10 AM Easter Breakfast



COMMUNITY PRAYER

Join us the first Thursday of each month at 8:30 at the Pregnancy Resource Center at 1746 E. Wabash St. where we will pray over the facility and clients before they open for the day.

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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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CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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 Junk Drawer
Ministry:

Doyal Bell	Kalen Jackson
Karen Biery	Patty Nash
Joyce Peters	Rodney Thies

SERMON INFORMATION

- April 2 - **Maundy Thursday**
Communion will be served
"The Servant King"
John13:1-20; Titus 3:4-7;
Phil.2:6-8
- April 5 - **Easter Sunday**
"He is Risen!"
John 20:1-18
- April 12 - "The True Vine"
John 15:1-17
- April 19 - "Hated by the World, Loved
by the Father"
John 15:18-John 16:5
- April 26 - "The High Priestly Prayer"
John 17

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

- Apr 5 - Gayla D. - Jesus is Risen:
Mary
- Apr 12 - ?? - Jesus is Risen: Emmaus
- Apr 19 - ?? - Good Shepherd: Wolf
- Apr 26 -Katelyn S. - Good Shepherd:
Lord's Supper II

LIFE IN THE BODY OF CHRIST



CONDOLENCES

- To Janet and John Trent and family
on the death of Janet's bother, Virgil
Tucker on March 5.
- To family of James Thomas "Tom"
Morris, who passed away March 18 at
Wesley Manor. A Celebration of Life
will be held from 2-4 p.m. April 18,
2026 at Goodwin Funeral Home
- To the family of Nancy L.
Kesselmayer who passed away March 7.
Nancy attended FEPC with her family
many years ago. She was the daughter
of Nora Beavers, who passed away in
2009 at Wesley Manor.

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP NEEDS
LEADERS & GREETERS
SEE SCHEDULE OUTSIDE THE NURSERY**



**Stephen Ministries 50th Anniversary
Celebration
Saturday, April 11, 2026 - Indianapolis**

Attention: All whose lives have been touched by Stephen Ministry, including:

Past and present Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders
Stephen Ministry Care Receivers
Anyone Considering Taking Stephen Minister Training
Participants in Empathy Class
Church Officers and Ministry Leaders

Founded in 1975, Stephen Ministries is celebrating its 50th year of equipping God's people for ministry. To commemorate this milestone and all that God has done over the past half century, Stephen Ministries is conducting a celebratory tour across the USA. **It will arrive in Indianapolis on April 11 from 9 AM to 4 PM** and will feature encouragement, fellowship, and learning, with sessions on Empathy, Grief and Relating to Those Who Are Grieving, and Mental Health and the Loneliness Epidemic. If you are interested, let Marty Rodkey know ASAP as there are limited seats remaining. More information may be found at stephenministries.org or talk to Marty. Text or call 765-404-1349 or email marty@fepcfrankfort.org.



APRIL 11 @ 11

If you've missed eating at Slabby's, note the doors will be open for 1 day only Saturday, April 11.

SPRING AT FEPC

Before the storms and cold fronts came through, we DID have some lovely daffodils proclaiming the coming of spring at FEPC.



Seniors—and Parents of Graduating Students

It's that time again when we start thinking about our graduates and gathering their information. What we need is a **picture** along with for the following:

- Student name
- Parents names
- School name
- School activities
- Church Activities
- Special achievements and/or awards
- Future plans ... *more schooling? Where and what field of study?*
Job? Other plans?
- Favorite Bible Verse

We want to highlight our graduates in the May newsletter. So, please send a picture and the information to **macurts@gmail.com** or to **kalen@fepcfrankfort** before **April 24**

And let's not forget any December grads ... HS, college and post-graduates.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

The Refocus Team's foundational mission has been to help align FEPC to be the church that God has called us to be. In that mission, we seek to meet far-from-God people where they are, outside the walls of our building. The Refocus Team is excited to announce a new community engagement opportunity, we are calling "Love Your Neighbor." The plan looks like this:

One Saturday in June, July, and August, we will serve a lunch on sight, at a local apartment complex, where we will offer give-away items such as diapers, wipes, baby formula, cleaning supplies, and school supplies. Families are encouraged to bring their kids for a special kids activity. We hope to use this lunch time as an opportunity to meet our neighbors where they are, and to turn every day conversations into gospel conversations.

This event will require all hands (and hearts) on deck. That's you! After worship on Sunday, March 8, plan to attend a call out in the Sanctuary so we can begin assembling the necessary helper groups. We will need a group to prepare and serve food, a group to meet and play with kids, and a group to converse and pray with our neighbors.

As if this announcement wasn't big enough, we have one more exciting opportunity. CRAM, the organization that brought Big Daddy Weave, Ben Fuller, and Megan Woods to the Hot Dog Festival last year, is planning an even bigger concert, with big name Christian performers at this year's Hot Dog Festival. FEPC plans to host a booth in CRAM's Recovery Alley, where we can converse and pray with attendees, and promote our Love Your Neighbor events. If you are interested in helping with this, please attend the call out on March 8.

Nehemiah 8:10 says "...the joy of the Lord is your strength." We welcome your joy, excitement, hearts, minds, ideas, hands and feet, and most of all, prayers as we continue the planning process for these events.

If you missed the Callout meeting and want to participate, email Kalen at: Kalen@fepcfrankfort.org

HIGHLIGHTING OUR YOUTH

Our youth have been busy lately with activities here at FEPC and at school. You can tell by the smiles on their faces they have been having fun and are happy with their school achievements. Congratulations to **Pete Kercheval**, the Pie eating winner, and to **Lily Rockhold**, **James McAtee** and **Seth Troyer** on school wins (highlighted on the following pages.

PIE DAY

While Saturday, March 14 was the official “Pi Day” for mathematicians, our FEPC Youth celebrated their own PIE Day on Sunday, March 15. It looks like they had a good time. And the winner was **Pete Kercheval** (on the left).



HIGHLIGHTING OUR YOUTH

Who knew we had a basketball goal in our parking lot? The youth took advantage of it on Palm Sunday afternoon. Looks like they had a good time.



HIGHLIGHTING OUR YOUTH

The Frankfort High School **DECA** group attended the 80th Indiana DECA State Conference, where chapter president, Lily Rockhold, placed 2nd in Financial Consulting.

Congratulations, Lily! The group also received international awards, DECA SBE Gold Level Re-Certification, and the Thrive Level (all 3 categories) Chapter Campaigns. One of only 2 chapters in the state! You can tell by the smiles in these pictures that they had a happy time and were thrilled by all their wins.



HIGHLIGHTING OUR YOUTH

James McAtee and **Seth Troyer** were among Frankfort Middle School student teams who recently participated in the Regional Science Olympiad Competition. They earned **1st place finishes** with both **Hovercraft** and **Scrambled**. Now, you will have to corner those boys and ask them if you want to know more about these achievements. The smiles on their faces in these pictures tell us they had fun and were so excited with these wins.

After placing third at the Regional Science Olympiad competition, the Frankfort Middle School team earned an invitation to the Wildcard Tournament at Purdue Northwest. They also secured a spot in the State Science Olympiad competition.



MISSION DINNER - MARCH 7, 2026

The Mission dinner was such a fun event. Marty Rodkey cooked up some wonderful soups and sandwiches, someone provided delectable desserts, and Amy Crawford prepared some traditional Zimbabwean food for all to sample:



Sadza



Cabbage



Zimbabwean
Chicken Stew



Editor's note: the Sadza was rather bland and pasty ... I enjoyed mine mixed with the Chicken Stew ... like mixing stew with mashed potatoes.

And, can you tell Amy loves her Zimbabwe Apron? The Team also had items on display, as well as presenting a slide show while they shared about their January trip.



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MISSION DINNER - MARCH 7, 2026



Lenten Breakfast - March 14, 2026

This year's Lenten Breakfast was hosted by our friends at Primera Iglesia Bautista. Pastor Kelly provided guitar support for our singing, and Pastor Leo shared a message based on Philippians 4:1-7.



Building a Church in Zimbabwe

Dedicating the Zengeza Church of Christ

Written by Amy Crawford

January 18, 2026

On the morning of January 18, church members of all ages, dressed in their Sunday best, were excited to come and see the progress on their new church. This was to be their first Sunday in the newly built church! But, because the roof trusses had collapsed the day before, halting construction, they arrived at a church without a roof. There were construction workers onsite, still adding stucco to the walls.

We met in the old church building for morning announcements. Pastor Sidnye explained what had happened and thanked God for His protection over all who were working at the time. We all walked to the new church for the dedication. As we filed in, the congregation sang "Great is Thy Faithfulness". They sang the first verses in Shona, but the final verse and chorus in English. Although it was not the dedication service we had expected to be having, it was a beautiful time of fellowship. With the help of a translator, Travis Sheets spoke to the congregation about how the project had come about.



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Building a Church in Zimbabwe Dedicating the Zengeza Church of Christ

Following the dedication, we returned to the old building for a wonderful worship service. There were guest speakers from the district church leadership and from neighboring churches. Justin Trent was the guest preacher for the morning, delivering a sermon from Ephesians 3. The representatives of FEPC delivered the communion table, communion set, tablecloth, and cross wall hanging that were special gifts from our church.

During the church service, women from the Zengeza Church, with the help of ladies from neighboring churches, prepared a lunch for us. At the conclusion of the service, we all enjoyed a delicious lunch and more beautiful fellowship.



Building a Church in Zimbabwe

Travis's Charge to the Congregation of the Zengeza Church of Christ

Good morning. It is a beautiful morning. It's not the morning we anticipated. But it's still a beautiful morning.

You see, we've been part of World Mission Builders for many years. World Mission Builders has built over 300 churches around the world. And this is one of my favorite builds, and most memorable builds that we have done. I would have to say that it is also the most memorable. Every time we do a build around the world, we have challenges. The devil works hard against us. But we know who overcomes.

There are many, many people in the United States that are praying for this project and for you and for us. Many people came together to give their finances to help build this place, and they're anxious to hear the updates every single day.

Last January, after I visited Zimbabwe and spoke with Pastor Sidyne, I went back to the United States and talked to the Board of Directors for World Mission Builders. And soon after our meeting this man right here—Justin, called me and said, "I am interested in helping to build that church".

See, Justin and his wife had a misfortune. They lost a baby. Justin felt so strongly about building this church in baby Jude's name. And so many friends and family came together to make this happen. So, this plaque will appear on that back wall in dedication to Baby Jude. This is going to be a special place for him. And we hope it's a special place for you.



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Building a Church in Zimbabwe

Travis's Charge to the Congregation of the Zengeza Church of Christ

See, a church is a building. That's not right. The church is not the building. You all are the church. But this church is a meeting place. This, this building is a meeting place for all of you to come into and worship our Lord Jesus.

We believe so much in Jesus Christ that we are willing to proclaim his name here--to come from the United States, that he may be lifted up in this place.

But with the building you all have a responsibility. You have to remember the integrity of the church, the financial responsibility of the church. You need to remember the discipleship among one another and the discipleship of those around.

You have a community here that can come together. You need to be the light of this community, the resource for this community. Let them see the Christian love from this place.

Where are the church leaders? Raise your hand. Church leaders, you have a flock. Pastor Sidnye, you have a flock. I encourage leadership—bold leadership. And I also encourage you to make this place beautiful. You are stewards. You are not owners. So, steward this place for the next generation.

We encourage you. We love you. We thank you.

Building a Church in Zimbabwe

The Roof is Finished!

If you were in church on March 29, you heard Justin's announcement that the Zengeza church now has a roof and the painting and moving in has begun. The March 5th Sunday offering was designated to help this church with more 'finishing' projects.



Justin also told us about Josiah, pictured here with Pastor Sidyne, who was the one construction worker standing inside the church when the first roof caved in. His only injury was a bruised thumb. Since our team returned home, Josiah began attending the Zengeza church and recently gave his life to Christ. Pastor Sidyne reports that Josiah has been showing up daily to help with the painting projects and inviting other construction worker friends to come to church with him.

Praise the Lord for how he is working in the lives of people connected to the Zengeza church!



Update from the Colby's

February 2026 Update

Porch 3.0 for the Mission House should be done before the groups come in March!



Noah Webster, of the famous Merriam-Webster Dictionary, single-handedly decided to take out the “U” in many British English words when he compiled words for the American dictionary. You are ahead of me in the expected *flavour* of this update, right?

Typical *behaviour* for us is a different *harbour* every month or so, ping ponging from Honduras to the US. In all *candour*, traveling so often has been an adjustment for us, but we can definitely see the benefits for the mission as we act as semi-directors of development, helping the mission report to existing church and individual supporters, finding/meeting new contacts, fundraising, and working on Hill Climber Coffee connections.

As we *labour* with the help and direction of God, we are looking for a place in Indiana to stay when we are there, and to store donated items for future mission containers. A home base away from our Honduras home, if you like that sort of *humour*. We have been seeking the Lord's *favour* through prayer for a while and actually looked at a house this month. We don't need anything of great *splendour*... we even talked about building a barn (for *colourful* living as well as storage). We ask for prayer as we *plough* forward with *valour*.

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Update from the Colby's

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Let's rapid-fire *dialogue* some mission related items:

- In Honduras, the day to day *endeavours* march on, guided by the Honduran leaders.
- Tests have been submitted for the well water in Tegucigalpa. It may be *savoury*, but is it safe to drink? The amount of water produced is keeping up with all the needs of the property so far. Teams coming soon will give it a better test, but so far so good!
- We are twiddling our proverbial *moustaches* while planning for the clinic ambulatory surgical wing. Moving the cafeteria from its current home where construction will eventually begin is almost done, and it looks great!
- Your *favourite* coffee from the mountains is still being harvested, that will be going on for another month or so.
- A *neighbouring* mission outside Tegucigalpa held a conference this month where four of our His Eyes staff and volunteers got baptized!
- The clinic had the *honour* of hosting an intern from the USA this month.
- Two teams will arrive to the mission house *parlour* in March. They will enjoy the new and exciting outside porch constructed from *armour*-type metal plating!
- Breaking out of the *mould* with a great donation of android tablets, the kids in the Milk Project started the school year with some new learning opportunities, as well as the backpacks, school supplies, and school shoes distributed.
- It's no *rumour*... the above items are not only updates, but also worthy items for prayer!

Do you smell that? It is the fragrant *odour* of your prayers, time, and donations... all *analogues* for what keeps us and the mission going in God's mercy, love and grace! Thank you, thank you, and thank you!

INDNJC,
Felupe and Valurie

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL

3—Becky Thies
4—Teresa Beardsley
 Kira Vargas
5—Sandy Meyer
7—Sutton Meyer
 Abby Price
 Sara Williams
9—Finley Meyer
 Grayce Moore
 Jacque Snyder
10—Caleb Vargas
12—Jacob Herin
 Karen Lashbrook
13—Lyla Stewart
14—Jack Ransom
 Landon Stewart
15—Rachel Adams
 Kenton Smith
20—Katie Crawford
22—Mark Calvin
 Beau Kercheval
 Jacob Swinford
24—Linda Frey
 Megan Montgomery
25—Carleigh Wilson
26—Dan Troyer

27—Dan Coapstick
 Olivia Moore
 Sam Walker
 Ian Vargas
28—Caroline Queen
 Katelyn Smith



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

25—Joe & Susan Ruch

