



The Weekly Update

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

November 4, 2021

Things to Ponder

Obedience or Independence?

If you love Me, keep My commandments. [JOHN 14:15](#)

Our Lord never insists on obedience. He stresses very definitely what we *ought* to do, but He never *forces* us to do it. We have to obey Him out of a oneness of spirit with Him. That is why whenever our Lord talked about discipleship, He prefaced it with an “If,” meaning, “You do not need to do this unless you desire to do so.” “*If* anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself...” ([Luke 9:23](#)). In other words, “To be My disciple, let him give up his right to himself to Me.” Our Lord is not talking about our eternal position, but about our being of value to Him in this life here and now. That is why He sounds so stern (see [Luke 14:26](#)). Never try to make sense from these words by separating them from the One who spoke them.

The Lord does not give me rules, but He makes His standard very clear. If my relationship to Him is that of love, I will do what He says without hesitation. If I hesitate, it is because I love someone I have placed in competition with Him, namely, myself. Jesus Christ will not force me to obey Him, but I must. And as soon as I obey Him, I fulfill my spiritual destiny. My personal life may be crowded with small, petty happenings, altogether insignificant, but if I obey Jesus Christ in the seemingly random circumstances of life, they become pinholes through which I see the face of God. Then, when I stand face to face with God, I will discover that through my obedience thousands were blessed. When God’s redemption brings a human soul to the point of obedience, it always produces. If I obey Jesus Christ, the redemption of God will flow through me to the lives of others, because behind the deed of obedience is the reality of Almighty God.

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COMING IN JANUARY - 100 DAY BIBLE DISCOVERY

Church family and friends—be thinking about the upcoming 100 Day Bible Discovery that Pastor Jesse mentioned in his sermon, Beginning in January, we will be reading/listening our way through the Bible (any version including audio tapes) in 100 days.



November 2 - Ryan Schlegel
 November 2 - Hilary Schlegel
 November 3 - Jason McCune



November 5 - Jessie & Ea Kidd

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS

A special service is planned for this Sunday, November 7, to remember those who have passed on, but have been a faithful part of shaping our congregation into the church we are today. We hope to see you there.

ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

The schedule of Sunday morning discussion topics through November are:

- Nov. 7 - Homosexuality - Leader Barry Henderson
- Nov. 14 - Topic ? Leader ? - TBD
- Nov. 21 Celebration Sunday
No Adult Bible Fellowship
- Nov. 28 Decorate the church
No Adult Bible Fellowship

The group meets in the Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings following worship. Everyone is invited.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- Friday November 5 @6:30 p.m.
Ladies First Friday meet at
City Square Steakhouse in Wooster



Mark your calendars and save the date for the Christmas Program on December 12 during the worship service.



It's Time to Celebrate!

Please join us for a "Debt-free" celebration as we recall the blessings during the building process and look forward to what God has planned for us in the future, Sunday, November 21, 2021 during the 9:30 worship service. Refreshments will follow the service.

There will also be gold slips of paper available for you to write our your hopes and prayers for the church for the next 20 years. They will be collected and sealed in an envelope and stored in a time capsule (i.e. the safe!) until 2041 when the wax seal will be broken and the contents revealed.

FROM THE SESSION

Your Session met Tuesday, October 26. A guest to the meeting was Mark Klusmeier, our Ministry Team Partnership representative from Great Lakes Presbytery (that's *our* presbytery). He shared the many ways the MPT can assist churches, not just with pastor searches, but with programs and information from ECO Presbyteries across the country.

In other church items:

- Confirmed that Jesse and Beth will be visiting family in South Carolina the week of Dec. 5. Pastor Darcy will be preaching.
- A Debt-free celebration will take place during the worship service on Nov. 21, celebrating the complete and final pay-off of debts incurred during the new church construction.
- The Nominating Team is prayerfully considering names for nomination to the boards of Elder and Deacon.
- Suspended the term limits for Trustees as described in the Ministry Handbook.



Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

Note: The prayer needs listed in **BOLD** are new to the list, gathered from the Sharing of Joys & Concerns from the previous Sunday.

Praises

- **Pastor Jon's message**
- **Isaiah being safely home**
- **Styer family had safe travels**
- **Christine & husband Mike moving home**
- **Beautiful trees.**
- **Beth's daughter Laura Seegars recovering from covid**

Military Service:

- Phyllis Miller's grandson - Army
- Isaiah Styer
- Rusty King 1st Lieutenant Ohio National Guard
- Ryan Chabak
- Jeff & Veronica's nephew in National Guard

Prayer Needs

- **Miriam Styer - semester ending, studying, projects**
- **Holidays are difficult for those who have lost loved ones.**

Health Concerns:

- **Tanya recovering from surgery**
- **Al's son with health issues**
- Nova - 5 yr. old with unexplained seizures
- Newborn Elijah born with MD
- Veronica's mother
- George & Jane Ann Heilman
- Pastor Tim Hull - needs a liver transplant

Covid

- **Sonya Hall**
- **Jenny & Kirby Reed**
- **Jenny's father**
- **Jim's brother-in-law Rod & wife Jan (caretaker)**
- Gerald Douglas
- Tammy in Virginia

Battling Cancer:

- Jake Chupp
- Edna's sister Sandy
- June Yoder - recovery
- Teresa Albright

Condolences:

- The family of Mark - Janet Albright's son
- The Deanna Smith family
- The Robert Ross family
- The family of Eli Chupp
- The family of Henry Chupp
- The family of Whitney Murphy

Your financial gifts to the church are especially

important in this time of transition. They help create stability which enables us to navigate uncertainty and plan for future ministry. To give your tithes and offerings, you may mail checks to: PO Box 259, Fredericksburg, 44627 or text fredericksburgpres to 77977.

You may also drop off contributions to the church during normal office hours. And, as always, you can drop your contribution off in the offering box on Sunday mornings. Thank you for your generosity.

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Church Office Hours

Monday thru Friday 9:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Kidz Jam /Elementary kids



choose your family's adventure

Date: Saturday, November 20th

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

Location: Fredericksburg Presbyterian

201 North Mill Street

**Pirate
Costumes
Welcomed**



**Food
Family
Fun**

Middle & High School Youth Please Note

There will not be a Saltshakers Group on Sunday, November 28



saltshakers youth

Date: Sunday, 12.19.21

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Food and
games!!!



EDGE YOUTH

Date: Sunday, 12.19.21

Time: 4:30-6:00 pm

Food and
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