



# The Weekly Update

Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

October 20, 2021

## Things to Ponder

### Getting into God's Stride

*Enoch walked with God...* [GENESIS 5:24](#)

The true test of a person's spiritual life and character is not what he does in the extraordinary moments of life, but what he does during the ordinary times when there is nothing tremendous or exciting happening. A person's worth is revealed in his attitude toward the ordinary things of life when he is not under the spotlight (see [John 1:35-37](#) and [John 3:30](#)). It is painful work to get in step with God and to keep pace with Him— it means getting your second wind spiritually. In learning to walk with God, there is always the difficulty of getting into His stride, but once we have done so, the only characteristic that exhibits itself is the very life of God Himself. The individual person is merged into a personal oneness with God, and God's stride and His power alone are exhibited.

It is difficult to get into stride with God, because as soon as we start walking with Him we find that His pace has surpassed us before we have even taken three steps. He has different ways of doing things, and we have to be trained and disciplined in His ways. It was said of Jesus— "He will not fail nor be discouraged..." ([Isaiah 42:4](#)) because He never worked from His own individual standpoint, but always worked from the standpoint of His Father. And we must learn to do the same. Spiritual truth is learned through the atmosphere that surrounds us, not through intellectual reasoning. It is God's Spirit that changes the atmosphere of our way of looking at things, and then things begin to be possible which before were impossible. Getting into God's stride means nothing less than oneness with Him. It takes a long time to get there, but keep at it. Don't give up because the pain is intense right now— get on with it, and before long you will find that you have a new vision and a new purpose.

Blessings,  
Pastor Jesse



October 19 - Miriam Yoder  
 October 20- Veronica Styer  
 October 21 - Edna Wade  
 October 24 - Isaiah Styer



October 20 - Debbie & Keith Hewitt  
 October 22 - Tanya & Joe Chupp

### CELEBRATING THE SAINTS

We are planning a special service on 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. Please plan to attend this special service.

### SENDING CARDS WITH GOOD VIBES



Isaiah Styer is graduating from Marine boot camp October 29. Then he'll head off to Camp Lejeune, NC for 3 weeks of infantry training followed by 13 weeks at Twenty-nine Palms, CA for his specific occupational training. His family would like to take a stack of cards from his church family with them to his graduation. If anyone wants to send something, please make sure we have it by Oct 25. Veronica, his mother says he has REAL-**LY** appreciated all of the prayers and mail "because he mentions it in almost every letter we get from him."

### FROM THE OUTREACH TEAM

The Outreach Team's goal for the Church's mission projects is for mission work to occur locally, nationally, and internationally. As we move into the final quarter of 2021, the Outreach Team hopes to do mission work in all three areas.

Internationally, with Session's approval, scholarships have been sent for 12 Sierra Leone Pastors to continue their education. These scholarships are for the third year of training for them to become certified school teachers in the community schools.

Locally, the Outreach Team will be working with Michelle Wood to lead a trail clean up project to remove invasive species of plants from the trail. See the next page of this newsletter for additional information.

Nationally, the Outreach Team has committed the Church to support Mountain Vision's Christmas Mission to Webster Springs, West Virginia. Our Church's goal is to provide Mountain Vision with 30 Family Hygiene Packs. Church families are encouraged to help provide either entire packs or some of the supplies needed to make up the packs. Items in the packs include: 2 tubes of toothpaste, a bottle of shampoo, a bottle of conditioner, a 4 pack of bar soap, gender neutral body lotion, shaving cream, a pack of disposable razors, 1 male deodorant, 1 female deodorant, a 4 pack of toilet tissue and a 4 pack of toothbrushes. Items should be turned in to the church Gallery by November 7 in regular store shopping bags. Mountain Vision will be providing a bag/tote to hold all the items, so all the packs look uniform. If you have any questions, please contact Erika Schuch at 330-466-5684 or [erikaschuch@hughes.net](mailto:erikaschuch@hughes.net)

### FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

As of AUGUST 31:

YTD Operating Income:	\$141,902.58
YTD Operating Expenses:	\$ 95,754.11
YTD Difference:	\$ 46,148.47
Available Cash:	\$225,030.82
Pledges to be Received:	\$41,868.13

### ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

The schedule of Sunday morning discussion topics through November are:

Oct. 24 - Transgender - Leader Jeff Styer  
 Oct. 31 - Mental Health - Leader Tanya Chupp  
 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.

### COMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- Sunday, October 24 @ 1:00 p.m.  
Meet at the church for service project on the Holmes County Trail.
- Sunday, October 24 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Saltshakers (middle & high school youth)
- Tuesday, October 26 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Session meeting
- Wednesday October 27 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Guys SS Group in Youth Room
- Wednesday October 27 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Girls SS Group in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, October 27 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Safety Team Meeting
- Thursday, October 28 @ 6 - 7:30 p.m.  
Fredericksburg Trick or Treat

**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**

- **Edna Wade got her car repaired**
- **Newlyweds Karen & Al Amstutz**
- **Andrea Chapman's wedding**
- **Isaiah Styer completed his Crucible training**

**Military Service:**

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

**Prayer Needs**

- **Pastor Darcy's upcoming sabbatical - peace & rest**
- Brian Yoder - recovering from another surgery
- Unspoken

**Health Concerns:**

- **Newborn Elijah born with MD**
- **Lydia Styer's friend recovering from knee surgery**
- Renee Schaaf's father
- Gene King - recovering from accident
- Veronica's mother - still struggling
- George & Jane Ann Heilman
- Pastor Tim Hull - needs a liver transplant

**Covid**

- **Corky's nephew**
- Caroline's pregnancy - she has covid
- Gerald Douglas
- Tammy in Virginia

**Battling Cancer:**

- **Edna's sister Sandy**
- **June Yoder - recovery**
- Doyle - recovering from tongue cancer
- Teresa Albright
- Jim Shrader (Zach Stevenson's grandfather)
- Brian's co-worker
- Edna Wade's sister
- Mark - Janet Albright's son

**Condolences:**

- **The family of Whitney Murphy**
- The family of Lynette Duplain



**HOLMES COUNTY TRAIL PROJECT**

The FPC Outreach Team is leading an effort to make the Holmes County Trail even better by treating invasive plant species and trying to restore more native trees, such as oaks, which

support wildlife. Here's how you can help ---

please join us and invite others to participate as well!

This is shaping up to be a multi-phase effort, with the first work day scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 24 from 1:00-4:00, and guess what, Browns fans-- -no game that day!

Meet at the church at 1:00 for further instructions.

**Who:** FPC family and friends. Invite trail users to join us!

**What:** Holmes County Trail Stewardship Project. Includes invasive species control, loading or chipping debris, raking the trail of debris, picking up litter, scattering acorns along sections of the trail.

**When:** Sunday, October 24 from 1:00 - 4:00

**Where:** Meet at Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church for instructions and head out to the trail from there.

**Why:** Make an effort to eliminate invasive species and restore native habitat, and give us a chance to fellowship as we work together.

Other ways to help out:

- Provide tools if you have them. We will need long handled pruners, hand held pruners, hatchets or brush axes, weed whackers with saw blades and rakes. Looking for a reason to buy more tools? Here you go!
- Collect acorns and put them in the collection box outside of the main door at FPC. Kids and those who don't want to hack can scatter seeds and pick up litter.

If you are interested in helping or have questions, contact Michelle Wood at 330-464-4723 (text is fine too) or email her at [get2thewoods@gmail.com](mailto:get2thewoods@gmail.com) by Thursday, Oct. 21 so we can plan for project logistics. Let her know what tools you can bring/provide as well.

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Church Office Hours

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

Over the three weeks, our teaching series for saltshakers youth has been "I Have Questions". Week 1 the big idea was "When people are hurting, where is God.

Week 2 the big idea was "When we're hurting, does God leave us? Then just this past week during our 3rd lesson the big idea was "If God is good, why do bad things happen? Check out this video

Hey  
Saltshakers!!  
Take a look



# choose your family's adventure!

Date: Saturday, November 20th

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

Location: Fredericksburg Presbyterian

201 North Mill Street

Edge Group - this is for you!

Pirate  
Costumes  
Welcomed



Food  
Family  
Fun