



The Weekly Update
Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church
April 10, 2024

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Do you love good stories? What are some of your favorites? Did you have any favorite story books when you were a child? Did you read bedtime stories to children in your family? What do you think makes a good story? Good characters? Action and adventure? Deep truths?

Some of my favorite books as a young person were Nancy Drew and Hardy Boy mysteries. They were page turners! There was always adventure, something to figure out, a healthy sense of danger and an ending that saw evil defeated and the “good guys” win. As I grew older I loved the Lord of the Rings trilogy and the Harry Potter novels – for a lot of the same reasons.

As followers of Jesus, we are living within an amazing story; a TRUE story about how God is at work in the world. The Lord has initiated a plan to rescue His people from the dominion of darkness. When everything seemed it’s darkest, God sent a hero to give His life and to bring salvation to those who would believe.

The children’s author Sally Lloyd Jones does a great job of explaining this story to us in the beginning of the Jesus Storybook Bible. Here’s what she says:

“The Bible is most of all a Story. It’s an adventure story about a young Hero who comes from a far country to win back his lost treasure. It’s a love story about a brave Prince who leaves his palace, his throne—everything—to rescue the one he loves. It’s like the most wonderful of fairy tales that has come true in real life!

You see, the best thing about this Story is—it’s true.

There are lots of stories in the Bible, but all the stories are telling one Big Story. The Story of how God loves his children and comes to rescue them.

It takes the whole Bible to tell this Story. And at the center of the Story, there is a baby. Every Story in the Bible whispers his name. He is like the missing piece in a puzzle—the piece that makes all the other pieces fit together, and suddenly you can see a beautiful picture.”

I pray that all of us will continue to take up our place in this story and keep living the adventure of discipleship God has put in front of us!

Pastor Jos

MONEY! We are bombarded countless times a day with messages about money, and our economy is based on people earning and spending it. What does the Bible say about money? A lot, actually. Barry Henderson will lead our 2nd hour youth group (10:45-11:30) this coming Sunday, April 14 about this important topic. Be sure to join us!



CALENDAR FOR APRIL

- April 11 –14 Men's Walk to Emmaus
- April 13 - 6:00 p.m. Euchre
- April 14 - Sunday morning worship and 2nd Hour for all ages.
- April 14 - Communion Training for Elders & Deacons
- April 15 - 6:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting
- April 16 - Communion Training for Elders and Deacons
- April 17 - 10 a.m. - G.L.O.W. (Ladies)
- April 17 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- April 18 - 21 Women's Walk to Emmaus
- April 21 - Sunday morning worship and 2nd Hour for all
- April 22 - 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
- April 23 - 7:30 p.m. The Grind (Men's Group)
- April 24 - 10 a.m. - G.L.O.W. (Ladies)
- April 24 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- April 28 - Sunday morning worship and 2nd Hour for all ages
- April 29 - 7:00 p.m. Fredericksburg Elementary School Spring program at the church



What was your favorite book as a child? Here among the church staff, we asked this question and discovered Secretary Jeann's favorite book was "The Swiss Family Robinson" Custodian Dean's favorite book was "Big Red", and Pastor Jos's favorite book was "The Curse of the Blue Figurine"

What was yours?

PRAYER

Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

The prayer needs listed in **BOLD** are new to the list.

Praises

- **The amazing dance in the heavens with the solar eclipse, and Comet 12P/Pons-Brooks'**

Military Service:

- Shannah Swinehart - Army National Guard
- Christa Nelson - Navy
- Tristan Burns - Air Force stationed in Africa
- Ryan Chabak - stationed in Alaska
- Isaiah Styer - stationed at Camp Lejeune in NC
- Matt Burkhardt - National Guard
- Gaven Bee - stationed in Dayton, OH

Prayer Needs

- Unspokens
- Israel

Health Concerns:

- **Pastor Cory (from Marion church) recovering from heart attack**
- Tonya - dialysis
- Ronnie - light stroke prayers for restoration of whatever was lost by the stroke
- Keylee & her mom, Kristen– Keylee was recently diagnosed with leukemia
- Theresa Smith - in skilled nursing facility
- Kevin Walton recovering from open heart surgery
- Al Amstutz - recently diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, and other health issues.
- Jane Heilman

Battling Cancer

- David
- Jonathan - stomach cancer
- Marianna Miller
- Kevin Hanna
- Mary Hardesty - colon cancer
- Tara
- Dale James

Condolences

- **The Harwood Family**

The Deacons encourage you to send cards or notes of encouragement to those in the church family experiencing prayer needs.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

April 13 - Andi Schuch



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 15 - Jeann & Larry Burkey

April 17 - Michele & Dwayne Wood

You are invited to reach out to our Church Elders if you have any questions or concerns about the church.

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FREDERICKSBURG
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Church office hours

Monday thru Friday 10:00 a.m. - 3 p.m.



We are playing Euchre on April 13 at 6:00 pm Come join us! All ages and skill levels welcome.

No partner? We'll find one for you. Just come!.

Finance Team is Introducing A New Voucher

Many of you who purchase items for the church (paper plates, batteries, coffee & juices, etc.) are familiar with the green reimbursement/payment vouchers that you put in the Financial Secretary's mailbox. In the past few months, the Finance Team has been working on updating the vouchers with additional details to make recording expenditures easier. The old half-page green vouchers in the office have been replaced with the new revision, and we will begin using them now. If you have any questions about the vouchers, you can talk to members of the Finance Team for clarification (Barry Henderson, Mary Ann Henderson, Angie Chapman, Beth Miller, John Scott and Randy Wirick). Secretary Jeann can also lend a hand if you are having any problems in filling out the voucher.