



We all have one. It's usually in the kitchen, somewhere near the silverware or the oven. It's the "junk drawer"—the final resting place for things that don't quite fit anywhere else. It's a chaotic collection of half-used birthday candles, a handful of random batteries you think are probably dead, dull scissors you always misplace, keys to locks you don't own anymore and at least four dried-up Sharpies.

When friends or neighbors come over, we don't show them the junk drawer. We make sure it's shut tight. We want our guests to see the organized, clean counters; we want them to think we keep it that way all the time. We want others to see the "arranged" version of our lives.

Sometimes, we treat our relationship with God like that junk drawer. We walk into church or find time to pray and instinctively try to "tidy up." We offer simple, uncomplicated requests while trying to hide the junk drawer of our souls—the messy parts filled with anxiety about bills, frustration with a family member, long-held grief or that nagging doubt we're afraid to say out loud.

We can be tempted to think it's best to pretend we aren't sad, exhausted, hurting or worried. We might even fear that sharing our heartache with God is a kind of irreverence—that it shows a lack of trust to tell Him when we are angry or frustrated. Or worse, we feel tempted not to talk to God at all because the confusion we carry makes us wonder if He even cares. Sometimes, we give God the silent treatment because we aren't just angry; we're angry with Him.

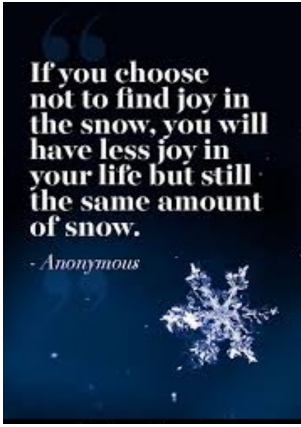
But it turns out that God isn't offended by our junk drawers. He's not even offended when we're angry with Him!

This winter, we are studying the stories of God's people in exile. These were people who had every reason to be heartbroken and disconnected from God. But instead of hiding those feelings, they took their concerns straight to Him. This is called **lament**. Lament is being honest with God about our pain and grief because we know He can handle it. Not only can He handle it—He wants it! We develop true intimacy with God when we stop the silent treatment and instead bring Him the hard feelings we've been holding onto.

There is something beautiful in this: God already knows our junk. He knows the things that are dark and broken, and He promises to walk through them with us. After all, God owns the house the junk drawer is in. He already knows about the "dead batteries" and "mystery keys" in our hearts. We belong to Him, and He already loves us, so He isn't shocked when we share our hurt. When we are honest with God, we aren't giving Him new information we are giving Him our **trust**.

This week, I want to challenge you: Don't give God the silent treatment, and don't tidy up your prayers. If you're grumpy, tell Him. If you're overwhelmed, vent. God isn't looking for a perfect kitchen drawer; He's looking for a heart that is open enough to say, "Lord, it's a mess in here, but I know You're the one in charge of the house."

He's a big God. He can handle the junk. And more than that, He can be trusted with it.



LADIES BRUNCH

Ladies, join us Saturday, January 24th from 9 to 11 AM. Let's turn ice to nice as we enjoy a scrumptious breakfast to melt away the winter blues. Then we'll share games and reminisce about warm memories of this frosty season. It will be

Snow much fun!!

The Grind – Men's Bible Study

All men 18 and older are invited to join *The Grind*, our men's Bible study. Beginning in 2026, we will meet on the **2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month**. Allow God to challenge you as you grow in knowing Him better.

This is the perfect time to get connected with the men of our church, make an impact for Christ, and discover God's unique plan for your life. For more information, contact **Paul Miller at 330-465-8329**.

Questions or concerns or just curious about something within the church? You are welcome to reach out to our Church Elders:

Angie Chapman	330-465-0963
Beth Miller	513-319-6447
Darcy Miller	330-440-4155
Paul Miller	330-465-8329
Frank Morrow	330-208-4147
Earl Rhamy	330-988-4285
Steve Schlegel	330-317-3898
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Claudia Ward	330-466-3417



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Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.
The prayer needs listed in **BOLD** are new to the list.

Praises

- **The birth of Owen Daugherty**

Military Service: We have 7 young men & women serving in the Armed Forces. Please keep Abraham, Isaiah, Shannah, Christa, Steven, Ryan and Gaven in your prayers.

Prayer Needs

- **Genevieve Miller in the loss of her cat**
- **Corbin - involved in a traffic accident that involved a fatality.**
- Prayers for our country
- Unspoken

Health Concerns

- **Ben Reed - health concerns**
- **Edna Wade - health concerns**
- Shelda Spurck - recovering from a stroke
- Steve Schlegel - recovering from knee surgery
- Mary Lee's brother Don - serious health issues
- Bill Rock - low blood sugar w/heart issues
- Jessica - 3rd trimester high risk pregnancy
- Susan (James) Halliday
- Mark Lemon - cont'd prayers for progress
- Pat Thomson
- Jane Heilman

Battling Cancer

- Art Wetmore - lung cancer
- Mike Sherrick - lung cancer
- Mariann Stutzman - pancreatic cancer
- Logan - 13 yr. old with brain tumor
- Nicki
- Janet Lee
- Waldo - cont'd prayers for remainder of chemo
- Landon Sommers - Hodgkin's Lymphoma

Condolences

- **The family of Leah Matthews**
- **The family of Ron Dobson**
- The family of Paula Daugherty



We are celebrating the birth of Owen Daugherty born to Holly and Cody Daugherty January 12, 2026. Owen weighed in at 8 lb 6 oz and measured 20 1/2 inches long. Momma and baby are doing fine. Grandparents are Cheryl and Chris Nelson

VOLUNTEERS FOR JANUARY 18

Greeters	Janine & Scott Schlauch Shirley Swinehart
Ushers	Adam Swinehart Keith Hewitt
Café	Jenny Reed
Nursery (Worship)	Melinda Moffitt
Nursery (2nd Hour)	Jenny Miller
Kidz Jam	Shirley Swinehart
Kids 2nd Hour	Shirley Swinehart
Safety Team	Angie Chapman
Elder Assist	Earl Rhamy

You can make your tithes and contributions in a variety of ways:

- Use the box in the sanctuary on Sunday morning
- mail checks to P.O. Box 259 Fredericksburg, OH
- text to "Give" to 833-648-1702
- drop off your contributions during regular church office hours
- Use this link <https://give.tithe.ly/?formId=54989dfd-ce72-447c-bbc1-6109d5ecbd89>

JANUARY CALENDAR

January 18	Sunday Morning Worship
January 19	6:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting
January 20	6:00 p.m. Seasons Study
January 20	7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
January 21	10:00 a.m. G.L.O.W.
January 21	6:45 a.m. Music Team
January 22	6:00 p.m. Congregational Life Tm Mtg
January 22	7:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer (Zoom)
January 22	7:00 p.m. Outreach Team Meeting
January 24	9:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast
January 25	Sunday morning worship
January 27	6:00 p.m. Seasons Study
January 27	7:30 p.m. The Grind
January 28	10:00 a.m. G.L.O.W.
January 28	6:45 p.m. Music Team
January 29	7:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer (Zoom)

Just a reminder that **G.L.O.W.**, **Seasons Study**, **The Grind** and **Intercessory Prayer** have resumed their weekly schedules.

Seasons Study on Tuesdays at 6 pm.

Intercessory Prayer (a Zoom meeting) on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

G.L.O.W. On Wednesday mornings at 10

The Grind the 2nd & 4th Tues. at 7:30 p.m.

You are invited to stop in for a visit and get connected.



January 15 - Bridget Rhamy
January 15 - Earl Rhamy
January 19 - Janet Albright
January 20 - Adam Swinehart
January 20 - Shawn McKelvey



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NOW HIRING: Director of Music and Worship

FPC is looking for an enthusiastic and respectful Director of Music and Worship who demonstrates an active faith in Jesus that falls in line with ECO's theology, and is skilled in vocal and instrumental music leading. This role also requires good verbal and written communication skills and works well in a highly collaborative setting.

RESPONSIBILITIES (include but are not limited to):

- Coordinate worship experiences for the whole church; provide guidance for all worship experiences; work to incorporate worship in all areas of church life
- Coordinate music, media, and overall worship service with Pastor, Worship Team, Music Team, and Tech Team
- Lead music at regular Sunday morning worship services and other services of worship throughout the year
- Offer suggestions and observations which would improve FPC's music/worship ministries
- Assume other duties as may be assigned by the Pastor; participate in regular staff meetings

To learn more about this position and/or to apply, please email a cover letter and current resume to: jsmolik@fredericksburgpres.org

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