



FREDERICKSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

When I was a very little girl, I was afraid to go swimming because I didn't want to put my head under water. My parents had made sure I took swimming lessons at a young age, but I still had a fear I couldn't explain – and I never got in the water above my waist. We would visit a beach in Michigan every summer, but I would hover near the shore, water lapping my legs, unwilling to go out beyond where I felt comfortable. However, as I grew to be an older grade schooler, I began to notice all the fun my brothers and the other kids had as they would swim freely, out into the lake, past where their feet would touch and adventure to the docks and sandbars, further out than I was willing to go.

Finally, my desire overcame my fear, and I convinced myself that taking the risk was worth going deeper. And so, I took those first tentative strokes into the deeper water and discovered that I loved it. I soon became the one leading the way; fearlessly swimming out to the deepest parts of the lake and becoming so good at swimming my parents entered me in the kids' lake races each year.

Sometimes we can be afraid to go deeper, to reach beyond what feels natural or comfortable into what seems new or challenging. But going deeper in pursuing spiritual growth is always worth the effort. Sometimes we can grow comfortable at the shore of faith, attending church on Sundays, occasionally reading a devotional and keeping to the shallow water. But there are all kinds of opportunities to go deeper in learning and following Jesus.

Here are three suggestions for going deeper in our study of Proverbs this summer!

- 1. Get in the deeper water and attend a second hour discussion group.** One of the best things you can do to help you go deeper is to engage in discussion with fellow believers! If you aren't coming to a second hour group, I really encourage you to at least give it a try one Sunday morning. There are three adult groups that meet during the second hour, and they are a fantastic opportunity to connect with others, learn a little more, and be encouraged to follow Jesus faithfully.
- 2. Swim past where your feet can touch and do some learning on your own.** There are some great and accessible resources out there for learning more about wisdom and Proverbs. You could start with one of these podcasts:
 - Rev. Dr. Tim Keller – “True Wisdom” - <https://podcast.gospelinlife.com/e/true-wisdom/>
 - The Bible Project – “The Quest for Wisdom” - <https://bibleproject.com/podcast/quest-wisdom/>
 - Dr. Tremper Longman – “Wisdom, Part 1” <https://theallendercenter.org/2018/04/tremper-longman-wisdom-1/>
- 3. Dive into the deep end and take a short course in wisdom.** There are some great, free, trustworthy online tools available if you want to take that extra step and discover a little more. Any one of these would be a fantastic option to take your wisdom learning to the deep end of the pool.
 - The Gospel Coalition – “Introduction to Proverbs” – <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/proverbs/#overview>
 - Dr. Bruce Waltke – “Proverbs” – <https://www.biblicaltraining.org/learn/institute/ot560-proverbs>
 - Dr. Paul David Tripp – “The Gospel One Proverb At A Time” – <https://www.paultripp.com/proverbs>



July Outdoor Activities

Saturday, July 13, we'll meet in the upper parking lot at The Wilderness Center and hike the Pond Loop as a group. All are welcome. It's approximately a 1 mile hike. This hike does have some areas of uneven ground and slight incline. Difficulty is easy to moderate. Questions? Contact Emily Brown (330-464-4465)

Do you like to kayak?

On July 27, meet at Findley State Park in Wellington, OH at 2:00 p.m. for a kayak trip. The park has a kayak launch as well as a boat ramp, and kayak rentals are available at the campground office. \$20 for first hour, \$10 for every additional hour. Questions? Contact Emily Brown (330-464-4465)



SAVE the DATE! AUGUST 18



Following the worship service.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



June 27 - Kacen Parrot
June 30 - Derek Roberts
July 1 - Corky Stanley
July 1 - Shirley Swinehart

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

July 3 - Sherri & Brent Brown
July 3 - Melodie & Roger Stroud



FROM THE SESSION - June 24, Session and the

Finance Team had a joint meeting. Session then met independently. Some of the highlights include:
- Voted to reinvest in a CD due to mature in July.
- Discussed Session & Finance Team's expectations.
- Heard of Deacons and Trustees continued work.
- Discussed summer activities
- Discussed plans for Fall kick-off

PRAYER

Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

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

Praises

Military Service:

- Shannah Swinehart - Army National Guard
- Christa Nelson - Navy
- Ryan Chabak - stationed in Alaska
- Isaiah Styer - stationed at Camp Lejeune in NC
- Gaven Bee - stationed in Dayton, OH

Prayer Needs

- Unspokens
- Israel

Health Concerns:

- **Karen - Parkinson's & broken hip**
- **Tom - Dementia**
- **Wendy Scott - severe health concerns**
- Samuel - ulcers
- Pastor Albert - recovering from 2nd surgery
- Veronica's mom
- Jane Heilman

Battling Cancer

- Jim Nigh
- Kyle starting chemo
- David Meulenberg
- Karen Flowers - lung cancer
- Landon Sommers - Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Waldo - stage 4 lung cancer
- David
- Keylee - leukemia
- Jonathan - stomach cancer
- Marianna Miller
- Dale James

Condolences

- **The family of Dr. Rachel Stahle**
- The family of Sharon Davidson (sister to Pastor Keon, and daughter of Pastors Rick & Toby of Bridge City Church)
- The family of Paul Miller (Scott Schlauch's uncle)
- The family of Larry Gilt
- The family of Lee Hunter

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

Good Vibes! - The FPC Youth in partnership with the Outreach team are going to have a float in the Fredericksburg 4th of July parade. The theme is "Catch the good vibes at Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church". The plan is to toss 8" beach balls with messages that invite people to our church. We could use help from the congregation in a couple of ways:

- **If you happen to have fun, beachy props (palm trees, flamingos, sun, etc) stashed in your basement that you are willing to share, we might be able to use them.**
- **We will be decorating the float starting at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, July 2 at Brian and Molly Parrot's house. If you are willing to help, let us know.**
- **We want to fill the float with happy people, so as many as we can fit in the wagon are welcome! Wear Hawaiian, bright, tie dye, beachy wear, and bring a lawn chair. The parade line up begins at 9:00 AM on the North Hill and the parade begins at 11:00AM on the 4th. Let us know if you are planning to participate so we have a good handle on the numbers.**

Contact Michelle (330) 464-4723 or Erika (330) 464-5684 if you can help or have questions!

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

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CALENDAR FOR JULY

- June 30 - Sunday morning worship & 2nd Hour for all
- July 2 - 4:00 p.m. Work on the parade float at Parrot's
- July 3 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW (women)
- July 3 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- July 4 - Fredericksburg 4th of July Parade!
- July 5 - NO First Friday this month.
- July 7 - Sunday morning worship & 2nd Hour for all
- July 10 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW (women)
- July 10 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- July 10 - 6:30 p.m. Trustees meeting
- July 13 - 2:00 p.m. Hike at The Wilderness Center (see details on page 2)
- July 14 - Sunday morning worship & 2nd Hour for all
- July 17 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW (women)
- July 17 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- July 21 - Sunday morning worship & 2nd Hour for all
- July 22 - 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
- July 23 - 7:30 p.m. The Grind (Men)
- July 24 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW (women)
- July 24 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team
- July 27 - 2:00 p.m. Kayaking at Findley State Park (see details on page 2)

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Church office hours

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



Pastor Jos will be out of the office July 1 through July 9.

If you have a prayer need or pastoral emergency, please contact one of the Elders listed in the box.

