

Weekly Update

October 30, 2024

In college I joined the Tae Kwon Do club. To this day, I'm not sure why I signed up for it, other than my friends were doing it and it seemed like fun. I knew absolutely NOTHING about martial arts in general, let alone Tae Kwon Do. I was starting at the very beginning. Slowly I progressed and learned how to do different kinds of kicks and blocks. We were taught forms and stretches and even how to count to ten in Korean. I started feeling like I was getting the hang of it; so I was ready to ditch my white belt for the next one. I told the instructor I was ready to test for my yellow belt; I told him I didn't want to be a beginner anymore.

This was a mistake.

I got a very stern talking to – we are ALL beginners he told me, even the black belt is just beginning to understand Tae Kwon Do. The best student, he lectured, is always learning and perfecting the basics; you never move past them.

I don't know if he was right about Tae Kwon Do (I was done with the club after one year) – but I think what he said is right about the spiritual life.

This Sunday we completed our FPC Basics series. For many weeks this fall we explored the key ways we, as covenant partners of FPC, can nurture the spiritual growth God wants to do in our lives and in our church.

These basics matter, because we never grow out of them! All of us can commit to the basics and can keep deepening our commitment to love, know, represent, experience and share God.

It's my hope that all of us may pick a few of these "basics" and work to grow in them over the coming weeks and months. Stretch into something new for yourself – maybe attend Second Hour, or consider volunteering with one of our ministries, or reach out to a friend with words of encouragement. There are so many ways to take one more step on the road to deepening and strengthening our walk with Jesus.

I sincerely believe we will grow as Jesus-followers and our church will grow as a community when we take the basics seriously! We will be happily surprised when we do the things we can – worship, learn, serve, pray and build friendships – God does the things He can do: make us more like Jesus.

The invitation to **LOVE God**

- by meeting Him in worship

The invitation to **KNOW God**

- by exploring His word together

The invitation to **REPRESENT God**

- by serving the world in His name

The invitation to **EXPERIENCE God**

- by encountering Him in prayer and Scripture

The invitation to **SHARE God**

- by investing in friendships



POINSETTIAS

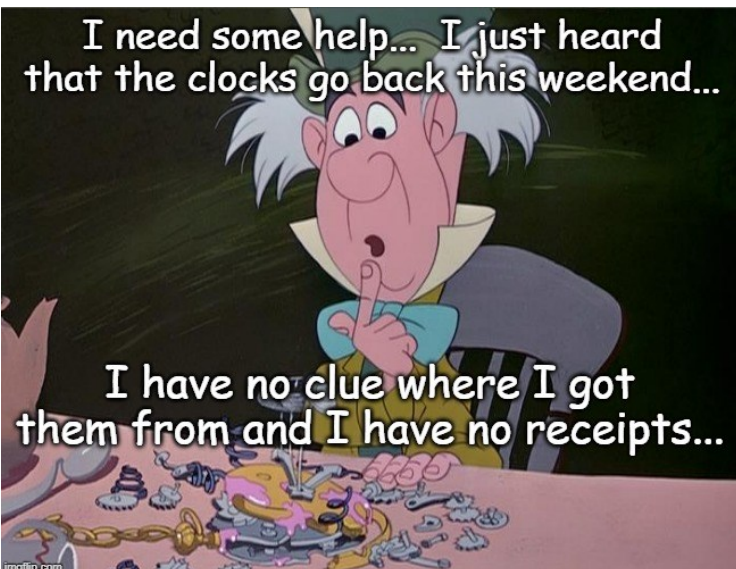
We are collecting orders for Christmas poinsettias this Sunday, November 3 through Friday November 22. The cost is \$7 for a 4 ½ inch pot. The color options are red, white, pink, marble or speckled. You can list

who the flower is in honor or memory of. The flowers will be displayed December 22 and Christmas Eve. You can take yours home following the Christmas Eve service. An order form is on the signup table in the Gallery. Please pay for your plant at the time of ordering.



Ladies First Friday is Nov. 1 at 6 :30 p.m. at the church. We'll do a book swap, so bring a wrapped new or used book, and a snack to share.

I need some help... I just heard that the clocks go back this weekend...



Don't forget to change your clocks

FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

Figures as of September 30, 2024

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| YTD Operating Income | \$160,049.11 |
| YTD Operating Expenses | <u>\$174,338.61</u> |
| YTD Operating Gain/Loss | -\$14,289.50 |
| YTD Other Income | <u>\$23,738.95</u> |
| YTD Net Income | \$ 9449.45 |
| Unrestricted Funds | \$216,973.25 |

PRAYER

Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

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

Praises

- **Corky's brother Ron feeling better**

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

- Florida, Georgie, Tennessee & North Carolina
- All victims of Hurricanes Helene & Milton
- Rusty King - guidance in attending seminary.

Health Concerns:

- **Health concerns for both grandmothers of Zach Stevenson.**
- **Julie - health concerns**
- **Melodie Stroud's grandson's recovery**
- Finley Smith being hospitalized for tests at Cleveland Clinic for 4 days beginning Oct. 30.
- Paula Shrader - broken hip
- Tim Petrie - surgery & Paralysis
- Dee Petrie - dialysis
- Pastor Albert injury not healing correctly
- Tiana - prayers for her and baby
- Tonya hospitalized with infection
- Veronica's mom Unspoken health concerns
- Karen - Parkinsons Disease
- Tom - Dementia
- Wendy Scott - severe health concerns
- Jane Heilman

Battling Cancer

- **Janet Lee - lung cancer diagnosis**
- Mary Hardesty - entering hospice
- Waldo - cont'd prayers for remainder of chemo
- David Meulenberg
- Landon Sommers - Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- David
- Keylee - leukemia
- Dale James

Condolences

- **The family of Vonnie Jugan**

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

- November 1 – First Friday (Women)
- November 3 - Sunday morning Worship & 2nd Hour for All
- November 3 – Communion Sunday
- November 4 – Finance Team meeting
- November 4 – Board of Election set up voting polls
- November 5 – Election Day. Voting in the Fellowship Hall
- November 6 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW (Women)
- November 6 - 6:45 p.m. Music Team
- November 8 – Pizza Giving
- November 10 - Sunday morning Worship & 2nd Hour for All
- November 13 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW (Women)
- November 13 - 6:45 p.m. Music Team
- November 13 – Trustees Meeting
- November 14 – Emmaus 4th Day
- November 14 - 7:00 p.m. Outreach Team Meeting
- November 17 - Sunday morning Worship & 2nd Hour for All
- November 20 - 10:00 a.m. GLOW (Women)
- November 20 - 6:45 p.m. Music Team
- November 24 - Sunday morning Worship NO 2nd Hour
- November 24 – Christmas Tree Decorating during 2nd Hour
- November 25 – Session Meeting
- November 26 – The Grind (Men)
- November 28 - Happy Thanksgiving 



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October 30 - Kim Morrow
 October 31 - Steve Moffitt
 November 1 - Broc Badger



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

November 3 - Matt & Tonya McKelvey
 November 5 - Jesse & Ea Kidd

VOLUNTEERS FOR NOVEMBER 3

Greeters Beth Reed
 Jenny Reed
Ushers Reid & Shawn McKelvey
Café Wendy McKelvey
Nursery (Worship) Veronica Styer
Nursery (2nd Hour) Bridget Rhamy
Kidz Jam Beth Miller
Kids 2nd Hour Georgie Miller
Elder Assist Darcy Miller
Communion Prep Angie Chapman
Communion Servers Darcy Miller, Beth Miller,
 Angie Chapman, Adam Swinehart
Safety Team John Scott

Our Deacon Of the Week!



Barry Henderson

Favorites

FOOD: Steak
 COLOR: Green
 BIBLE CHARACTER: Nicodemus
 SPORTS TEAM TO FOLLOW: Cleveland Guardians

Hobbies

Pickleball, crossfit, dance, woodworking,
 hunting, biking

Free Day Fun

"Nothing"

Overseas Vacay

Australia

Something Interesting

I can ride a unicycle!

Quick Hits

(We answered for Barry...
 ask him if we got it right!)

Mountains or Beach
Chocolate or Vanilla

Baseball or Football
Mexican Food or Chinese Food
 Late Nights or Early Mornings

Want to go deeper into spiritual friendship? Here are a few recommendations to keep learning!

These sermons from Tim Keller are a great place to start:

<https://gospelinlife.com/sermon/grace-to-the-barren-i/>

<https://gospelinlife.com/sermon/friendship-2/>

Here's another helpful sermon on friendship

<https://www.cslewisinstitute.org/resources/dr-david-downing-on-friendship-the-power-of-friendship-in-the-christian-life/>

Here's a podcast on the Gospel and Friendships

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/podcasts/youre-not-crazy/friendship-gospel-culture/>

You can read this [article](https://www.christianitytoday.com/2023/09/made-people-justin-earley-loneliness-covenant-friendship/?utm_medium=widgetsocial) about friendship (https://www.christianitytoday.com/2023/09/made-people-justin-earley-loneliness-covenant-friendship/?utm_medium=widgetsocial)

about this book on friendship:

Made for People: Why We Drift into Loneliness and How to Fight for a Life of Friendship; Justin Whitmel Earley

<https://a.co/d/hZg7NJV>

Here's an easy-to-read little book about godly friendships:

Made for Friendship; Drew Hunter

<https://a.co/d/1Vocw64>

And here is a book that teaches about how to deepen friendships:

Transformative Friendships: 7 questions to deepen any relationships; Brad Hambrick

<https://a.co/d/dhsT4KB>



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201 N. Mill Street
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Join us for our Fall Kids Night...

Pizza-giving!

Jesus heals ten men - Luke 17:11-19



When: Friday, November 8th from 5:30-7:30pm

Where: Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church

Who: EVERYONE! Kids (6th grade & under),
parents, grandparents, & friends.

Cost: FREE!

Pizza dinner
will be provided
at 5:30pm

Email jsmolik@fredericksburgpres.org if you're planning to attend.
(You can still come if you don't RSVP, we just want a basic idea for supplies & pizza)



FPC Basics

If we could choose five things that every meaningfully connected FPCer is encouraged to experience, they would be:

➊ **Commit to Worship Regularly - God invites us to LOVE Him**

- Identify what regular Sunday morning worship looks like (eg: every Sunday, three times a month, etc.)

➋ **Learn and Grow in Community - God invites us to KNOW Him**

- Be involved in an experience of regular spiritual nurture (eg: Second Hour, GLOW, Bible Study, the Grind, etc.)



➌ **Serve Others in Jesus' name - God invites us to REPRESENT Him**

- Find a place to serve each semester (eg: ministry leader, outreach effort, mission projects, etc.)

➍ **Connect to God in Prayer and Scripture - God invites us to EXPERIENCE Him**

- Begin a habit of prayer and fellowship with God (eg: individual prayer practices, church prayer nights, spiritual direction communities, etc.)

➎ **Engage in Spiritual Friendships - God invites us to SHARE Him**

- Invest in friendships where you can give and receive the love of Jesus



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Becoming a community that cultivates faith and faithfulness in Christ