

THE GRAPEVINE

August 2018

While we are “Serving on the Square” things are also constantly being updated. I wanted to share with you a few things that have been going and are in the process for our communication, and the exciting events that are on the horizon.

Weekly Bulletins along with my sermon manuscripts are now available online.

We are hoping to be able to include recording of the sermons in the very near future.

New Children’s worship boxes are now in the sanctuary for your children. These boxes include a weekly children’s bulletin along with a pad for drawing and coloring, crayons, a pencil, and some pipe cleaners to create and play with during the service.

A new section is included in the newsletter to give the entire congregation a view of the current financial position of the church. This will be in the bulletin from time to time as well.

A new church calendar will be available online soon. This calendar will include everything that is happening at the church as well as the birthdays of all our members.

Confirmation class is being planned for the fall. If you have or know of a child that is ready to take this spiritual journey, please let me know.

August 16th will be blessing the backpacks and briefcases of all our students and educators as a new school year begins.

September 9th we will kick off our Christian Education year with a Rally Day breakfast of PANCAKES AND SAUSAGE! We will also commission our Sunday School teachers for the upcoming year during worship.

Adult mid-week Bible study will be back in the fall.

As you can see there are lots of things going on here at FPC. If you haven’t been with us in a while, I pray that you will join us soon. We miss you when you are not here, we would love for you to be a part of worship and serving Christ in the life of this congregation. I hope to see you all soon!

God Bless,

Dayton

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BIRTHDAYS

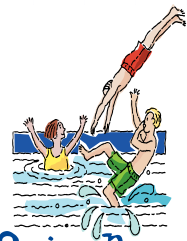
August:

2 Suzanne Paysinger	18 Dennis Black
3 Deb Kohlhase	Jim May
4 Clint Baugher	19 Mary Redding Witt
Rene Brown	20 Doyle Weeks
5 Ella Romine	21 Dot French
8 Bailey Witt	22 Herby Greenhaw
10 Pat Bacon	23 Wilson Blair
11 Kristina Andrews	Austin Flannagan
13 Tom Clem	29 Diane Payne
15 Cindy Witt	Suzanne Weeks
17 Alan Boyd	
Jonathan Quillen	

If you don't see your name on the board when it's your birthday month please check and be sure the church office has your birthday listed correctly in the records.

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP (10:30 a.m. each Sunday) celebrates birthdays on the first Sunday of each month.

Make sure to come to the Rodgers Center during the fellowship hour and let us celebrate "YOU" with birthday cake.



Swim Party

Back to school

Sunday School Pool Party at clubhouse in Forrest Hills subdivision (east on Nick Davis Road, left turn into the subdivision, just before Mooresville Road). Tuesday, August 14. Food will be provided. Party is for all school



Come join us on September 9 at 9:30 AM
For breakfast of pancakes and sausage!
And let's kick off our Christian Education Year!!





The property committee has been hard at work on maintaining the building and the grounds. David Lyle has put in a lot of hours to ensure the outside and garden are looking beautiful.

VBS had 32 children enrolled and was a great success with the support of Copeland Presbyterian Church and Athens First Christian Church.

Revival income ahead of budget projections.

A financial snapshot will be included in the grapevine and monthly in the bulletin to keep the congregation informed.

Church Finances

	Year to Date		Difference	Budget YTD	Difference
	2017	2018		2018	In Budget
General Fund Giving	117,428	121,229	3,801	123,124	-1,895
Expenses					
Administration	99,472	99,276	-196	115,889	-16,613
Christian Ed	1,871	85	-1,786	2,081	-1,996
Worship	2,590	2,324	-266	3,109	-785
Mission	18,559	21,186	2,627	13,938	7,248
TOTAL EXPENSES	122,492	122,871	379	135,018	-12,147
Surplus/Deficit	-5,064	-1,642			
Serving on the	2,018		15,630		
Capital Campaign	Prior Years		798,942		
	Total		814,572		
	Unpaid Pledges		66,360		

First Presbyterian Church on the Square

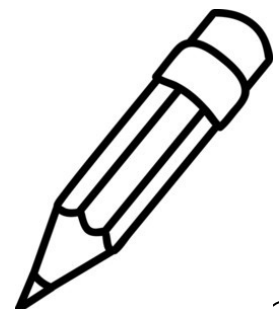
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**PLEASE JOIN US AS WE BLESS THE BACKPACKS
AND
BRIEFCASES ON AUGUST 26!!**



AUGUST

Sun

Mon

Tue

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Fri

Sat

			1 9:30 AM Pottery 7:00 PM Choir	2	3 Church Office	4 7:00 AM Gideons
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12 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	13	14 6:00 PM Cursillo 4th Day 5:00 Back to School Party 6:30 PM Session	15 9:30 AM Pottery 7:00 PM Choir	16 Dayton—Vacation	17 Dayton—Vacation Church Office Closed	18 7:00 AM Gideons Dayton—Vacation
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