



# First Presbyterian Church

## EPISTLE

**Our Mission: Connecting with God and sharing the Good News  
of Jesus Christ with the community.**

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Guest Director

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Accompanist

**Sean Russell,**  
Sound Room Technician

**Ana Ortiz**  
Nursery

### ***From Your Session***

I recently read a book entitled *Oikonomics, How to Invest in Life's Five Capitals the Way Jesus Did* by Mike Breen and Ben Sternke. The authors are part of the Three Dimensional Movement (3DM) team. 3DM is a ministry which helps churches transform from their current methods to a missional church. A missional church is usually considered one that focuses on making disciples of its members. In this discussion a disciple is one who learns to live like Jesus and to invest like Jesus.

Our word economy comes from Greek roots *oikos* ("household") and *nomos* ("custom" or "law"). The original meaning of economy was the rule or management of a household. The authors use the term *oikonomics* to refer to how we manage our lives, invest our capital, and allow Jesus to transform our lives.

The five capitals in ideal order are spiritual capital, relational capital, physical capital, intellectual capital, and financial capital. Spiritual capital is wisdom and power that come from hearing what God is saying and responding with faith and obedience. Relational capital is the quality and quantity of our relationships with family and friends. Physical capital is our time and energy and our ability to devote them to people and projects. Intellectual capital is the knowledge we

acquire and our ability to share ideas and solutions. Financial capital is the money we have. All of these are good unless we become too fixated on any one. At times we may have to concentrate on one of the lower ones in order to have resources to invest in the more important capitals.

We have to be careful to not look at other people or groups and judge their priorities. A student may be concerned about his or her education and how to finance it, but the goal may be to use that in service to others and to God. We have several in our congregation who spent time concentrating on getting educated and then used that to become a missionary in service to God. A business has to be concerned first with making a profit, and that appears to be their number one priority. But they may use some of that profit to take good care of their employees, to donate to charitable causes, and to give back to their community. It is not wrong to spend time on the lower priorities as long as we use what we gain from them to invest in the higher priorities.

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One would think churches would always have their priorities in order. There are many mega-churches today. Some do a great job but others seem to be in a competition for the largest crowds, the biggest offerings, and the largest, fanciest place of worship. Some small churches, as they struggle, spend all their time trying to find a way to increase attendance and income. Survival becomes their only goal. Both groups may have good intentions but have become fixated on what should be lower priorities.

How would I rate our church? There have been times when we have fallen into the trap of the small churches described above. I feel that over the last few years we have decided to leave growth, financially and numerically, to God. We have worked to be a source for good in our community and to be more Christlike.

As we invest our time and talents in growing our capital, we should consider what is most important for our lives. Hopefully that will be the growth of our spiritual capital.

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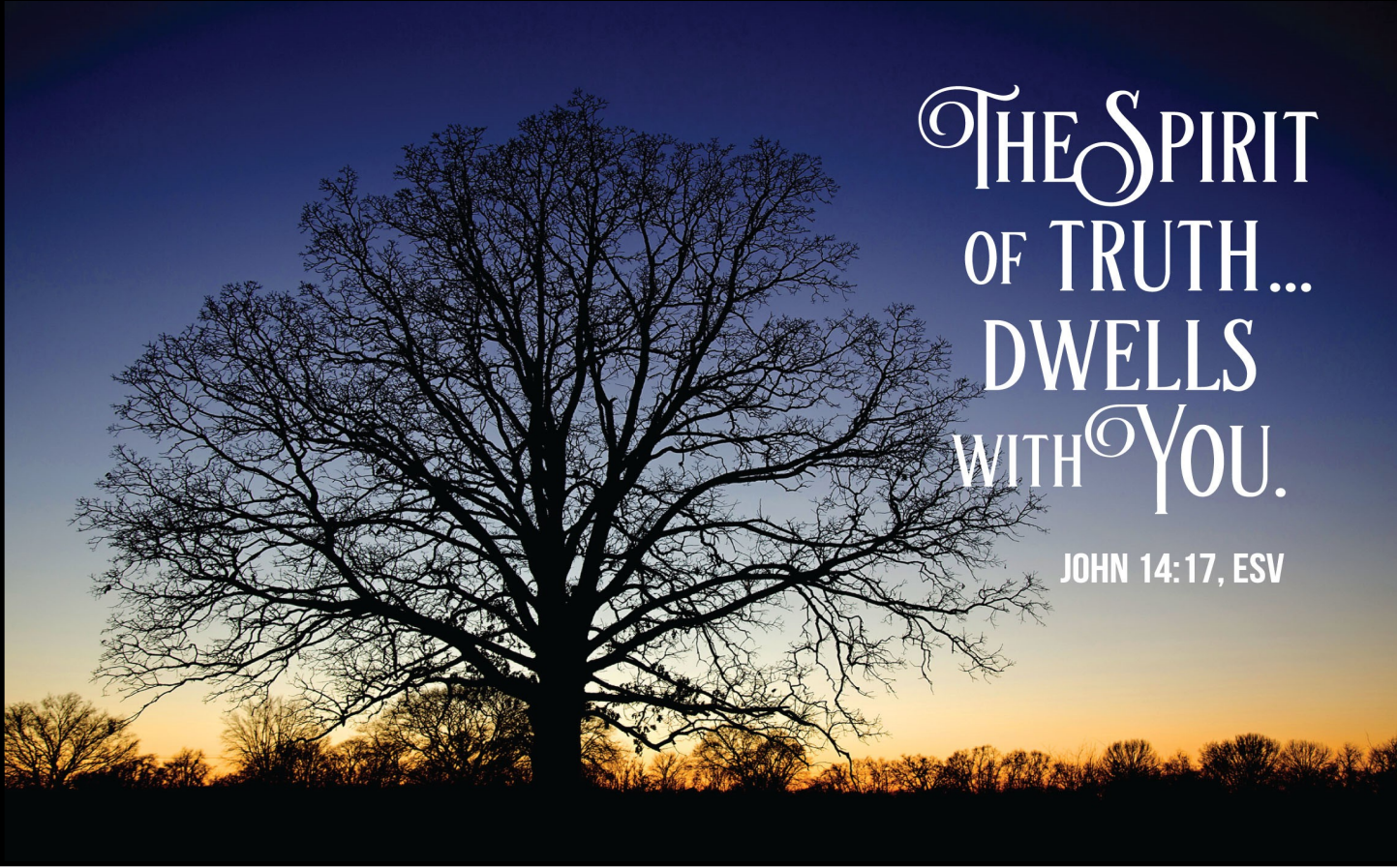




## Women's Bible Study

The Agape Ladies Bible Study will hold its last meeting of the 2017-2018 year at 1 p.m. at the church on Wednesday, May 9. The Lesson for that day is #9 from the Horizons publication "Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews," entitled "In Community with All the Saints." The lesson is based upon scriptures from Hebrews: 6:9-12; 13: 24-25; 11: 35-40 and 12:1-2. Call, email or text Connie Steger if you have any questions.

Sarah Circle will meet in the home of Marna Bayless on May 8 at 7 p.m.



THE SPIRIT  
OF TRUTH...  
DWELLS  
WITH YOU.

JOHN 14:17, ESV

## FIRST Presbyterian Church

May 2018

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## **Worship Volunteer Schedule May 2018**

May 6	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery End of Service Ministry Communion Servers	Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz Dub Guthrie & Eddie Cowand Teresa Reed & Joan Brown Susan Murphy Vanessa Cordova & Doris Metzger Jack Pegues, Brenda Everett, Adelmo Ruiz, Nancy Bergman, Vanessa Cordova
May 13	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Leo Skinner & Billie Cowand Eugene Jimmerson & Irving Kezar Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Anna Murphy Sharon Ingram & Connie Steger
May 20	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Armelia & Eugene Jimmerson Jack Pegues & Albert Teel Darrell Ingram & Anna Murphy Jason Cordova Dub Guthrie & Joan Brown
May 27	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Youth Youth Lori Glover & Brenda Everett Gary Walters Jocelyn Bolles & Nancy Bergman



Create in me a clean  
heart, O God, and  
renew a right spirit  
within me.

Psalms 51:10

## May Birthdays

If we've missed your birthday and you would like us to include it in this "birthday" section of the newsletter, please contact us at (972) 298-3043 or [info@fpcd.org](mailto:info@fpcd.org). Thank you.

Steve Bayless, May 7  
Sam Fithian, May 7  
Lucy Russell, May 13

Marna Bayless, May 22  
Andrew Walters, May 22  
Alexander Gaskins, May 31



### 2018 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
March	\$16,741*	\$17,925 **
Jan - Mar	\$54,404***	\$61,763****

\*\$3,330 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$13,411 for budget

\*\*\$325 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$17,600 for budget

\*\*\*\$9,755 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$44,649 for budget

\*\*\*\*\$7,040 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$54,723 for budget

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Christian Education — 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service — 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Youth Group — 6:00 p.m.