



# First Presbyterian Church

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

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Nursery

### *From your Session*

I have noticed a change lately, have you?

See, I consider myself to be a pretty friendly, open individual, and any time I am out walking or driving through my neighborhood and see someone else driving, walking or just in their yard, I always make a point to smile and wave. Sometimes I will receive a response. Usually, the response is a smile and a wave, but occasionally I will just get a confused look. The change I have noticed is there are no confused looks anymore. I always receive a smile and wave in return. And it is not just in my neighborhood. When I am out getting groceries or on some other "official" errand, people are waving, giving that "what's up" nod and yes, smiling even through their masks. (You can tell because a genuine smile involves the eyes.)

There was just a feeling as I waved to someone, a mutual knowing that we, in some way, are having similar experiences dealing with everything COVID-19. That feeling is a real thing.

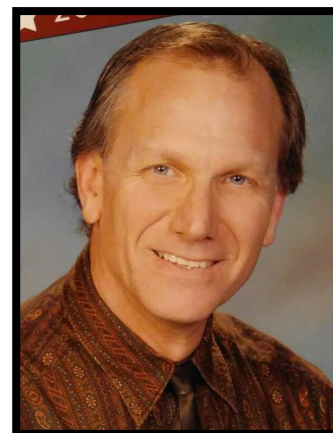
According to *Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs*, directly above the basic physiological and safety needs are

psychological needs which include a sense of belongingness. I believe that is an additional change the coronavirus has brought us.

In Jeff's sermon last Sunday, he spoke on developing relationships and quoted Paul from 1 Corinthians 9, "I try to find common ground with everyone..." Along with everything else, this virus has given us all a common ground, a sense of belongingness. And, as I will have to deal with all of the challenges, I choose to focus on the positive and get out and smile, nod and wave because I like that change.

In Christ,

*Sean*



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# Worship with us from **HOME**

For a number of years, each Sunday at 10:30 AM we've been streaming our service.

Please join us from home by tuning in on our Live Stream page at [www.fpcd.org/live-stream](http://www.fpcd.org/live-stream).



**Cast**  
all your anxiety  
on him, because  
he cares for you.

1 PETER 5:7, NRSV



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May 2020

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**Worship Volunteer Schedule  
April 2020**

<b>May 3</b>	<b>Tellers</b>	<b>Lori Glover &amp; Jaime Cordova</b>
<b>May 10</b>	<b>Tellers</b>	<b>Brenda Everett &amp; Linda Simons</b>
<b>May 17</b>	<b>Tellers</b>	<b>Jocelyn Bolles &amp; Margaret Lewis</b>
<b>May 24</b>	<b>Tellers</b>	<b>Joan Brown &amp; Teresa Reed</b>
<b>May 31</b>	<b>Tellers</b>	<b>Lori Glover &amp; Jaime Cordova</b>

*May our*

**LORD**

**Jesus Christ ...**

**encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.**

**2 Thessalonians 2:16-17, NIV**

**WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**  
**Impact Youth**  
**Fearless Youth Group**

— 5:30 p.m.  
— 6:30 p.m.

**Christian Education**  
**Worship Service**

— 9:15 a.m.  
— 10:30 a.m.

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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## 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.

Thank you.

Clint Benford, May 5  
Steve Bayless, May 7  
Sam Fithian, May 7  
Lucy Russell, May 13

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



### 2020 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
March	\$39,361	\$19,720
Jan - Feb	\$69,464	\$58,471