



# First Presbyterian Church

## EPISTLE

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

### **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## Be a Blessing!

This month, as we move throughout our busy lives, let's remember if you take care of God's business, He will take care of yours. So, what actually is an interruption? Usually we think, I pray, God answers, problem solved. But what if an interruption comes your way and changes your whole day? Is that God answering your prayer?

Too many times we worry if we are in the right place at the right time. Then we compare where we are to someone else's life. This is totally wrong! I have two solutions for this: be happy where you are, and grow where you are planted.

We always want God to bless us with something, then we get a call to go help a friend with the same problem, or we get distracted with another person's problem. Could this be our blessing in disguise? Is this our chance to say, "Lord, I don't care how you bless me; the blessing has to come from you and no one else"?

Joseph (Jacob's 11th son), had to take care of Potiphar's house, then handled Pharaoh's business, and then he was able to take care of his family like God had promised. But God had to prepare him for the responsibility before Joseph could receive his blessing. Joseph wanted to be a blessing, but ended up blessing people he never would have thought of coming in contact with. Two very different faiths, but Joseph's actions fully representing God took him further in life than a

master's degree. He was controlling the economy of Egypt. Wow!!

Paul learned how to be content with any way God blessed him (Philippians 4:11). To take a deeper look, Paul became a blessing to many and is still blessing people with his New Testament scripture, all because he allowed God to lead his life. He may not have liked every detail, but Paul was content because he knew God was in control. Remember, Paul was compelled to preach the word of God (1 Corinthians 9:16), he wanted to share the Gospel with all. Well, look at his track record and how God lead him to complete his mission.

Let's not miss another blessing because we don't understand God or feel God is being fair with the way He handles our prayer. Let's begin to understand God blesses us when we bless others. The next time you get interrupted watching your favorite TV show or listening to your favorite song, remember this could be God answering one of your prayers.

God Bless!

*Jeff*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																				
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<b>21</b> 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service in-person and ONLINE	<b>22</b> <div>             The Sandwich Project              Bring your Sandwiches for the Homeless           </div> 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal on ZOOM	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7 PM Lent Bible Study on Zoom	<b>25</b>  7:00 PM Session Meeting	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>																																																																																				
<b>28</b> 9:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service in-person and ONLINE <i>Palmer Sunday</i>	<b>29</b> 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal on ZOOM	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<div> <div>Feb 2021</div> <table> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td></tr> <tr><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td></tr> <tr><td>28</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> </div> <div> <div>Apr 2021</div> <table> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1 2 3</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td></tr> <tr><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td></td></tr> </table> </div>			S	M	T	W	T	F	S		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28							S	M	T	W	T	F	S							1 2 3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
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Sarah Circle will meet on March 9, 2021 in the home of Diane Pegues at 7 pm.

We will be studying Lesson 9 in the *Women of the Old Testament* study guide.

*And I am convinced that **Nothing** can ever separate us from **God's love**. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from **God's love**.*



**Worship Volunteer Schedule  
March 2021**

March 7	Tellers	Lori Glover & Jaime Cordova
March 14	Tellers	Brenda Everett & Linda Simons
March 21	Tellers	Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis
March 28	Tellers	Joan Brown & Teresa Reed

**For God**

*so loved the world that he gave his*

***one and only Son,***

that whoever believes  
in him shall not perish  
but have *eternal life*.

*John 3:16*



**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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## March 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.

Bobby Reed, March 2  
 Dennis Walters, March 3  
 Jimmy Cordova, March 4  
 David Gaskins, March 5  
 Irving Kezar, March 5  
 Nancy Bergman, March 9

Vincent Thorpe, March 9  
 Blake Gaskins, March 9  
 Jennifer Johnson, March 11  
 Vangie Jackson, March 12  
 Dudley Austin, March 17  
 Evelyn Hertenstein, March 24



### 2021 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
January	\$17,778*	\$45,572.74**

\*\$1,300 of this for building fund

\*\*\$28,655 of this for building projects