



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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From Your Session

Decisions, Decisions

At the Session meeting of June 24, Rev. Jim Witherow spoke to us. I was struck by his statement, "Christ won't command us to do anything He won't enable us to do." Discussion followed, and ultimately, Pastor Ginger asked each of us to find Scriptures that make this point. I'd like to share with you some of what I found.

But first, just what are these commands that Christ may address to us? Or that Scripture writers give us, inspired by the Holy Spirit? Here are some. (References are to the New Living Translation).

Love the Lord your God – Matthew 22:37;

Love one another; love your neighbor – John 13:34, Matthew 22:39;

Pray – Mark 11:24,25;

Have faith in God – Mark 11:22; much of Romans, especially 3:28;

Make disciples – Matthew 28:19;

Remain in Me – John 15:4;

Testify about Me – John 15:27;

Feed my lambs/sheep – John 21:15-17;

Do what you are gifted to do – Romans 12:6-8;

...speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ – Ephesians 4:15a

Now, what about Christ enabling us to do what He commands?

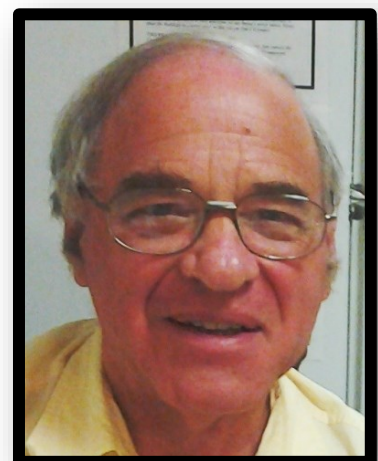
Luke 24:49 says "And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven." The book of Acts tells us that the Holy Spirit did indeed come. His power from heaven is available!

In John 15:4, 5 we read "Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing." This is where **decision** comes in. It's up to us to decide to remain in Jesus. To remain in Him is to **decide** to have faith that He is in us and that He will provide the power to obey His commands.

In Matthew 7:8 we read, "For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." Here also we have to **decide** to ask, to seek, and to knock – in short, to accept Christ's enabling.

Indeed, the Scriptures show us that Jesus is willing to enable us to do whatever He asks. Let's decide each day, each hour, each minute to count on His promises!

Paul



GLOBAL IMPACT SUNDAY

The saying “no man is an island” is more true today than ever. No matter how remote another country may be to us, what happens thousands of miles away increasingly impacts us! Think Afghanistan, Haiti, Pacific Islands, Myanmar (Um, where’s that?!)

There are those in our midst at FPCD, and others whom FPCD has helped send to other countries, whose outreach is making a difference in this world. Be sure to COME on Sunday, **OCTOBER 31st** to learn more about this Global Impact and the varied ways YOU can actively participate to make a difference in others’ lives. There will be some surprises...

Laugh Library



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September 2021

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For the earth will be filled with

the knowledge of the
glory of the LORD

as the waters cover the sea.

HABAKKUK 2:14, NIV

**Worship Volunteer Schedule
September 2021**

September 5	Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Rotation	Connie Steger & Joan Brown Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Darrell Ingram & Joan Brown Allen Conley
September 12	Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Rotation	Sharon Ingram Joan Brown & Teresa Reed Paul Griffith & Diane Pegues Jennifer McWilliams
September 19	Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Rotation	Dudley Austin Lori Glover & Jaime Cordova Dennis Walters & Nancy Bergman Logan Russell
September 26	Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Rotation	Jocelyn Bolles Brenda Everett & Linda Simons Jaime Cordova & Darlene Cowand Jimmy Cordova

... this one thing I do:
forgetting what lies behind and
straining forward to what lies ahead ...

Philippians 3:13, NRSV

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

— 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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September 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.

Charlotte Fithian, Sept 1	Caden Thorpe, Sept 21
Manny McLeggan, Sept 5	Sharon Ingram, Sept 22
Cyleigh Kezar, Sept 7	Beau Gaskins, Sept 26
Billy Doyle, Sept 8	Aiden Gaskins, Sept 26
Ana Ortiz, Sept 11	Marlene Skinner, Sept 26
Ginger Hertenstein, Sept 14	Margaret Lewis, Sept 28
Jack Pegues, Sept 14	Gary Malone, Sept 30
Tori Favors, Sept 20	



2021 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
July	\$15,994*	\$32,290**
Jan-July	\$235,176***	\$229,821****

*\$575 of this for building repairs

** \$16,535 of this for building projects

****\$78,810 of this for building repairs

*****\$99,680 of this for building projects