



First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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

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From Your Session

Oftentimes, as high schoolers, we get tempted by how a person looks, how they act, what their friend group does or says, or many more things as well. One of the main things I think teenagers get tempted by is that they feel and think they are completely alone. I think even adults feel this way, even the ones deep in their walk with God, and during those storms of loneliness we may end up making irrational decisions, or self-medicating to cover up our loneliness. These scriptures have helped me get through this feeling many times. And I know and can say with confidence that they will continue to not only help *me* in the future, but generations to come, as God is the same as he was in 2026, and 2026 years from now.

Deuteronomy 31:6, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you or forsake you."

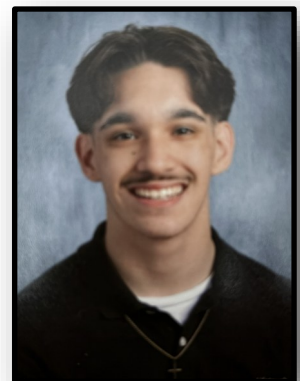
Matthew 28:20, "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

1 Corinthians 10:13, "No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be

tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."

And finally, Psalms 34:18, "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." King David in my opinion was one of the most heartbroken men in the Bible as he had to hide out in caves by himself for days. But in that quietness, in that loneliness, in that time that he could have been sulking for himself, he gave it to God through worshiping and building a lasting relationship with him. I'm only 15, but even I know that everyone in this life will let you down in some way, shape or form that will cause you to feel this loneliness, but the right way to handle it is by giving your sorrow to God, for he will replace it with joy and peace like no other!

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Questionnaire

Please return the questionnaire as soon as possible to gather the comments and make plans going forward. Questionnaires may be left in the church office with Katie or can be scanned and emailed to Sharon Ingram at 5674sparks@gmail.com

"But we have never done it that way before." Sermon 9/20/2026 by Mark Bransom
Since we currently don't have a Pastor leader, Session would like to get input from the congregation of what you want FPCD to offer going forward even if we haven't done it that way before! Please provide your thoughts on what we currently offer, what we could start offering, what we should change and what we should discontinue or a new way of doing something!

Worship Service

What should we start doing, change or discontinue? _____

Please give us feedback on our:

Music: (more praise songs, more traditional hymns, less music, more music, special performances?) _____

Bulletin: _____

Timing: (start earlier, later, less time on __, more time on __?) _____

Other Worship Service ideas? _____

Christian Education

Currently we offer a younger elementary and an older elementary and secondary school and an adult Sunday School class. Should we offer different classes? If so, what classes would interest you?

Other Christian Education ideas: _____

Spiritual Growth

FPCD has a Men's Fellowship group, a Sarah Circle and a Small Group. Should we continue these? _____
What other groups would you or others be interested in? _____

We also offer a Lent and an Advent Study on some Wednesdays. Should we continue these? _____

Is there a study you would like us to offer? _____

Are Wednesday evening meetings appealing to you? _____

Should we continue hosting our Thanksgiving Dinner the Sunday before Thanksgiving? _____

Host it earlier in the day? _____

Other Spiritual Growth ideas? _____

Outreach

Currently we have a Parking Lot Ministry and provide Shelter Sandwiches monthly. Should we continue these? _____

Suggested Outreach ideas are: resuming taking teacher snacks to Reed Middle School once a quarter, hosting food drives to help Duncanville Outreach Ministry or a Diaper Drive for Pregnancy Centers.

Thoughts? Other Outreach ideas? _____

We need help with any and all of these. Are you able to participate? Will you please continue to pray for direction for FPCD in this transition time?

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CALENDAR

October 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2	3 9AM Men's Fellowship
4 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	5	6	7 6:45 pm Think Tank	8 2:00 pm Sarah Circle at Fellowship Hall	9	10
11 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	12	13	14	15 3:45 pm PLM	16 Newsletter Articles for November Newsletter Due!	17 9AM Men's Fellowship
18 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship; Church Potluck after Worship	19 5:00 pm MCT	20	21	22	23	24
25 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	26 Austin St. Sandwiches Due!	27	28	29	30	31

October Volunteer Schedule

Oct 4	Greeter	Jocelyn Bolles
	Tellers	Brenda Everett & Linda Simons
	End of Service Prayer	Sharon Ingram & Connie Steger
	Communion Service	Dub Guthrie & Sharon Ingram
	Communion Preparer	Gwenn Guthrie
	Liturgist	Brenda Everett
Oct 11	Greeter	Connie Steger
	Tellers	Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis
	End of Service Prayer	Christian Laurent & Nancy Bergman
	Liturgist	Youth
Oct 18	Greeter	Sharon Ingram
	Tellers	Darlene Cowand & Teresa Reed
	End of Service Prayer	Lori Glover & Lee Austin
	Liturgist	TBD
Oct 25	Greeter	Beau Gaskins
	Tellers	Connie Steger & Ingram
	End of Service Prayer	Dub Guthrie & Brenda Everett
	Liturgist	TBD

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Deuteronomy 31:6 (NIV)

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

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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October 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.

Zephyr Lewis, October 2	Sean Russell, October 14
Diane Pegues, October 3	Doyce Smith, October 15
Carlos Benitez, October 8	Brandon Cowand, October 24
Grant Everett, October 9	Lorraine Cordova, October 30



2026 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
August	\$ 13,822	\$ 7,485
YTD	\$ 120,544	\$ 113,601