## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, P.C.A.

# AUGUST 2020

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# THE SESSION'S MESSAGE

### 2 Timothy 3:1-4

"<sup>1</sup> But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. <sup>2</sup> For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God."

This scripture could have been written about the world today. Does that mean we are in the end times? Not necessarily. All of these traits go back to the one thing that binds them, sin. Sin has been with us since that time when Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

In Paul's second letter to Timothy, he was instructing Timothy in what to expect when the end times were upon us. I believe that Paul's words were meant for all generations. Words to be passed from one to another. That we would be prepared none the less for anything. I think that the one thing causes the most fear in people is uncertainty. Which is probably why we find the phrase "fear not" occurring 365 times in the Bible. God reassures us that he is in control and that there is nothing for those who are in Christ Jesus to worry about.

Paul goes on to say that there will be those who have the appearance of godliness but will deny its power. You should avoid such people. Your time is better spent doing that which pleases God. How do we know what pleases God?

The Bible tells us in 2 Timothy 3:16 -17 which states: "<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." The answers are, and always have been, in scripture. God has given us this extraordinary gift, a guide if you will, on how to live our lives. The authority of Scripture comes from God. There is no higher authority. We as Christians hold that the Bible is inerrant. What other book can make that claim? That was a rhetorical question, obviously the answer is none.

So, in these uncertain times we as Christians should continue to do as those who have gone before us. Worship God, study his word, help one another to grow in our faith, and above all remember that God is in control and he has a plan for us. We are not spectators. We are participants in the Church. Don't sit on the sidelines, be active in your walk with God.

God Bless you all,

Dennis

God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.

C.S. LEWIS

GOD DOESN'T CALL THOSE WHO ARE EQUIPPED. HE EQUIPS THOSE WHO HE CALLS.

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Sun	Mon	Τυε	WED	Тни	Fri	SAT
<u>B-day</u> : <u>Anniv</u> :						1 <u>B-day</u> : Courtney Coddington
2 <u>Worship</u> : 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom)	3	4 <u>B-day</u> : Lydia Buroker <u>B-day</u> : Carly Lawrence Lolly	5	6 <u>B-day</u> : Caty Lawrence <u>B-day</u> : Eleanor Blythe Gill	7 <u>B-day</u> : Sara Dukes	8 <u>B-day</u> : Heather Rimes
9 <u>Diaconate Meeting</u> : 9am <u>Worship</u> : 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom)	10	11 <u>B-day</u> : Madison Solliday <u>Anniv</u> : David & Nadine Coddington	12	13	14	15
16 <u>Worship</u> : 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom) <u>Session Meeting</u> : 4:30pm	17 <u>Anniv</u> : Bill & Melissa Weltin <u>Anniv</u> : Ozzy & Ann Resto	18 <u>B-day</u> : Ray Evans	19	20	21	22
23 <u>Worship</u> : 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom) <u>B-day</u> : Karen Davidson	24 <u>B-day</u> : William Cooper Symon	25 <u>B-day</u> : Laura Krusmark Morgan <u>B-day</u> : Lizzie Johnson	26 <u>B-day</u> : Billy Symon, Jr. <u>B-day</u> : Aubrey Blake Ward	27	28	29
30 <u>Worship</u> : 11am (in sanctuary and via Zoom) <u>Deacon's Fund</u> <u>Offering</u>	31					

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR AUGUST

**DEACONS OF THE MONTH**: Glenn Basinger and Trey Griffith.

FOOD MINISTRY LEADER OF THE MONTH: Melissa Weltin.

**RECURRING WEEKLY EVENTS**: Sunday Worship at 11:00 am, in the sanctuary and via Zoom. (Fellowship Time, 10:20am)

<u>2020</u>	JUNE	2020 YTD	
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 5,726.00	\$ 50,551.86	
Gen. Fund Expenses	<u>\$ 10,371.87</u>	<u>\$ 53,640.33</u>	
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (4,645.87)	\$ (3,088.47)	
<u>2019</u>	JUNE	2019 YTD	
Gen. Fund Contributions	\$ 8,384.00	\$ 48,543.59	
Gen. Fund Expenses	<u>\$ 9,176.10</u>	<u>\$ 57,933.41</u>	
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (792.10)	\$ (9,389.82)	

### **MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO JEFF AND AMANDA!** 

We are so happy for the arrival of baby **EVERETT HENRY BRYANT** who was born on July 14th. He was 20 inches long and weighed 9lbs/10oz.

### WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE KIRKPATRICK FAMILY

Our beloved friend, Doris Kirkpatrick, went to be with the Lord on Friday, July 17th. Your continued prayers for the family are greatly appreciated. We praise God for his faithfulness, and we are thankful for Doris' presence in our lives, which she touched so many.

MINISTRIES

### SAV-A-LIFE BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

This annual event provides financial support for the ministry to women in our community who are facing unplanned pregnancies and their babies.

Bottles will be available for the month of August and may be picked up at the church.

For more information contact Andrea Ward.



Dear Church Family,

Two things have impacted the ministry at Isaiah 55. One is COVID-19

and the other is Hurricane Hanna this past weekend.

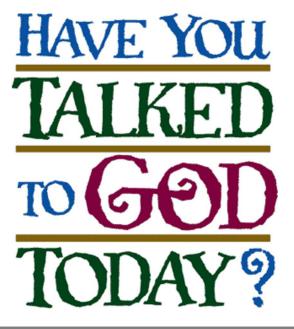
Because of COVID-19 my trip in April was cancelled, and the school was forced to start virtual classrooms. The 2020-2021 school year will begin following the Mexican mandates and will be virtual as much as possible. This means that we will have to rethink the vocational education program: what can be taught, what supplies do the students need at home, can we make projects that can be sold at the Fair-Trade Fair in Omaha, how can we control quality of construction, etc. You get the picture. Please pray for those in charge, Meg and Azalia, as they work through these challenges. May they come up with creative solutions and projects that are easy to work on and yet challenge the students. At this point I am also uncertain as to what my role will be. Pray for wisdom and patience on my part as I step back while the team works out the details. The team has thought of non-traditional ways to reach out to the community and this

has led to a variety of blessings. Parents of the children in the kids' clubs have been met because instead of having a meeting, projects and goody bags were delivered to their homes. A neighborhood Bible study has begun.

This weekend Hurricane Hanna brought lots of rain to the area. Streets are flooded, homes are full of moisture, and those with minimal housing have little in the way of comfort. Please pray that the mission can reach out to those who are in need, that no serious illnesses will result from the moisture and flooding, and that jobs will not be lost due to the flooding.

Thank you for your continued prayers for the Isaiah 55 ministry and team members, Joyce Huizinga

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARIES

Robert & Lisa Stewart Andy & Bev Warren Doug McNutt Aaron & Leticia Zapata Chaplain Ministry Jimmy & Nadia Dukes Beth Acton Joy Ayabe Clete Hux Jonah & Jennifer General Support Mission to the World — Japan Mission to the World — Ethiopia Trinity Center for World Missions — Central Africa Evangelist Mission to North America — Mexico Mission to North America Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship — Peru Wycliffe Bible Translators — Papua New Guinea Wycliffe Bible Translators — Papua New Guinea Apologetics Resource Center — Birmingham, AL Frontiers — Undisclosed Muslim Country Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Resource Center — Demopolis, AL Palmer Home for Children — Hernando, MS

# HOOKED ON PRAYER (HOP):

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Sall, Terry Segura, Chris Sharp, Chris Sims, Anna Katherine Sims, Sarah Spree, Thed Taylor, Marie TenHaaf, WM Thornton, Alaina VanderMolen, Popko Witherspoon, Mary Stewart Womble, Caleb Wright, Hettie



### **OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS**

Cancer: Jody Daugherty Luke (Jonah's son) Scott Kirkpatrick Maggie Brantley

### Illness:

lan Hogg Laura Morgan Neal Bules David Headley

#### Special Needs:

Liz Bond Sarah Elizabeth Hart Viola Cook William R. Horton Baby Oliver Sullivan The Hutton Family

#### Military Personnel:

Chaplain William Broderick Sam Brasfield Steven Mackin Victor Resto Joseph Wilson Josh Tyson Blake Ivy

Expectant Mothers:

Katie Gill Janie Basinger

If you know anyone who needs to be added or taken off any of these lists, please provide Ann Resto with the information to keep the prayer lists current.