
FCPC May 2016 Newsletter

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2016 Grace Notes



Your Session met on April 13, and it was a productive meeting. We put the finishing touches on our conversation time which was April 24. If you would like to add your thoughts to what has already been shared, we will add them to our tabulations. At our May meeting the Elders will get the tabulations so we can begin to create an action plan.

One comment that came from the discussion was that we would like to see something come of the discussion, we always talk but nothing seems to happen. From our town hall meetings last year we came up with 22 items, as of today 9 of them have been completed with another 9 still being developed. So things have happened, and we believe things will continue to get looked into as we are open to the leading of the Holy Spirit. We are leaving the questions here so that you would continue to share!

Administration:

1. What do you expect from your pastor?
2. What do you expect from your church?

Worship:

1. What keeps you from attending worship?
2. What can we do to uphold that covenant?

Small Groups:

1. What can a small group do for you?
2. How often would you want to meet together?

Mission:

1. What types of mission areas would you like to see our church focus on?
2. How often do you want to participate?

Education:

1. Are you and your children's Christian Education being met?
2. Anything you would like to see added? What would that be?

Membership:

1. How can we strengthen our visitor follow-up?
2. What should our visitor's first visit strategy be?

Our next meeting is May 11th at 7:30 p.m. You are invited to join us in our time of

Pastor's Corner

Last month I asked for your help in suggesting sermon ideas for this summer, and as of today I have 5 suggestions. As I have figured, I have 4 more spots available for this summer. If there is something you would like for me to preach on this summer, just email your question, topic, or thoughts to pastorgreggfcpc@gmail.com

Enjoy the Spring everybody!

In Christ's Service,

Gregg



Our mission here at FCPC is to be a Church that provides opportunities for all to serve, to celebrate & worship, and to share in the active pursuit of a life in Christ. Thank you for using your gifts to help each of us grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

May 15, 2016 at the 10:45 a.m. Service, we will honor the following teachers.

Adult Choir

Alice Johnson
Judy Seaver
Jill Shields

Children's Church

Anne Breitreutz
Ronee Christensen
Andy Melville
Amy Melville
Cheryl Miller
Anne Steinhausen

VBS

Courtney Baxter

Linda Bluedorn
Kristy Bolen
Trenton Bouwman
Kennedy Bradburn
Zoe Fickbohm
Ethan Hann
Alice Johnson
Cole Klabunde
Amy Melville
Cheryl Miller
Rev. Gregg Miller
Taylor Miller

Faith Village

Rebecca McMahon
Cheryl Miller
Kelli Shaner
Melaney Towerton
Katy White

Adult Spiritual Formation

Alice Johnson
Rev. Gregg Miller
Neale Shaner

ROCK

Cheryl Miller
Katy White

Jr. High Youth Group

Rev. Gregg Miller
Reg Boyer

Confirmation

Reg Boyer
Rev. Gregg Miller

Sr. High Youth Group

Kyle McMahon
Rebecca McMahon
Rev. Gregg Miller

Redemption Rockers

Kristy Bolen

Washington County Food Pantry Need

We are going to collect **Pasta Sauce**

Our goal is to collect **30** jars.

Have we met our monthly challenges?

January - Ramon Noodles - **Made it**

February - Tuna - **Made it!**

March - Canned Mixed Vegetable - **Missed the Mark**
- collected only 5 cans

April - Jell-O - **Missed the Mark** - collected 42 boxes

May - ???

PICTURES FOR DIRECTORY

Jill Shields will be taking the pictures of our new members and anyone else that would like a retake on their picture for the Church Directory. She will be available at both services on May 15th and May 29th.

If you have had an address change, phone number change or an e-mail change within the last year, please contact Teri in the church office by phone or by e-mail so that the Church Directory has the correct information.

ELEMENTARY FAITH VILLAGE

Please join us every Sunday at 9:30 for a time of spiritual formation for preschool through sixth grade. This is what we will be talking about in May.

May 8: Be My Witness – Acts 1:6-14

May 15: The Spirit Unleashed – Acts 2:1-13
May 22: Last Faith Village – Snack and Scavenger Hunt

2016 GRADUATES CELEBRATED

MAY 8, 2016
10:45 A.M. SERVICE
Nolyn Appel
Dacey Boudle
Jordan Coulter
Bradyn Hilgenfeld
Bret Klabunde
Jake Penas
Ethan Shaffer
Tessa Stevens

Please pray for these graduates!

You are all invited to celebrate the graduation of Jake Penas on
Saturday, May 7th
4:00-8:00 p.m.
At the Penas' House
309 South 16th Street

Fort Calhoun Graduation Ceremony is May 7th
2:00 p.m.

Save the date...

Vacation Bible School will be
June 6-10 from 9:00 – Noon

CAVE QUEST

Following JESUS - the light of the world!

Gear up for an over-the-top underground adventure!

*Ground kids in the rock-solid foundation of God's love, a love
that takes us through life's dark times.*

Please visit the church website @fcpchurch.com to download a registration form.

VBS Crew Leader and Station Helper Training

Vacation Bible School can't happen without the many people that volunteer to help each year. Could one of those people be you?

In order for VBS to run smoothly we need to have 32 student volunteers (completed 6th grade and above) along with approximately 20 adult volunteers. PLEASE consider sharing your time and your faith with the youth in our community.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Love God and be willing to share God's love with the youth in our community.
2. Be able to be at VBS each day (June 6-10) from 8:45 – 12:10.
3. Attend a training session to find out about this year's program, your responsibilities and to let us know where you would prefer to volunteer.

We will be having Vacation Bible School helper training on Wednesday, May 11th at 6:30 pm and Friday, May 13th after school (we would like to start by 1:40) at Schwertley Hall.

PLEASE send Cheryl an e-mail (cherylfcpc@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping or have questions about VBS. Thank you!

Adopt a Garden Bed

In an effort to make it easier for people to be involved in the Fort Calhoun CommUnity Garden we are going to try an “Adopt a Garden Bed” program this summer. Individuals, families or groups can “Adopt a Garden Bed”. The responsibilities are listed below.

Responsibilities:

1. Help plant your vegetable bed. (optional – seeds or plants will be provided and we will have a group planting day)
2. Water your vegetable bed weekly or as needed.
3. Weed your vegetable bed weekly or as needed.
4. Help harvest your vegetable as it ripens.

If you will be out of town or a situation arises where you cannot fulfill your responsibilities, you can either find someone to take care of your bed for you or you can let Teri McKennan or Cheryl Miller know and they will find someone for you.

A marker will be placed at each garden bed noting who has adopted the bed in appreciation of your dedication to our CommUnity Garden.

To Adopt a Garden Bed you can sign-up at the Catholic Church, the Presbyterian Church, email us at fccommunitygarden@gmail.com or send us a message via Facebook. Thank you for helping us to share God's love with our community by feeding each other and those in need.



We are meeting in May on the following dates:

May 15th - 6:00-7:30 p.m. We will enjoy a wonderful dinner (Menu depends on weather) and enjoy talking about

Contentment.

This time is open to anyone in High School and we will be meeting at the Miller's 1304 Adams St. Fort Calhoun.

Invite a friend to come with you to get away from school, practices, and just think about how your life and faith are connecting!

Questions, please either email pastorgreggfcpc@gmail.com or 402-616-4345.



Anniversaries

Davey and Marilyn Jensen	May 5
Josh and Ronee Christensen	May 11
Ward and Melissa Ruge	May 18
Chris and Sam Nanfito	May 19
Laura and Larry Krajicek	May 31

Birthdays

Clint Lewis	May 5
Jim Meyer	May 5
Owen Miller	May 5
Jamie Tietz	May 7
Louis Lester	May 10
Max Steinhausen	May 12
Katy White	May 12
Wyatt Appel	May 13
Sharon Voss	May 17
Dawn Bradburn	May 18
Bradyn Hilgenfeld	May 18
Stu Sprick	May 18

Shay Boudle	May 19
Joanne Slader	May 24
Ronee Christensen	May 25
Pat Nelson	May 31



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Please share with us how you like the new format. We are working on a calendar but just didn't get it done for this month. Thanks for your patience.

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