More Than Enough

—2 Corinthians 9:6-9 (CEV)

“God can bless you with everything you need, and you will always have more than enough to do all kinds of good things for others.”
Personals

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Elvin Gerard will celebrate his 98th birthday on October 17.
Harriet Landon will celebrate her 95th birthday on October 21.
Jean Gardner will celebrate her 93rd birthday on October 24.

ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS!

Jane & Charley Weathers celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on October 2.

IN MEMORIAM

Marjorie Fackler died September 4. She joined FPC in April 1939. Sympathy is extended to her daughter, Joyce Kuchar, Overland Park, and four grandsons.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED


Do you have information you’d like to have listed in the “Personals” section of the newsletter? Contact Beth at beth@fpcsalina.org today!

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from Pastor Charlie...

It doesn’t take a viewing of the movie “Braveheart” to know that the people who inhabit Scotland are a different sort. At the recent funeral of a dear friend’s father, the family’s Scottish heritage was grandly celebrated with bagpipes; the clan traced its roots to the Isle of Mull in Scotland (the family’s company was named Mull), and the father made it clear and often to his sons that their clan were underdogs whose motto is “Conquer or Die.”

As Presbyterians, our Reformation roots run through Scotland. The Scots Confession, charter doctrine of the Church of Scotland, is part of the PC(USA) Book of Confessions. Although the Scots Confession contains more than its share of polemics, its literary style is simple and direct regarding instructions about God’s promise and the church, the notes of the true Kirk (the Scottish word for “church”), church councils and their declarations, the sacraments, and civil authority. “Long we have thirsted, dear brethren, to have made known to the world the doctrine which we profess and for which we have suffered abuse and danger.” These words from the Preface to the Scots Confession express the sense of struggle and evangelical urgency that accompanied the Reformation in Scotland. This same sense comes through in the Confession’s final prayer, which calls upon God to confound God’s enemies, empower true servants to proclaim God’s Word, and turn every nation toward the truth. It reminds us that this first confessional standard of Presbyterianism was written in turbulent times.

Given all that, it’s natural to celebrate our Scottish Presbyterian heritage with a Kirkin’ O’ The Tartans service, which will be held at FPC Salina on Reformation Sunday, October 29th. (Another church that celebrates Kirkin’ also includes a Knobbiest Knees contest, with or without kilts. Should we try that here?)

Tartans, with their distinctive plaid, represent specific Scottish clans, regions, or regiments. The Kirkin’ O’ The Tartans, is the presentation of a Scottish family’s symbol, its tartan, at church for blessing. After Bonnie Prince Charlie’s Scottish forces were defeated by the English in 1746 in the Battle of Culloden, the wearing of tartans and the playing of bagpipes were forbidden in Scotland for many years. Wearing or displaying of tartans was punishable by death. During those years, some Scots wore concealed pieces of their tartan when they attended church. At a particular point in the worship service, they would secretly touch their hidden tartan cloth, and the minister would offer a blessing. The first formal “Kirkin” in America was conducted at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., in 1941.

Beyond the particular heritage of Scotland and its people, the Kirkin’ is intended to encourage all participants to reflect with thanksgiving on their own family and ethnic heritage, and to celebrate God’s grace poured out for all generations.
Children’s Christian Education (FBI)

The 2017-18 FBI and FBI-In-Training programs have started off with a bang! We began this programming year with a party at Starlite Skating Rink (you should see the skate talent among our children)! We have a number of returning children, as well as some new children attending our programs! It is such a joy to see those sweet faces each Wednesday.

The month of September marked the start of our programming, and also included our annual "Bee the Church" Sunday. A number of our children and families participated in putting together Happy Bear kits for the Children Advocacy Parenting Services (CAPS). We built approximately 80 kits- and, a project that would’ve taken their one designated employee a couple days, took our families a quick 45 minutes! It is such a rewarding feeling to know that we accomplished a task that means so much to so many in such a quick time frame.

As we look forward to the month of October, we have a number of exciting activities to look forward to. On Wednesday, October 4th, our Faithful Bible Investigators will put together 'Blessing Kits' utilizing donations provided by YOU- the congregation. We are so grateful for your donations and look forward to this service project. Then, we will spend the next couple weeks learning about the different parts of worship AND preparing a service lead by the children. We hope that you’ll join us on Sunday, October 22nd during worship, at 10 am, for the 2017 Children's Sabbath!

As always, your support is so greatly appreciated! What a blessing all of the children are to this congregation and the life of the church. Additionally, YOU are such a blessing to our children and children’s program. Thank you for your support!

Much Love,  
Shelby Dickson

Nursery CLOSED  
Thanksgiving - Nov 26  
Christmas Eve - Dec 24  
New Years Eve - Dec 31
The new mid-high program began with lots of laughter, great discussion, delicious food, and a NEW name! It is my pleasure to present to you, our mid-high youth - THE GOD SQUAD!

The new name was determined completely by our youth at our first meeting. They hope that this name represents our weekly focus and the unity of our group. We hope that you’ll begin referring to the mid-high as the “God Squad” when you speak with others in the community, ask youth about this program, and in any reference to this program.

Each week we meet at a new location for dinner and discussions from 6-7 pm on Tuesday evenings. September dinners included Blue Skye and Buffalo Wild Wings - YUM! Our discussions derive from the youth study book, ‘The Wesley Challenge’ by Chris Folmsbee, which brings about powerful discussions that focuses on fostering an “authentic faith.”

Jacob, my husband, and I feel so honored to have this opportunity to work with the 6-8th graders of our church. They warm our hearts and make us laugh each week! We look forward to continued discussions and laughter!

- Shelby Dickson

HeBreows @ Mokas

FPC high school students returned to Mokas each Thursday morning in September. On Wednesday each week, students are texted a short devotional and a brief review of topics to learn more about what we, as Presbyterians, believe and how our beliefs compare or differ from other denominations. The source material is taken from Josh McDowell’s, #Truth, 365 Devotions for Teens and Donald K. McKim’s, Presbyterian Questions. Presbyterian Answers. September questions:

1. Do we really eat and drink the “body and blood” of Jesus in the Lord’s Supper?
2. Where was Jesus before he came to earth?
3. What is the basic message of the Bible?

Students attending also discuss current events of our world: Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, high school shooting death in Washington state, and taking a knee during “The Star Spangled Banner”.

Those in attendance at our first meeting selected this HeBreows logo as representational of the group.

We have a great group with room for more. Come check it out! Our meeting content is not tied to the previous week, so whenever you can make it, you will always fit right in. Come enjoy good company, conversation and a “free” breakfast! Thursday mornings, at Mokas on E. Crawford at 6:45(ish) to 7:30 am.

- Randy Graham
Adult Education Opportunities

The Adult Education Committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month, 5:30 PM in the Hope Room. Please join us as we develop and lead our Christian Adult Educational Programs. You may email any suggestions to: adulteducation@fpcsalina.org.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS OCTOBER 2ND

The FPC Women’s Bible Study group will begin a new Bible Study group, beginning October 2nd, brought to us by the PW/Horizons Bible study, and titled “Cloud of Witnesses, the Community of Christ in Hebrews” by Melissa Bane Sevier. Please join us on a journey over nine lessons (the first Monday of each month), as the author invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews, relate these themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of community.

Please email the committee with any questions to adulteducation@fpcsalina.org or ask the office staff. Let us know if you will be there in the fall and we will put you on the email list and order you the study guide. We hope to see you there!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR SOME YOGA @ FPC!

Anytime is a perfect time to join Yoga at FPC! It doesn’t matter if you have not joined this group before, please stop by any Wednesday to stretch those muscles, slow down and listen to your inner self too. You can join Cathy Hayes and other women and men for yoga on Wednesdays, 5-6 pm. A suggested donation of $5, but is not required. All levels of ability are welcome for an integration of body, mind and the spirit. If you have any questions, email yoga@fpcsalina.org.

BIBLE IN 90 DAYS PROGRAM UPDATE

“Are we there yet?” Every parent knows the experience of hearing that question, again and again, from children while traveling on vacation. The same impatience is evident in so many other aspects of our lives: waiting in a line that never seems to move; listening to a sales-pitch that seemingly will never end on the telephone.

My guess is that the more than 80 participants in The Bible in 90 Days reading program are well into the impatient stage in their slow and seemingly never-ending progress through the Old Testament. They surely must have asked, more than once, “Are we there yet? Haven’t we reached the New Testament yet?” The truth is, of the 66 books of the Bible, only 27 of them are in the New Testament. What that means is that B90 participants won’t actually begin reading the New Testament until the end of Week Ten of the 14-week course, beginning October 15th. Then, they’ll be surprised at how quickly they sprint from Matthew (starting on Day 69) to Revelation.

I hope that the B90 participants are enjoying the experience and appreciate their accomplishments. The lively class discussions, and the excellent DVD lectures, have been invigorating. Please pray for your friends and neighbors continuing in the challenge. And prayerfully consider whether you’d like to take part (or if your busy schedule will accommodate) in reading The Bible in 90 Days next time we accept the challenge.
Walk to Bethlehem (W2B)

*Let the journey begin.... again... to greet our Savior.*

Diana Smith and Brigid Hall are back to coordinate FPC’s....

**2017 Walk to Bethlehem (W2B)**

**First Day: Saturday, October 28th. Last Day: Friday, December 22nd.**

Do you recall that in 2016 we awarded points for all kinds of activities? Well, this continues in 2017. Miles will be awarded for “sporty” and “non-sporty” activities. We think everyone can find a way to participate AND we will need every mile we can get to cover the thousands of land and sea miles we have in front of us.

Sporty: Pretty much any sport played or practiced; any walking or running; tennis, yoga, golf, etc. etc. School sports and club sports count, too. For some sporty options, you will report miles accumulated (like in track or cross country, golf, walking/running, school marathon, etc.) For others, like tennis, time at the gym, school sports practice, etc.) just give us the time spent and there’s a formula to translate those activities into miles.

Non-sporty: Give us the time spent on a church activity, and we'll come up with the miles. For example, come to worship on Sunday or for Midweek Manna, and you get miles. Kids and youth activities like FBI and HeBrews, Sunday School and other Bible studies get you points, too. We even award points for yard work (motivation to rake leaves?)

Look for the W2B Display at church beginning in October. Register now if you want via email to bdhall@swbell.net or by text to 785-571-8097. (Always include your name with any registration.) You will be able to register at the display, too, once it is up. At the display, you will find the materials to help you track your miles, including passports, activities and mileage information, and the devotionals to help us focus on the reason for the Journey.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: OCTOBER 8**

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, October 8th, at 3 p.m., we’ll celebrate all creatures great and small with a Blessing of the Animals service in the courtyard. October 4th is the feast of Francis of Assisi, who was born in the 12th century and is the patron saint of animals and the environment. In the Scriptures, the act of blessing means “the imparting of power or life.” The person performing the blessing is mediating that power from God or Christ to the person performing or the animal involved. To bless is more than an expression of goodwill and caring. To bless is to impart God’s power in person! The blessing of each animal, by name, means that health, healing and life are being mediated from God for the benefit of the animal in its relationship with its human partners.
Stewardship 2018 - Will You Answer God’s Call?

Stewardship packets are out for delivery in your neighborhood. Please prayerfully consider your level of financial commitment through your pledge for the coming year. Pledging is a vital part answering God’s call. Pledging allows the fellow members of your congregation, serving on committees, to make plans for next year. These plans include ministering to our own, those in our community, those in our state and other states and those in foreign countries.

Just this past week, the activities of “Bee the Church” Sunday, served as a beautiful example of what we can accomplish with the gifts of our time, talents and financial support.

Thanks to your pledges, the Social Justice and Mission Committee was ready to answer the call to aid those in need due to the recent horrific flooding in Texas and Florida. FPC provided $5,000 to the relief effort and FPC members participated in the collection of supplies and the assembly of Clean-Up Buckets.

Other FPC committees mobilized to aid:
- the Love, Chloe Foundation, through the Monkey in My Chair Program
- the Child Advocacy & Parenting Services (CAPS)
- the Laundry Love Initiative
- to serve members of FPC with projects at their homes
- to provide upkeep to the grounds of FPC

Did you know that it takes approximately $2,000 per day to fulfill our mission?

Did you know that our plate offerings cover less than two days of our mission work?

That is why making and honoring our financial pledges is so vital.

So, we ask that you please recall 2 Corinthians 9:8, when your Stewardship Packet arrives at your door.

“God can bless you with everything you need, and you will always have more than enough to do all good things for others.” - 2 Corinthians 9:8
Did you know you can pay your pledge online?

Once you have accessed the giving page, via our website at: http://www.fpcsalina.org/#/online-giving, you have the option to setup an account (you must do this, if you want to contribute via bank account) or you may utilize "quick give" without going through the initial setup process. Setting up a contributor account is encouraged, as you will have access to all giving history via this method, have the option to setup recurring gifts, and many other features!

In addition to your pledge, there are many other ways you may contribute to the church. Select the fund you want to contribute to in the drop down menu when remitting online. Those options are:

Current Pledge  
Non-pledge Gift  
Youth Offering  
Radio Sponsorship  
Midweek Manna Meals  
Circles Meals  

Trustees Donation  
Peace & Global Witness  
One Great Hour of Sharing  
Christmas Joy  
Pentecost Offering  
Refugee Offering  
Youth Ministry Donation  
Youth Mission Trip  
Children’s Christian Education  
Prior Year Pledge  
FPC Attire  
Guatemala Mission Trip  

Endowment Fund  
Memorial Gift  
Chancel Flowers  
Poinsettia Order  
Easter Flower Order  

We accept donations via all payment methods. For credit cards, we have enabled the option of the donor contributing towards the processing fees associated with credit card acceptance. If you are making an in-kind contribution or paying your pledge, the additional 2.75% processing fee is also tax deductible.
BEE THE CHURCH

Our Pastor Bee!

See more pictures on our Facebook page!
BEE THE CHURCH

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MidWeek Manna Worship Service

As part of a Reformed, confessional church (which has its own *Book of Confessions*), we here at First Presbyterian Church Salina recite an Affirmation of Faith weekly. More often than not, it’s the Apostles’ Creed. The Apostles’ Creed, an expansion of Jesus’ Great Commission in Matthew 28:19, is recognized as a universal statement of the Trinitarian faith of the Christian church. It was originally used as a baptismal creed. Martin Luther said the Apostles’ Creed, which is split into three groups – one for God, one for Jesus, one for the Holy Spirit – covers three elements: Creation, Redemption, and Sanctification.

My hunch is that most of us know the words to the creed by heart. But do we really pay attention to the words we’re saying? Or are we reciting words that we’ve known for so long that we give them little thought? The question was raised recently by a congregation member about a phrase in the Apostles’ Creed about Jesus: “He descended into hell.” What does that mean?

On September 20th, at the fall kickoff to the MidWeek Manna meal and worship service every Wednesday, we began a five-week series that explores the Apostles’ Creed. The popular informal service provides a chance for families to worship together that may not be able to attend Sunday morning because of busy schedules. MidWeek Manna is a valuable outreach to families connected to FPC through the childrens’ programs on Wednesday afternoons, as well as to the wider community. This fall, MidWeek Manna is being promoted through radio and newspaper advertisements, as well as outdoor banners. The best way to spread the word, though, is through word of mouth. FPC members: Tell your friends and neighbors to join us on Wednesday, and give it a try if you have not attended.

All Saints Sunday/Throwback Sunday

On Sunday, November 5th (the closest Sunday to All Saints’ Day, November 1st), First Presbyterian Church, Salina, will celebrate those who have been FPC members for 50 years or more. True to our Reformed roots, we’ll also give thanks not only for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, but for the ongoing sanctification of the whole people of God. Rather than putting saints on pedestals as holy people set apart in glory, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of the believers in this and every age. This is an appropriate time to give thanks to members of the community of faith who have died in the past year. We also pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God’s eternal realm.

You might remember that last year, we celebrated All Saints’ Sunday with a Throwback Theme, using a bulletin from the 1920s and dressing accordingly. Plans are in the works for a similar event this year, though no final decision has been made. We’ll let you know!
On August 27th, we recognized and said good-bye to Sarah Payne and Penni White for their faithful service to the FBI program, and Tricia Cobb for her devotion and work with the Youth program.
Sign Up for Sunday Chancel Flowers!

You are invited to sign up, using the form below, as a Sunday Chancel flower donor for any Sunday this year. Perhaps there is a particular date that is important to you to honor or memorialize someone. All donors (whether there is one or ten!) and those memorialized or honored will be listed in the bulletin on the date desired. The cost is $20.00. Please contact the office with any questions at office@fpcsalina.org or 785-825-0226.

Please list date desired: ____________________________________________

Please list EXACTLY the way you want your name(s) listed as donor:
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Given in Memory of
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Return the form, with your payment of $20.00, to

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At one time or another, I’m sure many of you have had questions about our hymnal, the hymns and their origins. Where do these songs of praise come from? Who wrote them? On Sunday, November 12, we are going to give you some answers!

A Festival of Hymns is a unique festival service that features significant hymn writers through the ages, from the fourth century through the 20th century, telling their own stories in the first person. This is a musical-dramatic work born of the church and written for the church, and is intended to enhance the understanding of hymns by all generations, including children.

The Festival is written for choir, organ, brass, timpani and requires a LOT of congregational singing! So, come on Sunday, November 12, bring your best singing voice and share the experience!