One of my passions has been to be involved in community education, whether youth tutoring, the Greenville School Foundation or something else. It has been exciting to see people get inspired to learn more, sometimes even after they have left a formal classroom setting. A slogan that has been a focus for community education is “Life Long Learning.” When you think about that phrase, it is a pretty good one for Christians as well.

Part of our call to discipleship is life long learning. The word “disciple” means “pupil” or “student”. Our learning process does not end at confirmation, or graduation from high school, or college, but continues on throughout our adult life. Jesus Christ wants to continue to challenge us to grow, so that we can mature in him.

The Bible is such an important book in that growth process, because it speaks to the issues and the concerns which we face on a day by day basis. As Christians, it will be to our benefit to become students of God’s Word, so that we are equipped to handle the stresses and strains of life.

I am excited to anticipate Kickoff Sunday this year, September 11 as adults, youth and children begin anew in our Christian education classes. To see people talking about the Lord is exciting for me and everyone involved. A hearty thanks to all who are preparing in advance to make everything happen.

When we study the Bible, it becomes a living book for us. Stuart Briscoe recalls an experience when he was doing some work on an airplane. He had an open Bible in front of him. A stewardess came up to him and said, “You know, four years ago the Bible was a dead book to me. Then something happened, and I can’t explain it, but I can’t get enough of it. I devour it.”

“I know what happened,” Briscoe answered. “Have you ever read a book that was boring, then one day you met the author? Afterwards you picked up the same book, and said, ‘I know who wrote this,’ and it became the most exciting book in the world to you.”

“Yes, that’s what happened to me, I met the author.”

Briscoe makes the point, “When we meet the author of the Word of God, He begins to write it in our heart, instead of hitting us over the head with it. We begin to desire it, instead of resenting it.”

Meeting, knowing and walking with the Author of the Word of God, this is the goal of our Christian Education hour. In one phrase, it’s being a disciple. It’s life long learning. Please see attached flyer for this year’s Christian Education schedule. Plan to be present and meet the Author.

Act on it,

Pastor John
**RightNow Media Quick Start Guide:**

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*EACH INDIVIDUAL IN A HOUSEHOLD MAY HAVE THEIR OWN ACCOUNT*

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**FALL KICK OFF**
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 9:30 A.M.
**WORSHIP W/COMMUNION:** 10:30 A.M.
**COFFEE HOUR:** 11:30 A.M.

*PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE FOR WORSHIP!

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
IS LABOR DAY.

THE CHURCH
WILL BE CLOSED
FOR THE
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We need a new LOGOS Choir Director. This is a volunteer position and could be divided up among two or three people. If you have any interest in this ministry, please contact Marnelise van der Walt.

Attention Singers: Our Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, August 31 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary to prepare for services this fall. We will not be wearing robes or sitting in the choir pews this year. Instead we will sit in the congregation and sing at the designated time. We welcome anyone who would enjoy singing with us.
The Regular Meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, OH was called to order at 7:00 PM on August 11, 2016, by the Moderator, the Clerk of Session, Ed Cornell, in the Church Board Room/Library.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Clerk of Session Ed Cornell.

A quorum was present for the meeting and official business was conducted.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elders Lisa Headley, Jane Tester, Tony Walters, Russ Royer, Ginny Bertram, Helen Miller, Tina Smith, Ray Laughlin, and Darrell Fryman.

ABSENT:

EXCUSED: Pastor John Person, Elders Hendrik van der Walt and Craig Leland.

We Assemble in God’s Name

Opening – Ed Cornell lit the candle and gave the call to worship, after which he opened the meeting with a prayer.

We Celebrate Our Past

† Additions to Agenda -
† Approval of Agenda – Elder Royer moved to approve the agenda. Elder Headley seconded and the motion passed.
† Approval of Minutes from last meeting: June 9, 2016.

It was VOTED to approve the Minutes of the meeting of June 9, 2016 with a motion by Elder Bertram and a second by Elder Miller. The motion passed.

CLERK’S REPORT:
† Communication and Correspondence: Oxford Presbyterian Church, Brewer Bullet & Student Impact Tokyo, Brad Hare, EPC, Holcombs. Elder Smith moved to accept Elder Hare’s resignation from Session with regret. Elder Royer seconded and the motion passed.
† Letters of Transfer - none
† Prayer of Confession
† Declaration of Pardon

We Present Our Offering

MODERATOR’S REPORT:
2. Retreat – Thank you to volunteers, cooks, and organizers.
3. ReviveOHIO

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT: No report

GOOD OF THE CHURCH: INTERCESSORY PRAYER
† The Person family – safe return † Bill Klein † Marty & Virginia Tienken
† Johann & Suzanne Hugo safe return to South Africa † Bill Funderburg
† Paulette Shields † Sandra Brawley † Sam & Christa
† The Hare family † Jane & Webb Flowers † Alex Thomas
† Youth traveling back from Colorado
MINISTRIES REPORTS:
† “Preventing Child Sexual Abuse within Youth Servicing Organizations” from the CDC. Please read before our next Session meeting.

DEACON’S REPORT: Not available

ACTION ITEMS:
- Motion to approve financial reports for June & July 2016. Elder Tester moved to approve the reports. Elder Bertram seconded and the motion passed.
- Motion to approve replacement of steps on Fourth Street was made by Elder Miller and seconded by Elder Smith. The motion passed.
- Motion to approve CPR & AED re-training for staff @ $25 per person and anyone else interested (at their own cost and if space allows) on September 19 at 1 p.m. was made by Elder Tester and seconded by Elder Bertram. The motion passed.
- Motion to approve Hope & Recovery new program on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. for 16 weeks (starting date?) was made by Elder Headley and seconded by Elder Smith. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT: It was VOTED to adjourn the meeting.

CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting of Session was set for Thursday, September 8, 2016, at 7:00 PM at the church.

Respectfully submitted,
Darrell Fryman, Clerk Pro Tem
Ed Cornell, Moderator

First Presbyterian Church is holding a CPR/AED training event on Monday, September 19 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is $25 per person and the training will include instructions on using the AED device, CPR and some First Aid. Anyone interested in attending this event should call the church office.

FEED OHIO 2016
(FEED DARKE COUNTY)
SEPTEMBER 1—30, 2016
All local donations benefit local food banks!
Area libraries are Feed Ohio Drop Zones—and you can reduce an overdue fine by $1.00 for every qualifying food donation.
Each library will have a list of eligible items for donation.
Anyone wishing to be Liturgist for a Sunday should contact Becky Luce or the church office.

Sept. 4  Becky Luce  
Sept. 11 Helen Miller  
Sept. 18 Available  
Sept. 25 Anna Lee Dickerson

Anyone wishing to donate flowers for a Sunday Worship, please call Cathy Cornell (548-7207) or the church office (548-3188).

All September dates are available!

PLEASE...If you are interested in hosting a coffee hour after church...there are plenty of Sundays still open for such an opportunity! The Coffee Center located in the kitchen has instructions on how to prepare coffee and all the supplies are together in that area. Just bring punch and 6 to 6 1/2 dozen baked goods to share! There is a sign-up poster in the kitchen, or call Helen Miller at 548-0271.

Sept. 4  Steve & Lisa Headley  
Sept. 11 Cathy Cornell, Deacons  
Sept. 18 Available  
Sept. 25 Mission Committee, Session

To sign up for a Children's sermon, contact Marnelise van der Walt or sign up in the church office. Angie is willing to help volunteers locate a free children's sermon online.

Sept. 4  Anna Lee Dickerson  
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Sept. 18 Nikki Gilmore  
Sept. 25 Jan Boyer

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!  
CALL ANGIE AT 548-3188 TO SIGN UP!
2016 Youth Deacons &
Acolyte Schedulers
Alex Vehre
Harding Stevenson

Sept. 04  Alex Vehre
Sept. 11  Jayden Mumaw
Sept. 18  Carson Henry
Sept. 25  Libby McKinney

Things to remember when lighting candles: Your child needs to be at the back of the church at least five minutes before the service begins. Please be available to light their lighter. Also, mark your calendars for the dates your child is to acolyte. If there is any Sunday that you know your child will not be available, please try to exchange Sundays with another family. If that doesn’t work, please call the Youth Deacon for the current month.

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Note: One of the responsibilities of a greeter includes helping to tidy up the sanctuary after services! Also, if you are unable to greet on a day you are signed up for, please try to locate someone to either trade with you, or take your day prior to calling your scheduler. Anyone who would like to be a greeter should contact the Deacons.
PRAYER CONCERNS KNOWN TO US AT THIS TIME

*Please note—Call the church office at 548-3188 to put an individual or family on the prayer list. Also, when adding someone to the prayer list, it is very helpful if you provide that person’s address so that our card ministry can send them a card and let them know we are praying for them and that we care.

Prayer Concerns Known To Us At This Time Include:
Becky Peltz; Lindsey Ricker – Tina Smith’s niece; Greg Shields; Mary Bankson – Holly Finnarn’s mother; Buddy Jones & family; Tony & Charlene Walters; Elizabeth (Liz) Zigler Broer – Gloria Buckingham’s niece; Jamel Gray; Janet Headley – Steve Headley’s mother; Dola Roll; Bob Baker - Angie Spurlock’s father; David Keller, son-in-law of Susan Gray; Mary Martin; Dan Nord; Kody Ketting – a friend of Phyllis Royer; Evelyn Fueger – Leslie Greendyke’s mother; Hazel Blanchard; Tony A. Walters – son of Tony Walters; Gloria Buckingham; Paulette Garrison; Paul Boyer; Tim E. Walters – Tony Walters’ son; Martin Tienken; Paulette Shields; Jan Boyer; Sandra Brawley; Bill Klein; Bill Funderburg; and Dana Holzapfel – Jeff & Diane Amick’s sister-in-law.

Please Continue to Pray for The long-Term Needs of The Following:
Matt Schenecker; Petria Eloff; Christine Keet – Petria Eloff’s mother; Robert Wessling – Angie Spurlock’s grandfather; Max Fueger, Leslie Greendyke’s father; Pat Foreman – Anna Lee Dickerson’s sister; and Jay Montebon – friend of Dan Hawley.

September Missionary Prayer List

September 4  Rev. Thomas and Jennifer McIntyre and children are in Taiwan. Pray that God open the hearts of the Taiwanese who are less than 3% Christian and raise leaders to pastor future churches.

September 11  Sean, Angie and their children are in Southeast Asia. Pray God provides what is needed for our calling and help us with the challenges of daily emotional and spiritual discouragement and physical discomfort.

September 18  Mike and Tammy are in Southeast Asia. Pray that we quickly learn the language so that we can proclaim the name of Jesus and salvation only in His name. We need God’s protection from the enemy’s attempts to stifle the gospel.

September 25  Rev. Tim and Karen and their children are in the Muslim world. Pray for wisdom for them as they pursue new opportunities to be involved in ministry among Muslim in Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

Illumination 2016 ~ Saturday, September 17

Performers include: Kellen, Radiant, The Lasting Hope, Hannah Schaefer, KJ-52, Blanca, Building 429 & Matthew West.

Midway Activities available: High ropes course w/zip line, Rock Climbing Wall, Ga Ga Ball, Laser Tag, Inflatable Bounce House & Obstacle Course & various other Youth Group activities. Activity wristband is only $5.00 per person.

CROP WALK—Recruiter Rally
Thursday, September 8, at Greenville First United Methodist (202 W. Fourth St.)

CROP WALK EVENT
Sunday, October 9, Registration at 1:30, Walk at 2:00
Greenville City Park Shelter House #3
IMPORTANT DATES

09/01 Regan Bowman
09/02 Ginny Bertram
09/06 Charlene Thornhill, Paul Boyer
09/11 Polly Klein, Allie DePuy
09/12 Marnelise van der Walt, Kate Rehmert
09/13 William Farrell, Ed Peltz, Becky Luce
09/14 Brittany Kuhn, Zachary Hounshell, Patricia Haines
09/16 Natalie Bowman, Beth Peden
09/19 Ben Hudson, Buzz Blanchard
09/27 Diane Amick
09/29 Ken Krick
09/30 Sandra Brawley, Chase Detrick

Anniversaries this Month

09/01 Kurt & Tina Smith
09/05 John & Jody Lockhart
09/07 Mark & Gail Bankson
09/15 Ted & Holly Finnarn
09/16 Ed & Becky Peltz
09/20 Jan & Linda Demuth
9/24 Frank & Nikki Gilmore

Tuesday Gals will meet in September, details are forthcoming. Watch your bulletins for more information and RSVP details.

Stephen Ministers will meet next on Wednesday, September 21, at 12:15 in the Church Parlor. In the meantime, SM’s will visit with home bound and/or nursing home friends.

Do you have a concern or need that you want to talk about?
A Stephen Minister is the perfect listening ear - call the church office to arrange for a Stephen Minister to visit you.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION APPRECIATION & 3RD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

DEACONS SOUP & SALAD
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, FOLLOWING WORSHIP
RSVP FORMS COMING SOON TO A BULLETIN NEAR YOU!

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LOGOS NEWS

September 14  Welcome Back  Registration & Introductions
September 21  We are still in the planning stages—the LOGOS schedule will be emailed to LOGOS families and available in the Narthex on or before September 21! Thank you for your patience!
September 28

† Dessert donations for our Wednesday night meals AND willing hands to help clean up following the meal are always needed. Please call Marnelise at 548-3188 if you can help.

† Please Note: If Greenville City Schools are cancelled or dismiss early due to snow or frigid temperatures, LOGOS will be cancelled. However, if GCS cancel due to morning fog or building issues, LOGOS will NOT be cancelled.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AVAILABLE

Several Sunday School and Christian Education options are available for all ages at First Presbyterian Church this fall. We encourage all adults to attend a Sunday School class—try them all out and pick your favorite!

The YoungER adult class will meet in the Library beginning Sept. 11 and is taking study suggestions from those in attendance. This class will meet at 9:30.

Encouragers, led by Don Boyer will meet in the Parlor on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 11 and will be starting a study on the Book of Luke.

Jr. & Sr. High (and 6th grade) students will gather for Bible Study in the basement and will begin on Sept. 11 at 9:30 a.m. This class will be studying the Book of Ephesians and is led by George & Becky Luce.

A K-5th grade class will meet in the classrooms behind the balcony area upstairs beginning Sept. 11 at 9:30 a.m. This class is run by Holly Finnarn and Margaret Hayes. If attendance is large enough, this class could separate into two smaller classes.

Preschool children are taught various lessons during their time in Sunday School. Ginny Bertram leads the way for our youngest students beginning Sept. 11. in the “2 & 3 year olds” classroom on the main floor. This class will begin at 9:30 a.m. and run through Worship, ending at 11:30 a.m.

Children ages 0-2 will play and enjoy time with one another while learning simple Biblical lessons in the Nursery. This class will begin at 9:30 a.m. and run through Worship, ending at 11:30 a.m. Marnelise van der Walt takes charge of this class. *If there are only one or two babies in this class, we often join the Preschool aged children in the room next door. Parents are asked to pick up their children prior to going to Coffee Hour.

Note to Sunday School teachers/leaders: The EPC asks for a Sunday School attendance number on the Annual Report. To accurately report these numbers, we are providing teachers with “attendance sheets” that should be completed each Sunday. Sheets can be left in your classroom or brought to the church office following Sunday School. Thank you for your cooperation.
The Link

Darke County Solid Waste District
Used Tire Recycling Collection Day
Wednesday, September 21, 2016
MUST BE PREREGISTERED - PREREGISTRATION MUST BE DONE IN PERSON AT DC SOLID WASTE DISTRICT OFFICE
**EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

Parents Name ____________________________________________________
Address ________________________________________________________
Home Phone _____________Work _______________Cell----------------------
Church Affiliation _________________________________________________

In the case of medical emergency, the LOGOS program personnel are authorized to take my child to the hospital for emergency care.

Signature of Parent or Guardian____________________________________

Please list any allergies your children may have to food, medications, etc.

LOGOS, our free Wednesday night children’s program at the First Presbyterian Church, will be starting on **Wednesday, September 14, 2016** and run through **April 5, 2017**. The program is for children age 2 through 5th Grade, and is scheduled from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

We encourage all parents to bring their children and their children’s friends to this **FREE** community outreach every Wednesday. The kids are going to have fun with music, games, sound biblical teaching and a family meal. All four parts of our LOGOS program; **Bible Study, Recreation, Family Time, and Worship**, work together to nurture our kids into the right relationship with God and others.

During Family Time we provide time for kids to eat sitting at a table with Table Parents. This is a wonderful opportunity to volunteer and spend quality time with the kids of our church/community, and help to teach acceptable social behavior and skills. It also creates a wonderful bond between the adults and kids.

Worship skills are instilled so the kids can practice and develop ways to worship God.

Parents will be able to register their children on **Wednesday, September 14, 2016** from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Narthex. Registration forms will also be available in the office. **Let us follow God’s commandment in Mark 10:14” Let the Children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those**
## THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR— September

| Sept. 1  | Dan 9-10        | Sept. 16 | 1 Chron. 9-10 |    |
| Sept. 2  | Dan 11-12       | Sept. 17 | 1 Chron. 11-12|    |
| Sept. 3  | Ezra 1-2        | Sept. 18 | 1 Chron. 13-15|    |
| Sept. 4  | Ezra 3-5        | Sept. 19 | 1 Chron. 16-17|    |
| Sept. 5  | Ezra 6-7        | Sept. 20 | 1 Chron. 18-20|    |
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| Sept. 15 | 1 Chron. 7-8    | Sept. 30 | 2 Chron. 19-21|    |

### Talents Sign Up

- [ ] Children’s Sermon
- [ ] Sunday School helper/leader
- [ ] Liturgist
- [ ] Sr. High Youth
- [ ] Funeral Meals
- [ ] Provide a meal for Caring Cooks
- [ ] Choir/Provide Special Music
- [ ] Christian Education leader
- [ ] Congregational Retreat Committee
- [ ] Nursery
- [ ] Coffee Hour
- [ ] Stephen Ministry
- [ ] Fold & Stuff bulletins
- [ ] Fill in for Secretary
- [ ] Serving as a Deacon
- [ ] Children’s Choir Leader
- [ ] Serve on Finance Committee
- [ ] Janitorial help
- [ ] Greeter
- [ ] LOGOS
- [ ] JAM (JR High Youth)
- [ ] Proof-reading
- [ ] Give a Faith Story
- [ ] Serving on Session
- [ ] Tutor at South School
- [ ] Media Team
- [ ] Other ____________

My name is: __________________________________  Call me at: _______________________

### LOGOS VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in serving in any of the following ways, please check and turn in at the church office.

- [ ] Worship/Music
- [ ] Table Parent
- [ ] K-5 Games
- [ ] Washing dishes/Clean up
- [ ] Decorate Fellowship hall
- [ ] Teaching
- [ ] K-5 Crafts
- [ ] Cook Team
- [ ] Substitute Teaching
- [ ] Donating Desserts

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CHURCH HOURS
Mon.- Fri., 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
(Closed 12:00 p.m.—12:30 p.m.)
Sat., Church Closed
Sunday 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

WORSHIP SERVICE
*begins Sept. 11*
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

ELDERS
Russ Royer, Lisa Headley,
Helen Miller, Ray Laughlin,
Darrell Fryman, Hendrik van der Walt, Ginny Bertram,
Jane Tester, Tony Walters, Craig Leland,
Tina Smith, John Person,
Pastor & Ed Cornell,
Clerk.

DEACONS
Karen Henninger, Marilyn Light,
George Luce, Lauren Henry,
Kelly Hounshell,
Pam Bowman, Cathy Cornell,
Bill Klein, Shirley Headley,
Beth Vehre, Randy Tester,
Tim Kuhn, Gina Fryman,
Alex Vehre (Youth)

STAFF
John M. Person, Pastor
Marnelise van der Walt, Logos Director
& Financial Secretary
Nikki Gilmore, Youth Director
Angela Spurlock, Church Secretary
Dan Hawley, Youth Assistant, Sexton,
& Custodian
Donn Thornhill, Maintenance
Marilyn Light, Choir Director