



Life and Times of FEPC

FIRST EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKFORT, INDIANA

Focus on God, Equip God's People, Proclaim Christ, Change the World

A monthly summary of activities at First Evangelical Presbyterian Church

January 2025

Monday Morning Prayers
@ 7:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall



Quilts on Wings
Will NOT meet in January



Wednesday, January 8
Discipletown and
Wednesday Evening Small Groups
Resume



Sunday, January 12
Installation of Officers
Soup Lunch Fund Raiser @ 11 a.m.



Annual Congregational Meeting
Saturday, January 25
Pitch-in meal @ 5 p.m.
Meeting @ 6 p.m.



Bloodmobile
Thursday, January 30



Borrowing Policy

If you need to borrow tables, chairs or other equipment from the church, please be sure to check with **Mark Calvin** to be sure it won't be needed or hasn't been reserved by someone else. The policy states that we will not lend out kitchen equipment.

Happy New Year

NEW Small Group

A new men's small group will begin Wednesday evenings at 6:00, starting January 8. This group will meet in the choir room and begin a study on Genesis. No reservation needed, just show up! Questions? Contact Doug Montgomery or Jeff Hardesty.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation has been scheduled for Saturday, January 25. Please mark your calendars. A pitch-in meal will be served at 5:00 and the meeting will follow. Please bring a dish or dessert to share.

Mixed Adult Small Group

This group meets Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the center section of Fellowship Hall. We will resume meetings on January 8, when we begin a new 12-week video study by R. C. Sproul titled *What Did Jesus Do?* If you are not in a small group already, please join us.

Church Offices Closed

January 1, 2025—New Year's Day

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Sunday Morning Schedule

Sunday Fellowship: 8:30 a.m. (coffee and donuts)
Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School (all ages): 10:15 a.m.
*Staffed Nursery all morning

For week day staff office hours, please visit
www.fepcfrankfort.org, or phone the church.

Prayer Requests brasilianheart@gmail.com

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CONNECT WORSHIP GROW

If you received this issue by U.S. mail but would like to receive Life and Times of FEPC electronically, please email kalen@fepcfrankfort.org.

Congregational Care

As a reminder, should any congregational care needs arise, you can contact the church office, your Elder Shepherd, or any of the members of the 3 C's Ministry:

Doyal Bell	Kalen Jackson
Karen Biery	Patty Nash
Joyce Peters	Rodney Thies

SERMON INFORMATION

Jan 5 - "Finding Satisfaction with Jesus"
Psalm 63:1-5
Pastor Brently Jordan

Jan 12 - TBD

Jan 19 - TBD

Jan 26 - TBD

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Jan 5 - Gayla D. - Jesus in the Wilderness
Jan 12 - ?? - Jesus Baptized
Jan 19 - ?? - Follow Me
Jan 26 - ?? - A New Teaching

NEEDED
Leaders & Greeters
For January & February
See Schedule Outside the Nursery



Life in the Body of Christ

Thank You

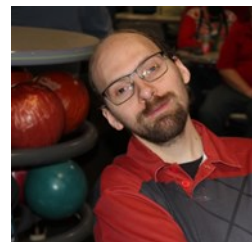
- Thanks to all the women who donated food and helped with our funeral dinners this past year. *Marvel Albitz*

Condolences to

- John Cunningham and family on the passing of Sharon Cunningham on December 11.
- The Justin Trent family on the passing of Jude Alan Trent, who went to be with Jesus on December 19.

Congratulations

- Corey Rockhold for winning Bronze, coming in 3rd in his group competition in the state bowling tournament December 7 in Indianapolis. Three bowling alleys hosted 1800 athletes competing from several counties .-



- Julie (Doan) Baumann as her colleagues voted her 2024-2025 Dayton Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Baumann serves as music teacher at Dayton Elementary School.



Stephen Ministry at FEPC

Finding Rest When I'm Weary...

“Constant fatigue and busyness can sap our joy in the Lord. It imperils everyone, including the Christian who gets so busy and carries so many responsibilities that he or she barely has time to sleep. Life can begin to feel flat, relationships seem stale. We can even wonder if God really cares about the burdens we bear.” So states Elizabeth Cody Newenhuyse who wrote a book titled *Sometimes I Feel Like Running Away from Home*. Perhaps you have occasionally felt that way. I know I have. Several times, in fact, during the busy holiday season. It is so easy to forget that the normal tasks of life continue- meals, laundry, trips to the doctor or vet, weekly bible study, etc., so we overload our schedules with all the extra expectations of the season. While the world may say that busyness is good, few people can sustain a pattern of little sleep and fifty things to accomplish every day without becoming weary and discouraged. Newenhuyse points out several of David's Psalms that speak of this overwhelmed feeling:

Psalms 38:8 I am feeble and crushed; I groan because of the turmoil of my heart.

Psalms 61:1-2 Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer;
from the ends of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint.
Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

Psalms 69:1-2 Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck.
I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold.

Other verses clearly indicate that the antidote to being weary and burdened is to cling to the Lord, to depend on him above our selves:

Psalms 62:1a,2 My soul finds rest in God alone...He alone is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Exodus 14:14 The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.

I remember going with a church group to a Steve Green concert in Kokomo years ago. The singer related he had asked a wise, older saint her advice for getting through the troubles in life, and she told him, “Cling to Jesus, cling to Jesus, cling to Jesus.” And in a recent sermon, Pastor Kelly stated that one way to not be weighed down when we are weary is to fix our eyes on Jesus, because he is our sympathetic priest. How we need him! Turning to him, we access the truth of scriptures like this:

Psalms 51:12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit,
to sustain me.

Psalms 145:18 The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Coming close to Jesus, telling Him first of our joys and challenges is really the best way, but it may not come easy or be our natural inclination. When that is hard to do, consider engaging with a trustworthy confidante if you need someone to help find some calm in your life, some clinging to the One who loves you most, some stillness to examine your busyness. That person could be a Stephen Minister who can listen, truly hear, and help you sift through priorities and place them before Jesus. You can begin that confidential conversation with Pastor Kelly (kelly@fepcfrankfort.org, 314-374-6042), or Marty Rodkey, Stephen Ministry Referral Coordinator (marty@fepcfrankfort.org, 765-404-1349). We would welcome some time to sit and ponder His truths together.

- Marty Rodkey, Stephen Leader

NEEDED Children in Worship Leaders

As our snow birds fly away for the winter, much more help is needed. Please consider teaching one lesson. See the sign-up schedule posted outside the nursery. There are many empty slots to be filled.

1/5/25	Gayla	Eric	24	YCIW	Jesus In Wilderness	CWC
1/12/25			23	YCIW	Jesus Baptized	CWC
1/19/25			2	FJ	Follow Me	CWC
1/26/25			3	FJ	A New Teaching	CWC
2/2/25	Gayla	Eric	10	FJ	Jesus and the Storm	CWC
2/9/25			39	YCIW	Good Shepherd: Wolf	CWC
2/16/25			30	YCIW	Good Shepherd: Lord's Supper II	CWC
2/23/25	Justin		12	FJ	Jesus Feeds 5,000	CWC
3/2/25			13	FJ	Transfiguration	CWC
3/9/25			15	FJ	Who is the Greatest?	CWC
3/16/25			11	FJ	Jesus Heals 2 Daughters	CWC
3/23/25	Gayla	Eric	16	FJ	Jesus and Lazarus	CWC
3/30/25			20	FJ	Jesus Anointed	CWC
4/6/25			35	YCIW	Jesus the King	CWC
4/13/25			36	YCIW	Jesus' Last Passover	CWC
4/20/25	Gayla	Eric	37	YCIW	Jesus is Risen: Mary	CWC

“Souper” Sunday

Members of the Mission Committee will be hosting another soup lunch fundraiser on **January 12 @ 11:00 a.m.** to raise funds toward the Honduras trip in June 2025. Carry out will be available. Soup, drinks, crackers and cheese, sandwiches, dessert, and drinks will be available.

Media Technology Upgrade

We are in need of upgrading equipment used for the visual presentations during our worship services. The cost of this upgrade will be significant. If you would like to support this project by designating a special gift, simply mark it for Media Technology Upgrade. If you would like additional information, please speak with Pastor Kelly or Dan Troyer.

Sharing Praises to the Lord!



Praise that we are able to help people in need this winter through your many contributions to our Mitten Tree in December.

Sharing Praises to the Lord!



Praise that our Mission Team was able to purchase and deliver 10 new study Bibles for the residents at WeCare Recovery home. The gift of God's Word will continue to encourage these ladies long after they leave the recovery program.

Sharing Praises to the Lord!

Praise for the many wonderful musicians we have in our church family. Special Thank You to Melinda Grismer, Myron Chezum's group, Mickey Plunkitt and Katie Kercheval, who have provided special music for our worship services in recent weeks. It was especially nice to have the combined Praise Teams singing December 22.



Remember, there is always room in the newsletter to share your praises to the Lord. Send them to Miriam Curts by email: macurts@gmail.com or text: 513-484-6750.

Sharing Praises to the Lord!

What a wonderful transformation to our Kitchen and Fellowship Hall.

Compare these Before, During and After pictures.



Heaven and Nature Sings

December 15 our Youth brought the morning message, Heaven and Nature Sings, through music and their program about the excitement and anticipation in heaven surrounding the birth of the Christ Child.



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Heaven and Nature Sings — *continued*



Christmas Eve in the FEPC Sanctuary

Our sanctuary was so beautiful on Christmas Eve. Thank you to all who helped make it so.



Sousa Family Update

Merry Christmas

Isaiah 9:6 "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders, and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

& Happy New Year from the Sousa family!

As the year is ending and we share the blessing with others that God has poured out on us, we want to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas. It is a time to come together with family and celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Savior. May it be a special time to create memories and reflect on the fulfilling of God's prophecy to send us the promised savior.

Long before Christmas lights were invited on the first Christmas God used a special light to celebrate the first Christmas. The King of the Universe placed a special star in the sky to light up that night and celebrate the birth of an all-powerful savior. What a magnificent scene to contemplate. Jesus is light and His birth forever changed the future for all humanity.

We also want to wish you a Happy New Year. May 2025 be filled with great achievements and accomplishments. Know that through everything you have walked through in 2024, you are victorious in Christ.



Meredith Family Update

December 2024

Last August.

Only the grandsons have changed!

(L-> R standing: Holly & Ian, Wes & Meghan,

me, Titus, Emily & Karl. Sitting: Patty, her

Dad, Duke and Wade (Wes & Meghan's)

We all got together last week near D.C. at

(Air Force Lt Col PhD) Wes & Meghan's

home in Virginia. They were in Germany the

last 3 years with the African-Command. After

12 years as an Air Force missile engineer, Wes

changed to International Affairs specialist-

Africa, of course - and now works at the

Pentagon doing something while Meghan does a great job of schooling the boys! She's a great "boy-Mom"!

(AF Lt Col / Mom) Emily and her Air Force husband are in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, but Emily commutes to Buckley AFB in Denver to work. Karl flies \square around working "everywhere"!

Ian and wife Holly live on Lookout Mountain, GA (Chattanooga) and he works with The US Navigators in finance. Holly is a counselor in a Family Counseling practice.



Wade(2) Titus (3) Duke (5)

Me and Patty in Atlanta two weeks ago visiting donors and family and a premature celebration of my 70th birthday.



THANKS for walking with us!
Bob & Patty

Colby Update



November started with the last team of 2024. During 2024 we've hosted more people in more mission teams than ever before! 241 total team members in 13 teams. Highs Both Ways! So without further *whizzbangs*, let's feature words that contain the letters h, b, and w!

Whereby we like hosting teams, we also like to take time to thank everyone that visited us in Honduras this year. We as a family and the mission would not be the same without you (I for sure would be more *dweebish*) and we feel very blessed to host you in our *whereabouts*.

After that last team finished, we flew to Jacksonville Florida and headed back North with over 500 pounds of Hill Climber coffee which we tightly put in the *wheelbase* of the van. YOU can get some coffee [HERE](#), a *homebrew* of sorts that provides employment, food, and an opportunity to pray for Honduras. You could even make *punchbowls* of coffee to share with others!

As our van's *wishbone* suspension was being well tested with loads of coffee, we had no time to try on any *beachwear* in Jacksonville. We did visit some more folks and then made our way to Lexington KY to build our *workbench* for the weekend at ICOM. (international conference on missions) Almost a *washtub* full of coffee was bought and/or consumed as samples! We saw so many *highbrow* people we already know and love, as well as met some new people in the *fishbowl* of the convention center.

In this last month of the year, I would be remiss if I did not try to *bewitch* you with the opportunities that abound for financial help to His Eyes. Not to be a *blowhard*, but the mission does a pretty good job of using those funds to further God's kingdom.

- The church in Danli needs to finish their church/Milk Project building (windows, doors, bathrooms, handrails, flooring, maybe even a *washboard*!)
- The many *switchbacks* and other parts of the road in Sampedrana will need a lot of work in the next few months. Tropical Storm Sara brought a lot of rain over several days and caused mudslides which will need to be dug out to open the road back up to get to the farm.
- There are some other church related construction projects that need many a *wheelbarrow's* worth of supplies.
- And of course all the other daily operations expenses (that's *showbiz*!) that add up throughout the year, to finish strong going into the new year.

So no *showboating* needed, but you can click [here](#) to make a donation and you can add a note for one of the specific tasks above or you can also donate towards general ministry support.

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Colby Update — *continued*

You could say that prayer is a *blowhole* through which we breathe... so let's pray:

-We are still coordinating for the Master Provisions container filled with used clothes and maybe even some *whiteboards* for the new conference teaching room. Praying it will all come together as God desires.

- Praying that we finish the year with more *bandwidth* than we started!

- We hired a potential new farm director, praying that he adapts and feels good getting into work like someone getting into a tub of hot *bathwater*.

- Prayers for the final His Eyes board meeting of 2024 on December 7th, that like a good *bodywash*, the meeting would be pleasant and refreshing for the board members and the implications for the mission going forward.

- Like *whirlybirds*, may we soar...relying on, trusting in, and living in God, focused on Him and not the *brownish* earthly things that we sometimes focus on.

So, that's our last thoroughly *chewable* update for 2024. A *shadowbox* of our year might show tears, smiles, joy, struggles, and even tricking people into *birdwatching* by creatively whistling in a grocery store... but it definitely would show all of you helping and supporting in different ways. Lord willing, we will be back in your inbox come January with some *throwback* theme from years gone by. Got a theme you want to see done again? Let us know!

INDNJC,

Werner Heisenberg and Betty White

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His Eyes

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January

- 1—Nancy Smith
- 4—Jain Egelhaaf
Crystal Stewart
- 5—Linda Doan
Mickey Plunkitt
- 7—Greg Meyer
- 9 – Andrew Hromas
- 10—Patty Nash
- 11—Ryan Herin
- 12—Bob Meredith
- 13—Nancy McWhirter
- 14—Mike Montgomery
- 15—Lizzie Kurth
- 17—Cameron Queen
- 19—Mackenzie Moore
- 21—Patrick Cochran
- 22—Pam Hall
Ashley Haynes
- 30—Marilyn Hale

January Anniversaries

Hmmm ... It seems January is NOT a popular Wedding Month

