



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

February 2025

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

Happy Valentines Day

Friday, February 7

Quilts on Wings

@ 10 a.m. in the Parlor

Saturday, February 8

"Feeding a Crowd" Class

10:00 a.m. in the Kitchen

Sunday, February 9

Soup Lunch Fund Raiser @ 11 a.m.

Youth Super Bowl Party @ 6 p.m.

Saturday, February 15

Refocus Team @ 9 a.m.

Sunday, February 16

Davis Flock Lunch @ 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 23

POPCorn Sunday @ 10 a.m.

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.

Transitioning from Advent to Winter



Are you enjoying the new lighted birch trees that have replaced the Christmas trees and other lights seen during Advent? We have such a lovely sanctuary.



Boxes of offering envelopes are now available at Sanctuary exits.

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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.

NEEDED

Children in Worship Leaders & Greeters for March & April

See the sign-up schedule posted outside the nursery.

SERMON INFORMATION

Feb 2 - "Who Are We Reaching?"
Ephesians 2:1-10
1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Feb 9 - "What is the Gospel Plan?"
Acts 13:13-43

Feb 16 - "How Should We Pray?"

Feb 23 - "What Do We Say?"

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Feb 2 - Gayla D. - Jesus and the Storm

Feb 9 - Amanda T. - Good Shepherd: Wolf

Feb 16 - Amanda T. - Good Shepherd: Lord's Supper II

Feb 23 - Justin T. - Jesus Feeds 5,000

**NEEDED
Leaders & Greeters
For March & April
See Schedule Outside the Nursery**



Life in the Body of Christ

Condolences to

- The family of Nancy Boulton on her passing January 13 in Marion, IN. Nancy celebrated her 94th birthday December 3.
- Ann Robey and family on the passing of Norm Gross, who died January 15 at Wesley Manor. Norm turned 85 December 27.

Congratulations to

- Joel Wilson, who has been named Educator of the Year by the Rossville Consolidated School District.

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



Stephen Ministry at FEPC

Receptivity to Care

Most people are much more open to giving care than to receiving it. When giving care, we feel stable and secure. When receiving care, we can feel like we're acknowledging weakness, insecurity, and vulnerability.

As a result, there are countless people today who, though they really could benefit from a fellow Christian who would listen and care for them, instead tough it out on their own. They remain the strong silent type, or wear a smile across a face that is holding back a flood of tears. Society encourages this—to ask for help is to admit weakness.

But God did not create us to be independent. We were created to be interdependent. God's Word is clear on this. The New Testament includes more than 50 verses that contain the words "one another"—"love one another," "encourage one another," "build up one another," and "pray for one another." That means it's reciprocal; in addition to loving, encouraging, building up, and praying for others, we are to allow other people to do the same for us!

That's why we have Stephen Ministers. Many of them have been on the receiving end of care in their lives. They know how difficult it is to ask for help, but they also know the great personal and spiritual growth and healing that follow. They know how to respond in a loving, caring, and non-judgmental manner. They are equipped, ready, and waiting to provide the comfort and care God very much desires you to have.

But hurting people may need help overcoming the barrier to accepting care. So if you find someone who is hurting and could benefit from having a Stephen Minister to walk with them, encourage them to give it a try, and seek their permission to pass their name along to Pastor Kelly or Marty Rodkey. Or, if you find yourself facing difficulties in life, be open to receiving God's love and grace through another person. Our Stephen Ministry offers the opportunity for a very confidential relationship with someone who will listen to and provide sorely needed care and encouragement.

For more information on Stephen Ministry, contact Marty Rodkey at 765-404-1349 or marty@fepcfrankfort.org.

Prayer for Identifying Care Receivers

God, our refuge, there are those among us whose hearts are heavy and who are facing their struggles alone. Yet you have called us, saying, "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest," and you have promised us "the peace of God, which transcends all understanding." Help our pastor, our Stephen Ministry, and all of us recognize those who are hurting and connect them with the help they need, so that we can make your promises real to them and bring comfort and healing to their hearts. In your name we pray. Amen.

Bible Quiz Meet

January was a busy month but a few of our quizzers were able to attend the meet hosted at the Nazarene Church on January 25. We had three red level quizzers. Kimber earned a silver ribbon and Olivia and Vivian earned bronze ribbons. We are so proud of the bravery of these quizzers to participate and their amazing memory for God's Word. Way to go girls!



Highlighting our Youth

It seems one week in January turned out to be a GOOD week for Lily Rockhold. Congratulations, Lily!!

Tuesday — Lily got her drivers License



Wednesday — Lily found out she was selected by the Lafayette Journal & Courier big schools all-area volleyball team ... and she applied for her passport.



Saturday — Lily participated in her first DECA district competition. She came in second place for her category and qualified for the state competition. If you are familiar with DECA, our district includes Hamilton Southeastern, Westfield, Fishers and is usually one of the best districts in the state.



Also, congratulations to Jalen Smith (Frankfort High School) for also making the Lafayette Journal & Courier big schools all-area volleyball Team.



Sharing Praises to the Lord!

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

Psalm 30:4

*Remember, there is always room in the newsletter to share your praises to the Lord.
Send them to Miriam Curts*



“Feeding a Crowd” Class

If you are interested in learning to help with funeral dinners, Easter breakfast, or other “crowd-feeding” gatherings, attend a class on February 8 at 10:00 a.m in the kitchen. Marvel Albitz, Eric Spencer and Justin Trent will share their knowledge and wisdom on using the FEPC kitchen and how to prepare for and feed a crowd.

Media Technology Upgrade

We are in the process of upgrading equipment used for the visual presentations in 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.

Honduras Mission Trip Fundraisers

Members of the Mission Committee are busy raising funds and collecting needed items for the mission trip planned for this summer. Your support is appreciated.

Soup Lunch Fundraiser
February 9
at 11:00
Fundraiser for
the Honduras
Mission Team
Carry out available



Small Toys Needed

Honduras mission team is requesting donation of small toys and items to hand out to children. Examples: pens, pencils, crayons, small cars, trucks, stuffed animals, dolls, Barbies, and small puzzles. Small items that can fit into a suitcase. Collection totes will be in the sanctuary.



SURPLUS / YARD SALE
Saturday, March 15
8:30 AM - 2:00 PM
FEPC Surplus & Your Yard Sale Items
Pricing: Free Will Donation
Bring your items to Fellowship Hall stage
before March 15
Honduras Mission Trip Fundraiser
Tell your Friends, Family & Neighbors

Start looking around for things you no longer use or need and bring them to the Fellowship Hall stage for the Yard Sale on March 15. All items will be sold for a donation.

A list of church overstock items will be available soon. If you would like to make an offer on one of these items before the sale, contact Kalen.

All funds raised will be used by the Honduras mission team.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Saturday, January 25, we had our annual meeting and potluck dinner. Sadly, Pastor Kelly was down with the flu and unable to join us; but Justin Trent had lots of support leading us through the meetings of the congregation and the corporation. As always, the food was delicious and the fellowship was warm and sweet.



International Friendship Program (IFP) **Hosts Still Needed for Spring 2025**

Dear Community Member,

I hope you are doing well! The start of the Spring 2025 semester is next week, so I wanted to share with you that **we are still in need of hosts for this semester's International Friendship Program (IFP). Would you consider being matched with another student for this semester, or spreading the word of this need to those you know?** I almost have enough hosts for the 25 "regular" IFP students coming, but I still need several more hosts to welcome the 52 Colombian undergraduate researchers who will be arriving in February.

To sign up, please log into your IFP host account and select for the "Spring 2025 IFP": [IFP Host Portal](#)

At the bottom of this email you can find a list of planned IFP events for this semester too.

If you have any questions about IFP or our events, please reach out to me at IFP@purdue.edu. I hope to see you around soon!

Best,

Leah Bechtold

International Friendship Program (IFP) & Host-a-Boiler Coordinator

Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 15th - 5 pm to 8 pm

IFP Quiz Bowl Trivia Competition

12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: 915 Fifth St. West Lafayette, IN 47906

Test your trivia knowledge with your IFP friends in this friendly, competition-style event! We'll have snacks and fun prizes for our winners.

Location: Beering Hall on Purdue's campus.



Mission Report World Mission Building December

Happy New Year! Coming Soon

As you can see our list of supporters is growing. Your support and prayers are bringing our vision and dreams to reality. Looking forward as we plan our first building project on 900 square meters of land at Montragon, Samar Philippines from July 18th-31st. Pictured above is the current building they are using for a church. This will become multi-purpose building after the new building with comfort rooms, and kitchen attached is completed. Water is a problem here and we will incur some extra cost piping it in. This is typhon prone so we will build a typhon resistant structure. Total cost \$12, 000. We are funded This church sits near a town on a white sand beach of 41.000 people with unlimited potential for evangelism. Pictured above is Pastor Albert and his family and church family. They have waited ten years for this building. They wait no longer!

If you are interested in going, please let me know. More details to follow.

Repairs (From Typhon Damage) Two years.

In my last newsletter shared the completion of our first project. We extended the roof line of Jaclupon Church of Christ Cebu. Water was pouring into the church. Completed \$600



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Mission Report World Mission Building December — *continued*

Ongoing projects.

While visiting Bohol in September we saw extensive damage to Pastor Allen's church and parsonage, The ceiling in sanctuary was gone and the roof on the parsonage had worn though and hail-stones had perforated the roof allowing water to pour into the walls. We allocated \$2600 and the sanctuary ceiling was just finished. The labor is being done by the pastor. Our pastors are builders and learned from Ed Thomas. He is now starting work on the parsonage.



Feeding program.

Through a donor we were able to provide food for an outreach to unchurched families for three months. They loved it! It was successful in five of twenty-two churches as an evangelist outreach. We learned the poorest rural churches were most successful and plan to begin again for our poorest and most rural communities in the future.



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Mission Report World Mission Building December — *continued*

Upcoming projects

We visited the church camp on Cebu. It's beautiful and sits on a hill with a view of the ocean and Negros, Ed and our pastors built two dormitories and a large fellowship building with a large kitchen. We noticed the overhanging porch was not complete and unsafe. They had run out of funds. We allocated \$1500 to finish the project. It is in progress.

Baptisms

12 were reported by twenty-two churches. Our goal is to have all one hundred churches reporting in the future as we continue our mission.



I hope you can help us by sharing these reports by email with others. We have one of the greatest opportunities I have ever seen to advance the gospel.

May God Enlarge His Territory
Pastor Steve
Missionary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February

- 1—Laila Gilliam
- 3—Phoebe Smith
- 4—Dick Moore
- 5—Fred Carter
- 7—Charlotte Swinford
Emerson Swinford
- 8—Joel Wilson
- 10—Marvel Albitz
- 12—Susie Plunkitt
- 13—Sally Moore
Hans Vargas
- 14—Mike Walker
- 17—Amanda Hromas
- 22—Caroline Ellis
Logan Robbins
- 23—Donnie Albitz
Steve Frey
- 25—Cecelia Trent
- 26—Katie Kercheval
- 28—Avery Hromas



February Anniver- saries

- 11—Mike & Joyce Peters
- 12—Ron & Cindy Chambers
- 16—John & Janet Trent

