



The Lamplighter

The monthly newsletter of Franklin Presbyterian Church
September 2024

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Happy September, friends. This is a natural time of transition—I think summer into fall is the hinge of the year I experience most acutely. But I have to say, with bidding Daniel farewell I am really feeling the change this year. Yet our life together continues, and it is a vibrant one as each day we work together to seek God's will for each of us and for this congregation. Each day I have the privilege of attending Sunday school or a weeknight study I am impressed anew by the thoughtfulness, compassion, faith, and humor of this church family.
And we've got momentum!

I'm looking forward to preaching this month on the letter from James (you might have attended a Sunday school series on this letter!) and the gospel of Mark. These are demanding texts, but I think that, like Jacob with the angel of God, wrestling with them will grant us a blessing. And I want to invite each of you to the fall Sunday School and book study series. There's details about them later in this newsletter. Though the book study is ancient history (literally), it feels as timely to me as the Sunday School topic. Give them a glance and see if you might join in.

-Bailey

Outside the Pew

Fall Sunday School Series: "How to Talk Like a Christian (in an election year and beyond)"

It is a truism to say that our society is divided, and the divisions are deep and complex: We separate over modes of self-expression, political preference, deeply-held core values, and, most often, combinations of the three. How should a Christian speak about these things, which matter so much to us? In September and October, let us work together to learn how to engage and how to speak as those who follow Jesus, called to be ambassadors, or friendmakers, for God through Christ and entrusted, not with always winning, but with the ministry of reconciliation.

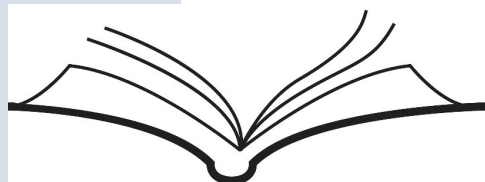
Fall Book Study: "The Christians as the Romans Saw Them: How the Culture, Religion, and Values of Ancient Rome Viewed and Shaped Early Christians"

Join us at **4:30pm on Wednesdays**—note the new time!—to dive into the classic book *The Christians as the Romans Saw Them*, by Dr. Robert Wilkin. Who were the ancient Romans? How did they really view early Christians? What were the culture, religious feeling, and social values of the empire under which Jesus lived, died, and rose and Christianity was born? And what can these things tell us about what Christianity was, and maybe, could be today? Copies of this scholarly but accessible work are available in the office, and a PDF of each chapter will be included in that week's weekly email.

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY!

You are invited to join a new Women's Bible study on Monday evenings beginning September 16, 2024 at 5 PM. This will be our first dinner meeting. Come join us at D'Legion at 3478 Nashville Road as we begin to look at the women in the genealogy of Jesus that is found in Matthew 1. ***What My Grandmothers Taught Me*** will provide us with a look at women from the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament.

At our first meeting you can order dinner or not as we discuss the first lesson. Each lesson will be approximately one hour. You can contact Chris Kessler, Sylvia Pulliam, Sharon Smith, Debbie Wyatt, or Jan Albert with any questions you may have. We hope you will join us in this adventure!



Our Community



It's Raining - Underwear!!!!

During the month of July, our church donated 521 pairs of men, women, and children's underwear to the Clothes Closet! Zion Lutheran donated 18 pairs, and Fruit of the Loom donated 720 pairs. So we received a total of 1,264 pairs - a record amount collected. Fruit of the Loom also donated numerous t-shirts, bras, sweatshirts and sweatpants. A big thank you goes to Chris Kessler who oversaw the bagging on all this!

Thanks to everyone who participated. It is SO appreciated!

Excerpt from the Rotary newsletter....

The Art in the Parks program, sponsored by the Franklin Presbyterian Church, partnered for a third summer with Parks and Rec to bring weekly art activities to Franklin's youth.

Speaking to Rotarians at last week's meeting, Community Connections Coordinator for the Presbyterian Church, Bailey Pickens (right) expressed appreciation to the Rotary Club of Franklin for their support of this year's program through a Community Grant. Grant monies, she noted, allowed the group to purchase art supplies including the clay pictured above. Ms. Pickens explained that weekly art projects were offered by volunteers at three locations, Jim Roberts Community Park, Lincoln Park and the Housing Authority--all at no cost to the participants. Attendance surpassed that of previous years with a total of 210 for the summer.

This year's program concluded with an art show at the Cornerstone Building where young artists displayed their creative efforts for family members and friends to enjoy.



Session Highlights

AUGUST 19, 2024:

- ◆ Joyfully welcomed Tony Smith (son-in-law of Sylvia Pulliam, husband to Willis) as a new member at FPC by affirmation of faith and by baptism.
- ◆ Approved several updated policies for FPC including Child and Youth Protection Policy, Sexual Misconduct, Anti-Harassment, & Anti-Racism Policies, and the Benevolence Policy.
- ◆ Worked with Personnel recommendations to clarify duties for Pastor Bailey (including preaching and some pastoral duties) and an interim pastor during this time of transition at FPC
- ◆ Appointed trustees Bob Heidbrink and Keith Lawrence, partnership with trustees from The Presbyterian Church in Bowling Green for the Tom Moody estate.
- ◆ Welcomed Tim Leigh from Bowling Green as our liaison with the Western Kentucky Presbytery Committee on Ministry and as the moderator for Session in the near future, beginning in September.
- ◆ Approved Bailey Pickens to administer the Lord's Supper for the remainder of 2024.
- ◆ Approved up to \$5000 for repair of the sanctuary front door, the door across from the gazebo, the bell tower and frame and replacement of missing roof shingles.
- ◆ Approved the Personnel Committee as search committee for part-time interim.
- ◆ Approved disbursement of \$975 from Mustard Seed to help a vetted couple.
- ◆ Approve disbursement of \$500 from Christian Service nonlocal funds to Society of St. Andrew and request to congregation for additional donations.
- ◆ Approved \$2000 from Capital Funds for the purpose of sanctuary sound system repair.

AUGUST
AVG. ATTENDANCE: 51

Aug. 4	46
Aug. 11	56
Aug. 18	60
Aug. 25	41

SEPTEMBER
ELDER/ELDER HELPER
Jane Rahm/Justin Henninger
FRIEND OF THE MONTH
Nancy Thomas



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AUGUST
WEEKLY OFFERING AVG: \$1,314.15

Aug. 4	\$1,510.00
Aug. 11	\$1,845.00
Aug. 18	\$1,176.61
Aug. 25	\$725.00

Avg. weekly income needed for budget:
\$2,692.31

August Online Donations: \$2,046.57

Ruling Elders Serving on Session

Barry Hain
Bob Thompson
Bob Heidbrink
Jane Rahm
Nancy Thomas
Chris Kessler
Keith Lawrence
Justin Henninger

DEACONS:
Linda Knight
Marcella Davis
Meredith Halcomb
Sylvia Pulliam

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024 @ 3:00 PM
FRANKLIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SUNDAYS, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 8 @ 2:00 PM
FRANKLIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**THE CONCERT FEATURES A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYONE'S
FAVORITE CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY FAVORITES AND A SING-ALONG!**

September 2024 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press, 2018). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

[Year Two]

Sunday, September 1

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
Job. 11:1–9, 13–20
Rev. 5:1–14
Matt. 5:1–12

Monday, September 2

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
Job 12:1–6, 13–25
Acts 11:19–30
John 8:21–32

Tuesday, September 3

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
Job 12:1; 13:3–17, 21–27
Acts 12:1–17
John 8:33–47

Wednesday, September 4

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
Job 12:1; 14:1–22
Acts 12:18–25
John 8:47–59

Thursday, September 5

Morning: Pss. 116;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
Job 16:16–22; 17:1, 13–16
Acts 13:1–12
John 9:1–17

Friday, September 6

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
Job 19:1–7, 14–27
Acts 13:13–25
John 9:18–41

Saturday, September 7

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
Job 22:1–4, 21–23:7
Acts 13:26–43
John 10:1–18

Sunday, September 8

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Job 25:1–6; 27:1–6
Rev. 14:1–7, 13
Matt. 5:13–20

Monday, September 9

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Job 32:1–10,
19–33:1, 19–28
Acts 13:44–52
John 10:19–30

Tuesday, September 10

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
Job 29:1–20
Acts 14:1–18
John 10:31–42

Wednesday, September 11

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
Job 29:1; 30:1–2, 16–31
Acts 14:19–28
John 11:1–16

Thursday, September 12

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
Job 29:1; 31:1–23
Acts 15:1–11
John 11:17–29

Friday, September 13

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
Job 29:1; 31:24–40
Acts 15:12–21
John 11:30–44

Saturday, September 14

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
Job 38:1–17
Acts 15:22–35
John 11:45–54

Sunday, September 15

Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
Job 38:1, 18–41
Rev. 18:1–8
Matt. 5:21–26

Monday, September 16

Morning: Pss. 135; 145
 Evening: Pss. 97; 112
 Job 40:1–24
 Acts 15:36–16:5
 John 11:55–12:8

Tuesday, September 17

Morning: Pss. 123; 146
 Evening: Pss. 30; 86
 Job 40:1; 41:1–11
 Acts 16:6–15
 John 12:9–19

Wednesday, September 18

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 48; 4
 Job 42:1–17
 Acts 16:16–24
 John 12:20–26

Thursday, September 19

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 80; 27
 Job 28:1–28
 Acts 16:25–40
 John 12:27–36a

Friday, September 20

Morning: Pss. 130; 148
 Evening: Pss. 32; 139
 Esther 1:1–4, 10–19
 Acts 17:1–15
 John 12:36b–43

Saturday, September 21

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
 Evening: Pss. 118; 111
 Esther 2:5–8, 15–23
 Acts 17:16–34
 John 12:44–50

Sunday, September 22

Morning: Pss. 67; 150
 Evening: Pss. 46; 93
 Esther 3:1–4:3
 Jas. 1:19–27
 Matt. 6:1–6, 16–18

Monday, September 23

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
 Evening: Pss. 85; 47
 Esther 4:4–17
 Acts 18:1–11
 Luke (1:1–4) 3:1–14

Tuesday, September 24

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
 Evening: Pss. 28; 99
 Esther 5:1–14
 Acts 18:12–28
 Luke 3:15–22

Wednesday, September 25

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 125; 91
 Esther 6:1–14
 Acts 19:1–10
 Luke 4:1–13

Thursday, September 26

Morning: Pss. 143;
 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 81; 116
 Esther 7:1–10
 Acts 19:11–20
 Luke 4:14–30

Friday, September 27

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
 Evening: Pss. 6; 20
 Esther 8:1–8, 15–17
 Acts 19:21–41
 Luke 4:31–37

Saturday, September 28

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
 Evening: Pss. 100; 63
 Esther 9:1–32
 Acts 20:1–16
 Luke 4:38–44

Sunday, September 29

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
 Evening: Pss. 66; 23
 Hos. 1:1–2:1
 Jas. 3:1–13
 Matt. 13:44–52

Monday, September 30

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
 Evening: Pss. 73; 9
 Hos. 2:2–15
 Acts 20:17–38
 Luke 5:1–11

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LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

Elder of the Month:

Jane Rahm

Elder Helper:

Justin Henninger

Ushers:

Karen & John McCollum

Lector

Curry Davis

SEPTEMBER 2024

FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Marcella Davis</i> <i>Sue Zust</i>	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>Debbie Sowney</i>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29 <i>Stephanie</i> <i>Halcomb</i>	30 <i>Ron Stiles</i>						

MEETINGS

FPC MEN: 09/07 & 09/21

GRIEF GROUP: 09/12 at 5 pm

BIBLE STUDY: Weds at 4:30 pm

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

Mondays beg. 09/16 at 5 pm*

Personnel: 09/03 at 4:30 pm

Fellowship: 09/10 at 2 pm

Facilities: 09/11 at 4 pm

SESSION: 09/16 at 5 pm

*see pg. 2 for more info

*Birthdays in italics

Looking Ahead...

October

ELDER/ELDER HELPER :
Justin Henninger/

FRIEND OF THE MONTH:
Debbie Sowney

- Oct.6-Peace & Global Witness Offering
World Communion Luncheon
- Oct 12-Fall Octoberfest



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Director,

Rev. Bailey Pickens

Office Manager,

Candice Mendoza

Music Director,

Jason Matteson

Organist,

Donna Houston

Nursery,

Shirley Crutcher

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 am

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 am in the Cornerstone

ADULT FALL BOOK STUDY

4:30 pm on Wednesdays (note new time!)



Do you have something to go in the
Lamplighter? Submit it to the office by
the last Thursday of the month.



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