



October 2021



You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself. Luke 10:27

What can love do? Paul says if we have all faith, all knowledge, understand all mysteries but do not have love, we have nothing (1 Corinthians 13). This could logically lead us to say that love is everything. If we are going by Paul's description, it seems like love is everything! Love is patient, kind, not boastful, arrogant or rude. Love bears all things, believes all things . . .

These words are likely familiar to many and they set a very high standard for love. But that's how amazing God's love for us is. God so loved the world that God sent Christ to die for us so that we might know the depth of God's love. That love is stronger than our brokenness, than our sin, and even stronger than death itself. God's love overflows in our hearts so that we love God and our neighbor.

Loving God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind and loving our neighbor as ourselves means being ready to dare. The kind of dare that God places on our hearts is one that invites us to step out of our comfort zones, giving of ourselves, our time, our talents, our prayers, and our financial resources.

For this Fall season, I invite us all to think about how God is daring us to love, to serve, to hope. Is it reaching out to those who are hurting or those who are left out? Is it saying thank you to those who have served? Is it serving by feeding the hungry or sharing our resources with those who have little?

I want to invite you to be a part of loving God and neighbor, through our worship, our service, and our giving. Sunday, October 10, we will dare to love by saying thank you to our soldiers. In worship, we will write thank you cards that will be sent Support Our Troops and then forwarded to deployed soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen.

The next Sunday, we will dare to serve by feeding the hungry of this community. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 3:30 to make peanut butter sandwiches and pack brown bag meals for the homeless. Our partners at Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter will be joining us to help us deliver those meals to the homeless. Sunday, October 24, we will dare to hope, by offering our Stewardship pledge cards and words of hope for our community.

This congregation loves in amazing ways. We love God with our heart, soul, strength, and mind. That love overflows as we share God's love with our neighbors. This congregation gives very generously so that we can share God's love with our community and beyond. In this Stewardship season, as we pray about next year, let us see what love can do and dare.

Pastor Leigh

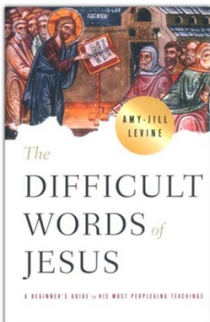


Dare to Serve Mission Project

October 17th, 3:30 PM Fellowship Hall

This Fall, as part of our Stewardship ministry, we are going to see what love can do and dare. Dare to love; dare to serve; dare to hope. Dare to serve and join all ages in the Fellowship Hall on Oct. 17th at 3:30 PM. We will prepare peanut butter sandwiches and pack lunch bags with chips, sandwiches and snacks. Accommodations for those with allergies will be made so that all can participate. After we pack the lunch bags, those who wish to will be going with representatives from Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter to deliver sandwiches to the hungry in this community. All ages are welcome and invite your friends as we see what love can do and dare.

Donations needed to pack 150 meals: individual serving bags of chips – 1 ounce size, individual serving pop top cans of ravioli/spaghetti o's like foods, Ziploc bags. Please drop off donations in the church office **before October 13th**.



Wednesday Evening Zoom Bible Study

Wednesday's at 7:30 PM
October 6 thru November 10

We will be studying Amy-Jill Levine's *The Difficult Words of Jesus*.

With video presentation, Dr. Levine shows how difficult teachings would have sounded to the people who first heard them, how they have been understood over time and how we might interpret them in the context of the Gospel of love and reconciliation. A limited number of copies of the study guide are available in the church office or they may be ordered on Amazon.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The Blessing of the Animals will be held on **Saturday, October 9, at 10:30am** on the front lawn of First Presbyterian. The feast of Saint Francis of Assisi is October 4th and this is a time to share his love for all animals. Please bring cats in carriers and dogs on leashes.



FPC's Book Club

Thursday, October 28th

We will be examining William Scaife's Allatoona Pass book. We're starting in the Fellowship Hall @ **9:15 a.m.** with some background by our own Trey Gaines, and then taking a couple of buses out to the park where the battle happened. We are asking for reservations, so if you didn't sign up at September 23rd's meeting, please let Becky Carr know (mrebeccacarr@gmail.com).



Ladies Night Out

October 21st

At Jefferson's on Main Street

Join us for a night out of good food and fellowship from 6:30pm till 8:30pm.

Everyone is welcome!

To receive text reminders, contact Megan Johnson (678)640-7926

From the Session:

The following are the minutes from the 9/21/2021 Session meeting:

1. All Star Roofing will replace the architectural shingle roof surfaces on the motel wing, fellowship hall, and the side entrance area with the work scheduled to begin on 10/4/2021 with completion expected on 10/5/2021.
2. Janet Martin was appointed commissioner to the 10/9/2021 Cherokee Presbytery Stated Meeting.
3. The 2021 Officer Nominating Committee will nominate the following officers to be voted on by the congregation on 10/10/2021 at 10:30 AM: Deacons: Becky Carr, Rick Shireman, Molly Collins, Sonya Noble, and Elizabeth Bowen (to fill Gary Boulrier's unexpired term) with the Youth Deacon position still to be filled, Session: Suzanne Collins, Peter Olson, Jean Gilliland, Scott Panter, and Mason Cline as Youth Elder, Trustee: Bill Devine
4. An Officer's Retreat to train and then examine new FPC officers will take place on 11/6/2021 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM.
5. The ordination and installation of new officers will take place on 11/7/2021.
6. There are currently 158 students participating in the Hands of Christ Ministry.
7. Family Fun Night will take place on 9/22/2021 (Wednesday) and Blessing of the Animals is on 10/9/2021 at 10:30 AM.
8. Fall Festival will take place on 10/24/2021 and will be a churchwide event from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM.
9. There are two weddings scheduled in October.
10. We are on track for the FPC Budget to finish 2021 in the black.



Christmas Music Kick-Off

Anyone interested in singing with The Chancel Choir for Christmas is invited to come to the Christmas music kick-off on Sunday October 3. After worship, we'll have lunch and then sing Christmas music!! For more information, contact Pam Radford.

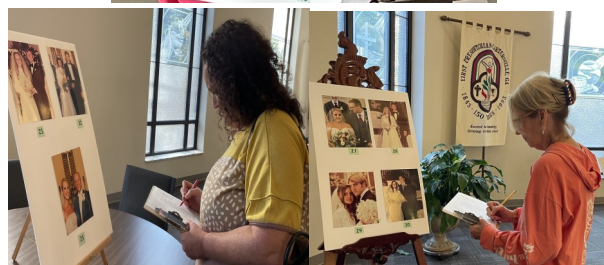
Happenings at FPC...



Sunday
SCHOOL
KICKOFF
September 12



family
FUN
night





Current enrollment: 90

October Bible Verse:

Psalm 91:11

The Lord will command His angels to take good care of you.



Mrs. Stefanie's Bible Class learning about Noah's Ark

Dear Church Family:

We have had a fantastic first month of school! All the children have settled in and love coming to school to see their teachers and friends. We have started special area classes including Science, Music, and Bible Class! We are looking forward to some of our fall traditions including our Pumpkin Patch Field Trip and Costume Parade/Fall Parties!!!

Love in Christ,

Lindsay



Important Dates

Fall Break

October 4 and 5

October 15

School-Wide Field Trip to
Creekside Farms
Pumpkin Patch

October 28

Costume Parade and
Fall Parties



Russell Pressley praying



October Youth Group Calendar

Link to the Full Youth Calendar can be found
here>> [FPC Fall 2021 Youth Calendar](#)



Fall Festival Sunday, October 24

Everyone is invited to be a part of our Fall Festival/Trunk-or-Treat on Sunday, Oct. 24 from 5-6 p.m.

- Decorate the trunk of your car with a family friendly theme & hand out candy (come as early as 3 to set up).
- Consider possible car themes such as Jonah & the Whale; the story of the Resurrection; Feeding the 5,000; Charlie Brown; favorite football team; or other family friendly themes.
- Donate a cake for the Cake Walk.
- Volunteer in other ways: lead games, parking lot attendant.
- Invite friends, family, & neighbors in our community to come Trick-or-Treat!

Sign up today>> [Trunk-or-Treat Sign up](#)

Contact andrea@cartersvillepres.org if you have any questions or want to volunteer!

Uncle Shuck's Corn Maze & Haunted Maze October 16



RSVPs are required by Oct. 13

On Saturday, Oct. 16 the youth will be going to Uncle Shuck's Corn Maze & Haunted Maze in Dawsonville, weather permitting. We will leave the church parking lot by 4:30 p.m. and return around 11 p.m. Invite friends! Cost is \$25 and includes the corn maze, haunted trail, corn cannon, wagon rides, bonfire with marshmallows, goat walk, etc. Bring extra money for dinner, buying pumpkins, funnel cakes, etc.

We plan on taking the church bus, but depending on numbers, we might need some adults to chaperone/drive as well. Let Andrea know if you want to join us.

Cost is \$25 – Pay by Cash, check, or online –
memo Youth Corn Maze
<https://cartersvillepres.org/give/>)

RSVPs are required by Oct. 13 so tickets can be purchased ahead of time.

College/Young Adult Care Packages

If you have a college student, young adult, or a child in the military please send their address to andrea@cartersvillepres.org. The youth are going to put together Care Packages in early November.

If you would like to donate to the packages, please check out our [Amazon Wish List](#) or send in donations or gift cards.



October Birthdays

1	Sue Coalson	20	Sandy Bridges
4	Linda Hall	21	Andy Keith
4	Anita Meadows	22	Frank Weathersby
4	Luke Wachsmuth	23	Bill Broome
4	Tzelda Longhurst	24	Paxton Robinson
5	Sandra Thornton	28	Beth Porter
5	Craig Godfrey	28	Chad Stough
6	Anderson Shrader	28	Daniel Tilley
6	Russell Pressley	28	Christopher Shields
10	Robert Sims	29	Charlotte Sullins
10	Lauren Pressley	29	Jonathan Pressley
11	Diane Burger-Wrinkle	31	Joseph Clark
13	Elizabeth BaxleyBowen		
13	Patrick Gardner		
14	Bill Devine		
15	Brad Barrett		
16	Penny Waters		
16	Jamie Brush		
17	Peter Olson		



In October We Pray for Our Church:

Staff: Angie Hood, Gina Brown (ASP), Maria Davis (ASP), Dede Hatfield (Preschool), Paige Lathem (Preschool)

Officers: Beth Weathersby (Session), Diane Burger-Wrinkle (Diaconate)

Ministries: Congregational Life Team

Families: October 1-7: Nona Smith, Wyley and Judy Steed, David Steinken and Nancy Kelly (Katie, Owen, Will, Gracie), Mike and Barrie Stodgell, Chad and Kerry Stough (Madelaine)

October 8-14: Terry and Janet Strange, Charlotte Sullins, Jeanine Tarver, Jennifer Tasker, Dianne Tate

October 15-21: Debra Tatum, Lauren Tatum, Kathy Thomas, Ed Thomasson, Randy and Jackie Thompson

October 22-31: Ken and Sandra Thornton, Gerry Thrasher, Ben Tilley, Daniel Tilley, David Tilley

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October Calendar

October 3

12:00pm - Sanctuary Choir Christmas Music Kick-Off

October 4 & 5

Fall Break - No FP Preschool & Hands of Christ ASP

October 4

6:00pm - Mission Committee Meeting

October 5

6:30pm - Properties Committee Meeting

October 6

7:30pm - Zoom Bible Study

October 7

10:30am - Ladies Bible Study Group

October 9

10:30pm - Blessing of the Animals

October 11

6:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting

October 12

7:30pm - Faith Development Meeting

October 13

7:30pm - Zoom Bible Study

October 17

3:30pm - Dare to Serve Service Project

October 18

5:30pm - Stewardship & Finance Meeting

October 19

7:00pm - Session Meeting

October 20

7:30pm - Zoom Bible Study

October 21

6:30pm - Ladies Night Out @ Jefferson's

October 24

5:00pm - Fall Festival Event

October 25

7:00pm - Diaconate Meeting

October 27

7:30pm - Zoom Bible Study

October 28

9:15am - Book Club Meeting/Outing

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00am - Informal Worship Service/Gathering
Space 2nd floor Education Building

9:30am - Mostly Music (ages 3 - 5th grade)

10:00am - Sunday School for all ages

11:00am - Worship Service/Sanctuary

4:00pm - Youth Fellowship