



September 2022



Following Jesus is a lifetime journey where we learn and do what Jesus said and did. It takes more than the head, checking off boxes of belief. It takes more than the heart, feeling deeply about another person or a cause. Following Jesus is about these things and more. It is also about doing. And it takes practice. And practice. And more practice. We are not practicing for perfection, however, but to put faith and love into action. As we explore faith practices, we are diving into the essence of what makes us Christian, those who follow the one who practiced what he preached!

Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living is a curriculum helping people of all ages follow Jesus. This study is for lifelong Christians and those beginning to ask questions. Each unit centers around something Jesus told his followers to do. Jesus took well-known behaviors, feelings, and attitudes and showed those around him, people throughout history, and us today how we can love God and love others. In each unit, aspects of the practice are explored; biblical stories illustrate them and how the Christian community has understood them through more than 2,000 years. More important, there are ample opportunities for you to practice these actions, both individually and in community.

Starting Sept. 11 all Sunday school classes -- children, youth and adults -- will be learning about the same practice, starting with "Welcome All." Resources are provided for each age level, promoting family interaction and supporting the practice at home.

There's a Sunday school class for everybody.
Plan to be in the practice Sept. 11!



Faith development opportunities at FPC!

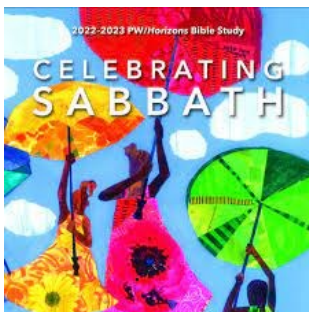
Our faith grows and deepens when we spend time with God and each other studying and experiencing the word. Please explore the opportunities below to find a time and activity that meets your needs! Please tell the FPC Faith Development Committee about what you desire for Bible study and church-wide activities that will help you grow spiritually by contacting sireland0613@gmail.com.

September

- In September, after taking Sunday, Sept. 4, off for Bible School, we will begin using our new church-wide PCUSA curriculum called **"Follow Me" for all age groups on Sept. 11**. Children and adults will study the same lessons with a 36-unit curriculum based on practices Jesus did and taught us to do as faithful followers. Written for people of all ages who wish to live out their faith, this new study examines where these practices are found in the Bible and how they have been used in Christian faith then and now.
- Sept. 8 will be the start of a new monthly in-person Bible study led by Jean Gilliland that will be the second Thursday of each month at FPC. The group will begin by studying **"Twelve Women of the Bible: Life-Changing Stories for Women Today."** For more details, contact Jean at jean.t.gilliland@gmail.com. Child care will be available – if you need it, please request it ahead of time.
- **Start of Confirmation Class** for 6th, 7th, 8th grade eligible students: A confirmation class for students is being organized and will start in September with Louise Panter and Andrea Roche leading.

October

- **Join a six-week study of "The Grace of Les Miserables,"** by Matt Rawle, starting Oct. 5. Rawle will dive into six ideals found in the story — grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love and hope — each represented by a character in Hugo's story. As the story's imperfect and relatable characters interact, we can see how these ideals work together (perhaps even in spite of each other) out in the world. The Faith Development Committee plans this study for every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Cornerstone Room, but if you are more comfortable participating via Zoom, please email Sean Ireland at sireland0613@gmail.com so that we can make arrangements for a hybrid study. Please contact the church if child care is needed.



Come join us for

FPC's Monthly Bible Study

We begin Thursday, September 1st at 10:30am in the Cornerstone Room.

We will be studying *Celebrating Sabbath*.

Copies of the booklet are available in the church office. All are welcome!



New Evening Bible Study!

Please mark your calendars for **Thursday, Sept. 8, 7p.m.**, as we begin a new study titled **12**

Women of the Bible. In this twelve-session small group journey, you will meet a group of amazing women in the Bible who are absolutely real. At first you might wonder why God captured these particular stories in the Bible, but you will discover that their raw and revealing stories of frailties, struggles, sins, and brokenness are a real gift to women today.

Pastor Leigh Jones will help us kick off our year-long, in-person monthly study on Thursday, Sept. 8, at 7p.m. Everyone is invited! Please contact Jean Gilliland or the church office if childcare is needed. We look forward to sharing this inspiring journey!

From the Session:

Following are highlights from the 8/16/2022 Session Meeting:

1. Rick Shireman provided a 'Current Status' Report on the re-opening of Friendship Table on 7/11/2022.
2. A Hands of Christ Ministry Team was approved 7/18/2022.
3. An expenditure of \$13,000 was approved 7/18/2022 to replace a sprinkler/alarm system CPU board damaged by lightning.
4. Jean Gilliland and David Dundee were approved as commissioners to the 8/20/2022 Cherokee Presbytery Called Meeting.
5. An expenditure of \$6,830 was approved for sheetrock and ceiling tile replacement in the Fellowship Hall.
6. The Hands of Christ enrollment is at 190 and the Pre-School enrollment is at 107.
7. The Fall Festival is scheduled for 10/22/2022.
8. There are two new faith development opportunities for adults:
 - (a) Celebrating Sabbath led by Suzanne Collins,
 - (b) Monthly Bible Study lead by Leigh Jones and Jean Gilliland
9. Peter Olson reported that the FPC budget is in good shape as of 7/31/2022.



FPC Book Club September 22nd

10:30am - Cornerstone Room

The book selected for September is Martha Grimes' The Man with a Load of Mischief, which is the first in a murder-mystery series. This one was first published many years ago and is available through the library and through booksellers in new, used and electronic formats.



Ladies Night Out @ Jefferson's
September 15th, 6:30pm
All ladies welcome!



CHRISTMAS IS COMING SOON

Come join the choir for Christmas!!!
We'll kick off the season Sunday, September 25 at Noon with lunch and then rehearsal of Christmas music. For more information, contact Pam Radford.

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Wednesday, September 14, 2022

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FALL FESTIVAL & TRUNK-OR-TREAT SAVE THE DATE OCTOBER 22

Mark your calendar for our Fall Festival. More information and a Sign-up Genius will be sent out in September asking for help with face painting, decorating a trunk and passing out candy, leading games, etc.



Have you been thinking about and praying about teaching Sunday School this year at FPC? We could really use your help. Teachers are needed for all ages. If you can teach once or twice a month, or teach for a whole month at a time (rotating months with another leader), or if you want to be a substitute SS teacher, let Andrea know. We will find a perfect place for you! If you feel called to teach our children or youth this year, please contact andrea@cartersvillepres.org.

Confirmation

If your child is in middle school and has not gone through Confirmation, please reach out to Andrea (andrea@cartersvillepres.org), and we will get your youth all signed up. Confirmation will be Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. beginning September 11.



Youth Group

We will begin our Sunday afternoon Youth Group on Sunday, Sept. 11. A full calendar of youth events through December will be sent out via our Constant Contact and Texting system soon. Be on the lookout for that. If you are not receiving our Youth emails or texts, please contact andrea@cartersvillepres.org to be added to the lists.

Youth Group September Calendar

11 – Youth Group Kick Off (4-6:30, Dinner included)
 18* – Youth Group + Dinner (4-6:30)
 25* – Youth Group + Dinner (4-6:30)
 *The 18th or 25th might be a mission day, so watch for updates on that activity to serve
 Friday, October 14 – Trip to Uncle Shuck's Corn Maze (RSVPs Required)
 Saturday, October 22 – Fall Festival/Trunk-or-Treat

Youth Group Dinners

We need help providing dinners for our youth during Youth Group on Sunday nights. Anyone, any group, any family is invited to sign up to prepare, cook, & serve dinner for our youth group one Sunday evening. It doesn't have to be a fancy meal. Delicious meals we have had in the past: Breakfast for Dinner, Pasta Bar, Publix subs, southern cooking (with Zaxby's chicken), and a Taco Bar.

To sign up for a date or for more information contact andrea@cartersvillepres.org.

Dates available: Sept. 11, Sept. 18, Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 30, Nov. 6, Nov. 13, Dec. 4, Dec. 11



Current Enrollment: Total: 105

Nursery and Toddlers 12 2 year olds 32

3 year olds 26 Pre-K 24 Kindergarten 11

We have had a wonderful few weeks at preschool! We were so excited to open our doors and welcome our families back to school. Our staff thoroughly enjoyed worshipping together at FPC on our Open House Day. Thank you for having us and praying for us! Thank you, Beth Weathersby, for feeding the preschool staff before Open House. It was a very nice treat! We had Open House on August 14th and our first day of school was the following day.

I want to thank Charles and Shelia Rosser for doing an amazing job painting the preschool classrooms. Also, thank you to Dennis Collier, Rich and Rhonda Gaffoglio, Garey Wilkins, and the properties committee for making sure our preschool looks and feels amazing! Thank you for helping with the air conditioning, making sure the playground got new mulch, cleaning up our throw away piles, fixing all our items on our To-Do-List, etc. Thank you to every church member who contributes to, prays for, and supports our preschool. I feel very blessed by you and supported! I am grateful to be a part of the church's ministries!

Coming up we will be honoring grandparents in September with a special treat being sent home for the children to give to their grandparents. We will also have children visit the fire station and the firemen will bring the firetruck to preschool.

Yours in Christ,



Lindsay

First Presbyterian Pre-School



Mark Your Calendar

Monday, Sept. 5

Labor Day ~ No School



September Birthdays

1	Heather Pullen	18	Lee Davis
1	Bailey Campbell	19	Mike Stodgell
2	Jane Dysart	23	Martha Choate
2	Zach McAlexander	24	John Panter
3	Hayden James	26	Sheilah Simons
5	Sam Sullins	29	Karen Anderson
6	Becky Carr	29	Caroline Morrison
7	Sonya Noble	30	Cynthia Ball
10	Mary Barnes		
10	Candler Ginn		
12	Will Noble		
12	Amelia Jones		
12	Olivia Whatley		
13	Tracey Baker		
13	Ben Bridges		
13	Grey Olson		
13	Judd Bailey		
13	Sam Godfrey		
14	Lisa Morrison		



In September We Pray for Our Church:

Staff: Leigh Jones, Kaylee Wagner (ASP), Lawanna Wilson (ASP), Carol Ries (Preschool), Sheila Rosser (Preschool)

Officers: David Dundee (Session), Kathe Keck (Diaconate)

Ministries: Administrative Ministry

Families: September 1-7: Harry and JoAnn Treadaway, Kyle and Jamie Tucker, Margaret Vonnahme, Paul and Rhonda Wachsmuth (Luke, Hallie), Lauren and Chip Warlick (Scarlett)

September 8-14: John and Penny Waters, Frank and Beth Weathersby, Jared Whatley (Olivia), Ross and Charlotte Whatley, Peggy White

September 15-21: LaRue Whitehead, David and Jeannette Wilkins, Keith Williamson, Earl and Marie Williamson, Hannah and Taylor Wilson (Jack, Sam)

September 22-30: Randy and Diane Wrinkle, John and Peggy Zierer, Abby Allen, Jim Allen, Karen Anderson

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September Calendar

September 1

10:30am - Ladies Bible Study/Celebrating Sabbath

September 5 - Labor Day

Church Office Closed, Preschool & Hands of Christ ASP Holiday

6:00pm - Mission Committee Meeting

September 6

6:30pm - Properties Committee Meeting

September 8

7:00pm - 12 Women of the Bible Study

September 11

9:30am - Mostly Music begins for PreK - 5th grade

10:00am - Sunday School Follow Me Curriculum begins

September 12

6:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting

September 13

7:00pm - Faith Development

September 14

2:00pm - Red Cross Blood Drive

September 15

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

September 19

5:30pm - Stewardship & Finance Meeting

September 20

7:00pm - Session Meeting

September 22

10:30am - FPC Book Club

September 26

7:00pm - Diaconate Meeting

