

September 2022

The Lighthouse

What is Going On?

School is back in session. Summer is coming to a close (according to the calendar, not the thermometer). Things kick back into full gear at First Presbyterian.

Most importantly, **WORSHIP** is happening at FPC every Sunday morning and evening (5pm). I have just started a new series on the Gospel of John in the morning, and Shannon is wrapping up Judges and will be starting a series on the Minor Prophets in the evening.

BIBLE STUDY is happening at FPC. In Sunday school, I have recently begun a study of the book of Revelation. Video of the lessons will soon be on our YouTube channel; but do join us in person. Janet Selig is teaching the children's Sunday school class.

We are going through officer training on Wednesday night, which anyone can attend. We are going through the essential doctrines of our church, our confession and Book of Church Order. A Wednesday night Women's Bible study will begin on September 21. The Study is Remember Your Joy. This seven-week Bible study, with an emphasis on biblical theology, traces the promised seed of the woman from Genesis 3:15 through seven Old Testament stories. Each session gives a glimpse, a foreshadowing, of the greater salvation Jesus wins.

PRAYER is happening in the parlor at 9am on Sunday mornings.

FELLOWSHIP is happening always at FPC, but specifically every second Sunday at our luncheon after the morning service, and at some new (and old) monthly small groups that are being organized. There is also the monthly men's breakfast that occurs the first Saturday of each month.

The **WOMEN'S MINISTRY** has been rebooted. New officers have been nominated and appointed and they are as follows:

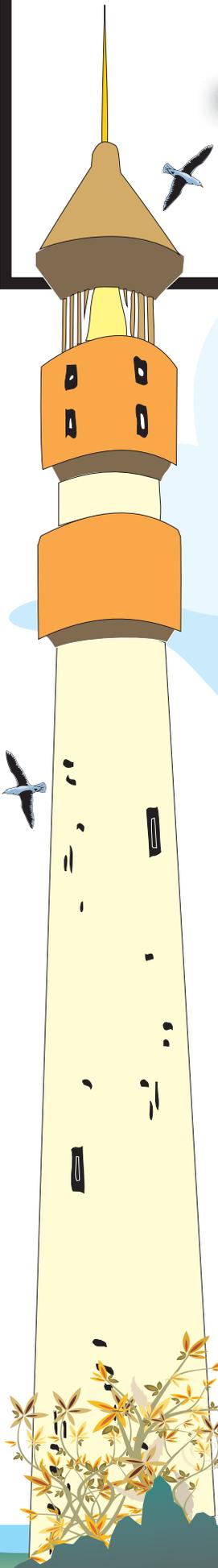
Coordinator - Kathy Vanderkooy

Secretary - Kim Clark

Member Care: Spiritual Life - Sarah Horn

Member Care: Community Life - Chris Smith and Pat Pennell

Outreach - Kayleigh Clark and Vielsa Harding



Pray for these ladies as they plan and coordinate Bible studies; service, outreach and fellowship opportunities geared for the women of our church (and sometimes the men, too). *There will be a kickoff luncheon on September 24 at 11am at the home of Chris Smith.*

The **DIACONAL MINISTRY** of the church is going strong. In addition to helping people in need inside and outside of the church, the deacons have a number of projects going on the church property. The repair job on the parlor porch is priority number one at the moment. Other projects are repairs to the sanctuary columns, the porch and columns at the back of the church, and both manses. These men are working hard and they are scheduling some work days, so be on the lookout for service opportunities with the deacons.

Some things on the horizon to be expecting is our **OFFICER ELECTIONS** sometime in the Fall, and with that a realignment of our **SHEPHERDING GROUPS**. We will let you know when those occur. We are also working on some **OUTREACH** opportunities.

I am sure I am leaving some things out, but this gives you a look into what is going on at FPC!

Grace & Peace,

Tim

From India! On the next page is a letter from the student we support at Grace Academy in Dehradun, India. The handwriting can be hard to read, so here is the text:

Dear friends at Presbyterian Church,

Greetings to you in the mighty name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I hope you are doing good. Even I am doing good. I had my gall bladder removal surgery because I had stones in my stomach. The surgery took place in the month of May. It has been 2 months since my surgery took place. But now by the grace of God I'm alright. How is the weather there? It is raining here because right now in Dehradun it is raining a lot but it's still pleasant. Now I'm in 9th class and now I feel that the studies have grown more difficult but I am having a steady process of overcoming them. I hope I can keep that up till the very end. I would like you to keep my health and my studies and my parent's ministry in your prayers and thank you for keeping me in your prayers.

With lots of love,
Saireen Masih



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With lots of Love ♥
- Saijeen Masih

Prayer and Praise

Jody Collinge

August 25, 2022



CHE training under a mango tree in Uganda

Travels: (Dios mediante--Lord willing)

- September ? To Dallas
- October 1-2: Special event and board meeting, CHSC, TX
- October 3-7 Meeting with the Global CHE Network Representative Council in Payson, AZ
- October 8-31 Visiting churches and friends in Rochester, Schenectady, and Ballston Spa, NY
- November 1 To Israel with a Bible study tour

Prayers and Praise

1. Thank God for the Children's CHE trainings in Uganda this week. Simon and his team are working with children's teachers in their churches. "They have said that, they have never had any training before about equipping children." They are meeting under a mango tree (above) so they can sit in a circle, CHE-style. Meanwhile, Sammy and his team are back at the Bidi Bidi refugee camp giving more CHE and Children's CHE training. Pray for fruitful trainings.

2. Meanwhile, back in Zihuatanejo, we will have a children's ministry at the basketball court this afternoon. I am often teaching some English to the kids

and grandparents.

4. I have also enjoyed teaching online inductive or discover-it-yourself Bible studies with kids. We have just finished Daniel and will begin Elijah in September. Praise God that the girls are inviting their sisters and their friends to join our studies!

ELIJAH



Elijah Confronts the Prophets of Baal
Source: Free Bible Images, <https://www.freebibleimages.org>

5. We also want to make these inductive Bible studies available to others in other areas and other countries, without cost. So I have been writing new studies that are available as a PDF. I have been working on Women of the New Testament. Let me know if you would like a copy.

CAPTIVATING WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT (part one)



6. Please keep on praying for wisdom about building a cabin in Texas.
7. September begins a long series of travels--first to Texas for a fund raising event and board meeting with the Christian Health Service Corps; then on to Arizona, where our service team will join in on a Representative Council meeting of the Global CHE Network; and then on to New York to visit family, friends and churches in Rochester, Schenectady, and Ballston Spa; and finally on to Israel (I hope!) with a Bible study tour. Here is a link to a brochure: <https://belovedtruth.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Israel-2022Brochure-1.pdf>.

Please pray that all the pieces for these travels will come together. And pray for fruitful meetings and time to relax with friends and family. I am also looking forward to the long-awaited Bible study tour in Israel. Pray that we can go this time.

Whew! Many thanks for praying me through all this. The travels seem a bit overwhelming, but God has promised to never leave us or forsake us. And thanks for your faithfulness as well.

Much love to you

Jody

Send donations to:

Global CHE Network, 4702 East Monte Way, Phoenix, AZ 85044.

Please designate that they are for my support. Thanks!



Dates to Remember for September

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| September 3 | Men's Breakfast at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall |
| September 4 | Communion at the morning service |
| September 5 | Labor Day Holiday, church office will be closed |
| September 11 | Monthly luncheon after the worship service, please bring a dish to share |
| September 14 | Women In The Church, Circle meeting at 9:30am in the church Parlor |
| September 18 | Communion at the evening service |



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