



# FPC Tidings

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## FRIENDS...

I am very much looking forward to seeing everyone on Sunday, November 15! For many years, I have admired this congregation as being an active witness for Jesus Christ in the world. The harvest remains plentiful and the laborers are still few in number. There is so much potential all around us to share the gospel of our Lord in both word and deed. Every possibility is available to us and the Holy Spirit will guide us during this transitional period.

One of the blessings I have received from ministry is

that I have made many dear friends along the way. I'm leaving some very special friends in Glasgow, Kentucky to come to Madisonville and I'll miss not seeing them every week. But I also look forward to making new friendships among you and being blessed by your kindness and love. I am also very thankful for my long time friendships with both Lon Lorton and Rob Wilson and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

You will discover that I am not "long-winded", either behind the pulpit or be-



hind the keyboard. Just know that I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on November 15. I'll give you some more information about our services in our December newsletter.

Have a blessed day!  
Charlie

## BE KIND

Last Fall Larry and I dismantled a log house on the property of a church in Beech Creek KY. In the front of the church was a small sign "Be Kind". Over the period of eight weeks I read that sign everyday and thought, "what's that all about". It stuck with me and I saw the same sign in yards around the town.

What is kindness? A smile to someone you know and love, maybe a smile to a stranger, a kind word, or letting someone ahead of

you in the checkout line. Maybe it's opening a door or a stead hand offered to an older person. That's just a surface interpretation, but it can mean so much more.

In a sermon I recently heard from Rev. Mike Hudson, Christ Venice in Florida, the sermon was about Jesus' reaction to unkindness. He did not return ridicule with ridicule or meanness with meanness, or insults with insults, but he responded with love. Jesus did not return what

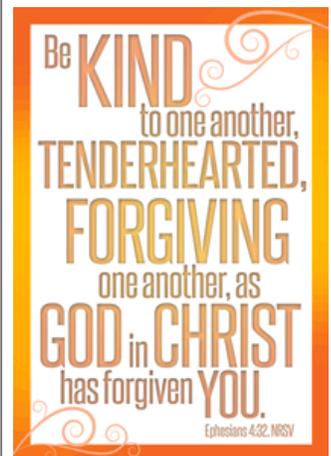
the world and man threw at Him but gave love (kindness) instead. He said "Love God and love one another".

That little sign means so much more. Every day I try to BE KIND with that deeper meaning in mind. Every day I fail but I can try again everyday with the love of Jesus behind me and within me. BE KIND and LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Many Blessings to you all,  
Suzanne Wilson

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## FIRST LINE OF RESPONSE

Dear Friends in Christ,  
 Leonard Ravenhill wrote, “No man is greater than his prayer life. The ministry of prayer—the highest ministry of all human offices—is open to all.”  
 I often hear followers of Jesus say, “All I can do is pray.” I’ve wondered what that brief statement might sound like to our Savior who has extended to us, His people, the unbelievable privilege and amazing opportunity to talk with the Creator of not only each of us, but every component of the universe. All I can do is pray! Prayer should be our first line of response and defense. Jesus emphasized the importance and power of prayer by His words and example. Scripture tells us that Jesus often

withdrew to a quiet place to speak with His Father. Jesus gave us The Lord’s Prayer as a model for prayer (Matthew 6:9-15) and commanded us “to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness” (Matthew 6:33). Jesus also stated that His House should be a House of Prayer (Matthew 21:13) Jesus also shared two parables that encouraged His followers to persevere in prayer and to not lose heart (Luke 18:1-14). If our Savior emphasized prayer as vital, should prayer not be the focal point of our life as Christ’s followers?

So in this season, when our life rhythms seem so different, perhaps we can spend time responding to the greatest invitation—so much in our lives, com-

munity, country government and the world needs the Body of Christ on bended knee.

I challenge all of us, as God’s people, to increase the moments of our sacred communion with the Holy One. Are my lips, heart and mind spending as much time in prayer as they are other activities? Abide in the presence of the Holy One; rise up Body of Christ and embrace your inheritance as Prayer Warriors.

As a recipient of your constant and loving prayers; I attest to their power and bless you for you intercession.

In Christ Alone,

Peggy



## Seven Elements of Repentance

**We repent enough to be forgiven, but do we surrender enough to be changed?**

In Mark 1:15, Jesus’ first message to the crowds was to repent and believe the gospel. When we sin, we have turned our backs on God. To repent is to turn away from sin and turn instead to God.

Here are 7 elements of repentance:

1. **Conviction**—The Holy Spirit opens our eyes and helps us see what we could not see before. Our prideful spirits are softened, helping us become aware of the simple fact that we are wrong.
2. **Surrender**—The Holy Spirit supplies us with a willingness to be honest with ourselves and with God. With His help, we are willing to recognize and admit we are wrong.
3. **Godly sorrow or remorse**—An appropriate response when repenting for sins is to experience Godly sorrow or remorse at having gone the wrong way and disappointed God.
4. **Confess fully**—Confess and apologize to God and others. Agree with God’s leadership and the truth of His word, the Bible. Acknowledge that God is right and we are wrong. Ask for forgiveness.
5. **Make restitution when necessary**—Sometimes we have to pay for damages we have incurred while walking in a path of sin. Repentance includes making things right when we can. [Luke 19:8](#)
6. **Reflect** on your sins, mistakes and wrong choices just long enough to learn from them. Make a plan to move in a new direction, walking new paths, forging new habits so as not to repeat the same sins and mistakes.
7. **Receive** God’s great love and rest in His forgiveness for you! When you recog-

## Chaplain Pete Phelan

nize how much we desperately need God’s help at every stage, we find deeper joy and gratitude for the finished work of Christ on the cross.

God does not take sin lightly. God is just. And a just penalty must be paid for every sin. The great joy is that God is also merciful. He sent Jesus to pay that just penalty for our sins. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [1 John 1:9](#)

Adopted from Melissa McLaughlin.org

## IDOP NOVEMBER I—INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

As we gather to worship, read our Bibles and share our life in Christ, please remember there are millions who risk their lives, homes, families, livelihoods and incarceration to participate in these same activities that we enjoy without fear or reprisal or violence. Please commit to pray daily for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.

Top 10 countries where Christians experience persecution:

1. North Korea
2. Afghanistan
3. Somalia
4. Libya

5. Pakistan
6. Eritrea
7. Sudan
8. Yemen
9. Iran
10. India

(In our corner of the world—the following countries are on the 2019 World Watch list for persecution: Columbia and Cuba)

Websites for more information, prayer updates and ways to support our persecuted families in other parts of the world.

Voice of the Martyrs <https://www.persecution.com/>  
(Founder's story—[Tortured for Christ](#))

Open Doors <https://www.opendoorsusa.org/about-us/>  
(Founder's story—God's Smuggler)

These books are in our library!



## FINANCES AT A GLANCE

September 2020

		YTD	
Income	\$10,001.91	YTD Income	\$245,587.30
Expense	<u>-\$13,736.66</u>	YTD Expense	<u>-\$197,924.67</u>
Net	<u>-\$3,734.75</u>	Net	\$47,662.63

		YTD Undesignated	
Income	\$7,216.91	Income	\$222,557.96
Expense	<u>-\$9,941.66</u>	Expense	<u>-\$182,694.07</u>
Net	<u>-\$2,724.75</u>	Net	\$39,863.89

		YTD Designated	
Income	\$2,785.00	Income	\$23,029.34
Expense	<u>-\$3,795.00</u>	Expense	<u>-\$15,230.60</u>

Operating Funds

Beginning Balance	\$123,173.10
Ending Balance	\$118,599.21
Investment Account	\$205,100.00





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| 3rd  | Jim Agin               | 25th | Burl & Paul Milligan (A) |
| 6th  | Lance Millard          |      | Becky Moore              |
| 12th | James & Glori Cope (A) | 26th | Connie Conover           |
| 14th | Ruth Hendrix           | 27th | Erlene Ewing             |
| 17th | Kari McCance           | 29th | Becca Wilson             |
| 18th | Ross Thomas            |      |                          |
| 19th | Daniel Carter          |      |                          |
| 20th | John Bushong           |      |                          |
| 21st | Janet McClain          |      |                          |
|      | Heather Ricketts       |      |                          |
| 22nd | Luanne Cole            |      |                          |
| 24th | Mike Hofmann           |      |                          |

# November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Guest Speaker: Peggy Phelan 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10AM Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Guest Speaker: Mike Garrigan	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10AM Bible Study	<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Pastor Charlie Evan's first Sunday with us!	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10AM Bible Study Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drop Off 5:00 PM—8:00 PM	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Shoebox Drop off 9:00AM—4:00 PM
<b>22</b> Shoebox Drop off Noon til 6:00PM	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					