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# FPC Tidings



July 2022

## “STICKING OUT ALL OVER”

“Kids Say the Darndest Things” was an important segment of the Art Linkletter House Party on radio and television from 1945 until 1970. Bill Cosby hosted a TV show by the same name from 1998 until 2000. Both men exploited the innocence and lack of inhibition of 4 to 7 year old children to coax some really funny comments. My wife taught preschool for several years. She kept a journal of funny comments, although she never had to encourage any of them. During the final program for parents at the end of the school year she would share some of those comments. One I’ve never forgotten was when Lillie Ann invited A.J. to go to McDonald’s for lunch because her dad had “caught himself a new job.” Another came from Erin, whose dad was a pathologist. She told her teachers, “I’m going to Evansville after school, but first I’m going to watch an autopsy.”

I’ve heard that grandchildren are the reward for not killing your own kids. We have eight of those rewards and they are all growing up too

quickly. The youngest is nearly finished with middle school and the eldest was married last month. Several years ago I was sitting in the stands during one of Jack’s first T-ball practices. He fouled off one pitch straight up in the air. When it came down it struck him on the top of his batting helmet. His only comment was, “Hmmm, I guess that’s why they make you wear these hats.” Not long after that he was in church participating in the Junior Sermon. The youth leader asked the group, “What do you have to do to get into Heaven?” Jack raised his hand and when called upon stated, “Well, of course, first you have to die.” As you can imagine, all the adults in the worship service that day thought that was pretty funny...but wasn’t that just what Jesus told Nicodemus in John 3:3 “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.” We must die to our old self-centered ways and be reborn of water and the Spirit.

One of my favorites came from Ella. She and her mom were getting ready

for bed and talking about what they needed to pray for. After going through an extensive list, Jennie suggested that they should pray to have Jesus live in their hearts. Ella responded, “Mom, if Jesus was to live in my heart, He would stick out all over.” Jennie assured her that “sticking out all over” is exactly what Jesus wants to do. After all, didn’t He say “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if I stick out all over (actually, if you love one another).” (John 13:35 NIV) My prayer for our congregation has always been that people will recognize us because “Jesus sticks out of us.”

Kids do say the darndest things, but listen carefully. Remember the words of Jesus, “I praise you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.” (Matthew 11:25 NIV) Don’t miss an opportunity to learn from kids later this month during Vacation Bible School on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. We can always use another volunteer.

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Service Times:  
10:15 Worship Service  
In the Sanctuary



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## A NEW DAWN

We are about to embark on a new adventure. At the end of July, specifically the 31<sup>st</sup>, we will have Reverend Jen Evans in the pulpit as our new Minister of Word and Sacrament. That day will be a new dawn, a reawakening, a new beginning for FPC Madisonville. God gives us a new beginning each and every day in the name of Jesus. This month FPC gets a new beginning in His Holy Name and the hope for new growth. And as with each new day we can choose the path we will take. The vision of a new beginning will be nothing but a dream unless we step in to do

what is mindful and necessary. We must be willing and available to pay the price that will bring it about. Are we willing to give the quantity and quality of praise, worship, prayers, and sacrifices needed for the church to expand? Are we willing to stop grumbling and complaining how things were, are, and could be and have faith in God to lead us in His direction? Are we willing to have faith, trust, and confidence in God to lead us forward? Let's be grateful for what we have and thank God for what He has done and will do. Let us take delight in the

Lord and experience great pleasure and joy in his presence. Let us commit ourselves to trust Him, believing He will do things in His time, and we will wait patiently for Him to work out what is best for us. The person in whom God delights is one who follows God, trusts Him, and tries to do His will. God watches over and makes firm every step that person takes. It's a new dawn, enjoy the sunshine, Pete.

## JULY PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

On the evening of June 7<sup>th</sup>, the Pastor Nominating Committee presented the name of Jen Kirby Evans to our Session as the PNC's selection for our next Pastor. The Session voted unanimously to proceed with calling Rev. Evans to our congregation. Rev. Evans will now meet with the Commission on Ministry of the Presbytery on July 11<sup>th</sup>. If she is approved by the COM, we will proceed with a congregational meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup> to complete her call. Jen, her husband Rich, and their two sons Trey and William visited with us May 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> and she delivered the message at our worship service on the 15<sup>th</sup>. They are excited

about the possibility of moving to Madisonville and living in the manse. If everything goes well, Jen's first Sunday in the pulpit will be July 31<sup>st</sup>, and we will have much more about Jen and her family in the August Newsletter. Please make every effort to attend the congregational meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup> to show our support for the Evans family!

Rick Lee, PNC Chair



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# FINANCES AT A GLANCE—MAY

		YTD	
Income	\$11,775.98	YTD Income	\$118,158.05
Expense	<u>-\$17,103.25</u>	YTD Expense	<u>-\$99,995.89</u>
Net	- \$5,327.27	YTD Net	\$18,162.16

<u>Undesignated</u>		YTD Undesignated	
Income	\$9,737.61	Income	\$96,646.78
Expense	<u>-\$14,191.88</u>	Expense	<u>-\$86,510.02</u>
Net	-\$4,454.27	Net	-\$10,136.76

<u>Designated</u>		YTD Designated	
Income	\$2,038.37	Income	\$21,511.27
Expense	<u>-\$2,911.37</u>	Expense	<u>-\$13,485.87</u>
	-\$873.00		\$8,025.40

**Operating Funds**

Beginning Balance	\$165,671.29
Ending Balance	\$160,456.16
Investment Account	\$204,087.00





- 2nd Jane Mosley
- 5th Sean McCance
- 13th Karen Howard
- 14th Susan Fischels
- 16th Delight Alexander
- 23rd Ariadne Welch
- 25th Judy McLean
- 26th Gayle Tabor
- 30th Deloris Steinfeld



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 Communion SUNDAY	4 4th of JULY	5 1:30 PM Bible Study 6PM Session Mtg	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 1:30 PM Bible Study	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 1:30 PM Bible Study	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 1:30 PM Bible Study	27	28	29	30
31 ICE CREAM SUNDAY						