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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

Sermon:

Lost and Found:
"Left Behind?"

Scripture:

Psalm 27:4-8
Luke 2:41-52

First Light Service

8:45 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 AM

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 AM

Chiapas, Mexico Lenten Mission Focus

Join us this Sunday @ 10:00AM in the Sanctuary to learn more!

"If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."
1 John 3:17-18

This Lenten season we are once again launching a mission focus that will be intergenerational in scope. This Sunday, February 18 at 10:00am in the sanctuary Bill Herring and John Newell will share about their recent trips to Chiapas, Mexico and explain how we can be involved as a church family in the ongoing mission to our brothers and sisters in Chiapas, Mexico. This means that we will not have our regularly scheduled Sunday school classes for adults this Sunday, so that all of us can hear the ways that we can be involved in this mission together.

As you know, Lent is a season of sacrifice. Jesus gave his life for us on the cross and Lent is a 40-day journey of reflection that leads us to the cross and to the good news of the resurrection. This year we want to be intentional in the ways that we can give of ourselves and of our resources to care for the poor in Chiapas. We will discover tangible ways that we can all be involved: children, youth, and adults. We will also be challenged to pray that God would call *at least ten adults* to go on a mission trip to Chiapas this summer. In addition, we are challenging our church members to give sacrificially to help raise funds to support our missionaries, as well as to help fund our construction project.

Each week in worship we will have the opportunity to bring forward our offerings – money to support our ministry goals, and tangible items that we are collecting to send to Mexico with our mission team. This is a great opportunity for us to be challenged to share God's love not just with words or speech but also with actions in truth. Please make every effort to join us this Sunday to hear firsthand how we can serve God and God's people together!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jeff

Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:30pm

"This man welcomes sinners..." – Luke 15:1-7

This Wednesday begins the season of Lent with our Ash Wednesday service. Together we prepare our hearts to Journey with Jesus these 40 days, while receiving the sign of the cross together. This Lenten season I encourage you to read through the Gospel of Luke with us. Our daily devotional will be available online and through email, which will allow us to read selected verses together and to reflect on God's word to us each day. Feel free to invite your friends to participate in this as well. Devotions will also be posted online and a hard copy version will be available Ash Wednesday for those of you who prefer a booklet.



Lent Family Activities Are Ready!

Lent is an important time in a Christian's life. It is time we set aside to ready our hearts in response to what Jesus did for us. As parents, it is our responsibility to teach our kids the value of this time of the year. You can do this with the aid of the Lenten Family Activity provided by the Children's Ministry Team. This is the Family Lenten Activity for this year. Follow the link below to download your activity set from our website. The activity set includes daily Bible readings to do as a family and activities that will help us readying our hearts for Easter. You are welcome to print the activity yourself or if you would like me to print the activity for you, send me an email. You can see a sample of what this activity could look like at our check-in station at church. If you have any questions, please contact me, Rebecca, at rebecca@firstpresboone.net.

<http://www.firstpresboone.org/ministries/children/lenten-family-activities.html>

A BIG THANK YOU!!!



A **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to Frank Dooley for the beautiful new children's check-in station he built us! He does so many projects for the children's ministry (and the entire church!)- Please take time to thank him for all his hard work and time he gives us!

Worship Clipboards and Bags

Great news!!! We have so many kids in our Sunday morning services! We have been running out of worship clipboards and bags on Sunday mornings because over the past several weeks some of these have gone missing! If you have accidentally taken these home, it would be appreciated if you would return them to the basket outside the sanctuary. Thank you!

Spread the Love, Not the Flu!

Because of the severity of the flu this year, if your child has any of the following symptoms, please do not have them attend any FPC children's programming.

- fever
- sore throat
- body aches
- chills
- vomiting
- cough
- runny or stuffy nose
- headache
- fatigue
- diarrhea

Keep your child home from church activities for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone (The fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine). A fever is defined as 100°F or higher). For more information regarding the flu virus, you can follow this link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/>

This Week at FPC...

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

5:15 PM WEDNESDAY DINNER
6:30 PM ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

6:30 PM FIRST LIGHT PRACTICE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

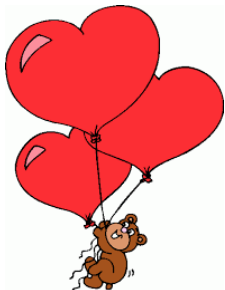
5:30 PM VBS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:00 AM VBS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:45 AM FIRST LIGHT
10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
5:30 PM YOUTH



Deadline
for articles
noon on
Monday.



Sunday Night Discipleship

Youth discipleship Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:30PM.

5:30-6:00 PM	Middle and High school combined recreation and fellowship
6:00-6:30 PM	Dinner
6:30-7:00 PM	Middle School Bible Study/High School Recreation
7:00-7:30 PM	High School Bible Study/Middle School Recreation

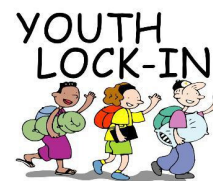
UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Due to the warm weather last Sunday, the SKI TRIP to Appalachian Ski Mountain has tentatively been rescheduled to March 4th.** We will be taking the church bus over to the ski mountain, please plan to arrive at the church by 3:30PM. We plan to be back to the church for pick up around 8:30PM. The cost of the trip is \$31 if you plan to ski, and \$35 if you plan to snowboard. This covers lift ticket, rentals (if you need them), and lessons (if you need them). Students also need to pack their own dinner or plan to bring money to eat in the lodge. *The Ski Trip is open to both middle school and high school students!*



Please note – change of date...

- **MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN: March 9th, 6:00PM.** There will be a middle school lock in here at the church Friday, March 9th. Drop off will be at 6:00PM, and parents need to pick their middle schoolers up at the church at 7:00AM the next morning. We will be going out to dinner that night, playing basketball and dodgeball in the gym. We will have a late night worship service, and plan to go bowling as well. After midnight we will have an ice cream social and plan hide and seek in the church, with no lights! We will close the night with movies and a short “nap” for anyone who may need it. The only cost will be money for your middle schooler to eat dinner out (probably at a local Mexican restaurant.)



To sign up for the ski trip or lock in, please email Robert Bannan to
RSVP: robert@firstpresboone.net

Mark your calendars:

GREAT ESCAPE YOUTH CONFERENCE: JUNE 10th-15th. The Great Escape is a Middle School Conference in Cleveland, TN. It is for rising 7th, 8th, and 9th graders. This is a week that includes tons of fun, fellowship, bible study, and worship. Your middle schooler will spend a week deepening their relationships with each other and Christ, while having a ton of fun. Details, pricing, and sign ups to come soon!

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP: JULY 22-27. Our High School students will be traveling to Atlanta, GA and working with the DOOR Network. Students will have a chance to do inner city work with the homeless population, transitioning immigrants, and those struggling with mental illness. Details, pricing, and registration to come soon!