

Highlights of Heritage and Hope First Presbyterian Church of Finleyville



Letter from the Pastor-Kevin Young, C.L.P.

This article was sent to me this past week and I felt it was worthy of passing along.

In 1887 Alexander Tyler, a Scottish history professor at the University of Edinburgh, had this to say about the fall of the Athenian Republic some 2,000 years prior:
"A democracy is always Temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government. A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover that they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse over loose fiscal policy, (which is) always followed by a Dictatorship."

"The average age of the world's greatest civilizations from the beginning of history, has been about 200 years. During those 200 years, these nations always progressed through the following sequence:

- >From bondage to spiritual faith;
- >From spiritual faith to great courage;
- >From courage to liberty;
- >From liberty to abundance;
- >From abundance to complacency;
- >From complacency to apathy;
- >From apathy to dependence;
- >From dependence back into bondage."

"**United States of America** "was founded in 1776 therefore we are 40 years past our end date according to the above article. Here is what Professor Joseph Olson of Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota has to say about this. He points out some interesting facts concerning the last Presidential election:

Number of States won by:	Obama: 19	Romney: 29
Square miles of land won by:	Obama: 580,000	Romney: 2,427,000
Population of counties won by:	Obama: 127 million	Romney: 143 million
Murder rate per 100,000 residents in counties won by:	Obama: 13.2	Romney: 2.1

Professor Olson adds: "In aggregate, the map of the territory Romney won was mostly the land owned by the taxpaying citizens of the country. Obama territory mostly encompassed those citizens living in low income tenements and living off various forms of government welfare..."

Olson believes the United States is now somewhere between the "complacency and apathy" phase of Professor Tyler's definition of Democracy, with some forty percent of the nation's population already having reached the "governmental dependency" phase.

I encourage you to vote God's will that we might be a Godly Nation filled with spiritual faith and great courage once again.

Peace, Pastor Kevin

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* The next Session Meeting is Sunday, May 22.

Interested in joining the church?

Please call Pastor Kevin, the church office or see a session member for more information.

Christian Education



Adult Sunday School: 9:15AM—in the Upper Room. All are welcome! The adult Sunday School will be starting a study on Galatians/Ephesians.

Children & Youth Programming:

Sunday School meets each Sunday after the discipleship message.
A nursery is available during the worship service.

Gleaners

The next Gleaner's Meetings is on Saturday, May 14 at 11:00 am at Mitty's.

Please contact Joanna Morgan at 724-348-8056 for more information about the Gleaners.



Outdoor Flea Market

Saturday, June 25

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Table fee \$10.00

The Gleaners are also sponsoring a table –so if anyone has anything they would like to donate it would be much appreciated. Please call Joanna at 724-348-8056 for more information or if you have any questions.

Fellowship Hour



Please join us for Fellowship each Sunday, following the worship service. Once a month, a lunch will be provided for fellowship.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to help provide cookies/pastries. Please see Denise if you have any questions.

The next Fellowship Lunches are on Sundays, May 22, June 26 and July 24.

Mission



Love in a Basket & Baby Hats

We are continuing to collect baby hats and supplies in the baskets in the sanctuary.



Pentecost Offering

This offering will be collected on Sunday, May 15. It is collected through the Presbyterian Church and helps support Young Adult Volunteers, Ministries for Youth and Child Advocacy.

Pentecost Sunday

May 15, 2016

Be sure to wear **RED** on this special Sunday.





Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will meet on Saturdays, May 14, June 11 and July 9 at 9:00 am at Mitty's Restaurant on Brownsville Rd. ext.

Any adults or kids interested in joining the choir, please contact Nancy at 412-335-7310 or nancyajollramirez@gmail.com. Choir meets each Sunday morning at 9:45 am.



Grazie, Danke and Thank you,

Rich and I want to thank everyone who kept us in their prayers during our "extended" stay in Italy. All the prayers were answered as I had successful eye surgery and the best of care in the Merano, Italy hospital where they speak mostly "German"! I hope to get equally good care here at home as my eye continues to heal. In any language, God hears our prayers!

Rich and Linda Fleischer

The church office will be closed for vacation July 2-9.



Welcome New Members...

On Easter Sunday, we welcomed the following into the membership of the First Presbyterian Church of Finleyville. Gilbert Dolinar Jr. (posthumously), Margaret Dolinar, Cynthia Dolinar, Jeromy Eakin, Jackie Eakin, James Archer, Stephanie Archer, Fred Satter and Nancy Ramirez. We welcome you into our membership and look forward to doing the work of Christ together.

Senior Exercise Chair Class

Fridays 11:00 am
½ hour class
\$3/class
Upper Room

CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY

May 22, 2016

Dress casual, bring shovels, gloves, rakes, etc!

A "picnic" lunch will be provided after the 10:30 am service. We will work inside and outside the church. Any questions, please contact Bill or Ruth Manning.



Ask God for the right words and invite someone to church, let's fill the pews!