

Highlights of Heritage and Hope First Presbyterian Church of Finleyville

November/December
2015 Newsletter



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

We all want to be liked, cherished, and appreciated by our peers. But what if I told you that God could care less about these things? What if I told you that God didn't care how many Facebook friends you have, or how many people follow you on Twitter?

And what if I told you that God isn't worried about how popular you are? In fact, what if I told you that the purpose of the Gospel isn't to fit in at all, but to in fact stand out.

Romans 12:2 - Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

In today's worth-seeking world, being "liked," and "wanted" is something we all yearn for. And whether we want to admit it or not, it's how our culture forces us to feel, and not to mention it's how our culture advertises us to feel.

The World Says: Failure is not an option."

"If you are not first, you are last."

"If you're not somebody, you're nobody."

But when we begin to look into the depth of Scripture, none of those things are actually true. God has called us to be different. God has called us to stand against the grain, to be a city on a hilltop, and to be the change for a world that lacks hope.

Realizing you don't fit in is a good thing. You weren't made to fit in. You were made to fulfill your calling in Christ. You were made to stand out.
You were made in His image.

Peace,
Pastor Kevin

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Interested in joining the church?

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The Deacons Thank you for your ongoing support of the Love Fund. Please feel free to contact the church office or a deacon with your concerns or if you know of anybody in need. God bless you.

The **2015 Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday, December 6 following the Worship Service and Christmas Lunch.

Christian Education

Adult Sunday School: 9:15AM—in the Upper Room. All are welcome!

Children & Youth Programming:

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



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, November 22 and December 6.

Gleaners

The Gleaners are selling Wagner's Chocolate \$2.00. Chocolate covered pretzels, chocolate covered oreos and chocolate covered marshmallows. Please contact the Gleaners if you would like to purchase chocolates or if you would like to take a box to sell.

The next Gleaner's Meeting is Nov. 21 at 11:00 am. at Mitty's Restaurant.

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



**Veterans Day,
Wednesday,
November 11**

Mission



Love in a Basket & Baby Hats

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



Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will meet on Saturdays, Nov. 14 and Dec 12 at 9:00 am at Mitty's Restaurant on Brownsville Rd. ext.

Thanksgiving Day Thursday, Nov. 26, 2015

1 Chronicles 16:34

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever"



The Christmas Joy Offering

will be collected during the worship service on Sunday, December 20. This offering is distributed through the Presbyterian Church USA and 50% is used for assistance programs of the Board of Pensions and 50% is used to support student scholarships at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

Interfaith Events

- **The Interfaith Thanksgiving Food Drive** will be held November 8-15. Please bring your donations of canned and non-perishable food items to the church. They will be distributed to local families in need.
- **The Thanksgiving Worship Service** will be held at Mingo Church on Sunday, Nov. 22 at 7 pm.
- **The Thanksgiving Dinner** will be held at St. Francis Finley Hall on Thanksgiving Day (November 26) at 12:00 pm. Our church is to provide a turkey, mashed potatoes and stuffing. If you can help with any of these, please contact the church office.
- **Good Samaritan Offering** —November 8 and November 15.
This collection is used to help local families in need during the holiday season.

Church Decorating

*Come help decorate the church
for Christmas!
Saturday, November 28
at 10:00 am*



*Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
Thursday,
December 24
7:00 pm*

Christmas Events

*December 6:
Christmas Lunch following
worship
December 20:
Too Many Tubas (during
worship) –we are in need of
cookie donations this day
Worship at 10:45 am
Christmas Joy Offering*

*Watch the church bulletins and
website for more information on
ordering poinsettias.*

Thank you notes received –

*Thank you for the spray of wheat and your
prayers and thoughts for Richard and our family.
Len and Patricia Staley*

*Dear Church friends,
Thank you for your thoughts and prayers
during this difficult time.
Donna*



Choir News

Welcome to John L. Yanda, our new organist and choir director. His first Sunday with us is November 15, 2015.

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