

Highlights of Heritage and Hope First Presbyterian Church of Finleyville

Summer
2017 Newsletter



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

From time to time I've been known to get on a rant about being "Politically Correct". My point is "WE the Church" cannot be politically correct because being so is "Biblically Wrong"! That is why the Temple leaders of Jesus day had issues with Him. Jesus called them out on their political correctness. Jesus' teachings were grounded in Biblical correctness. Are not we today to do the same? Have a church that is founded and grounded in scripture, the Holy Word of God, unwavering in its interpretation and meaning? Any way before I get too carried away I want to share with all of you a letter from a dear friend and brother in Christ. His name is Don Nixon; he is a lecturer, writer, and church leader, and much more than I can fit into the space of this letter. This letter is from Don's web-site; www.winningamerica.com I hope you like it as much as I did. It's called; "We Are The Exception"

The normal state of affairs for followers of Christ for 2,000 years has been one of either persecution or at least marginalization. That is true even today in most of the world. Conditions range from the relatively soft cultural intolerance of secular Europe to the all out attempted extermination of believers in hostile nations.

The most notable exception has been America for the last few centuries. The church here has had the opportunity to flourish as never before in history and the result has been the most religious freedom that has ever been experienced and the most prosperous nation that ever existed. Hmm...could there be a correlation? Even so, it has become increasingly difficult to be a follower of Christ in our nation in recent decades. Being a Christian is not celebrated like it once was and in some cases it is even considered to be a liability. It really does take some courage to be an uncompromising follower of the Nazarene. How does that cause us to respond? Winning America responds by:

* Recognizing that our freedom and our prosperity is the direct result of the largely biblical bedrock upon which our Founders established this nation.

*Knowing that powerful revivals played a major role in course-correction whenever our nation drifted away from that biblical bedrock. We must be praying for that to happen again.

*Admitting that we, as the church in America, have disengaged from many institutions (education, entertainment, media, etc.) that are now very secular and have a huge influence in our everyday lives.

*Calling the body of Christ in our nation to reengage in all areas of American life so that our salt and light may impact those institutions once again.

*Challenging each individual believer to cry out to God, "Here am I. Send me!" If a majority of Christ-followers in our nation do just that, we will change our history.

Our historically high level of blessing in this amazing nation is not given to us just so we can enjoy God's generosity. We are blessed so that we can, in turn bless others. Let us recognize that it all comes with a very high degree of purpose. Find that purpose in your life and watch your world change, not to mention the fate of our nation.

Advancing God's Kingdom in Jesus' Name,
Don Nixon

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Interested in joining the church?

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

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Session

Session Bill Manning (Building & Property), Charles Crayton, Jill Gudenburr, Denise Kegel (Worship), Beth Archer (Personnel), Michael Archer (Treasurer), Marge Dolinar, Irene Allridge. Clerk of Session: Dana Robinson

* The next Session Meeting is Sunday, June 25 following 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, June 25 and July 23.

The Interfaith Picnic (celebrating Interfaith's 50th Anniversary!) will be **Sunday, June 25** (place to be announced) at 3:00 pm. Entertainment will be Brian & Shawn Chrisagis of Chrisagis Brothers Ministry (www.chrisagisbrothersministires.com)



Gleaners

Outdoor Flea Market

Saturday, June 10, 2017

9:00 am – 2:00 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.

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.

Chairlift Update....

Thank you to all who have been donating and supporting the Gleaner's fundraising efforts towards the chairlift. We only need about \$2800.00 more to complete the work!

Deacons

Deacons: Donna Pasquinelli (724-348-4982), Linda Fleischer, Jackie Schneider, Doris Matthews

The Deacons were pleased to be able to deliver beautiful Easter lilies and to visit with some of our shut-ins. We also rewarded our college students with McDonalds' gift cards in recognition of their hard work. Have a great summer!

Mission

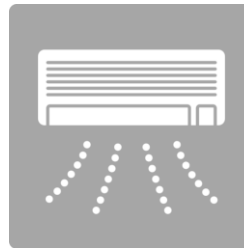
Love in a Basket & Baby Hats

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



Pentecost Offering

This offering will be collected on Pentecost Sunday, June 4. This offering is collected through the Presbyterian Church and helps support Congregational Initiatives with Young People, Young Adult Volunteers, Ministries for Youth and Child Advocacy.



Air Conditioning in the Sanctuary! A huge thank-you to Ted and Ruth Ann Vero whose donation has made possible the installation of air conditioning. Come check it out!

To our Church Members,
Thank you so very much for all your prayers and concerns and for the beautiful Sheath of Wheat sent for JoAnn.

Your friendship and caring has helped us greatly get through this very sad time.

Sincerely,

Russ, Irene and all JoAnn's family

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

My last day here is at the end of June.

Thank you so much for 13 years of love, prayers and friendship. I will miss you. God bless you all.

Love,

Cheryl



Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will meet on Saturdays, June 10 and July 8 at 9:00 am at Mitty's Restaurant on Brownsville Rd. ext.