

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 DOVES LIFE CONNECT FALL FELLOWSHIP 3 PM/OFFSITE
5  TIME CHANGE/FALL BACK	6	7 MADE FOR MORE CLASS 7:30 PM ANNEX	8	9	10 YOUTH RALLY DEFUNIAK SPRINGS PURPOSE INSTITUTE/ANNEX	11 GOLDEN EAGLE THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP 2 PM/GYM
12	13	14 CHURCH PRAYER 7:00 PM	15	16	17 LADIES' FELLOWSHIP 7 PM/UPPER ROOM	18 DOVES
19	20	21 THANKSGIVING SERVICE	22 NO SERVICE	23 THANKSGIVING DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	24	25
26	27	28 CHURCH PRAYER 7:00 PM	29 REV. SCOTT CARPENTER MISSIONARY TO RUSSIA	30		

COMING DECEMBER 2017



- December 2 DOVES
- December 4 Sis. Kinsey's Birthday
- December 5 Made For More Class
- December 8 UPRUSH Youth Christmas Party
- December 10 Group Baby Dedication/AM
- December 17 Christmas Hope/PM
- December 24 Christmas Eve—11 am Candlelight Service
- December 25-29 Family Week/Church Office closed
- December 28-29 Holiday Youth Convention, Orlando

We Thank Thee

For flowers that bloom about our feet,
Father, we thank Thee.
 For tender grass so fresh, so sweet,
Father, we thank Thee.
 For the song of bird and hum of bee,
 For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For blue of stream and blue of sky,
Father, we thank Thee.
 For pleasant shade of branches high,
Father, we thank Thee.
 For fragrant air and cooling breeze,
 For beauty of the blooming trees,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For this new morning with its light,
Father, we thank Thee.
 For rest and shelter of the night,
Father, we thank Thee.
 For health and food, for love and friends,
 For everything Thy goodness sends,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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WEEKLY AT FPC

Monday	No Church Activities/Family Night	
Tuesday	Church Prayer	7:00 pm
	Saufley Prison Service	7:00 pm
	Guest Follow-up Outreach	
Wednesday	Musicians & Praise Team	6:30 pm
	Pre-Service Prayer	6:45 pm
	Word & Worship and Classes	
	Kid's Church	7:00 pm
Thursday	Century Prison Service	8:00 am
	Jr Bible Quizzing	6:30 pm
Friday	Youth Events (1st & 3rd)	7:00 pm
Saturday	Nursing Home Ministry (2nd & 4th)	
Sunday	Men's Prayer	8:30 am
	Sunday School	10:00 am
	Morning Worship	11:00 am
	ACTS Class	
	Release/Refocus Class	4:30 pm
	Church Prayer	5:30 pm
	Evening Worship	6:00 pm

Check the online calendar at firstpent.org for detailed information and times.



NOVEMBER MUSIC NOTES

Musicians—3:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir—4:00 pm

PROJECT 239 OFFERING — Sunday, November 5
"MADE FOR MORE" CLASS— Tuesday, November 7, 7:30 pm, Annex. Taught by Pastor Kinsey. **No church prayer.**

DOVES — November 4 and November 18

NURSING HOME MINISTRY — November 11 and November 25

PURPOSE INSTITUTE

Friday, November 10, 7:00 pm in the Annex

Saturday, November 11, 8:00 am in the Annex

TIME CHANGE— Sunday, November 5

Set your clocks **BACK** one hour before retiring Saturday night, November 4

Say Yes To Reversing The Curse

4th Quarter Prayer Directive

2 Corinthians 1:20 (AV) — For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

Just as Esther acted to reverse the curse against her and her people in Esther 8:4-6, we must act to reverse the curses in our lives. The curse of disrespect, self-pity, fear, and offense can keep us from receiving all that God has for us.

Reverse the Curse of Disrespect and Fear

- **Psalms 37:5** *Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.* Young translates it as, "Roll upon Jehovah thy way; trust upon him and he worketh."
- It calls to our attention the immediate action of God on our behalf when we truly commit, or roll out our way into HIS HANDS.
- The burden of whatever it may be; a way of sorrow, of difficulty, of physical need, of ANY need we may have, "He worketh."
- When? NOW! We can go ahead and start praising Him for the answer, knowing He immediately began meeting our need!
- This expectancy enables God to do the very thing we rolled unto Him because it was out of our reach.
- Even if we don't see any results we can still believe He is working on it. *I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me (Psalms 57:2).*
 - >Pray that God will help you focus on Kingdom things that we may become a mighty army for the Kingdom of God.
 - >No weapon formed against us shall prosper. We will see greater things in this latter rain than they saw in the former rain.
 - >Pray to see our altars filled with souls receiving the Holy Ghost, our pews filled with community seeking to know God, and our church filled with testimonies of miracles, signs, and wonders.

Reverse the Curse of Self-Pity and Offense

- If we allow self-pity to control us it will keep us from moving forward. Many times self-pity begins with a spirit of offense. When we allow these things to take root in our lives, we will not be able to face the consequences of our own choices; nor will we be able to get better. We end up blaming others instead of taking personal responsibility.
- Self-pity makes it easy to live in the past, wandering through the graveyard of a thousand what-ifs. We see self-pity and offense in the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:25-32) and all that it did to him. It destroys happiness (v. 28), it destroys your usefulness and others' effectiveness in the kingdom (v. 28b), it destroys unity (v.29).
- The cause of his self-pity and offense was that he could not see past himself. His favorite words were "I, me, and my" and these distorted views and values caused offense and self-pity to be stirred in his life. But there is a cure.
- We must recognize our abundant provision and have gratefulness (v.32 "All that I have is yours.").
- We need to celebrate our purpose and all that we see God is doing! When we take our eyes off ourselves and turn them to others' needs God turns towards us.
- We see this in Job's life. Not only did God restore him but he gave him a double portion. **Job 42:10 (AV)** And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also, the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. This is our promise as well!

Prayer Directive continued

- >Pray that God will give a spirit of humility, gentleness and patience that we may show tolerance to each other in love.
- >Thank God for allowing you to be a part of the church in such a time as this.
- >Pray that God would help you to be sensitive to the needs of others and to pray sincerely for them.

FAMILY MATTERS SERIES

(Wednesdays during November)

November 1— "Marriage & Family" (all adults in the Sanctuary)

November 8— "Life Lessons" (all adults & youth in the Sanctuary)

November 15— "Family Matters" (adults & youth in the Sanctuary)
"Building Strong Children in a Tough World"
(Upper Room—all parents of children to age 12)

November 21 (Tuesday)—Thanksgiving Service (all classes in the Sanctuary)

November 29— Missionary Service (all classes in the Sanctuary)

Kid's Church will convene in the gym November 1, 8 & 15 and join in the Sanctuary November 21 & 29.

LIFE CONNECT FALL FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, November 4, 3:00 pm at the home of Rev. Rusty & Melanie Knowles (5761 Hwy 29 N, Molino)

\$5/person—all ages (children welcome) **Sign up and pay at firstpent.org or envelopes available at the Information Desk**

>**Activities**—Knockerball (4:00-6:00 pm), horseshoes, bean bag toss, frisbees/Bring lawn chairs

>**Sign up for chili cook off**

>**Menu:** Chili (from the cook off) with all the trimmings, assorted beverages and desserts

GOLDEN EAGLE THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, November 11 at 2:00 pm, Gym

Sign up at the Information Desk—no charge/When signing up, please mark if you can bring a side dish— bread, salad or vegetable. Turkey, dressing, desserts and beverage provided.

KAJON FRIED TURKEYS FOR THANKSGIVING

\$30/each—Must order and PRE-PAY by November 15

Turkeys will be available for pick up on Wednesday, November 22 by 12 noon (use Kitchen Entrance #4). Bring a container if you would like turkey stock. **ALL ORDERS** must be placed online at firstpent.org OR by calling the church office.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

October 22—November 19

We are asking for food donations to provide Thanksgiving Baskets for those in need. Please bring the following items so that each basket will contain the same ingredients for a wonderful Thanksgiving meal.

Condiments

Cake Mixes & Canned Frostings
Pie Filling, Pudding Mix
Graham Cracker Crust
Marshmallows
Coffee/Tea
Sugar/Flour/Cornmeal

Canned Vegetables

Canned Soups/Broths
Canned Yams/Sweet Potatoes
Instant Potatoes/Rice
Gravy Mix (packets or in jars)
Macaroni & Cheese
Boxed Stuffing/Cranberry Sauce

NO GALLON SIZES PLEASE! Turkeys provided by the church. You may bring **perishable items** (eggs, milk, butter, etc) on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19.**



Thursday, November 23

Church Office closed November 23-24

THANKSGIVING SERVICE—Tuesday, November 21. All classes will be in the Sanctuary. No service Wednesday, November 22.

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP—Friday, November 17,

7:00 pm, Upper Room. You are invited to become "Plugged In—A Season For Service". Childcare will NOT be provided for this event.

Ladies' Ministry is starting a new Ladies' Book Club, beginning in January. We will be reading books that will enhance your walk with God. More details to come later this month.

"WRAP THEM IN LOVE" BLANKET DRIVE

November 26—December 17/Requesting donations of new light weight blankets or fleece throws for those that are home-bound and in nursing homes. These may be brought in during office hours or put in the designated baskets in the foyer.

GROUP BABY DEDICATION

Sunday, December 10 during the morning service.

Contact the church office by December 6 if you would like to participate.

"CHRISTMAS HOPE"

Sunday, December 17 at 6:00 pm

Presented by the FPC Music Department

2017 YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

Any contribution you wish to be included on your 2017 Contribution Statement must be in the church office by Sunday, December 31, 2017 OR postmarked by Saturday, December 30, 2017. If you would like your contribution statement emailed, please contact David Geri.

SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO

The Family of **Rev. Larry Loyd Sims**, who passed away September 30. He is survived by his spouse, Shelia Sims; son, Anthony (Leah) Sims; daughter, Angela (Michael) McDonald; five grandchildren; one sister, Patricia (Rick) Kramer; numerous nieces, nephews and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, Bud and Mary Sims.



Brittany (Seth) Levins in the death of her father, **Anthony A. (Tony) Goff**, who passed away October 5.

Carolyn Smith in the death of her sister, who passed away October 14.