

October 14 & 21, 2018

MARK'S MESSAGE

Supernatural Math

The apostle Paul wrote to the Roman Christians, "*For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.*" (Romans 12:4-6a) To fulfill the mission and ministries of First Presbyterian, we all need to worship, work, serve and give "together in Christ."



There's math – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. There's advanced math – algebra, trigonometry and calculus. Then, there's supernatural math – the kind of math that doesn't add or make sense, but that unbelievably works every time.

I believe there is a clear connection between our generosity and God's provision. It's supernatural math. Throughout the Bible, you'll see that God's way is different. But not only is it different, God's way is better. A generous heart with the favor of God is better than wealth without his involvement. Of your income, living on 90% while giving 10% to First Presbyterian Church with God's blessing goes further than 100% of your income without God. It's supernatural math.

I know what the spreadsheets say. I know how the formulas work. Despite all that, the Bible's supernatural math is just as true today as it was in the first century. God always provides – for the ancient Hebrews, for the Apostle Paul and for you and me. Giving is not a formula to corner God into giving you a new car. If you pledge money, God doesn't promise to surprise you with a forgotten rebate of that amount early next year. God's blessings don't work that way.

However, blessings through your pledge aren't limited to just your life on earth either. God says that we can store up treasures in heaven. Our giving can literally affect eternity.

On Sunday, October 21, during each worship service, we will dedicate our pledges to the 2019 FPC General Budget. At this time it appears the 2019 budget maybe 2.5% higher than this year's budget. Pray the Lord will help you meet and even exceed that increase in your pledge. If you haven't pledged recently, I pray the Lord will nudge you to begin pledging this fall for 2019. It's all about supernatural math!

Blessed by your gifts,



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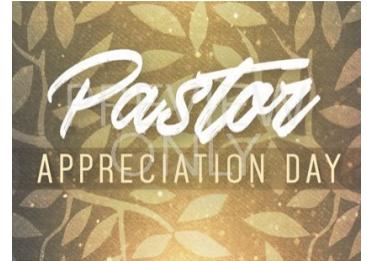
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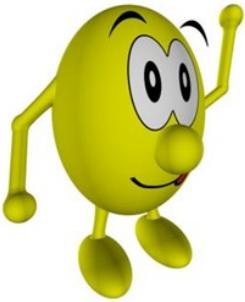
PASTOR APPRECIATION

October is "Pastor Appreciation Month" and we will honor Mark and Keith at a special Fellowship Hour following the 10:30 service on October 14. Please plan on attending! If you would like to write a card or note to our two fine leaders, there will be baskets available to put them in on that day.

We thank these two men for their dedication to FPC and for being true examples of Jesus' love to others.



YOUTH NEWS



We have been enjoying our new look Youth Group with our different themes each week throughout the month. Our first Worship Cafe was a success with smoothies, ice-cold mochas and treats going down a storm. Our theme was "Big Brands but Bigger Jesus," focusing on, are we as proud to wear Jesus on our sleeve as we are our favorite brand of clothing.

For our Mission evening we headed to the Food Bank to learn about the many needs and challenges that people face here in Hutchinson. We brought food with us for the Bank and I know all of us were shocked at how limited and little food there was at this time.

Last Wednesday we had another Soul Food night with pizza and ice cream but not on the same plate! Our theme was "Who is God?" and we had a bit of fun as everyone got a hard boiled egg, "Eggbert" and they had to draw a face, hair, etc., give it a name, introduce this new creation to everyone and take care of it throughout the evening. The idea was that just as they created their own unique "egg person" God created us unique and will care for us, no matter what. We looked at a list of qualities that would be needed to enter the "World's Greatest Dad Contest" and discovered that only God could live up to our list of qualities. God is the one we can all depend on and we need to depend more on God in every area of our lives.

EFFECTING PARENTING CLASS

Parenting class kicks off Sunday, October 14, with Keith in the Youth Room, 10:00—10:45 a.m. Please join us!





We often forget that God has given us so much and he asks that you and I would invest more of ourselves into the world. It is only when we as a church commit to being a powerful, transformational group of believers that things can happen in our community. It is vital for us as a church to live out God's mission together here in Hutchinson. We need to use our gifts and resources to meet the needs of our members and those in our local community. As we give more of ourselves to God and to each other we will start to live life in action mode rather than in our comfort mode.

We can do more for God *together* than we can on our own. But that will take a lot of effort on our part. God can accomplish amazing things through a church community that gives their gifts (time, talents, and resources) freely and generously. We have a powerful, life-changing story to share with those around us and it will only happen when we come together as a church in our vision and purpose.

First Presbyterian Church has been here in Hutchinson from the establishing of the city and just like our founders we are here to minister to those in the community. It has to be our goal to enable everyone to see our amazing God through the actions of his church and people on the corner of East Sherman and Poplar. God's plan is for transformation to happen today through us, his people, by bringing the Gospel to our streets, our homes, our work and our play, so that people can discover the real Jesus.

As we come to this time of stewardship in church we need to be asking how God might want us to serve him. Can you begin to imagine what would happen if more of us started to think about stewardship and mission as walking hand in hand together. Think of it as something we can do better together? Perhaps we need to start asking how we can play our part in enabling God to break through and heal the hurting, care for the lonely, feed the hungry, walk alongside those in need, support young families and help people have their lives transformed by accepting and following Jesus.

Jesus is the hope for the world and his church is the instrument of hope. YOU and I are the church, so together let us give generously of our time, our talents and our financial resources so that we can make a difference for God and we can do that together.

OUT IN THE COMMUNITY



Hair Cuts and Hot Dogs — Lincoln School

Monday, October 15, 3:30-6:00 p.m.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Could you volunteer from 3:30 to 4:45 or 4:45 to 6:00 p.m.?

We need people to sweep, hand out hot dogs, help out at coloring activity stations (prizes will be given out at school the next day for one child from each grade who finished their coloring and was drawn out of the hat). We also need others to meet and greet people and have conversations with families.

If you can help email Keith at keith@fpchutch.org or sign up at church over the next two Sundays.



KEEP IN PRAYER

For those in the hospital or hurting

- Janet & Harold Ryan on the death of Janet's sister, Jean Thomas

For all FPC shut-ins

*For Federated Presbyterian Church, Spearville
and First Presbyterian Church, Larned
(10/14/18)*

For First Presbyterian Church, Newton (10/21/18)

BIRTHDAYS

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|----|---------------|----|----------------|
| 14 | Jenna Lackey | 20 | Lydia Johnson |
| 15 | Roy Sudlow | 20 | Todd Ray |
| 16 | Andrea Lackey | 21 | Candy Jones |
| 16 | David Smoak | 24 | Jackson Fluck |
| 17 | Dell Swearer | 25 | Kendra Munds |
| 19 | Ray Everson | 25 | Taylor Veh |
| 20 | Dee Dillon | 27 | Jennifer Neill |
| 20 | Claire Foy | | |

CHURCH OFFICE NOTES

Chimes Note

Deadline for next issue of *Chimes* will be **10:00 a.m. Monday, October 22**, for the issue covering October 28-November 10.

Chancel Flower Calendar

October 28, November 4, 11, 25, December 23 and 30 are open on the Chancel Flower Calendar. If you would like to provide flowers for worship one of these days, please contact Janice in the church office: janice@fpchutch.org or 665-5549 (afternoons) by the preceding Monday.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday Morning Adult Education Opportunities — 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Come and join us for *"The Wired Word"* in the Cornerstone Room

"Witnesses of the Faith", Facilitated by Pastor Mark Miller, Large Conference Room

"Becoming a Contagious Christian" Study

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 16, at 1:30 p.m. at Dick & Carol Brown's house. We will continue discussion of Chapters 8 and 9 of Bill Hybels' book, "Becoming a Contagious Christian." All are welcome.

CHILDREN'S NEWS



Our new Wednesday club for children has been a lot of fun. The club is for all children K through 6th and runs from 5pm to 6:30pm each week.

The children enjoy a little meal together and then they have been enjoying their music time as they sing and play our new boom whacker instruments. You can look forward to hearing them in the near future on a Sunday morning at worship! Let's say it is truly a "joyful noise!"

We have two classes for the younger children led by Amanda Jackson and Michele Lane and they are learning all about Moses through stories and craft time. Our 5th and 6th graders join Misti McLain and Keith Neill for junior youth group in the Youth Room. We are having a blast with this great group and we are excited about the year ahead.

Please encourage or bring any children you know along on a Wednesday. We have plenty of room for everyone.

Last Thursday was the first day of our Little Stars Toddler Group and is headed up by Shannon Heath and of course Pearl. It was also great to see Zac, Shannon's husband come along on his morning off to help with the kick-off.

We had a great first day with about 10 toddlers and their mums or care givers coming along. The group is based out of our wonderful nursery and a big thank you to Jane Eriksen and Jane Harrison for volunteering in the nursery and to Arlene Becker who baked for the adults to enjoy a coffee and treats in the Refresh Café.

So please spread the word about this great new group; everyone is welcome each week. It is free to the families and the adults get to enjoy some adult conversation and time together. We hope to have some yoga, speakers, seasonal crafts, etc., throughout the year.

If you can help out for 90 minutes, once a month in the nursery please email Keith at keith@fpchutch.org and he will pass the information on to Shannon.



HALLELUJAH CORNER

- Congratulations to Cari Showalter and Corey Torrez on their marriage September 22. Cari's parents are Chris & Dee Ann Showalter and her grandparents are John & Donna Showalter. Hallelujah!

Hallelujah

PARISH PERSONALS

- Sincere sympathy goes out to Janet & Harold Ryan. Janet's sister, Jean Thomas, died September 23.
- FPC Friends,
Thank you for the generous scholarship. I am extremely grateful for all of the love and support the church has showed for me over the years. I am enjoying college and playing football at Southwestern Oklahoma State and look forward to seeing everyone over holiday break. — Lawson Schultz

We've received a number of thank you notes from Lincoln School staff following the church work day on August 12:

- Dear First Presbyterian,
Words cannot express the gratitude we feel for all that you do for us at Lincoln. We are truly blessed to have your help, support and prayers. You have saved us hours of work with all your help this past Sunday. Feeling blessed, Lincoln Teachers
- Dear Friends,
Thank you so much for donating your time and effort in helping Lincoln get started off on the right foot! Everything you do for us is greatly appreciated!! Thanks again for your hard work! Love, The Lincoln Staff
- Thank you for making Lincoln look BEAUTIFUL! • Thank you so much for everything! ♥ • Thank you for taking the time to help out our classrooms and our school. You all are awesome! • A great big THANK YOU for all of your help! We could not do it without you! • Thank you for making our school and neighborhood look beautiful! And thank you for saving us hours of work! We are so grateful!!

HOSPITAL



In the Hospital?

Due to the current HIPAA privacy ruling, hospitals no longer notify churches when church members or friends are hospitalized. Please call the church office (665-5549) when a family member will have a planned procedure or hospitalization and would like Pastor Mark Miller to make a visit.

CALENDAR — OCTOBER 14 – 28

Sunday, October 14, 2018—Pastor Appreciation

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Ann Sellers, 662-9510

Preacher Mark Miller (8:15 & 10:30): Romans 12:1-8

Preacher Keith Neill (9:00): Romans 12:1-8

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| 8:15 am | Worship service | Chapel |
| 8:45-10:15 | ReFresh Café open | Refresh Café |
| 9:00 am | Worship service/Kidz Church | Sanctuary |
| 9:15 am | Chancel Choir | Chapel |
| 9:30 am | Adult Christian Education | |
| 10:00 am | Effective Parenting class | Youth Room |
| 10:30 am | Worship service | Sanctuary |
| 11:30 am | Pastor appreciation/Fellowship time | Parlor |

Monday, October 15

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| 8:30 am | Exercise class | Kids' Cave |
| 3:30 pm | Hair Cuts and Hot Dogs | Lincoln School |
| 6:30 pm | Session meeting | Large Conference Rm |
| 7:00 pm | Boy Scout Troop 301 | Fellowship Hall |

Tuesday, October 16

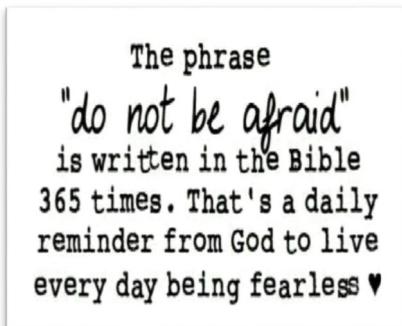
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| 9:00 am | Koinonia Women | Large Conference Rm |
| 1:30 pm | Bible study | Brown's house |

Wednesday, October 17

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| 8:30 am | Exercise class | Kids' Cave |
| 9:00 am | Staff meeting | Conference Room |
| 5:00 pm | Kids' Power Club | |
| 6:00 pm | FPC Bells | Choir Room |
| 6:15 pm | Confirmation class | Large Conf Rm |
| 7:00 pm | Youth group | The Basement |

Thursday, October 18

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| 7:00 am | Men's Bible study | Parlor |
| 9:30 am | Little Stars Toddlers | Nursery, Café |
| 2:00 pm | Prepare and serve meal | Soup Kitchen |



Friday, October 19

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| 9:00 am | Walk-a-mile class | Kids' Cave |
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Sunday, October 21—Stewardship Dedication

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Kriss Fee, 727-2271

Preacher Mark Miller (8:15 & 10:30): Romans 12:1-8

Preacher Keith Neill (9:00): Romans 12:1-8

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| 8:15 am | Worship service | Chapel |
| 8:45-10:15 | ReFresh Café open | Refresh Café |
| 9:00 am | Worship service/Kidz Church | Sanctuary |
| 9:15 am | Chancel Choir | Chapel |
| 9:30 am | Adult Christian Education | |
| 10:00 am | Effective Parenting class | Youth Room |
| 10:30 am | Worship service | Sanctuary |
| 11:30 am | Fellowship time | Parlor |

Monday, October 22

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| 8:30 am | Exercise class | Kids' Cave |
| 7:00 pm | Boy Scout Troop 301 | Fellowship Hall |

Tuesday, October 23

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| 9:00 am | Koinonia Women | Large Conference Rm |
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Wednesday, October 24

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| 8:30 am | Exercise class | Kids' Cave |
| 9:00 am | Staff meeting | Conference Room |
| 5:00 pm | Kids' Power Club | |
| 6:00 pm | FPC Bells | Choir Room |
| 6:15 pm | Confirmation class | Large Conf Rm |
| 7:00 pm | Youth group | The Basement |

Thursday, October 25

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| 7:00 am | Men's Bible study | Parlor |
| 9:30 am | Little Stars Toddlers | Nursery, Café |

Friday, October 26

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| 9:00 am | Walk-a-mile class | Kids' Cave |
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Sunday, October 28

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Anne Sellers, 663-4998

Preacher Mark Miller (8:15 & 10:30): Psalm 46

Preacher Keith Neill (9:00): Acts 13:36

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| 8:15 am | Worship service | Chapel |
| 8:45-10:15 | ReFresh Café open | Refresh Café |
| 9:00 am | Worship service/Kidz Church | Sanctuary |
| 9:15 am | Chancel Choir | Chapel |
| 9:30 am | Adult Christian Education | |
| 10:00 am | Effective Parenting class | Youth Room |
| 10:30 am | Worship service | Sanctuary |
| 11:30 am | Fellowship time | Parlor |



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