

February 4 & 11, 2018

MARK'S MESSAGE

I May Be Wrong

Chuck Yeager was America's most famous test pilot during the decades that followed World War II. He was the first human being to exceed Mach 1, piloting the Bell X-1 faster than the speed of sound in 1947.

A few years later, when Yeager was testing an F-86 Sabre, he executed a roll – a standard maneuver to determine an experimental aircraft's capabilities. As the jet turned over he felt his aileron lock – a potentially life-threatening malfunction.

Known for his unparalleled ability to tame unruly planes, Yeager managed to land the F-86. Three other pilots, however, had already died at the controls of Sabres when their ailerons had mysteriously locked. A full investigation was launched.

In time it was discovered that a single bolt on the aileron cylinder had been uniformly installed upside-down. That led to an assembly plant where investigators learned that one worker had decided that he knew better than the instruction book. Bolts ought to go heads up, not heads down. His "certainty" had cost the lives of three Air Force pilots.

What is the first principle of humility? In the midst of a workplace project, or a crucial conversation, or a watershed meeting, or an argument with a loved one, we must pause long enough to say to ourselves, with sincere conviction: *I may be wrong about what I'm about to do or say.*

The best news of all? Humility isn't just a way to bless others. In God's economy, it ends up being a gift we give to ourselves: "*For God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble*" (1 Peter 5:5).

In Christ,



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NEW MEMBER DINNER



New Membership Orientation and Dinner Sunday, February 11, 5:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church is grateful for the worship guests and friends who are attending worship services and are involved in the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. In order for you to enjoy even more of what First Presbyterian Church has to offer, you are invited to a free dinner in the church Refresh Café on Sunday, February 11, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

At this catered dinner Pastor Mark and Keith will share with you "*Inside FPC*" – the ministry and mission of FPC, how the church is making a difference in people's lives, and how you may want to be a part of it.

If you are interested in attending, please call the church office, (620) 665-5549, ext. 101, email the church (rita@fpchutch.org) or indicate your plan to attend on a worship Connection Card by Sunday, February 4.

If you have questions about First Presbyterian Church or about this special dinner, please contact Pastor Mark at (620) 665-5549, ext. 102 (church), (620) 259-9488 (home/cell) or mark@fpchutch.org.

We hope to see you on February 11 at 5:00 p.m.

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

The Gifts and Memorials Committee is looking for ideas on how to spend some of the monies in the undesignated funds in the G&M account. If you have suggestions on items that might be needed for certain areas or programs in the church, please contact Marj Johnson. Also we have several designated funds in the names of deceased FPC members and we would appreciate hearing from their families if they have ideas on how these people might be memorialized through specific purchases. Thank you!

CHURCH OFFICE NOTES

Chimes Note

Deadline for next issue of *Chimes* will be **10:00 a.m. Monday, February 12**, for the issue covering February 18-March 3.

Chancel Flower Calendar

February 18, 25, March 18, April 15 and 22 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, ext. 106 (afternoons), by the preceding Monday.



Boldness, fearless confidence, and patient endurance seem to be the top qualities for a disciple of Jesus Christ and I so crave to have all of them. I love quotes like “If God is your partner, make your plans BIG!” by D.L. Moody. God is big and nothing is impossible for him so we need to be ready to live large for Christ. But are we really doing that? Or are our plans too small after all?

Do we live for God? Or do we live for ourselves? Is our everyday life so busy that there’s no room for big plans? Maybe we dream about doing great things but settle for doing what we have always been doing. Safe, expected, and predictable. Is that what we want out of life? With the words of A.W. Tozer “God is looking for those with whom He can do the impossible— what a pity that we plan only the things that we can do by ourselves.” It is indeed a pity that we put our trust and confidence on ourselves because, it has been said “Faith in Christ and a reliance on ourselves, even to the smallest degree, are mutually exclusive.”

We just can’t keep our plans so small that we could do them ourselves. We need to be bold in Christ and make our plans big like God is. It is vital that for us to remember that “Your goals must always be beyond your ability but within your faith.” So we need faith *and* big plans. Without faith we are not bold or fearless or confident or patient. Without faith we don’t dare to dream big or put them in action.

Without faith we don’t know the heart of God or the will of God. Without faith we don’t even want to follow God’s leading. We are not called for a sedative life style, we are called to live fearlessly in Christ. We are not called to timidly hide our talents, we are called to take risks for Christ. We are not called to rely on ourselves or live according to our capabilities, we are called to let God do the impossible through us.

How can that happen? God doesn’t force us to do anything; we do have a choice. But if we want to live fully, we need to surrender our lives, skills, and hearts to God and let Him guide us as we dream, plan and take action. We need to ask God to change our way of thinking to His way of thinking. God is more than happy to make us bolder, more confident and fearless for His sake. It is time to give our dreams and plans to God and ask Him to upgrade them according to His plans for us. It’s time to give our way of living and standards of living to God and ask Him to show us the way to go. It is indeed time to ask God how we could serve Him best.

FOOD BANK/NEW BEGINNINGS

Reno County
Food Bank



It's time again for our monthly donation to the Reno County Food Bank. They are requesting **canned chicken or tuna, juice, pancake mix and syrup**. You may leave those items at any of the entrances to First Presbyterian. We will pick them up on February 4. Monetary donations to the food

bank are welcome and needed, as well. We also will collect donations for New Beginnings. Suggested items are: **laundry soap, dish soap, tall kitchen trash bags, 33-39 gallon trash bags and magic erasers**.

Thanks, The Deacons

1 John 3:17-18 "But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth."

PARISH PERSONALS

- Your thoughtful gifts allow us to say "yes" to families in need of help. Some are anxious to take control of their finances and not be buried in debt. Others are distressed about their safety in their own home. Still more are worried about keeping their children warm through these freezing temperatures because they can't afford to repair their faulty furnace. Please know how thankful we are for your thoughtful donations this year. — Rebekah Starkey Keasling, Director of Development; Lorna Moore, President and CEO, Interfaith Housing Services
- Dear First Presbyterian Church:
There is always a moment in childhood when the door opens and lets the future in. Thank you for helping Kansas Children's Service League open that door for a child in need. We are grateful for your donation to benefit children in Kansas. Your support helps so much! Sincerely, Dona Booe, President/CEO, Kansas Children's Service League
- Thank you so very much to Heidi Schultz (Deacon of the week) who brightened my day when she delivered flowers to me (a gift of Mike & Sherry Nevius). Arlene and I had a very pleasant visit with Heidi. — Gene Becker
- It is a new year for the church to help with the Christian Soup Kitchen once a month. Many hands worked together when we took our turn at helping on Thursday, January 18. Kirk, Julia and Lydia Johnson, Ann Sellers and Anne Sellers cooked. Kirk Johnson, Donna Kelley and Mike Taylor served the meal. Laura Ontjes, Dianne Coons, Martin Miller, Laura Harrison and Harry Smith and two friends delivered meals to those receiving them at home. The Deacons thank all of you for your work in spreading God's love to those who were blessed by this meal! Serving with you, Melody Cole

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

"The Psalms — Glorifying the Lord", Facilitated by Pastor Mark Miller, Large Conference Room

"The Parables of Jesus"

We will begin our next study with Chapters 1-2 of Max Lucado's book, "Anxious For Nothing" at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, at Sam & Judy Ontjes' house. After that, the next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, at Jay & Michele Lane's house. All are welcome.

BLESSING BOX



With the changing weather and colder temperatures, we will be using our Blessing Box for warm winter supplies for those in need in our community! We are collecting warm hats, scarves, gloves, and warm socks for children, youth and adults. New or clean and gently used items will be accepted, and we ask that they are bagged in zip-loc bags and labeled by size if possible. Donations can be dropped off in the church office during the week, or in the designated tubs around the church on Sunday mornings.

DEACONS' NEWS

The first meeting of the 2018 Deacon Board met on January 8. It was a great meeting with our committee positions easily filled. If any member of our congregation is interested in serving on one of these committees, feel free to call or email Anne Sellers or Dianne Coons. Opportunities are: Soup Kitchen, Christmas Outreach, Children's Summer Camp Outreach, Food Planning, Food Bank / New Beginnings, Special Friends, and Special Events.

Thank you, deacons, for your continued commitment and support to FPC and our community.

KEEP IN PRAYER

For those in the hospital or hurting

- Margaret Kennedy

For all FPC shut-ins

For First Presbyterian Church, El Dorado (2/04/18)

For First Presbyterian Church, Arkansas City

(2/11/18)

BIRTHDAYS

6	Walker Johnson	11	Janice Graber
7	Ben Epp	11	Matt Sunner
10	Debby Gamber	13	Bob Brown
10	Shannon Heath	17	Walter Horbotowicz
11	Gary Brown		



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

A special offering will be received at the end of all our worship services on Sunday, February 4, to help the work of the Soup Kitchen.

Please give generously.



SESSION & DEACONS

2018 Session

Jayne Briscoe, Susan Buttram, Jeff Eriksen, Dan Fee, Dan Forker, Don Graves, Chance Gregory, Kirk Johnson, Julie Kimmel, Elizabeth Lane, Kevin Long, Mike McQueen, Scott Meggers, Mimi Meredith, Cindy Proett, David Weidensaul

2018 Deacons

Melody Cole, Dianne Coons, Margie Miller Dick, Mel Dower, Kriss Fee, Denise Hallman, Jane Harrison, Laura Harrison, Amanda Jackson, Lydia Johnson, Martin Miller, Laura Ontjes, Heidi Schultz, Ann Sellers, Anne Sellers, Carol Weidensaul

YOUTH NEWS

We are off on Friday with a group of our youth to Kansas City and PlanetWisdom. PlanetWisdom 2018 will tackle the Holy Spirit – who he is, what he does and his powerful role in the lives of his followers. The theme will challenge students to know him better and to tap into the power of God that lives inside of his children.



PlanetWisdom is, first and foremost, a discipleship event for teenagers. This discipleship happens in many forms over the course of a two-day PW event—and throughout a teenager's lifetime. They get disciplined when they listen to the speakers, worship along with the band, study the Bible with their peers and digest what they've learned with their youth leader.

Please pray that our youth and leaders leave PW with a strong definition of what the Holy Spirit is and isn't in their lives. Because of the Holy Spirit, they're never alone. It's not just the third box to check in the trilogy list. The Holy Spirit is an unseen, supernatural force that resides in their hearts, enabling them to overcome everyday pressures and trials so they can live out the fruits of the spirit and become more Christ-like.

CALENDAR — FEBRUARY 4 - 18

Sunday, February 4, 2018

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Mel Dower, 663-4639
Preacher Mark Miller (8:15 & 10:30): 1 Cor. 9:24-27; Philippians 3:12-14
Preacher Keith Neill (9:00): Romans 12:1-2

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
 10:30 am Worship service Sanctuary
 11:30 am Fellowship time Parlor

Monday, February 5

8:30 am Exercise class Kids' Cave
 9:30 am Book study Large Conference Room
 4:00 pm Hutch Rec. karate class Calvin Hall
 4:00 pm Music staff meeting Conference Room
 5:30 pm Worship Committee Conference Room
 7:00 pm Worship practice Sanctuary
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 301 Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 6

9:00 am Koinonia Women Large Conference Rm
 1:30 pm Bible study Ontjes' house
 4:00 pm Hutch Rec. karate class Calvin Hall
 6:30 pm Basketball Calvin Hall

Wednesday, February 7

8:30 am Exercise class Kids' Cave
 9:00 am Staff meeting Conference Room
 12:00 pm Building & Grounds Conference Room
 2:00 pm Deacons' Valentine party Wesley Towers
 3:30 pm LOGOS
 5:30 pm FPC Bells Choir Room
 6:15 pm Confirmation class Large Conf Room
 7:00 pm Youth Group The Basement

Thursday, February 8

7:00 am Men's Bible study Parlor
 10:00 am Finance Committee Conference Rm
 4:00 pm Hutch Rec. karate class Calvin Hall
 6:30 pm Basketball Calvin Hall

Friday, February 9

9:00 am Walk-a-mile class Kids' Cave
 3:30 pm Wedding set-up, rehearsal Sanctuary

Saturday, February 10

TBA Presbytery meeting Independence, KS
 3:00 pm Wedding Sanctuary

Sunday, February 11

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Carol Weidensaul, 669-8661
Preacher Mark Miller (8:15 & 10:30): Matt. 12:21; 28:18-20
Preacher Keith Neill (9:00): 1 Corinthians 13:13

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
 10:30 am Worship service Sanctuary
 11:30 am Fellowship time Parlor
 5:00 pm New member dinner Refresh Café

Monday, February 12

8:30 am Exercise class Kids' Cave
 5:15 pm Mission Committee Conference Rm
 6:30 pm Deacons' meeting Lg Conference Rm
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 301 Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 13

9:00 am Koinonia Women Large Conference Rm
 6:30 pm Basketball Calvin Hall

Wednesday, February 14—Ash Wednesday

8:30 am Exercise class Kids' Cave
 9:00 am Staff meeting Conference Room
 3:30 pm LOGOS
 5:30 pm FPC Bells Choir Room
 6:15 pm Confirmation class Large Conf Room
 7:00 pm Youth Group The Basement

Thursday, February 15

7:00 am Men's Bible study Parlor
 2:00 pm Prepare and serve meal Soup Kitchen
 6:30 pm Basketball Calvin Hall

Friday, February 16

9:00 am Walk-a-mile class Kids' Cave

Sunday, February 18—1st Sunday in Lent

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Amanda Jackson, 474-2286
Preacher Mark Miller (8:15 & 10:30): Phil. 1:1-2; 4:6-7,23
Preacher Keith Neill (9:00): John 4:25-29

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
 10:30 am Worship service Sanctuary
 11:30 am Fellowship time Parlor
 2:00 pm American Guild of Organists Sanctuary
 5:00 pm Ulster Project meeting The Basement



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