

May 14 & 21, 2017

MARK'S MESSAGE

Autonomous Cars

So, are you ready to ride in a car that drives itself? Ready or not, here they come. According to Peter Diamandis, founder and director of the X Prize Foundation, 2016 was the Year of the Autonomous Vehicle.

Most major car companies are investing heavily in autonomy. Every Tesla built this year will be fully autonomous. Uber already has driverless cars picking up passengers in Pittsburgh. An 18-wheeler recently drove 120 miles by itself from Fort Collins to Colorado Springs, CO.

It appears that the great American dream of driving off the lot with a shiny new car may soon be a thing of the past. John Zimmer, the president of Lyft, suggested last fall that private car ownership will "all but end" in major American cities by 2025. This will revolutionize car commercials, the car insurance industry, and the rite of passage of earning one's driver's license.

How is Vin Diesel ever going to make the next half dozen installments in the *Fast and Furious* film series if autonomous vehicles won't let him drive at high speeds? The pushback is predictable. Americans have been driving for only about 100 years, but the exhilaration of taking the wheel seems to be a defining feature of our culture.

Why should this freedom be curtailed? Here's a really good reason – people crash a lot! If 2017 is an average year, about 35,000 people will die in vehicular accidents, not to mention the hundreds of thousands of others who will be injured or whose lives will be altered forever. People drive angry, drive drunk, fall asleep at the wheel, take selfies, become distracted, text their friends and become lost. None of which will ever happen in a properly engineered driverless car. Diamundis muses, "Soon we may well look back in shock that we ever let humans drive cars on their own."

While many people are just learning how to spell *autonomous*, it's a word that has been around for a long time. Autonomous is a hybrid of two Greek words: *auto* ("self") and *nomos* ("law"). Something autonomous is self-governing. It is independent. It doesn't take orders from someone or something else, and isn't controlled by an outside force.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

For those of you who came to church on Youth Sunday, April 23, you were privileged to hear from our amazing young people who Keith Neill is showing what God wants all of us to do.

Amongst those youth is our newest member — **Seth Ramirez**. Visiting with Seth makes me want to be a better person — (Just an aside.)

Seth moved from Bakersfield, California, in 2015 to be closer to his mom. "I love Hutch," says Seth who will graduate from HHS this May. AND, he was voted Mr. Salthawk which says a lot about how his fellow students respect him. He truly appreciates HHS — smaller classes and more one-on-one with his teachers. He went out for football, basketball and runs track — the 4 X 800 and the 800. As Wayne Unruh told him — "You have a big heart to accomplish that."

He and Lawson Schultz work with Butch Dillon as they detail cars. Now who wouldn't want to work with Butch and have a mentor like him? Seth volunteers at Graber Elementary, has a full scholarship to HCC and then wants to go to Ft. Hays or Emporia to become a teacher and physical education teacher/coach.

So, what brought him to First Presbyterian? The youth group. Libby Schultz and Lillie McQueen welcomed him. He has become friends with everyone and has learned that youth group helps build relationships with others. "It's a fresh start", says Seth. "This is a chance to better myself."

He has a new friend group and they devote themselves 24/7. "God is the changer. He accepts us as we are and teaches us to fear less."

Thank you, Seth, for being part of our church. And thanks to the youth group for showing us how to reach out.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Please contact the church office with your college graduate's information (name, school and degree) by Tuesday, May 16.

SESSION & DEACON NEWS

Our Session and Deacons have been busy with many projects and activities within and outside of FPC. Please pray for them as they continue to carry out God's mission for us to **Love God, Love People**.

2017 Session

Jayne Briscoe, Susan Buttram, Tad Dower, Dan Fee, Dan Forker, Jim Gilliland, Don Graves, Chance Gregory, Kirk Johnson, Chery Lackey, Lindsey Maschler, Mike McQueen, David Mencl, Tish Petitjean, Cindy Proett, David Weidensaul

2017 Deacons

Bob Callahan, Dianne Coons, Margie Miller Dick, Mel Dower, Denise Hallman, Amanda Jackson, Marj Johnson, Misti McLain, Olivia McLain, Terri McQueen, Martin Miller, Heidi Schultz, Ann Sellers, Anne Sellers, Beth Southern, Carol Weidensaul

A THOUGHT FROM KEITH

One of the things we are trying to instill in our youth is having a heart for the city of Hutchinson and boy do they step up to the plate. As you look around the streets on East Sherman you will see grass, weeds and trash all over the sidewalks and along the edge of the road. So we decided to go out as a group and clean the street up. Starting on the block that FPC is on we took our shovel and brooms and tackled the mess head on.

We started around the church car park and school alleyway and moved down East Sherman and up around the Town Club. Our youth did an awesome job and we so appreciated Jamie & Heidi Schultz lending a hand in our clean-up. We will attempt to clean up the next block of East Sherman this Wednesday night. It is such a mess the whole way up the next block because of so many empty properties.

I love the way our youth are willing to jump in to do a project that will get no recognition; it's just a clean-up but I believe it demonstrates our hearts to make this neighborhood look cared for and loved. Jesus calls us to look after those in need but also to take care of the environment and places we live and work in.

Our church here at FPC is stepping up in so many ways to be Jesus' hands and feet to the neighborhood we are in. Our partnership with Lincoln School and the Lincoln Neighborhood Group is having a huge impact on so many people. I just love that we can be a blessing and make a small difference in the lives of so many people.

My prayer is that we will all embrace our outreach to the community and that we will be willing to serve and go the extra mile to help. We have so much to do, but together all of us can make a difference no matter how big or small our efforts are. When we work together God will use us in a powerful way.

Just remember, the boy offered Jesus his small lunch box and He fed the multitudes. Can you imagine what He can do when we are willing to offer all that we have to give?



WMW FAMILY FUN DAY

Westminster Woods Family Fun Day! — May 27

Time for some **FUN** for the whole family at WMW...Games/Activities, Chapel, Lunch, Swimming and Snacks. Times: 9:30 a.m. (registration) to 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$15.00 per family member. Go online to purchase ticket: www.westminsterwoodscamp.com, and under "WMW Summer Camp" header, click on "Family Fun Day" and click the link to EventBrite to purchase your tickets.

***Chimes* Note**

Deadline for next issue of *Chimes* will be **Monday, May 22, 10:00 a.m.** That issue will cover May 28-June 10.

Chancel Flower Calendar

June 18, 25, July 2, 9 and 16 are open on the 2017 Chancel Flower Calendar. If you would like to provide flowers for worship one of these days, please contact Rita in the church office at rita@fpchurch.org or 665-5549, ext. 101, by the preceding Monday.

EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY

I am finally receiving my Eagle! My FPC church family has been tremendously supportive of me as I have worked toward my Eagle Scout rank with Troop 301. I would like to invite all of you to join me at my Eagle Scout Court of Honor at church on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Please come celebrate with us! — Casey Lane

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Financial Peace University

God's Way of Handling Money

Tuesdays, June 13 – August 15, 2017

(excluding July 4)

Large Conference Room, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Facilitated by Pastor Mark Miller,

Robbie Gehling & Mike Petitjean



What if members of First Presbyterian Church could live out their God-given dreams without money being their limiting factor? How could the city of Hutchinson be transformed if we would learn how to handle our finances God's ways? What would happen if we were able to fund God's work through the church and have plenty to heavily support local missions and church programs?

Well, Financial Peace University (FPU) can help. Millions of people have gone through Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University and have learned God's ways of handling money. Millions have worked out a plan, rewritten their stories, and changed their futures — all because of participating in Financial Peace University.

Financial Peace University consists of a nine-week video curriculum taught by financial expert Dave Ramsey, and it incorporates small group discussions that help encourage accountability and discipleship. FPU meets once a week and the course is just as fun as it is practical! Sign up and order your family membership kit on www.daveramsey.com. For more information please check out www.daveramsey.com or contact Pastor Mark Miller at (620) 665-5549, ext. 102, or Mark@fpchurch.org.

Sunday Morning Adult Education Opportunities

"The Challenges of Life Together", Facilitated by Pastor Mark Miller, Large Conference Rm, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

"The Wired Word", Facilitated by Bob Fee, Fellowship Hall, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

"Great Day Every Day — Navigating Life's Challenges"

Our next small group meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 16, at Linda Chandler's house. We will discuss chapter 7 of the Max Lucado book "Great Day Every Day — Navigating Life's Challenges." All are welcome.

TRADITIONAL CHAPEL SERVICE: 8:15 A.M.

SANCTUARY WORSHIP: 10:30 A.M.

MAY 14 - MOTHER'S DAY

Blended Worship 10:30 am - Message by Mark

MAY 21 - GRADUATION SUNDAY

Contemporary Worship 10:30 am - Message by Keith

JUNE 4 - PENTECOST

Communion 10:30 am - Message by Mark

JUNE 11 - "HOW BIG IS OUR GOD?"

L.A. Mission 10:30 am - Message by Keith

JUNE 18 - FATHER'S DAY

Blended Worship 10:30 am - Message by Mark

JUNE 25 - "HERE I AM?"

Contemporary Worship 10:30 am - Message by Mark

JULY 2 - JESUS SETS YOU FREE"

Ulster Project 10:30 am - Message by Keith

JULY 16 - "MAKING A DIFFERENCE"

Contemporary Worship 10:30 am - Message by Darla Fisher

AUGUST 13 - CHURCH ON MISSION

Work Day at Lincoln Elementary 8 am to 12 noon. There will be our normal 8:15 am Service.

AUGUST 20 - ONE BIG DAY

Contemporary Worship 10:30 am - Message by Mark & Keith. Followed by Pancake Brunch with Chris Cakes



Don't tell God how big your giants are.

Tell your giants how big your God is.

PARISH PERSONALS

- Dear Friends,
Thank you for your recent gift. Your continued support of New Beginnings is critical to the ongoing homeless services we provide the community of Hutchinson. It allows mothers, fathers, and children to recover their dignity and restore their lives when they find themselves at our doorstep. Your financial gift helps to nurture families and individuals back to a place where they too, can achieve goals and contribute to Hutchinson. Sincerely, Shara Gonzales, Executive Director
- Dear Friends,
Shari Schuessler came by the other day with a beautiful, fragrant Easter lily and a special visit. I always enjoy Shari's visits. It's so nice to be remembered by my church family and I so appreciate your kind thoughts and prayers for me. Fondly, Zahn Lukens
- Thank you for giving generously to One Great Hour of Sharing. The offering brought in \$2,873 and fish banks totaled \$424.57, for a grand total of \$3,297.57.
- Recent contributions for relief from area wildfires through VOAD totaled \$8,250. Thank you!
- Congratulations to Devan Wenthe and Jodi Schafer who were united in marriage April 22 at FPC. Mark Miller officiated at the ceremony.
- Deepest sympathy is extended to Don & Linda Graves, on the death of Don's brother April 28 in Texas.
- To Our Brothers and Sisters in Christ at First Presbyterian, Hutchinson:
Greetings — Just to let you know that your church was lifted in prayer during the April 23 worship by the congregation of First Presbyterian, Coffeyville. Blessings, Pastor Diane Massey
- Ezri Marigold Shalom Gamber was born April 14 to Tom & Rachel Gamber. Proud grandparents are Ken & Jane Gamber. Congratulations to all!
- Thank you to Beth Southern for delivering some beautiful peach colored roses given by Chery Lackey and family in memory of Lynn, and in honor of his birthday May 3. Beth and I had a great visit, and I appreciate them so much. — Margaret Kennedy
- Sincere sympathy goes out to Janey Munds, Greg & Kendra Munds, and families on the May 2 death of John Munds at Hospice House.

KEEP IN PRAYER

For those in the hospital or hurting

- Don & Linda Graves, on the death of Don's brother, Harry Graves, Jr.
- Janey Munds, Greg & Kendra Munds and families on the death of John Munds

For all FPC shut-ins

For First Presbyterian Church, Tribune (5/14/17)

For First Presbyterian Church, Ashland (5/21/17)

BIRTHDAYS

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| 14 | Helen Unruh | 21 | Ben Mosier |
| 15 | Brandon Schuessler | 22 | Pat Hopengardner |
| 17 | Kamryn Keast | 26 | Terry Edwards |
| 21 | Peggy Anderson | 27 | Casey Lane |
| 21 | Barbara King | 27 | Rusty Lovett |
| 21 | Diane Lee | 27 | Ryan Westfall |



Sunday, May 14, 2017—Mother's Day

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Mel Dower, 663-4639
Preacher Mark Miller: 1 Sam. 1:27-28; Acts 16:13-15, Acts 18:24-26

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| 8:15 am | Worship service | Chapel |
| 9:00 am | Chancel Choir | Sanctuary |
| 9:00-10:15 | ReFresh Café open | |
| 9:30 am | Christian Education | |
| 10:30 am | Worship service/Kidz Church | Sanctuary |
| 11:30 am | Fellowship time | Parlor |
| 11:30-12:00 | Book store open | Parlor |

Monday, May 15

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| 8:30 am | Exercise class | Calvin Hall |
| 6:30 pm | Session meeting | Large Conference Rm |
| 7:00 pm | Boy Scout Troop 301 | Fellowship Hall |

Tuesday, May 16

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| 9:00 am | Yoga | Parlor |
| 9:00 am | Koinonia Women | Lg Conference Rm |
| 1:30 pm | Bible study | Chandler's |

Wednesday, May 17

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| 8:30 am | Exercise class | Calvin Hall |
| 9:00 am | Staff meeting | Large Conference Room |
| 7:00 pm | Youth group | The Basement |

Thursday, May 18

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| 7:00 am | Men's Bible study | Parlor |
| 2:00 pm | Prepare and serve meal | Soup Kitchen |

Friday, May 19

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| 9:00 am | Walk-a-mile class | Calvin Hall |
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Sunday, May 21—Graduation Sunday

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Heidi Schultz, 664-9181
Preacher Keith Neill: Matthew 14:22-33

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| 8:15 am | Worship service | Chapel |
| 9:00 am | Chancel Choir | Sanctuary |
| 9:00-10:15 | ReFresh Café open | |
| 9:30 am | Christian Education | |
| 10:30 am | Worship service/Kidz Church | Sanctuary |
| 11:30 am | Fellowship time | Parlor |
| 11:30-12:00 | Book store open | Parlor |

Monday, May 22

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| 8:30 am | Exercise class | Calvin Hall |
| 7:00 pm | Boy Scout Troop 301 | Fellowship Hall |
| | Eagle Scout ceremony | Sanctuary |

Tuesday, May 23

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| 9:00 am | Yoga | Parlor |
| 9:00 am | Koinonia Women | Lg Conference Rm |

Wednesday, May 24

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| 8:30 am | Exercise class | Calvin Hall |
| 9:00 am | Staff meeting | Large Conference Room |
| 7:00 pm | Youth group | The Basement |

Thursday, May 25

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| TBA | Youth mission trip through June 2 | |
| 7:00 am | Men's Bible study | Parlor |

Friday, May 26

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| 9:00 am | Walk-a-mile class | Calvin Hall |
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Sunday, May 28

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Ann Sellers, 662-9510
Preacher Mark Miller: Mark 4:35-41

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| 8:15 am | Worship service | Chapel |
| 9:00 am | Chancel Choir | Sanctuary |
| 9:00-10:15 | ReFresh Café open | |
| 9:30 am | Christian Education | |
| 10:30 am | Worship service/Kidz Church | Sanctuary |
| 11:30 am | Fellowship time | Parlor |
| 11:30-12:00 | Book store open | Parlor |

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Graduation Sunday will be May 21. We will honor all our high school graduates during the 10:30 a.m. contemporary worship service. A reception with cake in the parlor will follow. Please plan to join us!





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Autonomous Cars (continued from front page)

While most of us may not have a clear definition of autonomous, we all know its meaning. That's because, according to the Bible, the yearning for autonomy has been at the very center of humanity's rush away from God's desires for our lives. Since Adam and Eve every human being wants to dream our own dreams, determine our own boundaries, and make up our own rules. We will be governed by self-law. We will sit in the driver's seat. God can take shotgun if he wants to ride in the back, but we will hold on to the wheel.

Which is why "*autonomous*," when it comes to human behavior, is such a wonderful 21st century synonym for "*sin*." Why doesn't God want us to be in control of our own lives? There's a really good reason: people crash a lot! The essential first step to spiritual health is to surrender, handing our car keys to God. Are you ready to slip into the passenger seat this year and trust your life to the God who is entirely capable of being driver, navigator, and mechanic?

In Christ,