

June 10 & 17, 2018

MARK'S MESSAGE

Smartphones

Your smartphone is not the key to finding personal security and happiness. That's the message being sent by more and more health care professionals to people who are having a hard time turning off and turning away from their phones.

Jean Twenge, a psychology professor at San Diego State University, recently asked her students what they did with their phones while they slept.

"Their answers were a profile in obsession," she reported. *"Nearly all slept with their phones, putting them under their pillows, on the mattress, or at the very least within arm's reach of the bed.... Their phone was the last thing they saw before they went to sleep, and the first thing they saw when they woke up."* A number of them talked about depending on their phones the way an addict would talk about crack: *"I know I shouldn't, but I just can't help it,"* said one student.

According to studies, high school seniors spend more than two hours a day texting, two hours a day on the Internet, at least 90 minutes playing electronic games, and around 30 minutes doing video chats with friends. That's six hours a day. This issue does not affect only the young. Owning a smartphone – and being obsessed with it – affects people of all ages, social standings and income brackets.

If someone is spending six hours a day of discretionary time engaged with flat screens, then they no longer have time for other things people used to do. More often than not, that would be face-to-face encounters with real, live human beings.

The Internet is incredible. It is revolutionizing civilization. Every night, any one of us can crawl into bed holding in our hands all the knowledge humanity has ever acquired. That's the happy part. The sad part is that all too many devote their screen time to the Most Awesome Kitten Videos of 2018.

Meanwhile, underneath all the excitement of technological upgrades and the never-ending buffet of new distractions, we suspect that we're missing something. It's that bedrock feeling that we need to be hearing from God. Our souls ache not just for words but for the Word. We long to hear God speak.

So, what can we do? Turn off our phones more often. Keep it beyond our reach in our bedrooms. It is not our best friend. Choose times of quietness away from our smartphones. Open God's Word. Ask God, *"Please speak to me, and teach me to recognize Your voice."* Then just listen. Whenever we turn down the static and the noise of our techno-driven lives, it's always amazing what we hear.

In Christ,



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COLLEGE GRADUATES

Congratulations to our college graduates!

Ashton Fee — University of Kansas — Bachelor of Science in Finance

Melissa Fee — University of Kansas — School of Education

Anna Kimmel — Princeton University — Major in French; Certificate in Dance and African Studies

Max McQueen — Kansas State University — Marketing

Katlyn Meggers — The University of Kansas — Chemical Engineering with a minor in Business

Mary Charlotte Meredith — Kansas State University — Communication Sciences and Disorders

James Charles (J.C.) Petitjean — Kansas State University — Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Laura Sellers — Kansas State University College of Agriculture — Animal Science and Industry

Kalen Stewart — Hutchinson Community College — Associate in General Studies



PARISH PERSONALS

- Dear Friends:

Please know that your gift for hurricane relief blesses those who walk the hard road toward recovery, letting them know they are not alone, helping them to find hope in the midst of chaos, and making real the promise of Pentecost — the tangible demonstration of the “mighty acts of God” in healing and restoration... in the language each one needs most to hear. In Christ’s peace, The Rev. Dr. Laurie A. Kraus, Coordinator, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

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**.

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



Have you noticed that we Christians use some very odd terms and statements? Think about it and you will know what I mean — churchy words like “the aisle” or “the body” and those phrases like “on fire for God” or “reaching the lost.” We take far too little time to define what on earth we mean, because to the majority of people they wonder who this person that is lost is — did they not have GPS on their phone? It’s confusing! But one statement that I want us to consider is that of being a lukewarm Christian. The Bible says it’s better to be cold or hot than a lukewarm, nominal Christian.

I suppose you could say that being “lukewarm” is a Christian who goes through the motions and in no way wants to be classed as a full on, sold-out, follower of Jesus. The lukewarm Christian is happy that no one really knows that they believe in Christ or follow Him, they just want to keep it to themselves. But Jesus tells us that we either follow Him or we don’t; there is no in-between.

According to Jesus, we must take up our cross and follow Him. To follow Him means commitment, it means getting in on the action and being part of His team. Being a Christian is not a spectator sport; it’s an all action contact sport. We need to connect with people, we need them to see Jesus through our lives.

“Lukewarm” describes water you can’t use for washing or drinking, for cooking or refreshment and it is this same term that Jesus uses to describe a group of Christians who thought they were what Jesus knew they were not. The world today and the people here in Hutchinson don’t need “lukewarm” Christianity, they need to see what it’s like to follow a Savior who changes lives. To show that when you follow Jesus He will bring you joy, peace, a hope for the future and someone who will be there for you when the going gets tough. I don’t know about you but I need bucketfuls of that for my life and so does everyone else.

The critical question for you and me today is: Would Jesus use “lukewarm” to describe our church — or us? If He does we need to change, we need to be a people and a church that shows Jesus in all His awesomeness as well as displaying His immense love for everyone through our words and actions!

Our Care Portal efforts hit Case #99 this last week! It was another generous gift card to Walmart for a teenage girl who has moved in with her grandmother in a kinship placement situation. The girl is in need of new clothing of all types. First Mennonite Church also participated in this case with a VISA gift card.

On Monday, June 4, FPC provided a meal at St. Francis at 5th and Monroe for caseworkers and several children who were waiting to be placed later that evening in a foster home situation. Approximately 15 persons were served hamburger casserole, fruit salad, raw veggies and ice cream. We hope a full tummy was of some comfort to these children who are in such upheaval in their daily lives. Please continue to pray for these little people who are in need of God's love and protection.

Don't forget to register for this year's **BIG Event!** We are having a fundraiser and celebration on Saturday, July 7, at the JM Collingwood Barn at Pretty Prairie, KS. Please register today! This is a family-friendly event with a free meal, games for kids, entertainment, and homemade ice cream. Contact Marj Johnson for details: (620)663-5697 or kisiwamarj@yahoo.com or <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-careportal-big-event-tickets-45208898031>. We can't wait to see you there!

CHURCH OFFICE NOTES

Chimes Note

Deadline for next issue of *Chimes* will be **10:00 a.m. Monday, June 18**, for the issue covering June 24-July 7.

Chancel Flower Calendar

June 17, 24, July 1, 15, August 5, 19, September 9 and 16 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: 665-5549, ext. 106 (afternoons) or janice@fpchurch.org, by the preceding Monday.

Phone Prayer Chain

Barb Lappin has faithfully taken prayer requests and sent them out on the church email prayer chain for a number of years now. Thank you for this valuable ministry, Barb! Now the church office wants to start up a phone prayer chain for those who are willing to be prayer warriors but don't use email. If you would like to be included on this list, please contact Janice in the church office — 665-5549, ext. 106 — and she will add your name to the prayer chain list.



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

Colossians Study

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 12 at 1:30 p.m. at Dick & Carol Brown's house. We will continue our study of Colossians with the 2nd chapter. The next meeting after that will be Tuesday, June 26, at Jay & Michele Lane's house. All are welcome.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY



First Presbyterian Church

Large Conference Room

Tuesdays, June 5 – July 31, 2018

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

This summer you have the opportunity to learn how to use your money God's way and end up in better financial shape than you ever thought possible. Pastor Mark Miller and Terri McQueen will co-lead nine weekly sessions of *Financial Peace University* taught on DVD by best-seller author and financial counselor Dave Ramsey. *Financial Peace University* takes knowledge from Scripture and turns it into real action steps in our lives. The sessions will be held Tuesday evenings, June 5 – July 31, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the church large conference room.

Each family (a single adult through a married couple with high school students) attending will need to purchase a membership kit. The kit includes membership to attend classes anywhere, anytime at no additional cost, a workbook containing all nine lessons, Dave's book *Complete Guide to Money*, online access to countless resources, and much more. Join the five million people who have taken control of their money.

For more information please click on www.DaveRamsey.com or contact Pastor Mark Miller in person, 620-665-5549, or Mark@fpchutch.org. To register online for the class click: www.fpu.com/1063850.

OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

Salthawk Community Support summer program is accepting donations of snacks for their summer program. They would appreciate water, packaged snacks of crackers, cookies, etc., as well as animal crackers, granola bars, fruit snacks, goldfish, fruits and yes, they'll take a little junk food, too!

Please contact Lona Hinshaw with donations — (620)727-6335. Donations also may be dropped off at the Salvation Army, 700 N. Walnut on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, or left at the church with a note designating it is for SCS.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly
 June 16-23, 2018, St. Louis, MO
 Pray for our denomination and
 Pastor Mark Miller



Every two years elders and ministers of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) gather together to worship, to make decisions, to learn and to be in fellowship together. This year the GA will meet June 16-23 in St. Louis, MO. For the first time Pastor Mark Miller will be a commissioner to the General Assembly. Every even-numbered year the GA will meet somewhere in the USA with commissioners elected by each of its 173 presbyteries. Over 700 will be in attendance this year.

The GA is full of activities, business sessions, committee meetings, an exhibit hall, daily worship services, and area mission tours. The assembly will act on hundreds of items of business that will be received through the reports and recommendations of various assembly entities, and through overtures from synods and presbyteries. You can "attend" this gathering live online at ga-pcusa.org. Please keep the PC (U.S.A.) and Pastor Mark in your prayers.

KIDS' POWER CAMP



9:00 am - 11:30 am

Grade 1 through Grade 6
SOCCER - BASKETBALL - YOGA - DANCE
+ POWER CAMP DEVOTION

Cost: FREE

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For more information email:

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KEEP IN PRAYER

For those in the hospital or hurting

For all FPC shut-ins

For Ashland Presbyterian Church, Ashland

(6/10/18)

For First Presbyterian Church, Independence

(6/17/18)



BIRTHDAYS

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|----|------------------|----|------------------|
| 10 | Orlie Martens | 19 | Susan Buttram |
| 10 | Emma Ontjes | 19 | Bill Whitlow |
| 11 | Lisa Barker | 20 | Bill Davis |
| 11 | Dottie Dutton | 21 | Jackie Mayhew |
| 11 | Wendy Hobart | 21 | Terry Van Buren |
| 12 | Ron Miller | 22 | William Gregory |
| 12 | Clara Ontjes | 22 | Jenny Maschler |
| 13 | Anna Kimmel | 22 | Mimi Meredith |
| 17 | Carol Weidensaul | 22 | Mark Miller |
| 18 | Hattie Hobart | 23 | Lysette Williams |
| 18 | Marshall Sunner | | |

Sunday, June 10, 2018

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Martin Miller, 727-4499

Preacher Mark Miller (8:15 & 10:30): Galatians 6:10-18

Preacher Keith Neill (9:00): 1 John 5:11-13

8:15 am Worship service Chapel
 8:45-10:15 ReFresh Café open Refresh Café
 9:00 am Worship service/Kidz Church Sanctuary
 9:30/9:45 Adult Christian Education
 10:30 am Worship service Sanctuary
 11:30 am Fellowship time Parlor

Monday, June 11

8:30 am Exercise class Kids' Cave
 9:00-11:30 Kids' Power Camp Downstairs
 4:00 pm Hutch Rec. karate class Calvin Hall
 5:15 pm Mission Committee Conference Room
 6:30 pm Board of Deacons Lg Conference Rm

Tuesday, June 12

9:00-11:30 Kids' Power Camp Downstairs
 1:30 pm Bible study Brown's house
 4:00 pm Hutch Rec. karate class Calvin Hall
 6:30 pm Throwback Tuesday
 R-B Drive-in, Municipal Band Concert
 7:00 pm Financial Peace University Lg Conf Rm

Wednesday, June 13

8:30 am Exercise class Kids' Cave
 9:00-11:30 Kids' Power Camp Downstairs
 9:00 am Staff meeting Conference Room

Thursday, June 14

7:00 am Men's Bible study Parlor
 10:00 am Finance Committee Conference Room

Friday, June 15

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

Sunday, June 17—Father's Day

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Laura Ontjes, (913)687-5781

Preacher Keith Neill (8:15, 9:00 & 10:30): Micah 6:8

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

Monday, June 18

8:30 am Exercise class Kids' Cave

Tuesday, June 19

7:00 pm Financial Peace University Lg Conf Rm

Wednesday, June 20

8:30 am Exercise class Kids' Cave
 9:00 am Staff meeting Conference Room
 5:30 pm FPC Bells Choir Room

Thursday, June 21

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

Friday, June 22

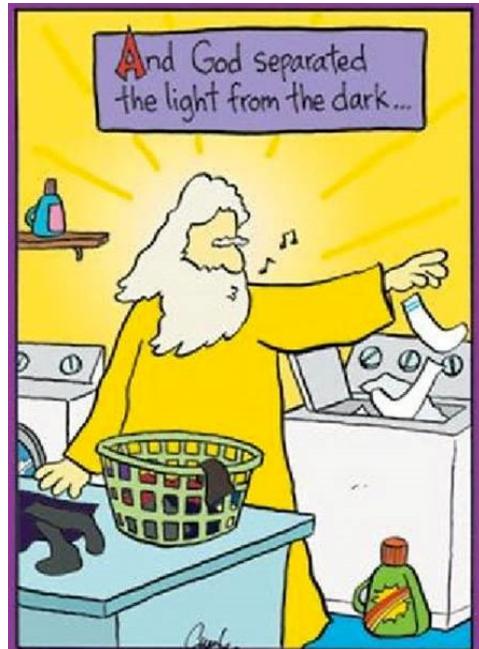
9:00 am Walk-a-mile class Kids' Cave

Sunday, June 24

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Jane Harrison, 921-5144

Preacher Keith Neill (8:15, 9:00 & 10:30): 2 Cor. 12:9

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





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