

June 11 & 18, 2017

MARK'S MESSAGE

## Growth Involves a Choice

There's paying attention to safety, and then there's playing it safe. The former strategy is wise. The latter strategy almost guarantees a what-might-have-been existence.

Do you yearn to live a life in which you never experience fear and never need to take risks? Such a life, I believe, would not be worth living.

Fear and growth go together like peanut butter and jelly. As long as we want to grow ... as long as we're willing to embrace change ... there will always be an element of fear present. We will always need to take risks.

Eileen Guder writes, *"You can live on bland food so as to avoid an ulcer, drink no tea, coffee, or other stimulants in the name of health, go to bed early, stay away from night life, avoid all controversial subjects so as to never give offense, mind your own business, avoid involvement in other people's problems, spend money only on necessities and save all you can. You can still break your neck in the bath tub, and it will serve you right."*

The decision to grow always involves a choice. We must choose between risk and comfort. The undeniable truth is that in order to change and grow, we must renounce comfort as our ultimate value. That holds true not only in our individual lives but also in the life of the church. We have to choose to grow as a congregation – to grow spiritually and numerically. We have to risk getting out of our comfort zone to grow. Doing the same things expecting different results is the definition of insanity. Growth is risky and scary.

365 times – the same number as days in a year – the Bible says, *"Do not be afraid."* That repetition provides us with an excellent reminder that while fear is always the traveling companion of change, we don't have to let it cast the deciding vote.



Growing with you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark".

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CALENDAR

## NEW MEMBER

We welcome another new member to First Presbyterian Church. **Barbara King** recently joined us.

Barbara says she has been a Christian since she was a young adult. It was her friend of 50 years, Margie Miller Dick, who persisted in encouraging her to come to First Presbyterian. Barbara started coming when Pastor Miller began the series on "The Story". She was taken by that and liked being there.

Barbara is a retired educator. She and Margie taught elementary education together for 20 years. She taught in Western Kansas before coming to Hutchinson. Barbara has her masters degree and at one time was a family counselor for USD 308. She also taught psychology and social development at the Correctional Facility.

Her husband passed away but she has stepdaughters, grandchildren, nieces and nephews and loves the family gatherings.

Thank you, Barbara, for being part of our church family and for all the years you gave to educating students. Welcome!

## OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

### Summer Outreach Scholarships

Because of your generosity....throughout the month of June, FPC is sponsoring elementary students with scholarships and transportation to summer programs offered by Hutch Rec. Eight Lincoln students and one Allen student will attend *Stay To Play* and three Lincoln students will attend *Dillon Summer Adventure Camp*. Thank you for your support to Outreach as well as your prayers.

### 2017-2018 Backpack Give-Away!

It's back to school time at First Call for Help! We are gathering school supplies for all Reno County students as they begin a new school year. If you would like to donate school supplies, please take them to 721 W. 2nd, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. no later than July 21. Thank you for your support!

Suggested items: pencils, pens, zippered pencil bag, plastic pencil box, large erasers, spiral notebooks, colored pencils (24 count), wide-ruled notebook paper, composition notebook, 2-pocket folders, 4 oz. glue, glue sticks, markers, crayons (24 count box), scissors (5").

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

### "The Psalms — Glorifying the Lord"

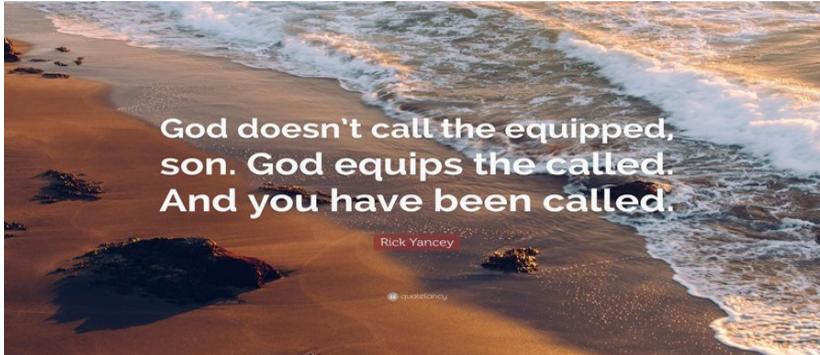
An Adult Inductive Bible Study

Beginning Sunday, July 9, 9:45-10:15 am  
in the FPC Large Conference Room

The Old Testament book of Psalms is the hymnal of Israelite worship and the Bible's book of personal devotion. In it we not only find expressions of all the emotions of life but also we find some of the most profound teachings in the entire Bible. Each participant will receive an inductive study guide compiled by Pastor Miller. This Bible study will be held in the FPC large conference room starting Sunday morning, July 9 and will be facilitated by Pastor Mark Miller.



## A THOUGHT FROM KEITH



***"May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."*** Hebrews 13:20-21

You may have heard the phrase, "God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called." This really encourages me when I feel inadequate to face challenges or when something just seems overwhelming. Last week in LA it would have been easy to feel that way but God had us there for His purpose and so He equipped us every day as we stepped out in faith.

Can you relate? <sup>1</sup> Peter 2:9 says we are chosen to declare His praises. It also explains that God's power gives us everything we need for living the life God has called us to live. Paul makes sure we know that it is God who works in us so that we can fulfill His purpose.

The same God who raised Jesus from the dead equips you and me with everything we need to accomplish His will. Remember that God wants to work out His plan in your life if you will let Him. So what is our part?

It's simple, just allow Him. Cooperate with Him. Believe Him. Listen to Him. Obey Him. Follow His instructions. You don't have to do these things in your own strength. He works in us through His Spirit.

God really does choose those who seem inadequate or weak in this world. He doesn't call the equipped; He equips the called, and you have been called according to His purpose! That was something we saw as we lived our lives in Mission last week. God was with us every step of the way and He will be with you as you let Him move in your life.

## 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*

For more information please check out [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com) or contact Pastor Mark Miller at 665-5549, ext. 102, or [Mark@fpchutch.org](mailto:Mark@fpchutch.org).

## PARISH PERSONALS

- First Presbyterian Church,  
Thank you for donating the use of the church tables and chairs for the Exploring Sand Hill Competitive Trail Ride. The event was a great success, with over 100 in attendance. The tables and chairs were a great addition to the event, allowing people a place to sit, relax and enjoy their meals. Thank you for your continued support of this event. Thank you, Liz Klamm, Ride Manager
- First Presbyterian Church,  
Thank you for loving our kids! We are so appreciative of having the funds to buy our students new shoes and socks, when it is needed. Thank you for all the ways you support our community. Together we are making a difference! Thank you, Darla and the Lincoln Staff
- Thank you to Amanda Long Jackson for delivering the beautiful flowers from the children and grandchildren of my special friend, Roonie Sellers. I have such good memories of Roonie, and appreciate her friendship. Thank you to Carol Weidensaul for the flowers given in memory of John & Ellen Rimmer. John never lost his Southern accent. Thank you so much. — Margaret Kennedy
- Sincere sympathy is extended to Janice & Steven Reimer and family. Janice's mother, Louise Meeks Barnes, died June 1 in Oklahoma. Janice is the new afternoon secretary at FPC.
- Dear Friends,  
Thank you again for letting us have our event at the church — always so right! And this year, so clean!! Mark was incredibly nice and welcoming, too. You've got a great guy on the job!! You're a blessing to this ministry and to me personally. You make my heart glad. — Becky Spencer, Executive Director, Grand Staff Ministries, Inc.
- Jim, Susan, and [Mission] Committee Members:  
I cannot begin to thank you enough for your most recent generous donation! It is because of donors and partnerships like yours that we are able to address critical needs in our community, such as beautifying our neighborhoods. More recently, we helped a family find a stable, quality place to call home. Furthermore, with your support, we were able to work with them on achieving financial stability through education and coaching. More than revitalizing neighborhoods — together — we inspire hope and the opportunity to build a brighter future. Many thanks, Holly [Interfaith Housing, Inc.]

## CHURCH OFFICE NOTES

### *Chimes* Note

Deadline for next issue of *Chimes* will be **Monday, June 19, 10:00 a.m.** for the issue covering June 25-July 8.

### Chancel Flower Calendar

**June 25, July 2 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 Janice in the church office at [janice@fpchutch.org](mailto:janice@fpchutch.org) or 665-5549, ext. 106, by the preceding Monday.

## 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, June 13, at Chery Lackey's house. We will discuss chapter 9 of the Max Lucado book "Great Day Every Day — Navigating Life's Challenges." All are welcome.

## YOUTH GROUP



What an amazing Mission Trip we had to LA. You can't miss this Sunday, June 11, because you will be able to hear from our high school students as they share their stories and pour out their passion for serving God.

These young people stepped out of the boat and into what could have been stormy waters but instead they found the possible storms calmed as they focus on Jesus. This was a life-changing experience and we saw each person grow in so many ways.

We live in a world that is all about looking out for "Number One" ourselves but during our time in Hollywood we saw the world very differently. We saw our youth pour out love to everyone they met. We saw their hearts break and we saw them grow stronger because of the situations they found themselves in.

Often we feel that one or two people can't make a difference but we worked in an agency that started in a couple's garage as they started to collect canned food in their neighborhood to help people in need. Now today they work out of their brand new building feeding and providing care for 22,000 per month. We saw a huge warehouse full of canned food, fresh vegetables and fruit as well as a second floor with an eight seat dental department, ten medical rooms and opticians that are run free of charge by local dentists and doctors who volunteer a morning, afternoon or a full day a week.

We started off on this journey thinking about these unknown, faceless homeless people and walked away knowing people personally, being able to call them by name and call them friends. We saw God in each other and we saw God at work everywhere we went. Now we are ready to make a difference here in Hutchinson and we are praying and searching our hearts to find out what God is calling us to do and be.

Matthew 25:40: *The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

## MISSION NOTES

One of the biggest blessings for us as a church has been our partnership with Lincoln Elementary School and the neighborhood around East Bigger. A year of support started with Hair Cuts and Hot Dogs, supporting the parenting course by supplying meals for them, to our treat days for the amazing staff at the school.

We have been part of the new neighborhood initiative with the PTO, Community Police and residents in the neighborhood and a couple of other small churches in the area. A few Fridays ago we had 23 FPC volunteers helping out at their first Block Party and couldn't believe that over 500 attended. What an amazing evening with the lovely people from Lincoln, school staff, fire fighters, police and local agencies making this a truly wonderful night.

We hosted 41 3rd graders and five staff on May 19 as they played in our gym and ate lunch to finish off their downtown field trip. Then on May 22 we gave each 6<sup>th</sup> grader a gift to help them as they move on to HMS7.

The opportunities, relationships and service to this community is growing, flourishing and blessing many people. Please make sure you join us for worship on July 16 when Darla Fisher will be with us at worship as she shares on the theme "Making a Difference." This will be an inspiring and challenging Sunday and certainly a day not to be missed.



## KEEP IN PRAYER

***For those in the hospital or hurting***

- Janice & Steven Reimer, on the death of Janice's mother, Louise Meeks Barnes

***For all FPC shut-ins******For campers and staff at Westminster Woods******For Garden City Presbyterian Church, Garden City (6/11/17)******For First Presbyterian Church, Wichita (6/18/17)***

## BIRTHDAYS

11	Lisa Barker	19	Susan Buttram
11	Dottie Dutton	19	Bill Whitlow
11	Wendy Hobart	20	Bill Davis
12	Ron Miller	21	Jackie Mayhew
12	Clara Ontjes	21	Kathy Stegall
13	Anna Kimmel	22	William Gregory
15	Parker Rayl	22	Jenny Maschler
16	Lori Rayl	22	Mimi Meredith
17	Carol Weidensaul	22	Mark Miller
18	Hattie Hobart	24	Hailey Meggers
18	Marshall Sunner		

**Sunday, June 11, 2017**

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Amanda Jackson, 669-5350

*Preacher Keith Neill: Mark 1:9-11; Ephesians 1:11-14*

- 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

**Monday, June 12**

- 8:30 am Exercise class Calvin Hall  
 5:15 pm Mission Committee Conference Room  
 6:30 pm Deacons' meeting Lg Conference Rm

**Tuesday, June 13**

- 1:00-3:00 Summer Fun Zone Calvin Hall  
 1:30 pm Bible study Lackey's  
 7:00 pm Financial Peace University Lg Conf Rm

**Wednesday, June 14**

- 8:30 am Exercise class Calvin Hall  
 9:00 am Staff meeting Conference Room

**Thursday, June 15**

- 7:00 am Men's Bible study Parlor  
 9:00 am Financial meeting w/bank Lg Conf Rm  
 10:00 am Finance Committee Conference Room  
 1:00-3:00 Summer Fun Zone Calvin Hall  
 2:00 pm Prepare and serve meal Soup Kitchen

**Friday, June 16**

- 9:00 am Walk-a-mile class Calvin Hall

**Sunday, June 18—Father's Day**

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Denise Hallman, 921-0444

*Preacher Mark Miller: Ephesians 5:25-6:4*

- 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

**Monday, June 19**

- 8:30 am Exercise class Calvin Hall  
 6:30 pm Session meeting Large Conference Rm

**Tuesday, June 20**

- 1:00-3:00 Summer Fun Zone Calvin Hall  
 7:00 pm Financial Peace University Lg Conf Rm

**Wednesday, June 21**

- 8:30 am Exercise class Calvin Hall  
 9:00 am Staff meeting Conference Room

**Thursday, June 22**

- 7:00 am Men's Bible study Parlor  
 1:00-3:00 Summer Fun Zone Calvin Hall

**Friday, June 23**

- 9:00 am Walk-a-mile class Calvin Hall

**Sunday, June 25**

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Dianne Coons, 669-9258

*Preacher Mark Miller: Genesis 22:1-19*

- 8:15 am Worship service Chapel  
 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

*A careless word may kindle strife,*

*A cruel word may wreck a life;*

*A timely word may lessen stress,*

*A loving word may heal and bless.*

*—Anonymous*





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