

September 30 & October 7, 2018

MARK'S MESSAGE

Evil

It's best not to mess with Dr. Evil. In his three *Austin Powers* films, Mike Myers plays one of the all-time comedic bad guys. Myers simultaneously stars as Austin Powers himself and his evil arch-nemesis, Dr. Evil.



Dr. Evil typically hangs out in one of his secret lairs, hatching schemes to terrorize the world. His entourage includes the dashing Number Two, his straight-laced teenage son Scott, his hairless cat Mr. Bigglesworth, and his sidekick clone Mini-Me, who is declared to be one-eighth his size but twice as evil.

What's interesting is that apart from video games, horror flicks, and Austin Powers movies, the word "evil" has almost disappeared from our vocabulary. It seems outdated and extreme – something our grandparents believed in, maybe, but not an idea to be seriously entertained by modern educated people.

But, "evil" is the only word to describe the gas chambers during the holocaust, a sniper randomly spraying bullets at people attending a Las Vegas concert, terrorists flying passenger jets into two buildings in New York City, revolutionaries using trucks to run down families and children on French sidewalks, or shooting a Sedgwick County Sheriff Deputy.

You may be thinking there's something seriously wrong with these people. But then, there's something seriously wrong with you and me, too – that dreadful something is the starting point for every religion and philosophy worth its salt. "Whatever else men have believed, they have all believed that there is a something wrong with mankind." Socrates, Plato and Aristotle believed that. So too did the Buddha, Mohammed, Confucius, Marx, Freud, Gandhi, Shirley MacLaine, and Jesus as well.

Author John Ortberg writes, "Something is terribly wrong and cries out to be put right. But it's not just the world. Something is terribly wrong *in me*. I'm afraid, alone, aging, arrogant, anxious. And I haven't even gotten to the B words yet." There are all kinds of problems outside of me. I usually experience them as *suffering*. But when I fearlessly consider the condition of my own heart, I begin to grasp the depth of the problems *inside* of me.

According to Scripture, evil isn't a disproved theory. Evil is alive and well and lurking inside every human heart. What is evil? It's the rejection of love. It's to cherish what I know is wrong. When I refuse to forgive the person who hurt me, and harden my heart to the needs of my neighbor, and choose to do what I know is self-serving, I am rejecting love and surrendering to evil. *(continued on page 8)*

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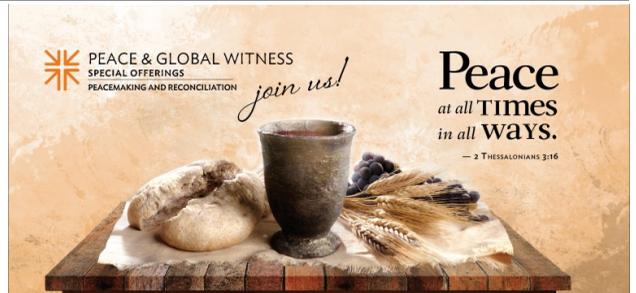


World Communion Sunday will be observed in all three services on Sunday, October 7 — 8:15, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

“Peace is Active, not Passive / Peace is Doing, not Waiting”

The Peace & Global Witness offering will be received on Sunday, October 7...World Communion Sunday. The FPC Mission Committee has designated our share of the offering to Bright House. By giving to this offering, we work together to share Christ’s peace with one another. Please consider prayerfully your gift.



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 October 7. 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."



A THOUGHT FROM KEITH



OUT OF
THE BOX

Have you ever thought about how good we are at putting limits on what God can do? It's as if we are trying to control God or at least water down his plan for our lives. We pray prayers that seem to go no further than the roof above our heads and that shouldn't surprise us because often we don't expect to get an answer! I wonder, is it simply because we don't have enough faith that we try to control God? How

foolish are we to think that we can put God in a box that fits our expectations and faith? God does not fit into a box of any shape or size. We can't be in control or limit God just because we want an easier life, with few strings attached. God is looking to do amazing things in your life and his plan is always the best for us. Now let's be clear that to some degree we all put God into a box. We all have different sized boxes that we try to stuff him in because we are afraid that if we remove him from the box we will have to do things we aren't prepared for.

When Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit he was giving us the power to do great things in his name but still our faith struggles to believe it. Even when he tells us that all it takes is faith as small as a mustard seed, and we could move mountains, we don't believe it. Why is that? Are we afraid that people will think we are strange or more than likely it's because we just want to control a life that is not even really ours? God created us to spread the Good News and help build his Kingdom. We fail in this mission because we rely on our own strength and not God's. If you were willing to open the box and set God free to work in all areas of your life then there would be no reason in the world why we would be afraid to share our faith. With God set free in our lives all things are possible.

Perhaps we need to take a hard look at ourselves, and realize that as long we keep God under wraps the weaker we are as Christians. It may be that we need to keep saying over and over again each day, "I know that God can do all things", and then the next step is to believe it. I know it's hard to believe that God could use us for his purpose; we see so many flaws and weakness whereas God looks at us and sees endless possibilities. I think we don't realize that it's not only God that is set free when we stop putting him in a box, but we are set free as well — free to serve, free to follow wherever he leads. So I encourage you today to take the parcel tape off, open your box, and let God go free! He can and will do amazing things through you, but first you must let Him.



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

- The family and loved ones of Melva Bornholdt, on her death

For all FPC shut-ins

For First Presbyterian Church, Wellington

(9/30/18)

For Presbyterian Church, Tribune (10/07/18)

BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Tish Petitjean | 7 Beth Southern |
| 2 Denise Hallman | 9 Marj Johnson |
| 2 Steve Richardson | 10 Sandy Goltry |
| 3 Tad Dower | 10 Andy Klamm |
| 3 Wes Kimmel | 10 Lucas Munds |
| 5 Dave Weidensaul | 10 Randy Wood |
| 6 Chelsea Barker | 11 Arlene Becker |
| 6 Karley Keast | 11 Mary Jane Mollett |
| 6 Donna Kelley | |

Keith will host a 4 week class for parents on Sunday October 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 10am to 10:45am in the Youth Room.

Children can be looked after in the nursery or in the fellowship hall with crafts and games for them.

EFFECTIVE PARENTING IN A DEFECTIVE WORLD

Message Keith 620 899 8412
to book your place on the
course



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 2, at 1:30 p.m. at Jay & Michele Lane's house. We will continue discussion of Chapters 6 and 7 of Bill Hybels' book, "Becoming A Contagious Christian." All are welcome.

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.

SESSION SNIPPET

The Session met on September 17 with the main focus of the meeting being an in-depth discussion of the security and safety issues facing FPC. It was voted on favorably that Pastor Mark will initiate an inquiry into ALICE Training Institute, a firm that gives classes to provide preparation and a plan for organizations to handle the threat of a safety situation for worshipers and/or staff in a church setting.

As always, please visit with Pastor Mark or any Session member about any questions or opinions you have about this or any other topic for our congregation.

CHURCH OFFICE NOTES

Chimes Note

Deadline for next issue of *Chimes* will be **10:00 a.m. Monday, October 8**, for the issue covering October 14-27.

Chancel Flower Calendar

October 7, 28, November 4, 11 and 25 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 (afternoons) or janice@fpchutch.org by the preceding Monday.

PARISH PERSONALS

- Sincere sympathy goes out to the family and loved ones of Melva Bornholdt, who died September 14 at Hospice House.
- Dear Pastor and Members of First Presbyterian Church,
Thank you for your continued support to this ministry. Blessings, The Soup Kitchen
- FPC Family,
We visited your worship service Sunday, September 2, with our daughter, Darla Fisher. We want to thank your church family for the mug and pen, for the warm friendliness, and the opportunity to worship together. The message we hear about "love" shows why your church has helped Lincoln School so much, and many others. — Don & Lucy Engelbrecht
- *The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." John 27:17.* On September 20, 2018, 100 meals were served at the Soup Kitchen by Donna Kelley, Julia and Winston Johnson, Jane Harrison and Harry Smith. Seventy-four meals were delivered by Mark Coberly, Martin Miller and Laura Ontjes. Cooks that made the delicious meal were Mike Taylor, Diane Lee, Jim Cunday and Kirk Johnson. Total cost was \$203.35. Thanks to all the faithful servants who help with this ministry! Serving with you, Melody Cole

- To the First Presbyterian Church —

I just really wanted to take the time out to tell all you wonderful people that came together to help me with all the nice furniture that you had brought over for me to have in my new home — the bed and dishes, lamps and end tables. Because of you kind people my home looks like a home and it feels so "homie" and my place looks really good. I sure do hope I will be able to help someone out someday like you all did for me 'cause it can make a difference in somebody's life just to know there are people out there that do care like you good people. Also God does, too. I went from homeless to getting a place and a house full of things due to all of your kind hearts. So again, thank you all. I will never forget the nice things that you all did for me. And I do hope I will be able to come to your church to thank you all in person and also to thank God and to say a prayer. From your friend, [A grateful recipient]

We've received a number of thank you notes from Lincoln School staff following the church work day on August 12. We will print them in Parish Personals as space allows. Here are a few to start with:

- First Pres,
THANK YOU so much for your help on Sunday. We all really appreciate the time and hard work that you guys dedicate to Lincoln! You guys are the best! ☺ — ♥ Ericah and Bethany (6th Grade) and Jill (Speech)
- Thank you for helping us get ready for our kids. The school looks amazing. You have really made it easier for us to be ready the first day. Thanks, Stephanie, Kelsi, Megan
- FPC,
Thank you so much for giving up your Sunday to serve our school! Mahlyn and I (Andrea) were amazed at all the work that was done in our classrooms — all thanks to your selflessness and servants' hearts. Thank you all! — Lincoln Kindergarten Teachers ♥
- Thank you so much for your time and work! Your help is always appreciated! You all are blessings to us! — ♥ Lincoln — Carly, Emily, Pat

CALENDAR — SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 14

Sunday, September 30, 2018

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Jane Harrison, 921-5144
Preacher Mark Miller (8:15 & 10:30): Galatians 6:1-10
Preacher Keith Neill (9:00): Luke 12:2

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
5:30 pm	Dinners for 8 kick-off potluck	Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 1

8:30 am	Exercise class	Kids' Cave
9:30 am	Book study	Large Conference Room
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, October 2

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

Wednesday, October 3

8:30 am	Exercise class	Kids' Cave
9:00 am	Staff meeting	Conference Room
12:00 pm	Building & Grounds	
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 4

7:00 am	Men's Bible study	Parlor
8:30 am	Healthy Families	Cornerstone Room
9:30 am	Little Stars Toddler Group	Nursery, Refresh Café
12:00 pm	Congregational Connections	Conf Rm

Friday, October 5

9:00 am	Walk-a-mile class	Kids' Cave
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Sunday, October 7—World Communion Sunday

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Laura Harrison, (816)589-2957
Preacher Mark Miller (8:15 & 10:30): Romans 4:18-25
Preacher Keith Neill (9:00): Matthew 5:13-16

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 orientation	Refresh Café

Monday, October 8

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

Tuesday, October 9

9:00 am	Koinonia Women	Large Conference Rm
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Wednesday, October 10

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 11

7:00 am	Men's Bible study	Parlor
9:30 am	Little Stars Toddlers	Nursery, Café
10:00 am	Finance Committee	Conference Room

Friday, October 12

9:00 am	Walk-a-mile class	Kids' Cave
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Sunday, October 14

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

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



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The problem isn't Mini-Me. It's *me*. In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus makes it clear that fleeing evil is on the short list of what needs to occupy my attention every day. "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

Ortberg concludes, "Evil is the worst possible fate, because it doesn't just happen *to us*, it happens *in us*." We may think we need to be on the lookout for the real-world equivalent of Dr. Evil today. But our gravest concern is far scarier: who we might become if we choose to reject love.

Austin Powers appropriately spends his time thinking about how to save the world. But our call is to think about how to receive and share the love of God. That's because it's the only thing that can surely save *us*.

In Christ,