

THE TIE THAT BINDS

NEWTON, KS JANUARY 2019

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Scott McGinnis

Let's Live 2019 In-Step with the Holy Spirit

As the New Year begins I'm reminded of times in life when we anticipate new beginnings. January is one of those times. As we reflect on this past year and probably think, "Wow, that went fast," I invite you to consider your bucket list for 2019 in light of God's mercy. In Lamentations we read:

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail.
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself,
"The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." (Lamentations 3:22-24)

As you consider your goals, I invite you to consider how you can live *Life by the Spirit* as the Apostle Paul encourages us to do in Galatians 5:13-26. Any next right step we make is surrounded by the compassion and faithfulness of God, which are new every morning. Any next right step we make can be in step with the Holy Spirit.

When the New Year begins, if there is something new that you would like to do, take your next step empowered by the Holy Spirit who gives the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes when we want to take our next right step, the fear of failure will come up in us. As the Good Neighbor Experiment reminds us, "We can be free to fail," because it can lead us to God's love.



Sometimes when we want to take our next right step, we may fear being defeated by our own flesh. A pastor friend of mine responded to this by pairing “the works of the flesh” with the fruit of the Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). The fruit of the Spirit can repair where our flesh has failed us. He notes that strife is repaired by patience, jealousy by generosity, anger by peace, quarrels by self-control, factions by kindness. His complete list is longer, but you get the idea.

As you begin your plans for 2019, try keeping in step with the Holy Spirit by considering where the fruit of the Holy Spirit can help you take your next step. I encourage you to ask the Lord to help you discern the Holy Spirit’s leading. As you listen to hear His voice, you will hear that His love and compassion and mercies are new every morning.

Great is His faithfulness!
~Pastor Scott



YOUTH MINISTERS The Nurture Team is looking for a few members to provide activities/support for our youth group on a short term basis. Limited time? No problem! We welcome single activities! Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to fulfill this vital need for our youth. Thank you!

GOD
ROCK
SAVIOR
MESSIAH
IMMANUEL
HOLY • CHILD
MIGHTY • GOD
LORD • OF • ALL
LAMB • OF • GOD
CHRIST • OF • GOD
KING • OF • KINGS
THE • WORD • OF • GOD
ALPHA • AND • OMEGA
PRINCE • OF • PEACE
LIGHT • OF • THE • WORLD
HEAD • OF • THE • CHURCH
SON • OF • THE • HIGHEST
EVERLASTING • FATHER
RESURRECTION • AND • LIFE
JESUS

Keep your “Christ”-tree up
ALL YEAR LONG!

COFFEE WITH PASTOR SCOTT

Please join Pastor Scott for Coffee with the Pastor on Wednesdays at 10:00 am - with the exceptions of the 2nd Wednesdays of the month. Join us and visit with Scott and other church members in Common Ground at the church.

Coffee is FREE!

CRUSIN' INTO 2019!
Cruisers will meet Sunday, January 13, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. (please note the time change) in Fellowship Hall. We will have an organizational meeting to plan for 2019. Officers will provide a light supper.



The 15th and final Holiday Affaire was held on Saturday, December 1st. There were many beautiful tables decorated with holiday and winter themes.

Thank you to all the women who decorated a table, were table hostesses, cooked, served, greeted -- and PW coordinating team members that planned this final annual affair. Thank you to Carol Higgs and Rhonda Tillberg for leading this event for the last 15 years! Also thank you to all the ladies who have been a part of this annual event in the past. There have been many who have enjoyed our church fellowship with this event! The proceeds from the Holiday Affaire amounted to \$1,990.04. The PW coordinating team voted to donate to the following charities:

- ◇ Senior Center
- ◇ Presbyterian Manor
- ◇ Heart 2 Heart
- ◇ Agape
- ◇ CASA
- ◇ Community Play School
- ◇ Meals on Wheels
- ◇ Health Ministries
- ◇ New Hope Shelter
- ◇ Circles of Hope
- ◇ St Matthews Payee Ministries
- ◇ Westminster Woods



LOOKING AHEAD...

A Visioning meeting for new and current Elders and Deacons and ANYONE ELSE INTERESTED will

be held on **January 19th**
from **9:00 am - 3:15 pm**

at 414 N Main, Suite 200
(top floor train station).



Pastor Scott, Mel McAnulty, Nate Regier, and
Greg McGehee will help lead the meeting.

Lunch will be provided.

*PLEASE RSVP to newtonfpc@gmail.com or
283-0504 by **January 11th** so we know how many
lunches to order. Thank you!*

How will you embrace our Vision and Mission for 2019?

Our Vision and Mission

CONNECTING WITH GOD ↔ CONNECTING WITH PEOPLE

A caring community
glorifying God
by living in his grace
through Jesus Christ

The Nurture Team is planning an after church luncheon on **January 13th** to honor

Michelle Coffman



The Personnel Committee would like to present Michelle with a congregational gift. If you would like to contribute, donations of cash or money cards can be left in the church office.

DEACONS & ELDERS

Congratulations to the newly elected class of 2021!
The ordination and installation services will be held during worship on January 6th and 13th, 2019.

Please contact Rita at
316-288-3028 if you
would like to help serve
New Hope Shelter meals
on January on the 16th, 17th or 19th. Thank you!



New Hope Shelter, Inc.
Following Christ, Building the Community



**The Good Neighbor
Experiment**

...will start again in February with an Introduction to Asset Mapping. Good neighbors intentionally develop relationships with the people living near them from a place of abundance and joy. The Asset Mapping lab will guide small groups through 6 Categories of Assets that are contained in every neighborhood to create a network of good neighbors in the neighborhood of our church -- Won't you be my neighbor?

All women of the church are invited to The Breadbasket on the **third Saturday of each month at 9:00 am.**

Come enjoy good food,
fellowship and
lots of laughter!



S.C.O.T.S. will meet
January 15th 9:00 am-noon.

Please feel free to leave
mending projects in the
designated basket in Common
Ground.

For more information call
Carol Heinel, 283-8328.

Annual reports of
committees, along with
financial reports, are due in
the church office by

January 17, 2019.

If you need a copy of last
year's report, call Tricia in
the church office –
316-283-0504.



DEACONS' FOOD OF THE MONTH



For the month of January, we will be collecting:

Jelly

Peanut Butter

Spaghetti Sauce

Snacks

Lasagna Helper

Cheesy Tuna Helper

Condiments (Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Salad Dressing, etc.)

When you're out shopping, please pick up a couple of extra of these and bring them to church to fill up the shelves by the front door. Thank you for being a caring and loving neighbor!



Well done my good and faithful servant...



Look at our
Deacons in ACTION!!

Because of your support of the Deacons, they were able to give holiday baskets to 15 families in our neighborhood. Baskets averaged \$55/family for a total of \$825. Funds for this outreach came from the Deacon Silent Auction held in October. **The Deacons want to thank the church congregation for their generous support!**



Please contact
Rojean DuBois at
316-772-8128 if you
have a prayer request
or want to become a
member of the
prayer chain.



While we can't promise you will be picked up in a snazzy car, we can promise a ride to and from church and/or

church activities if you need one.

**Please contact the church office at
316-283-0504 to arrange for transportation.**

*If you are willing to provide transportation,
please call or email the church office.*



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The PW Coordinating Team will meet at 9:15 am on January 3rd.

PW Circle will meet January 9th at 9:15 am.

The Family of Mildred Slack were pleased to receive so many messages of love and gifts to her memory. Her daughter Carol said "She loved the church and we are thankful to everyone for remembering mom." Mildred's daughter Jill said "The First Presbyterian Church has special memories for our whole family!" Mildred's family is comforted knowing that her memorial gifts will be used to continue the ministry of Jesus' unconditional love and message of hope.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 2019

National Slavery and Human Trafficking
Prevention Month

- 6-13 PW Together in Action Days to End Human Trafficking
- 11 National Human Trafficking Awareness Day
- 16 National Religious Freedom Day
- 18-24 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 20 Race Relations Sunday
- 20 Racial and Intercultural Justice Sunday
- 20 Criminal Justice Sunday
- 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 25 Wear **Orange** Day
- 27 International Holocaust Remembrance

CHURCH OFFICERS

ELDERS

Class of 2019: Bonnie Fey, Susan Wyman, Sue Ice

Class of 2020: Carol Higgs, Sandy Larson, John Stretcher

Class of 2021: Rojean DuBois, Mel McAnulty, Nate Regier

DEACONS

Class of 2019: Mark Gihring, Sandi Johnston, Beverly McGee, Steve Tangeman, Susan Tangeman

Class of 2020: Rita Allmon, Hayley Cooper, Greg McGehee, Addie Perkins, Rhonda Tillberg

Class of 2021: Angela Altum, Marilyn Sjogren, LaDonna Schmidt, Greg Schmidt, Lenny Wild

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD MEMBERS

Class of 2019: Bob Sjogren, John Morton

Class of 2020: Mel McAnulty

Class of 2021: Ron Cheyney, Brent Glann

2019 Nominating Committee: Carolyn Adams, Kathy Randall, Donna McAnulty & Tricia Brothers

Marsha Swander, Treasurer TBD, Clerk of Session

Reflections of 2018

"AS WATER REFLECTS THE
FACE, SO ONE'S LIFE
REFLECTS THE HEART."
PROVERBS 27:19



SAY CHEESE

Have you taken any pictures of FPC activities and/or fellowship? If so, we would like to add them to our online slide show or include them in the newsletter. We are seeking to highlight the many activities our members take part in each year. Please send your photos to newtonfpc@gmail.com or text them to Tricia at 316-282-2331. Thank you so much!



CELEBRATE

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & *Anniversaries*

January 1st– Michael Dinneen, Keven Hiebert

January 7th— Rhonda Tillberg, Dana Beth Wild

January 9th – Bonnie Fey

January 10th – Donna Anderson

January 11th – Ronald Calbert

January 13th – Dwight Scofield

January 17th – Brett Knepper

January 19th – Lois Ward-Hendrix

January 21st – Patricia Morton

January 22nd – Duane Chambers, Marilyn Sjogren

January 24th – Tricia Brothers, Ashlyn Glann,
Alexandra Glann

January 26th– Madalyn Weldon

Don't see your birthday or anniversary on this list?

Call the church office
and let's get your
information
updated!

Thanks!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS



Normal Church Office Hours
M, W, F: 9am-noon, 1pm-3pm
T, TH: 9-noon
If questions please call
the church office at 316-283-0504.

New church e-mail address
newtonFPC@gmail.com



During inclement weather,
please check KWCH 12
Eyewitness News for the
latest on church closures.
Information will also be
broadcast on Cox Channel 5.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER INFO DUE

January 18, 2019



Find us on
Facebook

Repost our church Facebook
page announcements on your
page so FPC will have the
benefit of free advertising! And
remember to “like” our page
and posts so we can increase
our traffic.

For weekly updates, check our
website at firstpresnewton.org
and our Facebook page.