



News & Notes

January 22, 2026

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Noblesville, IN



Message this Sunday...

“The Crucible Boat”

1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Pastor Ken Locke

[Click Here for the Live Service](#)

[Link to last Sunday's Service](#)

Weekly Devotion....

Genesis 6:1-8

Still Relevant Today

(January 22, 2026)

Our Scripture lesson today is an odd one. Heroes of Old? Sons of God walking the earth and taking human wives? God repenting of ever having created humanity? Is it still relevant to us today? Can these words of long ago still speak to us in our time?

Emphatically, yes! In fact, two important lessons quickly come to mind.

First, our Scripture tells us that yesterday wasn't always good. How many of us look back to our youth or to the time of our grandparents with nostalgia? We long for that simpler, kinder and better time. But just as there was evil in the time of the Nephilim, evil so bad God wanted to destroy all of creation, so there has always been evil. Whether we look back 500 years or 50 years, the hard truth is that even then people still stole, seduced, lied and cheated. Wars were fought and good people died unnecessarily. From the beginning of time, there has never been a time when evil was not all around us.

But even in the midst of the evil, there is still good. This is the second lesson that comes quickly to mind. God did not tar all of humanity with the same brush. God looked and found one decent person: Noah.

God's action is a good example for the rest of us. Take time to find the good! Even among those with whom we most bitterly disagree - be it for their religion, their politics, their sexual orientation or any other divisive issue we can think of - we should still take time to find the good. None of them will be perfect. (Noah certainly wasn't! Read on to Genesis chapter 9 to learn how.) But we can't discount the good that is there.

In our day and age, much of the Old Testament seems confusing or simply hard to believe. Nevertheless, if we look closely, even the difficult passages can still speak to our hearts.

In our own time of pervasive evil, what would it take for us to stand out just as Noah did in his day?

God's peace to us all,

Pastor Ken.

A Note From the Church Office...

Many members of the congregation have received what looks like an email from our Interim Pastor Ken Locke. It looks something like this:

Begin forwarded message:

From: Pastor Ken Locke <ken.locke.fpcnoblesville.org@gmail.com>

Date: January 20, 2026 at 12:40:41 PM EST

To: XXXXXXXXXX

Subject: First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville

Hello Paul, I hope you're doing well. I wanted to ask if we could continue this conversation via email. I'm currently handling a sensitive matter and would truly appreciate your guidance and discretion.

Please let me know a time that works best for you

Blessings,

Pastor Ken Locke

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If you look at the email this is sent from, it shows a "gmail.com" address. **This is not an official FPC email. All emails from an FPC address will be from "Person@fpc-noblesville.org."**

Please ignore & delete any emails from bad email addresses.

Thank you!

December 2025 Income/Expense Report

	<u>2025 Budget</u>	<u>2025 Actual</u>
Income Received:	\$322,081	\$327,254.81
Expenses:	\$322,081	\$320,436.73
* (Deficit)/Surplus:		\$ 6,818,08

Remember in your Prayers...

- Bill Linville, awaiting a liver transplant.
- Don Bellis, receiving hospice care at home.
- Joni McConnell, sister-in-law of Jan McConnell, needs a heart valve replacement.



A Thank You...

Thank you for all the prayers & thoughts of caring. This is an awesome church!
~Rachel Morgan

Remember those who are at home or in health care facilities:

Wendy Bittle	Dorothy Etchison— <i>Independence Village</i>
Ray Faust— <i>Harbor Manpor</i>	Barbara Landes
Carolyn & Joe McGinley— <i>Hamilton Trace</i>	
Verna Merrell	Rachel Morgan
Carol Stough— <i>Five Star Residences of Noblesville</i>	

Annual Congregational Meeting...

The Annual Congregational meeting is set for **this Sunday, January 25th** immediately following the worship service. Please plan to join us. ***Click on the link below to review the report before the meeting on Sunday.***

2025 Annual Report

Sermon Manuscripts

Pastor Ken is providing his written sermons for further reflection throughout the week. Visit <https://fpc-noblesville.org/live> to download the file.

2026 PER CAPITA REMINDER

As a member of First Presbyterian Church, we are required by the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley to pay annual per capita dues each year per member. **For 2026, that amount is \$46.02 per member.** The per capita is our shared gift providing primary support of the operating ministry of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. These are dues that we are required to pay and it is an **expense that equates to approximately \$12,000 each year from our operating budget** receiving only about 25% from members. We pay these dues in March whether the money has been received by our members or not. **If you could faithfully pay your portion of the per capita by March 1st, that would be greatly appreciated.** If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Robin.

2026 Giving Envelopes

The 2026 giving envelopes are now available by the back door on the table. ***Please take only one book per family.***

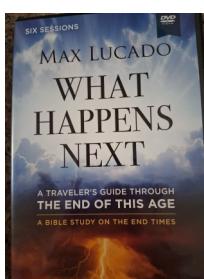
2025 Contribution Statements

2025 Contribution Statements are ready. If you are an Elder, Deacon or Church Staff, your statement will be in your mailbox located next to Janie's office. Additionally, Robin Story will be in Fellowship Hall before and after Sunday Service on January 18th and 25th to deliver all others so please stop by and see her (if she doesn't find you first) and get yours. **Those not picked up by the 25th will be mailed.**

Inquirers/New Members Meeting

Would you like more information about FPC-Noblesville? **The spring Inquirers/New Members class will be Sunday, March 8.** Contact Barb Runyon at bsrunyon@yahoo.com or call/text at 317-407-4170 or stop by the welcome center and signup. This is an informative class to ask questions about FPC Noblesville and to meet many of the current leaders.

Adult Sunday School...



This Sunday, the Adult Class will review the first video in the 6 part study "What Happens Next" by Max Lucado. This first 19 minute video covers the time line from creation to Jeremiah. Max says "What happens in the later days will make more sense once you know what God promised in the early days". The class discussion will center on what early promises of God have not been fulfilled and why?

Mission Minute...



Join Our 2026 Summer Mission Trip to Henderson Settlement!

Ready for a Christ-centered Summer Adventure?

It's time once again to gear up for our annual summer work camp mission trip to **Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky**, happening **Sunday–Thursday, June 21–25**. This all-ages trip blends hands-on service with the joy of traveling together—home repairs, community outreach, time with local families, and plenty of unexpected moments that make the week both fun and deeply fulfilling.

Our work at Henderson Settlement focuses on **creating opportunities for better lives through Christ-centered service** and helping meet **basic needs in Appalachia**. Last year, **twenty adults and children** from our FPC family joined the team, and we're excited to see who God brings along this summer.

You might find yourself repairing a porch, assisting with outreach projects, or spending time with local families who welcome volunteers with warmth and gratitude. Every day brings something new, and every task—big or small—makes a meaningful impact.

To give you a sense of the adventure ahead, longtime volunteers **Kay and Lamar**, who have served at Henderson Settlement for **42 consecutive years**, still laugh about their first trip in 1984. With no signs, no GPS, and narrow unpaved roads without guardrails, simply getting there was an adventure. They've returned every year since because the experience is that rewarding.

Whether you're drawn by the chance to serve, the joy of traveling with a great group, or the promise of an unforgettable week, we hope you'll join us. It's a trip that surprises you, stretches you, and fills you in ways you don't expect.

Register now!

If you're new to the trip, **Jennie Auble** and **Lamar Ziegler** will be available during Fellowship Hour this Sunday to answer questions and share details. Returning volunteers, please pick up a registration form at the Welcome Center in Fellowship Hall so we can reserve your housing.

Contact Information

Jennie: 317-696-3843 | aublej@comcast.net

Lamar: 317-432-4621 | laziegler48@gmail.com

Watch for this year's information on Good Samaritan's Shoebox Ministry...

It's never too early to think, and pray for God's children!



Men's Fellowship Luncheons

The FPC men's luncheons are the 2nd Monday of each month at Perkins Restaurant. Any questions see Stephen Craig. Sign up sheet will be on a clip board at the welcome center, or you can email Stephen at sacraig071347@gmail.com. Your phone number is requested in the event the luncheon is canceled. If you bring a friend please sign them up also so we have an accurate count for the restaurant. All are welcome. **Remember it's free pie Monday.**



Ladies Luncheons

The FPC women's luncheons are the 3rd Monday of each month at Perkins Restaurant. Any questions see Marlynn Story. Sign up sheet will be on a clip board at the welcome center. Your phone number is requested in the event the luncheon is canceled. If you bring a friend please sign them up also so we have an accurate count for the restaurant. All are welcome. **Remember it's free pie Monday.**

Sunday School Calendar

Grades 6 - 8



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\$60/child
Registration
March 1 - May 17