



News & Notes

April 9, 2026

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Noblesville, IN



Message this Sunday...

“Believing Without Seeing”

Psalm 16:1-11; John 20:19-31

Bob Moore

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Weekly Devotion....

What Will It Be Like?

1 Corinthians 15:41-50

Rev. Kenneth M. Locke; April 9, 2026

My Beloved -

What is the resurrection like? What will happen? What will we be after we've been raised from the dead? Will we be spiritual zombies? Will we have physical bodies (with robes and halos)? These are legitimate questions. We're curious. We want to know.

The young Christians in Corinth also wanted to know.

The world of the ancient Corinthians did not have a developed sense of the afterlife. When they thought about it all, they pictured it as a world of shadows, shades of gray, nothingness. It was not a place of eternal joy but more a place of eternal malaise. As Achilles' ghost famously says to Odysseus,

“No winning words about death to me, shining Odysseus!

***By god, I'd rather slave on earth for another man—
some dirt-poor tenant farmer who scrapes to keep alive—
than rule down here over all the breathless dead.”***

(Homer, The Odyssey, Book 11)

Clearly, Achilles' underworld is not a place anyone would want to be!

Paul wants these young Christians to understand something much different.

“You think this life is good? Think again. Comparing life as a human to life in the resurrection is like comparing an apple seed to a fully laden apple tree waiting for the harvest.

There's no comparison!"

Paul's point is clear. In the resurrection we are all changed in a way that makes mortal life look like nothing.

Of course, Paul can't give any clear idea of what the change looks like. No one can. "*Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable*" (v 50b). But we do know it will be glorious.

47 The first man (Adam) was from the earth, made of dust; the second man (Jesus) is from heaven. 48 As one of dust, so are those who are of the dust, and as one of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. 49 Just as we have borne the image of the one of dust, we will also bear the image of the one of heaven. (vs 47-49)

Does anyone know what the Kingdom of Heaven will be like? What changes we'll go through in the resurrection? Of course not!

But Paul assures us that we will be like Jesus and that is enough. Alleluia!

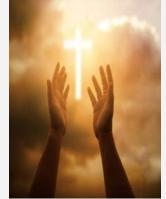
March 2026 Income/Expense Report

	<u>2026 Budget</u>	<u>2026 Actual</u>
Income Received:	\$ 81,042.81	\$ 89,706.79
Expenses:	\$ 81,042.81	\$ 79,078.07
* <i>(Deficit)/Surplus:</i>		\$ 10,628.72

Attendance Last week: In Sanctuary—158; Households online—31

Remember in your Prayers...

- ♥ Ray Faust, at Home.
- ♥ Jan Bellis and family, upon the passing of her husband, **Don Bellis**.
- ♥ The Family of Carolyn McGinley (wife of Joe McGinley), upon her passing. Arrangements will be forthcoming.
- ♥ Bill Linville, dealing with multiple health issues.
- ♥ Susan Clark, on the passing of her mother, **Mary Clark**.



Arrangements for Mary Clark...

Visitation: Friday, April 17, 2026 from 4pm-6pm

at Parkview United Methodist Church, (1785 Indiana 19, Peru, IN 46970)

Service: Saturday, April 18th, 2026 at 11am

at 1785 Indiana 19, Peru, IN 46970

Lunch: after the service - all are welcome,

but RSVP is appreciated (sclark2428@yahoo.com)

Graveside Service for burial of both Bob and Mary: Saturday, April 18th

at 2:30pm at Mount Hope Cemetery, (411 North Grant Street, Peru, IN 46970)

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

Wendy Bittle

Ray Faust—Harbor Manpor

Joe McGinley—Hamilton Trace

Rachel Morgan

Dorothy Etchison—Independence Village

Barbara Landes

Verna Merrell

Carol Stough—The Crossings of Noblesville

**Did you know...
it's not too late to pay your 2026 Per Capita?**

Although the Church has paid the \$10,446.54 Statement, we only collected \$6,135.58 from members. If you have paid your portion, we thank you for your payment. If you have not, please consider giving as soon as possible to help reduce the \$4,310.96 paid by the Church. If you have any questions, please contact Robin Story at robin.story@fpc-noblesville.org or 317.508.4411.

Help Host Fellowship Hour!

We are looking for volunteers to host Fellowship Hour after church! Hosting is a simple and meaningful way to serve—just bring some light refreshments, help set up, and tidy up afterward. You can sign up individually or with a friend or group. If you're willing to help create a welcoming space for fellowship, please consider signing up today! **If you have questions please see Catherine Burnside or Sondra Pearson in the kitchen or Barb Runyon at the Welcome Center.**

The Chosen Small Group

Bob and Trish Moore are hosting a Small Group in their home based on the popular television series "The Chosen". We are starting back at the beginning with Season 1. We will watch an episode, and then follow with discussion. **The meetings are held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00.** New members are welcome to join us at any point in the series! If you are interested in joining, please email bob-trishmoore@sbcglobal.net for more information.

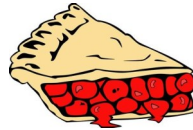
Sunday Snuggles!

Our church family is growing, and with that comes the blessing of more little ones! We would love to have 1 more volunteer to cuddle and play with our youngest visitors and members. By serving in the nursery just once a month, you can make a big impact for our families! If you have a heart for kids and baby snuggles, please see Trish Moore or send an email to : bobtrishmoore@sbcglobal.net for more information.



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 clipboard 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 clipboard 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.**

Stay Informed...

Do you want to know what is happening in the life of our church? Join our email list to get weekly updates on:

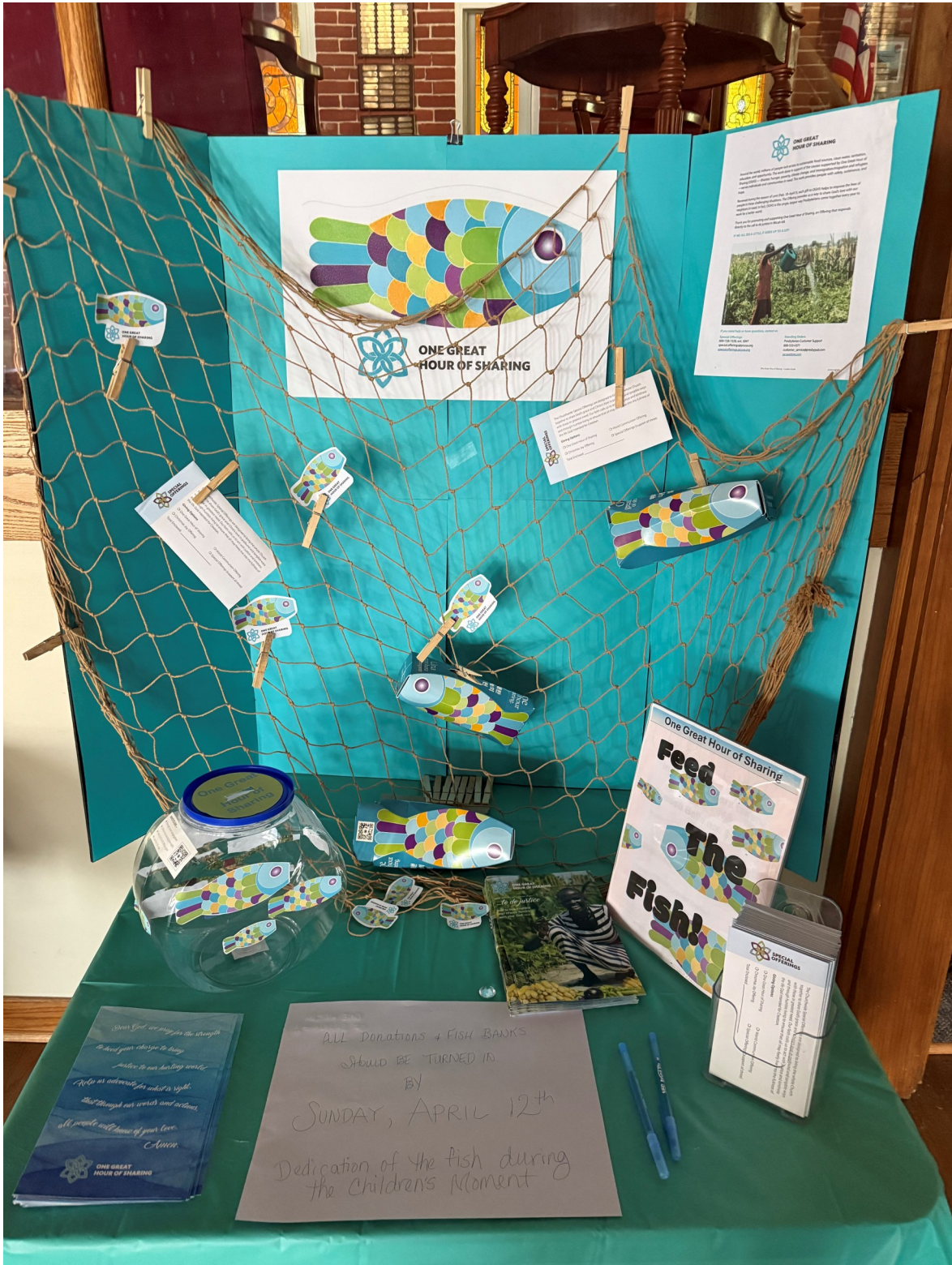
- Upcoming Events
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Spiritual Encouragement/ Sermon Highlights

Send your email information to secretary@fpc-noblesville.org. In addition, to receive important updates by text, text FPC to 317-537-0124.

Stay connected, stay inspired!

Fish banks and fish bowl donations for One Great Hour of Sharing are due back Sunday, April 12, 2026

All children will be able to participate in a “netting” of the fish banks during the children’s moment. Extra fish banks are available at the display in Fellowship Hall. See attached photo.



Rummage Sale...

COMING SOON! RUMMAGE SALE

APRIL 18, 2026

8:00AM-2:00PM

Gather all those unused, but useable items from your closets, kitchens, basement & garage. Box & bag them...

...then start bringing them to church after 1:00PM on Sunday April 12!

We Need Volunteers!

Piano—Looking for a good home...



Sunday School Calendar

Grades 6 - 8

~~MARCH
8
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
The Story~~

~~MARCH
15
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
The Story~~

~~MARCH
22
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
The Story~~

APRIL
12
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
God in Narnia

APRIL
19
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
God in Narnia

APRIL
26
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
God in Narnia

MAY
8
FELLOWSHIP HALL
6-8PM
Cinco de Mayo Game
Night

MAY
10
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
God in Narnia

MAY
17
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
God in Narnia

MAY
24
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
God in Narnia

MAY
31
DURING SERVICE
Sunday School
God in Narnia

Creative & Performing Arts Camp...

Camp will be held June 1-5

Registration is \$60 per child and will be open March 1st—May 17th

2026 CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS CAMP

REGISTER MARCH 1 - MAY 17



<https://forms.gle/iH2rSRiK4yiux2VK7>



JUNE 1 - 5, 10AM-4PM

MUST HAVE COMPLETED 1ST GRADE

\$60 PER CHILD DUE MAY 17 TO SECURE SPOT

MUST FILL OUT THE FORM LINKED FOR EACH CHILD

CONTACT US AT SUMMERCAMPFPC@GMAIL.COM

Mission Minute...

A Decade of Faithful Support for Last Bell Ministries



For over ten years, our congregation has supported Last Bell Ministries through financial gifts, donations of winter coats, clothing and basic needs, and two mission trips to Ukraine for English Camp. Most importantly, FPC has faithfully prayed for Last Bell Ministries and the people of Ukraine and continues to do so.

2026 has two great opportunities for you to continue to help our friends at Last Bell

The **“Sharing Our Love”** donation drive will focus on teens and young adult orphans and their families.

- Gently used or new, warm winter coats, shoes, and clothing.
- They love American fashions, especially hoodies and T-shirts with logos.
- There is also a love of baseball and softball, but no athletic equipment for those sports is sold in Ukraine.
- More info and a collection zone will be set up in Fellowship Hall early May. Items will be shipped to Ukraine in early fall.

Free Concert to Benefit Last Bell Ministries

Dr. Warren Fremling will be hosting a concert on **Sunday, June 14 at 4:00 in the FPC Sanctuary**

Mark your calendars for this wonderful benefit. Ask Warren or a mission team member how you can help with this special event.

FREE CONCERT
TO BENEFIT
 **UKRAINE**  **LAST BELL**
MINISTRIES
SUNDAY JUNE 14 4:00
Dr. Warren Fremling, Baritone and Philip Orem, Piano

For more information about Last Bell Ministries visit <https://lastbell.org/>

Are YOU a FAN of FPC?

Show your pride by wearing our new 2026 "Spirit" Wear!

The mission team is sponsoring a T-Shirt & Quarter Zip Sale to raise money for our June work camp trip to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky. All team members pay their own room & board as part of their service to the people of Henderson Settlement. **But we will still need \$2500 for materials needed to complete our work camp jobs**

Shirts are ultra-soft, high-quality, & designed by our own Marlee Light!

- T-shirts - \$20 (\$22 2XL & 3XL)
- Quarter Zips - \$35 (\$37 2XL & 3XL)
- Sample sizes: available to try on at the sales table in Fellowship Hall
- Orders: Taken through May 1 In person on Sundays or online
online: <https://forms.gle/k4QFeiUmoph7tmHEA>
- Payment Accepted: Checks written to FPC, memo church, Venmo, or Cash



FPC BLOG

If you have not visited our website lately, you're missing out! Along with weekly updates, announcements, sermon teasers, and an event calendar, **we've added a blog page.** Blogs are a type of regularly updated web page that provide insight into certain topics. The word blog is short for "weblog" (a combined version of the words "web" and "log").

A link to the blog page appears in the main menu of our website. Current topics include weekly devotionals by Pastor Ken, a written version of weekly Sunday sermons, Lenten and Advent readings, and a members category called "reflections". The devotionals and sermons also provide links to scripture references through Bible Gateway.

If you enjoy writing and would like to have your reflection included in the FPC blog, submit your piece to Brian Wuerch at brian.wuerch@fpc-noblesville.org. All submissions are subject to approval. An example has already been posted, so feel free to check that out here: <https://fpc-noblesville.org/blog>. HAPPY BLOGGING!



A Note From the Church Office— The Scammers are back!



Members of the congregation have received what looks like an email from our Interim Pastor, Ken Locke.

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!