

JULY 2025 INCOME/EXPENSE REPORT			
	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2024 Actual
Income:	\$187,880	\$196,149.90	\$174,863.06
Expenses:	\$187,880	\$186,682.40	\$202,671.08
(Deficit)/Surplus:		\$ 9,467.50	\$ (27,808.02)

SAMARITAN’S PURSE SHOEBOX MINISTRY 2025...
Look for August school items On sale!
4x6” note books, Pens, Markers, Paper, Coloring books, Rubber bands.
the month of July. Please keep God’s children in your hearts and prayers.

FELLOWSHIP HALL FLOORING...
Time is running out on our November 1st deadline to raise funds for our fellow-ship hall flooring. If you haven’t made a donation please prayerfully consider it, if you have thank you very much. We are currently only 10 percent funded for this project.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Teaching our children is an important task and we need lots of volunteers to ensure that we are providing that strong foundation of faith for our children. Our goal for teachers and assistants is to support parents in their children’s faith journey. We are so thankful for those who have volunteered to join our children’s ministry program. **We are still in need of one Sunday School assistant for the Shooting Stars class (1st-5th grade).** Our goal is to have enough teachers so that no one has to volunteer more than once a month. **Assistants do not need to do any prep time/teaching, they are simply there as a support for the Sunday School teacher.**
Please take time to pray and see if God might be leading you to volunteer with our Sunday School ministry. If you are interested in volunteering or would simply like more information, please contact Trish Moore at bobtrishmoore@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!

AUGUST 17 THROUGH AUGUST 24, 2025		
Today	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
Monday	11:30 am	Women’s Luncheon – Perkins
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Westminster Circle
Wednesday	8:30 am	Men’s Great Banquet Reunion Group
	8:30 am	Women’s Great Banquet Reunion Group
	7:00 pm	SESSION
Thursday		
Friday	9:00 am	Shepherd’s Center
Saturday	8:30 am	Aerobics
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

♥ Suzi Bell, beginning a new series of cancer treatments.

♥ Paul Wood, at Community North Heart and Vascular Hospital.

♥ Jennifer Linville, at Riverview Rehab.

♥ Linda Rosen, recuperating at home following surgery.

♥ Lee Ann Stein, recuperating from hip replacement surgery.

Continue to remember those who are at home or in health care facilities:

Wendy Bittle

Ray & Sherry Faust

Carolyn & Joe McGinley—Hamilton Trace

Verna Merrell

GiGi Nash – Harbor Manor


Carol Stough—Five Star Residences of Noblesville

John Thomas—The Barrington of Carmel

Dorothy Etchison—The Lodge

Barbara Landes

Rachel Morgan



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Eric R. Gale, Pastor

AUGUST 17, 2025

SESSION		DEACONS
Mark Wisely	Finance	Susan Clark, Co-Moderator
Barb Runyon	Evangelism	Andrea Joines, Co-Moderator
Jennie Auble	Mission	Johnathan Baker
Bob Moore	Planning	Anne Burress
Peggy Deakayne	Personnel /Nom.	Brenda Christian
Sue Jourdan	Properties	Clint Gingerich
Laurie Szabo	At Large	Gail Ratliff
Karen McCord	Clerk	Robin Rufatto
Eric R. Gale	Moderator	Joe Sullivan
		Quinn Teague
		Debbie Wilson

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AUGUST 17, 2025

As you arrive for worship, greet each other with a smile and soft words, but please remember there are those who cherish a time of quiet before worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Cheryl Mayhew, organist
"Lordship Medley"
Arr. by Don Wyrzten

† CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

L: Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel!
P: You lead your people gently and kindly.
L: You sent us your light and your salvation.
P: Hear us and restore us, Lord God Almighty. Help us to hear you and know you are here.
All: Jesus Christ is our Lord, our light and our salvation. Let us praise and worship him together.

† OPENING HYMN

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"
#97

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsive)

Holy One, We long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace. To serve each other in love and humility. To serve your world with wisdom and energy. Forgive us when we stumble over pride, when our words and actions are not guided by love. Turn our hearts when we act in folly. Restore our energy when it is gone. Many times, O God, our efforts fail. But your abundant grace is strong and eternal, and forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ. Amen.
(Joanna Harader)

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

L: Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. (Is. 55:6-7)
All: Thanks be to God for the forgiveness of our sins through the Cross of Christ!

† GLORIA PATRI

words on screen
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Victory in Jesus"
(Eugene M. Bartlett)

FPC Men's Quartet
Tom Baird, Michael Davis,
Bob Moore, Johnathan Baker

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"The Miracles of Jesus"
(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

Douglas

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

words on screen
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.
(Please keep joys and concerns brief. This is time for prayer)

OFFERING

Offertory
† Doxology

"Just a Little Talk with Jesus"
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

FPC Men's Quartet
words on screen

† Prayer of Dedication

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"His Name Is Wonderful"
#118

MESSAGE

IT WAS BY FAITH...
"The Faith of Gideon—Pt. 2"
Judges 6:36-40

Pastor Eric Gale

† CLOSING HYMN

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"
#237

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Song of Joy"
James Denton

†Please stand if you are able.

Join us in Fellowship Hall following the service for coffee and refreshments.

* Please sign and date the attendance pad.
* Be sure to silence your cell phones.
* We have a fully staffed Nursery available for newborn through 2 years old. Located in the upstairs hallway (nearest the back door), the 2nd door on the left. A changing table is available in the Nursery, as well.

SCRIPTURE

Judges 6:36-40

Gideon said to God, "If you will save Israel by my hand as you have promised—³⁷look, I will place a wool fleece on the threshing floor. If there is dew only on the fleece and all the ground is dry, then I will know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you said."³⁸And that is what happened. Gideon rose early the next day; he squeezed the fleece and wrung out the dew—a bowlful of water.³⁹Then Gideon said to God, "Do not be angry with me. Let me make just one more request. Allow me one more test with the fleece, but this time make the fleece dry and let the ground be covered with dew."⁴⁰That night God did so. Only the fleece was dry; all the ground was covered with dew.

MESSAGE NOTES

I. Observations about the faith of Gideon!

A. Gideon knew what God wanted him to do!

B. His faith was weak and wavering!

C. He had questions and complaints! (vv.13-14)

D. He came up with excuses! (v.15)

E. He wanted proof! (vv. 17-21)

F. He needed repeated assurances from God!

G. He struggled with _____ and _____!

H. God gave him a _____ assignment! (vv. 25-32)

I. His _____ in God grew!

II. The connection between faith and miracles!

A. Some will not come to faith because they _____
_____ in miracles!

B. Faith based on miracles is _____ - _____!

C. Is your definition of miracles too _____?

D. Which is more important for a growing faith? Miracles or _____?

C_____

S_____

T_____