

FPC NEW MISSION PARTNER

The FPC Mission Team is thrilled to announce a new mission partner, **Prevail, Inc.**, a Noblesville-based nonprofit dedicated to supporting adults, teens, and children who have experienced trauma from violent acts. Team members visited Prevail and were deeply moved by the powerful ways they empower and serve survivors of all ages. When we asked, “*How can FPC help?*”, the answer was simple: **Bottled water**. We made our first donation last spring and it’s time for another opportunity. We’re looking for **2–3 volunteers** to help transport **6–8 cases of bottled water** from Costco to Prevail a few times a year (typically on weekdays). Contact **Rita Popp** at **(317) 408-0554** to express interest. *Read more in this week’s News & Notes email and on the FPC website.*

SAMARITAN’S PURSE SHOEBOX MINISTRY 2025...

Look for August school items On sale!

4x6”note books, Pens, Markers, Paper, Coloring books, Rubber bands, Big soft toy (fit in box) they call WOW items for the kids Puzzles Jump rope Girls jewelry rings Girls hair clips. 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 fellowship hall flooring. If you haven’t made a donation please prayerfully consider it, if you have thank you very much.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL...

Our class will start a new series this coming week titled:

**HEAVEN : WHO GOES THERE? WHO MAKES THE CUT?
DO YOU WANT TO GO?**

This will be a most interesting discussion with support from ANDY STANLEY videos. So feel free to join us on this fantastic spiritual journey.

"THE CHOSEN" BIBLE STUDY

Bob and Trish Moore will be hosting a Bible based on the popular television series "The Chosen". **We will be starting Season 5 of "The Chosen" small group on September 23rd.** Anyone interested can contact Bob or Trish Moore (bobtrishmoore@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

HISTORIC HOME TOUR

We made it! FPC is on the 38th Annual Noblesville Historic Home Tour! **The tour is sponsored by the Noblesville Preservation Society and will be from 10am – 5pm on Saturday, September 20th.** Please consider volunteering for a greeter or tour guide to welcome our community to our beautiful historic building.

ADDITION TO OUR VETERANS' DAY OBSERVANCE...

There will be an addition to our Veteran’s Day observance this year, Sunday, November 9, 2025. ***Immediately following the worship service, in the fellowship hall, each of our veterans will be awarded a Quilt of Valor!***

This is being brought to your attention now as there is a way the congregation can be involved. Donations are needed to cover the cost of materials and machine quilting. That cost is \$150 for each quilt, a total of \$1650 for our eleven veterans. Those donations can be placed in the offering plate on a Sunday morning or sent to the church office, with a QOV designation. Any donations beyond the actual cost will be used for a project of the Session's choosing.

We're hoping our entire congregation, family members, and friends will be present for both the worship service and the Quilt of Valor ceremony.

AUGUST 2025 INCOME/EXPENSE REPORT

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2024 Actual
Income:	\$214,720	\$219,218.47	\$196,590.24
Expenses:	\$214,720	\$213,522.70	\$223,379.01
(Deficit)/Surplus:		\$ 5,695.77	\$ (26,788.77)

SEPTEMBER 14 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Today	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
	11:15 am	Deacons Meeting
Monday	11:30 am	Women’s Luncheon at Perkins
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Westminster Circle
	6:00 pm	Great Banquet Gathering
Wednesday	8:30 am	Men’s Great Banquet Reunion Group
	8:30 am	Women’s Great Banquet Reunion Group
	7:00 pm	SESSION
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
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

CHURCH DIRECTORIES...

It is time to update the FPC church directory. If you are a member or a regular attendee, please stop by the Welcome Center before or after church to make any corrections or additions to the directory. If you do not have a picture in the current directory you can email a picture to bsrunyon@yahoo.com and I will make sure your picture is added.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- ♥ **Brandon Gore**, recuperating from neck surgery.
- ♥ **Carolyn McGinley**, recuperating from hip replacement surgery.
- ♥ **Helen LeCount**, recuperating from shingles.
- ♥ **Tanner Stein**, recuperating following a work-related accident.
- ♥ **Jennifer Linville** at Harbor Manor.
- ♥ **Bill Linville**, undergoing new cancer treatments and watching over Jennifer.



A THANK YOU...

We would like to extend our deep gratitude to our FPC family who have sent cards, notes, kind thoughts and prayers our way during this challenging time. As Dick continues to heal and our family adjusts to our new path, we very much appreciate your continued love and support.

~Dick and Jana Zeiler

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

Wendy Bittle	Dorothy Etchison—Independence Village
Ray / Sherry Faust	Barbara Landes
Carolyn & Joe McGinley – Hamilton Trace	
Verna Merrell	Rachel Morgan
Carol Stough—Five Star Residences of Noblesville	
John Thomas—The Barrington of Carmel	



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Eric R. Gale, Pastor

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

SESSION

Mark Wisely	Finance
Barb Runyon	Evangelism
Jennie Auble	Mission
Bob Moore	Planning
Peggy Deakayne	Personnel /Nom.
Sue Jourdan	Properties
Laurie Szabo	At Large
Karen McCord	Clerk
Eric R. Gale	Moderator

DEACONS

Susan Clark, Co-Moderator
Andrea Joines, Co-Moderator
Johnathan Baker
Anne Burress
Brenda Christian
Clint Gingerich
Gail Ratliff
Robin Rufatto
Joe Sullivan
Quinn Teague
Debbie Wilson



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		
SEPTEMBER 14, 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		September Birthdays
RINGING OF THE BELL		
PRELUDE	Cheryl Mayhew, organist	
	“He Hideth My Soul”	Arr. by Robert J. Hughes
† CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)		Lay Leader: Fran Oakley
L: The foolish say, "There is no God! We are alone, on our own."		
P: We gather to declare the glory of God in our lives.		
L: The foolish say, "It is your life; you are accountable to no one."		
P: We gather, strengthened by the Spirit, trusting that Christ dwells in our hearts.		
L: The foolish say, "Everything I have is mine; I owe nothing to anyone."		
P: We gather to praise the One who calls us to serve others in love.		
(based on Psalm 14)		
~ written by Thom Shuman		
† OPENING HYMN	“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”	#128
† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)		
God of justice and mercy, Whenever we ignore the needs of others, forgive us. Whenever we forget who our neighbor is, forgive us. Whenever we pass by on the other side, forgive us. Whenever we forget to say ‘Well done!’, forgive us. Whenever we forget to simply give thanks, forgive us. Whenever we forget the path that we tread, forgive us. For all those times we bring a tear to your eye, bring us back into your forgiving arms and teach us once again, your way. Amen		
~ written by John Birch		
† WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)		(from Psalm 103)
L: The Lord is merciful and gracious... he does not deal with us according to our sins... as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.		
P: Thanks be to God!		
† 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.		
CHORAL ANTHEM	“Our Lord’s Prayer” (Lloyd Larson)	Chancel Choir
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE	“Abraham and Lot”	Saddleback Kids
(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)		
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	<i>“When You Pray”</i>	Arr. by Fred Bock words on screen
† Doxology <i>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.</i>		
† Prayer of Dedication		
HYMN OF PREPARATION	<i>“Spirit Song”</i>	#384
MESSAGE	IT WAS BY FAITH... “Abraham: The Uncertainty of Faith” Hebrews 11:8-10; Genesis 12:1-3	Pastor Eric Gale
† CLOSING HYMN	<i>“The Solid Rock”</i>	#526
† BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>To God Be the Glory”</i>	Arr. by Fred Bock
†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		
Hebrews 11:8-10 (NLT2) It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. ⁹ And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith—for he was like a foreigner, living in tents. And so did Isaac and Jacob, who inherited the same promise. ¹⁰ Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God.		
Genesis 12:1-3 (NLT2) The LORD had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. ² I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. ³ I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”		

MESSAGE NOTES
Abraham obeyed God, left behind his home country and his established reputation, not knowing where he was headed. Despite all the doubts and uncertainties, He trusted God’s promise of even greater blessings in the future.
God can use our doubts and uncertainties to grow our faith in ways we never dreamed and with greater blessings we never thought possible.
I. With uncertainty comes a new sense of _____!
II. With uncertainty comes a desire to seek the _____!
III. With uncertainty comes a new sense of _____!