



News & Notes

September 3, 2026

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Noblesville, IN



Message this Sunday...

“Your Choice!”

Exodus 12:1-14; Romans 13:8-14

Pastor Ken Locke

[Click Here for the Live Service](#)

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

[Link to Sermon Manuscripts](#)

TOP GOLF CHARITY EVENT

When you register for the **Good Samaritan Network TopGolf Charity Outing**, you're not just signing up for a great time—you're stepping up for neighbors in need. This event directly supports Good Samaritan Network's outreach programs, including:

Food assistance for struggling families

Emergency shelter and housing resources

Holidays - helping bring hope and joy to thousands

Your participation fuels these vital programs—and it's a whole lot of fun, too!

TopGolf Charity Event

SEPT. 20, 2026 - 3pm-6pm

TopGolf | Fishers, Indiana

Sept. 16 Registration Deadline

Event Location:

TopGolf | Fishers, IN

9200 E 116 Street | Fishers, IN 46037

PLAYER OR SPONSORSHIP ONLINE REGISTRATION

Benefiting Hamilton County

Registration Information

Silent Auction Registration

Available Sponsorships

TopGolf Charity Event Flyer PDF

Sponsor Listing

Golf Donation Online Form

Golf Donation Receipt PDF

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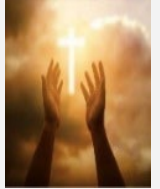


July 2026 Budget Performance Report

	2026 Actual	2025 Actual
Operating Income:	\$169,647.60	\$196,149.90
Operating Expense:	\$186,318.48	\$186,682.40
(Deficit)/Surplus:	\$ (16,670.88)	\$ 9,467.50

Attendance Last week: In Sanctuary— 125; Households online— 21

Remember in your Prayers...



- ♥ **Candi Wood**, back surgery today, Thursday, September 3, at Community North.
- ♥ **Jeri Griffith**, released from Harbour Manor and recovering at home.
- ♥ **Tim Nash**, in rehab/memory care and now on Hospice Care.
- ♥ **Cynthia Fremling**, prayers for the family on the passing of her brother-in-law Mark Diederich.
- ♥ **Janie Emerson**, recovering from hernia surgery.
- ♥ **Anne Burress**, Thank you for the prayers after my recent surgery.
- ♥ **Judith Drysdale**, left knee replacement at Riverview this past week.

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

Wendy Bittle	Dorothy Etchison — <i>Independence Village</i>
Barbara Landes	Joe McGinley – <i>Hamilton Trace</i>
Verna Merrell	GG Nash – <i>The Crossings of Noblesville</i>
Rachel Morgan	Carol Stough — <i>The Crossings of Noblesville</i>

♥ Thank you for the cards, kind words and prayers upon my dad's passing.
~Jana Zeiler

A Little Update On Giving!!!

We're excited to share that the **QR code for giving (Tithe.ly) is now available in the pew pad!** If you prefer to give electronically, simply pull out your phone, scan the QR code, and follow the prompts. It's quick, easy, and saves you from thinking, "Ugh, I forgot my checkbook, again!"

As always, thank you for your generosity and for helping support the ministry and mission of FPC-Noblesville. **Whether you give online, by check, or another way, we are grateful for your faithful support!**

Events for the Upcoming Week...

September 6 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Today	9:00 am Adult Sunday School today
	10:00 am <i>Worship</i>
	11:15 am <i>Fellowship Hour</i>
Monday	Labor Day Office Closed
Tuesday	1:00 pm <i>Westminster Circle</i>
	6:30 pm <i>Tri-Kappa</i>
Wednesday	8:30 am <i>Women's Great Banquet Reunion Group</i>
	8:30 am <i>Men's Great Banquet Reunion Group</i>
	9:00 pm <i>Presbyterian Women</i>
Thursday	7:00 pm <i>Choir Rehearsal</i>
Friday	
Saturday	8:30 am <i>Aerobics</i>
Sunday	8:30 am New Member/Inquirers Class
	9:00 am <i>Adult Sunday School</i>
	10:00 am <i>Worship</i>
	11:15 am <i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	11:15 am Mission Study Team Presentation
	11:15 am <i>Deacons Meeting</i>
	11:15 am <i>Worship Committee Meeting</i>

September 6, 2026

Audio / Video Team:	Quinn Teague
	9/13 – Rick Mayhew & Quinn Teague
Nursery:	No Nursery
	9/13 – Barb Runyon & Ann Green
Lay leader:	Ann Green
	9/13 – Tanner McCaw
Fellowship hour:	Lamar and Sue – Brazilian Cuisine
	9/13 – Birthday Sunday
In the office:	September —Barb Runyon
	October – Janie Emerson
	secretary@fpc-noblesville.org

September 6, No Youth Sunday School - all ages.

Church office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 7.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & FPC FAMILY EVENTS

CALENDAR

FALL & WINTER 2026

AUGUST

- 2** Recognition & Picnic
- 9** Sunday School
- 16** Sunday School
- 23** Sunday School
- 30** Sunday School

SEPTEMBER

- 6** (No Sunday School ALL AGES)
- 13** Sunday School
- 20** Sunday School
- 27** Sunday School (6-12 Hosting Fellowship Hour)

OCTOBER

- 4** (No Sunday School 6-12)
- 11** Sunday School
- 18** Sunday School
- 23** FPC Family Bonfire
- 24** Trunk or Treak
- 25** Sunday School

NOVEMBER

- 1** (No Sunday School 6-12)
- 6** FPC Family Chili Cook Off
- 8** Sunday School
- 15** Sunday School
- 22** Sunday School
- 29** Sunday School

DECEMBER

- 6** (No Sunday School 6-12)
- 13** FPC Family Silly Safari at 4pm
- 20** Sunday School
- 24** Christmas Eve Service
- 27** Sunday School



MISSION STUDY TEAM UPDATE

Our Congregational Mission Study Team has been hard at work thinking about our basic questions: who did we used to be, who are we now, what kind of church do we think God wants us to be, and what are the skills our next installed pastor must have in order to lead us in that direction? Because of their quick and dedicated work, their first two presentations will be:

1) After worship on Sunday, September 13th. This presentation will cover **our history and our building**. Our history matters. The more we know about it, the less likely we are to repeat any mistakes of our past. And the more a prospective pastor knows about us, the more they are able to make an informed decision.

2) After worship on Sunday, September 27th. This presentation will cover everything you ever wanted to know about **Noblesville**. By looking closely at our community, we can identify possible new areas for mission and ministry. We can also show that our quality of life is enough to convince a pastor that it's worth moving their entire household here. And is our church paying enough for a family to buy a home and live in Noblesville?

These and other questions are what we hope to address in these first two presentations. Please make a point to join us if you can!

Pastor Ken

Facilitator and Guide

THANK YOU, FPC!

Your Support Is Making a Difference

The second week of our clean-up supply collection was just as successful as the first. All donated supplies were delivered to Good Samaritan, where flood survivors can pick up the items they need for recovery and clean-up.

Thanks to your generosity, we also donated \$2,200 to the Hamilton County Community Foundation to support local flood-relief efforts.

Volunteers Are Still Needed

Serve Village continues to need volunteers to assist at muck-out sites and work directly with homeowners. If you can help with clean-up efforts, please:

- Visit [Impact Hamilton County](#) for volunteer opportunities.
- See Jennie Auble for more information.



BRAZILIAN FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

Hopefully you followed Lamar and Sue last week in Brazil on the FPC Blog page. **Join them this Sunday during Fellowship Hour as they serve Brazilian food and share photos and videos on their work in Londrina, Brazil.**

Don't miss it!

If you haven't already, be sure to subscribe to the blog and receive notifications of our regular posts like sermons and devotionals.



<https://fpc-noblesville.org/blog?blogcategory=Brazil+Mission+Team>



FPC HENDERSON SETTLEMENT WORK CAMP

MISSION TRIP

OCTOBER 18-22 OR OCTOBER 18-23, 2026

This is a second opportunity for any FPC fellowship persons or friends to SERVE at the Henderson Settlement this year. The HENDERSON SETTLEMENT WORK CAMP mission trip is a First Presbyterian Church sponsored **WORK TRIP, BUT THE WORKLOAD IS LIGHT FOR PERSONS WITH LIMITED PHYSICAL STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE.**

The cost for the trip is \$257.25 (10.18-22) or \$319.75 (10.18-23), plus transportation (carpooling). Proof of personal medical insurance and trip fees are required with the application.

Henderson Settlement (Frakes, Kentucky), is a mountain outreach ministry of the Red Bird Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church. The Settlement has a number of outreach and construction ministries where volunteers are needed.

Team member applications with housing preferences are available in the Communications Center for more information.

For more information, contact Lamar Ziegler, Trip Leader, at 317-432-4621 or laziegler48@gmail.com.

If you are interested – pick up at packet at the Welcome Center or to download the documents, click the link below:

HENDERSON WORK CAMP -2

Reservations will close October 1, 2026.

Documents included in packet: 2026-2 Henderson Work Camp Interest Survey
2026-2 Henderson Registration and Housing
2026-2 Henderson FPC Trip Logistics

INSPIRING BETTER BUSINESS

Jon and Maureen Schreibfeder are new members at FPC Noblesville. **Jon is the Board President of Inspiring Better Business and presented his ministry on Sunday, August 23 during the Minute for Mission.** Below is his presentation. If you have any questions, please email Jon at the email link provided at the end of the presentation.



Inspiring Better Business is a development ministry that has three possible purposes:

- Recovery
- Rehabilitation
- Development

What is Inspiring Better Business (IBB)?

- Our goal is to empower individuals to become financially stable creating Biblically-Based businesses.
- They in turn mentor others to “break the chains of poverty” in their country and build God’s kingdom
- We are also developing Biblically-Based money management and retirement guides for developing nations so that people will not be reliant on hand-outs and charity.



IBB does not provide money to individuals.

- We do develop and provide:
 - Training materials
 - Education
 - Advice
 - Encouragement to use the talents God has provided each person, as well as our experience, to lead people to success!



God gave us a mighty toolbox

- The tools God provides each of us include:
 - All of the gifts and talents he has given you.
 - The Holy Spirit to guide you through life and all of the decisions you must make.
 - 168 hours every week.
 - The greatest business guide ever created: The Bible!

We promote a Godly mindset

- Start with what people have and where they are
- Discover the talents and capabilities God has provided
- Work Hard
- Keep Learning
- Invite God into every corner of our lives



We need you – Travel is not necessary!

- Teach classes and provide advice via Zoom and What'sApp (free applications).
- Help us develop teaching materials, our web site, and coordinate IBB activities throughout the world.
- Provide funds to translate our materials into more languages, and distribute communications equipment where necessary

Please ask yourself...

- Are you ready to use the gifts God has given you to transform people's lives?
- Would you like to build relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world?

No major time commitment is necessary (usually 1 – 2 hours per week) but we will adjust to your available time!

If you have any questions, contact Jon Schreibfeder

www.InspiringBetterBusiness.com

Jon Schreibfeder

BoardPresident@InspiringBetterBusiness.com



Weekly Devotion...

What Does Our Money Say?

September 3, 2026

My Beloved -

When I was a boy, and into my early teens, I collected coins. I enjoyed looking at the details on the engraving, where they had been worn and where they hadn't. I learned all about mint marks, when and why coins changed, and how they got into circulation.

Of course, at that time finding rare coins was hard. For a young person like me it meant either begging my parents to drive me to a numismatic show, which only ever happened once or twice, or else sitting down with several dollars' worth of loose coins and looking at them one by one. Looking for the telltale dates, mint marks, or other signs that it was valuable.

Nevertheless, I enjoyed the process. It was painstaking, but I enjoyed the treasure hunt aspect and it was fun to think of where those coins had been. What they would say if they could talk?

Today, of course, we have the internet. Anyone can buy rare coins, old coins, even ancient Roman coins with a credit card and a few clicks of the mouse. They'll be delivered within the week, along with a certificate of authenticity.

What would those coins say if they could talk? All those coins with an emperor's face on them, coins found buried in the ground, hidden in a wall, discovered after a fire – what would they say? What stories could they share? Even in ancient times, coins got around. They must have some fun stories.

One of my favorite email newsletters recently asked that same question. Their response was: *Although people chase me, I don't matter like they think I do. I have not helped anyone live forever, and nobody—even the people who insisted I be buried with them—was able to take me with them when they died. The things I have helped to buy never brought people as much pleasure as they hoped...and losing me never brought people most of the dangers they feared. I've never been able to give anyone class or decency and, often, the people who had the most of me had the least of those things.*

Personally, I like this answer. Too often, we use money solely for our own sakes. We use it to materially improve our lives. We use money as a measure of our worth.

Our faith teaches a very different approach to money. Our faith teaches us that money should be primarily used to help others. We feed and clothe our family and other dependents. We share our money with the impoverished – either through direct giving or by funding a larger charity or agency. We share our money with our church so that it can spread the good news about how much God loves us.

At its best, then, money is not about us. It is about others. Money is not a tool for measuring ourselves. It is a tool for ministry. Money is not something we created ourselves. It is a gift from God and should be used to honor God.

If our money could talk, what stories would it tell? What would it say about how much we cared about it, how we spent, what we spent it on? Did we use it resentfully, freely? Did we spend it mostly on ourselves or mostly on others? Did our money judge our purchases and decide we are Christians, or did our purchases give the impression we are more concerned about ourselves than anyone else?

I don't collect coins anymore, though my collection is somewhere in my basement, I'm sure. But when the opportunity comes along, I enjoy holding an old coin and wondering about its journey to my hands and the stories it could tell.

May we all live in such a way that if our money could talk it would bear witness to our commitment to God and others.

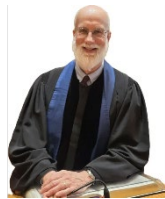
God's peace to us all,
Pastor Ken.

Do you have a question for Pastor Ken?

You can reach him by email at

ken.locke@fpc-noblesville.org

Keep up to date on the interim process at FPC.



[Click here](#)



SUNDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Fellowship Hour Hosts Needed:

Do you love good food, great conversation, and a chance to linger a little longer with your church family? Then we have the perfect volunteer opportunity for you!

We're looking for cheerful volunteers to **host Fellowship Hour after church**. Hosting means bringing some tasty treats (homemade, store-bought, or somewhere in between!), helping set things up, and doing a little cleanup afterward.

No culinary degree required. No fancy recipes necessary. And yes, **cookies absolutely count as a food group!** 😊

Grab another family or a friend or even two and sign up to host a Sunday.

It's a simple way to serve, connect, and make Fellowship Hour something everyone looks forward to.

Come for the worship, stay for the fellowship—and maybe stay a little longer if there's pie!

Volunteers are greatly appreciated—and very well-fed! ❤️

If you would like to sign up so that fellowship hours continue this fall, please see Catherine Burnside or Sondra Pearson in the kitchen or Barb Runyon at the Welcome Center.

Lay Leaders Needed:

Are you looking for something to do on Sunday at FPC-Noblesville? We need Lay Leaders for Sunday morning. It's easy, you lead the congregation through the service. If you are interested, contact Susan Clark at sclark2428@yahoo.com.

No Youth Sunday School This Sunday.

Due to Labor Day weekend, there will not be Sunday School for Rainbows and Shooting Stars this coming Sunday, **September 6th**. Nursery care will not be available as well. We look forward to seeing you back on September 13th!

“The Chosen” Small Group

Bob and Trish Moore will be hosting a Small Group in their home based on the popular television series "The Chosen". We are now on Season 2. We will watch an episode and then follow with discussion. The meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm, beginning September 15th. New members are welcome to join us at any point in the series! If you are interested in joining, please email bobtrishmoore@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Adult Sunday School

The Adult class will continue their series on Samuel. Everyone is welcome to join. **The class meets in the adult classroom downstairs directly under church office at 9:00 am.**

Choir Will Be Back Soon!

Choir will begin regular rehearsals tonight! The Choir will return to singing in service the Sunday after Labor Day which is September 13 this year.

Operation Christmas Child

Thanks for all the wonderful donations for the month of August!

September we will keep the toys coming. Look for summer end sales!

Thank you for spending a few dollars, each month, to make this ministry such a huge success for all of God's children's happiness!

Westminster Circle

Circle is now meeting on the 2nd and the 4th Tuesdays of each month at 1:00 pm. We are studying the Hebrew names of God. If you would like to join the Circle or have questions, please contact Catherine Byrnside at nobleswynd@yahoo.com

Come See What FPC-NOBLESVILLE Is All About!

Thinking about becoming part of our church family? Curious about who's who, what's what, and where everything is? We've got you covered!

Join us **Sunday, September 13 at 8:30 AM in the church library** (right behind the Fellowship Hall), for our **New Member/Inquirers Class**.

In this one-hour class you'll have the chance to:

- Meet some of our church leaders and get to know the people behind the ministry.
- Learn more about what it means to be part of our church family.
- Take a tour of the church — because eventually, everyone needs to know where the bathrooms are!

Whether you're ready to join, still thinking about it, or just want to learn more, **you're invited!**

Come early. Meet some new people. See the church. And maybe discover that you've found your church home.

New Member Meeting — Sunday, September 13 at 8:30 AM.

We'd love to see you there! If you have any questions – call, text or email Barb Runyon at 317-407-4170 or bsrunyon@yahoo.com.

Men's Fellowship Luncheons

The FPC men's luncheons are on the 2nd Monday of each month at Perkins Restaurant. Any questions see Stephen Craig. Signup 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 on the 3rd Monday of each month at Perkins Restaurant. Any questions see Marlynn Story. Signup 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.**



DIRECTORY PHOTO UPDATE

If your current family picture makes you look like you just stepped out of a 1950s sitcom—complete with perfect hair, matching smiles, and strong **Cleaver family** vibes—it may be time for a refresh. We'd love to see what your family looks like **these days...** because, let's be honest, a lot can change between directory photos!



So, find a shirt without a stain, gather the family, and take a nice selfie! **Let's make sure our church directory reflects the families we actually are—not the Cleavers we apparently used to be!**

Don't forget - we are changing the format in the directory – instead of 9 families per page we will have just 4 families per page. So, YOUR picture will be HUGE!!!

New directories will be available by the end of September at the Welcome Center.

Email changes to secretary@fpc-noblesville.org
or you can text a picture directly to Barb Runyon at 317-407-4170.



Learn How to Play Bridge

Have you ever wanted to play bridge? We have a bridge group that meets at FPC once a month on Monday evenings. They would be happy to teach you bridge. If interested, contact Pat Crimans at pat.crimans@gmail.com.

It's not too late to pay your 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 **Per Capita**, we thank you for your payment. If you have not, **individual Per Capita is \$46.02**. Please consider giving as soon as possible to help reduce the \$4,310.96 covered by the Church. If you have any questions, please contact Robin Story at robin.story@fpc-noblesville.org or 317.508.4411.

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!

Backyard BBQ, Band, and Bible

If you are interested in attending, or would like more information about this event, contact Pastor Jesse Mullins, Emmanuel United Methodist Church at 317-773-4406 or www.emmanuelumc.org.



Emmanuel United Methodist Church hosts:
BACKYARD BBQ, BAND, AND BIBLE
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH
16000 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN
6:30PM Gather for food and fellowship.
Music begins at 7:00PM

\$5 BBQ Sandwiches. Any funds raised will be used for our food pantry!

Bring your own chairs and drinks!

LOST ITEMS IN CHURCH OFFICE

Attention, church family! Our **Lost & Found** collection in the church office is still waiting for its rightful owners. Apparently, some of these items have decided they enjoy church life so much that they're considering becoming permanent members.

If you've misplaced something, please stop by the **Church Office** and take a look. Your long-lost item may be sitting there wondering when you're coming back for it! We would love to reunite these lonely belongings with their people.

🕒 Please claim your items soon!

And to all the items that have been patiently waiting... **we haven't forgotten you.** But your time with us may be coming to an end!

Please claim your belongings soon before they are officially declared **"Abandoned but Blessed."**

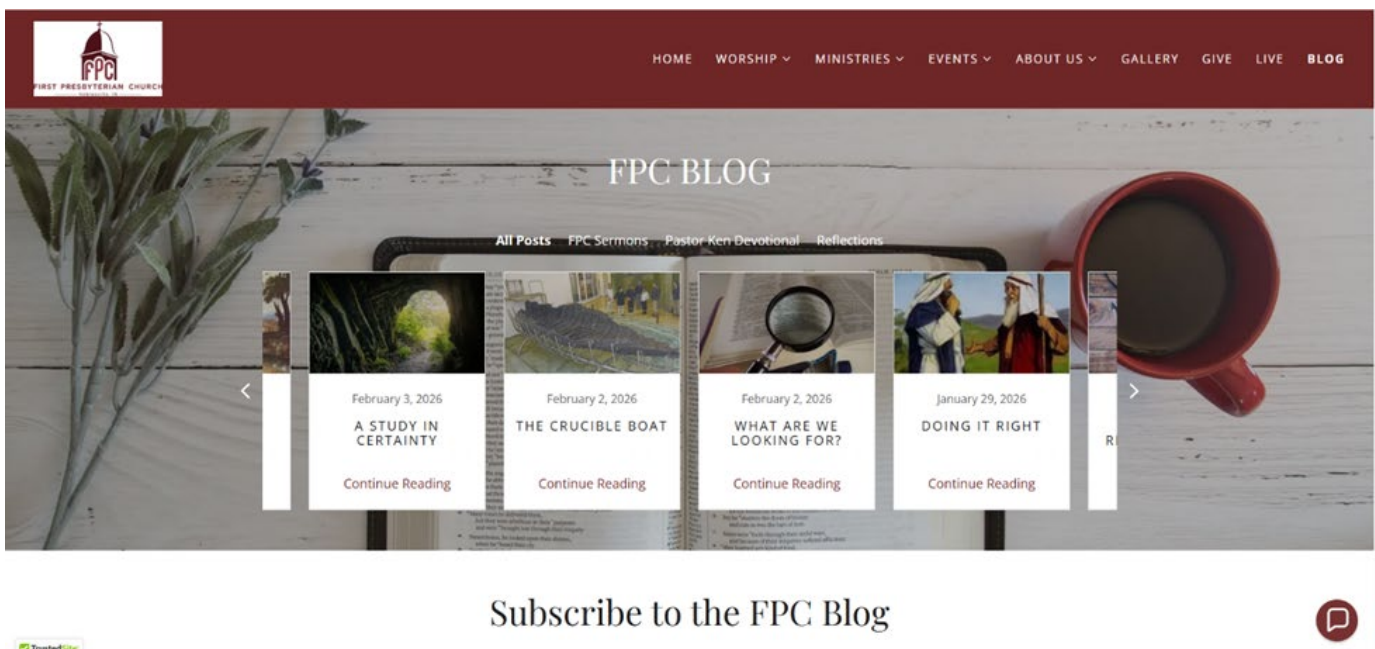


FPC BLOG

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— BEWARE OF SCAMMERS!



Members of the congregation are continuing to receive 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!