

# *E-Blast News*

September 27, 2026– October 4, 2026

Dear Saints

Recently I heard a discussion between two young adult Christians - both of whom were active in worship and the work of the church. I had found them both charming and dedicated and committed to Christ's service.

However, the young woman was reluctant to introduce the young man to a friend of hers because of 2 Corinthians 6:14 which says, 'Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers.' She said, "You would have to change in order to be equally yoked with my friend." Was she judging the young man's faith? Was she boasting of her own faith? Was she making a judgment about her friend's faith exceeding his faith? Where is the tax collector's prayer, "God, have mercy on me, a sinner!"

I found this disturbing because it spoke of a judgment made about the faith of the young man and an implicit boast of the faith of the young woman (women.) For me this is contrary to Jesus' words in the story of "the Pharisee and the Tax Collector," from Luke 18. Surely we are NOT called to judge the faith of another person and we are not called to judge another's faith as less than our own. And, we are not called to judge ourselves or our faith as superior to another's.

For me the point is that the woman did not have God's eyes to see and judge the faith of the man and he did not have God's eyes to judge her... and I don't have God's eyes to judge either of them. There is judgment but it comes from God's eyes, not ours.

May God's Peace be with you,

*Will*

## *A treasurer's request*

All general offerings should be a separate check by itself to the church. Any other offerings such as Per Capita, Christmas Joy, or Samaritan's Purse can be on one check. This is so your donations can be correctly and accurately tracked.

Thank you,

*Edward*, Treasurer

## *Look what's coming...*

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>September 27</b> | 10:30 Choir practice<br>11:15 Worship Service                        |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>September 28</b> | 10:30 Bill's Paper Angels                                            |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>September 30</b> | 12:30 Bible study                                                    |
| <b>Friday</b>    |                     | <b>TBA</b>                                                           |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>October 4</b>    | 10:30 Choir practice<br>11:15 Worship Service<br>Bill's Paper Angels |

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia, we would love to have you do so.

Please speak with Rev. Dr. Will Browne or Clerk of Session Mitzie McGavic

## *Contact information*

### ***Homebound members' addresses***

*For those sending cards...*

|                   |                                                  |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Jackie Combs      | 9408 Rochester Rd., Minerva, OH 44657            |
| Peggy Dees        | 1346 NE Hansel Ave., Arcadia, FL 34266           |
| Norma Fisher      | 1013 E. Gibson St., Arcadia, FL 34266            |
| MaryAnn Treadwell | 11741 Lake Aston Court, Apt 113, Tampa, FL 33626 |
| Skip & Terry West | 1224 SW Scott Dr., Arcadia, FL 34266             |

### ***Military***

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| CM1 Ryan Maassen | 13972 Shields Bridge Rd., Belle Haven, VA 23306 |
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## *Church prayer list*

**FPC - MEMBERS:** Becky Delahunty, Brian Harris, Jackie Harris.

**FPC - FAMILY/ FRIENDS:** Charlaine Adams, Lance Andrewsen, Dan Bailey, Debbie Collins, Esther Harvell, Ansley Head, Ernie Hewett, Bjorn Jiskoot, Donna Jones, Lisa Letson, Pastor Sam Letson, Thomas & Jane Mooney, family of Lucky Muse, Amanda Nunez, Julie Nunez, Sharon Shatney and family of Cindy Trawick.

**FPC - CONTINUING CONCERN:** Ellen Abraham, Tom & Arlene Anderman, Barbara Bennett, family of Joan Brady, Marsha Browning, Shirley Cullom, Peggy Dees, Mary Dow, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Jane Hayward, Gina Green, David Kersey, Ted Land, Jimmy Lanier Jill Logan, Keith Markey, Cary Mercer, Dan & Gail Morgan, Kenny O'Neal, Judy Onofri, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Rohling, Gene Scott, Robert & Judy Smith, Emmie Titus, MaryAnn Treadwell, Debbie Webb, Terry West, Margaret White and Laurie York.

**MILITARY LIST:** Julian Davis, U.S. Army Medical Corps; Sean Davis, U.S. Army Medical Corps; E6 Curtis Johnson, U.S. Navy Medical Corps; CM1 Ryan Maassen, U.S. Navy Seabees ; Airman Roland Phelps.

## *Missions at work*

### **Bill's Paper Angels**

Collection for Bill's Paper Angels is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

**Oct. 4 (next collection date)    Oct. 12 (next distribution date)**

**NEEDED: plastic grocery bags**

### **Arcadia Center for the Needy**

Collection for Arcadia Center for the Needy is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

**Next collection date: October 18, 2026**

**NOTE:** You may donate at any time. If donating by envelope, please put Arcadia Center for the Needy in the memo section. We also collect cans with pop up tops. These can be dropped off at the office.

## *Church information*

### **Attendance/Offering**

Attendance: 21  
Offering:

Viewed on Facebook: 18  
Year to Date: **\$104,345.44**

### **Session**

2026: Jeff Adams, Ellie Sutphin, David Maassen, Don Knoche

2027: Jackie Harris, Donnie Knoche, Tyler Maassen, Edith Wildt

2028: Dave Bremer, Becky Delahunty, Sue Maassen, Mitzie McGavic

### **Catch us on Facebook**

Be sure to sign up for our Facebook page and **like** our page.

Also, visit our website [www.firstpc.church](http://www.firstpc.church) we have information, pictures, services that you can listen to if you can't make it to church. If you have questions, or problems call the office. 863-494-4434.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEBSITE**

Type in [www.firstpc.church](http://www.firstpc.church)

You will see the sermon on the main page now, so just click on it.

## *Celebrations*



### ***October birthdays***

October 4—Rodney Hollingsworth

October 8—John Burtscher

October 14 —Layfe Jiskoot, Mac Martin

October 19 —Mike Cooley

October 20 —Cassie Lawrence

October 21 —Terry West

October 24 —Eden Esposito

October 29 —Ann Pepper

October 30 —Remi Jones