

E-Blast News

Sep 27 to Oct 4 2020

Dear Saints of FPC Arcadia,

I am reveling in being back among you and worshipping in our gorgeous spiritual sanctuary and learning about who you have become in the 7 or so years I have been gone. But now I am back! And, am eager to get to know the new you. I am enjoying meeting those who are new among you and enjoying reviving past friendships.

One of the great things that happened this week for me was that Mac Martin graciously responded to my request for an educated tour of Arcadia. Mac drove me all around and filled me in neighborhoods, and important buildings (I got to see the new Rodeo!) I saw Kayo Welles name on the sign. He was a great man and leader and I was honored to help lead his funeral when I was here before (horse and all!))

I came away from the tour feeling encouraged about where God has called us to be a part of the church and a witness to God's love and grace. There many times the number of houses I was expecting to see. I saw some churches new to me as well.

You'all that is we'all, live in a place of great beauty. I admire the view as I drive over and back. The great flat plains stretching off into the distance with beautiful trees and wildlife (please stay off the road wildlife). There are towering cumulous clouds that display great colors at the right time of day. I realized today it reminds me of another favorite places in the world and that is the plains of the Punjab in India. There are the same stretching plains, the same trees and wildlife (well the

wildlife is somewhat different and orchards are replaced with sugar cane fields). There are towering clouds especially in the monsoons. They are both beautiful. All of this is especially significant because I am mountain-grown. I need to see the mountains now and then but now I am content to be here. I give thanks to God for you, this church and this place.

Yours in Christ's Service

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Church Prayer List

FPC MEMBERS

Tom & Arlene Anderman, Rita Banks, and Wayne Gallant.

Updates: Rita Banks is at home with hospice coming in. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. Alan Adams received a note from him, he says he has had a couple better days but overall I'm doing okay. Keep praying for Alan.

FPC – FAMILY / FRIENDS

Alan Adams, Cheryl Baldwin, Quinton Campbell, Robert Campbell (MaryAnn Treadwell's grandson), Victoria Cross, Pam and Rick Dodd, Carrie Evans (Judie Neeley's daughter), Roger Evans, Jane Hayward, Deborah Hughes (Wayne Naumberg's daughter), Chester Johnson, Hanna Joy Lepianka (Rich & Jean Borsmann's granddaughter), Keith Markey, Rusty & Robbie Mullins, Bobby O'Neal (Edith's friend), Ruth Ann Smith, Linda Summers, Laurie Sykora, Sherry Turner, Connie Underwood, and Landon Yoder.

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Curtis Clark, Julian Davis, Sean Davis, Curtis Johnson, Ryan Maassen, Brent Mayo, and Cole Overcash. If you have a military family member and would like to add them to our list, please call the church office at 494-4434

Homebound Members

(Address provided so you may send a card)

Rita Banks: 5005 NW Royal Palm Drive Arcadia, FL 34266

Jerry Anderman: 1013 E. Gibson St. Arcadia, FL 34266

Norma Fisher: 1013 E. Gibson St. Arcadia, FL 34266

Robert Treadwell: 2052 NE Floridian Circle Arcadia, FL 34266



Read all about it.....

Children's Sunday school to resume on Sunday, October 4th at 9:45.

The Sunday school adult video series "Mysteries of the Bible" will resume on October 11, 2020. This class meets in Pfrangle Hall with Edward and Jill Maassen. Everyone is welcome. It will be good to get back together.

Session Highlights –

Session highlights from the September 21, 2020 meeting:

The following were items the session took action on:

1. Approved repair of the duplex roof and bulletin board in the front of the church. The new roof for the duplex will cost approximately **\$17,000** and the repair of the bulletin board will cost **\$465**.
2. Approved having the chancel choir to resume singing at the morning worship. Date to be determined by the director and the choir.
3. Approved setting aside the current method of selection for the nominating team and return to the previous method.
4. Approved the restart of Sunday school. Starting times to be determined by the class facilitator and the class members.
5. Approved the return of the Wednesday night suppers for discussion at the Annual Congregational meeting.

6. Approved Annual Congregational meeting for October 11 and a Congregational meeting for Nov. 1, 2020.

The following were items were reported during the session meeting:

1. The church has **\$43,810** in the checking account, **\$12,836** in restricted giving, and **\$88,824** in savings.
2. The Christmas program is scheduled for December 20, 2020.



Notes from Genie:

The Handbell Choir will be playing on Sunday, Oct. 4th.

We are very excited to be together again. We are wearing masks at rehearsal and will also be wearing masks on Sunday, Oct.

Choir and Handbell Rib BBQ!! Wednesday night Oct 21 at 6 pm. Please bring your spouse and a dish to share. Mac will be cooking the ribs.

Then Choir will be resuming rehearsals on Wed. Oct 28 at 7:15pm. And our Christmas Program is planned for Sunday, Dec. 20th. The Session has approved.

The Choir has a separate air conditioning system than the sanctuary. So no worries



Mark your Calendar.....

September 2020

30th 6:30pm Handbell practice

October 2020

4th 9:45 am Children's Sunday school starts

11th 9:45 am "Mysteries of the Bible" Adult Bible Class Pfrangle Hall

11th 12:00 pm Congregational Meeting

21st 6:00 pm Rib BBQ for Choir/Handbell

November 2020

1st 12:00 pm Congregation Meeting

Attendance/Offering

Attendance Last Sunday: 38

Offering Last Sunday: \$1,125.00

Year to date: \$ 137,479.76



Ask and you shall receive....a special "Thank You" to Mike Krzyzkowski and Terry Presson for picking up and delivering the refrigerator to us on Friday. Also, a special "Thank You" to Jeff, Alan's brother who donated the refrigerator for the church office.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for being there for us in our time of need.

The family of Lew Hall.



September - Birthdays

26 Jerry Nathe; **28** Richard Borsmann

October - Birthdays

4 Rodney Hollingsworth and LaVerne Townsend, **6** Tammy Jacobson, **8** John Burtscher, **9** Bill Stander, **14** Layfe Jiskoot and Mac Martin, **21** Terry West, **24** Eden Esposito, **29** Wayne Leeper and Ann Pepper

Church Mailing Address is:

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SESSION

2020: Dave Bremer, Johnny Maassen, Mac Martin, Mary Ann Treadwell

2021: Beth Lyszak, Mitzie McGavic, Skip West

2022: Judy Kirkpatrick, Don Knoche, Jill Maassen, Bill Stander

ELDERS EMERITI

Margaret Way

David Holloman

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