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**May 2018**

Sunday Worship

Adult Bible Class

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service\*

9:30 a.m.

Children's Church

9:45 a.m.

(after Children's Chat)

\*Childcare provided

Pastor  
Rev. Matthew Froeschle

Treasurer  
John Swick

Youth Director  
Toby Montgomery

Asst. Youth Director  
Sharon Barta

Choir Director  
Dick Barta

Organist  
Hayeon Park

Church Custodian  
Tammy Latch

Administrative Assistant  
Cherry Wishard



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Rev. Matthew D. Froeschle

I'm reading "Radical Together" by David Platt, which is a book about Jesus' call to His church to make disciples. David writes about how everything a church does - even good things - can get in the way of our primary mission of teaching what Jesus taught and living as Jesus would have us live.

Film directors and editors will talk about cutting scenes out of their movies - scenes that they truly love and even invested in - for the sake of the overall story. Ultimately, if the scene doesn't advance the plot or contribute to the overall story, it should be cut to improve the movie.

It can be difficult to part ways with the "good" in order to make room for the "better" or the "great." As we work to build for the future here at FPC, we may need to be willing to part with good things in order to do the most important thing: make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Of everything that we do, we should be asking: "Is this helping people come to know and follow Jesus Christ as their Lord?" After all, that is our primary mission. Can we use our resources more efficiently? There are a lot of hungry and impoverished people out there. Can we justify how we are spending our time and funds in light of God's calling?

Not long ago, I was reminded of Jesus' teaching about the vine and the branches. We as a church like to

focus a lot on growth - but Jesus reminded us that pruning (cutting back or cutting off some growth) is also vital for the health and fruitfulness of the vine.

Are there things we are doing that we don't really need to be doing? Not all of visioning for the future means adding new things or new programs or new toys. Some of it may be learning to live simpler - live with less - so we can give more and invest in the things that are of primary importance to Jesus.

My own preferred style is "elegant simplicity." God created me in such a way that I would rather do a few things really well than have a whole plate full of things that I do half-heartedly or poorly. Others are better at joyfully juggling a whole bunch of different tasks.

But regardless of our style, it's important that our "busy-ness" is motivated by the things that motivate God. Of each thing we do as a church, we should ask: How does this program/activity contribute to bringing people to know better and more closely follow Jesus Christ as Lord?

Remind us of these things, O Lord. May we be willing to let go of certain things if we find they are keeping us from knowing You better, keeping us from giving generously to others, or getting in the way of a more God-honoring ministry.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Matthew



**The Sadie Willaredt Scholarship** is presented every year to one or more students enrolled in an institution of higher learning for the first time or who are continuing their studies. Applicants should show active involvement in our church. Applications are available in the church office. Applications will be received through May 30<sup>th</sup>.



Churchwide Gathering held every 3 years will be held in Louisville, Kentucky.

August 2<sup>nd</sup>- August 5<sup>th</sup>

Anyone interested in going, contact Florence Beck for details.



### Box Tops

Thank you for all the Box Tops, they are a great way of giving to the Kemmerer Village School. Keep them coming.



### Coke Rewards

The Coca Cola Give program will donate from 5 to 30 cents for your Coca Cola rewards codes. These Codes can be under the lids of bottles, or inside the 12-pack and cases of any Coke product. Just go to <https://us.cocacola.com/give/>, choose Kemmerer Village as your school, and enter your codes to help our children and support our school. Every cent counts!



**Mission Project** - Baby Bottle Coin Collection for Choices Pregnancy and Health - Baby bottles will be available in the Narthex on Mother's Day, May 13. The Mission Committee is asking you to take one - fill it with your spare change and return the bottle on Father's Day, June 17.  
Thank you.



**Food pantry items are still being gathered.**

Please keep the food coming and help those in need. Food can be left in Fellowship Hall.  
May: Cake Mixes

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[www.fpcmattoon.org](http://www.fpcmattoon.org)

*Faith Step*

*Find a sunny spot.  
Close your eyes in prayer  
and quietly receive the love  
of Jesus.*

*Then watch for the  
opportunity to send it on.*

*This is how we know we're  
living steadily and deeply in  
him, and he in us  
He's given us life from his  
life, from his very own  
Spirit.*

*1John 4:13 (MSG)  
Submitted by Florence Beck*



**May 1**

John Smitley

**May 3**

Nancy Plummer  
Susan Millsap

**May 4**

Earl Bennett  
Pastor Matthew Froeschle

**May 7**

Laura Martin

**May 10**

Connie Buescher

**May 14**

Lauren Covington

**May 15**

Rick Mercer  
Joyce Seldomridge

**May 16**

Yvonne Schroeder

**May 20**

Janet Smitley

**May 23**

Sherrie Beck  
Merrie Ramsey

**May 24**

Neal Grant

**May 27**

Brenda Welling

**May 30**

W. D. Fisher  
Judy Wetzel



**Continued prayers  
for those having  
treatments for medical  
conditions:**

Barb Allen  
Mavis Bagby  
Jean Beard  
Kathy Beaver  
Earl Bennett  
Amelia Bumgarner  
Joan Dickens  
Evelyn Furry  
Jo & Harlan Heller  
Jeremiah Parker  
Betty Martin  
Elnor Oliver  
Roger Sorensen  
Max & Louanna Jaeger

**For all those who are  
serving in Armed Forces,  
including:**

Matt Gathmann  
Kyle & Kelly Martin  
Hunter S. McRoberts



***Happy Anniversary***

**May 5**

Toby & Pam Montgomery

**May 6**

Neal & Sheri Grant

**May 9**

Jerry & Carol Ann Parker

# MAY EVENTS CALENDAR

## Tuesday, May 1

Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.  
Worship Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

## Wednesday, May 2

Women's Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.  
Membership Meeting 10:00 a.m.  
LOGOS 5:30 p.m.

## Thursday, May 3

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

## Sunday, May 6

Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.  
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.  
Mission Stitchers 2:00 p.m.  
Youth Group 3:00 p.m.

## Tuesday, May 8

B&G Meeting 10:00 a.m.  
Sarah Circle 10:30 a.m.  
Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.  
Personnel Meeting 4:30 p.m.  
Priscilla Circle 5:00 p.m.  
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

## Wednesday, May 9

LOGOS 5:30 p.m.

## Thursday, May 10

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.  
Mystery Book Club 6:00 p.m.

## Sunday, May 13

HAPPY **Mother's** DAY

Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.  
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.  
Pre-Pack Food Center 1:00 p.m.

## Tuesday, May 15

PEO 9:00 a.m.  
Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.  
Quadrangle 1:30 p.m.  
Mission Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

## Thursday, May 17

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

## Sunday, May 20

Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.  
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.  
Youth Group 3:00 p.m.

## Tuesday, May 22

Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.  
Session 6:00 p.m.  
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

## Thursday, May 24

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.  
PEO 6:30 p.m.

## Sunday, May 27

Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.  
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.  
Youth Group 3:00 p.m.

## Monday, May 28



Church Office Closed

## Tuesday, May 29

Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.  
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

## Thursday, May 31

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.



### **Priscilla Circle**

will meet Tuesday  
May 8<sup>th</sup> at  
5:00 p.m.  
We will spray and  
pull weeds around  
the building.  
A potluck meal will  
be served  
at 6:00 p.m.  
Any questions  
call  
Alice Jeisy  
at 644-2625

**Sarah Circle** will  
meet at 10:30 on  
Tuesday morning,  
May 8<sup>th</sup>, in the  
church parlor.  
Bobbie McRoberts  
will have devotions  
and Sue Gathmann  
will lead the  
discussion as we  
continue the  
video/discussion on  
what makes us  
happy. Anyone  
interested in  
participating in this  
study is invited to  
attend.



### **Sarah Circle Annual Used Book Sale**

Please start saving  
your books for our  
annual book sale.  
You may bring them  
to church any time.

Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
7:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

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Return Service Requested

