



First Evangelical Presbyterian Church **The Beacon**

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From our Associate Pastor:

My son loves trains! He loves to play with trains, read about trains, and even watch and listen to the trains as they pass through town. If you ask him about trains he'll probably list off the names of his two train engines (Percy and Thomas) and then give a hearty, “CHOO CHOO!”

Did you know that there are some wonderful spiritual lessons we can learn from trains? Until recently, I did not even consider the thought.

The other day I was reading in Deuteronomy and came across this verse: “*So be careful to do what the LORD your God has commanded you; do not turn aside to the right or to the left*” (Deuteronomy 5:32). After Moses records the Ten Commandments from the LORD, God gives Moses these words. The Great Conductor who created and sustains all things is telling us to stay on track.

While on the tracks, a train primarily moves in two directions: forwards or backwards. When moving forward a train moves closer and closer to its destination. But when moving backwards, the opposite occurs. However, there is another direction a train can move— it's the direction of derailment. This is when a train jumps the tracks to the left or right. While there are many situations which may cause a train to derail, here are two that pertain to this discussion: losing control and an obstacle on the tracks.

When we lack self-control, fall into temptation, let our emotions direct how we live, and lose sight of God's Word we will be de-railed. When we harbor a sinful attitude in our hearts, when we allow a sinful behavior to come between us and God we will be derailed. When we stop seeking God's Word, stop praying, and stop fellowshiping together in the name of Jesus we are moving back-wards and eventually will be derailed.

But when we are careful to keep our eyes fixed on the Author and Perfecter of our faith; when we by the grace of God move forward not turning to the right or the left, then we will stay on track. And by God's grace we move forward following the call of the Great Conductor who is saying, “All aboard!”

Coming Up in Worship Sunday..



On our tour through the **Hall of Fame of Faith**, we stopped at Abel who demonstrated a worshipping faith that pleases God. This week, we move on to Enoch who demonstrates a walking faith that pleases God. Genesis 5...I invite you to examine your faith afresh!

WNF begins this Wednesday!

**Volunteering In the Nursery Sunday – Matt Denny, Becky Plemon
Greeters: Donna Bible & Cathy Haley**

Statistics for Last Week:

*S. S. – 92 Combined Morning Worship -- 140
Gen. Fund - \$4,077.41 Building Fund -\$240.00*

Bethany Village Requests for January...

Pancake Mix -- Syrup -- Pre-cooked Bacon



Ladies' Night Out: Fri. Feb. 3rd at 7:00pm Liz Curtis Higgs will be at the Osage Center in Cape. Tickets are \$10. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are wanting to go and I will purchase the tickets. Please call or email me -- Julie 697-1091 or jules6691@gmail.com

Youth News :

Pioneer Clubs & Junior High Night begin Weds., Feb. 1st. See you at 6:50pm in the sanctuary!

Adults: We are looking for some volunteers to help with Pioneer Clubs this spring. Contact Jonathan if you are interested in serving our kids this way.

Notes from the Office:

- Linda is typing the info for the new picture directories. Please call 833-5225 or email annafepc@frontier.com if your information has changed since the last directory. Thanks!
- The office recycles its paper. If you do not want your bulletins, leave them in the pews and the deacons will pick them up.
- Please pick up your offering envelopes in the back of the sanctuary. If you no longer want to receive them, notify the office, or drop a note in the offering plate. --*Thank you, Anita*
- *Please have items for the Feb. calendar in by Weds., the first*



Warm a Heart with a new pair of Socks

The R.S.V.P, sponsored by the Shawnee Dev. Council is collecting warm socks for nursing homes and facilities with developmentally Challenged residents in honor of Martin Luther King Day. There is a **Box for Sox** in the coffee room. Please bring donations before Valentine's Day. Thanks!

Happy Birthday!

29th – John C.W. Hughey
30th – Alisha Baggott
Feb. 2nd – Don Burnett, Kent Young
Feb. 3rd – Gary Meyer

Happy Anniversary!

31st – Dennis & Ann York

IT'S HAPPENING AT FEPC

Sunday 29th 9:00am Sunday School
10:30am Combined Worship Service
4-6pm Communicants' Class
6-7pm Men's Prayer Group
6:30pm Sr. Hi D-group
Tuesday 30th 9:30am Women's Call to Prayer
Weds. Feb. 1st 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm Weds. Nt. Fellowship Dinner
6:50pm Pioneer Clubs & Jr. Hi Night
Thursday 2nd 6-8pm DivorceCare and DC-4K
Friday 3rd 7:00pm Liz Curtis Higgs, Cape Girardeau



God's Call to Pray –Joy in Service Come pray with us in the library Tues. at 9:30am

*Psalms 40:8 I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.
I Thes. 1:3 We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by
FAITH, your labor prompted by **LOVE**, and your endurance inspired by **HOPE** in our Lord
Jesus Christ. Trust & obey....Watch & Pray*

Mens Prayer Hour

If you believe God wants you to pray, meet other men who are like-minded every Sunday evening from 6-7pm in Room 204. We are learning to recognize God working in our lives on a daily basis, and to pray within His will.

Prayer

Prayers and Praise this week:

For those in our church and community—
Russell Friese-in rehab in Parkway Manor in Marion
Leon Gunn –hip replacement
Carolyn Hickam
Betty Hickam
Becky Brimm – daughter Tricia in ICU in St. Louis- car wreck
Pat Sweica
Katy Horne –medical issues and loss of her father & brother
Shawnee Hills Christian Academy finances
Mexico Mission Trip in February

Each week we remember to pray especially for some of our church family listed alphabetically:

Moore, Frank
Nance, Nikki & Dick
Norton, Abe & JoAnn
O'Dell, Bob & Diana



There is still a need for teachers in Feb. and March. If you can help any one of those ten nights it will be appreciated. Teachers show DVD's, read storybooks, and follow the script. You will find the master list sign up sheet in Room 204. Just fill in any empty space that fits your schedule. God bless you.

¡VAMONOS!

In just four weeks a mission team will be heading to Reynosa, Mexico. This February's team is Beth Frank, Tami Ury, Bruce Bible, Joe Plemon, Jeff Clendenen, John Hughey, and Stuart Anderson. What happens after then? At least three ministries will be going on during this trip. First, they will be renewing relationships and making new ones, especially with children in the neighborhood surrounding Iglesia Luz Divina as they come to afternoon bible schools. Second, they will be driving another van down which will be given to another church in need. The last two vans which you donated and we drove down are still being used daily by the two churches who were praying for them. Third, the team will be continuing the construction of the expansion of the Luz Divina church.

What happens in bible school? 50 to 60 children come to the church after their school day is over, sing songs, hear bible stories, see Americans act out skits of bible stories in Spanish, memorize bible verses, do crafts, have snacks, have fun, learn about how much God and the people of Anna First EPC love them.

What happens with the van? This year our church is sending a 15 passenger Dodge Ram van that was purchased with donated funds. The team will drive it

down across the border, use it for transportation for the week, and then hand the keys and the title to some needy church. Which church? God knows.

What is the construction? With the new second story of the church come two new bathrooms and a kitchen. There are also two old bathrooms in the old downstairs of the church. All of these bathrooms need walls and lights. The second story still has no doors or windows, and there is electrical work to be done. Pastor Desiderio estimates that the materials for these projects will cost 10,000 pesos. 10,000 pesos is a fortune for this little church, but just \$900 in American dollars.

Please be in prayer for the mission trip, for the team, for health, and for safety. Above all, please pray that God will be glorified in all that is done, and that the kingdom will increase as a result of this effort. If you cannot go but would like to be a missionary “sender”, you can support the mission financially as well as prayerfully. Please give your donation to Anita in the church office and mark it for the mission trip.

--Stuart Anderson

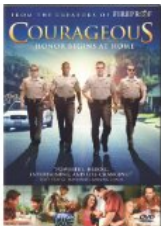


Two Lovable Cats!

We are in need of a new home for two lovable cats! They are father & son and have lived with us since their birth--we moved them here from N.C. Both have sweet personalities, love people, are great with kids, have no medical issues, and are both fixed. Hodge Podge is a tiger-striped orange & will be 9 in February. Tubby is black with green eyes and will be 8 in March. They are used to sleeping in the basement at night and being outside during the day. They could make nice barn cats or even indoor cats (both still have claws). They are hard to part with, but more than we wish to care for with another baby on the way. Let us know if you can help! --

Thanks! The Whitleys

These Just In...



Courageous—Honor Begins at Home—Kendrick Brothers

Four men, one calling: To serve and protect. As law enforcement officers, they are confident and focused, standing up to the worst the streets can offer. Yet at the end of the day, they face a challenge they're ill prepared to tackle: fatherhood. When tragedy strikes home, these men are left wrestling with their hopes, their fears, their faith, and their fathering. **Several are waiting for this, so please return as soon as possible when you get it.**



Each for the Other by Bryan and Kathy Chapell

Marriage requires not just love, but sacrificial love, says Bryan Chapell. In his newly revised and updated book, Each for the Other, he shows married couples how to emulate the unselfish, sacrificial love of Christ. While imparting invaluable instruction grounded in Scripture, Chapell not only helps husbands and wives understand the nature of God's care but also affirms the importance of building a spiritual foundation that binds them together as one. By presenting a biblical model of marriage, Chapell encourages couples to dive into the deeper dimensions of their relationship. The result, he says, is a Christ-centered marriage and a grace-filled family.

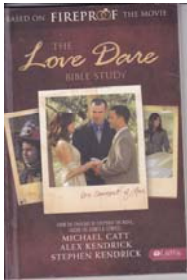


Finding Hope
in the Power of
the Gospel

EDWARD T. WELCH

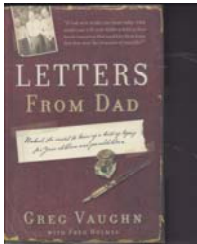
Addictions, A Banquet in the Grave by Edward Welch

A worship disorder: this is how Edward T. Welch views addictions. "Will we worship our own desires or will we worship the true God?" With this lens the author discovers far more in Scripture on addictions than passages on drunkenness. There we learn the addict's true condition: like guests at a banquet thrown by "the woman Folly," he is already in the grave (Proverbs 9:13-18). Can we not escape our addictions? If we're willing to follow Jesus, the author says that we have "immense hope: hope in God's forgiving grace, hope in God's love that is faithful even when we are not, and hope that God can give power so that we are no longer mastered by the addiction."



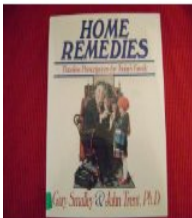
The Love Dare Bible Study by Alex Kendrick

The Love Dare Bible Study Member Book creates a marriage-centered Bible study experience for individuals and couples. Eight small-group sessions are based around one or more movie clips from the motion picture FIREPROOF and connect couples to The Love Dare both during the session and throughout the week. It utilizes activities that create community, provide opportunities to dialog about real life in real marriage, explore and apply God's Word, and invite participants into a risky but redemptive journey.



Letters from Dad by Greg Vaughn

What began as a passion in the heart of a father of seven has led to a new men's movement. Many fathers are asking "How do I leave something of lasting value to my children and grandchildren?" This book helps dads leave treasured words of love and blessing to their children.



Home Remedies, Timeless Prescriptions for Today's Family by Gary Smalley

Home Remedies brings you fifteen timeless "prescriptions" that have proven effective for a wide variety of family ailments. Smalley and Trent offer your family a virtual medicine chest of encouragement, counsel, and practical wisdom combined with generous doses of love.

FREE BOOKS are on the cart in the hallway. HELP YOURSELF!