



FAITHFUL TIMES

FPC April 2009 Newsletter



Chris' Column



The In's and Out's Of It

While preparing sermons to respond to the sermon suggestion about how to be in the world, but not be of it, I remembered a poem written by another musician, named John Fischer. He wrote a book called *Real Christians Don't Dance: Sorting the Truth from the Trappings in a Born-Again Culture*. The 'don't' is actually crossed out in red on the book cover, implying that real Christians DO dance. The subtitle points out that often, Christians will confuse church culture and personal preference with Biblical ideals. Here's the poem:

THE IN'S AND OUT'S OF IT

*In it, not of it," the statement was made
As Christian One faced the world, much afraid.
"In it, not of it," the call was made clear,
But Christian One got something stuck in his ear.
"Not in it, or of it" was the thing that he heard.
And knowing the world was painfully absurd,
He welcomed the safety of pious retreat,
And went to the potluck for something to eat.*

*Now Christian Two, he knew what to do,
He'd show those fundies a thing or two!
How will the world ever give Christ a try
If we don't get in there and identify?
So "In it, and of it," he said in his car,
As he pulled in and stopped at a popular bar.
"I'll tell them the truth as soon as I'm able
To get myself out from under this table."*

*Now along comes Christian Three jogging for
Jesus,
In witnessing sweats made of four matching
pieces.
His earphones are playing a hot Christian tune
About how the Lord is coming back soon.
"Not in it, but of it," he turns done the hill
And stops in for a bite at the Agape Grill.
Like the gold on the chain of his "God Loves
You" bracelet,
He can have the world without having to face it.*

*While way up in heaven they lament these
conditions
That come from changing a few prepositions.
"Not in it, or of it," Christian One thought.
But who in the world will know that he's not?
"In it, and of it," thought Christian Two.
But who in the world will know that he knew?
"Not in it, but of it," thought Christian Three.
But who in the world watches Christian TV?*

*And Jesus turns to Gabriel, shaking His head,
" 'In it, not of it,' wasn't that what I said?"*

Which Christian are you, 1, 2, 3? Or are you trying to be Christian 4—in it but not of it?

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LOVE INCOMPREHENSIBLE

A Tenebrae Candlelight Service

GOOD FRIDAY, 7PM

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
16330 HWY 1085,
COVINGTON



The nursery will be available!

HE IS RISEN!

Join us to Celebrate

EASTER MORNING, 10:30AM

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MOVIE NIGHT at FPC

Friday, April 17th—7 P.M.

This month's feature: "LUTHER"

Popcorn * Fun * Special Children's Movie



SPRING FLING & GOSPEL SING

Sunday, April 19th



Read more details on page 4

Children's Ministry

By Pam Greenbaum Rue

Last year Hope for Others, a mission to Romania associated with Covington's Fairhaven Children's Home distributed 2600+ Christmas boxes to Romania Children. FPC was responsible for 20+ of those boxes. On April 19 the K.L.I.C.ers will once again assemble the boxes and we are asking for donations from our congregation. Through the year many of you have started donating and "Faith Knits" ladies have been busy knitting warm scarves for the kids for cold Romanian Winters. This year we are concentrating our efforts for 6-9 year old girls and boys.

Needed Items:

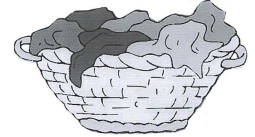
- Reusable plastic shoebox plastic boxes with lid
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Combs & brushes
- Socks, hats and gloves
- Barrettes and hair ribbons/bows
- Small dolls
- Balls (to fit in box) - tennis balls
- Hard candy
- Toy cars and trucks
- Small stuffed animals
- School supplies: pens, markers, small notebooks, crayons, small coloring books—*No Story Books*

Hopes for Others is not able to accept books, items that need batteries or military items.

VBS News! VBS will be held **JUNE 8—12** from **9 A.M.** until **noon**. If you would like to help with VBS preparations, set up and/or volunteer for the week June 8-12, please let Pam know ASAP. We will also need help with teacher snack donations.

SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL!!!

WASH DAY



MONDAY—WASH DAY

Lord, help me wash away all my selfishness and vanity, so I may serve you with perfect humility through the week ahead.

TUESDAY—IRONING DAY

Dear Lord, help me iron out all the wrinkles of prejudice I have collected through the years so that I may see the beauty in others.

WEDNESDAY—MENDING DAY

O God, help me mend my ways so I will not set a bad example for others.

THURSDAY—CLEANING DAY

Lord Jesus, help me to dust out all the many faults I have been hiding in the secret corners of my heart.

FRIDAY—SHOPPING DAY

O God, give me the grace to shop wisely so I may purchase eternal happiness for myself and all other in need of love.

SATURDAY—COOKING DAY

Help me, my Savior, to brew a big kettle of brotherly love and serve it with clean, sweet bread of human kindness.

SUNDAY—THE LORD'S DAY

O God, I have prepared my house for you. Please come into my heart so I may spend the day and the rest of my life in your presence.

Men's Ministry



The men will not hold their regular monthly breakfast in the month of April due to Easter.

The men continue to meet here at the church at 11:30 am on Tuesdays for a Bible Study led by Pastor Chris. Anyone interested then heads out to a nearby restaurant for a Dutch Treat lunch. Talk with Chris about joining in!

Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is dealing with some kind of situation!

A THANK YOU NOTE!

Hi Folks,

I got released from the hospital a few weeks ago and I am doing just fine. I want to thank all for your well wishes and prayers. They were tonic to my soul.

I don't think it will be much longer until I can rejoin my church family. In the mean time, may God continue to bless you.

Frank Fury

Women's Ministry

The Women's Council recently met and from this meeting came the following:

- The collection for the Covington Food Bank will 'beef up' as the need is so great. Nikki will deliver once a month.
- Faye Feddeck will get names of families to help with utilities during the summer months with monies collected from the Giving Tree.
- Karen Terrell will take care of ordering the Easter flowers and placing them in the church on Holy Saturday.
- A short Bible Study will begin in mid April (topic TBA) It will take place on Tuesday evenings and again on Thursday mornings.
- A Spring Luncheon is being planned for all the ladies of FPC. Friday, May 8th looks like the date and the restaurant will be the new Lake House (old Bechac's). Please clear your calendar so we can have a large group—the more the merrier! There will be a special door prize too!
- This Spring Luncheon is the Friday before Mother's Day and on that Monday, May 11th, the Double Nickels will meet at the Terrell home on Lake Ramsey. Very special long weekend for all our ladies!
- Fall Book Club will begin in September. Look out Oprah!
- If you have a son or daughter graduating from high school this May, please call the church office. Graduates will be honored on May 3rd!

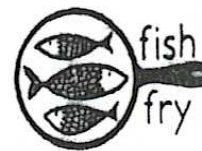
As usual your Council is hard at work to make the Women's Ministries here at FPC very special. Please take the opportunity to enjoy all it has to offer.



Spring Fling and Gospel Sing Sunday, April 19th

Immediately following Worship

This year one of our favorites returns!



Our annual Spring Fling & Gospel Sing is getting better. This year the meal will be Fresh Fried Catfish and Hush Puppies. Our guys will be working hard on the outdoor burners to give us the best. All we need to add to this is salads and desserts.

Name starts with A to L - Bring Salad

Name starts with M to Z - Bring Dessert

Don't miss this fun time. There will be special entertainment and as always, a few surprises!

Session Meeting Summary

At a stated meeting, the session of FPC met in the narthex of the church on Tuesday evening, March 17, 2009, 7:00-9:40P.M.

The session took action on the following items:

- The session met with Deacons regarding the organization and activity of the deacons.
- The session agreed by common consent to renew Chris Curtis' call until August 15, 2009
- Requests from the ladies of Faith Circle were considered and responded to.
- A building request for the purpose of a wedding ceremony was approved.
- A request regarding the church's email prayer chain was considered and responded to.
- A vacation request for Chris Curtis was approved.

The meeting was closed with prayer for the congregation of FPC, Covenant Presbyterian, Columbus, MS and Woodlake Presbyterian Church, NOLA.

April 2009

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| | | | 1 Secretary out 10 a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Choir | 2 Secretary out | 3 Beth Moore in N.O. Friday | 4 and Saturday |
| 5 Palm Sunday | 6 | 7 11:30a Men's Study 7p Knitting | 8 10 a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Choir | 9 Maundy Thursday | 10 7p GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE | 11 |
| 12 EASTER 10:30a | 13 | 14 11:30a Men's Study 7p Knitting 7p Session | 15 10 a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Choir | 16 | 17 7p Movie Night "Luther" | 18 |
| 19 Spring Fling & Gospel Sing with Fish Fry | 20 Secretary out on vacation all week | 21 11:30a Men's Study 7p Knitting | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 11:30a Men's Study 7p Knitting 7p Gospel Jam | 29 | 30 | | |

April
Happy Birthday!

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| Lilo Burns | 3 |
| Lauren Frutiger | 7 |
| Ryan Marsolan | 10 |
| David Calvert | 13 |
| Alex Beck | 15 |
| Russ Hobart | 15 |
| Tessa Curtis | 16 |
| Sarah O'Keefe | 17 |
| Ethan Edmundson | 19 |
| Barry Ward | 28 |

Happy Anniversary!

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| Maria & Gary O'Keefe | 12 |
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Sunday Times:
Sunday School: 9:00am
Fellowship: 10:00am
Worship: 10:30am

Office Hours: 9-4 P.M.
Monday—Friday

Deadlines

Bulletin announcements need to be in the office by **noon on the Wednesday before the Sunday** they are to appear.

Newsletter items need to be in the office by the **third Thursday of each month!**

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