*“Flock Talk”*

***Franklin First Church of God***

***Inspirational Newsletter***

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*No More – No Less*

*Taken from Our Daily Bread – October 2011*

*Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth.* —[2 Timothy 2:15](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Timothy+2%3A15)

Recently I was reading about how easy it is to mishandle the message of the Bible. We may try to make it support what we already believe is true instead of allowing it to speak to us with God’s intended message. Some people use the Bible to defend one side of an issue, while others use the Bible to attack that same issue. Both quote Scripture to support their views, but both can’t be right.

It is important as we use God’s Word that we are committed to saying no more and no less than the Scriptures actually say. If we mishandle the Word, we misrepresent it, which ultimately misrepresents God’s character. This is why Paul challenged Timothy, “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15). A key priority for unashamed, approved workers for Christ is to accurately interpret (“rightly divide”) God’s Word. As we study, we can depend on the Spirit, who inspired it, to give us understanding and wisdom.

Through our words and actions, we have opportunity to represent God’s Word in ways that genuinely reflect God’s heart. That is one of the greatest privileges of the Christian life.

*Father, thank You for giving us Your Word to guide  
our lives. May we give it the serious care and  
handling it so richly deserves, and may we live it  
out daily through our actions and attitudes. Amen.*

**God’s Word— handle with care.**

Promotion Sunday

Sunday, September 11, 2016, was the Promotion Sunday for the Children’s Department of Sunday School. Diane Montgomery introduced all of the children and told us what grade they are in now.

Kaleb Dilley, who is now in 7th grade, was promoted to the High School Class. He was given a Bible.

Please continue to pray for all the children and their teachers.

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Grandparents Day

In honor of Grandparents Day on September 11, 2016, Diane Montgomery shared a reading with us. All grand-parents were asked to stand and be recognized with a round of applause. The children then distributed treat bags to all the grandparents in the congregation.



Patriots Day

Nancy Muse presented special music on September 11th. She shared her memory of where she was when she learned of the attacks on the World Trade Towers in New York City and the Pentagon.

She sang the song “The Cross is My Statue of Liberty”. She ended with the congregation standing and joining her in singing “America”.

**FOOD PANTRY**

C:\Users\Pam\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\VOUNIKBQ\MCFD01224_0000[1].wmf Our Church’s Food Pantry is used to assist people from our Church and community when they find themselves needing some help providing food for their families. If you are able to keep the food pantry stocked with non-perishable food items (check those expiration dates) or if you are able to make a monetary donation to the food pantry, it would be greatly appreciated.

If you are in need of items from the food pantry, or if you know of someone who is in need, please let Pastor Jim know.

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**ALTAR FLOWERS**

 Anyone wishing to place an order for altar flowers please contact Joanne Cardy. Flowers can be placed in memory or in honor of someone, on a special occasion, or “just because”. Two altar vases only cost $16.00. Once you order them, they are yours to take home after the morning worship service.

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GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

Donations are accepted at any time for our Church’s Good Samaritan Fund. The monies in this Fund are used to help people from our Church family who are in need.

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**For even the Son of Man**

**did not come to be served,**

**but to serve,**

**and to give His life**

**as a ransom for many.**

**Mark 10:45**

A Note From Our Pastor

Dear Flock,

Have we made the adjustment to the Fall routine yet? For many of us a change in schedule requires days or weeks to become imbedded in our memory. I carry the pocket calendar as a reminder. I just have to remember to look at it! Others put appointments and events in their phone or computer calendars. A signal is set, somewhat like an alarm clock, to notify of the times arrival. Check out the church calendar for those opportunities to worship God, study the Bible, or serve Him through the ministries of the church.

We begin October with communion being observed during the Sunday morning worship October 2nd. Christians around the world are encouraged to celebrate this ordinance in remembrance of the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus.

We also will worship with the residents of Sugar Creek Station on October 2nd at two o’clock in the afternoon. Arrive early to engage the residents in conversation. Sondra Sensenbach is a member of the church and a resident there.

KIDS’ CLUB will be held on the first and third Monday of each month. Provide transportation for elementary children to the social room for game, craft, Bible lesson, music and a meal. A parent or guardian is to bring the child/children to the social room at four-thirty and return for them at six-thirty.

Our Bible studies have restarted. Join the Tuesday morning, Men’s or Women’s Bible studies. The ten o’clock Tuesday morning study is using the We Believe booklet as a guide in studying the church doctrines which I lead. Nancy Barger leads the Women’s Bible Study which is using the book, *A Woman After God’s Own Heart*. The men are led by Tom Shiner, Jr., following material he has selected. The Women’s and Men’s Bible studies meet the first Thursday of each month at seven o’clock.

Wednesday WORSHIP started on September 14th and meets each week at seven o’clock in the social room. Join others in worshiping God as we sit around the tables and sing and discuss.

We began prayer walking our community in September also. We leave the former parsonage dining room at eleven-fifteen each Tuesday morning. We walk and stop for prayer. We are back at the church by noon. Directed prayers are prayed for the community. You are invited to walk and pray.

FALL FEST will be held in November. Please donate stuffed animals to be used as prizes for the games at FALL FEST. Drop them off in the former parsonage dining room. Thank you.

Your Shepherd,

Pastor Jim

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PASTOR APPRECIATION DINNER

We will honor Pastor Jim at a tureen dinner on Sunday, October 23, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Church’s Social Room.

Each person/family is asked to bring a tureen (or two) to share and their own table service. Drinks will be provided.

A card basket will be available also.

A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board soon.

Come and join us for dinner and show your appreciation to our Pastor.

October Birthdays

2 Tom Shiner, Sr. 20 Megan Mullen

4 Debra Dunlap 20 Carla Graham

4 Julia Muse 20 Caleb Eckel

5 Adam Eckel 27 Virginia Beatty

15 Matthew Leichliter 29 Diane Haney

17 Bekka Leichliter 30 Becca Mullen

17 Betsy DeLong 30 Anna

Clapsaddle

October Anniversaries

22 – Gene & Leslie Smith

26 – Tom & Joanne Cardy



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**Teens Sunday School Class**

‘Serpent of the Lost Dogs” book title

‘leporetic” ??, Marrow in an owl’s talons

Ping producer – umbrella or playground

Beef stew and a pair of socks

‘ I had a grandmother who died of leprosy. No, wait that was lupus, never mind” , That is Bruce Willburn, that’s with 2 L’s

Dark corner in a closet , Joshua Fire thrower

Jocktabier ???, “Am I a U.S. citizen”???

‘Getting your hair cut really short makes you stupider, no wait stupider is not a word. ( self-proving statement???)

Xebec/ Tumor on a camel’s back

Driving the struggle bus on the way to crazy town

Creatures of the legion, Kids In Sassy Sweaters/ KISS

Klans In Satanic Songs / KISS

These things and many more are talked about in our Sunday School Class, and we actually learn about the Bible and God too. We just have fun in our class. If you’re a young adult/teen, come and join us! Have fun and learn to grow closer to God. See you in Sunday School!!! Tim- Tim, Timmy





KIDS CLUB KICK-OFF

The Kids Club Kick-Off night was held on September 19, 2016. We had 5 kids, 2 teenage helpers, and 7 adult leaders/helpers. We started out with a “Get to Know You” game. Then on to “Hot Potato”.

We then took a little break. We went over the rules and talked about what we would be doing at our Kids Club meetings starting in October. Our theme is “Jesus Loves You”.

Then it was time for crafts – the younger kids worked on an apple craft while the older kids worked on weaving an apple decoration.

Next we were ready for supper. All the kids are so curious about what we are having for supper each week. But first a presentation was made to Mr. Dan – his very own apron which reads – “Master Chef”. He looks really good in it!! Supper was served after that – pizza!!! Dessert was brownies made by Becky Kearney – they were delicious.

One more craft and one more game.

Miss Diane led us in singing “Jesus Loves Me”. Then it was time to go home. We all had a great time!!!

For pictures of our Kick-Off night, check us out on Facebook – First Church of God of Franklin. Thank you Hazel Kean for coming to the meeting, taking pictures and posting them on Facebook. You did a great job!!!!

Mark Your Calendars

The Administrative Council Meeting which was scheduled for Tuesday 10/11 has been rescheduled to Thursday 10/13.

The Christian Loving Fund offering will be taken in November this year instead of December. A second offering will be taken on the first Sunday of November.

An offering of non-perishable food items will be taken on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. These items will be placed in our Church’s food pantry for those in need.

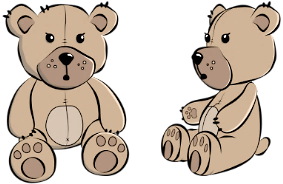
Fall Fest is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, 11/12. We are waiting for the Franklin School District to confirm that date.

Kids Club will start on October 3rd and will be held on the first and third Monday of each month through April.

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FALL FEST

Mark your calendars – Fall Fest is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 12, 2016. It will be held at the Franklin School District Building from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Let Pastor Jim know if you are willing to help!!



WANTED: stuffed animals for prizes at Fall Fest. Donated stuffed animals are to be dropped off in the former parsonage dining room. Fall Fest is being planned for November. Thank you for your donations of stuffed animals.

Prayer Requests:

Joan Marstellar family

Peg Benson

Pat McNutt

Pat VanZandt

Bud Lepley

Nancy K

Sal Hoover

Marlene Walbourn

Julie Westfelt

Sondra Sensenbach

Eileen Yingling

Virginia Beatty

Judy Eckel

Gladys Finefrock

Audrey Hutchinson

Lance

Janet Murdoch

Lori Weaver

Kevin VanZandt

Isaiah

Blake

Kids Club

Bible Studies

Wednesday Worship

Sunday AM Worship

Jr. Church

Sunday School

Fall Fest

Ad Council

Pastor Mark Yarger

Pastor Don Dittman

Unspoken requests

Unemployed

Flood victims

Emmaeus House

Mustard Seed Mission

ABC Life Center and their clients

Camp Sonrise Mountain

God’s guidance

Firemen, policemen, and

EMS workers

Men & women in the military

# Sustaining Faith

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My faith has sustained me,  
through life's ups and downs  
it has been with me . . .  
through laughter and frowns.  
  
My faith has carried me,  
through tragedy and grief  
it has provided me . . .  
with strength and relief.  
  
My faith has helped me,  
though periods of drought  
it has saved me . . .  
from my fear and doubt.  
  
My faith has kept me,  
through stormy conditions  
it has supported me . . .  
with prayer and petitions.  
  
My faith has taken me,  
through days of not knowing  
it has stabilized me . . .  
as harsh winds came blowing.  
  
My faith has sustained me,  
through life's highs and lows  
it has taught me to trust . . .  
in the One who knows!

# *James 1:2-4 (NIV)*

***2****Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,[*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=James+1:2-4&version=NIV#fen-NIV-30269a)*] whenever you face trials of many kinds,****3****because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.****4****Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*