



# Forerunner

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## A Call for Civility...

Civility seems to be slipping away from our culture at warp speed, this is something we need now more than ever. Mob mentality is marching across our land and

the sanctity of human lives is left in its wake. This is a time that we, the church, need to raise our voice to help heal our nation and help all people to see one another as valued in the eyes of our God.

The early church faced much opposition and mob mentality was prevalent just as much as it is today. So, what we are experiencing is not new, and the body of Christ, as outlined in the book of Acts, can help us see our way forward during this difficult time that we face in today's climate.

From Dr. Jim Denison on this issue:

*"The early church leaders were Galileans; we would call them "country folk." Not one of them was from Jerusalem or any city you'd recognize. The vast majority were foreigners, from the fifteen nations Luke listed earlier (Acts 2:9-11).*

*Religious leaders in Jerusalem called them "uneducated, common men" (Acts 4:13), since they did not have the rabbinic schooling and background of the Jewish leaders. Yet in just thirty years their movement spread from Jerusalem to Rome, and from 120 to multiplied thousands, and soon millions. They became the mightiest and largest religious movement in human history.*

*What explains their incredible success? What did they have which we need?"*

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## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### Sundays

- 9:30 am—Bill Davis' Sunday School Class  
- under tent, weather permitting
- 10:00 am—Faith Explorers Class  
- in Common Ground Classroom
- 11:00 am—Worship Service in Sanctuary  
(Live on Facebook & on 98.1 FM Radio)
- 6:00 pm—TruNorth (Youth Group)

### Mondays

- 6:00 pm—Pastor Kevin's Bible Study  
on Facebook

### Wednesdays

- 6:30 pm—TruNorth (Youth Group)
- 6:30 pm—Worship, Devotion & Prayer  
with Pastor Kevin  
- under tent, weather permitting

### Thursdays

- 6:30 pm—Meditation & Devotion  
with Pastor Kevin  
On Facebook

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### October 13

- 11:00 am—Women on Mission

### October 15

- 11:30 am—Grief Support Group

### October 19

- 6:30 am—Deacons' Meeting

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There were certain characteristics that defined the early church and how they persevered during the time they faced so much opposition. Listed below are things we can learn from them to help one another to value all life as sacred and of equal worth.

**1. They devoted themselves to the teaching of the disciples and relying on the word of God as truth**

*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to the prayers. Acts 2:42*

**2. They were passionate and devoted to their fellowship with one another**

*Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as anyone had a need. Acts 2:44-45*

**3. They were passionate about the "breaking of the bread" with one another**

*"Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple complex, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with a joyful and humble attitude." Acts 2:46*

**4. They were passionate about their prayers, and praying with and for one another**

*"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to the prayers." Acts 2:42*

At the end of this chapter we can see the result of how God blessed them for their faithfulness and devotion to Him and to one another as we read Acts 2:47:

*"...praising God and having favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to them those who were being saved."*

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If we, the church, can take hold of this passion and devote ourselves within the context of our current environment, then perhaps we can be a part of helping our community understand what is God's will and begin again to teach the value of human life. This idea of civility needs to become one of our benchmarks towards others for whom we disagree or hold contempt.

As God in Christ Jesus has changed our lives for the better, may we be willing to risk our comforts for the sake of our brethren. Let us be life changers to our community, and especially to those who need the Gospel more than ever.

***The Gospel is ours to give and it is never meant to be withheld...***

*Yours in Christ,  
Kevin*



**GREETINGS FROM  
OUR HISPANIC  
CONGREGATION!**

About three weeks ago we decide to reopen our church for in-person services, and thanks be to God, we have had very good attendance. We give all the glory to God that after several months of doing only online services, we have been able to enjoy seeing each other again.

Also, we were able to help with the yard sale for Zambia missions. It was truly a great joy to see what was accomplished and the wonderful success of this fundraiser.

We can say that the Lord has been good to us and we continue to pray that in His time He will send us just the right pastor for our congregation. We ask that you join us in prayer for this matter.

*God bless you all,  
Daniel Sanchez*



Minister to  
Youth & Families

**Should I get involved?**

It's a question many of us ask ourselves, and yet most of us know the answer but allow ourselves to reason it away. The reasoning seems sound. We tell ourselves we are too busy, too young, too old, or we're not qualified for that kind of ministry involvement. Some are still waiting for God to give them a sign that lights up and blinks *'this is where I want you to serve.'* Of course, I am joking to some degree, but a great many people seem to think someone else will do it and yet the openings in church ministries remain vacant and constant invites go unanswered.

In a recent blog post by Dr. Jim Dennison, he reported findings from a recent study that should wake all of us up. The study revealed that "A recent study reported that only 2 percent of America's millennials hold a biblical worldview. Among Gen X (thirty-seven to fifty-five years of age), only 5 percent subscribe to such a worldview. Only an estimated 9 percent of adults over fifty-six hold a biblical worldview." This suggests that with each generation the Christian worldview is losing traction. How do we, the church, make a difference? The answer is clear. Get involved.

As we continue to return to in-person worship, we are going to need Sunday school leaders and assistants for all ages. We need committed Christian adults to mentor young people and build the all-important relationships that will teach them that church is a safe place where they will experience the love, grace and mercy of our Heavenly Father. It is absolutely crucial that young people experience the life-giving salvation of Christ and the bond of Christian community if they are to have any chance of weathering the temptations of this world and resisting Satan's call to leave their faith behind.

**Should you get involved?**

*Blessings,  
Pastor Steve*





## A WORD FROM THE MUSIC MINISTER

***"In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."***  
John 14:2 NKJV

October sweeps in with falling leaves and pumpkin spice, and we continue with Sunday worship, Wednesday prayer service, youth activities, and Sunday School. Most things are returning to "normal," and although I am grateful to the wonderful musicians who have ministered to us each week, I certainly miss my choir!

I was touched by the story of **"Sweet By and By"** in Robert J. Morgan's **THEN SINGS MY SOUL** (2011 edition, pg. 283). Sanford Bennett was working one day when his friend, Joseph Webster, came into the apothecary feeling depressed. When asked what was wrong, Joseph simply answered, *"...it will be alright by and by."* These two friends *"had occasionally collaborated on hymns and songs,"* so when Sanford heard this, *"an idea for a hymn hit like a flash of sunlight. Sitting at his desk, he began writing as fast as he could."* While Sanford was busy writing, two customers came into the store, but he didn't stop to wait on them so they visited with Joseph. When he finished, Sanford handed his friend the paper and said, *"Here is your prescription. I hope it works."* And with that, *"a tune suggested itself, and Joseph jotted down some notes. Picking up his fiddle, he played his melody over a time or two, then said to the others, 'We four make a good male quartet. Let's try the new song and see how it sounds.' As 'Sweet By and By' was being sung for the first time, R.R. Crosby entered the store and said, 'Gentlemen, I never heard that song before but it is immortal.'"*

There's a land that is fairer than day,  
And by faith we can see it afar;  
For the Father waits over the way,  
To prepare us a dwelling place there.  
In the sweet by and by,  
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.  
In the sweet by and by,  
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.

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... to Ginger Vaughan on the death of her mother, **Joye Hanks**, who passed away Monday, August 31, 2020.

... to David Banks on the death of his mother, **Juanita Bolt**, who passed away Saturday, September 5, 2020.

... to Ronnie McGrady on the death of his brother, **Jerry McGrady**, who passed away Saturday, September 5, 2020.

... to Barbara Leonard on the death of her brother-in-law, **Ronald Adams**, who passed away on Saturday, September 19, 2020.

... to Trace Lumpkin on the death of his grandmother, **Dorothy Langley**, who passed away on Saturday, September 26, 2020.



## Alexander Reed Sumner

We offer joyous congratulations to **James and Christy Sumner** on the birth of their new baby boy! **Alexander** was born on Tuesday, September 22, weighing in at 6 lbs, 15 oz, and 20 inches long.



The Women on Mission meeting this month is on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, and you are cordially invited to join. We are still collecting for Alma Hunt missions and you may drop off any donations at the church office or make your donation online at [https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithe.ly/give-one-time/144094](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe.ly/give-one-time/144094), just choose Alma Hunt from the dropdown list beside "tithe". Thank you so much for any contributions.



**Global Hunger Sunday is October 11<sup>th</sup>.** During the month of October, we will be collecting nonperishable food items for Willing Partners, our local food bank. You may drop off any donations in the box next to the church office.



October is the month to begin packing shoeboxes, so keep this in mind as you go through the next few weeks. This program is an excellent way to get involved in a missionary project which can lead a child to salvation through Christ. **The National Collection week is November 16<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>.** You can pack a shoebox the traditional way or if you would rather not go out and shop, Samaritan will **"build a box for you"** for \$25. Follow this link: [BUILD A SHOEBOX](#) and they will take care of everything. We do have the empty shoeboxes available to pick up for those packing the traditional way.

## First Impressions Team



**Oct 04** Johnny & Karen Dickson  
**Oct 11** Dick & Linda Cooley  
**Oct 18** Mike Coomes, Ruth Hall  
**Oct 25** Marty & Cathy Parks

## Security Team Schedule



**Oct 04** Terry Anders / Johnny Dickson  
**Oct 11** Scott Hall / Mike Coomes  
**Oct 18** Jack Bryant / Gerald Cox  
**Oct 25** Dick Cooley / Royce Easter

## CURRENT WORSHIP STATISTICS

	08/30/2020	09/06/2020
Evening Attendance	36	21
Sunday School	44	66
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	89	86
Hispanic Worship Service	0	28
Total Worship Attendance	89	114

BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,375.17	\$ 9,375.17
BUDGET RECEIVED	7,124.30	13,052.19
REQUIRED TO DATE	328,130.95	337,506.12
RECEIVED TO DATE	304,950.93	318,003.12
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	3,339.40	2,798.64
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 10,463.70</b>	<b>\$ 15,850.83</b>

% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	93%	94%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	76%	139%

### Facebook Views

11:00 A.M. Worship Service	584	381
Bible Study/Prayer Mtg/Other	922	367

	09/13/2020	09/20/2020
Evening Attendance	43	37
Sunday School	64	74
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	85	101
Hispanic Worship Service	32	34
Total Worship Attendance	117	135

BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,375.17	\$ 9,375.17
BUDGET RECEIVED	11,293.89	6,332.94
REQUIRED TO DATE	346,881.29	356,256.46
RECEIVED TO DATE	329,297.01	335,629.95
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	5,564.08	9,111.07
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 16,857.97</b>	<b>\$ 15,444.01</b>

% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	95%	94%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	120%	68%

### Facebook Views

11:00 A.M. Worship Service	424	591
Bible Study/Prayer Mtg/Other	647	754



### Monday - Thursday

8:30 to 5:00

### Friday

8:30 to 12:00

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 Preschool/Extended Session  
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## Prayer Requests

Family of Bowie Combs; Jimmy Morris, lung & pancreatic cancer (Glennis Morris' nephew); Our Preschool Department; Dr. Bill Eddings; Everett Bryant; Judy Hennis; Mark McMickle; Miles Compton, lung cancer; Hilda Hodges; Cami Gathercole & her daughter (Cami is daughter of Joe & Barbara Sizemore); Stanley Armstrong, cancer; Johnny Hodges, cancer (Hilda Hodges' brother); Chad Trent, cancer (Linda Riddle's nephew); Sharon Garrett, cancer; Barbara Baxley; Laila Cox; Alice Hasbrouck (Susan Honaker's sister); Kim Kinser, cancer (Mary Dotson's daughter); Lou Brock (Betty Parrish's daughter); Mike McMillan; Juan Rios; Colene Larowe; Geraldine McMillan (Rhonda McMillan's mother); Fran Halsey; K.T. Carico; Betty Walker, Stage IV cancer (Penny Adams' sister); Stanley Meador (Marie Combs' son); Max Brown, leukemia (Martha Dozier's great-grandson); Nell Bartlett; Judy Fayne, cancer (Eugene Fayne's daughter); John & Debby Stringer; Ronald Cummings (Dolly Moss' brother); Betty Fender (Ann Roberts' mother); Our Country; The Unemployed; USA Military and other coalition forces

**NURSING HOMES: Hillsville Health & Rehab** - Martha Combs, Rm 203 (Dennis Combs' Mother); Doris Marshall, Rm 206 (Benita Bryant's Mother); **Waddell Nursing Home** - Gaye Iroler, Rm 14 (Terry Anders' Mother); Glennis Morris, Rm 118-B; Helen Robinson, Rm 209-D

## STATISTICS - CONT'D

09/27/2020

Evening Attendance	-
Sunday School	68
11:00 A.M. Worship	88
Hispanic Worship Service	28
Total Worship Attendance	116

BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,375.17
BUDGET RECEIVED	6,907.77
REQUIRED TO DATE	365,631.63
RECEIVED TO DATE	342,537.72
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	1,128.28
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 8,036.05</b>

% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	94%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	74%

### Facebook Views

11:00 A.M. Worship	356
Bible Study/Prayer Mtg/Other	-

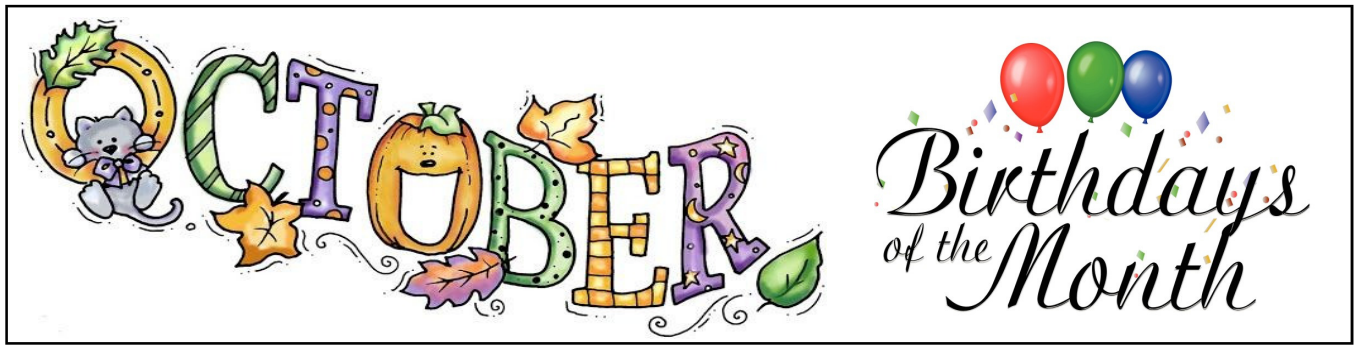


My Favourite colour is  
**Autumn**  
 October is a hallelujah!  
 Reverberating in my body  
 year-round. ~ John Nichols

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# October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> 6:30 pm-Meditation/Devotion with Pastor Kevin On Facebook	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
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**October 2**

*Doris Spangler*

**October 12**

*Jim Baxley  
Charlotte Frye*

**October 27**

*Doris Bedwell  
Erika Galvan*

**October 5**

*Deyanira Gonzalez*

**October 15**

*John Patterson*

**October 28**

*David Banks  
Colene Larrowe*

**October 6**

*Margaret Ballard*

**October 19**

*Martha Dozier*

**October 29**

*Deborah Alexander*

**October 9**

*Gerald Cox*

**October 21**

*Gwendolyn Seay*

**October 10**

*Ted Phillips*

**October 25**

*Becky Adams  
Clif Conley  
Harvey Hennis*

**October 30**

*Jackie Wyatt*