



# 2023

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## Chan's Corner

***"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." (Acts 10:42)***

Depending on when you read this little missive, the above Scripture may be familiar. It was one of the central passages for the message on April 30, *"Life in the Pen"* ... i.e., that 'sheepfold' known as the CHURCH. It speaks to the qualities that a Christian community of faith are to display: devotion to the teachings of Christ; fellowship with one another; sharing of meals and times of prayer.

On the Order of Worship for that Sunday, the activities for this month of May... considered to be 'slow' in comparison to the preceding time of Lent and Holy Week... were a perfect illustration of how we are to demonstrate those quality traits of the 'ideal' Acts church. The **Heart of Hospice Butterfly Release** seeks to fulfill Christ's *teaching* of ministry to widows and orphans. Two weeks later, on **Mother's Day** we, like Jesus, 'come to fulfill the Law' by honoring our mothers... a time-honored teaching of our God.

The following Sunday, the 21<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate our **Presbyterian Heritage** by *breaking bread* (and a whole lot more) and enjoying one another's *fellowship* with dinner after church. This 'slow' month of May will conclude with a 'birthday celebration' on **Pentecost Sunday**, which marks the birth of that 'fellowship of all believers' which we have come to call 'church.' Not a building. But a people. People like YOU!

As we consider the 'marks of the true church' as embodied in the 'Acts of the Apostles'... apostles like You and me... I would lift up the first event listed this month: **Prayer time each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.** (in the large classroom). It is a reminder of the importance of *prayer* in the life of any body of believers. Of how we all should start out our day of worship of Almighty God... not just on Sunday, but every day... by going to God in prayer. As we continue to strive to be a people known by Christ's teaching, and fellowship, of breaking bread and praying together, may we come to see the fruits borne by those first followers: ***"And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."*** (Acts 10:47) And may all of God's children say, 'AMEN!'

Faithfully yours, in Christ, *Chan*



*FPC Family Gathers for Maundy Thursday & Flowering of the Cross*

## Joys & Concerns



*"I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer." Psalm 17:6*

**Inci Glover & family**, as she continues cancer treatment.

**Nancy Hanchey & family**, continued prayers after Jim's passing.

Prayers for our pastor, **Chan Willis, his family, and our church** as **FPC** goes through another transition.

Pray for our **communities, our country, and the world**...for all who are suffering due to illness, war, poverty, persecution, and damage from weather events.

*Congratulations and God's blessings to all Graduates of 2023!*

### MAY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

5/3 Kory LeBleu  
5/3 Carol DeRouen  
5/11 Willie Bellard

5/3 Alec Landreneau  
5/6 Sarah Adams  
5/24 Edith Ausmus



5/2 George & Pat Swift (1969)

### *Calendar Events:* Did you KNOW?

You can check the **Church Calendar** on the website... <http://www.firstpres-lc.org/>

*The Session has called for a prayer time each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the large classroom. Edie Ausmus will be Leading this 10-15 minute prayer time.*

**Sunday, May 7, Communion & Birthday Celebrations**

**Monday, May 8, Session Meets 5:30pm**

**Sunday, May 14, Mother's Day**

**Thursday, May 18, Ascension of the Lord**

**Sunday, May 21, Presbyterian Heritage (wear your tartan) ...Potluck Lunch following worship**

**Sunday, May 28, Pentecost Sunday (wear red) ...Pentecost Special Offering**

**\*Please contact us if you would like to place something specific in the newsletter. It can be an announcement, a prayer, a picture, an event, etc.**

### *Worship, Sundays @ 11:00am*

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