



AUGUST 2022

THE ANDERSON TESTAMENT

Pastor Kevin Bausman

You have heard me share about Dan McNerney who works with the missions organization, Frontier Fellowship. In his recent newsletter he shared some encouraging news about some Christians who focus on praying throughout the day and the night. Here is what he shared.

“BEING VIGILANT”, A MESSAGE FROM DAN MCNERNEY, JUNE, 2022—FRONTIER FELLOWSHIP

Last week I spent 48 hours praying with Benedictine monks at the New Melleray Abbey near Dubuque, Iowa. These dedicated men pray seven times a day, gathering in a high-ceilinged, magnificent chapel, chanting the Psalms, reading Scripture, and praying for the world.

On both days of my retreat, **I set my alarm for 3 a.m.** so I could make the first prayers of the day called Vigils. While most people in our country were sleeping, we were praying for them. That is what monks do; they pray for our well-being, calling upon God and his army of angels to do battle against the evil in our hearts and world.

A lot of people do not know what monks do and may even poke fun at them. ***These holy men are warriors for Christ's kingdom.*** They are soldiers fighting against all the terrible forces in the world which are waiting to destroy our souls. They are good shepherds guarding the well-being of their flocks. And they invited us to pray with them so we can learn how to exercise the gift of prayer as well.

For the past 30 years, periodically, I have seized every opportunity I could to leave behind all the demands of my busy ministry and family life

to be alone in silence with Benedictine monks in various monasteries across our country.

The Benedictine Order has a deep-seated belief in the Christian virtue of hospitality, welcoming the stranger, finding and celebrating Christ in the other person. They welcome weary and overworked people like me who need rest, the gift of silence, and the infinite blessings of prayer.

I have not been able to make these retreats and therefore be refreshed for the past two-and-a-half years because of the pandemic. ***At 66 years old, I am now measuring the remaining years of my life and active service within the Body of Christ worldwide.*** My extroverted personality needs a regular dose of the very silence the Benedictine community offers us visitors.

There is no talking among the retreatants, even at mealtime. It is beautifully peaceful throughout the hallways and on the grounds. God asks us to be still before him so we can hear his voice, especially now in our highly over-stimulated world full of unnecessary and superfluous noises and distractions. It is only in the presence of silence and prayer we can fully recall our need to be patient, vigilant, and hopeful as we present our needs, sorrows, and petitions before the Lord. Through silence within a peaceful environment, we can hear more clearly his comforting voice within us and seize the opportunity to embrace the unique word and guidance he has to offer for our lives.

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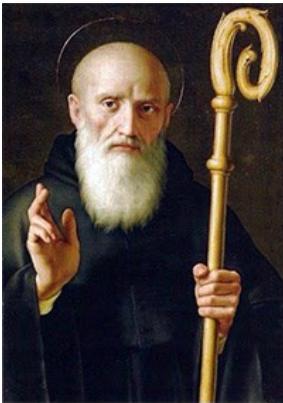
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- Family Ministry Leaders—
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Who fights your battles for you? Is it you alone against the world? Do you often find yourself agitated, defensive, on guard, or spinning in circles without knowing why? God does not want us to live our lives that way. He wants us to include him in our daily struggles and battles. He has wisdom he wants to give us. He has an army of angels at his disposal to help us. Our battles involve the unseen world more than we know. He wants us to be ambassadors for his Good News and representatives of his love, helping others in need.

He does not want us to be entering into contentious political, personal, or societal discussions with our fists raised and heated arguments ready to be drawn from our holsters. Instead, he wants us to lead with listening ears, grace, empathy, and a thirst for truth and justice. However, to be in the right frame of mind and most effective for his kingdom, we often need to be on our knees confessing our sins, asking for his forgiveness, help and direction. In other words, ***he wants us to be in prayer before him*** on a regular basis.



Saint Benedict

Are you a nightwatchman or good shepherd for others in your life, or are you thinking primarily about yourself and your own needs all day long?

Being a follower of Christ means we have been given the indescribable gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The Holy Spirit helps us to look outwards towards the needs of others, not just our own. God asks us to be intercessors and a support for each other.

Mysteriously and beautifully through our prayers we can bring healing, reconciliation, and hope into the lives of people we hold dear, as well as our enemies.

May we learn how to retreat, be silent, and give God our full attention as often as we possibly can through our prayers for the sake of our own lives and for our neighbors. May we learn to be vigilant, aware, and alert to the needs of our neighbors and the confines of our own hearts as well.

The Apostle John once wrote, ***“I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God,*** so that you may know you have eternal life. And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.” (1 John 5:13-15)



The thing I liked most about getting up each morning to pray at 3:30 was the beautiful sound of birds, singing at the top of their lungs returning thanks to God and greeting their neighbors.

I happened to be at the monastery during the longest day of the year with the most sunlight, June 21st. There is a lot more life going on in the middle of the night than I had realized. During that breaking dawn, the monks and I were singing, too, praising God for another beautiful day of life.

We were also praying ***that the peace of God be with you***, our families, friends, neighbors, loved ones and with our brothers and sisters in Christ, all around the world.



Dan McHenry

How comforting and encouraging to know that Benedictine monks around the world are praying throughout the day and throughout the night for the wellbeing of us all and the protection of God and His army of angels against the evil in our world.

This should encourage all of us to pray at different times of the day or night—whenever God places it on our hearts to do so. It would be a good spiritual practice for us, especially in these challenging times.

God be with you all!!

Pastor Kevin Bausman

TWO GOLF OUTINGS BY OUR SPOTLIGHT CHARITIES



26th Annual Golf Outing
To sponsor the
Madison County Sheriff's
Department
Chaplaincy Program
Saturday, August 13th, 2022
8:00 AM Tee Time
Meadowbrook Golf Course
Trophies, Prizes, Lunch, Drinks
Anderson, Indiana

Reserve your foursome by contacting the
Chaplaincy Office at 765-646-4076.

YOUTH SERVING CHRIST MINISTRIES ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

***Get a Team Together &
Have Some Fun!***

Friday, Sept. 2nd, 2022

GRANDVIEW GOLF COURSE

Lunch - Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken

Florida Scramble—Teams of Four

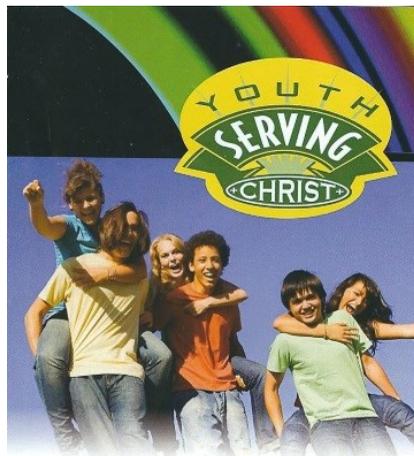
***Cart, Green fee, Prizes, Box lunch, Driving
range and a Goody Bag***

Registration & Lunch 11:30 AM

Shotgun start 1 PM

Individual Price \$75, Team cost \$300

***Checks payable to Youth Serving Christ! Questions? Call Garri
George at (765) 617-0187***



PRESBY MAMAS APRIL OUTING!

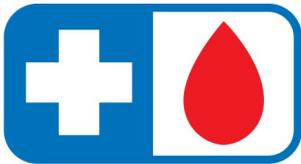
A wonderful time was had by all when the Presby Mamas had their spring outing!

Lesley Henning, Kirby Gilliam, Nikki Schattner, Courtney Babb, April Groves, Robin Renderos and Christine Nealis all attended.
(L to R)



SEPTEMBER BLOOD DRIVE

The Deacons will be hosting their annual **Blood Drive** on **Wednesday, September 21st**.



Contact Julie Benagh if you would like to give or log onto [Donorpoint.org](https://www.donorpoint.org) to sign up.

GIVE
Blood

Save A Life - Give Blood

*17th Anniversary Annual Jessica and
Lynsey Memorial Ride 2022*



In life, Jessica Lyons and Lynsey Schildmeier were best friends. And though both their lives were ended early in violence, their legacy has raised more than **\$300,000 for local charities and scholarships** in the form of a yearly memorial motorcycle ride.

The 17th annual Jessica and Lynsey Memorial Ride will be held on Saturday, Aug. 13th. 100 Percent of the proceeds benefit scholarships in their memory and are available through the Madison County Community Foundation.

It will begin at Hoosier Park. Stops include Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery, Meadowbrook Pizza (food stop), American Legion Middletown, Alexandria Eagles Lodge, Lapel Eagles, and then back to the Moose Lodge.



Over \$300,000 has been raised for local charities and scholarships from past rides.

Cost is \$25 for single rider and \$20 passenger, which includes T-shirt and dinner.

Lynsey was the daughter of Mike Schildmeier, our Maintenance Engineer. Please make checks payable to Memorial Ride if you'd like to contribute.



A MESSAGE FROM STEPHEN FLECK

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family,

I am reaching out to let you all know that I was recently offered the position of Director of Music at Christ Lutheran Church here in Anderson and after much prayer and deliberation, I have decided to accept the position.

This has been a very tough decision. I have loved my time at First Presbyterian over these last five years. God has truly blessed me with this time “home” with all of you and leaving is very bittersweet for me.



Steve with his farewell quilt!

This all happened very quickly and out of the blue. In my experience I have found that when God opens a door unexpectedly, it is best to at least stop and examine the situation. I feel God is calling me back into church music ministry leadership after allowing me to gain refreshment and renewal within this community of love that you have shown me.

My final Sunday will be July 31st and I look forward to working with you all in these last weeks. I want to thank all of you for welcoming, supporting, and allowing me to share in your lives and worship. Please know that you all will continue to hold a very special place in my heart as I leave. I am also excited for the potential of collaboration the future may hold between music programs at Christ Lutheran and First Presbyterian.



I pray God’s blessing and direction for all of you in your continuing ministry at First Presbyterian Church.

In Christ’s Love, Steve

June Income	\$23,542
June Expenses	\$21,302
June Surplus	\$2,240

FINANCIAL UPDATE



Since our new financial year began June 1st, the above figures are also the YTD numbers.

We had 4 Sundays with two paydays in June. Our fiscal year began in June. We did have several prepaid pledges that helped with our monthly numbers. We had no Per Capita donations in June.

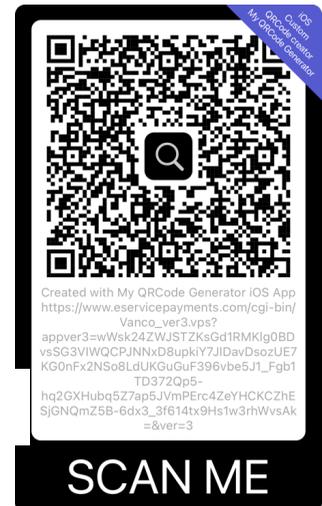
Since this is the first month of our fiscal year, our YTD numbers are better than normal due to prepaid pledges. Our asset total is \$955,385 which is (\$37,156) lower than the previous month. We had to sell some assets in May to support our expenses. We are going to be selling assets in smaller increments as needed to minimize the effects of market swings. Our total assets are (\$244,959) lower than the same period a year ago. This was mainly due to the down turn in our investments in the market. Our expenses will be increasing as we are re-starting many of the programs that had been shuttered. Please consider helping to support these programs in your offering.

Your pledges are critical for us to make a functional budget. Please pray about it and do your best to give to the church your anticipated pledge.

Thank you in advance. Blessings to all, Dick Wohlberg, Finance Chair

WE HAVE A QR CODE FOR ONLINE GIVING!

Session Member Courtney Babb created it!
Thank you!



AUGUST Birthdays 2022

- 8/1 Dolores Corbin, Jerry Crabtree
 8/2 Nate Babb
 8/3 John Etchison
 8/9 Cassius Velez
 8/11 Ryker Davisson, John Miller
 8/12 Myra Compton, Simon Fleck,
 Hannah Kimmer Verdin, Grant Mountcastle
 8/13 Maylee Gordon (1 year old!)
 8/18 Steve Fosnot, Chris Gordon
 8/19 Jason Knapp
 8/22 Keegan Bostic
 8/23 Adrienne Badgley
 8/24 Mary Jane Bausman, Logan Mitchell
 8/25 Lorien Knapp Sayayu
 8/27 John Mitchell, Christine Nealis
 8/29 Lanny Weatherford
 8/30 Dena Bischoff



Anniversaries

- Dick & Cindy Peck, 48 years, 8/10*
George & Alyce Taylor, 59 years, 8/10
Greg & Lynda James, 38 years, 8/11
Chuck & Myra Compton, 54 yrs, 8/18
Bill & Carolyn Canada, 71 years, 8/19
Dave & Cathy Brogdon, 6 years, 8/20
Jerry & Stephanie Crabtree, 45 years, 8/20
Steve & Shelly Fosnot, 21 years, 8/25
Gil & Marilyn McKean, 66 years, 8/26
Dan & Jane Davisson, 61 years, 8/27

We wish you all many more years of happiness!

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Dates to Remember:

August 6 - Presbytery Meeting

August 7—Communion

August 13—Monthly craft day @ Craft Room

August 13 - Jessica & Lynsey Memorial Ride

August 13—Mad. Co. Chaplaincy Golf Scramble @ Meadowbrook

Sept 2nd—Youth Serving Christ Golf Scramble @ Grandview

Sept 21st—Annual Blood Drive

MEMORIALS 2022

The following memorials were received by the church before July 26th

JEANNE TYLER LARSON

Charles & Nancy Johnson



NEWSLETTER GUIDELINES



- Deadline is the **20th** of each month.
- Complete the Newsletter form and place it in the church office, directly in Julie Benagh's mailbox in the Conference Room - OR - e-mail to Julie at **1stPres@1stPresAnderson.org**