

THE ANDERSON TESTAMENT



Pastor Kevin Bausman

**This is my last newsletter column.
It is time to say goodbye.**

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- Senior Pastor
- Office Administrator
Julie Benagh
- Music Coordinator
Kirby Gilliam
- Organist/Pianist
Judy Kimmer
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- Director of Handbells
Barbara Bowman
- Family Ministry
Leaders **Kirby**
Gilliam &
April Groves
- Nursery Supervisor—
Courtney Bostic
Gordon
- Maintenance
Mike Schildmeier
& Jim Marvell
- Financial Secretary
Ken Wilkinson

Thank you for your love, prayers, and support these past 8 1/2 years, and, also as I write this, thank you for the farewell you are planning for Sunday, October 30th, my last Sunday here.

Among the memories I have as I leave are helping you overcome the conflict you had as a congregation and seeing God bring healing to it, introducing you to contemporary Christian music in your worship services, leading your youth on their first overseas missions trip to Northern Ireland, helping to expand your view of missions and the persecuted church, praying for revival every Sunday, giving a year and a half long sermon series on Jesus and Christian civility, and dealing with the challenges of the pandemic during which I called all of you several times during the months we were closed as a church in order to keep us together.

Now, as I leave, I also need to remind you about the Covenant of Closure which is included in this newsletter. I addressed this

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in detail in my sermon on Sunday, October 16th and encourage you to listen to the sermon online if you were not there that day. Pastor Chuck Compton graciously shared about the importance of the Covenant from his own personal experience that day as well. You need to hear what he had to say.

It is important that we keep our promises to God and each other. As I read from Numbers 30:1-2 on October 16th— *Moses said to the heads of the tribes of Israel: "This is what the LORD commands; When a man makes a vow to the LORD or takes an oath to obligate himself by a pledge, he must not break his word but must do everything he said."*



Basically, the Covenant means I cannot be involved in the actions, work, or life of First Presbyterian Church after I leave. I promised God, the Presbytery, and you this, and you also agreed to this as well. This covenant is to make sure that I don't cast a shadow on my successor so he or she can build their own ministry here. We can, however, still keep our friendships with each other!

I remember the last night of the Billy Graham crusade in Indianapolis in the late 90's. That evening as Billy ended the week-long crusade, he said "Until we meet again." So, until we meet again....God be with you all!

In Christ's love,

Pasto Kevin G. Bausman

COVENANT OF CLOSURE
PRESBYTERY OF WHITEWATER VALLEY

The Rev. KEVIN G. BAUSMAN, the PASTOR _____ Presbyterian Church, and the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley enter into the following covenant:

I, the Rev. KEVIN G. BAUSMAN shall:

- not become involved in any leadership or advisory role (public or private) in the life of my former congregation; and
- not intervene, support, or give advice to anyone involved in a congregational disagreement or dispute;
- not officiate in any special events in the lives of former parishioners or of the congregation, including weddings, funerals, baptisms, worship leadership, church anniversary activities, Bible studies, etc. unless expressly invited by the Moderator of the Session;
- refuse requests for pastoral services made by members of the congregation;
- consult with the Moderator of the Session prior to visiting the congregation, attending worship or attending any event in the lives of congregational members or in the life of the congregation itself;
- refrain from giving opinions or directions regarding church business;
- explain and affirm the above principles to the congregation in writing and/or from the pulpit prior to my departure.

It is understood that this policy does not affect or require termination of friendships with individuals in the congregation.

The Session of PASTOR _____ Presbyterian Church shall:

- respect the terms of the covenant agreed upon by the Rev. KEVIN G. BAUSMAN outlined above; and
- interpret the terms of the covenant to the congregation and to incorporate this agreement in the minutes of the congregational meeting when the pastoral relationship is dissolved; and
- Incorporate this covenant in the Session minutes.

Signature, Pastor

Kevin G. Bausman

Signature, Clerk of Session

William B. Beck

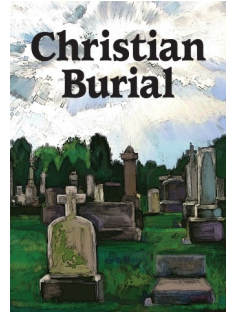
Signature, Presbytery Representative

John Thayer

FIRST PRES HAS TWO MEMORIAL PARK LOTS

ANDERSON MEMORIAL PARK LOTS AVAILABLE

As a result of a gift from Frank & Mary Frances Lucas, made several years ago, the church owns two lots in Anderson Memorial Park. They donated four, we have two left. We are offering these remaining lots for sale.



These lots are in the Garden of Time, identified as Lot 1 or 2 in Section 221, Block F. The current cost for comparable lots is \$1,990. This is an opportunity to acquire a lot at a below market price, and to help your church at the same time. When the cemetery was recently contacted, they stated the lots are in **a desirable location**.

If you are interested, you may contact the church office with questions before submitting an offer.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS



The church has ordered several Advent Devotionals—***This will be a sign for you—Inspiration*** from Henri J.M. Nouwen.

Advent begins November 27th.

They are available in the narthex— please plan to pick one up!

SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PRAISE!

Sunday, December 18th,
there will be a special service!

Handbells and players of instruments will join together
with Pastor Compton to offer a ***service of musical praise***
for the gift of the Christ Child,
Emmanuel,
God with us!



In the Book of Psalms we are invited and admonished over and over again to "Sing to the Lord a new song!" "Praise God in His sanctuary...praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet... the harp and lyre... tambourine and dancing... with the strings and flute... with the clash of cymbals... with resounding cymbals!" We may not have that exact instrumentation but praise Him we will!

You are invited to this service at 10:00 in the sanctuary. Join all the musicians in new (and old) songs of praise for the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

You are encouraged to come and participate in this service of celebration of God's great love for His people.

FINANCE REPORT 2022 *Dick Wohlberg*

September Receipts **\$8,262** Year to Date Receipts **\$59,072**
September Expenses **\$21,061** Year to Date Expenses **\$98,952**
September Deficit **(\$12,799)** Year to Date Deficit **(\$39,881)**

We had 4 Sundays with two paydays in September. We had a normal amount from our pledged and non-pledged offerings.

So far, this fiscal year, our actual income is a little behind our budget and our expenses are a little higher than our budget. This has come from many of our church activities starting back up.

Our asset total is \$848,197 which is **\$91,557 lower** than the previous month. The market swings have been extremely difficult. Our total assets are much lower than the same period a year ago. The down turn in the market over the past year has of course hurt everyone's asset value.

On a positive note, the church has received a very generous gift from the estate of Jack Eflin. Jack's many gifts to this church are beyond words.

Fortunately, we will not need to access our assets for several months, so hopefully the market will recover a little. Please consider helping to support these programs in your offerings. Please pray about it and do your best to support your church. Don't forget we have a QR code for giving!

Thank you in advance.

Blessings to all, Dick Wohlberg, Finance Chair



POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias will be displayed in the sanctuary beginning December 11th. They may be given as memorial or honorarium contributions and the cost is **\$10.00** each.



The Church will purchase 50 poinsettias. The names of all donors will go in the December 11th, 18th & Christmas Eve bulletins. Help the office by including the enclosed **insert** along with your payment. Write "Poinsettia" on your check made payable to **First Presbyterian Church**, and please give complete instructions on the insert.

You may place it in the collection plate or send it to the church office **no later than Sunday, December 4th!**

NURSERY AND FRONT PORCH NEW CARPET

Your **Property Mgmt. Committee** has had **new carpet** installed on the front porch and also the nursery. The nursery is also receiving a new coat of paint! Plan to go and take a look at it. **Nursery Supervisor Courtney will be happy to give you a tour!**

MEMORIALS

PASCAL (JACK) EFLIN
Beulah Eflin & Family

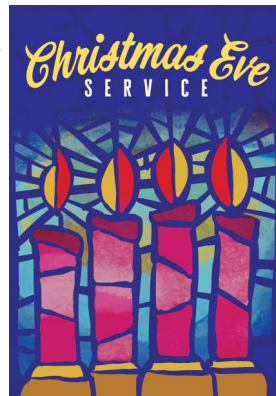


CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

Your Worship & Music Committee met in October and discussed the following items...

Pastor Chuck Compton has graciously agreed to fill our pulpit through January of 2023. We owe him a great debt of gratitude for this!

He plans to utilize the following themes through Advent—Remembered, Loved, Anticipated, and Conceived.



Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Midnight Service returns! The Prelude will begin at 10:45 PM with the service at 11 PM.

Since Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year, the committee elected to have no service that morning.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES 2022

Christian Ministries & Deacons would like to send college care packages to our college students - If you'd like to contribute, please bring in any goodies by Nov. 13th. We'd like to send them in time for Finals week!



Our college kids are **Julia Beeler & Aidan Sturgeon.**

I-tunes, Starbucks, Target Gift cards, candy, post-its, make-up, food or anything else you can think of would be welcomed!

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

On **Sunday, November 6th**, we will have a **Service of Remembrance** to honor and remember all the First Presbyterian Saints who have passed away since last year's service.



SERVICE OF
Remembrance

They are: **Virginia Hurst & Norma Waltz**

FOR ALL THE SAINTS WHO FROM THEIR LABORS REST

QUILT/CRAFT/SEWING DAY—Nov 5th



Several ladies in the church (and other churches!) meet monthly for a quilting/crafting/sewing day in The Quilt Room upstairs here at First Pres.

They meet on the first Saturday of the month, November 6th.

10-3 is the time, bring a lunch, and enjoy fellowship with other crafty women!

PRESBY PRIDE MEN'S BREAKFAST—Nov 19th

The Presby Pride men's Breakfast group will meet at Frisch's on Saturday, November 19th, at 9 AM for food and fellowship!

All men and boys invited. Chuck James & Bill Bowman will be calling!



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Anniversaries 2022



Frank and Jayne Beeler, 65 years, 11/2

Many more happy years to you!

Church Office News

The following is the schedule of dates the Church Office will be closed due to the holiday season:



Thanksgiving, Thursday & Friday, November 24-25

Monday, December 26th & Tuesday, Dec 27th, 2022

Monday, January 2nd, 2023.

Thank you for your understanding.

Newsletter Guidelines



- Deadline is the **25th** 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**

November Birthdays 2022

11/1 Austin Nealis
11/2 Ron Groves
11/5 Ryan Babb
11/6 Mary Alice Carrell
11/10 Connie Robinson
11/13 Nancy Campbell
11/19 Chuck James
11/20 Julie Jacobs
11/23 Stephanie Crabtree, Sonya Eddy
11/28 Sandra Summers
11/29 Alexander Schrenker



*THE ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS LISTED ARE
FROM OUR DATABASE.*

*IF YOUR SPECIAL DAY DOES NOT APPEAR,
PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 642-0219
AND LET US KNOW SO WE MAY CORRECT OUR
RECORDS AND CELEBRATE WITH YOU!*

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS



Don't forget to **FALL BACK** on Saturday night,
November 5th (Actually Sunday morning the 6th at 2 AM),
when you go to bed.

You'll get an extra hour of sleep,
But You don't want to be an hour early
for church!

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VETERANS DAY



Dates to Remember:

11/2 Presbytery Meeting

11/3 Worship & Music Meets/Property Mgmt.
Committee meets

11/5 Quilt/Craft Day @ Fellowship Hall 10-3

11/6 **Service of Remembrance/Communion**

11/7 Daylight Savings Time ends

11/10 **Presby Chix Lunch @ ACC**

11/11 **Veteran's Day**

11/19 Presby Pride @ Frisch's, 9 AM

1/24-11/25 **Happy Thanksgiving, Office Closed**

12/18 **Service of Musical Praise**

COMMUNION

We invite you to join us for Communion on **Sunday, November 6th, 2022.** Remember to bring canned or boxed food, which will be dispersed to the needy in our community through the **Operation Love Food Pantry.** We are also collecting granola bars for food insecure AHS students.



November 20th is **Christian Center** paper product donation day. They also accept travel size toiletries to give to walk-ins and families in crisis. **Remember** - we are coming together as Christ's Church. As individuals, we can do a little; together, we can greatly help!