

# Highlights of Heritage and Hope First Presbyterian Church of Finleyville

August/September  
2015 Newsletter



## Letter from the Pastor-Kevin Young, C.L.P.

Congregation and friends of 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church Finleyville;

The U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled that same-sex marriage is now legal in all 50 states. This is a defining moment for our nation!

Long before our government came into existence, Almighty God, the creator of all, created marriage. God is clear about the definition of marriage in His Holy Word: "Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh" (Genesis 2:24). In the New Testament, Jesus reiterated God's definition of marriage: "From the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife'" (Mark 10:6-7). The court did not define marriage; therefore it is not entitled to redefine it. Scripture tells us how God judged Israel when they did not follow His laws. As a nation we have arrogantly turned our back on God, and I believe God's judgment will come against our country. I don't know of any other country on the face of the earth that has been more blessed than The United States of America. But if you read the morning paper or watch the daily news it seems as though immorality is encouraged and is celebrated. There is no hope for this nation from any political party: Republican, Democrat, independent, or any other. The only hope for The United States of America is God. And the "Good News" is God works through people like you to change the world by the power of the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ!

America's downward spiral is rapidly accelerating, but there is hope in the Lord our God! "Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart" (Joel 2:12).

As a God believing, Scripture preaching church we need to take a stand for God by calling the church and our community and nation to prayer and repentance. This is the only hope for The United States of America, to return to God and ask forgiveness for the immorality that has consumed our hearts, our lives, and our nation.

Each of you has a role to play in proclaiming God's truth to a nation that desperately needs to hear it. In sharing the Gospel you can bring about real change in the hearts and lives of others both now and for all eternity.

My charge to you as Pastor of 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church is, to declare the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to call on the churches of the community and the surrounding area to take a stand for God, urge Christians to vote and to run for public office at every level, and to call the people of our nation to prayer and repentance that we might be "One Nation Under God" once again.

Beloved, our government has made a choice that directly contradicts God's laws and standards. This action will have a significant impact on the future of our nation. Please pray for Americans to make a change in their hearts, change that can only come from the power of the Gospel.

God Bless,  
Pastor Kevin

### **Pastor Contact Information**

Pastor Kevin can be reached at  
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### **Interested in joining the church?**

Please call Pastor Kevin  
for more information.

**Session:** Dana Robinson (Clerk of Session, Membership), Bill Manning (Building & Property), Ted Vero (Food Bank Liaison, Personnel), Charles Crayton, Ruth Manning (Christian Education), Jill Gudenburr, Denise Kegel (Worship), Beth Archer, Michael Archer

### **Christian Education**

**Adult Sunday School:** 9:15AM—in the Upper Room. All are welcome!

### **Children & Youth Programming:**

Sunday School meets each Sunday after the discipleship message.  
A nursery is available during the worship service.



### **Gleaners**

The next Gleaner's Meetings is on Saturday, September 19 at 11:00 am at Mitty's Restaurant. Please contact Joanna Morgan at 724-348-8056 for more information about the Gleaners.

### **Men's Breakfast**

The Men's Breakfast will meet on Saturdays, August 8 and September 12 at 9:00 am at Mitty's Restaurant on Brownsville Rd. ext.

### **Mission**

#### *Love in a Basket & Baby Hats*

We are continuing to collect baby hats and supplies in the baskets in the sanctuary.



**Interfaith Mission Project** Interfaith will be cooking and serving a breakfast meal at the City Mission in Washington on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am. Anyone wanting to cook or serve, please contact Pastor Kevin by August 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Church Contact Information**

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### **Church Staff:**

Secretary: Cheryl Smith  
Custodian: Bill Manning

**Deacons:** Donna Pasquinelli (724-348-5935), Jean Cushey, Linda Fleischer

**The Deacons** Thank you for your ongoing support of the Love Fund. Please feel free to contact the church office or a deacon with your concerns or if you know of anybody in need. God bless you.

### **Fellowship Hour**



***Please join us for Fellowship each Sunday, following the worship service. Once a month, a lunch will be provided for fellowship.***

***\*\*Beginning for September, a sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board to help provide cookies/pastries for the fellowship hour. Please see Denise if you have any questions.***

***The next Fellowship Lunches are on Sundays, August 23 and September 27.***

### ***Thank you notes received –***

*Dear Members,*

*Thank you so much for the beautiful arrangement and the constant prayers for our family. We appreciate your kindness.*

*Love, Cherie, Shellie & Bill Dubbs*

*Dear F.P.C. of F.,*

*On behalf of my brother and I, we would like to thank you for the beautiful spray of wheat you gave in honor our Mom, Ann Dolinar.*

*Thank you again,  
Gilbert & Cindy Dolinar*

*Thank you for your cards, calls, visits and most especially your prayers when my father passed away. Thank you also for the sheath of wheat. It means so much to be a part of your church family.*

*Love, Cheryl*