

Highlights of Heritage and Hope First Presbyterian Church of Finleyville

May, June, July
2015 Newsletter



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

Beloved, I sent this Discipleship assessment out to you a year or so ago and now it is time to take it again to see how or if you have grown in your walk of faith.

6 Marks of a Good Disciple

It is relatively easy to measure church attendance, giving, and small group participation, but how do we measure church members becoming more like Christ? How do we measure discipleship?

Here are 6 simple ways to measure discipleship?

1. Serving in a local church. Church attendance without service does not grow me as a disciple. To grow I have to serve generously with my time, talent and treasure.
2. Praying consistently. This is so obvious that it seems to get overlooked. A growing disciple follows Jesus' pattern of consistent, heartfelt prayer.
3. Reading the Bible daily. Separate studies by the Willow Creek Association and Lifeway on discipleship came to the same conclusion: the single biggest factor in growing as a disciple is reading the Bible every day. It's the magic pill of discipleship.
4. Engaging in biblical community. Discipleship throughout the Bible is always in context of community. Being in a small group does not guarantee discipleship, but not being in biblical community prevents it.
5. Actively involved in missional outreach. Biblical disciples engage in Kingdom transformation in their home, their community and their world.
6. Developing other disciples. Jesus' final command was very clear, Go make disciples. Every growing disciple of Christ develops other disciples.

I'd like to suggest that everyone take the following survey to help you determine the level of discipleship in your own life and in the life of the congregation.

As a growing disciple of Jesus, I - - - - (circle all that apply)

- Serve my local church generously with my time, talent and resources.
- Pray consistently.
- Read my Bible almost every day.
- Engage regularly in a biblical community (small group).
- Actively participate in missional outreach.
- Develop other disciples.

The first time you take the survey it serves as your baseline for discipleship. Use the results to celebrate where you are strongest and to focus on growing in areas where you are weak. Choose one area that seems to be weak and focus for the next quarter on growing in that area. Retake the survey every three months for a year and measure your progress.

Peace, Pastor Kevin

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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, May 16 at 11:00 am at Mitty's Restaurant. Please watch the church bulletins for information on the **Annual Gleaner's Day Out**.

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, May 9, June 13 and July 11 at 9:00 am at Mitty's Restaurant on Brownsville Rd. ext.

Thank you notes received –

I would like to thank the Deacons for their kindness in remembering me at Easter while attending SRU.

Josh Gudenburr

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your continued support of the Love in a Basket with your beautiful crocheted blankets and other lovely items. The need is still great! I sent out 85 baskets in 2014.

*With Thanks,
Love in a Basket of LPC
Kathy McDaniel*

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

The Deacons were able to distribute Giant Eagle gift cards to some of our members to help in their Easter celebration. We also continued our tradition of presenting our college students with a fast-food gift card in recognition of their hard work over the year. Easter lilies which had graced our sanctuary were taken to shut-ins.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Love Fund. Please feel free to contact the church office or a deacon with your concerns. 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. If you are able to help with fellowship lunches, please see Denise.

The next Fellowship Lunch will be on May 24.

Mission



Love in a Basket & Baby Hats

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



Pentecost Offering

This offering will be collected on Sunday, May 24. It is collected through the Presbyterian Church and helps support Young Adult Volunteers, Ministries for Youth and Child Advocacy.



Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2015

Be sure to wear **RED** on this special Sunday. We will have our Fellowship Lunch (following worship) on this day.



The church office will be closed for vacation June 8-17.

Church Staff:

Organist: Bob Senay
Secretary: Cheryl Smith
Custodian: Bill Manning

Interested in joining the church?
Please call Pastor Kevin, the church office or see a session member for more information.