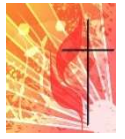


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August 17, 2025



Monday, August 18

Stephen Ministry Meeting 9
Weight Loss Group 3:30
Friendship Feast 5
Scouts 6:30
FPC Bible Study 7

Tuesday, August 19

Coryell Cupboard 8
Men's Coffee Group 8:30
Intercessory Prayer 9

Coryell Cupboard 4

Wednesday, August 20

Bible Study Via Christi 10
Carpets Cleaned in Fellowship Hall 1
JAM 3:30
Lay Leadership 5:30-rescheduled
Youth Ministry 6
Choir 7

Thursday, August 21

FPC Session 6

Sunday, August 24

Sunday School 9
Worship 10

In the mailbox. . .

Pastor Veazey & congregation,

Just a note to let you know I am praying for you all as we share in God's work for our communities.

I read the recently article about how First Church and you are reaching out into the community with so many great ministries as well as sharing your facilities with the former members of the Presbyterian Church. It was quite inspiring!

May God continue to bless your service and guide your spiritual paths.

Janice Melton
Alva FUMC

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



- **Luke 13:10-17**

Lauren King is ready to begin her Eagle Scout project of installing bicycle racks at the Living Hope Pregnancy Center.

The Center has clients who arrive on bicycle and currently have nowhere to park or lock them up. Lauren's project is to install a concrete pad and locally fabricated and painted bike racks, and lay a flagstone walk to tie the area in with previous Eagle Scout projects on the property.

She chose a green leaf design to symbolize life, which connects with the purpose and objectives of the Center. Several congregation members have graciously expressed interest in helping out. Lauren would like everyone to know that her project proposal was just approved and she can now begin fundraising. The cost estimate is \$2,605. Donations can be made to the church earmarked for "Lauren King Eagle Project".

The attached photo shows the design inspiration for her project.



Let's all get behind Lauren and make her project a reality!

We need a few more drivers to pick up the children at their respective schools! Let Dawn know if you can serve in the children's ministry in this way.



**Wednesday,
August 20
BEGINS!!!**

**Sign your kids, grandkids, or
neighbor kids up for this fun,
learning time.
Wednesdays, after school.**

**Sign up sheets available at the
Back to School Bash, Friday, August 15
Saturday, August 16 VBS
or in the office.**



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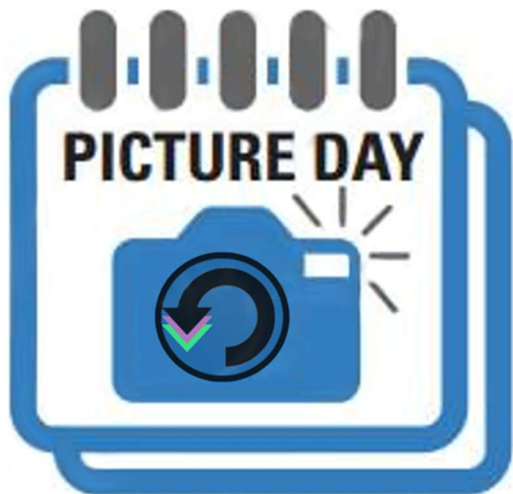


Workers Needed! 3rd
Monday of each month @
First Christian. Sign-ups are
in the Welcome Center
window. You don't have to
make a lifetime
commitment, sign up once

or multiple times. Prep starts at 3 (or 3:30); cleanup ends at 6. Accept Pastor Leon's challenge from last week, try something different, accept this as your service challenge and help those less fortunate than yourself! You'll be glad you did! A rewarding experience for you and the guests.



Choir starts this week!
Get those voices warmed
up and come join them
Wednesdays at 7 p.m.



Don't forget!

Directory Pictures

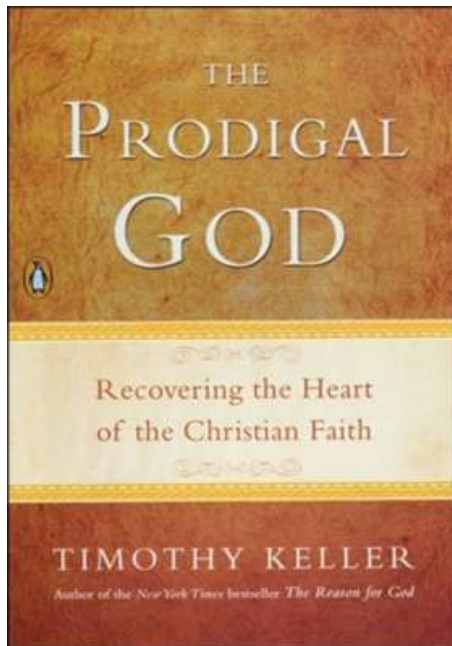
September 2-3

Monday & Tuesday

September 8-9

Tuesday & Wednesday

Book Review: Prodigal God by Tim Keller



Taking his trademark intellectual approach to understanding Christianity, Timothy Keller uncovers the essential message of Jesus, locked inside his most familiar parable. Within that parable, Jesus reveals God's prodigal grace toward both the irreligious and the moralistic. This book will challenge both the devout and skeptics to see Christianity in a whole new way.

Some of the insights given by others about Keller's book are:

There is more than one way to run away from God and defy him. But there is only one way back: God is so prodigal in his grace that he reaches out to humble and restore and receive both. Few books unpack this theme with greater force than this slim volume

from Tim Keller.

The Prodigal God is vintage Keller—biblically faithful with a fresh angularity. That is, Keller seizes a great truth and comes at it from an angle and with language that help us see it in new ways.

The insight that Tim Keller has about the two individuals in the story and the heart of the God who loves them both... it is not much of an overstatement to say I read that and God wrecked me afresh.

Religious people will find—perhaps for the first time—insights into themselves and the love of God that just might shatter any outward shell of mere religiosity on which they are depending and draw them into the presence of real light, glory, and salvation—into the presence of Jesus Christ, the Prodigal God Himself.

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