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FPC ENews

Happy Fourth of July!

Pastor Mike's Summer Reading List

Well, it is that time of year again. Twice a year I have an opportunity to share with you some of the books I have been reading or plan to read in the coming weeks. I do this because I am passionate about reading and because I believe reading allows us to better ourselves and grow closer to Christ in a number of ways.

So here is my summer reading list. I hope you will give it a good look and in that process possibly find a suggestion that sparks your interest. It is varied and hopefully not a typical list you would expect from your pastor but more like something friends might share. Enjoy! ~ Pastor Mike

Fault Lines by Voddie T. Baucham

This is an important book. Baucham, a minister, professor, and cultural apologist, explains the worldview behind the Critical Social Justice (CSJ) movement and Critical Race Theory (CRT) —revealing how it already has infiltrated some seminaries, leading to internal denominational conflict, canceled careers, and lost livelihoods. Like a fault line, it threatens American culture in general—and the evangelical church in particular.

The Quest For Cosmic Justice by Thomas Sowell

A Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institute, Sowell shows how confused concepts of justice end up promoting injustice and promote a dangerous erosion of the fundamental principles of freedom.

God In The Dark by Os Guinness

For those who might question God's trustworthiness, this is the read for you. It helps the reader address the problem of doubt and explains how we should never be afraid to examine our faith.

Christianity: The Biography by Ian J. Shaw

This is a great read. It is clear, compelling, and covers the basics of the rise of global Christianity. It is also a quick read, perfect for those who do not want to get bogged down with too many side-stories.

Live Not By Lies by Rod Dreher

Dreher amplifies the alarm sounded by the brave men and women who have fought totalitarianism. He explains how the "soft" totalitarianism facing us today is based less on overt violence and more on psychological manipulation. He speaks of modern-day dissidents--clergy, laity, martyrs, and confessors from the Soviet Union and the captive nations of Europe--who offer practical advice for identifying and resisting totalitarianism of today and live a life of faith.

Gentle And Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Suffers by Dane C. Ortlund

In Matthew 11, Jesus describes himself as "gentle and lowly in heart," longing for his people to find rest in him. Ortlund's book reflects on these words, traveling deep into Scriptural passages that speak of Christ's love for sinners and encouraging believers as they journey, weary and faltering, toward heaven.

WE'RE CURRENTLY ON SUMMER SCHEDULE!

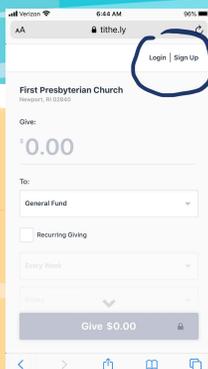
- Service begins at 10:00 am.
- Good news! Due to new CDC regulations, you do not need to wear a mask unless you have not been vaccinated.
- Offering plates will be placed in the front and rear of the sanctuary for your convenience and will be collected during the designated offering time.
- We have a staffed nursery! Please be assured that every precaution is taken to keep your kids safe.

Finally, remember there is hand sanitizer placed throughout the church for your use. Also, if you are sick or running a fever, please remain at home.

**We can now seat 100% capacity.
We can't wait to see you.**

You can now give online!

Go to the church website fpcnewport.org and click on the far right GIVE tab on the main menu bar. You can then create an account by clicking on "Sign Up" in the top right corner.



THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, who were faithful to serve despite the less than perfect circumstances!

Chip and Cindy Wilson, Daryl Kolator, David Kolator, Sue Fennessey, and Barbara Ross provided opportunities for our kids and adults every Sunday morning at FPC. We appreciate all that you did and continue to do. Sunday School is on break and will resume in September. Be looking for wonderful new opportunities to grow in your relationship with Christ!



THANK YOU TO OUR SEXTONS who open and close the church on Sundays and make sure everything is in good order:

JULY:

- 4- Don Fennessey
- 11- Brian Petit
- 18- Phil Thow
- 25- Mike Ricci

AUGUST:

- 1- Don Fennessey
- 8- Brian Petit
- 15- Phil Thow
- 22- Mike Ricci
- 29- Don Fennessey

Mark your calendars for some fun and fellowship!

When: Sunday, August 22 at Noon (after service ends)

What: Picnic at Glen Park in Portsmouth

More details to come



OUR COMMUNITY and UNITY IN CHRIST

We wish every blessing in Christ to **Eden Conwell**, who made a public profession of her faith and was baptized on Sunday, May 23. Your church family prays that you will know the love of Christ in its fullness as you grow in Him!



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Coffee Hour following Sunday worship service - Coffee hour is in full swing again! Praise God! Volunteers are needed to host coffee hour, as well as to help set up and clean up. A sign up sheet is provided in the fellowship hall each Sunday. Juice boxes and packaged goodies are provided for the younger kids, since they are still mostly unvaccinated.

Inner Life- We encourage people who want to take an active role in cultivating fellowship in the LORD to join the Inner Life committee! Inner Life meets once a month and helps to plan how FPC can serve its members and beyond. Please contact Tim Schultz or Charlotte Ricci if you would like to plug in and serve the FPC mission in this way.

Music - Sing Hallelujah! FPC is moving forward in gathering together an ensemble of voices to sing unto the Lord on Sunday mornings. If you love to sing or have other musical abilities, please contact Angel, our Director of Music, at angel@fpcnewport.org

JOIN IN PRAYER

- Praises that we are able to worship in person at 100% capacity! Pray for the church staff, and for the elders and deacons, that all would bring glory to God.
- Pray that summer will be a time of personal growth in Christ for friends and members of FPC.
- Pray for Nancy Burgess, who is recovering from hand surgery

Those working with Covid patients:

- Karen Hoogendorn Royd (Dick and Judy Hoogendorn's daughter)
- Lori (Alice and Ralph Thomas' daughter) doing Hospice at COVID Specialty Nursing Home
- Heather (Nancy and Ed Burgess' daughter)
- Danielle (Dick and Cindy Price's daughter)
- Kevin Buck (Bunny Miller's son-in-law)
- Savannah (Jan and Bruce Jones' granddaughter)
- For our military, serving at home and overseas
- For our civil, state and federal government leaders

Welcome to Mark Barnes who joined the church as an official member. Mark is a familiar face, as he has been attending FPC for a few years. He and his family moved to Newport, and we are so glad they did!



MISSIONS HIGHLIGHT

Growing the Presbyterian Church in Egypt

Through FPC's mission partnership with The Outreach Foundation a portion of your mission giving is being used to support the growth of The Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Egypt (EPCE). EPCE is the second-largest church in Egypt, after the Coptic Orthodox Church. In response to new opportunities that the Egyptian government is providing (including the granting of land for construction of churches in the brand-new cities that are being built in many places around the country), the EPCE is energetically pursuing the revitalization of village churches, some of them centuries old and primarily in Upper Egypt, and the planting of new churches in urban suburbs and in the new cities. Of the 400 plus Presbyterian Church buildings in Egypt, 25% of them have been constructed in the last decade. In supporting this outreach program, The Outreach Foundation is working closely with the Pastoral and Outreach Ministries Council of the Synod of the Nile.

This is only one of the ways the Missions Committee uses your giving to support missionaries and ministry programs, both locally and around the world, that focus on evangelism, including Bible translation and distribution, community development, and provision of medical, educational, and service support to those in need. All done in furtherance of the Great Commission to *“go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”*



2021 *class of*

C O N G R A T S !

- Lucas Barnes graduated from Rogers High School and will attend High Point University in North Carolina to study Business.
- Abbey Bloom, a Sarah Beck Hill Scholarship recipient, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition and Dietetics from URI.
- Christopher Straka, a Sarah Beck Hill Scholarship recipient, received a Bachelor of Science from URI.
- Sophia Listenburger received a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Grove City College.
- Joshua Ferreira received a Business degree from UMASS Amherst.
- Jessica Browne, a Sarah Beck Hill Scholarship recipient, received a Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology from URI.
- Phoebe MacDowell McCaffery graduated cum laude from URI with a double major in Chemical Engineering and Italian. She is the daughter of Deb MacDowell and Jim Titus and the late Frank McCaffery.
- Katelyn Heuer graduated from Bucknell University majoring in Computer Science with minors in Math and History. She received a job offer as a Computer Scientist at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) right here in Middletown.



Be strong and courageous...for the Lord your God goes with you.

Deuteronomy 31:6

We are proud of your accomplishments and perseverance through the unusual circumstances of the past year! We pray God's presence, direction and blessing as you serve Him wherever you go next.

If you are a graduate, have a graduate, or know a graduate associated with FPC we may have missed, please send their info to secretary@fpcnewport.org no later than July 7th. Thank you!

LOOKING FOR SERMONS THAT WILL FEED YOUR SOUL WITH THE WORD OF GOD? Pastor Mike is continuing a series on Ephesians. Here's how you can access his most recent sermons:

The church website: fpcnewport.org

Facebook: facebook.com/fpcnewport

YouTube (recorded sermons):

We are now live streaming on Sundays at 10:30 am. Click on the link below Sunday morning:
[FPCNewport](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFPCNewport)



If you have an ENews or bulletin submission, please send it to the church email: secretary@fpcnewport.org Emails are preferred, but if you need to make a hard copy submission, you are sure welcome to drop it off at the church office. Thanks for helping keep everyone up to date!

*We wish everyone
a happy, safe and blessed
Fourth of July!*



**Church Office Hours are flexible. If you can't reach the office by phone, please e-mail @ secretary@fpcnewport.org
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