



FPC ENews

FALL KICKOFF IS SEPTEMBER 19 WORSHIP SERVICE BEGINS at 10:30 am



SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS AT 9:15 am

We are offering some exciting new classes and a new, interactive curriculum for kids!

ADULT:

Donald Estes will be teaching the Book of Mark in the Hometime Room.

Susan Fennessey will be teaching Revelation in the Lynch Room, continuing the study of the book of Revelation using The Wiersbe Bible Study Series.

KIDS AND TEENS:

Pre-School/Kindergarten meets in the PreSchool Room. Daryl Kolator teaches, using Hands On Curriculum by Group Publishing.

Grades K to 4 meet on the 3rd floor of the CE building. Chip and Cindy Wilson teach, also using Hands On Curriculum by Group Publishing. Grades 6 – High School meet in the Samuel Room with Dave Kolator and will be studying the gospel of Mark.



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN CHRIST:

The Armor of God Women's Study

Tuesday morning women's Bible study begins September 21 at 9:30 am. We will be studying The Armor of God based on a study by Priscilla Shirer. Be encouraged how God can help us all stand firm and be His light in our church, neighborhoods and communities. For more information, please contact Irene Herring at 843-714-0979 or aiherring@aol.com

Promise Keepers is a men's fellowship group committed to supporting our pastor, our church, and our families. They meet on Saturday mornings at 7:00 AM for breakfast, and then move to the church for Bible study. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Don Fennessey at fenns@hotmail.com.

Sarah Circle is a women's bible study that meets on Monday evenings at 6:30 PM in a home. If you have any questions, please contact Alice Thomas at 401-848-2718 or Daryl Kolator at 401-339-7625.

Young Adults are doing a study on evangelism and currently meet in a home. They meet on Mondays from 6:30 - 9:00 pm. Contact charlottekinder3@gmail.com for more information.

Friday Evening Adult Study resumes September 10! The study meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. For more information, please contact Daryl Kolator at dgkolator@cox.net



OUR COMMUNITY and UNITY IN CHRIST

Congratulations and blessings to Lucas Barnes, who was baptized on August 15.

Lucas wanted to be baptized before he left for college. Lucas will be a freshman at High Point University in North Carolina.



JOIN IN PRAYER

- Pray for the church staff, and for the elders and deacons, that all would bring glory to God.
- Pray for the turmoil in Afghanistan.
- Pray for the kids, teens, college students, and their families as school begins. Pray for the teachers and administrators, for wise decision making. Pray for safety - physically, emotionally and spiritually.
- Pray for our military, serving at home and overseas, especially those in harm's way. Pray for our veterans.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Coffee Hour following Sunday worship service - We all love Coffee Hour! 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 - We'd love to hear your beautiful voices! FPC is looking for vocalists and musicians for Sunday mornings. If you love to sing or have other musical abilities, please contact Angel, our Director of Music, at angel@fpcnewport.org



Darien shares: "Our role first and foremost is to offer the ministry of presence. Coming into contact with those in physical and emotional pain, Jesus is our model. Clearly, Christians have an opportunity the secular world cannot match: offering God's solutions to chaos in a person's life. I look forward to being a representative of the Lord Jesus, so people who are hurting will see in me his compassion and hear the Good News."

PRAISE THE LORD!

Darien Petit graduated from Chaplain Training with the International Christian Chaplain Association. The 4 week training session focused on crisis response and trauma.

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Psalm 34:18

SAVE THE DATES



- **September 1 - Pray for Afghanistan, 7pm, FPC**



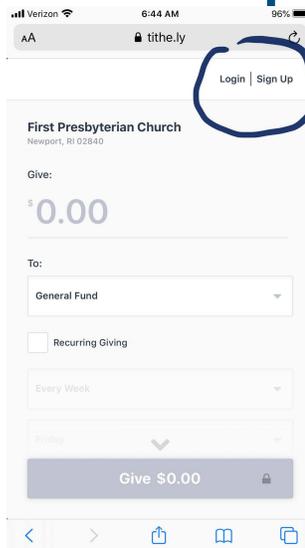
- **September 18 - Fall Work Day, more info to come**



- **September 19 - Fall Kick Off, Sunday School 9:15 am, Worship Service 10:30 am**

Would you like an uncomplicated way to give to the church? You can 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 SEXTONS who open and close the church on Sundays and make sure everything is in good order! You are much appreciated.

SEPTEMBER:

5 September - Don Fennessey
12 September - Brian Petit
19 September - Phil Thow
26 September - Mike Ricci

OCTOBER:

3 October - Don Fennessey
10 October - Brian Petit
17 October - Phil Thow
24 October - Mike Ricci
31 October - Don Fennessey

LOOKING FOR SERMONS THAT WILL FEED YOUR SOUL WITH THE WORD OF GOD? Pastor Mike is continuing a series on Micah. 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/watch?v=...)



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 welcome to drop it off at the church office. Thanks for helping keep everyone up to date!



Church Office Hours are flexible. If you can't reach the office by phone, please e-mail @ secretary@fpcnewport.org 6 Everett Street, Newport RI 02840 401-847-1749

MISSIONS HIGHLIGHT



-from Don Estes

Gideons International

One of FPC's mission partners for years has been Gideon's International

We often segregate our mission partners by identifying them as being either “local” or “world” missions. The Gideons actually qualify for both and fit into the wide spectrum that our Lord stated, as recorded in the book of Acts. *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”* (Acts 1:8). The stated mission of Gideons International is that “we exist as an advocate for the lost, to bring them the saving knowledge of the Word through not only placing and distributing Scriptures, but also through personal witnessing and by associating together for service.” The Gideons International is the result of a meeting between two men in 1898 who wished to band commercial travelers together for evangelism. In 1908 it expanded to become an Association of Christian businessmen placing Bibles in hotel rooms and now has evolved into an expanding mission to provide Scriptures to all people in nearly every facet of life. Today, we have taken over two billion Scriptures in more than 100 languages to 200 countries, territories, and possessions across the globe (ends of the earth).

While many associate Gideons with Gideon Bibles in hotels—and that is still an important part of what we do--members of The Gideons International today personally witness and distribute God's Word to police, fire, and medical personnel; prisoners; military personnel; students in middle schools, high schools, and colleges; and to those with whom they interact on a daily basis. Scriptures are also placed by Gideons and Auxiliary in key locations, including hotels, motels, hospitals, assisted living, convalescent homes, medical offices, domestic violence shelters, prisons, and jails. In the year 2019, before COVID-19 circled the globe, we shared over 65 million Scriptures throughout the world and almost 70% of those Scriptures went to students in middle schools, high schools, and colleges. Gideons minister through local Gideon camps with financial support from churches like FPC and individuals. Rhode Island has three camps: Providence (largest), South County, and Newport (smallest). In recent years, the camp that FPC support, the Newport Camp provided Scriptures to over 400 middle school students every two years, 1,500 Scriptures to Navy personnel at Newport Navy base, Scriptures to over a dozen hotels, and Scriptures to local assisted living homes. For many years we have provided Scriptures to Newport Hospital, including large print Scriptures. Each year our camp also assists the South County Camp with distributing about 2,200 Scriptures to URI students. **Each year, New England Gideons converge on the greater Boston area for three days to distribute over 26,000 Scriptures to students in schools, assisted living facilities, police and fire departments, and to witness to individuals in various walks of life. Newport Gideon Camp members have participated in that yearly outreach and have been blessed to be a part of it.**

Think of our Gideon ministry this way when you reflect on Jesus' words: Jerusalem (Newport, Middletown, Jamestown, Portsmouth), Judea (State of RI), Samaria (US), and ends of the earth (around the globe). As much as we appreciate your financial support, we cherish your prayers. **We ask for continued prayers for:**

- Newport Gideon Camp members which include Don and Barbara Estes, and Dick Price.
- God's ongoing blessings for personal witnessing and the distribution of His Word in international outreach countries.
- Insights on how we can continue witnessing in a time of restricted access because of COVID conditions.
- Opening doors in restricted countries like China, North Korea, Morocco, Uzbekistan, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Somalia, Tunisia, Libya, Turkmenistan, Mauritania, Djibouti, Maldives, Eritrea, Liechtenstein, Monaco, and Syria.
- Protection of those who serve The Gideons International in countries, or areas, where sharing the Gospel message might put them at risk.
- Additional funds to print and distribute 1.2 million Scriptures to India, 850,000 Scriptures to Brazil, 200,000 to Vietnam, 100,000 each to Bangladesh and Thailand.

PRAY FOR AFGHANISTAN
Wednesday, September 1 at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 1, join us in person at FPC to pray for Afghanistan and its people; to pray for our veterans and our military; to pray with burdened hearts for all of those affected by recent events. We will meet near the basement fellowship hall of FPC. For more information and to find out how to join via Zoom, please contact Charlotte Ricci at charlottekinder3@gmail.com



WHY RED?

The church doors have been freshly painted! Do you know the historical significance of red church doors? Red doors signify a place of sanctuary for all who enter, symbolically covering them in the blood of the Perfect Lamb, Jesus Christ. The church at Wittenberg, where Martin Luther posted his theses, was thought to have had red doors, making them a symbol of the Reformation. So when you walk through the doors this Sunday, give thanks with a grateful heart for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.