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The Map

Jesus calls us to follow Him, grow in union with Him, and make disciples with Him, near and far. ([Click here](#))

Join us for Sunday worship, in-person or online, at 10 AM

An Urgent Pastoral Letter

How is the Spirit forming us over three weeks?

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last Sunday, we gathered to hear the great invitation of Jesus when He said,

Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me... For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Many of us felt the peace of that promise as we began to learn the "Rhythm of the Rested," discovering that the Master never intended for us to pull the weight of life alone.

But as we look toward **this coming Sunday**, we realize that **a yoke was never intended for a solo traveler**. When the Lord invites us into the yoke, He doesn't just bind Himself to us; He binds us to others at FPCB who have submitted themselves to Him, in the yoke.

In today's world, people often treat "church" like a social club. But in 2 Corinthians 1, Paul reminds us that we are The Fellowship. We are the structural supports for one another. We are a community where the comfort the Father offers us is meant to "overflow" into the lives of our brothers and sisters. In this Fellowship, your "power outage" is simply an opportunity for your Christian brothers' and sisters' "overflow" to take over, and minister to you.

This Sunday's worship service is our vital "onboarding" for Pentecost Sunday (May 24). On that day, we will remember the coming of the Holy Spirit—the Helper sent by the Father to empower our fellowship to become what God has called us to be.

On Pentecost Sunday, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together and then move outside for a Fellowship Meal on the Lawn. **We aren't just having lunch; we are practicing our covenant.** The meal you have on the lawn can't be had at Applebee's, or McDonald's, or alone at home. By giving our time and our presence to one another around tables, we are showing the world that the "Easy Yoke" of Jesus is a living reality in our community.

Come this Sunday as we prepare for the Spirit's power. Let's learn and practice what it means to be a people yoked together, comforted by our Father, and ready to carry one another home.

In the bond of Christ,

Paul Becker and Jeremy Collins, Pastors

Isaac Meyers, Minister of Worship

Brenda Clifford, Hospitality Coordinator

May is Foster Care Awareness Month

By: Jeremy Collins, Associate Pastor

This month is a time to grow in understanding and awareness of the realities facing children and families involved in foster care. This is especially helpful for us as **we have launched a new ministry to foster and adoptive families called *Safe Harbor***. Foster care is often misunderstood. Many people assume foster children are simply “troubled kids,” or that the goal of the system is to separate families. In reality, foster care exists to provide safety and stability during seasons of crisis, with the hope of restoration and reunification whenever possible.

As a church, one of the best things we can do is learn, listen, and grow in compassion for vulnerable children, biological families, foster parents, and everyone involved in the process.

Below are several helpful resources from **[Bethany Christian Services](#)** that clarify what foster care is — and what it is not. Whether you're simply learning or prayerfully considering how God may be leading you to support foster and adoptive families through ***Safe Harbor***, these are a great place to begin:

[The Truths of Foster Care](#) (video)

[Paul and Jennifer's Story](#) (video)

[What Is Foster Care?](#) (flyer)

Special Offering: Women's Choice Network

An FPCB Disciple-Making Partner

The Annual Special Offering for *Women's Choice Network* started this past Sunday and continues through the end of May.

Women's Choice Network is dedicated to supporting women and families facing unexpected or unsupported pregnancies. They offer accurate, evidence-based information along with free services and practical help. Through compassionate, whole-person care, they come alongside each individual, providing the guidance and support needed to make informed choices about a future with a newborn child. No matter the situation, their mission is to encourage, equip, and empower women to thrive.

FPCB regards the Network as one of our Disciple-Making partners because it provides Bible studies and mentors to would-be moms and dads.



Our Free Signature Programs



Pregnancy Testing



Ultrasounds



Abortion Pill Reversal¹



STD Testing
& Treatment



Wellness Journey



Post Abortion Care
& Counseling

Clinic Statistics



955

Ultrasounds Performed



483

Mothers Chose Life



1,202

Clients Served



2,538

Client Appointments for
Care and Follow-Up

Women's Choice
Network
pregnancy medical centers

Oakland

4615 Fifth Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Monroeville

4075 Monroeville Blvd
Bldg 2, Suite 222
Pittsburgh, PA 15146

North Side

425 E Ohio St,
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

We believe that these four distinctives are the
key to our success.

We Are Faith Based

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is central to all that we do.

We Value People

We are intentional about loving people where they are while opening up opportunities to be all they can be. We serve both men and women regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, or creed.

We Are Medical

Three Medical Directors oversee our team. Each Center is staffed by RNs. Ultrasounds are performed by RDMS specialists and read by our Physicians. STD testing & treatment is available at all of our locations.

We Are Transformational

Our programs foster long term relationships. Our Centers are located in easily accessible areas near those with the greatest need so that face-to-face encounters can continue.

Mission

Our mission is to empower those most vulnerable to abortion to choose life

Vision

Our vision is to build a culture of life in Pittsburgh by

- Defending unborn children
- Meeting the needs of those at risk & unprepared for pregnancy
- Healing those traumatized by abortion
- Inviting our community to embrace a Biblical view of sexuality

DID YOU KNOW? we serve men

We encourage our clients to bring their male partner to the appointments. The father of the baby is the most influential person in a woman's decision about her pregnancy. Early engagement of the father is crucial. Last year, over 430 fathers were present at the initial ultrasound. Men also visit for STD testing and treatment.

724-935-6411 | Networkoflife.org
Network of Life PO Box 15034, Pittsburgh 15237
partnerservices@womenschoicenet.com

For More Information Click Here!

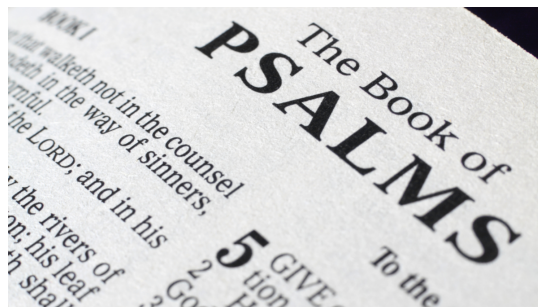
Memorial Day Observance

Our community's Memorial Day Observance is on Monday, May 25th. If you're in town, physically able, and off work, please take a moment from your morning to attend the Memorial Day observance hosted by American Legion Post 548 in Bakerstown. The observance begins at 10 a.m. with a picnic to follow.



Summer Sermon Series

We thank everyone who responded to our *What's your favorite Psalm?* poll! We received **eighteen responses**! Every response will be included in our upcoming summer sermon series, which runs from **May 31st to September 13th**.



The Week Ahead

SUN., May 17th

Sunday Gathering
(Worship)
10:00 AM
Sanctuary

MON., May 18th

All Dads Bible Study*
6:00 AM
(Micah)

Church Office is Closed on
Mondays

Monday Community Bible
Study @ St. Barnabas Village
Bldg. A., 5th Floor

*For location contact Pastor
Jeremy at collins@fpcb.org

1:45-2:45 PM

TUE., May 19th

Tues Women's Bible Study

10:00-11:30 am

(First John)

Admin Bldg

TOPS

(Taking Off Pounds Sensibly)

3:30- 4:30 PM

Church Café

Tues Adult Bible Study

9:30-10:30 am

(Hebrews)

Westminster Rm

WED., May 20th

All Moms Bible Study

(Summer Hiatus)

Westminster Rm

FRI., May 22nd

Fri Men's Bible Study

7:00 AM

Eat 'n Park, Gibsonia

SAT., May 23rd

Sat Men's Bible Study

(Not meeting May 16 or 23)

8:30 AM

Church Café

Presbytery of the Alleghenies

Mtg

@ Chippewa United

Presbyterian Church

SUN., May 24th

Sunday Gathering

(Worship)

10:00 AM

Sanctuary

Communion Observed

Lunch served after
worship!

If you want information about any Bible Study, please call Linda Smith at 724-443-1555 and choose option "zero."

Please look for a Worship Email on Sundays at 9:15 a.m.
Our service begins at 10 a.m.

You may access worship directly at 9:55 a.m. by visiting:

Sunday Livestream

Please forward this email to friends.

Be sure to follow us on Youtube, Facebook, and Instagram to be up to date with everything happening at FPCB! When you come across our content please share and repost it, so that our congregation can continue to grow and increase in evangelism. To bring all glory to our Lord Jesus Christ!



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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