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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

Echoes of Sunday

A Midweek Devotional Reading Based on Last Sunday's Sermon

Ever watched a loved one drive away and felt that sudden, sinking realization that **you can't protect them everywhere they go?** In a world full of unpredictable transitions and vanishing control, it's easy to let anxiety take the wheel. But Psalm 121 offers a far better anchor than our own fragile grip.

In his latest devotional, *Held for Every Step*, **Pastor Paul Becker explores what it means to rest in a Savior who never slumbers, never steps back, and holds every departure and arrival of your life in His hands.** If you're carrying the heavy weight of trying to keep it all together today, take two minutes to read this encouraging reflection—and discover the peace of stepping into your day knowing you never walk it alone.

[[Click here](#) to read the full devotional: *Held for Every Step*]

Pulpit Preview: This Sunday's Sermon

Your invitation to the upcoming sermon!

From Darkest Night to Brightest Morning [Psalm 30](#)

Have you ever found yourself in the middle of a dark night—a season of grief, anxiety, or waiting—where it felt like the sun would never come back up? It is easy to let the shadows trick us into believing that our current pain is the end of our story.

This Sunday, we are diving into Psalm 30 to discover a life-changing truth: while the dark nights of life are very real, they are never permanent. When King David wrote, "Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning," he was looking back from the sunlight of God's rescue to remind us that **God is actively working even when we cannot see it.**

Join us this Sunday as we trace how Christ ultimately fulfills this promise through His resurrection, conquering our deepest darkness and guaranteeing that every night has an expiration date. No matter what burden or shadow you are walking through this week, come gather with us to find renewed hope, strength, and the true joy that awaits us in the morning.

Join us for worship this Sunday at 10 AM. If you are homebound or traveling, you can watch our 10 AM Sunday Livestream by [clicking here](#).

If you are joining us for the first time, welcome! **As our nation approaches its 250th anniversary, we are taking a few months to explore the deep streams of colonial history and see how our Presbyterian faith and church heritage helped shape the birth of America**—and what that means for us as Christians today.

In our second article, **we turn our attention to the 12 Presbyterians who signed the Declaration of Independence** in the summer of 1776. While only one was a minister, the other eleven were everyday church members—doctors, lawyers, farmers, and elders who put their lives, reputations, and faith on the line. **Their courageous and deeply flawed stories remind us that our faith isn't meant to stay inside church walls on Sunday morning**, but is called to be lived out with courage, service, and integrity in our everyday lives.



[\[Click here\]](#) to read Part 2: Faith in Action – The 12 Presbyterian Signers]

Sympathy Notice



Our sympathy is extended to the family of Bonnie and Ike Readie upon Ike's death on Wednesday, August 5.

The viewing will occur at **Schellhaas Funeral Home on Friday the 14th from 4-7pm**

The service will take place in **our sanctuary on Saturday the 15th at 10:30am.**

View his obituary [here](#).

Ike was mostly homebound due to mobility issues. He was received into membership when elders made a home visit to hear his profession of faith and answer the church membership questions. At one point, Ike's mobility improved enough for him to attend Pastor Paul's Tuesday Bible Study.

Safe Harbor Update

By: Pastor Jeremy Collins

We had a great time at Community Day getting the word out about the Safe Harbor support group for foster and adoptive families. Conversation after conversation we connected with people who were either fostering themselves or knew someone they could pass the information along to. It was extremely encouraging to hear the support and affirmation of people in our community thanking us for doing this type of ministry.



Please continue to pray for our Safe Harbor volunteers as we prepare for our monthly gatherings that start in September. Pray specifically that God would work in the hearts of the people we have met and that we would model the selfless love of Jesus to them.



Disciple-Making Partner Updates

The Lighthouse Foundation

Helpers Needed for Donation Days!

We received this information from the Lighthouse:

"As we quickly approach the holiday season, we are working to stay ahead of the increased demand that comes with this busy time of year. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, **we receive more and more donations each holiday season.** While this is a wonderful blessing, it also means **we need additional help receiving and processing those donations.**

From **Thursday, October 8 through Friday, November 20**, we are seeking **volunteers** to assist with accepting and unloading donations each week on:

- Thursdays from 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- Fridays from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Ideally, volunteers should be able to lift moderately heavy items, enjoy interacting with people, and help create a warm, welcoming experience for our donors. Since these individuals are generously supporting our mission, a cheerful attitude and a spirit of gratitude are essential.

Because these are open donation drop-off times, donation volume can vary greatly from day to day. Some shifts may be quite busy, while others may be slower. Volunteers should be comfortable with occasional downtime and able to spend time at the pantry waiting for donations to arrive (a great opportunity to bring a friend and catch up with one another!).

Your assistance during this busy season helps ensure that every donation is received with appreciation and put to good use serving our community.

If you are interested, please sign up through our website or the link [here](#). If you have questions, please reach out. We would greatly appreciate your help as we prepare for the busy holiday season!"

Honduras Hope Mission: Transforming Vision Care in Honduras



HHM partners with *Mission Vision*, based in Cranberry Twp, to collect, process, and distribute used reading and prescription eyeglasses to Hondurans. Local contacts Gregg and Jeanne Otto—along with volunteers and local Honduran translators—work year-round to administer vision tests and fit recipients with the proper lenses.

Water Filter Follow-Ups:

The John Carroll University medical brigade visited several homes where water filters were distributed. They asked each family for their feedback on our filters. Nely, who

received her filter in January 2023, shared that her kids used to get sick from contaminated water. **Since getting the filter, her children rarely have stomach issues or diarrhea. Her family is also saving money because they no longer need to buy clean drinking water.** Nely also thought our follow-up visits are helpful to ensure her filter is working correctly.



Hope Center (Community & Youth Ministry):



HHM team member Gunther met with local teens to teach the importance of service to others. Also, the *Hope Mothers* meet weekly to discuss practical topics, such as practicing patience, which is a fruit of the Spirit in the lives of Jesus' followers!

2027 Medical Mission Trip Announced!

- **Dates:** January 23–31, 2027
- **Action Item:** Applications and details are available now for **anyone interested** in joining the team. Inquiries can be directed to **Hondurashopemission@gmail.com**.

Join The Preschool's Staff!

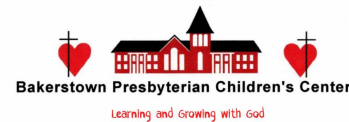
The Preschool is currently seeking a qualified individual to join the preschool team!

**-Teaching Assistant for
Monday/Wednesday/Friday mornings.**

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the Preschool for further details!

724-443-5330

Wendy.bpcdirector@gmail.com



Note: The Preschool is its own chartered, non-profit 501 (c) (3), governed by its own Board, and is a building tenant and disciple-making partner of the First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown.

Group Meetings This Week

SUN., Aug 16th

**Sunday Gathering
(Worship)
10:00 AM
Sanctuary**

MON., Aug 17th

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
1:45-2:45 PM

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

TUE., Aug 18th

Tues Women's Bible Study
10:00-11:30 AM
(Summer Hiatus)
Admin Bldg

TOPS
(Taking Off Pounds Sensibly)
3:30- 4:30 PM
Church Café

Tues Adult Bible Study
(Hebrews)
9:30-10:30 AM
Admin Bldg

WED., Aug 19th

All Moms Bible Study
(Summer Hiatus)
Westminster Rm

FRI., Aug 21st

Fri Men's Bible Study
7:00 AM
Eat 'n Park, Gibsonia

SAT., Aug 22nd

Sat Men's Bible Study
(Nehemiah)
8:30 AM
Church Cafe

SUN., Aug 23rd

Sunday Gathering
(Worship)
10:00 AM
Sanctuary

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 AM
Our service begins at 10 AM

You may access worship directly at 9:55 AM 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 AM - 3 PM

To subscribe to our emails, sign up on our website ([Click Here](#)) or call 724-443-1555. [Choose Option 2 to speak with Linda](#)

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