Worship Service in our Sanctuary at 10:30am or watch our worship service LIVE! at: www.fpcpunta.org and click on the logo "vimeo livestream"

## **The Greats**

For those of you that have been around the church for a while, you are familiar with the two 'greats', the Great Commission and the Great Commandment.

The Great Commission is Jesus' command to the disciples, and us, before returning to heaven (Matt 28):

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

And the Great Commandment, is recorded in Matthew 22:

36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" 37 Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Taken together, they provide all the marching orders that we need as Christians. Then the big question; How do we do these things? Some people just have a gift at outreach, others at prayer, hospitality, or service. But that does not let us off the hook, we all have a part to play in the Great Commission and the Great Commandment.

This fall we are working on equipping the members of our congregation to do just that. The Sunday morning series on the *Spiritual Disciplines* is designed to help you love God more deeply, to become godly (I Tim 4:7). I hope through Worship, Bible, prayer, stewardship, service and evangelism we will grow more godly as individuals, and as a congregation, so that our love for God overflows into our community.

In October, pending a few more details on making it safe, we will be having a Wednesday evening meal and Bible Study entitled Go Fish by Andy Stanley. It is part study, part DVD, part discussion, all helping us hone our skills at evangelism. After all, Jesus called His disciples to be 'Fisher of men.' How well are we fishing? What I like about this series is the concept of Invest and Invite. God puts us in natural social circles, those whose lives we invest in. He is not necessarily calling us to go overseas, or to a strangers' house, or maybe He is. But, if we are open, He gives us the opportunity to invite them to learn more about the Good News. To that end our Fellowship Team is busy planning for the fall and spring activities that we can invite people to.

2020 has been a different kind of year, but our mission remains the same as given in the Great Commission and the Great Commandment. We simply need to be creative and use the gifts that God has placed in our church, for His glory to reach our community. Look for details in the coming weeks as we firm up more plans to assist you for the purpose of godliness.

Pastor Barksdale

# **MEMBER CARE AND ACTIVITIES**

Keep us informed on:

Prayer Requests and Hospital / Rehab Information Address, Phone, Email changes Birthdays and Anniversaries

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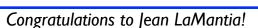
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Twin boys, Beau and Brody McDonald are her new great grandsons Beau and Brody were born July 26th to Ryan and Brittany McDonald of Brandenton, Florida



Welcome New Elders & Deacons

Bev Brady - Ruling Elder - Fellowship

George Fallenbeck - Deacon of Communion Patti Nuznoff - Deacon of Library Sharon Russell - Deacon of Kitchen



Pullen-Up-A-Chair is continuing. Sign-Up in the Church Foyer, or call/email the church office. Our September dates are
Wednesdays, September 2nd and 16th.

We will provide a light meal/dessert at the Pullen's home,



Donuts & Doctrine
The Wednesday Morning Bible Study
of the Book of Colossians
Wednesday at 10:00am
in Fellowship Hall.

Game Fellowship

Thursday Mornings at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall

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# SEPTEMBER 2020 CHURCH PRAYER CALENDAR AND CELEBRATIONS

## Prayer is the place where burdens change shoulders - We pray for....

The elderly, the infirm, the hospitalized, those in nursing homes, the homebound and lonely, and all those who have requested our prayerful support.

Each month we remember church members and friends on a rotating basis...



I	Jack & Patty Rothley	П	Jerry & Margie Smith	21	James & Teri York
2	Sharon Russell	12	Bo & Karen Sostar	22	Jay Aldridge
3	Barbara Ryan	13	John Stremming	23	Rex & Helen Anderson
4	Charles Sampsel	14	Anne Swift	24	Laurel Aumend
5	Elaine Schultz	15	Diane Tabert	25	Ron Beasom
6	Jene Shafer	16	Gail Thornton	26	Roy & Kathy Belville
7	Dave & Ella Sifferd	17	Larrie & Marjorie Tisale	27	Shirley Berg
8	Ron & Billie Sixt	18	Verna Wargo	28	Rick & Kay Berner
9	Dianne Sizemore	19	Don & Mary Anne Washabaugh	29	Bonnie Brown
10	Andy & Nancy Smith	20	Dave Woods	30	Marion Brown



2—Pat Ihrie

17—Tim Farris

22—Rich Harris

26—Karen Sostar





9—Ernie & DeAnn Lehman

59 yrs.

30—Dick & Sandy Fisher

54 yrs.



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