



e-News

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please continue praying for Kim Belfield as she recuperates.

We have **1 worship service** with traditional and contemporary songs in the service. Look for it online, (YouTube (firstpresjoliet), facebook, our website).

There is one service at 9 a.m. Sunday morning. With Fellowship Coffee hour after service in Hoffman Hall.

Church Picnic!

August 29th

11:30am to 2pm -

with a short outdoor service at Noon

Lunch served 12:30pm

At the Bird Haven Greenhouse Park and Pavilion - 225 N Gougar Rd, Joliet, IL

VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT TO HAPPEN, SIGN UP NOW!

We also would like to gauge interest via sign up

To show interest or sign up as a volunteer please visit our website, or the sign up sheet in Hoffman Hall

THIS WEEK'S BLOG, GENESIS—7/22-7/28

7/29 Ch.16:1-14—Sarai's Scheme Fails

7/30 Ch. 17:1-8—Almighty God at El Shaddai

8/2 Ch.17:9-27—Circumcision Instituted

8/3 Ch.18:1-22—Abraham, God's "Friend"

8/4 Ch. 18:23-33—Abraham, the Intercessor

SAVE THE DATE

Back to Church Sunday!

First Pres will be welcoming everyone back on September 12th!

Keep an eye out for more information!

We still have many books from Pastor Craig's library!

These books will be in Hoffman Hall. You can come check them out anytime during office hours or search them on Sunday morning.

This is a great opportunity!

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Stewardship Report

2021-2022 Budget	\$734,307
Year to Date Income	\$223,906
Year to Date Expenses	\$175,644

Income includes \$34,681 of Employee Retention Credit
Per Capita: \$38.47

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER... Bo Mircea, Pastor

I know I said last week that I would be on vacation, but things change fast and I had to delay my trip a couple of weeks. Yesterday I was reading about new recommendations from CDC regarding masks and indoor activities and all that comes with it. I know as people of faith we are called to stand in prayer and be faithful in the things we do, and I know that as a church we care for one another and for those worship with us on Sunday. We will continue to worship in person at this time, and the Summer choir is planning to be present in worship on the month of August. So I want to encourage you to be careful, to be kind and protect yourself and those around you.

This Sunday we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together and Pastor Mark Morrison will be leading us in the Word of God. Coffee hour is on! The only ingredient missing on Sunday morning is YOU!

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Last Week Sermon

We know Joseph's story has a really feel-good ending. We know that when you look at the big picture, God not only stands with Joseph, but God uses him to preserve and grow Israel even in captivity. We know all those things now, but not many people at that time had a chance to see the hand of God in all this. What they got to see was Joseph living like a man of faith, of honor, a man of integrity. By looking at Joseph they were able to learn about the God of Israel, about the faithfulness and character of God.

Looking at Joseph, they were able to see humility, care, and love for people, and Joseph was not shy displaying all those things. Through Joseph they were able to see God's heart, even when those standing before Joseph were strangers like the Egyptians, or a family that rejected him. It is in this story that we are called to be people of character, of love, of patience and faith even when that translates as insurance, or living in opposition to someone or some idea.

So, what do people see when they look at you? I pray that they see Jesus.

Blessings,
Bo

Men's Bible Study

Each Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in room 210.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Reminder: If you are experiencing emotional hardship (depression, grieving etc.) you can reach out to our Stephen Ministry to receive help from a trained team. Everything is confidential. These are hard times but you are not alone, please contact the office to be put in touch with Stephen Ministry.

TAILGATE DINNERS ARE BACK!

The next Tailgate Dinner is 8/4!
Grab a good dinner and join us at
6pm in the lot!

My family and I would like to thank our wonderful church family for the outpouring of love, kindness, comfort and support from the many cards, calls, visits and hugs these past months after the passing of my mom, Donna, in May. To say she is greatly missed is an understatement, but we are drawn closer now and taking one day at a time. Each expression and action of sympathy we received will always be treasured.

May God bless each of you.

-Kris Hayden

All of our virtual Worship Services are available on our YouTube page and website.