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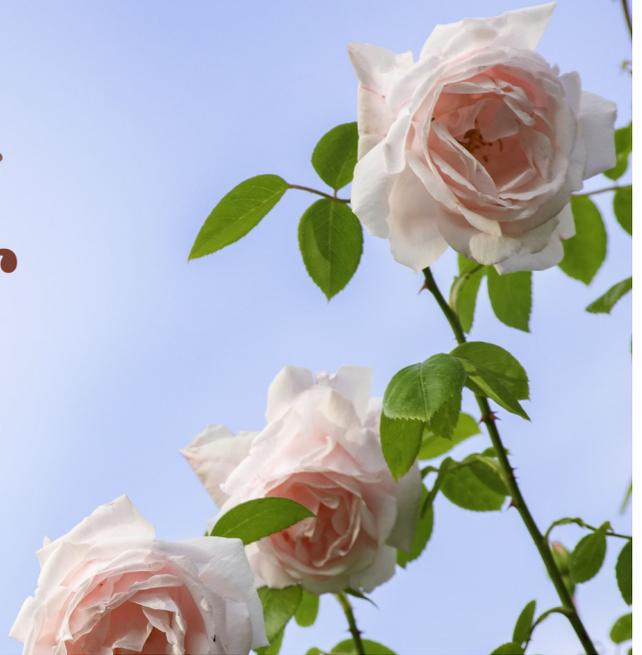
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Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:8, NIV



Trusting God's Love Today

Rev. Bill Pollack

In this is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 4:10)

Should we ever doubt the love of God for us? Can there ever be a time when we honestly can say that God's love for us has simply stopped? I know that for most of us we would answer with a resounding NO! Still, as we look around us, how do we understand His care? Sometimes, with the Psalmist, we may declare—"we know that You love...how long before we can see the results of it?" As I have had a little more time to quietly reflect; please allow me some grace to hear my thoughts.

One of my favorite Christian writers is C.S. Lewis. I will admit that he is often over my level of comprehension. Nevertheless, every once in a while, his words find a place of nesting in my soul. Here is one of those times. He writes – ***"God loves us not because we are loveable but because He is love. And because He is love, He can only will what is best for us, which is to be transformed into a being of holy love like Himself. He will settle for nothing less.*** As we meditate on God's love for us, especially in the cross of Christ, our love for God and our neighbor will in-

crease, and our hearts will become more and more like God's — filled with love.

I trust you will meditate on Lewis' words for a while today. Do what I have to do. Re-read the words until they speak a truth for you. (This is the same principle in reading the Bible.) So what do I hear in these words?

First, God's love for you and me has very little do with us. He simply, and most amazingly, just loves us! And why wouldn't He? We are created in His image through His word!

Second, His love demands that you and I be transformed into His desire for us. As C.S. Lewis write, ***"He will settle for nothing less."*** And why should He, when He has given the ultimate gift to help us be His desired child? The scripture reminds us, ***"He loved us and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins."***

As I continue to reflect on God's love in these coming days, I will remain steadfast in my belief that God's love is all I need. Will it be enough for you? For First Presbyterian Church, Ashland, Kentucky? For our city, commonwealth and the world? I am certain it will.

Oh, and one final thought – you are one of the reasons I can have this faith! Thanks be to God. †

With Sympathy

We offer our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Rev. James Rucker. He passed away January 27, 2022. Rev. Rucker served as the FPC minister from 1970 – 1986. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.



Memorial Gifts Given

Memorial gifts were given in memory of:

† *John Woods III* by Virginia Feazell; Bill & Martha Gesling

Notes of Gratitude

Thank you for your recent donation to the Ashland Blazer Youth Service Center. This donation is greatly appreciated and will enable us to assist underprivileged students. We appreciate your commitment to the community and continued support of our center and schools. (*Brittany Brown, Coordinator*)

I cannot express how much we appreciate your continued support for our mission to combat hunger accomplished through food rescue and redistribution. Your generous cash donation will go a long way to helping us with our mission. Thank you again for your donation. It means the world to us! (*Stacy Adkins, Treasurer, River Cities Harvest, Inc.*)



♥ **Sunday School**, 9:30 a.m.

♥ **Men's Bible Study**, Wednesdays,
7 a.m., Bob Evans

♥ **Winchester Bells**, Wednesdays,
5:45 p.m.

♥ **Adult Chancel Choir**, Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.

♥ **Men's Lunch Bunch**, Thursday, February 10, 11:30 p.m.

♥ **Membership Committee Meeting**, Monday, February 14, 5:30 p.m.

♥ **Mission Committee Meeting**, Monday, February 14, 5:30 p.m.

♥ **Worship Committee Meeting**, Monday, February 14, 5:30 p.m.

♥ **Finance Committee Meeting**, Tuesday, February 15, 5:30 p.m.

♥ **Sew Blessed**, Monday, February 21, 6 – 8 p.m.

♥ **Session Meeting**, Tuesday, February 22, 5:30 p.m.

♥ **Men's Lunch Bunch**, Thursday, February 24, 11:30 a.m.

Birthdays

Amy Crookes: 2/2

Jane Justice: 2/8

Jennifer Fahrson: 2/9

Riley Shay: 2/9

Mary Brown: 2/10

Evan Jones: 2/14

Kevin Gunderson: 2/15

Rusty Wiseman: 2/20

Bill Gesling: 2/27

Anniversary

Steve & Nancy Jackson: 2/16

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office so we can update the list.



Ladies Clothing Swap Fellowship Event



• Saturday March 5, 2022

• 2:00-?

• Bethesda Community Hall

Donate clean, gently worn clothing and accessories. Drop them off in the hall next to the kitchen.

Clean out your closet, reuse and recycle

New wardrobe for \$0

Lots of fun
&
it's free!



Bring a
friend

Contact Barb Payne at barbaralpayne2015@gmail.com or (606)922-6617 with any questions

Clean Start Needs Our Help!

Clean Start continues to serve many persons in our area with warm showers, haircuts, etc. They need toiletries, such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, combs, and brushes. If you would be able to provide some of these items, please bring them to the Church anytime. We are grateful to Trish Hall for serving on the Clean Start board. She is stepping off the board this year; if you would like to represent FPC and serve on the board, please contact Pastor Bill or the church office. Thank you!

BE STRONG and **COURAGEOUS**. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9