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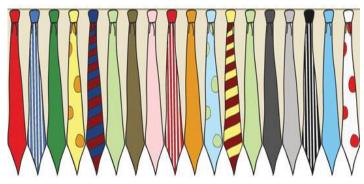
We are fast approaching another Arizona Summer and as we say "So long for now", to our Snow Birds., this is the time of year our Committee's go on break, or you might hear it referred to as "Going Dark".

June is the last month for many Committee meetings as they take a summer hiatus.

Also, the Witness will be merging July & August, and September & October as activities begin to slow down.

The Fellowship Mission will be holding more BBQ & Game nights and Movie nights throughout the summer too.

Please make sure you check our Website, our Witness Newsletter, your Sunday Bulletin, the Sanctuary screens before the service, your Calendars, and all the bulletin boards as more details are to come.



WCKENBURG GREEN BAG NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD PROJECT

Please bring your Green Bags to the Fellowship Hall Stage no later than June 13th. They'll be taken to the C.A.P. office on the 14th. You can also bring your bags anytime and leave them on the stage.



Your contributions are greatly appreciated

OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday-Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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Session Highlights

Highlights of the April 29, 2025, Stated Session meeting

- With regret, Kerri Crawford's resignation from the office of church treasurer was accepted.
- The church janitorial position was eliminated. Cleaning will be done by a cleaning service starting the week of May 12.
- A Memorials project was approved to remove the Don Frank memorial tree and replace it with a Vitex tree.
- Deacons, Christian Growth, Evangelism and Membership, Fellowship, Mission, and Worship committees will be renamed as ministries.

Jeanne Armstrong died April 25. Her service will be May 10.



Summer Activities with your Fellowship Committee

Our game night to kick off the unofficial "start of summer" on May 23rd, was a big success! A few did a puzzle, several just gabbed after dinner, and a few of us learned a new card game...we all had a blast, so much fun! We enjoyed so many yummy side dishes along with our hotdogs, and

had a gamut of delicious desserts to choose from. It was too hard to pick so I sacrificed my waistline and had almost one of everything. A huge thank you to "Gordon and the Grillers" for manning the grill and delivering up some delicious hot dogs. And to all our side dish and dessert makers...everything was delish! Thank you to everyone who joined in our first BBQ & Game Night and we'll see you at the next one!



Fellowship is committed to hold Outreach Events to foster Connection and Community.

As the summer approaches, rapidly, we bid a fond and temporary farewell to our valued Snow Birds for the season, our church activities slow down, and also marks a pause for our Committees, (you might hear it referred to as "going dark.") *However*, there's no need to worry! The Fellowship Committee has plans to keep the fun alive, and **is committed to hold Outreach Events to foster Connection and Community**, through summer and beyond!

Mark your calendars, grab your friends, and prepare for some summertime fun! We'll be organizing a few more BBQ/Game nights and a few Movie nights and we might even take a field trip! Baseball game anyone? We'll make sure to keep you posted on all the details. So keep an eye out!

a few upcoming events to anticipate are...

BBQ & Game Nights:



Join us for evenings in our airconditioned Fellowship Hall, featuring a barbecue with hot dogs and all the trimmings, side dishes provided by you all (we're so blessed), and a plethora of entertaining games. These gatherings provide an excellent opportunity to connect with fellow members while enjoying delicious refreshments and a little friendly competition.



Movie Nights:



Relax and unwind with us for a few "Evenings at the Cinema", aka evenings in the Gathering Room, We'll be showing wholesome films everyone's sure to enjoy. We're looking for input on movie's to show? How bout having a pizza, salads, and a movie night? We'd love your input and are looking forward to see you at our next movie night. The "Concession Stand" will be serving lemonade, movie theater candy, fresh-popped popcorn, and engaging conversations...you don't want to miss it!

Why Join the Fun?

Because you deserve it! These events are more than just fun—they're an awesome way to connect, laugh, and share memorable moments with your church family. If you've never joined us before, what are you waiting for? We promise no awkward handshakes or small talk about the weather (unless you really want to talk about the weather). We always have an amazing time, and we're confident you won't be disappointed. Come and be part of the fun! Remember, the more, the merrier—so don't be shy!

Bring your laughter, your appetite, and your best dad jokes, cause we're here to have a blast! See you soon!

EWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN



This amazing group of women meets every Tuesday to make comfort quilts for all those in our congregation who need comfort. We also have a Christmas Bazaar fundraiser each December to raise money for the missions we support and supplies for the comfort quilts we make.

On our Tuesdays during the summer, we make quilted and craft items for the Christmas bazaar. Nifty Needlers & Cool Crafters will meet throughout the summer on Tuesday's from 10:00 to 3:00. Together we will be creating lots of fun projects for the Mission Marketplace.

If you are staying for the summer, We need your help, so bring your lunch and join us!! We'll have you in stitches!!



Who, What, ™ Why is PW?

short)!!

Who: All women of First Presbyterian Church are Presbyterian women (or PW for

What: PW Co-Team: In order to provide opportunities for the women of our church to get together and fellowship, a group of *PW volunteers meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am* to plan social and fundraising activities. We are not appointed or elected. We serve because we truly believe fellowship is an important part of church life, and we try to offer opportunities to the women of FPC to get to know one another.

Why: You will find the meetings informative and the social activities a lot of fun. To help plan these events, please come to our meetings and let your voice be heard. We welcome and encourage all women who attend our church to become involved in the meetings and the social events.

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least...you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Missions Committee Updates...These minutes are from the May 13th meeting:

A correction has been made to the previous meeting minutes: the cost for Embrace is accurately noted as \$395, instead of \$325.

Missions Opportunities...

Are you interested in joining Debbie Wright and Deb Berner on a mission trip to Rancho Agua Viva, for their "Embrace" ministry in Ensenada, Mexico? If so, The dates are in July...please contact Judy Taylor for all the info. There are still some funds available from the Fiesta fundraiser to help with tuition costs for those who might need it.

The team members who have participated in the past can share how rewarding the experience is. We are truly blessed to be part of a church that not only undertakes its own mission trips but also supports many others.

Next Meeting Information...

After discussion, it was decided not to hold meetings during the summer. The next Missions Committee meeting will take place on **September 9, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2**.

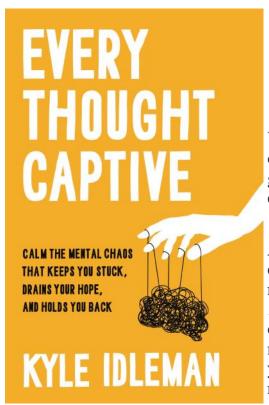
Join the Missions Committee?

If you are interested in being a part of the Missions Committee or have something you'd like to discuss, please feel free to join us at the next meeting. Your participation and ideas are always welcome.

God Bless & have a safe, fantastic summer. We look forward to seeing you all again in September!







Discover the biblical, neurological, and emotional keys to transforming destructive patterns of thinking into a renewed mind-one thought at a time.

Whether we wrestle with anxiety, harmful thoughts about ourselves, or mental spirals that hold us back from spiritual growth and healthy relationships, many of us wish we could control our thoughts rather than let them control us.

As the senior pastor of one of the largest churches in America, bestselling author Kyle Idleman has seen the power of right thinking transform lives, including his own. In Every Thought Captive, Kyle points us to the tools we need to get our thoughts into submission so we can live a fuller and more joy-filled life. If you feel frustrated and discouraged in your battle to take control of your thoughts, this biblically rich, practical book will help you:

- Learn to identify the five thinking patterns that sabotage your life and relationship with God
- Encourage your brain's neural network to develop new ways of thinking that are consistent with your values
- Start getting "unstuck" immediately as you implement simple but profound practices like "Win the Morning" and "Say It Out Loud"
- Understand what transformed thinking looks like in the unique context of your life

What you think about creates your attitudes, governs your emotions, determines your behavior, shapes your relationships, and ultimately defines your life. But armed with God's wisdom and fresh truth about brain health, you can take control over your thoughts and embrace the full and flourishing life you long for.

Author Bio

Kyle Idleman is the senior pastor at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky, one of the largest churches in America. On a normal weekend, he speaks to more than thirty thousand people spread across fourteen campuses.

More than anything else, Kyle enjoys unearthing the teachings of Jesus and making them relevant in people's lives. He is a frequent speaker for national conventions and influential churches across the country.

Kyle and his wife, DesiRae, have been married for over twenty-five years. They have four children, two sons-in-law, and recently welcomed their third grandchild. They live on a farm in Kentucky, where he doesn't do any actual farming.

Charles Copus

Birthday's	

June 7

June 21

June 24

June 25

June 25

June 30

July 5

July 12

July 14

July 16

July 25

July 25

July 31

Sharen Mourn
Gordon Graham
Debbie Leschner
Les Peters
Jim Anderson

Denise Wisseman Verne Crissman Carole Weinschenk Sharon "Brownie" Rhymer Marilyn Austin Harriet Haggett

Deborah Pinnell

July **

If we inadvertently omitted your birthday (or that of a family member), please call the Church office, or send an email to the Witness, so that we can add your special day(s) to our list.

June & July Volunteers

COMMUNION SERVERS

June 1

Nancy Craig, Wendy & Doug Quine, & Debbie Wright

July 6

Verne Crissman, Guy DeChellis, Sharon Reinhardt, & Susie Wirsing

ATTURGISTS

June l' Arleen Younkman June 8: Wendy Quine June 15: Verne Crissman June 22: Gail Evans June 29: Carol Arnett

NO USHER (Summer Service's only)
Mid June through Mid October:

GREETER

Ginny Randall



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DATES	GENERAL	DEACON'S	TOTAL
May 4th	\$1,979	\$55	\$2,034
May 11th	\$3,656	\$100	\$3,756
May 18th	\$1,670	\$0	\$1,670
May 25th	\$2,256	\$40	\$2,296
TOTALS	\$8,561	\$195	\$9,756

ATTENDANCE DATES IN PERSON VIRTUALLY May 4th 46 20 May 11th 50 31 May 18th 36 31 May 25th 38 21 **TOTALS** 170 103

KHUUSHUUR ~ MONGOLIAN MEAT POCKETS

PREP TIME: 20 mins COOK TIME: 10 mins TOTAL TIME: 30 mins SERVES: 15...ish

INGREDIENTS

1 lb. ground beef (or any cut of meat you'd like) or 1 lb. of mashed potatoes

1 large onion, minced

1 clove garlic, minced

1 teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon ground black pepper

3 cups flour

2 cups water (more or less)

Oil for frying



INSTRUCTIONS

Mix all the ingredients except the flour and water in a bowl and set aside.

- 1. Add flour to another bowl and slowly add water while mixing the dough by hand until the dough is smooth and slightly sticky
- 2. Let rest for 15 minutes
- 3. Remove dough from bowl and divide in four.
- 4. Take one piece of dough and cover the rest with plastic wrap so that it doesn't dry out.
- 5. Roll into a thick rope and cut into 2 inch pieces.
- 6. Shape into a flat circle, stuff with tablespoon of the meat mixture and using a bit of water, seal ends well by pinching or crimping the edges with your fingers or a fork.
- 7. Repeat until you use up the remaining ingredients.

FRYING THE HAND PIES

- 1. Add oil to a skillet and heat on med high (you'll need enough oil in the pan so that the pies don't stick to the bottom of the pan). You'll know when it's hot enough when you drop in a piece of dough in and the oil bubble around it.
- 2. Add meat pies in small batches. Try not to crowd the skillet too much.
- 3. Fry until golden brown on both sides. Move to a paper towel lined plate.
- 4. Serve with condiment of your choice and a salad! (That Cucumber & Tomato salad in the picture looks so yummy & refreshing!)

The traditional Mongolian cuisine knows very little of vegetables so that the Khuushuur are considered a complete meal (possibly served with Ketchup, sour cream, or other condiment). Served this way the quantities given are good for 2-3 people.