

Walking in Fellowship...with Our Pastor

At Jim's installation service, I referenced John Owen's little book *Eschol: A Cluster of the Fruit of Canaan*. In it he outlines the "rules of direction for the walking of the saints in fellowship, according to the order of the gospel." In other words, it's a book about how we live together as the body of Christ. Owen enumerates no less than seven duties we must uphold in our relationship to our pastor and fifteen duties we must perform in relationship to one another. Together, they form twenty-two marks of a fruitful, healthy, growing church.

How can we show support of our pastors and elders? Here are Owen's answers with my translation (in italics)!

1. "Rule I. The word and all ordinances dispensed in the administration to him [the pastor] committed, by virtue of ministerial authority, are to be diligently attended and submitted unto, with ready obedience in the Lord." *Your pastor/elder is God's man to bring God's word to God's people at FRPC. Whenever he is preaching, come and listen to him with Berean-like faith* (see Acts 17:11; 1 Cor. 4:1; 2 Cor. 5:18, 20; Heb. 13:7, 17).
2. "Rule II. His conversation is to be observed and diligently followed, so far as he walks in the steps of Jesus Christ." *Follow your pastor/elder as he follows Christ* (see 1 Cor. 4:6; Heb. 13:7; 2 Thess. 3:7; Phil. 3:17; 1 Tim. 4:12; 1 Pet. 5:3).
3. "Rule III. Prayer and supplications are continually to be made on his behalf for assistance and success in the work committed to him." *Pray for your pastor/elder regularly* (see Eph. 6:18-20; 2 Thess. 3:1-2; Col. 4:3; Acts 12:5).
4. "Rule IV. Reverential estimation of him, with submission unto him for his work's sake." *Respect your pastor/elder and willingly place yourself under his God-given leadership* (see 1 Cor. 4:1; 1 Thess. 5:12-13; 1 Tim. 5:17; 1 Pet. 5:5; Heb. 13:17).
5. "Rule V. Maintenance for them and their families, by the administration of earthly things suitable to the state and condition of the churches, is required from their flocks." *Provide for the physical and material needs of your pastor, so that he can focus on caring for Christ's sheep* (see 1 Tim. 5:17-18; Gal. 6:6-7; 1 Cor. 9:7-14).

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COMING EVENTS



FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 4

WIC Open House 7-9 PM

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 5

Baby Shower for
Mary Schwarz

Turn your clocks back tonight

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 12

First Annual FRPC
Chili Cook-off
5:30-7:30 PM

MONDAY

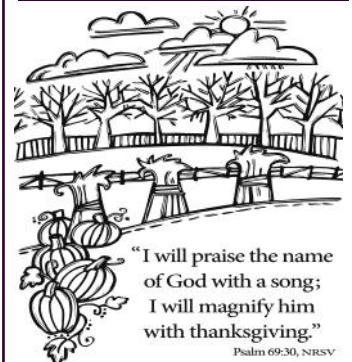
NOVEMBER 14

Baby Shower for
Rebecca Skopp

WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 23

Thanksgiving Service 7 PM



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6. "Rule VI. Adhering to him and abiding by him in all trials and persecutions for the word." *When trouble comes and the enemy attacks, don't flee for safety. Lock arms with your pastor and fight the good fight of faith* (see 2 Tim. 1:15-18; 2:1-13; 4:6-22).
7. "Rule VII. Gathering together in the assembly upon his appointment, with theirs joined with him." *Don't neglect public worship. The most important way you can encourage your pastor/elder is joining him in worship. In one place as one people with one voice we worship God. Together* (Acts 14:27; Heb. 10:19-25; Eph. 5:19-21; Col. 3:14-17).

In January, we'll look at Owen's rules for walking in fellowship with one another.

With gratitude to God for Jim and for FRPC,

Pastor John



November Birthdays

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| 3 Rachel Mattson | 21 Ginny Irwin
David Work |
| 4 Harry Carter
Jim Frost
Stephenie Work | 22 Tom Putman |
| 9 Doris Bennett
Mary Ryan-Nelson | 23 Walt Turner |
| 11 Michael Henderson
Liz Shepler | 25 Russ Servetnick
Blaise Boyer |
| 13 Heather Vizino | 28 Aurelia Henderson |
| 15 Margaret Comin | |
| 16 Lillian Crawford
Mark Pifer
Leah Sabella
Michael Henderson | |
| 17 John Batchelor
Emma Boyer | |
| 19 Dave Dering | |



News of our church family...

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Helen Whitlinger who passed away on Oct. 2, 2011. Services were held Thursday, Oct. 6.

Baptism

Jonah Delbert Frost, son of Tom and Amy Frost, was baptized on October 2, 2011.

Marriage

Mr. and Mrs. (Lindsay Crawford) Ben Sera were married on August 20, 2011 and are living in Reston, VA.



Financial Summary January 1 - September 30, 2011

Operating Account:

Receipts	\$ 270,277
Disbursements	\$ 263,318

Account Balances -

Operating Checking	\$ 11,339
Operating Saving	\$ 225,956

Benevolence Account:

Income	\$ 82,776
Disbursements	\$ 93,289






November



2011

Sunday *Monday* *Tuesday* *Wednesday* *Thursday* *Friday* *Saturday*

<p>Each Sunday: 9:30 AM Sunday School for all ages 10:45 AM Morning Worship 5:00 PM Promises Choir 6:00 PM. Evening Worship</p>		<p>1</p>	<p>2 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 3:45 PM Truth Troop 7:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>3 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>4 WIC Open House</p>	<p>5 8:30-9:30 AM Men's Prayer & Study 9:30 AM Baby Shower for Mary Schwarz Turn your clocks back!</p>
<p>6 AM Rev. John Tweeddale PM Rev. John Tweeddale</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 6:30 PM Plum Covenant Group</p>	<p>9 3:45 PM Truth Troop 7:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 First Annual FRPC Chili Cook-off 5:30-7:30 PM </p>
<p>13 AM Rev. John Tweeddale 1:30 PM Seneca Sunday PM Rev. John Tweeddale</p>	<p>14 7:00 PM Baby Shower for Rebecca Skopp </p>	<p>15 1:00 PM Lunch Bunch@ D'Imperio's 7:00 PM Session</p>	<p>16 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 3:45 PM Truth Troop 7:00 PM Youth Group & Choir</p>	<p>17 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study 7-9 PM Theology Talk</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 8:30-9:30 AM Men's Prayer & Study</p>
<p>20 AM Rev. John Tweeddale 12:30 PM Youth Group Thanksgiving Dinner PM Rev. John Tweeddale Fellowship</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Service</p>	<p>24 </p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 AM Rev. John Tweeddale PM TBA</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 7:30 PM WIC Prayer</p>	<p>30 3:45 PM Truth Troop 7:00 PM Youth Group & Choir</p>			

Looking Ahead: Thursday, December 1, Dinner at DeNunzio's and River City Brass Concert
New Member's Class starting Sunday, December 4 - Sunday School hour

A Salt and Light Opportunity

For many people, Thanksgiving is a favorite holiday. Families gather around tables laden with food and join in happy conversations. They leave their tables with full bellies and contented hearts.

For others, the celebration is meager and sometimes, non-existent. We have families like that among us in Penn Hills. The Penn Hills Service Association does their best to provide for these families, however, they need our help.

From November 6 until November 20, we will collect non-perishable foods and household products for the Penn Hills Service Association. Please be generous. Give of your bounty. Staples such as flour and sugar are appreciated. Jars of jam and peanut butter are good ideas. So are canned goods of soups, chili, vegetables and fruits. Boxed products of potatoes, cakes, boxed meals, cereals, and pasta can be put to good use. They accept toilet paper and tissues and toothpaste, as well.

Do you have children in your home? Why not give them an opportunity to give something **they** like to eat? Allow them the joy of being a servant as well. That means, of course, that **they** will have to find a way to provide it from their own resources.

Look in your bulletin for a more complete list, but give with a cheerful, thankful heart. Give from your BEST. It brings more satisfaction and joy. Give with true thanksgiving as you remember how our good God has blessed you.

Give thanks to the God of Heaven. His love endures forever. Psalm 136:26

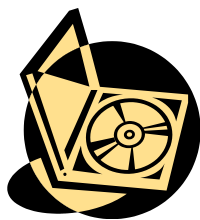


CDs and Material from Women's Conference

CD's and materials from the WIC Coffee Conference, "Gospel - Centered Living", with Karen Hodge, are available for \$3.00. You will receive 2 CD's plus a folder with material relating to teaching from the conference.

Contact the church office if you are interested.

412.793.7117 or email:
frpcpittsburgh@aol.com



Presbyterian Week at Harvey Cedars Bible Conference

July 4-10, 2012

Speakers: Rev. Joe Novenson, Lookout Mountain PCA
Rev. John Yenchko, Oyster Bay, NY PCA

More Information? See Jim Spitzel or the Lintelmans
www.HCBible.org

Women's Leadership Training Event in Atlanta!

There is a leadership training event Feb 23-25th 2012. It is sponsored by Christian Education Publishing and it will be an awesome weekend of equipping Women in leadership positions.

If you are interested in attending this conference please contact Kim Agate @ kimmyna@comcast.net or 412 271 5671.

The session has generously agreed to pay for the cost of the conference and a hotel room for the conference leaving just airfare and a few meals for your responsibility!

More info can be found at <http://www.ppacep.org/wic/leadership/>

Partners with the Persecuted

November 13th is The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Recent events involving Asia Bibi in Pakistan, Pastor Youcef Nadarkhani in Iran and the dozens of Coptic Christians who were killed in Egypt, have made the headline news. Those who did not make the news are the thousands, if not tens of thousands of Christians that are imprisoned and even awaiting execution for their faith, because they will not deny or forsake Christ. The fact that there are more persecuted Christians living today than of all the past centuries combined has not penetrated the collective conscience of western Christians.

The book of Hebrews is a letter written to persecuted Christians.

“But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publically exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one.” Hebrews 10:32-34 ESV

These verses talk about two types of Christians; those that are being persecuted and those being partners with those so treated.

What does this mean to us at FRPC? There is no systematic persecution of Christians here. We know of no one in chains for the sake of the gospel. And those Christians that are being persecuted are so remote in distance, language and culture. But, if we truly believe in the unity of the body of Christ, as Scripture says, “if one part suffers, the whole body suffers”, then, how can we be partners with the persecuted church?

Recently, Sandy and I attended a Voice of the Martyrs conference in Hollidaysburg, PA and several things impressed us about the persecuted church.

- 1) Their faithfulness to Christ, in spite of harassment, confiscation of property, imprisonment, torture and death.
- 2) Their willingness to forgive, love, witness to and pray for their tormentors.
- 3) Their prayers for Christians in America.

I don't know what they pray for Christians in America; we have freedom, wealth, and power. It seems odd that these Christian brothers and sisters in the midst of their persecution pray for us. But then, perhaps in the crucible of persecution they realize they are the suffering, isolated part of the Body of Christ and prayer is the only thing that connects them to Christ's Church at large.

So, what can we do?

- 1) Pray—this is the number one thing requested by the Persecuted Church. Not that they be relieved of their persecution, but that in Christ they will be overcomers.
- 2) As you read through the New Testament, note or underline verses about persecution and about the unity of the Body of Christ.
- 3) Become familiar with the persecuted church by taking advantage of the resources, such as materials put out by Voice of the Martyrs at www.persecution.com.
- 4) Remember November 13th the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church.

Blessings,

Elder Rick

First Annual Chili Cook-Off on Saturday,
November 12th from 5:30 -7:30 PM

Join us for a time of great food and fellowship
for all ages.

Please prepare your favorite chili recipe
(spicy or sweet, smoky or mellow, white or red) along
with a favorite chili side such as cornbread
or vegetables.

Also, please write a **creative name** for your chili on a
note card to place by your chili on cook-off day.

It's a competition, so bring your award winning chili
and hope to take home the blue ribbon!

Who will have the title of **FRPC Chili Champion?**
Look forward to seeing you there!

Contact Brian Dutton and Will and Liz Burns
with any questions



Nov. 4th Ladies Open House!



WIC Council wants to get to know you better!
In our acronym COFFEE we are now on
O for Openness.

We hope to get to know you better so you have
been invited to attend an "Open" House at the
home of one of the WIC council members for a
time of food, fun & fellowship!

If you are a woman at FRPC and you did not re-
ceive an invitation to an Open house,
please contact
Angela Tweeddale at angelatweed@aol.com
7-9 PM - Please arrive at 7:00 PM

Looking ahead!
Christmas Tea on Saturday Dec. 10th

