

The Word on the (F) Street



A Place of Acceptance and Direction
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Calendar for March 2023

- 1st: 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery
- 2nd: 5:30pm FoodNet
- 3rd: **Happy Birthday Jeff Heerspink**
- 4th: **Happy Birthday Jon Richard**
- 5th: Sunday Service
- 7th: 6:30am Prayer; **Happy Birthday Penny Butler**
- 8th: 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery; **Happy Birthday Jessica Dillon**
- 9th: 5:30pm FoodNet; **Happy Birthday Timothy Mailand**
- 12th: Sunday Service; **Happy Birthday Shirley Robinson**
- 13th: **Happy Birthday Maria Battiato**
- 14th: 6:30am Prayer; **Happy Birthday Judd Norman**
- 15th: 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery
- 16th: 5:30pm FoodNet
- 18th: **Happy Birthday Johnny Mann**
- 19th: Sunday Service
- 21st: 6:30am Prayer
- 22nd: 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery
- 23rd: 5:30pm FoodNet
- 26th: Sunday Service; **Happy Birthday Cathy Long**
- 27th: **Happy Birthday Christian Bissegger, Elise Richard**
- 28th: 6:30am Prayer
- 29th: 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery
- 30th: 5:30pm FoodNet
- 31st: **Happy Birthday Keith Morrissey, Andrea Mailand**

Please keep us up to date on birthdays & anniversaries! If you aren't sure that we have your information, talk to Jane Mailand or simply fill out a Welcome Card and hand it to her. In addition, if your address, phone, or email has changed, let Jane know.

Expressions of Worship Adam Woockman, Worship Leader

So often in our experience of church life we paint a picture of what worship is with singing, music, hands in the air (maybe with our eyes closed), or reciting scripture after a leader or along with the leader. While these certainly are great ways to express worship to our Creator and integral to our worship services they are a bit too narrow for the idea I want to have us ponder. How do we worship God? Specifically throughout the week? What does worship look like?

Yes, we can certainly sing songs of praise to God. There is no shortage of scriptures that encourage us to sing and make music to the Lord in our hearts. Singing and speaking words of praise and adoration to God certainly is a wonderful way to worship. Prayer is a huge act of worship. We believe God can do anything and that he hears us so prayer is laying our hearts before him. Whether it is a request to him or simply thanking him for our breath we know he is over all and so we seek his face through prayer.

But I'd like to ask about where we spend most of our time during the week. For most of us that is probably what our job is, where we work, or who we care for during our days. How can we worship God during all of that time? How should we? What does it look like? It starts with this verse, "Whatever you do, do it for the Lord." Let's think about our minute by minute time throughout our days and identify how we are worshiping God. Let's examine how we are speaking to those around us that God created and loves. Let's examine what we THINK about the people around us that God created and loves. You know, people like our boss, our annoying co-worker, our parents we are caring for, whoever it may be. As we go about our days let's keep our minds fixed on doing all that we are doing for the glory of God. Whatever we are doing, do it for the Lord because there is no greater act of worship than to offer our daily lives to the God who gave it to us.



What Should We Make of the Asbury Revival?

Bill Thornton, Teaching Pastor

Since its beginning in a chapel service on the campus of Asbury University, there has been a great deal of attention given by Christians and others, for the past several days, to the phenomenon that has occurred there and other places since then. In response, there have been those who have excitedly embraced this unique occurrence as a movement inspired by the Spirit of God, while there have been others who are skeptical, for several reasons, to view these events in this way.

In my case, I am attempting to reserve judgement until some measure of time has passed. Personally, I think that eventually we will be able to see from the fruit that is produced whether this movement is of divine or human origin.

Yet one thing that has captured my attention is the age group that has

mainly been impacted by all this, our young friends in Generation Z. For several years prior to my serving at F Street Church, I enjoyed the privilege of teaching college students, who remind me of these students at Asbury who currently appear to be demonstrating such a profound hunger and thirst for the Lord. To me that is a beautiful thing!

Honestly, the question that is ruminating in my mind right now is this: Are we displaying the kind of hunger and thirst for the living God that he might transform into a revival? I know that this isn't something that we can generate on our own, but the Scriptures, and church history would seem to indicate that God has a special fondness for those who earnestly seek him with humble hearts.

- Crying out to the Lord in prayer
- Submitting ourselves to His Word
- Confessing our faults to God and to one another

Perhaps this is where we need to begin.

Always Reforming Jeff Heerspink, Pastor

As we move into becoming a part of the Reformed denomination, I want to share with you something that I think is important for us to grasp. To be reformed means to always be reforming. The statement is "Ecclesia reformata semper reformanda" in Latin that translates as "the reformed church must always be reformed."

Why is this important? Because to stop reforming is to die. Sure there are things that I would argue were good practices for the church in the 16th century, and likely were even the response of the Holy Spirit - given out of prayer. But that does not mean that they are the best practices for today.

The other side of this is that this does not mean that we should waver about truth.

I think my best understanding of this is to be like the people of Berea, in the book of Acts, "They were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul's message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the truth." They were, as I like to think of it, "open minded and opened Bible."

May we as a church never lose sight that we need to have an open mind to the changes, challenges and opportunities that our current culture presents to us, but with an open Bible to search for God's truth.

Maybe it is another way to say we need to always be a place of acceptance and direction?

3M Classes, March 5, April 2, & May 7

Bill Thornton, Teaching Pastor

With a view toward developing fully devoted Christ followers at FSNC, we regularly offer a series of classes called 3M which provide teaching on *Membership, Maturity, and Ministry*.

The *Membership* class helps folks become better acquainted with what it means to be a part of our F Street Church family. The *Maturity* class focuses on the habits that will foster spiritual

growth in our lives. The *Ministry* class will explore how each of us is uniquely shaped to serve the Lord and his people.

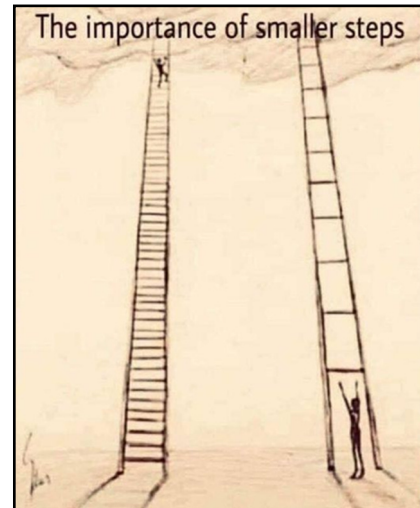
Each class is offered in one session and will occur following the Sunday morning worship service that day. You will want to sign up when opportunity is given in the coming weeks so we will know how many to plan for. Our upcoming class schedule is planned as follows:

Membership, March 5th

Maturity, April 2nd

Ministry, May 7th

Please feel free to contact me with questions or to sign-up for these classes.



Coach's Corner Beth Heerspink

What do you think of when you see this picture? When is a time in your life that you had a big goal, but it took a thousand small steps to accomplish it (the ladder on the left)? When is a time when you had a goal but it just felt too impossible (the ladder on the right)? Even completing elementary school took us all thousands of small steps. Some goals naturally give us a step-by-step path for completing the big goal (like completing elementary school or earning a degree). Others are much more difficult because they require us to take initiative, make a plan, and take the first step.

What is a big goal that you feel God wants you to accomplish right now? What's one baby step you could take to get there? Here's a few examples to get your mind going:

Have a stronger marriage à Give my spouse a compliment. Take out the trash. Plan a date night this Friday. Put down my phone after the kids go to bed tonight and ask my spouse to share a cup of coffee with me.

Have a cleaner house à Make my bed tomorrow morning. Clean off the counter when I get home and see how long I can keep it clean. Decide to mop the kitchen floor every Thursday and put it in my calendar.

Disciple my kids à Buy a Bible story book and read it to them after dinner tomorrow night. Tonight before they go to bed, ask if I can pray with them. Explore Bible Reading plans for kids and print one off tonight instead of watching a show.

A basic problem with humans is that when we feel overwhelmed by something, we do nothing. The exciting thing is that when we do something (ANYTHING!), it creates momentum. Once we have a little momentum, we often have the energy to keep building what we've started. If we have a plan of accountability to keep working toward our goal, we do even better.

What change is God calling you to make in your life? What's the first step you can take to get there? I would love to dialog with you, and support you on your journey. Email Beth at bheerspink@yahoo.com if you would like some accountability in taking your first step.

Share Your Miracle Story

Jessica Hernandez

In my life, I have been lucky enough to have experiences I am convinced were a G (God) thing; experiences where the only way they could have possibly happened is that our God is real and truly alive? God has shown himself in my life. Lately, I've been wondering, "Am I the only one that has had an experience like this with God?" Surely, I couldn't be the only one? I began to wonder how many people at F Street Neighborhood Church, and our sister church, Northern Lighthouse have had a modern-day miracle from God? Have you had an experience happen in your life that you can't explain, other than saying it must have been an act of God? If so, and if you'd like to share your story, please get in touch with me (Jessica Hernandez) at bettyboowap100@gmail.com, using "Modern Miracles" in the subject line, or call me at (402) 922-7756. Please don't write out your miracle-story in the email or leave me a long voicemail. Instead, tell me your name and number or email address, and we can set up a time to meet and share. Thank you!

Youth Update Sage Peterson, Youth Director

Hello F Streeters: This past month there was a lot to celebrate, because we had one of our biggest events of the year, called *Day of Love*. During this day we partnered with two other RCA churches to have 40 kids, and volunteers, serve all over town. It was awesome seeing all the groups come together for tons of fun, and to show God's love all over our city. Hearing all of the stories from the kids, about what they did during the day, was a great blessing, as were all of the laughs that were had during the day. At the end of the day, we all came back together to share a meal and game time. All of the service teams competed together to be crowned DOL Champs! This year, Pastor Jeff coached his team to victory. If you see him around, make sure to congratulate him! Seriously though, we want to send out a huge thank you to all who volunteered to help make this day a big success.

We have had lots of fun this semester, and we would love to have your student join us for the rest of the year. We meet every Tuesday night from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m., in the Fireside room. If you have any questions please contact Sage Peterson at sage@fstreetchurch.org



Transformations
THRIFT STORE

Transformations Thrift Store Update

Cece Robinson, Director

Hello from Transformations! March (and Spring) are finally almost here. That means it is almost time for the annual **Thrift Crawl**.

What is the Thrift Crawl?

8 local non-profit stores

- o BetterWays
- o St. Louise
- o Buds
- o Cause for Paws
- o All About Mama
- o Habitat Re-Store
- o The Daisy
- o Transformations
 - New prizes
 - Great Spring items to welcome in the new season

This year the Thrift Crawl will be March 12-18. Stop by any of participating stores or call for more information.

DON'T MISS IT!

Monthly Mission Offering Jeff Heerspink, Pastor

Sunday March 5, we are privileged to give to Northern Lighthouse, the church that helped to start F Street. They have an incredible mission of ministering to those who are incarcerated. For over 20 years their bus has brought people straight from CCCL (the work release center) and taken them to workmates engage the community. their first time in constant oppor-hope of Jesus. For newal with the they walked away or they were hurt by the church, it is an opportunity for people to reconnect in a loving and caring environment.



There are others who attend: Individuals who use to be incarcerated, others who take Matthew 25 at face value and want to care for those in prison, and some who simply have found a place of Acceptance and Direction.

I hope that we can collectively share our financial resources to help bless them, for their mission, and the support that they gave to us to begin our ministry here at F Street Church. I am asking that you prayerfully consider what you to give this month to this special ministry.



Celebrate Recovery Jeff Heerspink, Pastor

Can we be honest? We all have sin, we all have hurts, habits and hang-ups, we all need Jesus (not you'll need Jesus, we all need Jesus). That is why Celebrate Recovery (CR) exists. CR is here to help people with: anger, chemical dependency, co-dependency, food and body image issues, gambling addiction, love and relationship addiction, mental health, sexual addiction and more, by connecting them to Jesus.

Recently a few people have raised concerns about CR. However, it is fascinating to me that most of those people have not come to CR. I want to invite you, yes you, everyone of you, to set a goal to come one night to CR this year. It may be that it would be a great place for you to find hope and healing for your own struggle. It may also be a great place for you to worship. It may simply be so that you have an honest experience with CR and then can tell others about it. I simply want to ask you to come and experience it for yourself.

I do not think that CR is for everyone, nor is CR the answer to your problems, Jesus is. But I think that CR is an incredible community of real people who are passionate about finding Jesus and helping others in their journey.



Immerse Update Sage Peterson, Youth Director

Immerse is back for another year! We are so excited to have some new groups joining us this summer, along with some familiar ones. Lots of work will be done over the summer, and God's love will be shown all over the neighborhood. In order for all of this work to be done though, we hire interns for the months of June and July to come and make sure that Immerse runs smoothly. We currently have positions available, and could use your help to fill the positions. If you know of any college - age individuals who love kids, love God, and would like to learn more

Monthly Bible Reading Schedule:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Feb 27 – Acts 25	Feb 28 – Acts 26	Mar 1 – Acts 27	Mar 2 – Acts 28	Mar 3 – Heb 1
Mar 6 – Heb 2	Mar 7 – Heb 3	Mar 8 – Heb 4	Mar 9 – Heb 5	Mar 10 – Heb 6
Mar 13 – Heb 7	Mar 14 – Heb 8	Mar 15 – Heb 9	Mar 16 – Heb 10	Mar 17 – Heb 11
Mar 20 – Heb 12	Mar 21 – Heb 13	Mar 22 – James 1	Mar 23 – James 2	Mar 24 – James 3

about ministry we encourage them to apply and spend the summer with us here at F Street Church.

All interns will receive \$2000 as payment and also receive free housing at the Washington House. To learn more applicants can go to www.immerselincoln.org or contact Sage Peterson at sage@fstreetchurch.org.

Community Groups

Group: Studying Spiritual Disciplines

Location: 6730 S 41st St.

Contact: Drew or Sarah Peters

Day/Time: First three Tuesdays of the month , 6:30 pm

Group: Keith Morrissey's House, "The Case for Christ"

Location: 1750 Prospect Street

Contact: Ardeshir Mazhari, Keith Morrissey

Day/Time: Thursdays, 7 pm

Group: Wayne & Linoma Wingate's House

Location: 5815 Brittany Place

Topic: Sermon Discussion

Contact: Wayne or Linoma Wingate

Day/Time: First and Third Thursdays of the month, 7 pm

Group: Young Adults (College/20s): Book of James

Location: Grace Room at the Church Building

Contact: Bill or Marcia Thornton

Day/Time: Thursdays, 7 pm

Group: Women's Study,

Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World

Location: Fireside Room at Church Building

Contact: Beth Heerspink

Day/Time: Fridays, 10 am

Group: Bondage Breakers

Location: Grace Room at Church Building

Contact: Jeff Heerspink & Vince Grove, leaders

Day/Time: Friday, 6:30-7:30 a.m.

Regular Email Updates

If you would like to, but are not getting regular updates about things at F Street Neighborhood Church, please send a request to be added to the email list at fstreetchurch@gmail.com

Prayer Requests

If you have prayer requests, please send them to our office email at fsncoffice@gmail.com