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Pastor's News and Notes

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles.

They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31

FPCS Renewal Theme

25 in 2025

**Reach Out, Reach Over and Reach Up
through
Evangelism and Discipleship and Prayer**

Generation to Generation: Passing the Gospel On!

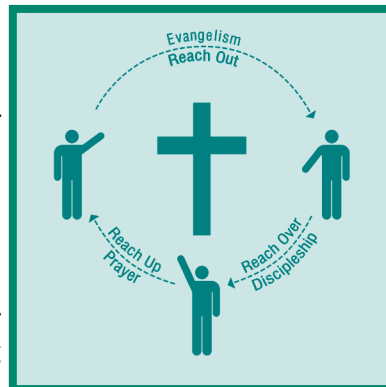
Over the next year we will be exploring the book of Genesis. In this first book of the Bible, we see a recurring phrase: "These are the generations of..." (Genesis 2:4; 5:1; 6:1; 10:1; 11:10; 25:1; 36:1; 37:1). Each section marks a new chapter in God's unfolding story, reminding us that history is not random but a divine lineage of faith, promise, and purpose. Just as Abraham passed on the covenant to Isaac, and Isaac to Jacob, so we too stand as a generation entrusted with the most precious gift: the gospel of Jesus Christ. Scripture reminds us:

One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. (Psalm 145:4)

We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. (Psalm 78:4)

This is our calling. We are not merely recipients of grace—we are stewards of it. The gospel is not meant to stop with us; it is meant to flow through us into the lives of our children, our neighbors, and the generations yet unborn. Paul charged Timothy with these words:

What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. (2 Timothy 2:2).



Notice the chain: Paul → Timothy → faithful men → others also. That is the rhythm of gospel transmission, and we are part of that living chain today. And we do not go alone but are led by, the head of our church, Lord Jesus:

Thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. (2 Corinthians 2:14).

So, dear church family, let us rise with courage and conviction. Let us be the generation that refuses to let the flame of faith grow dim. Let us speak the gospel in our homes, live it in our workplaces, and embody it in our communities. May it be said of us, as it was of Abraham:

For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice. (Genesis 18:19).

We are the generation of gospel bearers. Let us pass it on with joy, urgency, and unwavering faith, so that when the next chapter of God's story is written, it will declare:

These are the generations of First Presbyterian Church of Sebring who were faithful to proclaim Christ.

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Generation to Generation:

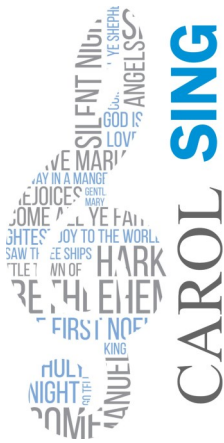
Sharing the reason for the Season!



Christmas is more than lights, gifts, and celebration. It is the wonder of God's love made flesh. The eternal Son of God humbled Himself to enter our world, not in power or majesty, but as a fragile infant. In the stillness of Bethlehem, heaven touched earth, and hope was born in a manger. This season reminds us that God drew near to humanity, bringing light into darkness and peace into troubled hearts. Christmas is the story of Emmanuel—God with us—who came as a child to save the world.

Christmas Carol Sing

We will be sharing the Christmas story with



our community on Friday December 19th at 4pm. This will be a heartwarming Christmas celebration of music, community, and hope. The Sebring Historical Society will be cohosting this "Christmas Carol Sing", featuring the beautiful voices of the Maranatha Baptist Church Choir. This gathering is more than just a hymn sing; it is a time to be filled with joy, warmth, and the timeless message of light shining in the darkness. It's the perfect opportunity to invite friends, neighbors,

and loved ones to experience the spirit of Christmas together. Come and be part of this now third annual tradition that brings generations together in song, fellowship, and the true meaning of the season.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



Statistics remind us that Easter and Christmas Eve are the most attended worship services of the year and for good reason. This Christmas Eve, we invite you to experience the wonder of the season at our special service, Christmas in Carols. The evening will feature a heartfelt reading of the Christmas story, woven together with beloved carols that

proclaim the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, who came into the world as a child to bring hope and salvation. Join us on December 24th at 4:00 PM as we gather with our

brothers and sisters in Christ to celebrate the miracle of Emmanuel—God with us. Take this opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors who may not have a church home, so they too can share in the joy and meaning of Christmas.

Generation to Generation: Giving Hope!

Six hundred years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah foretold that He would be called "Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." The Gospel of Luke shows us how these promises came true in the life of Jesus—and why this is truly good news for all people. This January, we invite you to join us for Hope Explored, a three-session series that looks at the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Millions around the world have found lasting hope and help in Him, and this course offers a gentle, engaging way to explore His extraordinary claims. Hope Explored reveals how Jesus offers a hope worth having, a hope that speaks to every human longing and never disappoints. We'll meet in the Adult Classroom on January 11, 18, & 25 from 4:00–5:30 PM. Bring a friend, a neighbor, or someone who may be searching for meaning. Together, let's discover the hope that changes everything.



HOPE|EXPLORED

WHAT'S THE BEST FUTURE
YOU COULD EVER IMAGINE?

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Member Anniversary

We want to wish a happy anniversary for the following brothers and sisters who joined our church in the month of December:

- John Arnette 2 Years
- Cal Lomelino 13 Years
- Mary Lomelino 13 Years

May another year bring you joy in our Savior Jesus Christ and love for one another in our church family.

Date

December 7 Communion
 December 14
 December 21 Fellowship Meal
 December 24 Christmas Eve
 December 30 Mission Moment

Sermon Text

Genesis 1:2-13
 Genesis 1:14-2:3
 Genesis 2:4-25
 Genesis 3:1-24
 Genesis 4:1-26

Benediction



Glory to God
in the highest,
 and on earth peace,
 good will toward men.

Luke 2:14, KJV

Pastor Karl





Merry Christmas

The ladies are ready for the holiday season. The sanctuary is decorated and poinsettias are on order.

Our fellowship luncheon will be held on December 21, 2025 after our service. This year we will be having a wonderful, delicious ham dinner with lots of sides. We are asking all of you to bring a dessert to share.

Which brings up our annual Christmas gift giving program. If everyone would bring a small gift to exchange, we would love it, but if you forget, not to worry there will be plenty of extra gifts to exchange. The gift giving this year will be about partnerships. We will draw two names and each will pick from the table, open their gift and can either exchange with each other or exchange with the next set of partners to pick out their gift. Be aware there might be some surprises along the way.

Remember to pick up your poinsettia plant by Sunday, December 28th . We will be taking down the decorations on Thursday, December 31st at 10:00 am. Please come and help; we can use everyone's hand that we can get.



We are still taking donations for our Veterans Tree through **December 21st**. Here are a few things to remember:

- “Ornaments” (gift requests) are available on the tree in the Poinsettia St. entrance.
- All donations go to *local* veterans.
- They would rather not have your gifts wrapped, but would appreciate gift bags.



Our Daily Bread
Ministries®

The church has copies of the Our Daily Bread daily devotionals in large print in both entrances. Ask the greeter if you don't see them. Please feel free to take a second copy for a friend or neighbor who might enjoy them . We want to get this resource into the hands of people who can benefit from reading it.



Why are you thanking ME? I haven't done anything. You might have done more than you realize. In the last few months have you

- Prayed for the church, its programs or its leaders?
- Attended any church program or meeting other than worship?
- Supported the church financially?
- Told someone about our church?
- Given someone a prayer card?

If you have done any of those things, you are one of the ones who is helping our church move forward.

THANK YOU





DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 CCW 11:00 Bible Study 4:00	4	5	6
7 Sunday School 9:30 Worship with Communion 11:00 	8	9 Deacons 1:00 Session 2:00	10 Bible Study 4:00	11 Outreach Meeting 1:00	12	13
14 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 11:00	15	16	17 Bible Study 4:00	18  Men's Fellowship BREAKFAST 8:30 Officer Training 4:00	19 COMMUNITY CAROL SING  4:00	20
21 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 11:00 Fellowship Lunch 	22	23	24 <i>Candlelight</i>  4:00	25 	26	27
28 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 11:00	29	30	31 Undecorate Sanctuary 10:00 Bible Study 4:00			

DECEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 2 Frank Busch
14 Diane Graves

Anniversaries

None that we have a record of-please let us know if we have made a mistake.

JANUARY

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Birthdays

- 3 Richard Jumont
4 Bob Rhodes
18 Clanell Cameron

Anniversaries

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Note: We do this for people who are organized and like to plan ahead. Next month we will publish January dates again along with February.

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