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Trained to Worship by Kate Taylor, Acting FEC Kids Director

Just a few weeks ago, I had the wonderful privilege of attending the First Evan Women's Retreat, which I highly recommend for all you ladies in the church! For a get-to-know-you icebreaker, Stacey Prichard asked a series of stand-up/sit-down questions. *Stand up if you finished a book this week. Stand up if you can sew. Stand up if you were born in another country. Stand up if you can speak a second language fluently.* Not surprisingly, the individuals who stood on the answers to the last two questions were the same people!

As most of us are native English speakers, I would ask you to consider—when did you begin learning English? Chances are, it was before you can remember, on the day of your birth as loving parents spoke loving words over their newborn. Those of us who have had children remember the years of speaking to them before they could respond with words, but all that time, miraculous and unseen learning is taking place. And then, one day, that child speaks back to you and then begins to grow in verbal ability. Your child says in sentences, he wants *that fire truck*, or she picks *that story* for bedtime tonight. This sponge-like learning, soaking in drops until it overflows, is why both logic and data tell parents that a verbal home will lead to verbal children, or a home filled with books is usually a precursor to a child who loves to read. The saying goes, “more is caught than taught.” Teaching happens most powerfully in the catching of a culture—a way to be—and each family has one.

I would ask us to stop and consider as parents, grandparents, and church members, what is the culture we are instilling in our children? And does reality match what we hope to pass on to the next generation? A child might say “We always have pizza on Friday nights” or “We go to the beach every year” or “We study hard and get our work done.” It is

simply what their family does. If asked, could our children say the following statements? “We worship the Lord.” “We go to church on Sundays.” “We read the Bible.” “We pray.” “It is what my family does.”

In the book, *The Great De-Churching*, authors Jim Davis and Michael Graham and researcher Ryan Burge outline recent data regarding the American church. According to their data, “about 40 million adults in America today used to go to church but no longer do, which accounts for around 16 percent of our adult population...more adults in the United States do not attend church than attend church” (p. 3). Surprisingly, many of those surveyed who have left still hold to traditional Christian beliefs. Many surveyed even expect that they will one day return to worship with a local congregation, but they are not worshipping in the local church today—and therefore, we can infer, neither are their children.

As one involved in children's ministry, I am curious how many children are represented by those adults who have left. Corporate worship, like language, is learned over time, long and slow. And it cannot be learned in a vacuum. One must wonder, if we do not prioritize church, why should our children? If we do not worship with multiple generations and teach them to do likewise, will they? Can we really follow Christ and not love His church?

For the past few years in FEC Kids, our ministry staff has worked towards getting the children into the worship service with their parents so they can catch the culture of Christ's Bride, the Church, and come to know its One Foundation, Jesus Christ her Lord. Like Cortney Cannon who had this position before me, I am convinced that the very best place for a child to be on



Sunday morning is with their parents, pursuing God as a viable part of the local church. Whether serving with their parents or singing in the pew beside them, a child is blessed when they are part of the Church. Consider the following from authors Davis and Graham: “gathered worship of God's people is supernaturally powerful, and it is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children, so we must make it a priority in their lives.” Children do not prioritize for themselves—if they did, we all know the results would likely be disastrous. Instead, God entrusts that job to parents. Data shows that church attendance is good for kids. Tyler VanderWeele, researcher at Harvard University, notes “we found regular service attendance helps shield children from the “big three” dangers of adolescence: depression, substance abuse, and premature sexual activity. People who attended church as children are also more likely to grow up happy, to be forgiving, to have a sense of mission and purpose, and to volunteer” (*Christianity Today*, Oct 2021). In an era where everything can so easily be “all about me,” the worshipping church blesses me and my family by directing our gaze up and out to love God and neighbor, and this applies to us both individually and as a group. It is not about me, and praise God for that.

When we prioritize worshipping together as a church, and include our

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children in doing so, we invite them into a beautifully God-centered and God-focused body in which they can remain and grow all their lives. We teach them, collectively, to taste and see that God is good. We model having ears to hear, and find that gradually, they learn to listen. They see older men and women who have had struggles but persevere, knowing the God who is ever present in hardship. They see and rejoice with people who look different from them and have different abilities, and they understand that church is a “body with many members” (1 Cor 12:12–27).

For many, the transition into adulthood is sadly, a transition away from church. Among the youngest (adult) Americans, one third say they have no

religion by age 25 (Davis and Graham, 151). In 2021, only 18 percent of those ages 18–30 attended nearly every week, and a whopping 55% attend less than yearly (Davis and Graham, 35).

I do not claim to have omniscience or perfect solutions for raising the next generation to know and love Jesus Christ. My oldest child is 12, so I am simply a parent doing my best. I think, however, we should start by obeying God and following the model set forth in scripture.

Deuteronomy 31:12 commands that “little ones” be included in the assembly as God’s law is read. Ezra 10 records that children are present for the confession of corporate sin. Psalm 8 tells us that babies and infants are used of God to establish strength, and Jesus quotes this verse at his Tri-

umphal Entry, saying to his critics, “have you never read, ‘out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise’” (Matt 21:16).

Just imagine what it would be like if, rather than sending our children off to worship elsewhere, we all welcomed them in, drew them near, helped them learn to really listen, modeled prayer and song for them, and showed them what the repentant, communal life of the humble, deeply committed follower of Jesus looked like—week after week. What if we introduce ourselves, look them in the eye and shake the hands of the wiggly five-year-olds as we tell them how thankful we are that they are here to worship and learn about Jesus along with us? It might just change a life, maybe even a culture.

Davis, Jim, and Michael Graham with Ryan P. Burge. *The Great Dechurching: Who’s Leaving, Why Are They Going, and What Will It Take to Bring Them Back?* Zondervan Reflective, 2023. Vanderwheele, Tyler J., and Brendan Case. “Empty Pews Are an American Public Health Crisis.” *Christianity Today*. 19 October 2021.

CHURCH-WIDE

Fall Church Picnic

Thank you to all the volunteers who made the picnic a day of fun! First Evaners and friends enjoyed fellowship with John Dawson BBQ sandwiches, corn on the cob, and hot dogs. They climbed a rock wall, threw axes, played putt-golf, bounced around, challenged each other to soccer, and hugged Pastor Jim and Rochelle Fleming’s necks.



CHURCH-WIDE (CONTINUED)

Midweek Fellowship Meals

Wednesdays, 5:00–6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
(No Meal October 11)



During the school year the church gathers for dinner. Each individual has a choice between an entrée and side items or the weekly soup and salad bar. A dessert is served with every meal. Visitors and guests are always welcome and reservations are not necessary. First time is FREE! View the October menu at www.firstevan.org/midweek-menu.

Family Engagement Series

Wednesdays, 6:15–8:00 p.m., C210

This series covers a variety of family-related topics. Feel free to come to all or pick and choose the ones most applicable to you (no registration required).

OCTOBER SCHEDULE

OCT 4 “Marriage Busters”

There are lots of ways to tank a marriage. There are little “bugs” sort of like marital viruses or bacteria that inadvertently and sometimes overtly we let into our marriages that start to eat away at the fibers and foundations of marital stability. During this session, we will hear from a First Evan couple who were in danger of not making it. But they turned to God’s healing power to bring them back together and heal their marriage.

OCT 11 WILL NOT MEET DUE TO FALL BREAK

OCT 18 “Walking on Eggshells”

Relationships between parents and their adult children have been described as some of the most volatile and difficult in the family realm. However; with openness, honesty and gracious communication, it doesn’t have to be that way. First Evan member, and previous staff member, Andrew Beach, now serves with the non-profit organization, Center Memphis, whose mission is – in part – to help families navigate these tricky waters by asking the right questions and engaging necessary conversations BEFORE the proverbial land mine gets stepped on.

OCT 25 WILL NOT MEET DUE TO KIDS CARNIVAL WITH FEC KIDS

Did you miss a meeting?

Visit www.firstevan.org/family to view the previous chats or discussions.



WORSHIP

Community Reformation Day Service

This service is no longer being held each year.

A Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols Music Preview

Sunday, October 22
1:15 p.m., Sanctuary



Calling all singers for the Sunday, December 10 (9:00 and 10:45 a.m.) Lessons and Carols services. We will have lunch in the Chapel at 12:15 p.m., followed by a preview of the music in the Sanctuary. RSVP for lunch to Katelynn Bernardini at kbernardini@firstevan.org or 901-682-8452.

Preaching Schedule



View all recorded sermon messages at www.firstevan.org/sermons.

OCT 1 Taylor Park
Executive Pastor

OCT 8 Ken Boer
Pastor of Worship

OCT 15 David Stevens
Paraclete Mission Group

OCT 22 Phil Newton
Former Senior Pastor,
South Woods Baptist Church

OCT 29 (Reformation Sunday)
Sandy Wilson
Pastor Emeritus,
Second Presbyterian Church;
Interim President,
The Gospel Coalition

STAFF & LEADERSHIP

Pastoral Search Committee Update by Kevin Weaver, Chairman of the Session and Pastoral Search Committee

On behalf of the entire Pastor Search Committee, I want to provide an update on our work. As many are aware, we have had three members of the committee, **Eric Fuhrman**, **Chris Cannon** and **Jim Graham** recently step aside from serving on the committee. The Session and Deacon Board have completed their separate processes to replace these three men. Our new search committee members from the Session are **Mark Gosney** and **Buddy Jones**, and the new member from the Deacons is **Bill Granger**. We are so thankful for the faithful and diligent work our former members provided, and we are grateful for the new members willingness to serve. Our committee is now up and running with the new members as of mid-September.

Q & A With Kate Taylor, Acting FEC Kids Director by Pastor Taylor Park

Kate Taylor joined the First Evan staff team in 2018 when she came to work for our Mother's Day Out program. Prior to that, she and her husband, Phil, had been preschool Children's Church teachers at our church. Then in 2021, she joined the FEC Kid's team as our Preschool Coordinator. She served in that role under Cortney Cannon for two years. When Cortney stepped down at the end of September, we asked Kate to serve as Acting Children's Director.

TAYLOR: Kate, give us a little bit of your background.

KATE: I am from Memphis and was raised in church at Second Presbyterian. I became a Christian as a very young child and grew in my faith with various ups and downs along the way, but always, the Lord Jesus Christ has drawn me to himself. I went to Ole Miss and graduated with a degree in English. Following college, I raised support as a missionary with MTW and went to Lyon, France to teach English at a Christian school. After returning to Memphis, I tried other things but missed teaching. I got a job teaching a reading intervention course to below-grade-level students at Treadwell Middle/High School and was excited to share the love of the Lord through teaching middle school reading. I taught at Treadwell two and a half years. During that time, I met and married Phil. We had our four kids, Samuel, Paul, Lilly, and Meg, and started coming to First Evan.



TAYLOR: How did you and your family come to be at First Evan?

KATE: When Phil and I were looking for a new church, we wanted one we could trust to teach scriptural truth. I had known friends who attended First Evan from high school and college, and they knew the Lord and His Word well. The children's program has always been strong at First Evan and that was important to us as parents of little ones. We needed a ministry that we could trust to help us raise our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

TAYLOR: Kate, what does Children's ministry mean to you and why is it important?

KATE: I believe that everyone—from the youngest child—can and should learn about God. Some of my earliest memories are of serving in the church nursery with my mom. I remember seeing her sing "pitter patter down comes the rain" to the babies and misting them lightly with water while they giggled, or giving them a Bible to pat. The message to my young heart was clear: no child is too young to learn about and love God's Word!

I started serving in Children's Ministry the summer after Phil and I began attending First Evan. Our kids were still very young, and that summer, FEC Kids asked parents to volunteer to give teachers a break. We took 4 Sundays for our 4 kids. On the Sunday that I taught PreK children's church, I found out how much fun it was! Our kids enjoyed having us there with them, and furthermore, my husband and I discovered it was a way we could serve as a family together (a rare find when you have little bitties!). The children don't have any pretense and are not shy about their opinions. They are honest about thoughts, fears, or mistakes, and they are so excited and happy to know Jesus and trust Him. When the Lord calls us to be like children, I believe He must be calling us to be (among other things) honest with Him, to repent quickly, and to be excited about receiving His grace. Serving in Children's Ministry, I have grown and learned by thinking through the best ways to communicate each lesson to little listeners. It's fun considering how a 3-year-old might use a craft to re-tell the story to mom and dad, or making up a simple song or easy motions to help kids remember a verse. I think that is the way it's meant to be—growing and learning together from every age and stage of life.

TAYLOR: What are some of your goals and dreams for the FEC Kid's Ministry?

KATE: I have always loved my work with FEC Kids. I am excited to work with Jill, Kelley and Angel to keep the ministry strong in the Lord! I want to see families sharpen one another through a loving community that is gospel-centered and God-honoring. I want us to become people who prioritize worship together both in and outside the home. I want the life of our church to "so shine before men that they may see our good deeds and give glory to our Father in heaven." (Matt 5:16). I want to encourage Biblical literacy in the lives of our students from the earliest ages so that they really do know the Word, and in knowing it they love it. In loving it they live it out, and in living it out they can't help but share the Gospel in word and deed. I want the children to be so well constructed in the foundations of their faith that when the deconstructing questions come in later years, they understand to the depths of their souls, that God is sure, and the good deposit of their faith is a solid rock that cannot be shaken.

FEC KIDS

Kids Carnival

Wednesday, October 25
6:00–8:00 p.m., Gym
(games will shut down at
7:45 p.m. for clean up)



Dress up in your best costume (no scary costumes, please) and come enjoy a carnival with FEC Kids! We will have bounce houses, games, prizes, candy, and more! Invite your family, friends, and neighbors. Let them know we will have a kid-friendly Midweek Meal in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00–6:00 p.m.

Entry is one bag of candy per child. Children MUST be accompanied by an adult. *We will need adults to help man the games and bounce houses, so be on the lookout for a Sign-Up Genius. This is a fun way for all the church to play together!*****

Child Dedication

Sunday, November 26
10:45 a.m., Sanctuary
If you are interested in dedicating your child(ren), please sign up by Sunday, November 12 at www.firstevan.org/childdedication.

ADULTS

Prime Time & Care Ministries Christmas Luncheon

SAVE THE DATE:
Sunday, December 3
12:00–2:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

FAMILY

Trail Life (1st–5th grade boys) & American Heritage Girls (1st–5th grade girls)

Anyone interested in learning about new discipleship ministry opportunities at First Evan for families, please contact Richard Marsh at richardmmarsh@yahoo.com.

FEC KIDS IN OCTOBER

In October, FEC Kids Sunday School will finish a unit on “The Teachings of Jesus” and move on to learning about “The Rejection of Jesus.”

- OCT 1 Jesus Taught About God's Love (Luke 15)
- OCT 8 Jesus Taught About God's Kingdom, and We Are Part of God's Kingdom (Matthew 13, Matthew 22, Luke 14)

Big Picture Question:
What did Jesus teach when He was on earth?
Jesus taught about God and His Kingdom.

Memory Verse:
“Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.” 1 Chronicles 29:11

- OCT 15 Jesus Knew He Would Be Rejected (Luke 13)
- OCT 22 Jesus Raised Lazarus (John 11–12)
- OCT 29 The World is Against God (Ephesians 6)

Big Picture Question:
Why do people not choose Jesus? People are born in sin and choose what they want rather than what God wants.

Memory Verse:
“He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with much grief, and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not” Isaiah 53:3



Pictured: FEC Kids Midweek

STUDENTS

Impact Retreat



Impact had so much fun this September! We enjoyed hanging out with the students at Binghampton Christian Academy, an escape room, a scavenger hunt, and just getting to be together and have fellowship all weekend! Our focus this weekend was prayer and being in relationship with our Creator. We are praying that our students take what they learned and remember it and share it!

Common Ground Run the River



Over Labor Day weekend, we headed to Mammoth Spring, Arkansas for our camping trip! We spent the weekend rafting, building boats, playing games, and building community with one another! Our focus for the weekend was “Listen.” We spent time looking at John 10:27, and learning about how as believers, we are called to listen to God’s voice. At the end of the weekend, we had the sweet opportunity to baptize one of our students in the river! It was such a gift to be able to witness this and have his friends and family surround him! We are so thankful for this community and the chance to spend time together!

GLOBAL MISSIONS



GCAMM 2023 by Ron Man, Missionary in Residence

Missionaries and Christian workers representing 24 countries (U.S., Canada, Puerto Rico, Brazil, U.K., France, Spain, Germany, Romania, Kenya, Cameroon, Ghana, Mozambique, South Africa, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Kyrgyzstan, Singapore, China, Hong Kong, South Korea, Mongolia, and Australia) gathered September 11-14 at Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, for the 20th anniversary gathering of the *Global Consultation on Arts and Music in Missions* (gcomm.org) (Previous events have been held in the U.S., Singapore, Thailand, Kenya, and online). The purpose was to share and celebrate how God is using local cultural expressions of music, drama, visual arts, dance, and media in the furtherance of the gospel and in the life of the Church around the world. It was a rich time of worship, learning, fellowship, and networking! And many connections were made for future collaboration in the cause of Christ.

First Evan had a major role in this event. Missionary in Residence **Ron Man** was on the planning committee for the conference, and also was one of 7 plenary speakers: he spoke in chapel for the conference participants and the seminary student body on the subject "I Will Make My Name Great among the Nations" (Malachi 1:11), which was well received. First Evan missionary **Roger Lowther** played an organ prelude and postlude for that same chapel service, and also delivered a powerful plenary address on the last night of the conference. Many First Evaners will also remember **Eric Sarwar** of Pakistan, who was another of the plenary speakers as well as leading a time of Pakistani worship. In addition, **First Evan's Global Missions Team** helped with scholarship funding for many of those attending from overseas, for which they were profoundly grateful.

Two clear takeaways from the conference: the unchanging message of the gospel can be communicated in a vast array of different ways; and there can never be too many ways to praise our great God and Savior!



SUNDAYS, 12:00 P.M., FELLOWSHIP HALL

OCTOBER 15 - DANA PHILLIPS & DAVID AND MARY ALICE STEVENS

NOVEMBER 12 - GABOR AND EDINA GRESZ

GIVING

Maui Wildfire Relief Update

Funds are being collected for Wildfire Relief on the island of Maui, Hawaii. To date, **\$13,370** has been sent to **Hope Chapel on Maui** as they reach out to their community with the love of Jesus in very tangible ways. If you are interested in assisting financially with this disaster, please designate any funds to the **Domestic Disaster Fund**, or merely designate "Hawaii fires." You can also give at www.firstevan.org/maui. Funds received through October will be allocated to disaster relief in this area.

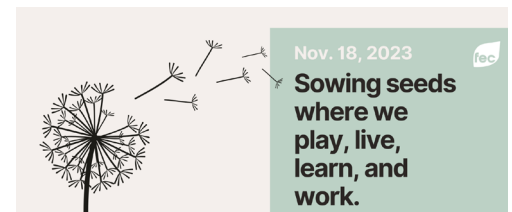
Romania Update

First Evaners were very generous when sending our Common Ground Students to Romania this summer. The Global Missions Team approved that any surplus, after expenses of this short-term trip, would go toward assisting Dan Onu and his team as they continue to reach out to the people of Paun, the village where our students assisted with a Youth Camp. **\$13,563.97** was collected over and above trip expenses. These funds will be used to assist in building a **Youth Center** to expand the ministry there.

OUTREACH

Play, Live, Learn, and Work on Mission—An Outreach Training with Gabor and Edina Gresz

**Saturday, November 18
9:00–11:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall**



Join us for an exciting morning of "Becoming a CoJourneyer," a practical outreach training aimed at equipping First Evaners to confidently and comfortably share our faith through meaningful conversations with the non-believers in our lives. Let's unite in the mission of spreading the Gospel and fostering a closer, more vibrant community of believers at First Evan.

Childcare will be available. Registration begins Sunday, October 29.

WOMEN

Women's Retreat Recap



We had a great time at our annual Women's Retreat in Florence, Alabama! There was much laughter, time for relaxation and fellowship, good food, worshipful music, and solid Bible teaching from Lea Lundy. It was a sweet picture of cross-generational community.

Garden Gathering: Planting Bulbs

Friday, October 13, 10:00 a.m.
Mary Minor's Home

Come hear a devotional by Mary Ewing followed by Mary Minor taking us through the steps of how and when to plant bulbs. Light refreshments provided. Limit: 19; Register at www.firstevan.org/gardengathering.

Women's Christmas Dinner

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, December 7, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Memphis Hilton | Ticket Sales Begin (\$20/person; \$200/table): Sunday, November 5, 8:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Join us for a night of Christmas Celebration with singer [Caroline Cobb](#).

Caregivers Group

Thursday, November 16
11:45 a.m., Chapel

Caregivers is a ministry for ladies caring for loved ones. This month we will enjoy lunch and hear from Dr. Paul Neal about how to approach the holidays well. Contact Women's Ministry Director Christy Bicknell or Caregivers Director Sue Sharpe, 901-828-2624 with questions. Registration required (opens in October) at www.firstevan.org/caregivers.

YOUNG ADULTS

Break Fair Game

Wednesdays through November 15
6:30-8:30 p.m., E134



All young adults are welcome to join us as we openly discuss young adults' questions such as: *Did God create evil? Should guns be banned? Why is homosexuality treated differently than other sins in the church?* And more! This is a safe and welcoming space. We hope to see you there! Text Anies Kunda at 901-304-4894 for details.

Break Sunday Night Dinner

Sundays, 6:30 p.m., Host Homes Young Adults, on (most) Sunday nights we will have dinner and fellowship! Join us! Contact Kassie Sanborn at ksanborn@firstevan.org for the address or more details

MEMPHIS MINISTRIES

Come and See Events

Come and See events are upcoming events that are happening with our local ministries. You'll get to invest one or two hours to see who is ministering to whom and how they do it. You may also get to participate in some way. The opportunities vary by ministries. It could be a tour, a golf tournament, or serving a meal!

Check out what's happening this month: www.firstevan.org/come-and-see.



Or, come visit us before and after the Worship Service and we can help you get connected:

Sunday, October 15, Fellowship Hall
Sunday, November 5, Fellowship Hall



40 Days for Life - Sidewalk Vigil

Tuesdays, October 3-31
6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Outside of Planned Parenthood
(2430 Poplar Ave.)

40 Days for Life is a prayer vigil led by Memphis Coalition for Life to end abortion. First Evan will stand on the sidewalk every Tuesday. You can volunteer for time slots at www.firstevan.org/40daysforlife.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Communion Break Dinner (Young Adults) 6:30 p.m., Host Home	2 ACT II Widows Fellowship 10:00 a.m., Chapel Men's Bible Study 6:30-8:00 p.m., E143	3 40 Days for Life Sidewalk Vigil 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Outside Planned Parenthood	4 Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m., Zoom Gym Closes at Noon for Voting Set-up Fitness Room Available	5 Gym Closed for Voting Fitness Room Available	6	7
8 Child Dedication Break Dinner (Young Adults) 6:30 p.m., Host Home	9 Men's Bible Study 6:30-8:00 p.m., E143	10 40 Days for Life Sidewalk Vigil 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Outside Planned Parenthood No Heart to Heart Due to Fall Break	11 Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m., Zoom No Midweek Meal or Electives Due to Fall Break	12	13 Garden Gathering (Women) 10:00 a.m., Mary Minor's Home	14 Break (Young Adults) Camping Trip >> Serendipity Resort and Campground (Brownsville, TN)
15 >>> Baptisms Come & See Table AM, Fellowship Hall Missions Lunch Stevens & Phillips 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall FEC Prayer Focus 5:00-5:30 p.m., Zoom	16 STREETS Swinging In The Streets 11:00 a.m., Chickasaw Country Club Council Meeting 6:30-8:00 p.m., E135	17 40 Days for Life Sidewalk Vigil 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Outside Planned Parenthood Heart to Heart 9:30-11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall	18 Men's Bible Study 6:30-7:30 a.m., Zoom Fellowship Meal 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall Midweek Electives 6:15 p.m.	19	20	21
22 Lessons & Carols Music Preview 12:15 p.m. Lunch, Chapel 1:15 p.m. Preview, Sanctuary FEC Prayer Focus 5:00-5:30 p.m., Zoom	23 Men's Bible Study 6:30-8:00 p.m., E143	24 40 Days for Life Sidewalk Vigil 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Outside Planned Parenthood Heart to Heart 9:30-11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall	25 Men's Bible Study 6:30-8:00 p.m., Zoom Fellowship Meal 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall Kids Carnival 6:00-8:00 p.m., Gym Some Midweek Electives 6:15 p.m.	26	27	28
29 Reformation Sunday FEC Prayer Focus 5:00-5:30 p.m., Zoom	30 Church Offices & Rec Center Closed for Staff Event Reopens at 2:00 p.m.	31 40 Days for Life Sidewalk Vigil 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Outside Planned Parenthood Heart to Heart 9:30-11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall	<h1>OCTOBER 2023</h1>			