

ATTENTION ALL SAINTS!

October 27, 2015

Saint never meant perfection. In fact in the Epistles of the New Testament, it is taken for granted that all Christians are holy, and all who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are his “saints”. Saints are those who are pointed in the right direction, who with God’s help in Jesus Christ faithfully seek to pursue higher paths and sing their songs of praise. As the Apostle Paul put it, *“Not that I am perfect, but I press on toward the mark.”*

The early church in 837 C.E. developed the festival of All Saints Day to honor and show respect for martyrs who died in pursuit of their faith. It was held each year on November 1. Eventually, this tradition was broadened to include all those who have gone before us in faith.

On November 1, FSPC will celebrate All Saints Day as a part of our worship service. We will pay tribute to members who have entered into the “Church Triumphant” since October 1, 2014. Members will also be encouraged to name family and friends who have gone before us in faith. Special candles will be lit, and we will join together in a Litany of Remembrance.

This day might also be a good time for families to get out old photographs and talk as a family about relatives past and present. Or perhaps we might pick out someone in the Bible we would consider a saint and talk about what we have learned from that individual about living the faith.

In a lasting tribute, let us put into our lives the eternal qualities, the “Godly” principles, they revealed. One way we can do this is through the dedication of our pledges of time, talent, and treasure to our Stewardship Campaign, **Celebrate the Joy of Giving.** We will dedicate these gifts this Sunday as a part of our morning worship. May they truly be gifts of joy and thanksgiving for the blessings we have received and help move forward the mission and ministry of Fort Street Presbyterian Church in 2016.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

Pastor Bob Agnew

