

# January Focus

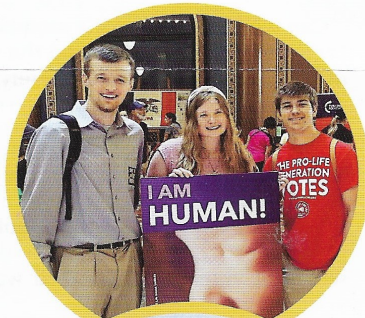
The Family Leader is one of our missions here in Iowa. This Christian ministry focuses on faith, family and freedom policies that strengthen the family, church and government. Below is a summary of what they do:



## SEE WHAT YOUR PARTNERSHIP WITH TFL IS DOING:

### 1. Life Wins!

It's been a journey: We passed Heartbeat in 2018, filed briefs to overturn Roe v. Wade, argued at the Iowa Supreme Court, and passed Heartbeat again in a special session. At every step, TFL has been a relentless voice for life. **But at long last, pre-born babies are protected from the moment their hearts begin to beat.** Thank you for partnering with TFL to save lives!



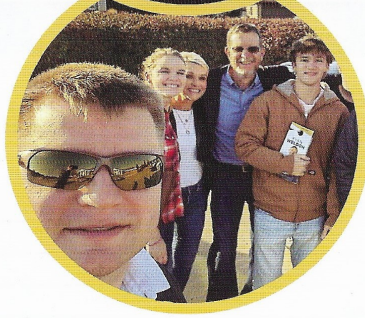
### 2. Policy Wins!

Decades of fighting for religious liberty were rewarded in 2024, as Iowa passed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, a law signed by Gov. Reynolds at a TFL appreciation dinner. **No longer will the state be able to unjustly punish Iowans for living out their religious beliefs.** Thank you for partnering with TFL to restore our religious liberty!



### 3. Election Wins!

In the 2024 Election, TFL stepped into tight, legislative races to champion 14 pro-life, pro-family candidates. **By God's grace and with your help, we won 13 of 14 races!** And through The DANiEL Impact, TFL equipped thousands of churches across the country with resources to encourage millions of Christians to vote. Thank you for partnering with TFL to equip the Church for engaging government!





Dear Friend of the Family,

Can we talk plainly for a moment? America today is bitterly divided, and the values that once united us – like faith, family, and freedom – are now considered “controversial.”

Just like politicians, there are organizations across this land that promise they can fix all that ... for a donation. Yet every election, half of America donates billions of dollars to the political process, all to see it go down the drain when the vote doesn't go their way.

It's a waste. Why? Because any plan to “fix” America that doesn't start and end with God's Church is a false promise. God has designed His people to be the catalyst for change, His Church to be the institution that transforms a culture. Not an election. Not a hero who has to win. God's Church.

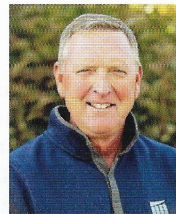
That's why The FAMiLY Leader's first focus is the Church. Our commitment to an inspired Church is the reason we've seen results:

God-honoring leaders elected, righteous policy passed, and community-impacting partnerships built.

Put simply, we see wins where others don't because we're putting your dollars where they actually make a difference.

This year end, I'm asking you to join the ministry that's impacting America ... because we're inspiring the Church to be the change.

For the family,




*Bob*

Bob Vander Plaats  
President & CEO,  
The FAMiLY Leader

Yes, I want to join TFL in impacting America...because we're **inspiring the Church to be the change!**

*I would like to give:*

- One-time by Check      Online at [TheFAMILYLeader.com/GIVE](http://TheFAMILYLeader.com/GIVE) 
- \$2,500    \$1,000    \$500    \$250    \$100    Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Gifts to The FAMiLY Leader Foundation, a 501(c)3, are tax-deductible and help fund the overall mission and ministry.



*Please make checks payable to:*

The FAMiLY Leader Foundation  
P.O. Box 42245  
Urbandale, Iowa 50323

I would like to learn more about making a meaningful gift through my estate, or a gift of grain or stock.

I would like to learn more about tax-saving strategies for giving.

## **God DOES still answer prayers!!**

My large 2 year old Yellow Lab, Max, was always tied up on his cable attached to my work shop where he had a doggie door to allow him to go inside whenever he wanted. I made certain he stayed tied to that 40' long tether cable whenever I was not around home, as he had a tendency to wander unless I was there.

One Friday in January, 2003, I had hurriedly connected him to that cable at noon after I had been home for an early lunch, then rushed off to my work.

When I arrived home again around 4:00 PM, Max was not there on that tie out. In fact the entire cable along with Max was missing. I was confused how that spring loaded clip had unhooked. There was about two inches of fresh snow on the ground, so I started to follow the trail of him dragging that cable. Well that trail looked like a puzzle in that he had gone everywhere imaginable. There is a 40 acre grass field behind us and his trail appeared to head out there. I assume he was chasing rabbits with the circular motions I saw from his prints.

I drove around that field for nearly an hour yelling his name out the window as I traveled. I would stop every now and then, shut the truck off, and listen to see if he would make a sound like rustling of the grass or bark at his prey. Nothing! No sounds at all!

It was now getting dusk. I was about in the middle of that field when I thought I heard a very faint bark off to the west. I drove over that direction but did not see any prints from him so I gave up; thinking it was my imagination and my desire to hear anything.

My greatest fear was that he may run east toward the river that is about 3/4 of a mile away. Coyotes are always down there so I knew if he went there, they would pack up on him and kill him. I did not see a trail going that direction so I was hopeful he had not.

I prayed to God for a sign to find him, but it became darker and darker and more urgent. Eventually I simply had to quit looking and prayed he might find his way back home over night.

The other fear was him freezing to death as the forecast was for the temperature to drop below zero over night.

The following morning I saw he had not come home. I did another round of searching but to no avail. We had a meeting to attend early that morning so we had to leave with our hearts deep in concern for Max.

When we returned later that morning, I felt a little defeated since Max had not shown up and had not barked that I had heard. I prayed again that God would keep him safe and if Max had met his demise, that it had been quick and painless. But I still had hope he may have survived that cold night even with coyotes wandering about.

I offered more prayer and just like our great God, I received a word, a strong sense, to check once more in the direction I had thought I heard a faint bark the evening before. I drove my truck to the far corner of the property and got out to look and listen. Once out of the truck, I noticed a trail in the snow going down the embankment into the nearby drainage ditch. I followed the trail down that bank and noticed it turned left on the ice where then the trail quit due to no snow. I cautiously stepped out onto the ice and looked left where the trail headed. There I saw Max sitting on the bank about 100 feet west of me. I yelled his name and he tried to jump but the tie out cable was wrapped up on some rubble and he had about two feet to move. I gingerly trotted on the ice to him and unhooked him. He, of course, greeted me with many jumps and licks. We then headed back to my truck and I put him inside to warm him.

God had answered my prayer when I stopped trying to take over myself and listened for HIS guidance. Had I done that the evening before, I think HE would have guided me to Max then.

Praise God HE truly does answer prayers if we only will listen for his answer and be patient.

-By Greg Flugum

# January Sermons & Scriptures

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## ★ January 5, 2025

Second Sunday after Christmas

*Morning Worship and Holy Communion*

*Sermon: The Believer's Future*

First Lesson: 1 Kings 3:4-15

Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:8-27

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:40-52

## ★ January 19, 2025

Second Sunday after Epiphany

*Morning Worship Service*

*Sermon: Children of the Promise*

OT Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5

Epistle Lesson: Romans 9:1-13

Gospel Lesson: John 2:1-11

## ★ January 12, 2025

Epiphany

*Morning Worship Service*

*Sermon: Conquerors, and Then Some*

OT Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7

Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:28-39

Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:15-22

## ★ January 26, 2025

Third Sunday after Epiphany

*Morning Worship Service*

*Sermon: Is God Unjust?*

OT Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

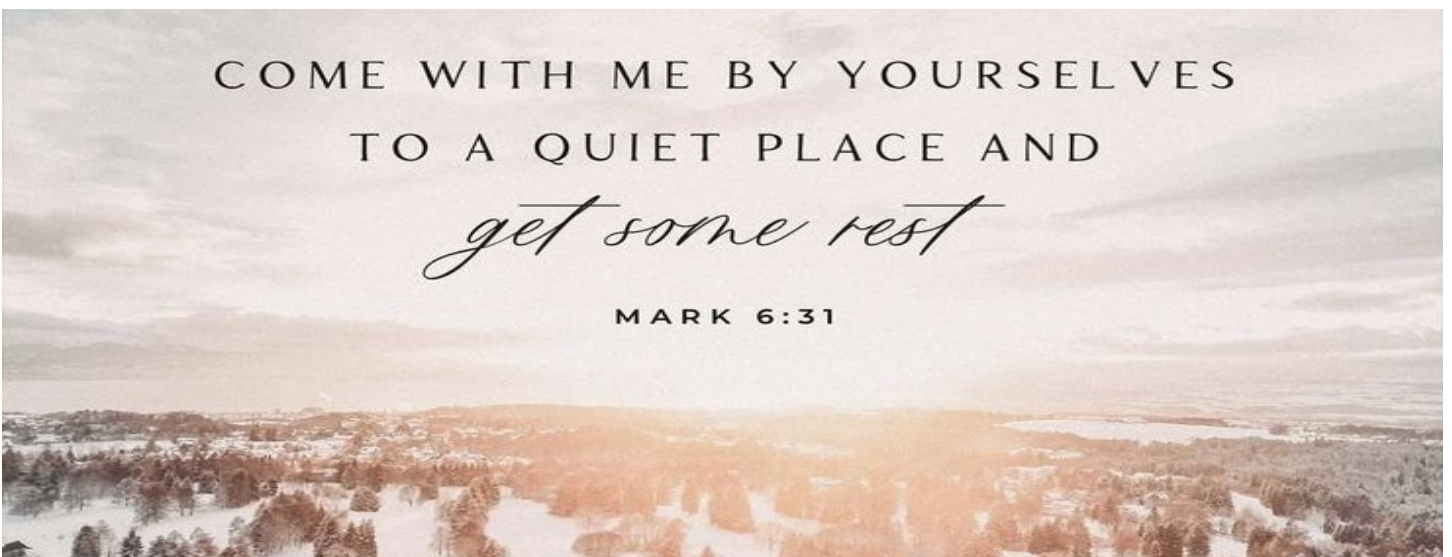
Epistle Lesson: Romans 9:14-21

Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:16-29

COME WITH ME BY YOURSELVES  
TO A QUIET PLACE AND

*get some rest*

MARK 6:31



★ Last month I mentioned Dr. Mary Ann McNeilus' recipe for "Rocket Fuel" to combat colds & the like. Dr. McNeilus served as a missionary to Africa where there were no hospitals or pharmacies for medications. Therefore, she had to rely on natural remedies. Below is her recipe for "Nature's Penicillin".

## **Nature's Penicillin**

Nature's Penicillin can be used effectively for the following purposes: colds, flu, sore throat, infection, respiratory problems, and as a general immune system strengthener. It is simple and inexpensive to make. The recipe and how to use it is listed below.

### **RECIPE:**

- 1 Grapefruit
- 1 Orange
- 2 Lemons
- 3 Cloves of Garlic
- ½ Large Onion
- 3 Drops Peppermint Oil

Cut fruit and onion into pieces. Place in blender with enough water so that the mixture turns in the blender. You may find that you will have to add more water, but just a little at a time. Mix well. Add peppermint oil at the end. For an adult, take one cup a day and for a child, take ½ cup per day. Pour remainder into a glass jar, cover with a lid and keep refrigerated. When ready to use, warm in a saucepan before serving.

### **Medical value of each item used:**

**Grapefruit:** High in vitamin C, which is an immune system strengthener. Grapefruit is valuable as it aids the body in eliminating poisons. The rind of the grapefruit is a natural source of quinine and a good source of vitamin P.

**Orange:** High in vitamin C and A. Also contains high amounts of Potassium and a good amount of Calcium and Phosphorus. Known to decrease excess mucus from the head and nose. Useful in cases of respiratory ailments, such as bronchitis, pneumonia and also asthma, high blood pressure and rheumatism.

**Lemon:** Contains vitamins B, C, Calcium, Iron, Potassium and Phosphorus. Lemons are a natural antiseptic, helpful in destroying harmful bacteria in areas of infection. Because of its vitamin C content, it again acts as an immune system builder. Especially beneficial to the liver, an important organ of elimination. Lemon is also beneficial because it is alkaline forming in the body.

**Garlic:** Contains vitamin B, C, Calcium, Potassium and Phosphorus. Garlic is one of the most beneficial foods for the digestive system and has a positive effect on the lymph, aiding in the elimination of toxic waste matter in the body. It is also a useful cleanser of the blood. It is a natural antibody and therefore very valuable in strengthening the immune system.

**Onion:** Contains vitamin A, Thiamine, Iron, Niacin and Calcium. Onions have antiseptic qualities. They help drain mucus from the sinus cavities and loosen phlegm. They will also help destroy worms and other parasites in the body. Recommended in cases of asthma, bronchitis, pneumonia, flu and colds.

**Peppermint Oil:** Peppermint oil brings oxygen into the blood stream. It cleanses and strengthens the entire body.

How to

pray

for yourself



1. Pray for a **daily passion and hunger** for God and His Word.  
(Matthew 4:4)
2. Pray for an **obedient heart** to both hear and apply what you learn from God's Word daily.  
(James 1:22)
3. Pray for a **mind of discernment**.  
(Philippians 1:9-10)
4. Pray for **knowledge of God's will** daily.  
(Colossians 1:9-10)
5. Pray to know the **love of Christ** more deeply.  
(Ephesians 3:14,18,19)
6. Pray to know the **hope and riches** of your glorious inheritance.  
(Ephesians 1:16)
7. Pray for **strength and endurance** daily.  
(Ephesians 3:16)
8. Pray for a **greater understanding** of God's power within you.  
(Ephesians 6:10, 1 John 4:4)
9. Pray for an **ever-increasing faith** daily.  
(Mark 9:24)
10. Pray that you **do not succumb** to temptations.  
(Matthew 6:13)
11. Pray to develop the **Fruits of the Spirit** richly and responsibly.  
(Galatians 5:22-23)
12. Pray for **boldness** to preach the Gospel and to **bear** good fruit.  
(Matthew 28:18)
13. Pray that your heart will be **surrendered, broken and humbled** daily.  
(Psalm 51:17)
14. Pray that you will be **protected** from all the snares and strategies of the enemy.  
(Matthew 6:13)

### **We Welcome Your Submissions:**

Please help encourage others and make this your church newsletter. Feel free

To share any encouraging stories, personal testimonies, God sightings, answers to prayer, or uplifting items.

No need for it to be a full page.

Thank you for being a part of the PKLC family!



# January Volunteers

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## Communion

Sarah

## Greeters

Dave/Alicia

Bill/Sarah

Don/Sue

Brandon/Amanda

## Reader

Sarah

Jeff

Nick

Don

## Sound

Greg

Brandon

Steve

Matt

## Computer

Bobby

Rachel

Donna

Dave

## Acolyte

Kazra

Kinsley

Cooper

Ella

## Pianist

Marcia

Marcia

Sheryl

Sheryl

## Usher

Tony.....

## Custodians

Deb/Randy.....

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- If you find that you have been scheduled for a ministry time that you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and let pastor know. Thank you!

# JANUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
<b>5 Communion Sunday</b> Greeters: Dave/Alicia Reader: Sarah Acolyte: Kazra  Griefshare- 2pm	6	7	8  Confirmation- 4:30	9  Quilting- 10am	10	11
12 Greeters: Bill/Sarah Reader: Jeff Acolyte: Kinsley	13	14  Deacons- 5:45pm Council- 6:30pm	15  Confirmation- 4:30	16	17	18
19 Greeters: Don/Sue Reader: Nick Acolyte: Cooper  Griefshare- 2pm	20	21  Women's Bible Study 2pm	22  Confirmation- 4:30	23	24	25
<b>26 Annual Reports Due</b> Greeters: Brandon/Amanda Reader: Don Acolyte: Ella	27	28	29  Confirmation- 4:30	30	31	

## Birthdays

5- Randy Stensrud, Don Reese  
 11- Amanda Cink  
 12- Luke Peine  
 15- Emily Daggett  
 17- Don Elbert  
 30- Donna Edelen