Ignore Spam Emails

This is a friendly reminder!

Friends,

As a member of the church, you may have received several emails over the course of your time with us from scammers posing as one of the pastors requesting your help for something "important", "urgent" or asking you to be discreet.

Pay attention to the "From" email address. It is most likely not from FPC's Mindy Douglas or church staff accounts. If you received an email please ignore and/or delete it. DO NOT RESPOND. Please continue to be aware of scammers posing as clergy for monetary assistance.

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A few tips to remember.

1. **Be skeptical of unusual requests:** If you receive an email or text from someone claiming to be a staff member or pastor of FPC be cautious. All staff emails end in @firstpres-durham.org. Verify phone numbers with the church life app.
2. **Verify the Sender**: Always verify the identity of the person asking for gift cards. Contact them directly using a known and trusted method, not the contact information provided in the suspicious message.
3. **Watch for Urgency**: Scammers often create a sense of urgency, claiming something terrible will happen if you don't act immediately. Take a moment to think and verify the request before taking any action.
4. **Protect Your Gift Card Information**: Never share a gift card number and PIN with anyone requesting it over the phone or by text/email. Once you provide this information, the scammer can use the funds immediately, and it's challenging to recover the money.
5. **Pay Attention to Red Flags**: Be alert to details that seem off or unusual. It's better to be safe and verify than to fall for a scam.