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From Airwaves to Cyberspace



Rev. Dr. Bob Fuller
Senior Pastor

Ninety-seven years ago, First Presbyterian Church seized an opportunity to spread the gospel in a new way, using a new technology: Radio. Reverend P.B. Hill was the pioneer who led FPC's foray into broadcast ministry. Donald E. Everett wrote,

WOAI, oldest and strongest of San Antonio radio stations, began broadcasting the church's Sunday morning services on a regular basis in 1923. Not only did [P.B.] Hill reach many unchurched San Antonians, but his name became familiar to families living on remote ranches in the hill country. Known as "the church in the hills,"

the increasingly powerful WOAI station enabled Hill's sermons to be heard far beyond the confines of Texas. (Everett, 83).

FPC's Media ministry began and prospered during the radio age. But, at the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, we quickly realized that serving the needs of our church family, our neighborhood and mission partners, would require this radio church to move into the video and information age. It was time for us to move from the airwaves into cyberspace.

In January of 2020, we were just beginning to dabble in the platform of live-streaming using social media like Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. When the City of San Antonio shut down all public gatherings in March 2020, we had to make some quick adjustments. Even though we had been video-recording sermons for years, FPC did not have the tools in place to capture our full worship experience.

There were both technological and human issues to be overcome. All of our pastors, musicians and worship leaders were trained for in-person worship leadership. Leading prayers, songs and preaching to a camera requires a particular skill set. The transition is like moving from a Broadway play

to a television show. I will never forget the first time I had to preach into a camera while standing in the dining room of my home.

We have also faced a variety of technical issues as we have climbed the steep learning curve of video production. After just four months, however, we are beginning to reach a comfort level with our skills and technology. (Please see my article in First Look Email from July 16 for more details about the production of a live-streaming service).

In addition to our video improvements, we have also used this season to enter into another very popular communication platform: podcasting. Podcasting is a "radio" style medium produced on a computer for broadcast on the Internet. During this COVID-19 crisis, First Presbyterian Church has introduced three new podcasts with approximately 400 regular listeners each week. These podcasts include the Scripture and Song podcast by associate pastor Mitchell Moore and 1102 Worship leader Callan Brown, the Music at First podcast produced by our Minister of Music Tom Dooling, and my own "No Fear" podcast. We are also offering all of our worship services in the podcast format as well.

We are and will always be a face-to-face community. As one person described FPC, “we are not an online church; but, we are a face-to face church with an online presence.” Thanks to our expanded media capabilities, we are able to maintain connections with one another to a greater extent than ever before. July is ordinarily a low month for worship attendance, but this year the first two Sundays of July were our highest in years. Last year, our average attendance in July was 472. This year it is 630. Each week we are hearing from members who are joining worship from ranches, beach houses, mountain homes and Winnebagos. They are checking in from Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Florida, and all over Texas. We even have groups meeting on Zoom to watch the services together. Whether in quarantine or on vacation, people are logging in to worship together.

The move into live-streaming and broadcast video production has required three things from the congregation. It has required your patience, your prayerful encouragement, and your resources. In all three accounts, the congregation has invested deeply into this ministry. You have faithfully provided financial resources to purchase, install and learn the intricate technological systems that will accelerate our communication mission exponentially. You have also patiently endured all of the technical glitches and personal bloopers that occur while amateurs learn to be adept and we work to catch-up with other churches in San Antonio. Most of all, you have prayed prayers and offered encouragement for the team as we grow in this area. As the Apostle Paul wrote:

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.
(Philippians 1:3-5)

Thank you for your partnership in this new ministry!

**SOLI DEO GLORIA,
- REV. DR. BOB FULLER**

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Online & In-Person Weekly Services

Date/time: Beginning Sunday August 2 | 9:00 AM & 11:02 AM

We have resumed in-person worship today. Visit fpcsanantonio.org/reunion for reopening guidelines. We will continue streaming the 9:00 AM & 11:02 AM services live on our webpage fpcsanantonio.org/media. Please refresh your browser at the start of the live service to join in. A recorded version of each service will be available online immediately following the close of service.

- 9:00 AM - Traditional Service in Sanctuary & Online
- 10:00 AM - Sunday School Hour
 - Adult & Youth Online & On-campus; Children Online ONLY
- 11:02 AM - Contemporary Service in Westminster Hall & Online

Call the Church (210) 226-0215

The Church Offices remain closed to the public to help maintain a healthy and safe environment. However, you can still reach us by calling during our (virtual) office hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM or by emailing your ministry leader

Virtually Connect with FPC's Ministries

Ministries are still happening! We want to connect with you and continue to be the body of Christ in this unique time.

Care & Prayer

- Care and Concern: Call 210-222-CARE (210-222-2273) for current list. Email lisas@fpcsat.org to join the email list.
- Request prayer and pray for others online at fpcsanantonio.org/prayerwall.
- FPC Virtual Prayer Room meets Wednesdays on Zoom from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Zoom Meeting ID: 826 9365 7302 | Password: 727274

Children

- Parents, contact Rozlyn Miller at rozlynm@fpcsat.org for more information or to join the Private Facebook Group.

University

- Email alexs@fpcsat.org if you need anything.
- Connect with us on Instagram & Twitter @fpc_umin & Facebook (www.facebook.com/2TenSATX).

Young Adults

- Watch fpcsanantonio.org/ya for updates.
- Contact Carrie at carrie@fpcsat.org or Mitchell Moore at mitchellm@fpcsat.org for more info.

Missions

- Connect with our FPC Missions Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/fpcmissions).
- Visit fpcsanantonio.org/global-missions for the most recent updates from our partners.
- Join our 9:38 Mission Prayer Text line to receive weekly prayer updates. Email lindsays@fpcsat.org with your mobile number to join.
- Contact Lindsay Selli at missions@fpcsat.org for more information or to share ideas on how to help our community.

KEYS: Older Adults

- Friday Morning Zoom Meetings each week at 11:00 AM. Zoom ID 570 618 8075. No Password. This will be our weekly online meeting whether we have a scheduled speaker or not.
- Request to join our private Facebook Group or get more information by emailing joem@fpcsat.org.

Youth

- Hang out with us on Instagram @fpcsayouth and on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fpcsayouth)
- Visit our FPC Youth webpage fpcsanantonio.org/youth for additional updates.
- Email Alex Clary at alexc@fpcsat.org, Emily Yergler at emilyy@fpcsat.org, Mac at mccalebt@fpcsat.org, or shoot the Youth Ministry a DM to get more information.

Connect Through Podcasts

- FPC will resume releasing one episode each week in August for Pastor Bob's No Fear Podcast. Please listen, subscribe and share God's promises of strength and comfort. Visit fpcsanantonio.org/podcasts for more information about all of our podcasts or fpcsanantonio.org/no-fear-podcast for links to all of the episodes of the No Fear Podcast.

Sunday School Classes

Adult and Youth Sunday schools are welcome to return to on-campus meeting at their leaders' discretion. All other activities, including children's Sunday school and all Bible studies, will continue to be held online.

Join us for Sunday school each week at 10:00 AM for Adult, Youth, and Children**. Visit fpcsanantonio.org/reunion for the most up to date Sunday School listings. Contact class leaders for Zoom Meeting information.

At this time, due to the recent spike in Covid-19 cases in San Antonio and out of an abundance of caution for our congregation, **there will continue to be no children's classes or childcare on-campus on Sunday mornings. We invite families to continue to worship together with their children in our on-campus services or from home. Stay tuned for more information about children's ministry as we look forward to the reopening of schools.



DiscoverFirst! Class

Interested in membership at FPC or just want to learn more about our church? We will be offering three different DiscoverFirst! classes this Fall in which you will meet our pastoral and programming staff, hear more about our denomination and theology, as well as discover ways you can serve in our church and in the greater San Antonio community. Simply follow the link below to register for one of the following session:

fpcsanantonio.org/discover-first-registration-page

- Sunday, August 2
2:30 – 2:30 | via Zoom
- Sunday, September 13
12:15 – 2:30 | Location TBD
- Sunday, October 25
12:15 – 4:00 | Location TBD

Contact Heather Beltrame at heatherb@fpcsat.org for more information.

Serve Your FPC Family

Smiling Faces Needed as Church Greeters!

Join one of our greeting teams at FPC who welcome our church family each week to worship. We have 5 teams who are responsible for each week of the month (1st Sunday, 2nd Sunday, etc). Each team is made of enough people to cover the positions needed while providing flexibility for travel or other times in which you may be away from FPC and unable to serve.

We utilize greeters prior to the Traditional and Contemporary services to welcome Covenant Partners as well as those who are visiting with us assisting all in finding their classroom or worship location. The most important part of this role is providing a friendly smile and warm welcome to all who come through our doors as we seek to share God's greatest hospitality.

Contact Wendy Garcia at wendyg@fpcsat.org for more information or to sign up!

Have A Need Fill A Need Ministry

FPC is continuing the "Have a Need/Fill a Need" Ministry to support FPC members in need during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We have volunteers who can assist members with grocery and medicine shopping/delivery, phone calls and prayers, or with assistance in learning how to stay connected with FPC online.

If you know of someone who could use assistance in any of these areas, please encourage them to either call the church at 210-226-0215 or use the online form at www.fpcsanantonio.org/fill-a-need, to let us know their needs. We hope to be able to connect volunteers to those making requests within 24 hours.

New Session of GriefShare

Dates/time: Wednesdays | August 12 - November 4 | 6:30 PM

Location: Zoom

Grief Share will continue on Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM via Zoom. The next session will begin on August 12 and continue through November 4. Grief Share is a 13 week video based support group for those who are going through the journey of grief. This will be our fourth session at FPC and our third via Zoom. We can watch the video together and have a time of sharing. There are no requirements to speak up if you don't want to. The materials are powerful and are focused on the healing that is available through Jesus Christ. GriefShare is beneficial to equip everyone for a time when it will be needed, whether personally or for a loved one. For more information connect with Joe Moore joem@fpcsat.org or go to GriefShare.org.

Pray for the City



Pray On MLK

Date: Saturday, August 8

Time: 6:01 - 8:01 PM

Location: MLK Drive

"PRAY on MLK" is happening across the country on Saturday, August 8th (6:01 - 8:01 PM). The national event is coordinated by [Civilrighteousness.org](https://www.civilrighteousness.org). Stay tuned to the [Pray on MLK San Antonio Facebook page](https://www.prayonmlk.org) for more details on where to park and line up to pray along Martin Luther King Drive in San Antonio. (Standing 6 ft apart, masks on & labeled with the word that represents your silent prayer.) Learn more at prayonmlk.org.



Pray SA: Citywide Park-and-Pray

Date: Sundays, August 9 & 16

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Location: Freeman Coliseum

Join us at Freeman Coliseum for a citywide park-and-pray to call upon the Lord to heal our land. 2020 has been a year of great turmoil, but it is also a year of great promise. Together, we will pray and seek the Lord's hand to move on our city and our nation. Join Pray SA on Sunday, August 9 and/or Sunday, August 16 at 7:00 PM. All are welcome, but pre-registration is required. Visit praysa.org to register and for more information.

KinMart & GrandMart School Supply Drive (with L.O.V.E. Initiative)

Drop Off Date: Tuesday, August 4

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: Grace Point Church Medical Center Youth Building
9650 Huebner Rd. 78240

Grandfamilies and Kinship care happen when a family is struggling and Child Protective Services finds a relative that is willing to take the children. They prevent the children from entering foster care, but unfortunately receive little to no help. Our goal is to support these caregivers by providing 400 children with basic school supplies and a backpack. Give online at Alliance4orphans.org, Amazon Wishlist, or Drop Off at Grace Point Church Medical Center Youth Building. Donations are needed by August 4th!

- Amazon Wishlist - tiny.cc/kinmart
- Supply List for Dropoff - fpcsanantonio.org/local-missions-serve



PATHWAYS TO hope
Moving Towards Mental Wellness
Body • Mind • Spirit • Community

A Community Mental Health Initiative

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, AUGUST 21-22
OUR 5TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE IS VIRTUAL!

 <p>MENTAL HEALTH</p>	 <p>THERAPY/COUNSELING</p>	 <p>PEER PROGRAMS</p>	 <p>FAITH COMMUNITIES</p>
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Building partnerships between mental health care and faith communities to eliminate stigma and provide hope for mental wellness.

Conference Highlights

- National and International Expert Presenters
- Personal Testimonies of Hope: Living Well with a Mental Health Challenge
- Holistic Mental Wellness Approaches
- Community Training Opportunities and Mental Health Ministry Resources
- Establish Collaborative Partnerships with Community Stakeholders

2020 Topics Highlights

- Your COVID19 Journey
- Living Well with a Mental Health Diagnosis
- Speaking to Faith and Mental Health
- Navigating a Mental Health Crisis



VISIT WWW.PATHWAYSTOHOPE.NET to register
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: NAMI@NAMI-SAT.ORG

Congratulations to our Newly Elected Officers

Class of 2023

Elders



John Carter



Boxy Hornberger



Nancy Cross



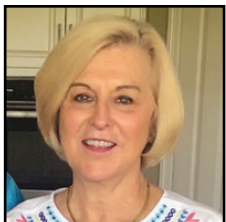
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Dirk DeKoch



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Jeanne Douglas



Irina VillAstrigo

Deacons

(Not Pictured) Janet Hornberger



Shelley Bass



Joy Furhmann



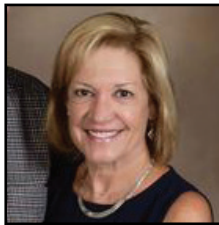
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Kelly Strange



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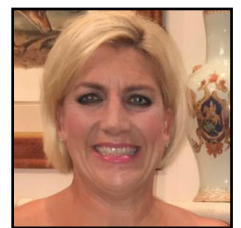
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Scott Howard



Chaney Stuart



Lisa Wolff



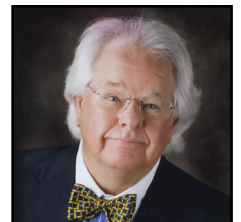
Linda Delano



Pat Johnson



Suzanne Sturdivant



Bill Young

On Sunday, July 12, a special congregational meeting took place to vote on the ONC's nominees for Elders, Deacons and Trustees. The life of the congregation is enriched by the many different kinds of service that members offer. This represents an expression of Paul's great picture of the church as the body of Christ, with each member contributing to the health of the whole. (I Corinthians 12) **Deacons of Class of 2022 & Trustees continued on page 16.**

THE STATE OF TEXAS AWARDS A GRANT FOR MINISTRY TO THE KRL!

CONGRATULATIONS KRL

While you have been encouraged to stay and shelter at home, a growing number of our downtown neighbors have no shelter or home in which to stay. The Kingdom Restoration Lab (KRL) re-opened in early June as the front lines of serving our downtown neighbors. In early July the State of Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) awarded a grant for over \$340,000 to empower the work of the KRL. This grant is historic for our congregation, empowering of our mission, and affirming of the steps of faith we have taken as a church.

The state grant will be locally administered through the South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless (SARAH) to SA Hope, a founding partner for the KRL. The grant was \$100,000 more than SA Hope applied for because of "the demonstrated capacity to handle a larger project and to ensure that dollars are funneled into rapid rehousing quickly, our community's current top priority."



Please pause and feel the weight of what you just read. The Texas government awarded over \$340,000 to a KRL partner, \$100,000 more than requested, because of the demonstrated effectiveness of service from the KRL. Simply stated, the government wants MORE of the love and service our church is demonstrating for our neighbors and neighborhood, and through the state God is entrusting a large amount of resources to steward for deeper impact.

This astounding affirmation is a tribute to the vision of the FPC local mission committee, the

sacrificial leadership of Teresa McCaleb, Karen McCulloch, and dozens of volunteers who have given hundreds of hours hosting our neighbors in the KRL, helping organize, and caring for our ministry partners. This grant is fruit of innovative collaborative Kingdom partnership and a window into the impact a church can have when we creatively and intentionally steward space for ministry.

Our FPC family has walked by faith in opening and stewarding the KRL, most recently demonstrated in a decision by the FPC session to fund a Job Readiness position provided through the Redeeming the Crisis Task Force. This new position gave legitimacy to the grant application and weighed the decision in our favor.

The grant will focus on “rapid re-housing” for our “literally homeless” neighbors as well as rental assistance for qualified neighbors needing help avoiding eviction. Our KRL caseworkers will work with CAM to spread the word of opportunity for our neighbors and partner with other agencies to optimize networking power.

Our church must continue to walk by faith, trusting God to do abundantly more than we can ask or imagine. God is working to show His love and power by redeeming crisis for glory. May He be pleased to use our FPC family and the KRL for the restoration of His Kingdom and the glory of His name.

MORE MERCY.

Rev. A. Mitchell Moore



TOLLE LEGE

Presbyterian/Reformed Christianity in Poland



an educational hub for Presbyterian/Reformed Christians throughout central-eastern Europe.

TLI's mission is strategically important in Poland, where **87% of the population is Roman Catholic, less than 0.5% Protestant, and Presbyterians unheard of.** Most Poles think that "to be Polish is to be Catholic." Polish history says otherwise! Polish Reformer Johannes à Lasco (1499 - 1570), for example, was praised by John Calvin for his exegesis and studied by

John Knox for his contributions to Presbyterian thought.

Rev. Dr. Dariusz Bryćko, who is originally from Warsaw, started Tolle Lege Institute in 2007 as a US nonprofit to translate and publish Reformed materials in Polish. He moved back to Warsaw in 2015 with his American wife, Brooke, and their three children, to open a facility that offers friendly access to hard-to-find Reformed resources. **The Bryćkos' goal is not only to serve truth-seekers in Warsaw, but also to build**

Tolle Lege Institute's mission is to publish theological classics in the Polish language, while they offer access to biblical resources, and host workshops and conferences on Reformation topics. In early June, Tolle Lege published J. Gresham Machen's *Christianity and Liberalism* in Polish! Machen wrote his classic defense of Christian orthodoxy in 1923 to counter rising theological liberalism, a topic that is still very relevant today. *Christianity and Liberalism* is the first in Tolle Lege's new primary-source series called "Intelektualne Wstrząsy," which means something similar to "intellectual shakeup" or "jolt." The goal of the series is to introduce Polish readers to paradigm-shifting works by key thinkers of the Presbyterian/Reformed tradition.

For more information about the Tolle Lege Institute, please visit <https://tollelegeinstitute.org> or email Brooke.Brycko@TolleLegeInstitute.org.

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**"Poland deservedly occupies my thoughts with a very special anxiety.
 - John Calvin, 1555**

KEYS

REV. DR. JOE MOORE

Minister for older adults and congregational care.

“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!”

I share this first verse of Psalm 107, because my initial direction for this month's newsletter was to complain about the length of the quarantine and lament over what we have missed out on in the last few months. I never expected that this would last so long.

Then I remembered the words of a classic hymn, “Count your many blessings Name them one by one And it will surprise you What the Lord has done”. I am so thankful for what God has done and is doing in my life and in the life of our church through this time. I am thankful for how we have been able to stay close even

when we can not be together. My prayer for all of us is that we will not come through these days and be the same as we were when it started, but that we will be forever changed and encouraged by His steadfast love that endures forever.

It looks like we will continue to meet via Zoom for the Month of August. We have enjoyed many good times together and are perfecting this great tool. I will continue to send out weekly reminders with the link to our meeting, but you need to know that the Zoom ID will remain the same so if you can find an old notice all you need to do is click that link.

As we move forward, let's expect to be surprised by what the Lord will do!!

Joining us in August:

Nicole McLeod

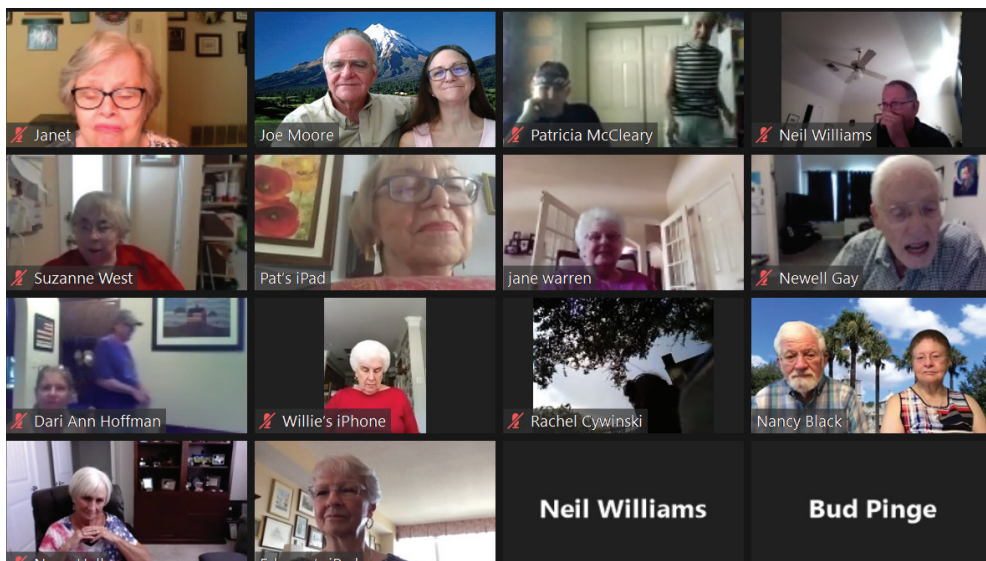
Education Coordinator at Friedrich Wilderness Park

Gary Poole

San Antonio Botanical Garden Conservation Coordinator



Pictures from our July 3rd virtual visit with Martha Washington portrayed by Elizabeth Keaney who works for Mount Vernon.



WOMEN OF THE CHURCH SERVICE TO OTHERS



Presbyterian Children's
Homes and ServicesSM

PCHAS BACK TO SCHOOL ONLINE STORE

Now - August 7

Every year FPC has stepped up to assist in providing much needed school supplies for Presbyterian Children's Home And Services. Whether this fall will be back in the classroom or with remote learning, supplies are still needed to help all do their best.

Learn more at fpcsanantonio.org/women

Amazon Wish List - https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/227AP34CFXDHK/ref=smi_cl_ls_lol_ls



BETSY ZACHRY

President, Women of the Church

As I sit down to write my first entry as president, I have no idea what I am going to say. I would love to script something inspirational but that requires an inspirational writer—therein lies the problem! Though I trust God will work through my limitation, after all, He is purposeful in His gifts.

In contemplating the year ahead and what God has in

store I am struck by the beautiful things we so often gloss-over—the smiling eyes of a stranger wearing a mask, a phone call from a dear friend, or a moment to watch two hawks running (yes, running) around my yard in a game of tag. How often do I stop and really appreciate all the “little” miracles that in the grand scheme of things are really quite wonderful?

I must remind myself to not dwell on what I see and hear



from the world but meditate on the words of the Psalmist from 46:1-5, “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea ... There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most-High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.” What beautiful words to hold, no, cling to.

This year I hope all women, young and those with more life experiences, who attend First Presbyterian Church will join me in searching this new road God would have us follow to serve His kingdom. I seek your wisdom and faith to look beyond a pandemic, not as an end to life as we knew it, but as an opportunity to open our eyes and see clearly how to serve our merciful God in a new and different way. The needs of our community are great and yet we are still called to love and serve in His Name. Perhaps we cannot manage this in the “normal” manner but to focus on others is healthy, it is spirit lifting, it

unites us with our Savior. I say this for myself. In fact, one of my personal challenges is the mission of this year’s WOC—service to others. I pray that each of us will find deep within our individual soul an answer to prayer, an unbreakable bond with the Holy One of Israel, and the comfort and peace of the Father, Abba.

In this year of change, God is stretching each of us and in the process, gently but firmly turning our gaze to focus on Him. To trust Him, to remember His promises, and in the process recall the truthful words of a hymn written in 1870 by Dorothy Greenwell, “I am not Skilled to Understand.” I learned of Ms. Greenwell through Contemporary Christian artist, Aaron Shust, who discovered this song in an old hymnal, added the chorus and gave it new life in the 21st century, titled, “My Savior My God.” The first two stanzas and chorus:

*I am not skilled to understand
What God has willed, what God
has planned;
I only know at His right hand
Stands One who is my Savior*

*I take him at His word and deed
Christ died to save me: this I read
And in my heart I find a need
Of Him to be my Savior*

Chorus:

*My Savior Loves, my Savior Lives
My Savior is always there for me
My God; He was, my God; He is
My God; is always going to be*

Our first meeting of the year will be **Monday, August 31st at 10:00 AM**. We will plan to meet whether at Church in the McCullough Room or by Zoom.

For information about Women of the Church, book studies, circles, social events, and service opportunities please contact me at 210-262-1236 or betsyz@swbell.net. I am here to serve you.



FIRST CUP READINGS AUGUST, 2020

Dear Family in Christ,

First Cup is designed to assist you in the habit of daily Bible reading and prayer. The name is to remind you that as you reach for your first cup of morning coffee or tea, reach also for your Bible and prayer list. The prayers at the beginning of each week are taken from hymns, sometimes found in obscure hymnals in my library. They are intended to be read as your beginning prayer, to focus your mind on the daily readings that follow. May this spiritual discipline strengthen you as you face each day.

Blessings and love in Christ, Sandy Sturch



Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.— Psalm 143:8

- 1 Luke 8:22-25; 2 Samuel 22; Jonah 2;
Psalm 3:5; 4:8; 73:23-26

"Take up thy cross," the Savior said, "If thou wouldst My disciple be; Take up thy cross with willing heart And humbly follow after Me." Take up thy cross; let not its weight Fill thy weak spirit with alarm; His strength shall bear thy spirit up, And brace thy heart, and nerve thy arm. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame; Nor let thy foolish pride rebel; Thy Lord for thee the cross endured, To save thy soul from death and hell. Take up thy cross and follow Christ, Nor think till death to lay it down; For only he who bears the cross May hope to wear the glorious crown. (The Hymnbook, #293)

- 2 Deuteronomy 18:9-13; Psalm 106;
Luke 8:26-39; James 4:7
- 3 Luke 8:40-48; Leviticus 15:25-27; Mark 3:10; 6:56;
Luke 8:49-55; Hebrews 11:6
- 4 Luke 9:1-9; Matthew 14:1-12; 17:9-13;
Matthew 10:17-31
- 5 Exodus 16; Luke 9:10-17; Mark 11:22-25;
Proverbs 30:7-9; John 6:48-51
- 6 Luke 9:18-27; Matthew 10:32-33; 16:24-28;
Philippians 1
- 7 Luke 9:28-36; Isaiah 42:1-9; Matthew 3:16-17; 5:17;
2 Peter 1; Psalm 119:105
- 8 Luke 9:37-45; Mark 9:14-29; Matthew 21:21-22;
James 5:15-16

Our Father in heaven, we hallow Thy name; May Thy kingdom holy on earth be the same; O give to us daily our portion of bread; It is from Thy bounty that all must be fed. Forgive our transgressions, and teach us to know that humble compassion which pardons each foe; Keep us from temptation, from evil and sin, And Thine be the glory forever! Amen. (Baptist Hymnal, #343)

- 9 1 Kings 19:19-21; Luke 9:46-62; Matthew 4:18-22;
Mark 10:17-31; Matthew 6:33
- 10 Luke 10:1-24; Matthew 4:10; Revelation 9:1-11;
12:7-12; 13:5-10; Daniel 12:1-4
- 11 Luke 10:25-37 Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus
19:18; Matthew 19:16-30
- 12 Luke 10:38-42; Matthew 6:25-34; Romans 12:1-13;
Psalm 27:4; 119:97-112
- 13 Luke 11:1-13; Matthew 26:31-46; 69-75;
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
- 14 Luke 11:14-28; 2 Peter 2; Hebrews 6:4-6
- 15 Luke 11:29-32; Jonah 3; 2 Chronicles 9:1-12;
Matthew 12:38-45; John 3:18-21

Oh, the unsearchable riches of Christ, Wealth that can never be told! Riches exhaustless of mercy and grace, Precious, more precious than gold! Oh, the unsearchable riches of Christ! Who shall their greatness declare? Jewels whose luster our lives may adorn, Pearls that the poorest may wear! Oh, the unsearchable riches of Christ! Who would not gladly endure Trials, afflictions, and crosses on earth, Riches like these to secure! Precious, more precious, Wealth that can never be told! Oh, the unsearchable riches of Christ! Precious, more precious than gold. (Worship in Song, #52)

- 16 Luke 11:33-36; Psalm 101; Psalm 18:25-29;
Titus 1:15-16
- 17 Luke 11:37-54; Genesis 4:1-16;
2 Chronicles 24:17-22; Acts 13; Romans 2
- 18 Luke 12:1-12; Acts 6:8-7:60
- 19 Luke 12:13-34; Ecclesiastes 5:10;
Isaiah 57:14-21; Ephesians 5:1-20
- 20 Luke 12:33-48; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11;
2 Thessalonians 2:1-16
- 21 Luke 12:49-53; Mark 10:28-31; 13:3-13;
Matthew 10:17-42
- 22 Luke 12:54-59; Matthew 16:1-4; 2 Timothy 3:1-5;
2 Peter 3; 1 John 2:18-27

There were ninety and nine that safely lay in the shelter of the fold, but the one was out on the hills far away, far off in the dark and cold. Away on the mountains, wild and bare. Away from the tender Shepherd's care. "Lord, Thou hast here Thy ninety and nine; are they not enough for Thee?" But the Shepherd made answer: "This of mine has wandered away from Me; and although the road be rough and steep, I'll go to the desert to find My sheep." And all through the mountains, thunder driven, and up from the rocky steep, there arose a cry up to the gate of heaven, "Rejoice, I have found My sheep!" And the angels echoed around the Throne, "Rejoice, for the Lord brings back His own!" (Trinity Hymnal, #187)

- 23 Luke 13:1-9; Isaiah 5:1-10; John 15:1-17
- 24 Exodus 20:8-11; Matthew 4:23-25; 12:1-14;
Luke 13:10-35
- 25 Luke 14:1-24; Matthew 22:1-14; Zachariah 3
- 26 Luke 14:25-35; Philippians 3:7-4:1
- 27 Luke 15; Proverbs 20:9; 21:17, 25, 26; 22:6;
Psalm 51; Hebrews 12:4-13
- 28 Luke 16:1-18; 12:33-34; Matthew 6:19-34
- 29 Luke 16:19-31; 6:17-26; Matthew 25:31-46
- 30 Luke 17:1-10; Matthew 6:9-15; 18:21-35
- 31 Luke 17:11-19; Leviticus 13:29-37; Acts 14:8-10;
James 5:13-16

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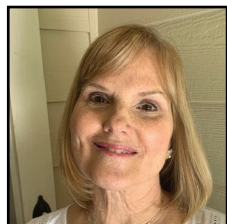
In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. (Romans 8:26).

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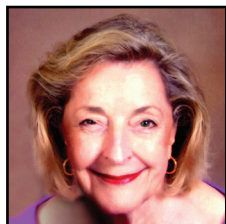
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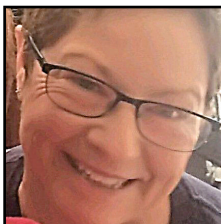
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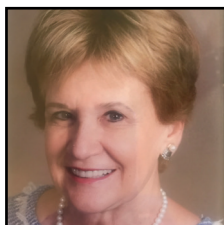
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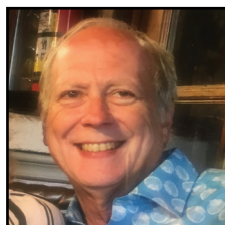
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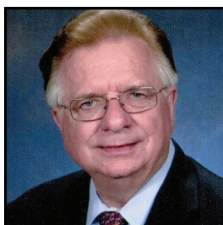
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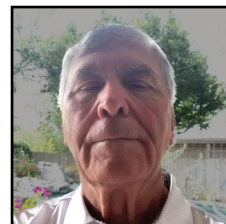


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