



AUGUST 2021

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TO OUR FUTURE 2021

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It's Time to Go Back to School



Rev. Dr. Bob Fuller
Senior Pastor

Last August (2020), schools across the nation were locked down. Administrators and teachers were trying to figure out how to teach their students remotely, and parents were trying to convert homes into classrooms. This August (2021), however, we can joyfully proclaim that our schools—from kindergarten to graduate school—are open, and it is time to go back to school.

With the same enthusiasm, we can declare the kickoff to a new year of spiritual learning. August 22 is our annual Kickoff Sunday and the day that we begin a new year of discipleship education for all ages. For the last 18 months, our ability to gather was hindered. Now that we are wide-open, it is time for the church to get back to school!

Education is foundational to discipleship, and the study of the Bible is at the heart of our Presbyterian Heritage. Dr. John Leith wrote that

"Wherever the reformed community went, it established schools alongside the churches not only to teach the Bible but also to teach the whole range of liberal arts in order to liberate the human spirit. ...Thus, from the beginning the reformed [church] sponsored learning as a Christian duty."

[John Leith, Introduction to the Reformed Tradition, pp. 80-81]

Education is also at the root of our mission. First Presbyterian Church was founded 175 years ago to spread the truth of the gospel in South Texas and beyond into Mexico. Education centered on the study of the Bible was a critical tool in

that endeavor. One cannot separate the origin of this church from the origin of the school founded by John McCullough. McCullough envisioned the church and school as means to carry the reformation gospel into the interior of Mexico. He wrote,

"We have an encouraging Sabbath school of thirty-five children...The day school numbers about fifty, two-thirds of whom are Mexicans....If I were to commence a free school, I could have at least five hundred Mexican children in daily attendance."

[Donald Everett, Adobe Walls to Stone Edifice, p. 11]

Seeing the opportunity, McCullough appealed for help, asking for a Spanish-speaking partner. The Bible Society of New York sent Ramon Montsalvage, a brilliant reformed Spanish monk, and his wife.

"Their school sparked an eager rivalry of Protestants and Catholic education and opened the way for universal education benefiting all the citizens in the city."

[FPC, History in Mission, p.3]

In this anniversary year, we need to rededicate ourselves to "The Life of the Mind in Service to God." [Leith, p. 80]. On August 22, we will begin a new season of Sunday School for all ages (children through adult). We have a highly dedicated group of teachers who are committed to sharing the content of God's word and the love of Jesus with the youngest members of the FPC family.

Our Student Ministry is prepared for a great fall of learning—including our middle school, confirmation and high school classes. We will also be

offering opportunities for small group Bible Studies during the week.

Our university and young adult communities will be meeting for RESET groups and gatherings, and there will be a variety of weekly Bible Studies and fellowship events led by our women's and men's ministries. On Wednesday evenings, Stuart Seal will do a special series on the Art and Architecture of FPC, and I will be leading the Pastor's Bible Study (PBS) on Thursday Mornings.

This fall we will offer a number of Adult Discipleship groups on Sunday mornings. Among those offered, I will be teaching a new Adult Sunday School series called **Frontier Faith: What Presbyterians Believe**. The series is based on a little book called What Presbyterians Believe, by Reverend Dr. P.B. Hill—the colorful minister of First Presbyterian Church and Texas Ranger Captain. It is a great summary of the essential beliefs of our Presbyterian family. My hope is that in our 175th year, this class will provide an opportunity to introduce both our history and foundational doctrines to people who want to know more about who we are and what we believe.

Finally, on the weekend of October 23-24, we will welcome Dr. Ligon Duncan, Chancellor of Reformed Theological Seminary, to deliver the inaugural Louis H. Zbinden, Jr. Lecture Series ["Z-TALKS"]. This will be the capstone of our 175th anniversary celebration. Frankly, in this country and at this moment, we need more engagement with God's word, not less. The book of Jude challenges

us to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. The study of the Bible is the basis for the Christian life, the church's mission and the worship of God's people. John Calvin was convinced that Christians should know what they believed and why they believed it. How can we know and do God's will unless we know God's word?

I hope you will join us as we learn together.

Grace and Peace,

Bob Fuller
Senior Pastor

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SAVE THE DATE

RESET Gathering Young Adult Community

Dates: Mondays, Aug. 30 & Sep. 27

Time: 7:00-8:15 PM

Location: Student Center

Contact: Rev. Mitchell Moore,
mitchellm@fpcsat.org

Join other Young Adults for a time of worship, Biblical teaching, fellowship, and prayer. The RESET Gathering is a chance for us to reset our hearts, minds, and lives on knowing Jesus personally, following Jesus wholly, worshipping Jesus corporately, and serving Jesus globally. Please come check it out and visit fpcsanantonio.org/reset for more information and to sign up for a small group.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals Resume

Time: 7:00 PM

Dates: August 11

Contact: Tom Dooling,

tomd@fpcsat.org

Join us as we seek to glorify God through our Sanctuary Choir this summer.

Friday Singers Resume

Time: 9:30 AM

Dates: Resumes August 13

Location: Choir Room

Contact: Charlotte Hains,

210-710-7173 or

charlottehains@gmail.com

Friday Singers is an outreach ministry to retirement and rehabilitation communities around our area. All are welcome to our rehearsals. Come if you love to sing!

KRL Summer Support

Thank you for your support of The Kingdom Restoration Lab (KRL) at FPC, fpcsanantonio.org/krl. Help fill the food and clothing pantries with necessities for our under-resourced neighbors in their journey to becoming self-sufficient.

CURRENT NEEDS:

- Men's and/or Women's underwear (must be new)
- Men's and/or Women's jeans/casual pants
- Casual shoes (for both men and women)
- Wallets, and belts
- NO food at this time

**Please donate warmer weather clothes, as we do not have storage for out-of-season clothing. Additional items can be donated by shopping the KRL Resource Room current needs on Amazon at <http://tiny.cc/krl-support> and are shipped directly to the KRL. If you are interested in volunteering for our KRL ministries, contact Lindsay at lindsays@fpcsat.org.*

Sunday Night Fellowship

Dates: Tuesdays, July 13, July 27, & Sunday, August 22

Times & Locations: TBD

Ages: 8th - 12th Grades

Contact: Alex Clary,

alexc@fpcsat.org, 210-777-2433

Be on the lookout for this fellowship opportunity with our Student Ministry! We will be meeting for a meal and having a socially distanced outdoor gathering with fun fellowship on various evenings. Check our Instagram, contact Alex for more information or visit fpcsanantonio.org/youth-events.

Prayer Training Opportunity

Virtual Prayer Room

Wednesdays | July 7 & August 4

11:00 AM | Zoom

Meets Monthly on the first Wednesday of the month to pray together for our city and each other. Visit fpcsanantonio.org/virtual-prayer-room to sign up for the Zoom meeting details and to join the email list.

Back to School Prayer

Sunday | August 15

5:30 PM | Your School Flagpole

We invite you to pray for students, teachers and faculty either at your neighborhood school flagpole or virtually wherever you may be. If you would like to include a particular school and/or lead the prayer at a school, please contact Jeannie (jdullnig@att.net or 210-213-3820). See article on [page 10](#) for more info.

Ramsey+ & Financial Peace University

Dates and Times: Wednesdays

starting Sept 8, 7:00-8:00 PM

Fridays starting Sept 10, 12-1:00 PM

Zoom Online

Location: Zoom Online

Ramsey + is an online membership for every family in our congregation to access all of Dave Ramsey's best-selling resources and tools FREE for 1 year, including access to Financial Peace University, The Legacy Journey, Smart Money Smart Kids, premium membership of the EveryDollar budgeting app, and a host of other resources.

We are offering another Financial Peace University virtual class starting on September 8th and 10th! You'll watch the videos on your own and then each week we'll meet together on Zoom for discussion and accountability. And this year, all the

resources are FREE! However, you don't have to sign up for the class to have access to all the material. For more information: fpcsanantonio.org/ramsey.

Pathways to Hope



Dates: Fri. & Sat., August 27 - 28

Time: 9:15 AM - 4:00 PM

Location: Livestream Online

The sixth annual Pathways to Hope Virtual Conference, focusing on mental health and including speakers from across the community and nation, will be held online this August. This community wide initiative will help us move toward breaking the stigma of mental illness. For more info, or to register, please visit www.pathwaystohope.net.

Literature Circle Reading List

Following is a list of books available in the church library for your summer reading that will be reviewed in 2021-2022.

Sept. 14: *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell; Reviewer: Martha Smith

Oct. 12: *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson; Reviewer: Rev. Mitchell Moore

Nov. 9: *But He Doesn't Know The Territory* by Meredith Wilson; Reviewer: Bill Hensley

Dec. 14: *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie* by Marie Benedict; Reviewer: Martha Smith

Jan. 11: *The Resurrection of Fulgencio Ramirez* by Rudy Ruiz; Reviewer: Rudy Ruiz

Feb. 8: *A Stranger Among Saints* by Jonathan Mack; Reviewer: Hank Cherry

Mar. 8: *Princess* by Jean Sasson; Reviewer: Jane Hanson

Apr. 12: *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark

Sullivan; Reviewer: Rev. Mark Doty, PhD

May 10 *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline; Reviewer: Ann Smith

Hymnal Donations

We will soon begin receiving donations for the purpose of purchasing new hymnals for the church. Please watch for an announcement and instructions about how you can contribute in our Thursday 'First Look' email this coming week. For more information on the hymnal selection process, [see the July issue on 'First Press' on our website](#).

Women's Retreat

Dates: Fri. & Sat., September 10 - 11

Times: Friday 6-9 PM & Saturday 8-5PM

Location: FPC



Join women of all ages for a time of connection, fun, and worship as together we look at our identity as beloved daughters of God and what it means to live our lives in response to God's love for us. Register online at fpcsanantonio.org/women. Cost is \$80 - scholarships are available.

Contact Rev. Becky Prichard at beckyp@fpcsat.org for more information.

YoungLives Ministry

Dates: Every Tuesday

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: FPC

YoungLives, a ministry to teen moms and their babies, is excited to begin the new fall semester with a fresh start. We are currently in need of volunteers who can make a year-long commitment from Aug 2021 - June 2022. Volunteer needs include serving as a mentor, a leader on the Healy Murphy or Seton Home Teams, Serving on the Committee, providing childcare, and giving monthly to support the continued efforts of this ministry. Other ways to serve are available if you are interested.

Please contact Christina Via (christinabvia@gmail.com) to learn more.

Men's Ministry Dinner

Sunday | August 22

5:30 PM | Chris Madrid's

Men of all ages are encouraged to join us to encourage and strengthen our relationship with the Lord and with each other. Contact Richard Peacock at richard@rmpeacock.com for more information.

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Sunday August 22

Join us for a very special Kickoff Sunday on August 22, as we continue to celebrate FPC's 175th year of ministry during a day of fellowship and fun with one another!

**Fellowship
Brunch**

8:30-11:00

Mauze Lobby

**Ministry
Fair**

8:30-11:00

Avenue E Entrance

**Traditional
Worship**

9:00-10:00

Sanctuary

**Sunday
School**

10:00-10:45

Classrooms

**Traditional
Worship**

11:00-12:00

Sanctuary

**Contemporary
Worship**

11:02-12:00

Westminster Hall



fpcsanantonio.org/kickoff

Mission Partners Share Worldwide Efforts at VBS

This June, the halls of FPC were filled with the voices of excited children at VBS. FPC Missions was grateful to be invited to serve by leading the Missions rotation. This year, we were able to invite several of our local and global FPC Mission Partners to “join” us as they recorded videos to share with the children. As the children learned about the mission work of each ministry, they heard missional application for the Bible truth every day. As the children learned about how God knows them, hears their prayers, comforts them, forgives them, and has created them for a purpose, they were also encouraged to think about how God has created them to share the gospel and serve others. A big surprise in one lesson was when we saw how creative God has been as he has given us all different gifts – he’s even using the gifts of a professional surfer to proclaim the gospel across the world!

In addition, an offering was collected throughout the week for a mission project. Over \$1,000 was collected to help purchase school supplies for foster families.

Families were able to come and “shop” for these supplies, at no cost to them, at the July KinMart event at FPC!

We hope that the lessons of this great week continue to encourage these children and their families to seek out the incredible ways God has planned for them to play their part in God’s great mission!





HISTORY: THE TEXAS REFORMATION BY DAVID B. WEST

Part 4: Texas Statehood and “the Church in San Antonio.”

The Rev. John McCullough returned to San Antonio in the spring of 1844 with The Rev. John Wesley DeVilbiss, a Methodist pastor. Together, they led the first Protestant worship service in San Antonio. Held at Anton Lockmar’s Hotel (formerly the Verimendi Palace), it was attended by six men and five women. DeVilbiss preached and McCullough closed with “a very appropriate prayer.”

In May of 1844, Brazos Presbytery authorized McCullough to attend a meeting of the General Assembly in Cincinnati, Ohio, for the purpose of soliciting funds for a Presbyterian college in Texas. McCullough, a Princeton graduate, had been supporting himself in Columbia, Texas, by teaching school and was deeply committed to promoting education in Texas. McCullough was also committed to a Protestant mission to the Hispanic population. He left Cincinnati for Boston and New York, where he secured a second

commission from the Foreign Missions Board, this time to serve as a missionary to attend the spiritual needs of the Hispanic people in San Antonio. He also obtained funding to distribute Bibles, which had been banned under Spanish and Mexican rule. The population of San Antonio, estimated to be 2,500, would soon change, however. While McCullough was making plans to bring the Reformed faith to San Antonio and the Hispanic population, events were taking place in Washington, D.C., that would change the face of San Antonio. President John Tyler renewed negotiations with the Republic of Texas regarding statehood. On April 12, 1844, the Treaty of Annexation was signed, causing Mexico to sever diplomatic ties with the United States. Tyler lacked the votes to ratify the treaty at that time. On March 1, 1845, however, the U.S. Congress passed a joint resolution approving the annexation of Texas. In 1836, Mexico had threatened war if the United States annexed Texas. It did not carry through on this threat, but it disputed where the border between the two countries was located. Mexico maintained it was the Nueces River. The Republic of Texas had claimed it was the Rio Grande, which included half of New Mexico and portions of Colorado.

Image courtesy of UT Arlington Library (library.uta.edu)



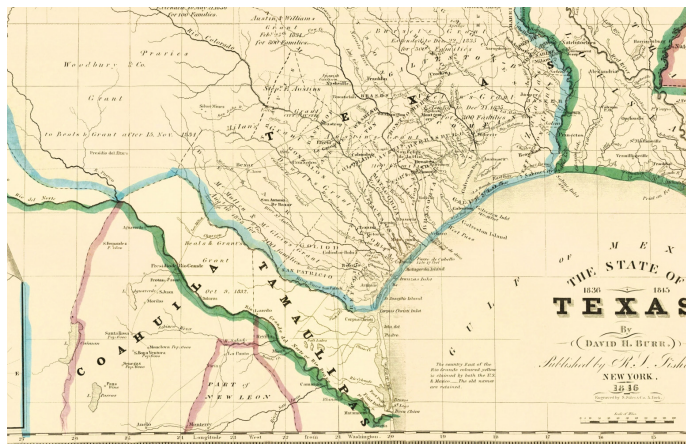
One of the earliest known sketches of San Antonio and the San Antonio River, circa 1846, possibly drawn near present Villita Street, looking west, northwestward.

U.S. President James K. Polk attempted to negotiate with Mexico over the location of the U.S./Mexico border and the acquisition of California and New Mexico, but negotiations failed. In July of 1845, Polk, who had been elected on a platform of expansionism, ordered the commander of the U. S. Army in Texas,

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Zachary Taylor, to move his forces to the mouth of the Rio Grande River—inside the disputed territory. He began to amass troops in San Antonio for the movement. On December 29, 1845, Texas officially became the twenty-eighth state of the United States. The formal transfer of government did not take place until February 19, 1846. On April 3, 1846, just weeks later, The Rev. John McCullough appeared before the Brazos Presbytery requesting authorization to form a church in San Antonio. The presbytery adopted a resolution authorizing Rev. McCullough to organize the “Church of San Antonio.” The church consisted of just four persons, Charles D. Sayers, who was the first elder of the church; his wife; their daughter, Lorena W. Sayre, who had married McCullough on March 18, 1846; and Jemima, a slave owned by the Sayers, who was to help take care of the women. Although McCullough had been an abolitionist when he lived in Pennsylvania, he apparently changed his position after he came to Texas.

Author: David H. Burr, 1846



Map of Republic of Texas at outset of Mexican-American War, 1846.
Note disputed border between Nueces and Rio Grande rivers.

The group set out in ox wagons and the “little church on the prairie” was organized en route to San Antonio a few days after leaving Columbia. Due to heavy rains through winter and spring, it took the family nearly four weeks to reach San Antonio, which was less than 200 miles away. Further south, Mexico sent an army north of the Rio Grande to protect what it believed was its territory. In response, the United States held that the Mexican army had encroached on its territory and on May 13, 1846, declared war against Mexico. In June of 1846, the “little church on the prairie” arrived in San Antonio, now occupied by a growing military presence. The American population of the city, both military and civilian, swelled, including an unsavory group of outlaws and vagabonds who had no interest in seeing San Antonio become “churched.”



Zachary Taylor

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Next: Protestantism and Education in San Antonio

This is a multi-part series written in connection with the 175th anniversary of First Presbyterian Church. Special thanks to Rick Lane for his knowledge and contributions on this important history.

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER AT THE FLAGPOLE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021



This year's "Back to School Prayer at the Flagpole" will be at 5:30 PM, Sunday, August 15, at schools in our city to pray for students, teachers and staff. You are encouraged to mark your calendar and participate in this special event, either at your local neighborhood school or

virtually wherever you may be. You may gather at the flagpole at your child's school or any school you choose, and you are welcome to bring family members, students and friends! It will be an informal gathering with the sole purpose of covering our local schools in prayer, for the protection of the physical buildings as well as all who will enter.

"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord. He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust. Surely He will save you from the fowler's snare and from

the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with His feathers and under His wings you will find refuge." Psalms 91:1-4

What better way to send the students and faculty of San Antonio back to school than by prayer for all of those involved in education!

If you would like more information, please contact Jeannie (jdullnig@att.net) or 210-213-3820 or visit fpcsanantonio.org/pray-for-our-city.

JEANNIE DULLNIG
Prayer Ministry Committee

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Practical Prayer Training with One

by Pamela Young,
Prayer Ministry

In case you hadn't heard, I'd like to tell you about the wonderful Practical Prayer Training available at First Presbyterian Church. What makes this training so unique is its emphasis on the two-way nature of Christian prayer. Prayer, in other words, is having a conversation with God who is ALWAYS present with us. This was a new concept for me, as my normal prayer practice was more of a monologue than a dialogue. The recognition that prayer is a conversation is powerful because it allows God to provide us with His wisdom and insight for whatever situation is at hand.

The training is taught in two sessions by Cayce Harris, executive director of One (formerly known as Christ Healing Center). The first part of Session 1 offers foundational teaching and time to privately practice two-way prayer with God. The second part of Session 1 teaches how to minister to others through a very simple prayer. The prayer incorporates blessing and thanksgiving out of a sense of connection with God. It's hard to describe in words, but if you are interested, I encourage you to sign up for an upcoming session.

I have been to Session 1 twice, and learned a lot both times. I am looking forward to Session 2,

which builds on Session 1 and includes the topics of healing and forgiveness.

Session 1 will be offered next on August 10 from 6-9pm. Session 2 will be offered September 14 from 9am-12pm and October 12 from 6-9pm.

You can sign up by emailing lisas@fpcsat.org.

For more information, contact me at pyoung141@gmail.com or Laura Sasser at sasser_laura@yahoo.com.



Women of Faith Retreat

The FPC Women of Faith Retreat is coming soon!

Mark your calendars for Friday, September 10 (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.) and Saturday, September 11 (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) for a time of worship, teaching, fellowship, food, and fun at FPC. Women of all ages are invited to attend the retreat as we will come together to discover more deeply our identity in Christ and Jesus' call to follow Him.

Retreat Speaker, Rev. Dr. Kristin Huffman, will lead us in the teaching of Scripture, Spiritual Practices, times of reflection and much more. Small groups will dive deeper into God's Word as we build intentional relationships while celebrating how God has been at work in our lives. In addition, our very own Maggie Amini will lead worship throughout the weekend!

The retreat will be held at First Presbyterian Church and FREE childcare will be provided for children birth-5th grade during the Friday evening and Saturday sessions. Women will enjoy delicious food and treats (dinner Friday evening and breakfast and lunch on Saturday), opportunities for yoga, painting, playing games, and enjoying time with new and old friends.

For those who want to make it a true weekend getaway, we are encouraging folks to book hotel rooms downtown and enjoy the Riverwalk and extended fellowship after our Friday evening session.

The cost for the retreat is \$80.00 per person and scholarships are available! For more information and to register online, please visit <https://fpcsanantonio.org/ministries/adults/women/>.



Women of the Church

JANET WERNLI,
President, Women of the Church

“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”

Philippians 4:8

In this coming year, I am honored to be president of Women of the Church at FPC. I have chosen a scripture that convicts me of hope. Paul writes about beauty, blessings and good but challenges us to look, search, and acknowledge these gifts around us. We have come through dark times only to find how we treasure the moments of gathering and worship.

This summer the Women of the Church are helping with one of these great gatherings - back to school. Our mission partners, House of Neighborly Service, Presbyterian Children's Home and Services, and Christian Assistance

Ministries all serve kids who need school supplies and back packs to have a fair start this year. We are joyfully filling those backpacks.

The coming fall is filled with opportunities for service, study and fellowship. The Women's Retreat is Sept. 10-11; October has the Fall Ladies Night Out on the 19th, and the Fall Legacy Luncheon is Oct. 25. On Kick Off Sunday, Aug. 22, Women of the Church will have a table selling our new study books and celebrating our Circles. Please stop by to see us. We serve a great God! I pray blessings for you all, **In Christ alone.**



Learning and living in community: Older Adults Summer

REV. DR. JOE MOORE

Minister for older adults and congregational care.



KEYS

Our in person reception with King Antonio launched us into some new ventures. July 16th was our first Birthday Luncheon in over a year. It was a great success with near 30 joining us at the Fort Sam Golf Club. We also enjoyed a Hamburger & Movie day watching “News of the World,” based on a novel of the same name written by Paulete Jiles set in West Texas during the recovery years following the Civil War.

Looking ahead into August, First Presbyterian Church will be a downtown host site for the Global Leadership Summit. This is a national gathering of church and business leaders with presentations in many areas of leadership development. Look for more details and how to sign up on the church website. We will host two more Zoom Fellowship calls before our in person KEYS Kickoff on Sept. 10. Our August Birthday Luncheon will be on the 16th.

Mahjong and Bridge are alive and well and meeting on the 2nd and 4th Fridays. Contact Nancy Black for Mahjong and Suzanne West for Bridge if you want to be included to receive information.



Here is our Summer Schedule decided on by our Leadership Team:

- **August 6** NO KEYS - Take advantage of the Global Leadership Summit
- **August 13** Mahjong & Bridge & Virtual Fellowship Via Zoom
- **August 20** Start our New Season of Birthday Lunches
- **August 27** Mahjong & Bridge, and Virtual Fellowship Via Zoom
- **September 10** In Person Kick-off for the New Year

We are looking forward to restarting our in person meetings in September. We are hoping to have a live streaming element so that you can watch the speaker on your computer. If you have recommendations for KEYS speakers please don't hesitate to email joem@fpcsat.org, text or call 802-734-2329.

Virtual Fellowship on Zoom Fridays at 11:00 AM

Zoom meeting ID 570 618 8075

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5706188075>

No Password Necessary.

If you need help with Zoom feel free to contact me @ 802-734-2329 or joem@fpcsat.org.

Friday Fitness with Jacqi Crow

Jacqueline Crow conducts a Zoom fitness program for us Fridays at 9:30 AM. We received her contact information through Morningside Manor and have enjoyed her teaching.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6199532743?pwd=aHRoaWNZdWtpMXJFa3dHSWVCYk1lUT09>

Meeting ID: 619 953 2743

Passcode: Strength

Join the Email Mailing List

Receive a weekly email update on who is speaking and a link to connect directly to Zoom by sending me, Joe Moore (joem@fpcsat.org), your email address to be added to our list.



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**Keeping EVERYONE
Young in Spirit**
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**To make your reservation
for all KEYS events contact
the church receptionist
at 210-226-0215: Alice
Morales, alicem@fpcsat.org
or Ariel Garcia, arielg@fpcsat.org. The cost for
meals at FPC is \$10.
Birthday luncheons are \$12
unless otherwise noted.**





Friday Singers

CHARLOTTE HAINS

The Friday Singers were founded by Dr. Leroy Yarbrough, former Minister of music. Our purpose is to take music to retirement, assisted living and rehabilitation centers, and to provide familiar songs in a joyful manner.

Often the "oldies but goodies," such as Take Me Out to The Ballgame, will bring many smiles of recognition. In our programs, we begin with a prayer, then present songs and hymns as a group, followed by a couple of specialties - either a solo or an instrumental number. Our programs always include a patriotic song and the

residents are encouraged to sing along. We are fortunate to have Jae as our accompanist!

We conclude with hymns. Easy to read copies of hymns are passed out to the residents as we then all sing together; we begin with Jesus Loves Me and include others such as Amazing Grace. We are often blessed to see everyone's mouth moving together with the words as we sing.

We sing at two locations on a Friday morning, each program being about thirty minutes in length.

We are looking for new members for this unique and wonderful ministry to those often forgotten or isolated folks. There is no tryout, just come wanting to sing! We will keep you busy and happy on these Friday mornings.

Rehearsals begin on Friday, August 13, at 9:30 a.m. in the choir rehearsal room on third floor. We'll keep an eye out for you, and for more information feel free to call Charlotte Hains at 210-710-7173.



In the month of July three little ladies showed up as the newest members of their families and our church family! We welcome these precious darlings with love and excitement!

Our Young Families are growing in strength and fellowship and would love to extend an invitation to a new Young Mom's Bible study as well as after church fellowship for young couples. Information is listed below. For further ways to get involved with Young Families contact **carrie@fpcsat.org**.

SAVE THE DATES:

Aug 8th-Young Couples fellowship, following the morning worship, childcare is available

FIRST CUP READINGS AUGUST, 2021

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; Zechariah 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

FIRST CUP PRAYER LIST

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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