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## A Special Recognition



Rev. Dr. Bob Fuller  
Senior Pastor

On April 4, 1846, 175 years ago, Pastor John McCullough and a little group of Presbyterians left Columbia, Texas for San Antonio.

They were going to San Antonio because they believed that they had an appointment with the Lord and a mission to fulfill in San Antonio.

The Presbyterian Church, Brazos Presbytery, chartered this little group as the “Presbyterian Church of San Antonio.” The Minutes of the Presbytery Record stated that the assembly sent them out to “*promote their own spiritual welfare and usefulness.*”

To paraphrase, “*they were sent forth for the sake of their own Spiritual Health and for the sake of Christ’s kingdom Mission.*” They didn’t know what the Lord had in store for them when they got there, but they knew that Jesus is alive and that He had a mission for them in San Antonio.

Unlike so many people who came to Texas seeking fortune, opportunity, escape, freedom or recognition, they came to serve the Lord and share the gospel with the nations.

Nevertheless, over the last 175 years First Presbyterian Church has been recognized as a vital influence and holy presence in San Antonio, Texas, and beyond. Last week, I was humbled to receive the following proclamation from Governor Greg Abbott.



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I want to thank Governor Abbott for this proclamation. It is a recognition of God's grace working through His word to restore His people. I would also like to thank the 175th Committee, Sichan Siv and Director of Communications Hank Cherry for sharing our story with the Governor.

We should take his words as both an affirmation and a challenge. He wrote, *"Remember that your enduring legacy is neither your building nor your distinguished history, but the never ending graciousness of the Lord in allowing you the freedom to worship, pray, and serve together."*

Jesus said:

*Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)*

Our founders did not come to San Antonio seeking the applause of men, and neither do we. But, we do celebrate and give thanks when God empowers our lives for His glory. We pray that the Lord will use our light to bring His love and truth to our city, and we are blessed every time our ministry, history, fellowship and mission draws attention to Christ.

**GRACE AND PEACE,  
- REV. DR. BOB FULLER**



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### Men's Dinner

**Date:** Sunday, May 2

**Time:** 5:30 - 7:00 PM

**Location:** 520 Elizabeth Road (Terrell Hills) 78209

All men, all ages: grandfathers, fathers, sons and grandsons, are invited to a meal with the FPC Men's Ministry. It will be held outside with safe distancing. Masks are encouraged unless at a safe distance and bring your own drinks. Food is provided (monetary donations appreciated - donate directly to the church "FPC Men's Ministry" in memo.) This month we will have the Paloma Blanca Food Truck. Guest speaker is Richard Peacock, owner of Chris Madrid's and Paloma Blanca. Contact Debbie Boston at [dboston195573@gmail.com](mailto:dboston195573@gmail.com) for more information. Hope to see everyone there! Guests encouraged!

### May Coffee

**Date:** Wednesday | May 5

**Time:** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Location:** Johnson Residence  
[fpcsanantonio.org/womens-events](https://fpcsanantonio.org/womens-events)

Please join us for a May Coffee, honoring the Women of the Church's past presidents and benefitting the FPC Children's Center and KRL. All women are invited to the event held at the home and garden of Carolyn Johnson (128 West Brandon Drive, 78209). Valet parking available. For questions, contact Barbara Wood (210) 240-1893 or [bebewood@att.net](mailto:bebewood@att.net).

### Virtual Prayer Room

**Date:** Wednesday | May 5

**Time:** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Location:** 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](https://fpcsanantonio.org/virtual-prayer-room) to sign up for the Zoom meeting details and to join the email list.

### Women's Dinner

**A Celebration of Circles & All FPC Women**

**Date:** Tuesday | May 11

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Location:** Paloma Blanca  
5800 Broadway #300, 78209  
[fpcsanantonio.org/womens-events](https://fpcsanantonio.org/womens-events)

Circles have been a part of FPC for over 125 years—they have evolved through the years—and will continue to do so! Come see why they have been a key part of FPC's history and are important to its future! All women attending First Presbyterian, as Covenant Partners or friends, are welcome. Safety protocols are in place for dining. \$25 Reservation (with cash bar). Reservation Deadline: Thursday, May 6. Contact Betsy Zachry (210-262-1236 or [betsyz@swbell.net](mailto:betsyz@swbell.net)), Janet Wernli (210-414-8906 or [janetw1966@hotmail.com](mailto:janetw1966@hotmail.com)), or Shelley Bass (210-861-6996). Contact Betsy Zachry for personal consideration of scholarships.

### Vacation Bible School

**Dates:** Monday - Friday, June 21-25

Vacation Bible School will be offered both in-person and virtually this year. We'll have Bible stories, music, games, crafts and snacks both in-person and online. Online VBS is done through videos and with the purchase of a VBS kit that will be available for pick up upon payment and registration.

Registration is \$10 and open to children 4 years old to 5th grade. VBS shirts are separate and are \$10 each.

Want to volunteer for VBS videos or prep? Kids' and volunteer registration now available at [fpcsanantonio.org/vbs2021](https://fpcsanantonio.org/vbs2021). Contact Rozlyn Miller Cline for additional information at [rozlynm@fpcsat.org](mailto:rozlynm@fpcsat.org).

### May Literature Circle

**Date:** Tuesday, May 11

**Time:** 1:30 PM

**Location:** Westminster Hall (In person, live) and [fpcsanantonio.org/lit-circle](https://fpcsanantonio.org/lit-circle) (recorded)

Join the FPC Literature Circle Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at 1:30 PM in Westminster Hall when Martha Smith will review the historical fiction novel, "Becoming Mrs. Lewis," by author Patti Callahan. What started out as letters searching into the world of Christianity by Joy Davidman with C.S. Lewis, an Oxford Don & author of Narnia, gradually evolved into a deep friendship, love and then marriage. You won't want to miss the entirety of their life together.

Masks are required and social distancing. You may bring your personal bottle of drinking water. The taped review, [fpcsanantonio.org/lit-circle](https://fpcsanantonio.org/lit-circle), is time delayed by a few hours.

This will be our final review before our summer recess until September 14, 2021. A list of new book selections for your summer reading is also available at [fpcsanantonio.org/lit-circle](https://fpcsanantonio.org/lit-circle).

### Prayer Training Opportunity

**Date:** Tuesday, May 11

**Time:** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Location:** Room 224

Connect with God through prayer. Compliments of the Prayer Ministry Committee, learn to pray with and for others effectively with Cayce Harris, Director of ONE Ministries at a training opportunity. Register by emailing Lisa Snow at [lisas@fpcsat.org](mailto:lisas@fpcsat.org). Contact Downie Mickler for more info at [downie@ankoledesigns.com](mailto:downie@ankoledesigns.com). Visit [fpcsanantonio.org/prayer-ministry](https://fpcsanantonio.org/prayer-ministry) for a full calendar of prayer events.



## Sunday Youth Fellowship

**Dates:** Sunday, May 16  
**Times & Locations:** TBD  
**Contact:** Alex Clary,  
[alexc@fpcsat.org](mailto:alexc@fpcsat.org), 210-777-2433

Join the fun on Sunday evenings with other youth for socially distanced outdoor gatherings, and other fun fellowship opportunities on Sundays. Check our Instagram, contact Alex for more information or visit [fpcsanantonio.org/youth-events](http://fpcsanantonio.org/youth-events).

## 175th Reunion Gathering

**Date:** Sunday, May 23 (Pentecost)  
**Time:** 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Join us as we celebrate the 175th Anniversary of First Presbyterian church in a combined worship service at 10:30 AM followed by a time of fellowship and celebration. This all-church experience will be a joyful time to catch up with members of our FPC Family, celebrate the past, and pray for our future. We look forward to seeing everyone! Contact Sheila Figueroa, [sheilaf@fpcsat.org](mailto:sheilaf@fpcsat.org), for more information.

## RESET Gathering

**Dates:** Monday, May 24  
**Time:** 7:00-8:15 PM  
**Location:** Westminster Hall; Online at [fpcsanantonio.org/media](http://fpcsanantonio.org/media)  
**Contact:** Rev. Mitchell Moore,  
[mitchellm@fpcsat.org](mailto:mitchellm@fpcsat.org)

Join other Young Adults & University students 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](http://fpcsanantonio.org/reset) for more information and to sign up for a small group.

## Love Reboot Marriage Weekend

**Dates:** Friday - Sunday | June 4-6  
**Location:** Embassy Suites Airport  
 10110 US Hwy 281 N

Whether your marriage could just use a good boost or needs a complete do over, Love Reboot is proven to be the most effective tool you can find. Marriage is not easy...get the help and support you need now! The workshop is from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Friday and Saturday and from 1:30 PM - 7:00 PM on Sunday. To register and for more information visit [growinglovenetwork.org/love-reboot](http://growinglovenetwork.org/love-reboot). Contact Bobby Mickler 210-284-1496 or Downie Mickler 210-284-1497.

## KRL Spring Support

Thank you for your support of The Kingdom Restoration Lab (KRL) at FPC. Help fill the food and clothing pantries with necessities for our under-resourced neighbors in their journey to becoming self-sufficient. Please donate warmer weather clothes, as we do not have storage for winter clothing.

### 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)
- Reading glasses, wallets, and belts

Additional items can be donated by shopping the Amazon wish list at <http://tiny.cc/KRL-support> (link is case sensitive), created by our partner, SA Hope Center. All of the items that you purchase are shipped directly to the KRL. If you are interested in volunteering for our KRL ministries, contact Lindsay at [lindsays@fpcsat.org](mailto:lindsays@fpcsat.org).

## Parents' Night Out

**Date:** Friday, May 14  
**Time:** 5:00 - 7:00 PM  
**Location:** Assembly Room  
 Register at [fpcsanantonio.org/kids-events](http://fpcsanantonio.org/kids-events)

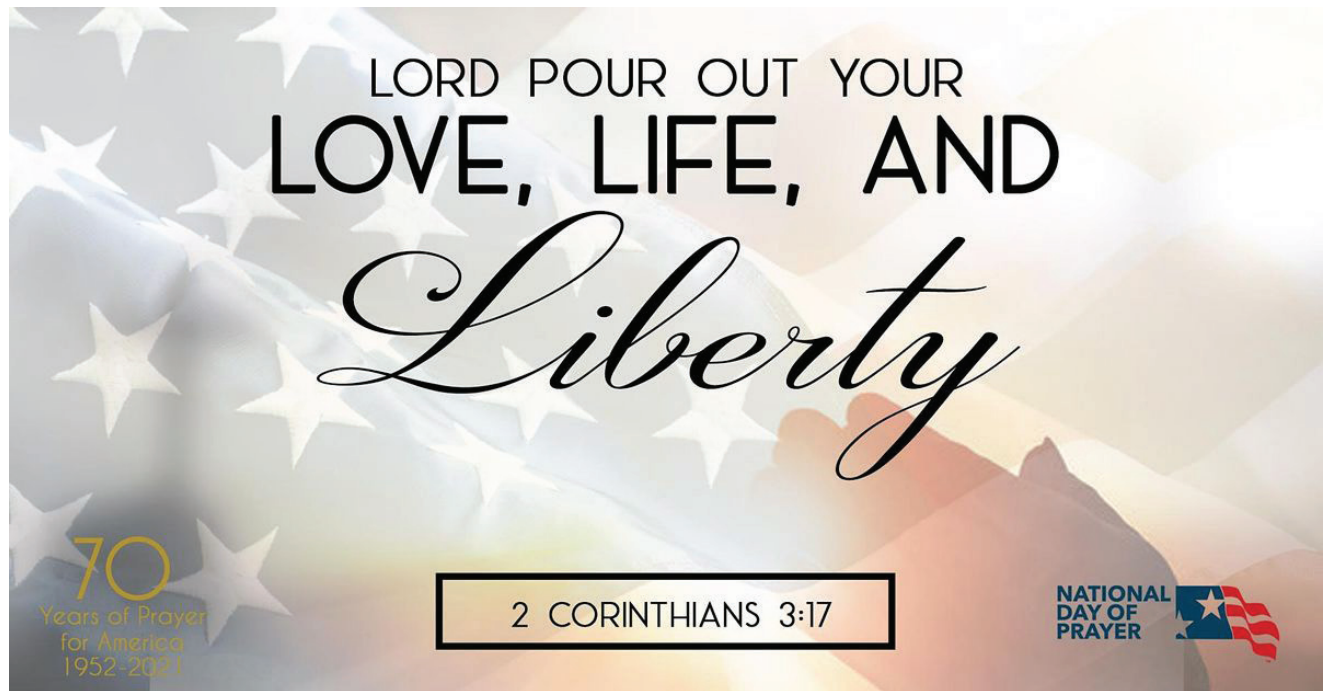
Children ages 0 - 5th Grade are welcome. \$5 per child. Children must be picked up by 7:00 PM: late fees will be charged beginning at 7:05 PM. Registration deadline is May 12. No snacks will be provided, but children are welcome to bring a packed dinner and wear their pjs. Email [heatherb@fpcsat.org](mailto:heatherb@fpcsat.org) for more information.

## Church Offices Holiday Closure

**Monday, May 31**  
 The church offices will be closed Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day and will reopen Tuesday, June 1.

## CAM Showers Giving Project

Christian Assistance Ministry has informed us that an FPC member has offered a \$25,000 matching grant toward the building of a new shower facility for our homeless neighbors in need. The facility is part of a pilot program called "SHOWER THE PEOPLE WITH LOVE." In addition, our Benevolence Oversight Committee has dedicated \$5,000 towards this project. The committee is inviting you to support this project by making a special gift to help maximize this opportunity for our homeless neighbors. Every dollar you give will be matched (until the goal is reached). Please send a check payable to "First Presbyterian Church", with "CAM Showers" in the memo line. You may mail your check to: First Presbyterian Church, c/o Lindsay Selli, 404 N Alamo St., San Antonio, TX 78205. You may also give online at [fpcsanantonio.org/give-online](http://fpcsanantonio.org/give-online) with "CAM Showers" in the memo line.



# National Day of Prayer

**Thursday, May 6, 2021**

**“ALL ages - Walk or Ride”**

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Please join us on Thursday May 6th, our National Day of Prayer. We will begin at 10am in the First Presbyterian Church parking lot with scripture reading and prayer\*. We will walk to Travis Park to gather with others and pray for our nation, then continue to Main Plaza, across from the Courthouse, to participate in worship and prayer along with city officials, school children, business owners and police, among many others. The mayor of San Antonio will give the proclamation at noon. If you are unable to walk or plan to come for part of the program, shuttle vans will be picking up and dropping off at all three sites from 10:00 am - 1:30pm. Register at [fpcsanantonio.org/ndp2021](https://fpcsanantonio.org/ndp2021). Come participate in the freedom we have to gather and pray for our nation! Let us not take for granted this gift that God has given us in America.

For more information, contact [eva.eckburg@yahoo.com](mailto:eva.eckburg@yahoo.com) or [lisas@fpcsat.org](mailto:lisas@fpcsat.org).

*\*Prayer leaders will read scripture and offer prayers. \*\*You might want to bring a water bottle, hat, sunscreen, &/or folding chair.*

## Schedule:

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| 10:00 am | Gather & Pray at First Presbyterian Church<br>-Walk or Ride**    |
| 10:45 am | Gather & Pray at Travis Park<br>-Walk or Ride**                  |
| 11:30 am | Gather & Worship at Main Plaza<br>-Walk or Ride**                |
| 12pm     | SA Mayor's proclamation & Prayer for the city<br>-Walk or Ride** |

\*Shuttles will run from 10:00 am-1:30 pm from FPC to Travis Park to Main Plaza to FPC (Ave E to 3rd, Martin St, left on Jefferson to Houston, and then Main St).



## Getting to Know

# ANDREW & TERI ADAIR

### *FPC's Partners in Sending and Assisting Missionaries*



*Matthew, Gabrielle, Rebekah, Teri and Andrew Adair*

**O**ne of the biggest challenges in long term international mission ministry is provision of ongoing help and encouragement needed by those who serve incarnationally. Churches experienced in mission have learned that international “sending ministry” involves many issues that no individual congregation is able to handle consistently at a “best practices” level.

Over the past decade FPC has worked alongside The Antioch Partners (TAP) to support missionaries robustly in every type of need. A key to our work together has been the relationship we have with Andrew and Teri Adair, who serve as TAP’s Executive Director and Personnel Director. In 2021, FPC added to its general support of TAP and individual TAP missionaries by partnering with the Adairs to directly sponsor their work as well.

As we grow together it is a blessing for our congregation to get to know Andrew, Teri, and their three adult children - Rebekah, Matthew and Gabrielle. Here is some of their story:

*Andrew grew up in Houston, and Teri grew up in Southern California. They met and married while they were studying at Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, CA, where Teri completed a Masters in Cross-cultural Studies and Andrew received a M.Div. with a concentration in Cross-cultural Studies. After Fuller, they served four years on the staff of Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas, where Andrew was an associate pastor and Teri served as the Urban Mission Coordinator. In 1997 they and their young family moved to Central Asia, where they spent nine years serving*

*among Muslim peoples with an international team of Christian professionals demonstrating and sharing the love of Jesus through health, education and community development projects.*

*The Adair family moved from Central Asia to Houston in 2006 with a calling to help other missionaries, eventually joining with The Frontier Foundation and Outreach Foundation to cofound The Antioch Partners in 2007. Today Andrew and Teri and the staff of TAP assist more than seventy Partners who serve Christ in the world in creative ways. Their experience as a missionary family enables them to problem solve and help others to thrive in their own callings.*

*The Adairs' three children grew up in Highland Park, Asia, and Houston. Their oldest daughter, Rebekah, is now living and working in DC. Their next two have each studied at Trinity University and participated in regular worship and fellowship here at First Presbyterian Church. Matthew was a leader of Intervarsity ministry while at Trinity and now works in Houston, where his parents are delighted to have him close by. Gabrielle is finishing her first year at Trinity, and her parents report that she has thoroughly enjoyed being part of the FPC community.*



*Some FPC TAP Partners assisted by Andrew and Teri Adair*

*This Spring Teri and Andrew ask for our prayers for them to have wisdom and discernment as they walk alongside Partners experiencing the cumulative impact of the additional stress of this past year caused by the pandemic. The Adairs also ask that we pray for new Partners who are raising their support in an unusually challenging time.*

How can a church care for women in the most devastated area of the state for maternal mortality? For moms and the babies they decide not to abort? For people struggling from increased problems from poverty? One word-COLLABORATION. Together, we are better in caring for women and effectively addressing systematic issues that continue to harm our sisters.

The Kingdom Restoration Lab (KRL) optimizes impact for the care of our neighbors and neighborhood through leveraging the expertise of different ministry partners in collaboration. God has given growth to FPC's impact through the collaboration of three partners: Any Woman Can, Young Lives, and SA Hope.

Recently Christina Via, director of Young Lives, brought her discipleship group of teen moms to the KRL to participate in a service project. They put together care bags for our homeless neighbors (to be distributed by the SA Hope team), while FPC volunteers cared for their babies at the church.

During the project one of the moms saw a memory on her phone; an image from a previous visit to the KRL. The picture was of the ultrasound she had taken just down the hall in the AWC clinic,



# GOD GIVES THE GROWTH

## Redemptive Restoration through the KRL

one year prior, to the day. She smiled and eventually shared her joy with the group. The story of God's redemptive work is glorious! Exactly one year before, the pregnant teenager had come into the KRL questioning whether or not to abort her unborn child. After seeing the ultrasound and feeling the love and strength of mentoring and community and relationships within Young Lives, the young girl decided to keep her baby.

All of this is happening on our FPC campus, underneath our sanctuary. God's faithfulness is astounding!

The author of Hebrews challenges Christians to consider how to stir one another toward love and good works, not giving up meeting together but encouraging one another (**Hebrews 10:24**). Restrictions from COVID have flattened opportunities to meet and serve together and, in many cases,



increased the need for us to come together to love our neighbors and neighborhood. Yet God is still working, growing seeds planted through KRL collaboration.

Do you see the power of Jesus? A year after discerning whether or not to keep an unborn child the mom is in a discipleship group, participating in a service project for the homeless in the very area where she came to have an ultrasound! This is the power of the gospel for redemptive restoration as far as the curse is found. May God give us fruitfulness as we come together to love our neighbors and the neighborhood where we have been placed. His Kingdom come!

**REV. A. MITCHELL MOORE**

Associate Pastor for Young Adults and Missions







# CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS CLASS OF 2020-2021



Congratulations Confirmation Class of 2020 - 2021 on all your hard work and acceptance as Covenant Partners in the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio! Thank you Ashley and Jobe Jackson for your dedication in teaching this class over the last year.

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*Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. - Proverbs 22:6*



**Elizabeth  
Altmeyer**



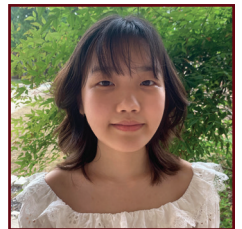
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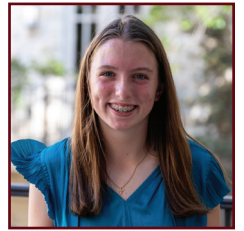
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**John Wright**



# HISTORY: CHRISTIAN MISSION TO TEXAS BY DAVID B. WEST

It is no coincidence that Protestantism first came to Texas after the Texas revolution, or that First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio was planted just months after Texas became a state. For Protestants, this marked the first opportunity to take the Reformed Faith into Texas. The Presbyterian Church established in 1846 in San Antonio was part of that Reformed missionary effort, but it was also to be the launching point from which to take the Reformed faith into Mexico.

## Part 1: The Spanish Era—1718-1820.

From its inception, San Antonio's history was marked by two institutions: the military and the church. When the Spanish crown built a presidio mission, now known as the Alamo, in Bexar in 1718, it sent military troops and Franciscan priests. As it had done elsewhere in New Spain (Mexico), the presidio missions in Texas were established to convert native peoples—the Karankawas, Tankawas, Caddoans and Hasinai in east and south Texas, and the Coahiltecans in Bexar. The Spanish enjoyed limited success in converting the native tribes to the Spanish culture or to Roman Catholicism—the

only religion allowed by Spain. Diseases spread by the Spanish troops caused the tribes in east Texas to flee the missions. In San Antonio, the Coahiltecans came to the missions to escape raids by the Lipan Apache and the Comanche. They disliked the hard work at the missions.

Spain also had limited success in colonizing Texas. Few citizens of Mexico were willing to cross the vast desert and brush country to an outpost frequently raided by the Comanche and Apache. In 1731, Spain sent Spanish citizens from the Canary Islands, located off the coast of Spain, to Bexar. They had been enticed to come by receiving land and the title of “Hidalgos” or gentry, but had no labor to help them build their homes or work the fields. They also had to deal with periodic raids by the Comanche.

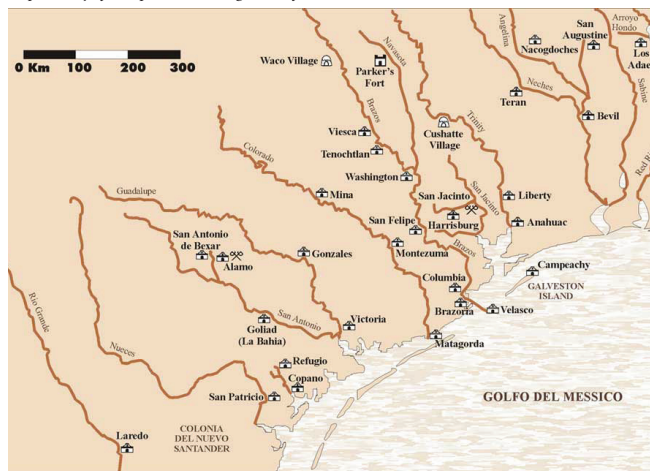
The location of Bexar had been selected as a barrier to the Comanche and Lipan Apache tribes. The Comanche, in particular, were fierce warriors and skilled horsemen who controlled the vast plains to the north and west of Bexar. They also bought horses and guns from the French, Spain's enemy who controlled the vast Louisiana territory

bordering the east of Texas, making Spain's effort to expand its control in the Texas territory more difficult.

The Spanish made one attempt to Christianize the Comanche. In 1757, Apache traders convinced the Spanish to send a small group of priests and a handful of soldiers to San Saba to start a presidio-mission. The mission continued for several months until, one morning, the priests and soldiers awoke to find themselves surrounded by Comanche warriors. The Comanche broke through the gates, killed most of the occupants and burned the wood fort. Spanish troops made one military attempt to defeat the Comanche, but were never able to control the plains to the north and west.

Hemmed in by the French to the east, the Comanche to the north and west, and separated from New Spain by hundreds of miles of deserts and brush country to the south, the Spanish mission in Bexar was an outpost, dependent upon the Spanish Crown for all of its resources. In 1762, however, France ceded the vast Louisiana territory to Spain. Without the threat of French encroachment into Spanish territory, Spain

Map courtesy of Wikipedia user Giorgiomonteforti



Missions in Spanish Texas at the beginning of the Spanish colonization in the area.



# 175TH ANNIVERSARY

Photo courtesy of Wikipedia user jonhall



Statue of Moses Austin in San Antonio, TX.

abandoned its missions in east Texas and strengthened its two principal missions in Bexar and Santa Fe. The missions in east Texas were closed and a series of missions along the San Antonio River were expanded and fortified.

As it had done in all of its territories, Spain required that all citizens of the Louisiana territory accept the Roman Catholic faith. One such citizen was named Moses Austin. Austin had received a land grant in Missouri and became a prosperous and influential citizen in newly acquired Spanish territory. He lost his fortune during an economic downturn and sought to rehabilitate his finances by seeking a land grant in Texas. In 1820, he traveled to San

Antonio to make the request. As a condition to receiving significant lands in southeast Texas and the title of “Empresario,” Austin agreed that all of the American colonists would be loyal to the Spanish crown and adhere to the Roman Catholic faith.

## Next: The Revolutionary Period—1820-1846.

This is a three-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.

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## THE REV. DR. LOUIS H. ZBINDEN, JR. LECTURE SERIES

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**A**s a living memorial to our beloved Pastor Emeritus, the Session of First Presbyterian Church has approved the formation of The Louis H. Zbinden, Jr. Lecture Series. This will be an endowed series that will bring theologians, religious writers and speakers to FPC to speak on a variety of theological and educational topics. We are pleased to announce that the inaugural speaker for this series will be Dr. Ligon Duncan, Chancellor of the Reformed Theological Seminary. Dr. Ligon will join us the weekend of October 24, 2021, to help us celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the founding of this church.

A committee is being formed to oversee the lecture series. Its responsibilities will include selecting the speakers, hosting their visits here and raising funds for the endowment. Current members include Fred Middleton, Jean Rogers Winchell, Boxy Hornberger, Buddy Johnson, Betsy Zbinden Baker, Mary Leslie Parsons, David West, Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Bob Fuller, Associate Pastor Rev. Mitchell Moore and The Rev. Chris Scruggs. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Rev. Fuller or David West.

The Session approved the establishment of a separate fund for this series. If you would like to



make a donation, please make your checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, with the notation “Louis H. Zbinden, Jr. Lecture Series.”

# BLESSED RIDE

## SICHAN SIV

Deacon at First Presbyterian Church San Antonio, served as deputy assistant to President George HW Bush and ambassador to the UN under President George W Bush.

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*A nation that forgets its  
past has no future.*

*- Winston Churchill*

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*One cannot & must  
not try to erase the past  
merely because it does  
not fit the present.*

*- Golda Meir*

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*Not until I've examined  
the things of the past & of  
the present, will I be able  
to plan for those to come.*

*- Martha Pattillo Siv  
(Pampa High School's  
Valedictory Address)*



*First Presbyterian Church San Antonio near The Alamo*

**O**n March 6, 1836 the Alamo fell to Santa Anna after a 13-day battle where 189 Texian men, including Bowie, Crockett and Travis were killed. 185 years later, two dozen modern day Rough Riders under the joint command of Jeff Clay and Michael Hutton celebrated the first Texas Independence Day Ride with their iron horses.

We assembled in the parking lot of my First Presbyterian Church San Antonio (FPCSA, founded in 1846 hence turning 175 this year), which has important connections to our State history. My former Senior Pastor Ron Scates' ancestor William Bennett Scates fought with Sam Houston in San Jacinto and our church parking lot was in the vicinity of where Santa Anna's artillery blasted the north wall, and where the major siege was staged that finally breached the Texian defense. Our original plan to also meet at The Alamo was scrapped due to the Plaza being used for a masonic ceremony as many Texas Independence fighters were Freemasons: Austin, Bonham, Bowie, Crockett, Dickinson, Houston, Travis.

After a prayer, we left FPCSA at 9:00 AM. Jeff was the Trail Boss recognized with his 3 by 5 feet Texas flag mounted on his Honda. Michael was The Drag, the last cowboy in a cattle drive, easily seen with his Captain America shield on his Triumph. Masita (my Yamaha Roadliner) and I were in the middle, a good position to see both the



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*But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. - James 1:25*  
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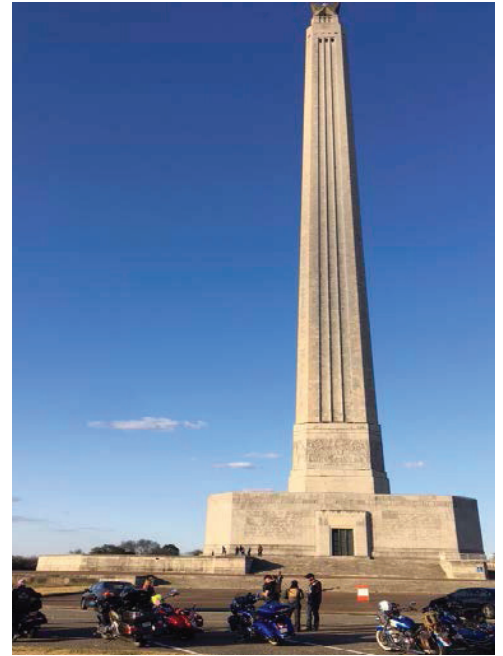
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*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.*  
*- Romans 12:2*  
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*We make plans but the Lord has the final word. - John 16:1*  
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flag and the shield. We went through Seguin to Gonzales where the Texas War for Independence began on October 2, 1835. At Heroes Square, Jeff unfurled a COME AND TAKE IT flag and regaled us with the history of the Texas Revolution. We then had my Masita blessed by Ralph Robson, Texas

Coordinator for the Christian Motorcyclists Association. We stopped for lunch in Rosenberg; a few more bikers joined our ride.

Onward to San Jacinto where Sam Houston defeated Santa Anna in an 18-minute battle on April 21, 1836. We set our feet down a



San Jacinto

few times on Loop 610 in Space City. After surviving the Houston Saturday traffic, we rejoiced at the sight of the 567 foot tall battlefield monument. I prayed for my former boss George HW Bush who took off from the 11,000-ton USS San Jacinto (CVL-30) in his Grumman TBF Avenger on September 2, 1944 (his 58th mission). He was shot down over the Pacific by Japanese forces after having completed the bombing. Following one hour of gratitude reflections and prayers, we rode on through the sunset to spend the night in Galveston which filled our lungs with fresh air.

On Sunday, March 7, 2021 the remaining magnificent seven of us returned via Bay City. We stopped at the Court House where Michael led a prayer for my beloved Martha (indirectly related to Robert McKinney,



The Seven "History Riders" in Bay City



Goliad

killed in The Alamo, and Collin McKinney, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence) and Aunt Jean. For a number of years, Martha and I traveled to Bay City (neither a bay, nor a city) more than any other places in Texas, except for Pampa. While Martha and Aunt Jean visited,

I would see all the movies for \$1.25 each and have a haircut at a small fraction of what I paid in New York and Washington. A lot of fun memories. In Goliad, we prayed for the nearly 400 fighters, including Fannin, who were massacred by Santa Anna on Palm Sunday, March 27, 1836.

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*For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. 2 Corinthians 5:1*

By the Grace of God, our final contingent of Texas Independence Day Riders got home safely. We praised the Lord for keeping us safe and for blessing our Lone Star State.

Masita was happy to rest her feet after 650 miles (1050 kilometers) of walking and running.

## Job & Volunteer Opportunities

### Sunday Audio/Visual Tech Volunteers Needed

Do you enjoy audio/video production or tech gadgets? Are you good with computers? We could use your help on Sunday mornings to support those worshipping the Lord, both in-person and online. Volunteers are welcome for all services. Please contact Ross Brown at [rossb@fpcsat.org](mailto:rossb@fpcsat.org) if you are interested and able to help.

### Welcome Team Needs You!

The Welcome Team is in need of Greeters for in-person and online worship services. We also need Ushers to serve in our on-campus Worship Services. Help us extend FPC's greatest hospitality to those God sends through our doors. Please contact Wendy Garcia at [wendyg@fpcsat.org](mailto:wendyg@fpcsat.org) to sign up.

### Hiring Assistant Director to Youth & their Families

First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio is accepting applications for an Assistant Director to Youth and their Families. Potential candidates should have a heart for family ministry and a desire to work with a team to see students grow in their walk with Christ. Resumes can be sent to Alex Clary, [alexc@fpcsat.org](mailto:alexc@fpcsat.org), and visit the church website at [fpcsanantonio.org/jobs](http://fpcsanantonio.org/jobs) for more information.

### FPC Children's Center Hiring Teachers & Subs

The FPC Children's Center is currently hiring one full-time lead teacher, two afternoon teachers, and substitutes. Contact Midea Marez Leija at 210-271-2788.







# CHILDREN'S EASTER PROGRAM

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On April 4, the halls were filled with candy-filled plastic eggs, and happy kids and their families came to participate in the Easter program. Because we missed out in person with the program last year, the smiles were huge and the excitement was in the air! The program was a success and the story of the Risen Savior was told.

A special thank you to Bob Esquenazi for his outstanding solo monologue performance. The children were entranced! Thank you to our Chair and Co-Chair of the Easter program, Mrs. Courtney Kridel and Mrs. Tanya Carr. These two worked hard for weeks to ensure the event was a blessing. Many of our youth and other church volunteers were on hand this morning to help make it happen and it must be said that without you, all the planning in the world wouldn't matter!

We can't wait to see how the rest of 2021 unfolds!

Rozlyn D. Miller, Ministry Director to Children & their Families





## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

# ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN THE GIFT OF WOMEN OF THE CHURCH



### BESTY ZACHRY

President, Women of the Church

**W**omen of the Church faced the year's challenges knowing God's steady hand was upon us and His presence leading this ministry. It feels so good to be with our friends and loved ones once again—something I will try, very hard, to not take for granted in the future. Women of the Church has continued to step out, trusting God's provisions, to bring the women of First Presbyterian together while maintaining safety guidelines.

In April—a number of women gathered in the beautiful backyards and patios of six homes hosted by Pat Johnson, Nancy Scheifele, Debbie McCullough, Mary Ellen Mauze, Catherine Whitsett and Susan DeKoch. Nancy Scheifele's Ladies Night Out Committee once again did an amazing job of bringing friends together in small groups and the feedback could not

be more positive! It was so nice to see all ages gathering in shared fellowship! The smiles and laughter were infectious, leaving me with a sense of peace and joy!

The month of May is going to be so much fun! We will be celebrating all women of First Presbyterian Church and honoring our former Presidents, Wednesday, May 5, in Carolyn Johnson's beautiful home and garden. Safe socializing either inside or out and everyone is welcome to join. Please contact Barbara Wood for more information: 210-240-1893 or [bebewood@att.net](mailto:bebewood@att.net)

Then, on Tuesday, May 11, we will be closing out the year with a fun night of delicious food and conversation at Paloma Blanca. Again, everyone is welcome to join. Dinner reservations are secured with your \$25 payment and scholarships are available through me or Janet. Please make your reservations no later than Tuesday, May 4, Betsy Zachry: 210-262-



1236, [betsyz@swbell.net](mailto:betsyz@swbell.net) or Janet Wernli: 210-414-8906, [janetw1966@hotmail.com](mailto:janetw1966@hotmail.com)

Finally, we celebrate an upcoming year of growth and progress with the installation of our new 2021 – 2022 WOC officers on, Sunday, May 16, at the 9:00 a.m. service. We are blessed to have strong, faithful leadership carrying us into the new year. (Women of the Church continues its mission of serving others, engaging in God-given relationships, and the opportunity for Christian study.)

Don't miss the opportunity to learn from the wisdom of the young and the life experiences of older women. We all benefit from one another and with that we grow with greater understanding of God's plan for our lives.

There is so much to be gained by allowing God to bring different ages and life experiences together—don't miss what God wants to show you now! Come be a part of a vibrant organization that has deep, deep roots grown out of love, compassion, and most importantly built on the foundation of love shown us by Jesus Christ.

My contact information is above—I'm available to answer your questions about WOC, seek answers, or to pray with you. I mean this with all sincerity.

May God Bless You Richly,  
Betsy





## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

### May Circle Schedule

Circle Number	Circle Theme	Regular Meeting Info	Additional Info
Circle 1/12	Bible Circle	Monday, May 10   10:30 AM FPC Geneva Room	Circle chairs will be in contact with details.
Circle 5	Shawl Ministry	Friday, May 21   10:00 AM FPC Room 228	Circle chairs will be in contact with details.
Circle 6	Bible Circle	Tuesday, May 18   1:30 PM FPC Geneva Room	Circle chairs will be in contact with details.
Circle 7	Bible Circle	Tuesday, May 11   11:30 AM	Circle chairs will be in contact with details.
Circle 8	Mom's Group	No formal meeting planned this month.	
Circle 9	Bible Circle	Tuesday, May 18   10:30 AM	Circle chairs will be in contact with details.
Circle 11	Bible Circle	Monday, May 24   6:30 PM	Circle chairs will be in contact with details.
Circle 13	Literature Circle	Tuesday, May 11   1:30 PM Westminster Hall & <a href="https://fpcsanantonio.org/lit-circle">fpcsanantonio.org/lit-circle</a>	Open to women & men; May Book: <i>Becoming Mrs. Lewis</i> , by Patti Callahan
Circle 14	Bible Circle	Monday, May 10   12:00 PM FPC St. Andrew's Room	Circle chairs will be in contact with details.
Circle 18	Circle of Concern	No formal meetings: Opportunity for service throughout the year	
Circle 20	Circle of Service	No formal meetings: Opportunity for service throughout the year	





**REV. DR. JOE MOORE**  
Minister for older adults  
and congregational care.

# KEYS

## Keeping EVERYONE Young in Spirit

**W**e continue to stay connected via Zoom, looking forward to the day when we will be back in person!! Hoping that will happen in September.

Miles Pike was a highlight of our April meetings. I hope you were able to hear his concert. The recording is available at [fpcsanantonio.org/keys-concert](https://fpcsanantonio.org/keys-concert).



### KEYS Events Coming in May:

- May 7** **Larry Rosenberger**, Covenant Partner and owner of Kilwins Candy store in Downtown San Antonio. Remember the Giant Santa in Mauze Lobby? Larry will be sharing what it is like to be in the Candy business and what God is doing through his store.
- May 14** **Aaron Zimmerman**, The Tobin Center/ Tobin Entertainment Vice President of Programming. Aaron will be sharing how the Center has survived Covid and what is planned for the future.
- May 21** **Carrie McDonald** will lead us as we revisit Ladybird Wildflower Center for springtime look via video.

### May 28 Memorial Day Theme

**King Antonio Visit** - I am waiting on confirmation of a date in June to host a reception with King Antonio. We will meet in the courtyard for snacks at 11:00.

If you have recommendations for KEYS speakers please don't hesitate to email [joem@fpcsat.org](mailto:joem@fpcsat.org), text or call 802-734-2329.

### We meet on Fridays at 11:00 AM

Zoom meeting ID 570 618 8075

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

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If you need help with Zoom feel free to contact me @ 802-734-2329 or [joem@fpcsat.org](mailto:joem@fpcsat.org).

### 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](mailto:joem@fpcsat.org)), your email address to be added to our list.

### AARP Safe Driving Class

If your AARP Safe Driving Class insurance discount is expiring, you can take the class online at [www.aarpdriversafety.org](http://www.aarpdriversafety.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

# FIRST CUP READINGS MAY, 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 Colossians 1:1-14; Ephesians 5:1-20
- 2 Genesis 1; John 1:1-4; Colossians 1:15-23

*Living for Jesus a life that is true, striving to please Him in all that I do, Yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free, This is the pathway of blessing for me. Living for Jesus wherever I am, Doing each duty in His holy name, Willing to suffer affliction or loss, Deeming each trial a part of my cross! Living for Jesus thro' earth's little while, My dearest treasure, the light of His smile, Seeking the lost ones He died to redeem, Bringing the weary to find rest in Him! I own no other Master; My heart shall be Thy throne. My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone. (Worship in Song, No. 333)*

- 3 Colossians 1:24-29; Romans 16:25-27; Ephesians 3:2-6
- 4 Colossians 2:1-23; Ephesians 2
- 5 Colossians 3:1-17; Ephesians 4:17-5:20
- 6 Colossians 3:18-4:18; Ephesians 5:21-6:20
- 7 Romans 1; Leviticus 18; Psalm 106
- 8 Romans 2; James 1:19-25; Matthew 7:1-5
- 9 Romans 3; Psalm 14; 5; Ephesians 1:3-14

*Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine; Word of God, and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight. Holy Spirit, love divine, glow within this heart of mine; Kindle every high desire; perish self in Thy pure fire. Holy Spirit, power divine, fill and nerve this will of mine; By Thee may I strongly live, bravely bear, and nobly strive. Holy Spirit, right divine, make my conscience wholly Thine; Be my law, and I shall be firmly bound, forever free. (The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 321)*

- 10 Romans 4; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 6:28-40
- 11 Romans 5:1-11; Colossians 1:21-23; 1 Peter 4:12-19; James 5:10-11
- 12 Romans 5:12-6:23; 1 Thessalonians 3:11-4:8
- 13 Romans 7; 2 Samuel 11; Mark 14:26-38; 51-72; Psalm 32
- 14 Romans 8:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:1-10; Isaiah 25:6-9; 1 Corinthians 15:35-58
- 15 Romans 8:18-39; Deuteronomy 31:6; Joshua 1:5; Psalm 118
- 16 Romans 9; Jeremiah 18; Isaiah 29:13-16; 64:5-9

*A charge to keep I have, A God to glorify; A never dying soul to save, And fit it for the sky. To serve the present age, My calling to fulfill; Oh, may it all my pow'rs engage To do my Master's will! Arm me with jealous care, As in Thy sight to live; And, oh, Thy servant, Lord, prepare A strict account to give! Help me to watch and pray,*

*And on Thyself rely, Assured if I my trust betray I shall forever die. (Worship in Song, No. 190)*

- 17 Isaiah 65; Romans 10
- 18 Romans 11; Psalm 139
- 19 Romans 12; Leviticus 19:18; Proverbs 20:22; 1 Peter 2:11-25
- 20 Romans 13; Ephesians 5:11-13; 6:10-18
- 21 Romans 14; Psalm 34:14; Hebrews 12:14-15; 1 Corinthians 8:9-13
- 22 Romans 15-16; Romans 12:10; 1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 4:7-21
- 23 1 Peter 1; Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 4:17-5:21

*O Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end; Be Thou forever near me, My Master and my Friend: I shall not fear the battle If Thou art by my side, Nor wander from the pathway If Thou wilt be my Guide. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, The tempting sounds I hear; My foes are ever near me, Around me and within; But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer, And shield my soul from sin. O let me hear Thee speaking In accents clear and still, Above the storms of passion, The murmurs of self-will! O speak to reassure me, To hasten or control! O speak, and make me listen, Thou Guardian of my soul! (The Hymnbook, No. 307)*

- 24 1 Peter 2:1-12; Romans 13:8-14; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19; Psalm 65:1-4
- 25 1 Peter 2:13-3:22; Ephesians 5:22-6:9; 1 Thessalonians 5
- 26 1 Peter 4; Philippians 1:27-30; Revelation 2:10
- 27 Jeremiah 10:21; 23:1-4; Matthew 9:36; John 10:1-18; 1 Peter 5
- 28 Matthew 17:1-8; 2 Peter 1; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 119:105; 2 Corinthians 4:6
- 29 2 Peter 2; Hebrews 6:4-6; Jude
- 30 Matthew 24; 2 Peter 3; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12

*O Lord, my inmost heart and thought Thy searching eye doth see; Wher-e'er I rest, wher-e'er I go, My ways are known to Thee. Each spoken word, each silent thought, Thou, Lord, dost understand; Before me and behind art Thou, Restraining by Thy hand. From Thee, O Lord, I cannot hide, Though darkness cover me; The darkness and the light of day Are both alike to Thee. Search me, O God, and know my heart, Try me, my thoughts to know; O lead me, if in sin I stray, In paths of life to go. (The Hymnbook, No. 129)*

- 31 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; 1 Timothy 6:6-10; 1 John 2:15-17; James 1:13-15



# 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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