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Heritage In Mission



Rev. Dr. Bob Fuller
Senior Pastor

"I believe that the church discovers her true nature only as she moves from one human world to another, when she crosses frontiers, whether these are geographical, cultural, ethnic, linguistic, or sociological." - David Bosch, *A Spirituality of the Road*¹

When John McCullough, our founding pastor, saw San Antonio for the first time, He described it as... *"A dilapidated, miserable looking place, affording ocular demonstration of desolating war and semi-barbarism."*² San Antonio was a town of gamblers, desperadoes, houses of ill-repute, saloons—everything you want in a wild west movie! The ruins and wounds from the battle of the Alamo were still fresh. And yet, something moved in McCullough. As a friend put it, McCullough's *"righteous soul was vexed over much."* Rather than turn away, *"John McCullough would see in this uncertain scene of desolation an opportunity to serve God."*³

This account reminds me of the story of Matthew chapter 9:35-36:

"...Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."

The word translated as *compassion* is the Greek word *spagchnizomai*. It means that Jesus literally got a

stomachache over the things he saw. It made him sick and brokenhearted. He had to do something.

John McCullough felt that same compassion. He could not "un-see" the moral, spiritual and living conditions of the people he met. He had to do something so he *"became the first resident protestant minister in that outpost of civilization, preaching the gospel of truth and righteousness to a town of outlaws."*⁴

John McCullough established this church in San Antonio, but his vision was bigger. He knew that teaching the Gospel in San Antonio would influence not only Texas, but also all of Mexico. For 125 years, the people of First Presbyterian leveraged their position in the center of the city and on the cultural frontier to make that vision a solid reality.

In 1971, another Presbyterian minister came to San Antonio, and a reporter asked the brand new pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Louis Zbinden, why he would move all the way from the mountains of North Carolina to serve a downtown church in San Antonio, Texas. He told the reporter *"Because there are still people in this city and God still loves them."* With that conviction, FPC entered a new season of ministry to our neighborhood and the nations. Under

¹David Bosch, *A Spirituality of the Road*, p.58

²Donald E. Everett, *Adobe Walls to Stone Edifice*, p.3

³Donald E. Everett, *Adobe Walls to Stone Edifice*, p.8

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Dr. Zbinden's leadership, FPC forged partnerships that made this church a leader in mission and ministry around the world.

God has a universe-sized Mission, and FPC is part of that cosmic plan. Philippians 2:10-11 reads, *"That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*

When we think about God's design for this church, we must think big. The goal of God, the vision of the creator of the universe, is for every created thing—not just on earth but in heaven, on earth, and even in hell—to know His greatness, glory, power and love. Jesus Christ came to turn people away from brokenness, confusion, fear, temptation and isolation, toward the life-restoring, world-restoring glory of God.

To celebrate God's work through FPC, a team of congregational leaders and communication staff have produced a beautiful new publication called **Heritage in Mission**. The purpose of this project is to capture and share stories of God's compassion and His Glory. **Heritage in Mission** is not just a record of our ministry, it is an exercise in thanksgiving to our Lord and for the faithful FPC saints who have gone before us. Our hope is that by sharing this heritage, together we will all embrace a broader vision of God's mission for the church in our own generation. We pray that you will be inspired to become a boundary-crosser and embrace the ministry of Jesus Christ for the sake of God's glory.

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

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College Care Packages

Packing Party Date:
Monday, November 4
Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Location: Student Center

We need your student's mailing address! Please add your undergraduate student's address to the googledoc emailed to college families, or send the address to wendygarcia@satx.rr.com.

Donations of non-perishable snacks accepted starting Oct. 27. Baked good donations accepted Nov. 3 & 4. Please label your donations for "College Care Packages."

If you want to help pack, we need volunteers on Nov. 4. Contact Sallie Guy (sallie.a.guy@gmail.com) or Alex Solorio (alexs@fpcsat.org).

Operation Christmas Child

Dates: Sundays through Nov. 10
Due Date: Sunday, Nov. 17
Time: Between & After Services
Location: Ave E. Entrance & Narthex

Everyone is invited to pick up an OCC box today or anytime on or before November 10. Please take them home and fill them up according to the instructions in the box. Boxes are due back to FPC by Sunday, November 17 to be sent to Samaritan's Purse. For more information contact rozlynm@fpcsat.org.

The House University Bible Study

Dates: Fridays, November 1 & 15
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Student Center

Evenings of fun, fellowship, and formative teaching every other Friday night! We will not meet the Friday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 29.) We will resume our every other week schedule on Friday, December 6. Check us out at Facebook.com/2TenSATX. For more info contact Alex Solorio at alexs@fpcsat.org.

Literature Circle

Dates: Tuesday, Nov. 12
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: McCullough Room

Janice Clayton will review the "must read" memoir, "Educated," by author Tara Westover for the FPC Literature Circle. The memoir relates Tara's life as the daughter of a Mormon Idaho survivalist couple. With no formal education, at age 17 years, she decided to take her education in hand. Her story is of courage, intelligence, and fortitude and the outcome of her education is inspiring.

Join us Tuesday, November 12, at 1:00 PM in the McCullough Room. Bring a friend for this incredible experience.

Team World Vision Run the Alamo 2020

Marathon/Half Marathon Date:
Sunday, March 8, 2020

Looking for a way to build community while helping transform communities around the world? We're building our team for the 2020 Run the Alamo Half and Full Marathon, and we want YOU to join us! All shapes, sizes, ages, abilities, paces welcome (80% of our team is completely new to this). For more info, contact Christi Manacapilli at Fpcteamwv@gmail.com.

University Family Dinner

Dates: Sunday, November 17
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Stevens' Residence

Gather with other local university students and enjoy a home cooked meal in the home of Gina and Bob Stevens, 120 Claywell Dr. Bring a friend for good food and great fellowship. For more info contact Alex Solorio at alexs@fpcsat.org.



Youth Ministry Jr. High Guys Sunday Shenanigans

Date: Sunday, November 17
Time: 4:00 - 5:30 PM
Location: Mickler's House

Calling all dudes from the grades of 6-8! Introducing Sunday Shenanigans! This a time before your week begins to unwind, laugh, and hang with the boys. Includes yard games, snacks (not dinner), a short lesson, and time for discussion/prayer. For more info, contact Mac Taylor (mccalebt@fpcsat.org)

Loaves and Fishes

Date: Saturday, November 16
Time: 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Location: Student Center
Downstairs

Our next opportunity to serve our under-resourced neighbors is next Saturday, November 16. Setup begins at 8:30 AM, doors open for guests at 10:30 AM, and serving begins at 11:00 AM. All are welcome. Please contact Lindsay Selli (lindsays@fpcsat.org) with questions or to volunteer.

Gift of Christmas

Dates: Sundays through Dec. 1

Time: Between & After Services

Location: Mauze Lobby

Gift of Christmas is a program that matches FPC Covenant members with the children of a family in need who has been screened by House of Neighborly Service, a non-profit organization serving residents of the Westside area of San Antonio. For more information see the [article on page 21](#).

KEYS November

Friday, Nov. 1 | 11:00 AM

Vincent Michael San Antonio
Conservation Society

Friday, Nov. 8 | 11:00 AM

Veterans Day Program with Cox
Family Singers

Friday, Nov. 15 | 11:30 AM

Birthday Lunch at Longhorn Café

Friday, Nov. 22 | 11:00 AM

Gayle Brennan Spencer & Butch
Gerfers, author and historian

Friday, Nov. 29

NO KEYS, Happy Thanksgiving

Make your reservations through
Alice at the reception desk, (210)
226-0215 or alicem@fpcsat.org. More
information on [pages 24-25](#).

Children's Ministry Christmas Wrap Sunday

Sunday, November 17 | 9:30 AM | Assembly Room

We are wrapping up the fall with Christmas Wrap Sunday! Wear your PJs to Sunday School hour, eat some pancakes and bacon, & bring a pair of adult fuzzy socks to wrap up to give to a nursing home resident. Contact rozlynm@fpcsat.org for more information.





Advent Festival

A Church-Wide Event

to Worship the Birth of Our Lord & Savior

December 1 | 3:00 - 5:00 PM | Westminster Hall

Come join your church family in celebrating the start of Advent; a time for reflection and to celebrate all that the Lord has done for you this year. And... its the perfect time to come act like a KID! Whether you are 5 or 95, come treasure the innocence of a child and see this Spirit-filled event through the eyes of children. You won't leave empty-handed or empty in Spirit! Come be filled with Joy!

Advent is also the season to bless others. We invite you to donate items for our neighbors in the KRL. Please go to the KRL's Wishlist on Amazon (<http://bit.ly/KRLList>).



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas Pageant

Date: Sunday, December 8

Time: 11:00 AM Traditional Service

There will be a mandatory dress rehearsal on December 7 in the Main Sanctuary from 9:00 - 11:00 AM. A light snack will be provided.

On Sunday, December 8, the Pageant performance will start promptly in 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service.





Midday Noels

MIDDAY NOELS CONCERT SERIES: A SEASONAL CELEBRATION OF MERRY MELODIES AND HOLIDAY HARMONIES

Thursday, December 5, 12, 19, 2019 | 12:10-12:45 PM | First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

Once again, FPC offers its holiday *gift to the city* through a variety of creative musical offerings. Each of these 30-40 minute concerts is followed by your choice of either a Grab-and-Go lunch (\$4) or a full hot lunch served in Westminster Hall (\$10).

- **Thursday, December 5 – Keyboard Rings & Violin Sings**

Our highly skilled organist, Dr. Jae Ha, is joined by Andrew Small, violin soloist and founder of the Monte Vista Strings and Jazz, to present a delightful offering of Christmas favorites. Jae's musical presentations are always a highlight of our series and not to be missed!

- **Thursday, December 12 – Shimmering Sounds and Sparkling Singing**

Highly skilled singers, including our Professional Section Leaders, form a small women's ensemble to present music of the season that will both inspire and entertain.

- **Thursday, December 19 – I'll Have a Blue, Bluegrass Christmas**

We are pleased to welcome for their first appearance at Midday Noels the bluegrass ensemble, Steel Betty Band, from Austin, Texas. Their lively concert will include flavors of bluegrass, folk, blues, Tex-Mex and classic country, mixed with a pinch of Christmas to end our Midday Noels series!



Order your POINSETTIAS for Christmas

Each year during the Advent season the congregation has an opportunity to remember a loved one, honor an individual or recognize an occasion by purchasing a poinsettia to be placed in the Chancel by the Sanctuary Flower Committee. If you would like to participate, the cost is \$15 to reserve a plant for one individual or one couple. Proceeds have enabled the Sanctuary Flower Committee to make many special gifts to beautify the church over the years. Your check should be made payable to the Sanctuary Flower Committee. Mail to First Presbyterian Church, c/o Sanctuary Flower Committee, 404 North Alamo, San Antonio, 78205-1918, or placed in the Sanctuary Flower mailbox in the workroom.

**Requests received later than Sunday, December 15, 2019
will miss the insert printing deadline**

**PLEASE RESERVE ONLY ONE PLANT
PER INDIVIDUAL OR COUPLE**

In honor of _____

OR

In memory of _____

Given by _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____



Youth Upcoming

Friday, Dec. 6 | 7:00 PM

High School Spurs Game | \$25

Sunday, Dec. 8 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Youth Christmas Party

Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020 | 6:00 PM

Youth Rampage Game | \$25

March 7-11, 2020

High School Big Bend Camping Trip

Make your ticket reservations through Mac Taylor at McCalebT@fpcsat.org. More information coming soon for spring 2020.

Check us out at [Facebook.com/FPCSAyouth](https://www.facebook.com/FPCSAyouth). For more info contact Emily Yergler at emilyy@fpcsat.org.

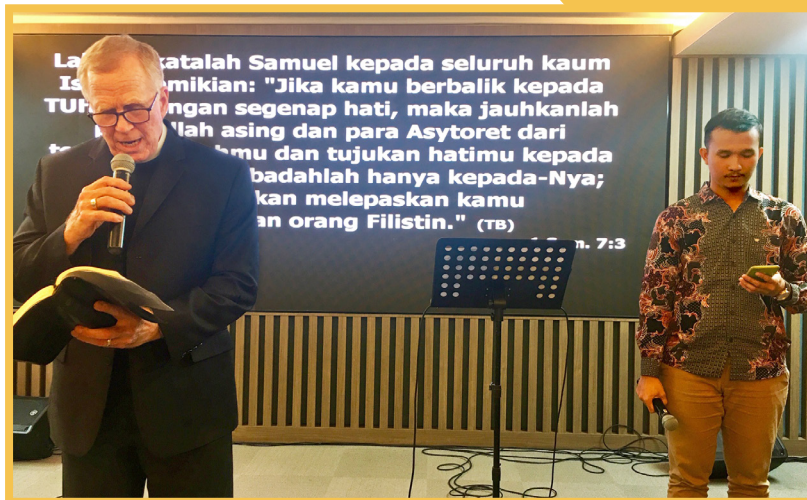
December Save the Dates

- Dec. 1** 3:00 PM | Advent Festival (Children's)
- Dec. 2** 9:45 AM | WOC Moderators & Council Meeting
- Dec. 4** 10:00 AM | KEYS Elf Louise Gift Wrapping
- Dec. 5** 12:10 PM | Midday Noels #1 – Piano & Violin
- Dec. 5** 3:00 PM | WOC Morningside Manor Skilled Nursing Christmas Party
- Dec. 6** 10:30 AM | KEYS Christmas Party
- Dec. 6** 7:00 PM | High School Spurs Game
- Dec. 7-8** Rock & Roll Marathon road closures
- Dec. 7** 9:00AM | Children's Pageant rehearsal
- Dec. 8** 11:00 AM | Children's Pageant (Combined 11:00 AM Service)
- Dec. 8** 3:00 PM Showtime | KEYS "A Christmas Carol" Woodlawn Theater
- Dec. 8** 6:00 PM | Youth Christmas Party
- Dec. 12** 12:10 PM | Midday Noels #2 – Women's Ensemble
- Dec. 12** 3:00 PM | WOC Morningside Manor Assisted Living Christmas Party
- Dec. 15** Poinsettia Order Deadline
- Dec. 19** 12:10 PM | Midday Noels #3 – Bluegrass Christmas
- Dec. 21** 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM | Loaves & Fishes
- Dec. 22** 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM | Cello & Choir in Traditional Services
- Dec. 22** Gift of Christmas delivery deadline
- Dec. 23** Alternative Gift Market deadline
- Dec. 24** Christmas Eve at First
- Dec. 25 through Jan. 1** - Church Offices Closed
- Dec. 29** 10:00 AM | One service combined

LOVING
THE WORLD

Return to Indonesia

by Ambassador Sichan Siv



Above: Ron preaching at Christ Church Palembang
Right: Ron preaching at UPH Grand Chapel



By the Grace of God, I accompanied Rev. Dr. Ron Scates to Indonesia this summer. After surviving three days of travel and a 6.9 earthquake that killed eight people and destroyed 1,000 houses, we made it to Palembang, capital of the former Buddhist Kingdom of Sriwijaya, a major power in Southeast Asia along with Cambodia's Hindu Kingdom of Angkor until the 13th - 15th centuries.

(On December 4, 2016 Ron, then interim senior pastor of our First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio, baptized me with the assistance of Rev. Scott Simpson. My wife, Martha, told me the baptism was my best gift to her. I told Ron that it was his best gift to me. Ten days later, Martha lifted off to be in Heaven with the Lord.)

Sunday, August 4, 2019, Ron preached about "Ebenezer" at Christ Chapel Palembang, which our Rev. A. Mitchell Moore helped start. CCP has a very dynamic and young congregation under the leadership of Tofer Tobing, who served as our guide, interpreter, and culinary/cultural adviser. He treated us to some delicious local dishes: *Pempek* (fish cake), *Pindang Tulang* (meat soup), *Kangkung Balacan* (water spinach), *Capcay Goreng* (mixed vegetables), and *Ayam Goreng Bawang Putih* (garlic chicken).

Two days later in *Karawaci*, Ron preached the same theme at the Grand Chapel of *Universitas Pelita Harapan*-UPH to 2,500 faculty, staff, and students. A similar number watched the service at different locations. I did not get the memo and



Above left: Sichan and Indonesian President Widodo;
 Above right: Sichan and former Indonesian Ambassador to UN, Rezlan Jenie
 Below: Indonesia in festive mood before its 74th Independence Day



was the only person wearing Batik, as opposed to the 4,999 who wore black and white coats/ties or skirts/blouses. This was the second time in a few months that I made a faux-pas in dress etiquette. On a trip to Istanbul in the spring, I brought one red tie, thinking that it would go well with the red flag of Turkey. I was told upon arrival that the attire would be dark suit and neck tie with white shirt.

"Those who think they know

something do not yet know as they ought to know."

- 1 Corinthians 8:2

UPH, co-founded by Johannes Oentoro, a visionary friend of mine, sets aside Tuesdays from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM for worship and fellowship. In memory of Martha, I presented a signed copy of *"Golden Bones"* to the main library named after him.

At lunch, Ron introduced me to two key leaders, Ric Cannada, who headed the Reformed

Theological Seminary, and Johannes Halim, associate pastor of Karawaci Presbyterian Church. At his dentist's recommendation, Ron returned to San Antonio that night and left me to fend for myself. Fear not! He had already planted an impressive VIP program for me. Since our arrival, I followed his routine with morning walks at 5:00 AM, even though I couldn't keep up with his pace. After his departure, I slacked off a bit, sometimes didn't start till 6:00 AM. My excuse? No excuse really, it's just still very dark at five!

The following day, I moved to Jakarta to attend the General Assembly of the World Reformed Fellowship of which Ron is a board member. The G.A., terms too familiar to me, took place at the Reformed Millennium Center that houses the Reformed Evangelical Church-Indonesia with a total capacity of 8,000 seats, a seminary, and a world class concert hall. The conference under the theme "Storming Seas," with participants from around the globe and an impressive list of speakers, was opened by the legendary Dr.

Stephen Tong who founded the church. He usually preaches in Jakarta, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Hong Kong in one weekend. A renaissance man, he also composes music and conducts the Jakarta Symphony. Channel 21 at the Karawaci Aryaduta broadcasts his sermons in English, Indonesian, and Chinese.

Indonesia—three times the size of Texas, three time zones, 270 million people (87% Muslims, 10% Christians or 27 million)—is the fourth populous country after China, India, and the USA, and the largest Muslim society in the world. It is home to several hundred ethnic groups with distinct customs and dialects living on 17,500 islands. Java with some 140 million people is the most populous island on earth.

In 1969, the year that Armstrong and Aldrin landed on the moon, I landed at Denpasar's brand new Ngurah Rai airport (now handling more than twice the volume of San Antonio International's 10 million passengers). After we commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Moon Landing on July 20 of that year, I now celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Siv-Indonesia Relationship (SIR)!

During the past five decades, I have had the opportunity to observe Indonesia's development over numerous visits, including some memorable ones. In the early 1980s Martha and I had a wonderful time in Bali. In Ubud, we spent an afternoon trying to unlock a brief case we bought earlier in Bangkok with all possible combinations, until the staff came up with a

brilliant idea: a saw. *Et voilà!* Our cottage in the middle of beautiful terraced rice fields provided an idyllic venue to feast on delicious *Bebek Bengil*, Bali's famous "Dirty Duck," while fireflies as bright as mini flashlights created a special ambiance. Our interaction with some aggressive monkeys at the forest temple and the attractive beaches at Kuta made our extended honeymoon quite unique.

In 1996, I traveled across the country speaking to universities in a fantastic program organized by the U.S. Information Agency. In the summer of 2002, I represented the United States at a U.N. conference in Bali. We took a short walk along the beaches from the hotel to the convention center every morning for tough negotiations as Australian and European tourists started sunbathing. One day I was asked to deliver the U.S. statement while wearing a Batik shirt. It pleased our Indonesian hosts and

baffled other delegates who saw an Indonesian looking speaker sitting behind the "United States" sign.

Indonesia's one trillion-dollar economy earns the country a place with China, India, Japan, and South Korea as Asian members of the G20. Indonesians are proud of its "Unity in Diversity" principle. Officials who briefed us at the Presidential Palace and addressed us at the WRF General Assembly always pointed this out.

Istaqlal, the largest mosque in Southeast Asia and third in the world, was designed by the Christian Architect Frederich Silaban and has the Jakarta Cathedral as a neighbor at the heart of the capital. It reminds me of the Coptic and Greek Orthodox churches that stand proudly near the King Abdullah Mosque in Amman.

I was happily reunited with former Indonesian Ambassador to



Ron and Sichan with Christ Church Palembang Leadership

the U.N. Rezlan Jenie, a great colleague who helped shape a solid working relationship into a long-lasting friendship. Over the famous Balinese “Dirty Duck” dinner, we reminisced the time we spent together in New York as representatives of our countries. We launched a U.N. quartet—Brunei, Indonesia, Japan, US—with many Asian ambassadors in *karaoke* sessions to build good will after working hard on multiple issues. Rezlan’s favorite was The Beatles (*I saw her standing there*). Mine was Frank Sinatra (*Strangers in the night*—Martha’s favorite song). I am proud that I did not embarrass the United States!

We cooperated in some historic events, especially the aftermath of the December 2004 tsunami, one of the world’s worst disasters: Indonesia suffered 200,000 deaths and 500,000 homes destroyed.

According to *Golden Bones* (page 298), the United States was the first to respond to the tragedy immediately pledging \$350 million. The amount did not include our military asset with the Abraham Lincoln Carrier Battle Group of 27 ships, 45 aircraft, 57 helicopters and 15,000 personnel, delivering some 12 million pounds of supplies. At a conference in Mauritius in January 2005, I announced that the United States would support efforts to develop global early warning systems for tsunamis and other natural disasters. By March 1, the

American people had donated over \$1 billion through some 130 agencies. Presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton (41 & 42) were called by President George W. Bush 43 to help raise awareness for relief efforts. It produced a friendship between two former political opponents which 42 called a great gift in his life.

The US-Indonesian relationship turned 70 this year and is now entering its 8th decade. The high point might be on May 25, 2005 when President Yudhoyono became the first foreign head of state invited to a domestic event at The White House as President George W. Bush honored Asian Pacific American heritage. Martha and I were privileged to be recognized by the 43rd president along with then Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta and then Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao (now Secretary of Transportation).

The Indonesian president thanked us for our post tsunami assistance. He read a letter from a third grader in Michigan: “*I am sorry what happened in your country. I have heard something*

about it. I hope your family and friends are okay. In church, I pray for you and your country. In school, we are raising money for your country. We have a loose change bucket, and kids bring money in. Also, we are making tsunami bracelet to raise money, too. I have made you one. I hope you like it. I will continue praying for you and your country in church. Your friend, Maggie.”

And one from a girl in Aceh: “*I was so happy and my heart was touched by the letter you sent us. My family, my dad, mom, older brother and younger brother have disappeared, and now I live with my cousins. I hope you are healthy and well where you are. I am so glad you are paying attention to us here. I hope to receive your bracelet in the coming days, because I want to wear it on my arm to remind me that I have new friend. Your friend, Nada.*”

“God’s light shines indeed in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.” - John 1:5

President George W. Bush said it best: “*We may be on the opposite sides of the ocean, but we have a lot in common. We are*



Sichan in Batik shirt with Ron and UPH leadership



Sichan and WRF Board, L to R: Rob Norris (chair), Karen Jansson, Tod Smedley, & Mauro Meister

both among the world's largest democracies. We both share the belief that our great diversity is a source of strength."

Indonesia was in a festive mood in early August 2019, getting ready for the 74th anniversary of its independence from 350 years of Dutch rule. Red and white flags and banners adorned buildings and streets. Many items were sold for 74,000 rupiahs (\$5.30)

and stores even offered 74% discounts. I wondered whether everything would be free in 2045 when the country celebrates its 100th year of independence.

My return trip took only 32 hours from door to door, four hours shorter than the outbound one, during which Ron and I were seat mates on the 15-hour trans-Pacific flight from Los Angeles to Guangzhou.

Once inside my home in San Antonio, I praised the Lord for another opportunity to serve.

I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. - Philippians 4:13

To Indonesia, I say "Terema kasih atas ingatannya." Thanks for the memories.

I'll be back!

(Sichan Siv, member of First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio, served as deputy assistant to President George H. W. Bush and ambassador to the U.N. under President George W. Bush.)

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HERITAGE IN STEWARDSHIP

HOW WE DO WHAT WE DO | 2020

Our heritage in mission happened because of a heritage in stewardship. Our mission is “what” we do. Faithful stewardship is “how” we do it. What is stewardship? Simply put, it means “using God’s gifts for God’s purposes.” We are able to do what we do because men, women and families have given generously of their time, their talents, and their financial resources.

- ▶ **Pray.** Ask God to open the door for you to give generously to the ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Think about what the ministry of FPC means to you and what it has meant to the people and history of our city. Pray that God’s love would take over our lives and challenge us to respond as never before.
- ▶ **Make a Faith Commitment. A Faith Commitment is a plan to support the work of the church financially in 2020.** Trust that God is at work in the church and that the gifts that you give will not be wasted, but will be used to spread God’s Word and His love.
- ▶ **Get involved in a church ministry.** Find a way to serve God by serving others and sharing your faith in a hands-on way. Work through the ministries and projects of the church. God wants to mobilize your passions and talents for His love and glory.

HOW WE USE OUR **TIME**

The heritage of our church should not just be measured by the 174 years since our founding. It should be multiplied by the moments, hours, long days and short nights given by our members over those years. Time is our most valuable resource and people gave it sacrificially. They gave that time in service to our neighbors and in teaching our children and one another. They gave their time in the worship of our Lord and prayer for one another. Our other resources are dormant, or meaningless, without the people giving their time to deploy them. ***How are we using the moments God has given us, like our predecessors used the moments that God gave them?***

HOW WE USE OUR **TALENTS**

God also gave this congregation an army of uniquely gifted people. God has always raised up the right people at the right moments with the right talents to make a difference in the city and around the world. God has gathered people of unique talents who have the skills that can leverage our resources and move his mission. We need you to use the unique talents that God has given you for the mobilization of his mission. ***How are you using your unique talents to move God’s mission in this moment?***

HOW WE USE OUR **FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

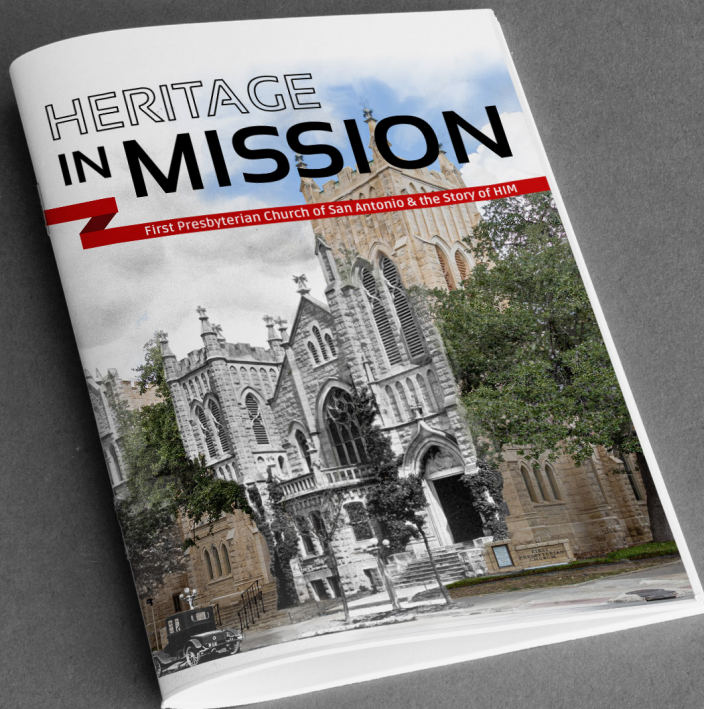
Over the last 174 years, God has given each generation the resources it needed to fulfill God’s mission in its own time. He has also given each successive generation the foundation laid by the last. As the current members of this church community, we are standing on the shoulders of giants. We can do what we do because they did what they did. We have the facilities, location, equipment and personnel we need because previous generations gave sacrificially. Your regular giving makes it possible for us to conduct our ministry right here at Fourth and Alamo, as well as to extend the mission God has given to First Presbyterian Church around the world. ***How are we responding to the call of Christ today, using our financial resources to meet today’s needs and to set the foundation for the future?***

COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 24

Brochures and Commitment Forms will be sent to covenant partners and available in Mauze Lobby in November. Commitments can be made by doing one of the following:

1. Visiting our website at www.fpcsanantonio.org/give
2. Downloading the new FPC App and going to the "Give" section
3. Filling out a commitment form and bringing it to the service of dedication on Sunday, November 24. You may also mail it to the church office, drop it off, or place it in the offering plate on any Sunday.

COMMITMENT CARD



Don't miss our new, special publication - *Heritage in Mission*. This beautiful magazine is designed to introduce our members and community to FPC's heritage of hope. It is sure to fill you with joy and inspiration. Magazines were sent to each household in October, and are available in Mauze Lobby.

You can also access the online version at: www.fpcsanantonio.org/HIM

In response to God's generous gift and by faith,
I/we _____
will support the ministry and mission of First
Presbyterian Church of San Antonio by:

☐ Committing to the following gift for the 2020
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\$ _____ PER (Please check one)

☐ WEEK ☐ MONTH ☐ YEAR ☐ OTHER _____

FOR ANNUAL TOTAL OF: \$ _____

☐ Committing to SERVE as a volunteer in the
church.

☐ Committing to PRAY for the missions and
ministry of the church.

☐ Committing to regular participation in
WORSHIP.

☐ Committing to SPIRITUAL GROWTH by joining
a Bible Study, Sunday School Class, Circle, or
Group.

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LOVING CHRIST. LOVING ONE ANOTHER

Prayers for: VETERANS DAY

Our gracious Lord, we give you thanks for all who have given of themselves in the military service to our nation from the Revolutionary War through the conflicts of today.

- We commit to your eternal and loving care all those who have fallen in battle; for their love of country and giving their very lives to gain and preserve our freedoms. We especially lift-up for your care and support their families; wives, the children, the mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, who will forever miss them.
- Lord God, we also pray for our wounded returning veterans as we see their images on the television, or even in person. Sometimes their wounds are very obvious and other times not visible at all. Many scars from the trauma of war are never seen but are very real to them. We pray for your healing touch in mind, body and spirit. Bless them and their families as they go forward in life.
- It is our prayer that you will guide our current military personnel in their daily service and be their protection. Comfort those who are alone in far-away places by your presence and shepherd their families during times of separation.
- Again, O Lord, we intercede with grateful hearts on behalf of all veterans who have served our country, for their valor and courage in times of world tension and times of peace.
- All this we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.



LOVING THE CITY

Local Mission Update: One by One

One by One Ministries is an organization that seeks to mentor and educate new moms to parent well. To accomplish this mission, they partner with churches and equip other women to mentor these new moms. One by One trains mentors who are then matched to moms that are asking for and seeking help!

One by One was actually founded and established in San Antonio, but several years ago it moved its headquarters to Memphis, Tennessee. Recently, and with the establishment of the KRL, it made sense for FPC to become a partner church with the organization as we are helping expectant moms with Any Woman Can inside our church walls.

On Saturday, September 28, FPC hosted a community training session where we had a total of 15 women trained to become a mentor, and 8 of those 15 were from our very own congregation! These training sessions enable participants to learn all aspects of what it looks like through the course of the 18-month mentoring process. There is no stone left unturned! The curriculum is very detailed and

provides the mentor with extensive knowledge and easy-to-remember tasks. Volunteers are equipped to educate moms and families about the growth and development of babies, improve the parenting skills of this generation to impact the next generation, help mitigate and decrease child abuse and neglect, and share the hope and love of Jesus Christ. Every baby deserves the opportunity to become what God wants him or her to be!

The new mother is the heart of this organization, and they want to ensure that each mom is given the tools to not only succeed as a mother but also to recognize Christ as her Savior. The ministry's key verse is 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old is gone and the new has come."

If you are interested in learning more about this organization, please contact Jennie Brooks. We need women to serve as mentors, and women and men who are willing to serve as prayer partners.

Jennie Brooks
Jenniebrooks23@yahoo.com

PRAYER COMMITTEE

THANKSGIVING DEVOTION

As we gather as families for this Thanksgiving meal, we often give thanks for the bountiful meal prepared with love. Let us also remember to thank God for all His blessing in our lives. Remember to thanks Him for our church family and for what He is doing in the life of First Presbyterian and all the ministries this church supports. Thank Him for the leadership in our congregation and the staff and all those that make this church run smoothly and fulfill its calling to Love Jesus Christ, Love One Another, and Love our City.

Our prayers at the dinner table will take many forms. Some families will take this mealtime to share sentence prayers in which each person has an opportunity to tell God something for which he or she is thankful. Some may read a favorite family prayer or look one up that may have historical significance and may also read the proclamations given by President Washington (<http://www.leaderu.com/humanities/washington-thanksgiving.html>) or by President Lincoln after the civil war (<http://www.abrahamlincolnonline.org/lincoln/speeches/thanks.htm>).

On most of our smart phones there is a Bible app that offers special devotionals for a few days leading up to Thanksgiving Day. This helps us prepare our hearts to focus on thanking God for our many blessings.

Many families will take this time to share with those who have less, doing a shift at the food bank, or volunteering for many of the ministries of FPC, making the day less about us, but more about God.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

by Mary Fairchild

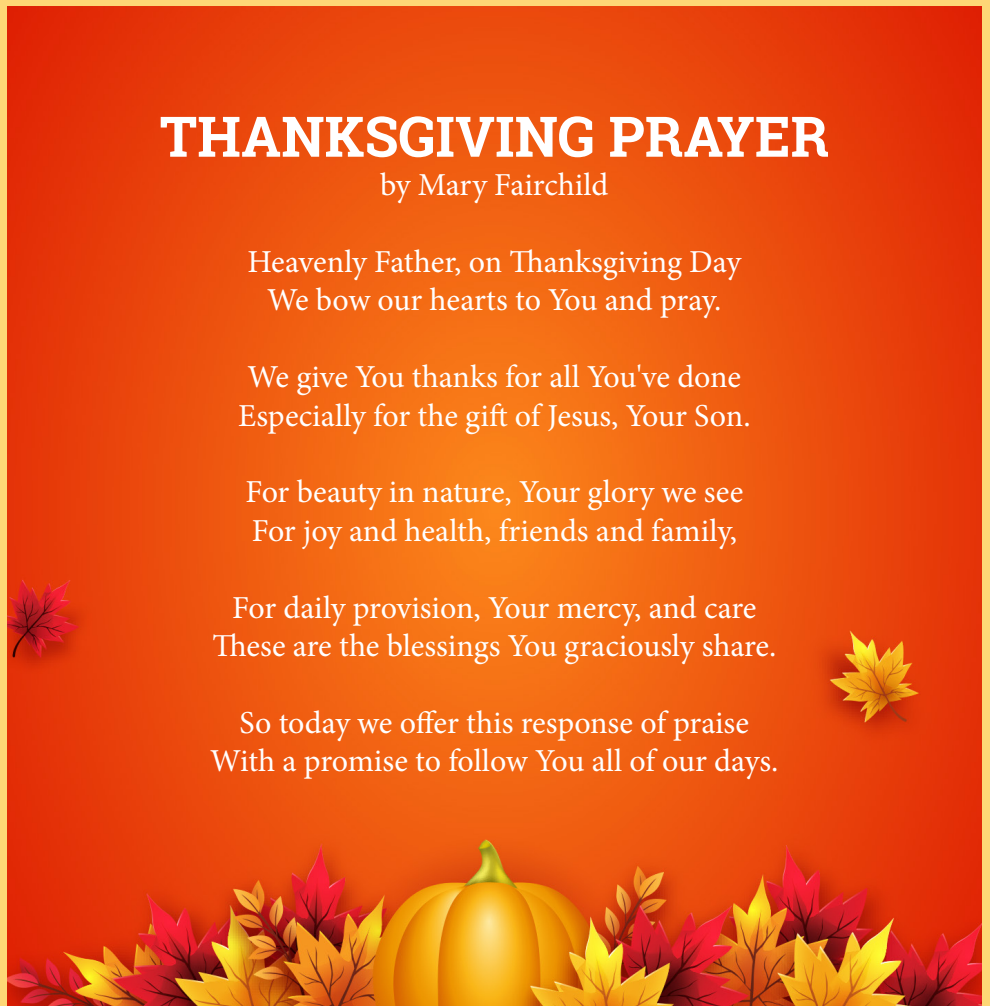
Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day
We bow our hearts to You and pray.

We give You thanks for all You've done
Especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son.

For beauty in nature, Your glory we see
For joy and health, friends and family,

For daily provision, Your mercy, and care
These are the blessings You graciously share.

So today we offer this response of praise
With a promise to follow You all of our days.



These words of a famous Thanksgiving hymn can also be our prayer:

**COME, YE THANKFUL
PEOPLE, COME**

*Come, ye thankful people come,
Raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathering in,
Ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.*

*All the word is God's own field,
Fruit as praise to God we yield;
What and tares together shown
Are to joy or sorrow grown;
First the bland and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.*

*For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take the harvest home;
From the field shall in that day
All offenses purge away.
Giving angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store
In the garner evermore.*

*Even so, Lord, quickly come,
Bring thy final harvest home;
Gather thou thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In thy presence to abide;
Come, with all thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.*

Lyrics by Henry Alford (1810-1871)
Music by George J. Elvey (1816-1893)

SCRIPTURES FOR THANKSGIVING SEASON

Some may want to print these out and cut them or write each one on a separate piece of paper and pass a bowl around with the verses in it. Each person reads the verse they picked from the bowl.

Psalm 95:2 " Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song."

Psalm 69:30 "I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving."

I Corinthians 1:4 " I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus."

Psalm 100:4 "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."

II Corinthians 9:11 " You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

Philippians 4:6 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

I Chronicles 16:34 " Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures forever."

Colossians 2:6-7 "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

I Thessalonians 5:18 " Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ."

Children's Sunday Thank You!

ROZLYN MILLER

Ministry Director to Children and their Families



On Oct 13, Children of FPC led around the church doing various jobs like greeting, liturgy in the 11:00 AM worship service, and praying with the congregation. What an excellent picture of the family of God working together through multi-generations, to deliver the gospel and the hope found in the fellowship of other believers.

I am tremendously proud of all the boys and girls who participated in this year's Children Sunday and I want to say to you all, well done! Thank you especially to the volunteers and the team of teachers who helped make this day possible. Lastly, thank you to the support of our wonderful staff here at FPC. Your encouragement and your love for the Children's Ministry shows!

As we team together, the children of FPC are watching us and seek to mirror us. I pray they always find faithful service to the Kingdom of Christ when they look to us who have promised to teach them the disciplines of a disciple, and execute such service in love and grace!

Rozlyn Miller

- Ministry Director to Children
and their Families

CHANGE IS IN THE AIR

The Gift of Christmas ministry at First Presbyterian Church has had a lengthy and generous history. For over 60 years, our church has partnered with House of Neighborly Services, which was founded in 1917 by Presbyterian missionaries. HNS is a non-profit organization, serving residents of the Westside of San Antonio which has a high risk for child abuse and neglect, family violence and drug/alcohol abuse. The center provides a wide range of social, educational and health related programs for families.

Many of you have supported the Gift of Christmas program in the past but **change is in the air**. This year, the Gift of Christmas program will focus on the children of these families in the HNS network. Rather than providing gifts for the entire family, only the children will receive gifts. HNS is also working on a plan to simplify communications with the families and delivery of gifts. Details have not been finalized by HNS, but more information will follow soon.

In the meantime, please prayerfully consider adopting the children of a family.

THE Gift OF Christmas

Children are often the innocent victims of family situations in which they have no control. Our joy as FPC covenant partners can be to make their holiday more special. The participation of FPC covenant partners is essential to the success of this program that we have loved and supported for many years.

Jesus said, “*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.*” - John 13:34

What a wonderful opportunity we have in the Gift of Christmas program to exhibit the love of Jesus Christ to children in need.

There will be a Gift of Christmas table set up in the Mauze lobby every Sunday beginning October 27, where you can pick up Child Request Forms and get other information regarding the program. You can also visit fpcsanantonio.org/gift-of-christmas or contact Cassie McMillan for more information at cassiehager39@gmail.com, 210-254-8558.

JUDY KRUGER

President, Women of the Church

Women of the Church

October is a very busy month for Women of the Church. The annual Fall Ladies Night Out at the beautiful home of Lellen Lane was an evening of friendship, fun, and delicious food! We appreciate the gracious hospitality of Lellen and Rick. Many thanks to Shelley Bass and her committee (Mindy Daubert, Kim Smith, Maggie Burnett, Susie Patterson, Martha Smith, Stacia Morse, Nancy Williams, and Catherine Whitsett) for planning this wonderful event. I would also like to thank Judy Spencer and her talented cast for their performance of “Bad Girls of the Bible.”

Our Luncheon Committee is working diligently to prepare for the annual Fall Legacy Luncheon. Amy Allen and Julie Hill are taking reservations and organizing tables. Holly Youngquist, Robin Hudnall, Blair Perry, and Cheri Stith are busy collecting items to decorate the tables. We are eager to hear our luncheon speaker, Rev. Dr. Kristin Huffman.

In addition to these events, Nina Jordan and Lellen Lane are organizing our fall Staff Appreciation Luncheon for our church employees. Many women

have volunteered to bring food, and Nina and Lellen always go the extra mile to make our staff feel special.

The ladies in Circle 8 are preparing our craft projects. We will assemble them and then give them to our friends at Morningside Meadows/Manor at their Christmas parties in December.

And speaking of Christmas, Cassie McMillan has been working with House of Neighborly Service to identify families for us to “adopt” through our Gift of Christmas ministry. This ministry is an opportunity for groups or individuals to show the love of Christ by giving Christmas gifts to families in need. Please begin to pray about “adopting” a family (as individuals, families, Sunday school classes, Circles, small groups, etc.) We will have more information about this ministry in the coming weeks.

I am thankful for our church and for the women in this church who volunteer tirelessly serving the Lord. It is a blessing to see how much they love Jesus, love each other, and love our city. I wish you a blessed Thanksgiving.



WOMEN OF THE CHURCH | November Circle Schedule

Circle Number	Circle Theme	Meeting Info	Additional Info
Circle 1/12	Bible Circle	Monday, Nov. 18 10:30 AM FPC Geneva Room	Optional Lunch: \$8
Circle 5	Shawl Ministry	Friday, Nov. 15 10:00 AM FPC Room 228	
Circle 6	Bible Circle	Tuesday, Nov. 19 1:30 PM FPC Geneva Room	
Circle 7	Bible Circle	Tuesday, Nov. 19 11:30 AM FPC Geneva Room	Bring a sack lunch; drinks and dessert will be provided
Circle 8	Mom's Group	Tuesday, Nov. 5 7:30 PM El Mirasol (13489 Blanco Road)	
Circle 9	Bible Circle	Tuesday, Nov. 19 10:30 AM FPC Geneva Room	
Circle 11	Bible Circle	Monday, Nov. 15 6:30 PM Home of Suzanne Sturdivant (13503 Hollow View, 78232)	
Circle 13	Literature Circle	Tuesday, Nov. 12 1:00 PM FPC McCullough Room	Open to women & men; October Book: <i>Educated</i> by Tara Westover
Circle 14	Bible Circle	Monday, Nov. 11 12:00 PM FPC St. Andrew's Room	Optional Lunch: \$8
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	



KEYS

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



Keeping EVERYONE Young in Spirit

To make your
reservation
for all KEYS
events contact
Alice Morales at
alicem@fpcsat.org
or 210-226-
0215. The cost
for meals at FPC
is \$10. Birthday
luncheons
are \$12 unless
otherwise noted.

In October, we enjoyed a whirlwind tour of Waco, visiting the Mammoth Museum and the Magnolia Farms Silos. Merry Langlinais introduced us to beautiful butterflies, and we were inspired by Larry Johnson's resilience and appreciated the laughter he brought us. 60 people rolled up their sleeves to receive necessary shots from Anthony, our HEB Shot Clinic technician. Look for full details of our Fall Picnic in addition to our time with Trisch Moy, next month.

This month we look forward to hearing from Vincent Michael, Executive Director of the San Antonio Conservation Society; The Cox Family Singers; as well as Butch Gerfers and Gayle Spencer, production manager and author of *"Haunting the Graveyard: Unearthing the story of the Coker Settlement."* Our Birthday Lunch will be at the Longhorn Café on Nacogdoches Road.

On behalf of the KEYS Leadership Team, I want to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and remind you that there is **no KEYS meeting on November 29.**

UPCOMING BIRTHDAY LUNCHEONS 11:30 AM | \$12/person, RSVP required

Nov. 15	Longhorn Café
Dec. 6	KEYS Christmas Party
Jan. 17	Fort Sam Golf Club

Bridge and Mah Jongg

Bridge and Mah Jongg players meet immediately following lunch on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Join in on the fun!! New players are welcome and someone will help you learn the game. If you have other games that we could play, then let us know and we will see that you have a place to play.

SA READS

SA Reads needs your help to sort, categorize, and clean donated books that are used in local schools to provide reading material to children who may not have the opportunity to own books of their own. Jane Warren (210-493-5187) is the person to contact with any questions about this program. The work is done at Firstmark Credit Union, 10730 Gulfdale Drive, on the first Tuesday of each month. Join in on this great service project, as well as the fellowship of working together.

Remember, KEYS is not an exclusive club for older adults. Everyone is welcome to attend on Fridays and to join us on other activities as well, "Keeping EVERYONE Young in Spirit."

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- November 1** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR VINCENT MICHAEL of the San Antonio Conservation Society will join us. The Conservation Society are advocates for the protection and preservation of history, not limited to historic properties but also focused on our cultural heritage. Michael will help us to see how “preservation is not about the past, it is about the future.”
- November 8** VETERAN’S DAY PROGRAM. The Cox Family Singers, who were with us for Memorial Day will be back for Veteran’s Day. Carl and Bernita Cox attend FPC and have become a part of Friday Singers. Carl is a Veteran and his daughter in law is currently serving. We are looking forward to witnessing the musical talent of the whole family.
- November 15** NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON at the Longhorn Café, 12311 Nacogdoches Road. Meet at the restaurant at 11:30 AM, or catch a ride on the Shuttle from FPC at 10:45 AM. \$12 per person - unless it is your Birthday, then lunch is on us!! Detail maps will be available.
- November 22** BUTCH GERFERS, Covenant Partner, Elder, and member of the Board of Directors of Coker Cemetery, along with Gayle Brennan Spencer, author of “*Haunting the Graveyard: Unearthing the Story of the Coker Settlement*”, will share the journey to the creation and publishing of this piece of San Antonio’s history.
- November 29** NO KEYS - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Coming Soon:

Elf Louise Gift Wrapping
Wednesday, December 4
10:00 AM - Noon

Plan now to join us to wrap gifts for Elf Louise. This is a popular service project every year as we join together to wrap gifts to be distributed to families throughout San Antonio. Van service from FPC will leave at 9:00 AM. Plan to join us for a lunch (on your own) afterward at the Acadiana Café.

KEYS Christmas Party
Friday, December 6
10:30 AM | Westminster Hall

In addition to the hors d’oeuvres and a great lunch from our famous FPC kitchen, we are excited to hear a special presentation from select members of the Seguin High School Choir under the direction of Leonardo Garcia.

Dickens “A Christmas Carol”
Sunday, December 8
3:00 PM | Woodlawn Theater

Show time is 3:00 PM. Tickets are \$24. Limited parking in front of the theater. A Van Shuttle is available from the FPC parking lot leaving at 2:00 PM.

KEYS Spring Kickoff
Friday, January 10

We will host Little Beverly and the Shades, a group of friends who have been playing together for 25 years. They cover songs from the 50s to the early 60s. Nona & Barry Hall discovered them at the Wimberley Market Days. Get ready to relive the Happiest Days of our lives.



FIRST CUP READINGS NOVEMBER, 2019

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 Acts 19:1-20; 20:13-38; Revelation 2:1-7;
1 John 4:1-6; 2 John 4-11
- 2 James 2:5; Revelation 2:8-11; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27;
Romans 5:3-5; James 1:1-12

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 Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee that where Thou art in glory, there shall Thy servant be. And Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end; Oh give me grace to follow my Master and my Friend. (Hymns for the Family of God, #402)

- 3 Revelation 2:12-17 (see Num. 22-25); 2 Peter 2
- 4 1 Kings 16:29-34; 18:1-4, 17-21; 19:1-4; 21:5-23;
Revelation 2:18-29; 2 Peter 3:9
- 5 John 15:1-8; Luke 12:35-40; Revelation 3:1-6;
7:9-17; 2 Timothy 3:1-5
- 6 Revelation 3:7-13; Matthew 23:13-39;
1 Corinthians 3:16-17; Ephesians 2:19-22
- 7 Revelation 3:14-22; Matthew 19:16-30;
James 1:9-11; Hebrews 12:1-13
- 8 Isaiah 6:1-5; Ezekiel 1; Revelation 4; 1:4-6;
Genesis 1:1; Colossians 1:15-23
- 9 John 1:29-39; Revelation 5; Psalm 33;
Philippians 2:1-11

Work for the night is coming, work through the morning hours; work while the dew is sparkling, work 'mid the springing flowers. Work when the day grows brighter, work in the glowing sun; work for the night is coming, when man's work is done. Work till the last beam fadeth, fadeth to shine no more; work while the night is dark'ning, when man's work is o'er. (The Hymnbook, #297)

- 10 Zechariah 1:8-17; 6:1-8; Revelation 6; Hebrews 11;
Matthew 10:17-42
- 11 Revelation 7:1 - 8:5; 21:3-5; Psalm 23:1;
John 10:11-18; Colossians 2:2-4, 12
- 12 Revelation 8:6 - 9:21; Romans 1:18-32;
2 Timothy 3:1-5; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
- 13 Revelation 10-11; Daniel 2:44; 7:14, 27; Psalm 2
- 14 Matthew 2; 3:13-4:11; Revelation 12-13:1a;
Job 1:9-11; Luke 10:18; 1 Peter 5:8-11
- 15 Revelation 13:1b-18; Luke 21:8-19; Romans 5:1-5;
15:4-6; 2 Corinthians 6:3-10
- 16 Revelation 14; Jeremiah 25:15-38;
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43; Galatians 6:7-8

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne: Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for thee; and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity. Crown Him the Lord of life: who triumphed o'er the grave, who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save; His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die! (Hymns for the Family of God, #345)

- 17 Revelation 15-16; Luke 12:35-40; Joel 2:13-14;
Hebrews 12:14-29
- 18 Revelation 13:1-9; 17; John 16:33; Psalm 33; 37
- 19 Revelation 18; 6:9-11; Hebrews 11
- 20 Revelation 19; Matthew 22:1-14; 25:1-13;
2 Thessalonians 2; John 3:16-21, 36
- 21 Revelation 20; Matthew 25:31-46; Romans 2:1-16;
2 Corinthians 5:1-10
- 22 Isaiah 60; 62; John 14:1-6; Revelation 21
- 23 Genesis 3:21-24; Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26-29;
3:5, 11-13, 21; 7:1-3; 22:1-21

O Master, let me walk with Thee in lowly paths of service free. Tell me Thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love. Teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way. Teach me Thy patience! Still with Thee in closer, dearer company, In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong. In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way, in peace that only Thou canst give, With Thee, O Master, let me live. (Worship in Song, #43)

- 24 Joel 1; Psalm 80:8-19; Zechariah 14; Matthew 24
- 25 Joel 2:1-27; Jeremiah 31
- 26 Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:17-21; Romans 10:5-13
- 27 Joel 3
- 28 Amos 1-2; Leviticus 20:11-12
- 29 Amos 3-4; Deuteronomy 11:8-32
- 30 Amos 5:6-6:7; 9:8; Jeremiah 44:24-28; Matthew
7:21-27; Revelation 3:14-22

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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Emily Yergler

Emily joins FPC. She is the Youth Associate for First Presbyterian Church.



Joshua Lindsay

Joshua joins by Reaffirmation of Faith. He is a Math Teacher at Frank Tejada Academy. Joshua is looking forward to joining an intergenerational small group, with an ability to have our future foster children be a part of the group.



Callan Brown

Callan joins by Reaffirmation of Faith. He is the Contemporary Worship Leader at First Presbyterian Church. Callan is looking forward to committing to the community that he has here at FPC.



Lydia Lindsay

Lydia joins by Reaffirmation of Faith. She was born in Turkey where her parents were serving as missionaries. Lydia is looking forward to her and her husband becoming a part of an intergenerational small group.



John MacKenzie

John joins by Reaffirmation of Faith. He is CEO of MacKenzie Restoration. His family is "super competitive." John is looking forward to participating at FPC.



Emily Lyons McLoughlin

Emily joins by Reaffirmation of Faith. She is Communications Manager with Methodist Healthcare System. Emily and her husband are loyal Baylor Bear fans. Emily is looking forward to getting more involved and committed to the missions of the church.



Allen Casey

Allen joins by Reaffirmation of Faith. He is President of Casey Architechure and moved to San Antonio to be with his three grandchildren. Allen is looking forward to involvement and fellowship.



Ryan McLoughlin

Ryan joins by Reaffirmation of Faith. He is a Financial Analyst at USAA. Ryan enjoys sports and recreation activities. He is looking forward to growing in his relationship with Christ and advancing his kingdom through this community of faith.



Mary Lou Casey

Mary Lou joins by Reaffirmation of Faith. She retired to San Antonio to be closer to her grandchildren. Mary Lou is looking forward to being involved in the mission work of the church.



Ashley Williard

Ashley joins by Reaffirmation of Faith. She is in sales with Kraft Heinz. Ashley loves outdoor adventures and traveling. She is looking forward to community and serving through a leader or mission role.

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