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More than a Motto: Loving Christ. Loving One Another. Loving the City.

PART 2: LOVING ONE ANOTHER



Rev. Dr. Bob Fuller
Senior Pastor

Just a few days ago, our covenant partners Ronald and Karen Herrmann were honored by the UT Health and Science Center for establishing a program to train and provide support for caregivers. The “Caring for the Caregiver” program will become part of the School of Nursing and will provide training for non-professional, unpaid caregivers (family members and friends) who step into the lives of the people they love, to care for them when they have extended physical or memory issues.

This program is being established with both a loving heart and clear eyes. Ron and Karen recognize that formal professional treatment is not enough to meet the daily needs of families and communities dealing with long-term issues. Friends, family members and caring neighbors need to get involved and those “blessed amateurs” need to be equipped to deliver the help and compassion people deserve.

As I learned more about this program and the needs it addresses, I thought about the second element of our church motto: “Loving One Another.” “Loving One Another” is a call to pay attention to the relationships we have within our Church family. In the gospel of John, chapter 13:34-35, 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. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Loving One Another is about building community as God’s Family of

Faith. This means two things.

First, it means building better relationships. Because we have a new identity with God through Jesus Christ, we have a new relationship with one another. As we get closer to Christ, we should also be getting closer to one another.

Think about it this way. For the next four months of Saturdays, college football fans will get together in stadiums, in homes and in restaurants to paint their faces, yell, cheer and go bananas for their teams. But, when the game is over they will break up and go their own ways. They have a Saturday relationship.

Sadly, this is often true of Christians. We get together one day a week and we go bananas (in a very Presbyterian way). But, what happens to that Sunday relationship on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday?

The Lord wants us to have more than a Sunday relationship with one another. He wants us to love one another like he loved us. He wants us to move beyond civility to friendship—beyond affiliation to love.

The Lord wants us to get involved in one another’s lives beyond Sundays. Get involved in the life of a teenager, or a homebound person you have been meaning to visit. Get involved in the life of that stressed-out mom or dad, or that single parent with the crying baby sitting at the other end of your pew.

We need to play together as well as pray together. We can do that informally, one on one, or we can do it formally through small groups. The point is that God wants us together in “fellowship,” and “fellowship” is

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the church word for “friendship.” We want everyone to be connected in some sort of small group community that commits to friendship with one another.

Second, Christ wants us to know one another better so that we can care for one another better. We don't always know what people need, but when we get involved in their lives, God puts us in position to help people when a need arises or their lives break down.

The sad truth is that many members of our church family fall through the cracks at some of the most critical moments of their lives. Our church is growing, and as we continue to grow, we have to ask ourselves some important questions. *How can we love more people? How can we do it better?* Before we get too big, we need to build an infrastructure of fellowship and caring that will serve the needs of our congregation as we grow.

Ron and Karen's vision for care givers in the community gives us a push in the right direction. We need to get more people involved, and we need to provide training.

We need to reshape the culture of care in our congregation. Caring for one another is not solely the job of the deacons or the clergy. It is the calling of every covenant partner. How can we get more people involved and provide the training we need so that we can *Love One Another* better?

Grace and Peace,
Bob Fuller

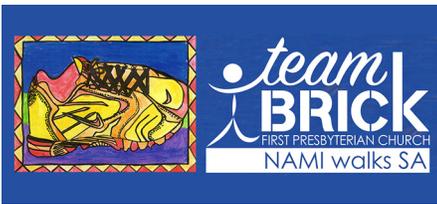
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SAVE THE DATE



NAMIWalks 5k

Date: Saturday, October 5

Time: 6:30 AM Check-In

Location: Morgan's Wonderland

Cost: Free Registration to Walk

FPC is sponsoring Team Brick at this year's NAMIWalks 5K at Morgan's Wonderland, in honor of Richard "Brick" Munroe, an event of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. If you would like to participate as a walker or make a contribution, go to: www.nami-sat.org, or contact Jim McCann (jim.mccann.iv@gmail.com).

KEYS October

Wednesday, Oct. 2

KEYS Waco Bus Trip, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, \$67

Friday, Oct. 4

Merry Langlinais, butterfly specialist & nature photographer

Friday, Oct. 11

Larry Johnson, a radio and TV broadcaster, motivational speaker & author

Sunday, Oct. 13

HEB Flue Shot Clinic, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM in the Geneva Room

Saturday, Oct. 19

Annual KEYS Fall Picnic at the McNeel's Ranch & October Birthday Lunch

Friday, Oct. 25

Trisch Moy from Habitat for Humanity

Make your reservations through Alice at the reception desk, (210) 226-0215 or alicem@fpcsat.org. More information on pages 16-17.

The House University Bible Study

Dates: Fridays, Oct. 4 & 18

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Student Center

Evenings of fun, fellowship, and formative teaching every other Friday night! Check us out at [Facebook.com/2TenSATX](https://www.facebook.com/2TenSATX). For more info contact Alex Solorio at alexs@fpcsat.org.

Foster Care Babysitting Collaborative

Date: Saturday, October 5

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: Westminster Hall

Cost: \$15/event registration

Contact: Lindsay Selli, lindsays@fpcsat.org

You can be an integral part of keeping children in foster care in a secure and loving home by giving their foster parents the breaks they need. Certification that used to take weeks can now be completed in just one day! Register today at <http://fpcsanantonio.org/mission-opportunities/>

* You must be 18 years of age to complete this training.

* Total out-of-pocket costs for certification will be approx. \$90 (\$45 FBI fingerprinting, \$30 CPR, and \$15 event registration).

* **FREE CPR/First Aid for the first 50 people to register!**

Literature Circle

Dates: Tuesday, October 8

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: McCullough Room

The book for October is *Love and Ruin* by Paula McLain. Literature Circle meets from September through May, the second Tues. at 1:00 PM in the McCullough Room. Men and women, church members and non-members are invited to attend.

Who Is My Neighbor? Featuring Jeremy Everett of the Texas Hunger Initiative

Date: Wednesday, October 9

Time: 12:00 - 2:00 PM

Location: TriPoint (3233 N. Saint Mary's St., 78212)

Join us for an opportunity in learning to see and encounter our citywide neighbors. Sponsored by the H. E. Butt Foundation. In this time of reflection and conversation, Jeremy Everett will invite us to ask an age-old question: Who is my neighbor? ****Lunch will be provided!**** RSVP TODAY at <https://bit.ly/2njxUFl>.



Ladies' Night Out

Date: Tuesday, October 15

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Lellen Lane's Home
268 Geneseo Rd.

Come join us for an evening of food, wine, and friends. Contact Shelley Bass with any questions at 210-861-6996.

Loaves and Fishes

Date: Saturday, October 19

Time: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Student Center
Downstairs

Our next opportunity to serve our under-resourced neighbors is next Saturday, October 19. 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.



Children's Ministry Corn Maze Trip

Date: Saturday, October 19
Time: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Location: South Texas Maize
911 US Hwy 90 East, Hondo, TX

Cost is FREE. We will take a van, leaving the church at 9:15 AM, to the Corn Maze between Castroville and Hondo. Register by Oct. 10 at <http://fpcsanantonio.org/corn-maze-trip> so we can have a head count for transportation. Bring a bottle of water and spending money. Also, wear a costume for extra fun!



Women of the Church Fall Legacy Luncheon

Date: Monday, October 28
Time: 11:30 AM
Location: Westminster Hall
Contact: Julie Hill, julie-harper@sbcglobal.net, 210-827-7692

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Kristin Huffman. Lunch tickets will be \$20 (Register online at <http://fpcsanantonio.org/legacylunch>, or in person at the table in Mauze Lobby on Sundays, beginning October 6.)

World Ecumenical/PARS Sunday



Join us in welcoming Shadi Fatehi of Pars Theological Centre to FPC! PARS is a valued ECO global ministry partner in whom we have significantly invested as a church. Learn more about how the Lord is building the Church in the Persian



Date: Sunday, October 6
Time: 9:30 AM & 6:02 PM
Location: Room 300 & Westminster Hall

world. Shadi will share Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour in Room 300 (all Sunday School classes are welcome to attend) and assist in all three worship services. The day will conclude with a special 6:02 PM Sunday evening service in the Westminster Hall. For more information contact FPC Missions at missions@fpcsat.org.



Youth 7/11

Date: Saturday, October 19
Time: 7:00 - 11:00 PM
Location: Student Center
Contact: Emily Yergler, emilyy@fpcsat.org

All Middle & High School ages are welcome to join us for free food, games, fellowship and fun from 7:00 - 11:00 PM on Oct. 19 in the Student Center. (*Annual release required.*)

Children's Sunday

Date: Sunday, October 13
Time: 11:00 AM Service
Location: Sanctuary



A joyous day of celebration for our children and their families! The 5th grade students serve alongside our pastors as liturgical leaders in the 11:00 AM traditional worship service and our two-year-old children and 3rd graders will receive their brand new Bibles.

LOVING
THE WORLD

WORLD VISION

A PARTNERSHIP CELEBRATION



First Presbyterian Church sponsored its first Hope Sunday in March of 2013. Hope Sunday was the beginning of FPC's partnership with World Vision in Malawi in the Mutendere Area Development Project (ADP). At this time, hundreds of children were sponsored, which extended into care for the entire community in a variety of ways as relationships were formed.

Over the six years that FPC has been participating through sponsorship in the Mutendere ADP much has taken place, and we are able to celebrate with World Vision Malawi that the ADP is now self-sustaining. A recent report from World Vision Malawi has provided powerful evidence of the effect FPC's partnership and ultimately God's provision have had. A few highlights from the report are:

- Almost every person in the area has access to clean water due to 19 new boreholes and one repaired water point.
- Boys and girls have better protection and provision for health and nutrition concerns, as 286 health care promoters were trained and grain banks were built.
- There has been an increase in school enrollment as a result of over 40 new schools and the distribution of over 2,300 desks, 5,000 textbooks, and other school supplies.
- Around 30 Bible clubs were established in schools, for children to learn about and grow in their relationship with Christ.

In addition to the work that has been made possible through sponsorships at FPC, we celebrate the two opportunities FPC Covenant Partners were able to take to visit the children in Mutendere. These visits left lasting impressions on the families who were able to meet their sponsors and impacted the hearts of those who were able to visit and hear stories from the trips.

As the Mutendere ADP closes, we are thrilled to be able to celebrate this partnership that has made a lasting, holistic change in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Malawi. The current 125 active sponsors from FPC will be given the opportunity to sponsor a new child in Malawi as a new ADP is working toward transformation. We look forward to seeing how the Lord uses this partnership to extend into new communities, and how the Gospel continues to bear fruit in the lives of the families in Malawi.

Please continue to pray for the Mutendere ADP as World Vision works in the community to develop a sustainable plan for the future, and as the community

continues to grow in self-sufficiency. If you would like to learn more about what has happened in the Mutendere ADP, and plans as World Vision completes their work, please visit <https://mywv.worldvision.org/my/community?ID=169835>



LOVING THE CITY

Local Missions Events Inspire & Make An Impact in September



MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

First Presbyterian Church is blessed through our partnership with San Antonio Marriage Initiative (SAMI), a resourcing organization for churches in San Antonio seeking to build a more fruitful and faithful marriage ministry. In partnership with SAMI, FPC hosted Dr. Gary Chapman for a Five Love Language Conference on Saturday, September 7.

By grace alone, the Lord worked in powerful ways in the marriages of participants and our congregation in general. Our FPC family had over sixty volunteers who showed up to serve! They also enjoyed a dinner on Friday evening with Dr. Chapman and most of the content of the conference. Over 750 people attended the conference, with over 150 participants from FPC. Many came from out of town and even out of state!

We also celebrate the tangible fruit we already see from the conference: 21 first time commitments to Christ, as well as desperate marriages finding hope, countless marriages finding enrichment, and soon to be marriages being equipped! Our FPC family will continue working with SAMI to build out a faithful and fruitful marriage ministry as we celebrate this conference as one more step in that direction!

If you are interested in participating in our FPC marriage ministry seeking to equip soon to be marriages, enrich existing marriages, and empower marriages in crisis, please contact Laura and Trebes Sasser or Bobby and Downie Mickler. May the Lord continue to strengthen marriages in His name!



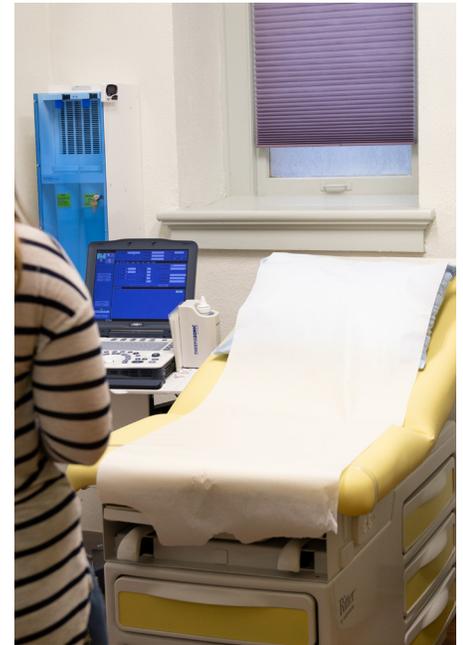
FAMILY LIFE SUNDAY

Sunday, September 8, FPC held Family Life Sunday in conjunction with our ongoing L.O.V.E. Initiative (Loving Orphans Via Everyone), and featuring ministry partners from the South Texas Alliance for Orphans (STAFO), 1 Hope, Any Woman Can, CASA, Christian Hope Resource Center, Grandfamilies, One By One, Presbyterian Children's Home and Services, Ransomed Life, SA Heals, SJRC, Thru Project, and Young Lives. Poignant testimonials and inspiring stories of hope spotlighted the event.

Please pray for all families within our FPC family seeking to foster and adopt, for the Lord to raise up laborers to serve families who already are, and for everyone to find their role in the FPC L.O.V.E. Initiative.

The lunch was attended by over 60 participants. Please ask for prayer for families in our FPC family seeking to foster/adopt, for the Lord to raise up laborers to serve families who already are, and for everyone to find their role in the FPC L.O.V.E. Initiative.





KRL GRAND OPENING

Our FPC family is in the middle of truly amazing work the Lord is doing in San Antonio, a reality that was tangible during the formal Grand Opening of the Kingdom Restoration Lab on Friday, August 30.

The KRL celebrated our formative and fruitful partnerships with CAM, SA Christian Hope Resource Center, and FBI/Church in the Streets, through formally welcoming collaboration with Any Woman Can in the Kingdom Restoration Lab. By God's grace the KRL is now able to be more holistic in loving our neighbors, meeting our neighbors and neighborhood in a major point of pain with tangible love and hope - women's health.

The grand opening included many of our most important guests, our KRL volunteers and FPC Local Mission Committee! Also attending were executive directors from all our major

ministry partners serving in the KRL, representatives from partner churches such as First Baptist, board members from organizations serving in the KRL, and many covenant partners from FPC!

The Lord was tangibly present as we experienced some of the fruit of Jesus' prayer in John 17, the blessings celebrated in Psalm 133, and a foretaste of the fullness of the consumption of the Kingdom seen in Revelation 5 and 7. The Lord is doing a very special work in and through the KRL, and we hope every member of our FPC family will find their role. Please take a moment to purchase something from our Amazon wish list or contact Karen McCulloch if you are interested in volunteering or participating in ways the Lord is answering our prayer for His Kingdom to come, His will to be done, in our city as it is in Heaven.

Donate from Amazon wish list here: <http://bit.ly/FPCCKRL>





KRL KINGDOM RESTORATION COLLABORATIVE

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Volunteer in KRL

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or email lindsayselli@fpcsat.org

REACHING CHILDREN through Music

KATHY JAMISON
Director of Children's Choirs



I love music, all kinds of music! But there is a special place in my heart for music we hear at church. That's probably because I got my start in music at church. I was lucky enough to attend a church with choirs for children, teens and adults. I was blessed with talented and dedicated choir directors who nurtured the children they led. Our pastor loved to sing too, and I was always impressed when he sat down to play the piano. The schools I attended didn't offer music classes so it was at church that I grew to love singing and found a way to serve the Lord. I enjoyed singing with my choir in worship, and my church family became more important to me.

Now, because of those who poured into me, I am able to work with the children at First Pres! And I am privileged to guide them as they praise God in worship!

Children's Choir rehearsals kicked off this September and we are still accepting new members! Any child age 4th through 5th grade is eligible to join. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 5:00-5:45 PM in the Assembly Room on the first floor. A light dinner is provided after choir in the Nutrition center for choir members. If you are interested or know a child who would love to sing, we would love to have them! You may contact me at kathyj@fpcsat.org to register your child. I will be looking for them! Psalm 96:1 "O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth."

Kathy Jamison
Director of Children's Choirs

JUDY KRUGER

President, Women of the Church

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH FALL LEGACY LUNCHEON



Come count your blessings at the Sixth Annual “Ties That Bind” Fall Legacy Luncheon on Monday, October 28, 2019, in Westminster Hall. The Fall Legacy Luncheon began in 2014 to encourage members by giving them an opportunity to hear about faith journeys of other believers. The speakers also tell about how FPC played a part in their faith stories. This year’s speaker is the Reverend Dr. Kristin Huffman, a former pastor at FPC San Antonio and mother of our own the Reverend Becky Prichard.

The Rev. Dr. Huffman has served as a Presbyterian pastor since 1983, most recently at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church in Houston. She currently holds two positions: Associate Director for Frontier Fellowship, a mission agency that seeks to

bring the gospel to unreached people on the frontier; and Affiliate Professor in Practical Theology at Fuller Seminary. She is married to Mike and has three grown children: Mark, Becky, and Liz. She moved back to San Antonio in October 2018 and very much enjoys spending time with her four grandchildren: Callie, Cole, Cora, and Thomas.

Please join us for the WOC Fall Luncheon and bring your friends. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 AM. Doors will open at 11:00 if you would like to come early to view and purchase a centerpiece.

Tickets are \$20 each, and your payment is your reservation. Register at the table in Mauze Lobby on Sundays in October or online at <http://fpcsanantonio.org/legacylunch>. The deadline for reservations is October 20.

The **Women of the Church** year is off to a great start.

Our Women of the Church year is off to a great start. Monthly meetings for Circles have begun. In case you don't know what a "Circle" is, it is simply a group of women who meet monthly for fellowship and Bible study—and good food is usually involved! Check out the list of Circle meeting dates and times and find a group to visit.

We have three other events in October:

- **Ladies Night Out** on **Thursday, October 15, 6:00 PM at the home of Lellen Lane** (268 Geneseo Road 78209). All women are invited to an evening of food, friends, and fellowship. We will also be treated to a performance of "Bad Girls of the Bible" directed by Judy Spencer. Please also bring canned good donations for the KRL (pop-top and do not require heating). They are most in need of proteins like tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages, or Ravioli.
- **Christmas Craft Project** on **Tuesday, October 22 at 9:30 AM in FPC Room 108**. All women are invited to create Christmas gifts

for the residents of Morningside Manor Skilled Nursing and Assisted Living. Our Circle 8 "Moms Group" hosts this event, and they have all the supplies ready for us to assemble. The residents of Morningside Manor always enjoy receiving these gifts at their Christmas parties. Join us for a fun morning—no serious craft skills are required!

- **Sixth Annual Fall "Legacy Luncheon"** on **Monday, October 28, at 11:30 AM in Westminster Hall**. Our guest speaker is the Rev. Dr. Kristin Huffman, former FPC pastor and mother of our own the Rev. Becky Prichard. You will not want to miss this event! Reservations are due by October 20 and can be made with your \$20 payment to Julie Hill (julie-harper@sbcglobal.net or 210-827-7692) or online at <http://fpcsanantonio.org/legacylunch>.

All women are invited to all events. I hope that you will join us!



WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

October Circle Schedule

Circle Number	Circle Theme	Meeting Info	Additional Info
Circle 1/12	Bible Circle	October 21 10:30 AM FPC Geneva Room	Optional Lunch: \$8
Circle 5	Shawl Ministry	October 18 10:00 AM FPC Room 228	
Circle 6	Bible Circle	October 15 1:30 PM FPC Geneva Room	
Circle 7	Bible Circle	October 15 11:30 AM Papouli's at the Quarry	
Circle 8	Mom's Group	October 15 7:30 PM Sichuan House (3505 Wurzbach Road)	
Circle 9	Bible Circle	October 15 10:00 AM FPC Geneva Room	
Circle 11	Bible Circle	October 28 6:30 PM Home of Rosemary Bolte (755 Burr Road)	
Circle 13	Literature Circle	October 8 1:00 PM FPC McCullough Room	Open to women & men; October Book: <i>Love and Ruin</i> by Paula McLain
Circle 14	Bible Circle	October 21 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.

We got off to a great start last month with the River Walk Alumni Band. Everyone enjoyed the music and the interaction with the musicians.

October begins with a **bus trip to Waco**. First a stop at the Waco Mammoth National Monument then to the popular Magnolia Market Silos established by Chip and Joanna Gaines. **October 4, we will hear from Merry Langlinais**, a nature photographer and butterfly Specialist, and author of *“Critters of Red Heart, The Winged Ones.”* **October 11, Larry Johnson**, writer of the Express News

Column, “As I See It”, will be with us. **October 13** we will roll up our sleeves for the **HEB Flu Shot Clinic, from 9:00 - 12:30 in the Geneva Room**. Vaccines for the flu, shingles, and pneumonia will be available. We are headed back to the **McNeel’s Ranch on October 19 for our annual Fall Picnic from 12:00 - 3:30 PM**. Join us at the Gallagher Ranch join the fun! We will celebrate October birthdays with a Bill Miller Bar-B-Q lunch on the patio. To close out **October, on the 25th, Trisch Moy, Faith Relations Assistant from Habitat for Humanity**, will be with us for an update on what Habitat is doing and how we can partner with them.



OCTOBER EVENTS

- October 2** Waco Trip
- October 4** Merry Langlinais, Butterfly Specialist
- October 11** Larry Johnson, author of the column, "As I See It"
- October 13** HEB Flu Shot Clinic
- October 19** KEYS Fall Picnic
- October 25** Trisch Moy from Habitat for Humanity

UPCOMING BIRTHDAY LUNCHESES

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

- Oct. 19** Picnic at McNeel's Ranch
- Nov. 15** Longhorn Café
- Dec. 6** KEYS Christmas Party

KEYS Fall Picnic

Saturday, October 19

12:00 – 3:30 PM

Judith & Doug McNeel's Ranch

Join us at the Gallagher Ranch and Judith and Doug McNeel's beautiful home—La Casita. It's the perfect place to spend a fall day in the country, so come and join the fun! If you plan to drive, please check with Joe Moore for directions. Van transportation to and from church will be available. Leaving at 11:00 AM.

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."



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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.

FIRST CUP READINGS OCTOBER, 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 Romans 9; Jeremiah 18; Isaiah 29:13-16; 64:5-9
- 2 Isaiah 65; Romans 10
- 3 Romans 11; Psalm 139
- 4 Romans 12; Leviticus 19:18; Proverbs 20:22; 1 Peter 2:11-12
- 5 Romans 13; Titus 3:1-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

A charge to keep have I, 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 powers 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, #190)

- 6 Romans 14; Psalm 34:14; Hebrews 12:14-15; 1 Corinthians 8:9-13
- 7 Romans 15-16; Romans 12:10; 1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 4:7-21 27
- 8 1 Peter 1; 1 Chronicles 29:15; Psalm 39:12; Hebrews 13:13-16; Ephesians 2:1-13
- 9 1 Peter 2:1-12; Romans 13:8-14; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19; Psalm 65:1-4
- 10 1 Peter 2:13-3:22; Ephesians 5:22-6:9; Romans 13
- 11 1 Peter 4; Philippians 1:27-30; Revelation 2:10
- 12 Jeremiah 10:21; 23:1-4; Matthew 9:36; John 10:1-18; 1 Peter 5

I heard an old, old story, how a Saviour came from glory, how He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me. I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning, then I repented of my sins and won the victory. I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing, how He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see. And then I cried "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit"; and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory. Oh, victory in Jesus, my Saviour forever! He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood. He loved me 'ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him. He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood. (Worship in Song, #434)

- 13 Matthew 17:1-8; 2 Peter 1; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 119:105; 2 Corinthians 4:6
- 14 2 Peter 2; Hebrews 6:4-6
- 15 Ezekiel 12:21-28; 2 Peter 3; 2 Corinthians 6:1-2

- 16 1 Timothy 1; Romans 5:21; 7:7-8:17; Hebrews 5:11-14; James 3:1; 1 Peter 2:1-3
- 17 1 Timothy 2; Genesis 3; Proverbs 31; 11:16, 22; 14:1
- 18 1 Timothy 3; Romans 12; Hebrews 13:17
- 19 1 Timothy 4; 1:7; John 13:1-17; 1 Corinthians 11:1

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater, He sendeth more strength when the labor increases; to added affliction He addeth His mercy, to multiplied trials, His multiplied peace. His love has no limit, His grace has no measure, His power has no boundary known unto men; For out of His infinite riches in Jesus, He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again! (Hymns for the Family of God, #112)

- 20 1 Timothy 5:1-6:2; 1 Corinthians 7:8; James 1:27; Ephesians 6:5-9; Psalm 68:4-5
- 21 1 Timothy 6:3-21; Ecclesiastes 4:4-8; Luke 12; Revelation 3:14-22
- 22 2 Timothy 1; Mark 8:34-38; Romans 1:8-17; Philippians 1:12-30; 1 Peter 4:12-19
- 23 2 Timothy 2; Romans 6:1-14; Ephesians 4:1-3
- 24 2 Timothy 3; Jeremiah 12:10-11; 23:1-4; John 10:1-16; Acts 20:25-31
- 25 2 Timothy 4; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Philippians 3:7-4:1
- 26 Titus 1; 1 Timothy 1:1-7; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2; Philippians 1:9-11

Fight the good fight with all thy might! Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right; Lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally. Run thou the race through God's good grace, lift up thine eyes, and seek His face; life with its way before us lies, Christ is thy path, and Christ the prize. Faint not nor fear, His arms are near, He changeth not and thou art dear; Only believe, and then thou shall see that Christ is all in all to thee. (The Baptist Hymnal, #406)

- 27 Titus 2; Deuteronomy 6:1-9; 11:18-21; Psalm 25; Proverbs 9:9; 22:17-21
- 28 Titus 3; Romans 13; 1 Peter 2:17
- 29 Philemon 1; 1 Peter 3:15-16; Luke 9:26; Matthew 6:14; Luke 17:1-4; Romans 16
- 30 Revelation 1:1-8; John 1:1-18; Revelation 21:6; 22:6-21
- 31 Revelation 1:9-20; Daniel 7:13-14; Matthew 5:14-16; 16:13-20



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