

In the name and
by the authority of



The
Commission
Court of
Bexar Count

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, First Presbyterian Church was organized as the first Protestant congregation in San Antonio, Texas in the year of 1846 and will be celebrating its 170th year as a community of worship in San Antonio on Sunday, September 18, 2016; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the members of First Presbyterian Church have actively initiated and participated in numerous community activities providing services to the San Antonio and Bexar County Community, including:

SAMMinistries, Christian Assistance Ministries, Haven for Hope, Christian Dental Clinic, Habitat for Humanity, House of Neighborly Service, Front Porch ministry, Mental Health Ministry in partnership with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Servant Partners, Seton Home and Younglives, Mission Road Ministries, Morningside Ministries, Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services, the South Texas Alliance for Orphans, and Life Skills for Living.

WHEREAS, the mission of First Presbyterian Church, as a "church for the city," is to learn and teach the Bible, grow in discipleship, and serve our community and our world in order to make Jesus visible.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners Court of the County of Bexar hereby recognizes and proclaims September 18, 2016 to be

"170th Anniversary Celebration Day"

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURES and SEAL OF OFFICE this 18th day of September 2016.

W. W. Wilson
Nelson W. Wilson
County Judge

First Press

170TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
OCTOBER 2016 ISSUE • FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?!

BY REV. DR. RONALD SCATES • INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR

The Home-going of Howard E. Butt, Jr last month truly marks the passing of an era. Howard was a long-time friend and encourager of all things FPC. He founded Laity Lodge, and the influence of that unique Hill Country retreat center on adults and youth of our congregation is immeasurable. But Howard’s chief passion can be summed up in the phrase “Your work matters to God.” Personally, my friendship with Howard over the years opened my eyes to the whole idea of “business as ministry.” To understand that, you and I need to suspend the illusion of “sacred vs. secular.” Biblically, there is no such thing. Since Almighty God is Creator and Sovereign Lord over everything,

there is nothing that is truly “secular.” Every facet of life has a spiritual dimension to it, including—and especially—our work/vocation/career.

Someone has said, “Whatever you spend most of your time doing is most likely your ministry—and wherever you’re doing it is most likely your mission field.” We talk a lot at FPC about “making Jesus visible,” but the reality is: that will be most faithfully and effectively done away from the FPC campus as ordinary men, women, boys and girls who see themselves as 24/7 ministers for the Lord Jesus Christ—no matter where they are and no matter what they’re doing. Done intentionally to the glory of God, a business deal, filling a cavity in a tooth, delivering the mail, waiting on tables, etc. is every bit as “spiritual” as saying one’s prayers.

If you’re interested in being more intentional about “the high calling of your daily work” (that’s a Howard saying), let me encourage you to check out the website (fwsummit.org) of the Faith@Work Summit that will take place in Dallas on October 27-29 and think about being a part of it. When you and I begin seeing our work—no matter what it is—as ministry, nothing will ever be the same again. Miracles begin happening in the marketplace. That’s the Gospel truth.

Stay strong in the Lord,


+Ron

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READING BUDDIES

During the month of October, FPC will be collecting gently used books to donate to SAYL Book Buddies. They need books for ages Kinder through Fifth grade. Some of these children have never owned a book, so every donation counts! Books can be dropped off at the front desk or given to Morgan Ford.

MONTH OF OCTOBER

WORLD VISION EXPERIENCE

The World Vision Experience exhibit is coming to FPC October 6-9th! This exhibit brings national news headlines to life, raising awareness of sex trafficking, refugees, and child protection in the world’s most fragile and vulnerable places. FPC is hosting this innovative exhibit as part of its commitment to be involved as a congregation in supporting the greatest needs of our day. This will probably bring a crowd, so make sure to reserve a spot for your friends and family at worldvisionexperience.org. If you’d like to volunteer for the event, contact Morgan Ford at 271-2766. All volunteers get a free World Vision t-shirt!

OCTOBER 6-9

NOONDAY ADOPTION TRUNK SHOW

Please join us for our second annual Noonday Adoption Trunk Show on Thursday, November 3, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the home of Teresa McCaleb, 412 Canterbury Hill. Money raised will go towards South Texas Alliance for Orphans to help every foster child find a home. The Executive Director of STAO, Jennifer Smith, will share her personal journey of how she came to adopt two foster children. Hear her story while shopping to help bring a foster child to their forever family.

NOVEMBER 3 • 5:00-7:00 PM

LITERATURE CIRCLE

The FPC Literature Circle will meet Tuesday, October 11 at 1:00 PM when members will waltz into the McCullough Room for the musical presentation of *Cinderella*. Composed by Rogers and lyricist Hammerstein, our own Bill Hensley, accompanied by Patrice Hensley who will take us on a magical trip. Will Cinderella escape the drudgery imposed by her cruel stepmother and evil step-sisters? Will her fairy godmother rescue her from her “own little corner?” Will a lost glass slipper be found, or is happiness in the future? Bring a friend and join us for beautiful music and a story to answer the many questions.

OCTOBER 11 • 1:00 PM

PRAYER FOR MEXICO AND LATIN AMERICA

As it has since its founding, First Presbyterian Church continues in prayer for Mexico and Latin America.

Those with a heart for Latin America will gather at Noon on Tuesday, October 11 in Guthrie Bryant Chapel. Mission partners from Proyecto Amistad, AMO Mexico, Antioch Partners, and AMO in the DR, will be present with us. They will help lead prayers of thanks for many blessings God has granted already, and pray for continued cultural healing and Gospel penetration of Mexico and all of Latin America. We will also give thanks for and lift up in prayer the thousands of families, the seminaries, and dozens of communities served by FPC’s many discipleship projects in the region.

If you can make it to the church, or wherever you are, please join in prayer for Mexico and Latin America.

OCTOBER 11

LUNCHEON HONORING REV. ZBINDEN

The Ecumenical Center for Religion and Health, located at the Medical Center, will host their annual Legacy of Hope Luncheon to be held on Thursday, October 6, 2016.

The guest speaker will be actress and author Mariel Hemingway, and we are excited to announce that this year’s honoree is our very own Rev. Dr. Louis Zbinden!

Many of you may have already received an invitation to this wonderful event, but if you haven’t and would like to join in celebrating Louis’ dedication to The Ecumenical Center, please e-mail Suzanne Terry with your name(s) and mailing address to suzanneterry@sbcglobal.net, or call her at (210) 828-4518.

Either method of contact will ensure you’re placed on the invitation list.

Thank you!
Suzanne and Ted Terry, Chairs
Carol and Dave West, Co-Chairs

OCTOBER 6

PW FALL LUNCHEON

Presbyterian Women will hold its annual Fall Luncheon on Monday, October 24, 2016 at 11:30 AM in Westminster Hall. Our speaker will be Jonathan Sandys, great-grandson of Britain’s wartime Prime Minister, Winston Churchill. Mr. Sandys will talk about Churchill’s belief in the protection and guidance of God in his life that prepared him for his crucial role as world leader in the fight for “Christian civilization” during World War II.

Please join us for this fascinating and meaningful narrative as related by Mr. Sandys. His recently published book, *God and Churchill*, will be available for sale and autographing at the event. Please see page 13 on the PW Fall Luncheon for more information.

OCTOBER 24 • 11:30 AM • WESTMINSTER HALL

CHRYSLIS MINISTRIES 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Join Chrysalis Ministries (formerly Bexar County Detention Ministries) as it celebrates “75 Years of New Beginnings! The 75th Anniversary Celebration” at 6:30 PM, at the San Antonio Country Club. FPC will be recognized as a significant and steadfast contributor to Chrysalis Ministries both monetarily and through its many wonderful volunteers and staff, and Sheriff Susan Pamerleau will be the Honorary Chair. Chrysalis Ministries’ mission is to facilitate the personal, emotional and spiritual transformation of incarcerated individuals, those formerly incarcerated, and their families. Tickets are \$150 per person. Please contact Kim Smith at (210) 771-4214 with any questions or to register.

NOVEMBER 16 • 6:00 PM

GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

The “Gift of Christmas” is a mission project coordinated by the Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church. This Christmas Project is an opportunity for groups or individuals in our church to share Christ’s love by giving food, clothing, and gifts to families in need. Each family is referred to us by the House of Neighborly Service. Some families are large, some multi-generational, while others are small family units. All are very appreciative of the gifts and the givers.

We encourage PW circles, Sunday school classes, small groups, various church organizations, families, and individuals to share in this effort to include these HNS families in your Christmas giving. Gift of Christmas Family Request Forms are available in the Mauze Lobby beginning in mid-October through December 4th.

Read more about this wonderful opportunity at www.fpcsanantonio.org/gift-of-christmas or watch for further information in upcoming First Pres issues.



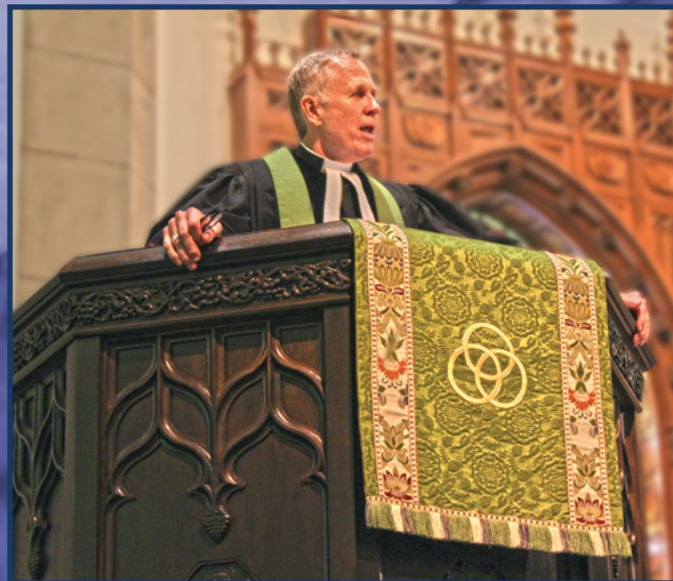
A CELEBRATION TO REMEMBER, A MOMENT TO BUILD UPON

Bagpipes. A century-old sermon. A pony. A capacity crowd. A fabulous opportunity to reflect and reconnect throughout our church.

All of this and more marked the official “170th Anniversary Celebration Day” at FPC! Since 1846, our church has grown with San Antonio, thrived and reached yet another milestone. Sunday, September 18th, it all came together in an event-packed morning of worship, music, food and festivities.

Both services began with a heartfelt video from our Mayor Ivy Taylor congratulating us for the day and recognizing FPC as a true part of San Antonio. Elder Harvey Howell presented an official Proclamation from the Bexar County Commissioners Court, recognizing September 18th, 2016 as our official 170th Anniversary Celebration Day!

The services included inspirational, traditional pipe organ and choir music, as well as performances from our contemporary 11:02 Band. Rev. Dr. Ron Scates revived a sermon from Rev. P.B. Hill, our pastor from 1921-1940, which was as relevant today as a century ago. Each service concluded with ear-to-ear smiles as an official bagpipe postlude lead the congregation out of the sanctuary.



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Westminster Hall served as a fiesta-themed gathering point for congregants throughout the morning and early afternoon, and featured Mexican-style foods and a true family atmosphere where folks reconnected and enjoyed truly upbeat fellowship.

In the newly renovated FPC Courtyard, our youngsters were treated to an exciting, heart-warming Petting Zoo—complete with a pony, duck, lamb, bunny and chickens. The entire day was a combination of joy, remembrance and gratitude, as well as true optimism for the future of First Pres.

We would like to thank all members and staff that worked to make his event possible, including event co-chairs Boxy Hornberger and Susan Dulling, as well as the entire 170th Anniversary Celebration Committee: Hank Cherry, Bill Cogburn, Kevin Dailey, Susan DeKoch, Tom Dooling, Janet Hornberger, Becky Prichard, Cynthia Robinson, Suzanne Thomas, Carol West and David West.

If you did not have the opportunity to join us and experience this wonderful event (or the many programs and opportunities FPC has to offer), we invite you to do so this Sunday. Our best days are yet to come!





PATHWAYS TO HOPE

OVER 1,200 PEOPLE ATTEND GROUNDBREAKING, FIRST ANNUAL PATHWAYS TO HOPE CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND MENTAL ILLNESS

On August 26 and 27, FPC helped sponsor the first annual *PATHWAYS TO HOPE: Breaking the Stigma of Mental Illness* county-wide conference. The keynote speaker was Kay Warren, co-founder of Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, CA. Kay and her husband, Pastor Rick Warren, lost their son to suicide after his having worked for years to overcome serious depression. Today, Kay travels across the U.S. as an advocate for better mental health care and for churches to be the change agent in this effort.

Pastor Robert Emmitt of Community Bible Church led the lineup of speakers with his talk on “My Journey through Depression,” and was followed by several other speakers, all focused on the importance of faith in dealing with mental health issues along with proper treatment and sup-

port of churches. Kay Warren spoke of “radically friending” families impacted by mental illness; walking alongside them instead of moving away from them.

Over 1,200 people, including those from over 300 churches, as well as officials and workers from healthcare and county organizations, gathered at the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts to learn how they can begin their own mental health ministries, including providing education on mental illness, support groups for families and individuals, and how to assist with community programs that already are providing housing and socialization opportunities.

“The weekend was a tremendous success for our ministries in bringing this issue to the community,” said Doug Beach, Chairperson of

Pathways to Hope and head of FPC’s Mental Health Ministries. “One in five people will experience a mental health disorder this year. Of those who reach out for help, most will visit a pastor first, and only five percent of churches have any kind of mental health support.”

FPC will continue to work with churches throughout the community to help share its experience in developing a mental health ministry. We will be working with the Health Collaborative and other organizations to provide this support.

If you would like to listen to presentations from the conference, you can go to www.pathwaystohope.net/conference-materials for a full viewing of the conference.

STAFF SERVE DAY

BOOKS ARE NEEDED!

A couple times a year, the staff of FPC takes time from their busy day to volunteer at one of our ministry partners. Last month, we had a group of 11 staff members volunteer at Book buddies!

They sorted, labeled and boxed books to be donated at free book fairs held by San Antonio Youth Literacy

throughout the year. It was a great time for everyone involved.

We did notice that their inventory is low, so during the month of October, FPC will be collecting gently used books to donate to SAYL Book Buddies. They need books for ages Kinder through Fifth grade. Some of these children have never owned a

book, so every donation counts!

Books can be dropped off at the front desk or given to Morgan Ford, Director of Missions.



Autumn has officially arrived and it is a time when Presbyterian Women are very busy. The Circles have already met for their first meetings and are preparing for their October gatherings. If you haven't already joined a circle, I encourage you to contact Linda Delano, Vice-President for Circles, at ldelano@sbcglobal.net or 614-208-3600, to assist you in finding the circle that is right for you. It's not too late!

The PW Fall Luncheon will be held in Westminster Hall on Monday, October 24 at 11:30 AM (doors open at 11:00 AM). We are very excited about this special event that you will not want to miss. We will hear from Jonathan Sandys, author of *God and Churchill* and the great-grandson of Winston Churchill. Mr. Sandys will speak about the wartime Prime Minister's belief that his life had been protected and guided by God in order for him to fulfill his eventual destiny. Please come partake of a delicious lunch, hear an inspirational message and enjoy a time of fellowship with new and old friends. Reservations are required. Please make your check in the amount of \$20 payable to FPC and memo PW Luncheon. You may turn it in at your circle or mail to Mary Ellen Mauze, 203 Primrose Place, San Antonio, Texas 78209.

For more information, please see page 13 regarding the PW Fall Luncheon. We hope to see you on Monday, October 24th!

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

BIBLE CIRCLE 1/12
Monday, October 17 • 10:30 AM
Place: FPC Geneva Room
Lunch (optional): \$8.00
Chair: Suzanne Thomas, 846-3240, suzannethomas54@gmail.com
Moderator: Grace Labatt
Study: Women of the Bible

BIBLE CIRCLE 2/4
Monday, October 17 • 1:30 PM
Place: FPC Room 226 (Red Room)
Chair: Char-An Witten, h: 341-1856, c: 602-7085
Study: Her Name is Woman by Gien Karssen

SHAWL MINISTRY CIRCLE 5
Friday, October 21 • 12:00-1:00 PM
Place: FPC Room 228
 Members bring food to share
Chairs: Jane Ann Temple 414-9956, Kay Weber 288-5290

BIBLE CIRCLE 6
Tuesday, October 18 • 1:30 PM
Place: FPC Geneva Room
Chair: Mimi Hart, 822-0809

BIBLE CIRCLE 7
Tuesday, October 18 • 11:30 AM
Place: Meet at HNS for tour (407 N Calaveras 78207)
Lunch: Bring sack lunch and drink
Chair: Alison Barker, 872-4484, barker.alison1@gmail.com

CIRCLE 8 MOM'S GROUP
Thursday, September 29 • 7:00 PM
What: PW Ladies Night Out
Place: Home of Sallie Guy, 101 Paseo Encinal 78212

Tuesday, October 18 • 9:30-11:30 AM
What: Christmas craft for Morningside and Chandler nursing home parties – annual service project
Place: FPC Room TBD
Chairs: Sara Parish 394-0865, sara23sc@hotmail.com; Lilly Gretzinger 601-0575, lilly@bunngroup.com; Meg Walker 601-7745, meg@aladdincleans.com
Childcare: RSVP 2 days prior to Sonya Wright at sonyaw@fpcsat.org

BIBLE CIRCLE 9
Tuesday, October 18 • 10:00 AM
Place: FPC Breakfast Room
Snack: provided by Janice Wilson
Chairs: Jan Magnus 829-5866, Pat Brannen 735-4415
Moderator: Members of Circle 9
Study: Intersections of Grace by Susan Kerr

BIBLE CIRCLE 11
Monday, October 24 • 6:30 PM
Place: At the home of Karin Gabrielson, hostess (129 W. Wildwood Dr. 78212)
Dinner: provided by various circle members
Chair: Karin Gabrielson 843-2475
Moderator: Sheila Figueroa

LITERATURE CIRCLE 13
Tuesday, October 11 • 1:00 PM
Place: FPC McCullough Room
Chair: Jeanne Browning 824-3921
Program: Cinderella musical presentation by Bill and Patrice Hensley

BIBLE CIRCLE 14
Monday, October 17 • 12:00-1:00 PM
Place: FPC St. Andrews Room
Lunch: By reservation
Chair: Marilyn Morris-Etheredge 861-4314, Marilyn.morris@optum.com
Moderator: Amy Robinson
Study: TBD

MARJORIE MCLERNON SEWING CIRCLE 16
Wednesday, October 19 • 9:30 AM
Place: FPC Room 228
Chair: Lee Pressly 735-0978

EDNA RALSTON SEWING CIRCLE 17
Wednesday, October 12 • 9:30 AM
Place: FPC Room 309
Lunch: Bring \$1 for soup provided by kitchen, members bring dessert
Chair: Jeanne Baker 494-0972
Vice Chair: Gigi Duke 695-4363

CIRCLE 18 CARE AND CONCERN
No meeting date
Chairs: Char-An Witten 341-1856, Georgia Heath 695-9511

CIRCLE 19 WHITE CROSS CIRCLE
Wednesday, October 5 • 9:30 AM
Place: FPC Room 309

Lunch: The kitchen makes soup (bring \$1) and provides water and coffee, a member will provide dessert
Chair: Janet Beauch 673-3251

CIRCLE 20 CIRCLE OF SERVICE
No meeting date

Chair: Bunkie Shed 824-6690

CIRCLE 21 EVENING BIBLE STUDY GROUP
Monday, October 17 • 6:30 PM
Place: Contact Chair for location
Dinner: Members provide buffet dinner and dessert

Chair: Andrea Taylor 403-9442, paladianpl@aol.com
Moderator: Member rotation
Study: Intersections of Grace by Susan Kerr

PW FALL LUNCHEON

Jonathan Sandys, Winston Churchill's great-grandson, will speak at the annual Fall Luncheon of Presbyterian Women on Monday, October 24, 2016 at 11:30 AM in Westminster Hall.

As Mr. Sandys writes, "Perceived as a failure for much of his life, Churchill was the last person anyone would have expected to rise to national prominence as prime minister and influence the fate of the world during World War II. But Churchill persevered, on a mission to achieve his purpose. *God and Churchill* tells the remarkable story of how one man, armed with belief in his Divine destiny, embarked on a course to save Christian civilization when Adolf Hitler and the forces of evil stood opposed. It traces the personal, political, and spiritual path of one of history's greatest leaders and offers hope for our own violent and troubled times."

Please join Presbyterian Women for the unique and exciting opportunity to hear from Churchill's descendant on his great-grandfather's morals, values and leadership skills and those of the "Greatest Generation" that saved the world from the abyss of a Nazi regime. Mr. Sandys will speak to our group and autograph copies of his

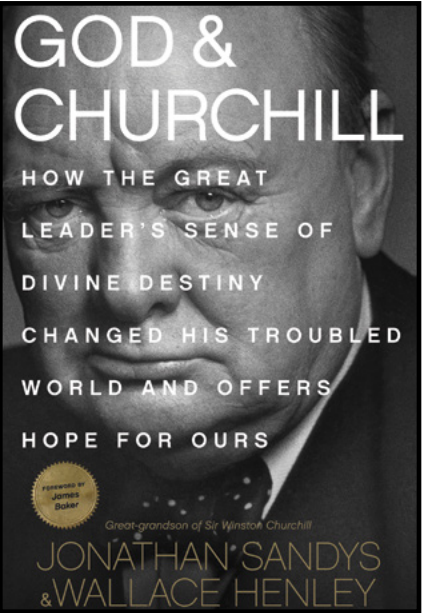
book, *God and Churchill*, after his presentation.

The luncheon will begin at 11:30 AM. Doors will open at 11:00 AM if you would like to come early to view and purchase a centerpiece.

Tickets for the event are \$20 and reservations are required. We no longer accept payment at the door the day of the luncheon. Reservations for tables of eight or ten are available on a first-come basis. The deadline for reservations is Monday, October 17, 2016.

Your check is your reservation and may be paid at your Circle meeting or mailed to Mary Ellen Mauze, 203 Primrose Place, San Antonio, Texas 78209. Please make checks payable to FPC and put "PW Fall Luncheon" on the notation line. Childcare is available at the church by reservation only by calling Sonya Wright at 210-271-2720 or emailing her at sonyaw@fpcsat.org. We look forward to seeing you on Monday, October 24, 2016!

"I expect that the Battle of Britain is about to begin. Upon this battle depends the survival of Christian Civilization [sic]." Winston Churchill, "Their Finest Hour" Speech, June 18, 1940.



KEYS



THE KEYS MISSION

The KEYS mission statement reads, “to grow in Christian Fellowship and to provide programs which bring enrichment and support.” That growth is rooted in ministry keeping Jesus Visible to older adults, to First Presbyterian Church, and to the broader community of San Antonio.

KEYS is keeping Jesus Visible to older adults by building community through the many activities that are provided. As a result, bonds of friendship, caring relationships, and spiritual support are established that are very much a part of navigating through the day-to-day experiences of life, with the assurance that we don’t have to go it alone. KEYS seeks to present programs and speakers that are educational, inspirational, informative, and to keep everyone abreast of civic and health updates. The trips, the luncheons, the games, the movies, and all the other events

serve as the building blocks to community.

KEYS is keeping Jesus Visible to First Presbyterian Church by serving in various ministries. KEYS members serve as ushers and sing in the choir. KEYS partnered with children’s ministry filling over 2,000 plastic eggs for their Easter Program and with the choir to help make the July 4th celebration a success. KEYS sponsors a flu clinic to enable FPC members to conveniently obtain a Flu Shot. The Library committee is chaired by a KEYS member, and four volunteers from KEYS work in the library every Thursday. Presbyterian Women circles are chaired by KEYS members, and of the 18 members of the Circle of Concern Committee, 10 are from KEYS.

KEYS is keeping Jesus visible in the broader community of San Antonio through Project 240, SA Reads, Elf Louise, and adopting families at

Christmas. Three thousand, one hundred and seventy books and magazines have been delivered to the VA Hospital through KEYS.

All that said, if you look at the KEYS calendar and think “all they do is eat and play games and go on trips,” I would encourage you to take a closer look, and come experience the community of a KEYS event. We are in this together!!

“Therefore since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.” (Hebrews 12:1-2a) I could not be more excited, honored, and humbled to be a part of this “cloud of witnesses” and to be serving alongside them.

Joe Moore
Director of Older Adult Ministries

DON'T MISS:

OCTOBER 7 J.B. CROWTHER—DNA SPECIALIST

J.B. (James Bartlett) Crowther is a 5th generation San Antonian and the eldest of two sons of Poole and Jane Crowther. He was a career Army officer, having served twenty-three years on active duty. He retired from active duty in 2003 as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Medical Service Corps. For the last ten years J.B. has continued his service in the Army as a Civilian Civil Servant. He is currently the Deputy Director of the U.S. Army Medical Department Board at Fort Sam Houston.

The topic of J.B.’s presentation is: “An Introduction to Genetic Genealogy.” He will explain the fundamentals of DNA, how genetic genealogy works, the different DNA tests available, and the differences in the various DNA testing services that can be used. He will also share insight on how DNA testing can reveal facts about your ancestry that go beyond the paper records.

OCTOBER 14 LINDA OSBORNE—FITNESS FOR LIFE

Linda is our fitness trainer and meets with us on Friday mornings. She often reminds us that “sitting is the new smoking” and challenges us to keep exercising. Linda will be coming to us



fresh off of hip surgery and says she has learned a lot during her recovery time. A short video of our fitness session will be shown to let you see that you too can be involved in “Fitness for Life.”

OCTOBER 22 PICNIC & BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

KEYS annual fall picnic is at Judith and Doug McNeel’s Ranch Saturday, October 22 from 12:00 to 3:30 PM. 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! We’ll celebrate October birthdays with a barbecue lunch on the patio, and then have a variety of games and fellowship opportunities. If you plan to drive, please check with Joe Moore for directions. Van transportation to and from church will be available. Deadline for reservations (\$12/person) is Tuesday, October 20. Reservations may be made by check payable to FPC with “picnic” notation in the memo line. Send reservations to Joe’s attention. And, just in case: rain date is Sunday, October 23 (2:30-6:00 PM)

OCTOBER 28 HAMBURGER & MOVIE

Join us for the best hamburgers in San Antonio with all the fixings and



of course there are fries!! Always a great time and always a good movie!!

OCTOBER KEEP MOVING FITNESS: 7, 14, 28 • 9:30 AM

OCTOBER GAMES: BRIDGE: 14 AND 28 • 1:00 PM MAH JONGG: 28 • 1:00 PM

LOOKING AHEAD NOVEMBER 17

AARP Safe Driving Course. Get a discount on your automobile insurance by attending this class at FPC! For AARP members, the course fee is \$15. For non-members, it is \$20. For a reservation, please call Joe Moore at 210-226-0215 ext 226.

NOVEMBER 18

The Sophienburg Museum Tour and Birthday Lunch is at Gennaro’s in New Braunfels. Van transportation will be available from the church.

DECEMBER 13

Travel with us to Austin for dinner at the 1886 Café in the Historic Driskill Hotel and look at the Capital’s Christmas lights and Top the evening off with hot chocolate and the light show at Mozart’s on Lake Austin. Truly a Capital Christmas!

MOMENTS TO HOLD CLOSE
BEST OFFER EVER | BY MANNY RODRIGUEZ



Recently two of our children embarked upon a new semester in college. Do you know what that means? A clean slate, a fresh start. The chemistry class that was killing you last semester, doesn't matter, it's gone. The horrible test score you received in calculus with only the final remaining, it's over, never to be repeated again. So with a new semester springs a new hope. You are not behind in any classes, no low grades to overcome, all academic sins forgotten. New professors without any biases against you or preconceived notions, as if you had never had a scholastic misstep in your life. Wouldn't that be just fantastic? I mean each semester of your life to hit the reset button and start over new without any past sins, any guilty baggage or any concerns that you will be prejudged entering a new day with what you have done in the past. Well, a loving Father has given us something even better, why wait for a new semester when you can receive a fresh start, right here, right now. All you need to do is ask Him. And just like the late night infomercials will tell you, but wait, there's more. Not only do you simply need to ask, but He wants you to. He so much wants to remove the heavy load of sin and regret from your shoulders, but wait, there's even more. Unlike the infomercials this is NOT a limited time offer, you have no limit on the amount of times you can receive a clean slate and total forgiveness. Isn't that an offer that is almost too good to be true? So I encourage you, don't wait, ask today.

WELCOME NEW STAFF
LISA SALAZAR



Lisa Salazar,
Media Coordinator

Lisa was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas. She moved to Houston to attend the University of Houston where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Media Productions and worked in the athletic department as a video editor and live camera operator. Lisa also did some work for the Houston Rockets and Astros and gained knowledge and experience in media production through her internships with Root Sports and the Houston Rodeo. Along with video, Lisa also comes with skills in photography and enjoys taking her camera everywhere she goes to capture photos. Lisa loves her hometown and decided to move back and pursue her career in San Antonio. Lisa is a very optimistic person who lives by faith and not by sight, and she is thrilled to be working with First Pres to utilize her creative mind and skills to assist the church in fulfilling its mission of making Jesus visible!

BEYOND THE STAINED GLASS | BY KEVIN DAILEY, CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADER



A couple of weeks ago thousands of students of all ages started back at school. From your kindergartener's first day, to a college senior's last semester, Summer was officially over (although Mother Nature hasn't gotten the memo).

A couple of weeks ago something glorious happened (at least for myself and a few hundred million people across the world). Football season started! For me it marks the beginning of fall, my favorite season leading into my favorite time of year. I love the fall, even though we don't really get a long one here in Central Texas, (come on Mother Nature! Hook us up!).

Isn't it wonderful and interesting how we as unique creations of God can look at the same season with different emotional outcomes? It happens all the time. In the seasons of our life, especially the negative ones, we can focus on the past, what we have lost, what could have been. In times of trial we often lament. The Bible has many passages about seasons. Crop seasons, reaping and sowing. Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes that to everything, there is a season, and a time to every purpose. So did The Byrds, but that's for a different day.

Solomon was right. There is a purpose to our seasons. Even the ones that hurt and are messy. Even the ones we don't understand and can't make sense of. When times are tough we can wonder where God is. Solomon's father, David writes eloquently in Psalm 104, reminding us whom it was that created the seasons, who set the mountains and caused the rain to fall upon them. Our god is not remiss of our difficult seasons, in fact, He is right there with us walking through them. He encourages us not to look back, to not wonder what could have been. Instead, he reminds us of His goodness, that He is in control and to look forward in His promise that he will never leave or forsake us.

Dear FPC Family,
We are so excited to share the news that our children's area is currently undergoing renovations to freshen up our classrooms, hallways and community areas!

We have been blessed with the opportunity to spruce up our children's area with new flooring, fresh paint, new furniture, and bright, fun artwork. The final product will be clean and fresh and will provide a warm and welcoming space for our children and families. We cannot wait to continue to do ministry with kids of all ages in our brand new 1st floor facilities.

As the renovation committee began the process for this project they discovered a layer of tile underneath the current flooring that was installed years ago with a glue, or mastic, that contains some asbestos. In order to redo the flooring for our renovation project, this bottom layer of tile will need to be removed and the asbestos abated so we can enjoy fresh, new carpet and tile!

The remediation process for the first floor began on September 19th and will be done in two phases. Each phase will be followed by room painting and flooring throughout the first floor. The asbestos abatement process will follow all federal, state and local guidelines to ensure the safety of all patrons in the entire facility during and after the project is completed.

Each area of the abatement phases will be sealed with a double layer barrier along with all of the HVAC access points to ensure that there is no possibility of cross contamination between the abatement areas and any of the areas that will remain in use during this process. We will have the air conditioning shut down in the abatement zones to allow the contractors to draw air within to create a negative pressure atmosphere to help ensure that no potentially hazardous materials can escape the abatement enclosures.

Fixed furniture in the areas of abatement will be sealed along with any fixtures on the wall and ceilings to prevent contamination. This will be checked by air quality tests and monitoring inside the containment zones before any of the completed areas are cleared for use.

We have chosen the best in the business when choosing our abatement and monitoring consultants and every measure has been taken to ensure the safety of this work.

We appreciate your flexibility as we undergo this facelift, and we look forward to enjoying our new space together!

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact me at jeffc@fpcsat.org or call me at 210-271-2754.

Jeff Carawan, Facilities Manager

FINANCIAL SUMMARY | AUGUST 2016

OPERATING FUND BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD	OVER/(UNDER)
TOTAL REVENUES	2,269,832	2,604,090	(334,258)
EXPENDITURES			
OPERATING	2,038,602	2,320,971	(282,369)
BENEVOLENCES	374,679	393,797	(19,118)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,413,281	2,714,768	(301,487)
NET INCOME/LOSS	(143,449)	(110,678)	(32,771)



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