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# LOVING JESUS CHRIST

REV. DR. BOB FULLER

Last Month I announced that in May of 2018, the Elders of the church adopted a new expression of our vision, mission and strategy for the church. We believe that God is calling us to be a church that Loves Jesus Christ, Loves One Another, and Loves the City. This vision is based on three commands that our Lord gave to his disciples. Jesus Christ commanded us to Love the Lord Our God with all of our heart, Soul, Mind and Strength (Matthew 22:37); to love one another as Christ has loved us (John 13:34) and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves (Matthew 22:39).

Our hope to be the best church we can be begins with our relationship to Jesus Christ—both as a church and as individual disciples. All that we do should be driven by a desire to draw attention to and give honor to Jesus Christ.

There are two ways we focus our love for Jesus Christ. The first way is to grow in our knowledge of Jesus Christ so that we can follow him better and love him more. We study his life and his teachings, and we imitate him in his love for other people and for God.

The Gospel of John declares that Jesus Christ is the “Word of God made flesh.” (John 14:6) A word is a vehicle of expression. Whether spoken or written, by our words we tell people who we are, how we feel, what we want to happen, the things we want to teach and the things we want others to know.

When John wrote that Jesus is the Word of God, he was saying that Jesus is the expressed will of God. He is what God wants us to know about who God is, what he wants, what is important, and how he feels. What God wants us to know about himself, he expresses through his Word—he expresses through Jesus.

There is a deep connection between knowing and loving. When two people are in love, they will go to great lengths to find out more and more about each other. When you have a hobby, or a favorite subject, you want to learn more and more about that subject. There is a deep connection between our knowledge of God and our love for God. The more we know God, the more we will love him, and the more we love him, the more we will want to learn.

The second way to focus our love for Christ is to worship. In worship, we show the world that

Jesus Christ matters and that he matters to us. Philippians 2:9 says:

“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so 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.” (Philippians 2:9-11)

The truth is that every person makes a choice on Sunday, and that choice is more important than we realize. The choice to be here tells the world, “I believe that God is real and relevant to our lives,” and “I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Worship is our public declaration of loyalty to God—declaring Him our first priority and the center of our lives. Worship tells the world that we believe that the knowledge of Christ Jesus is more important than everything else we know. It declares that he is worthy of our praise and has made a difference in our lives. Coming together to sing and pray and listen and love God tells the world that we take God seriously. That he is no trifle, and that faith is not simply trivia. To a world that would ignore God, or push him to the side in favor of politics, or economics, or entertainment, it says that God is worth our rapt attention.

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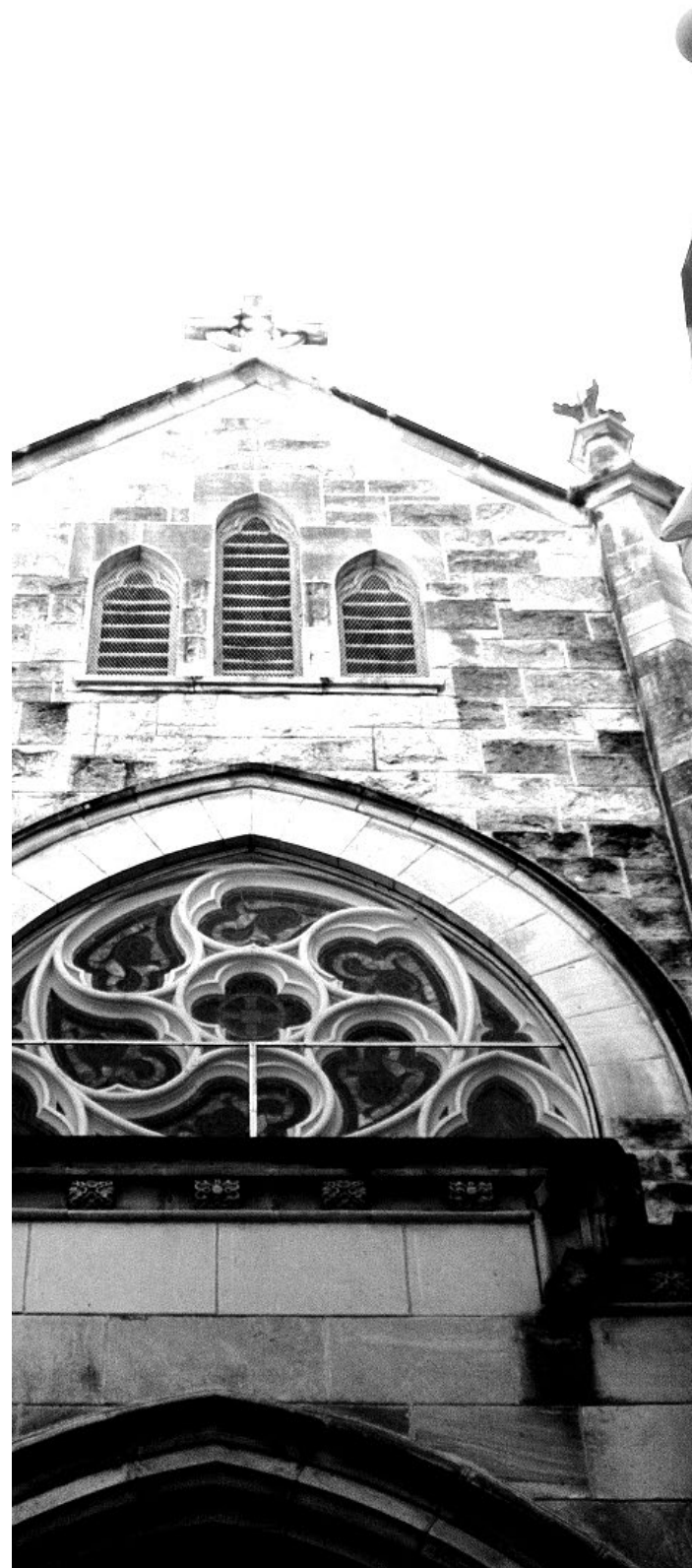
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# SAVE THE DATE



## LITERATURE CIRCLE

OCTOBER 12 • 11:00 AM • WESTMINSTER HALL

San Antonio historian and author, Lewis F. Fisher, will be the speaker when the FPC Literature Circle and KEYS will meet jointly on Friday, October 12 at 11:00 AM in Westminster Hall. Mr. Fisher will review his book “Maverick: The American Name That Became A Legend.” His book is a historical account of Samuel A. Maverick, a Texas cattle rancher who was a legendary nonconformist who broke the code of the west by refusing to brand his calves. Yet, he branded all the wild cattle he could find, ending up with more cattle than anyone else in Texas. Optional luncheon served following the review. Reservations required (\$8). Please contact Rosie Brown (210-277-2753/rosieb@fpcsat.org) by noon Tuesday, October 9, for your reservation.

## HOUSE OF PRAYER BIG EVENT

OCTOBER 17 • WESTMINSTER HALL

Something powerful happens when the body of Christ prays together, and it is happening at First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio. Our next House of Prayer Big Event is the evening of October 17, 5:30 PM for dinner and 6:15 PM for program. We will resume hosting several small gatherings at different locations this fall. For more information or to register, contact Stacie Rodriguez at stacier@fpcsat.org.

## CARE CLUSTER PRESENTATION

OCTOBER 21 • 12:15–12:45 PM • COVENANT HALL

**FOR LEADERS OF ALL GROUPS, CLASSES, MINISTRIES, FELLOWSHIPS, ETC.** A brief presentation of the Care Cluster Ministry will be made for all leaders of any group, class, ministry, fellowship, etc. at FPC. Leaders are encouraged to attend this meeting and learn how to use Care Cluster principles and facilitate care, connection and communication. Join us on Sunday, October 21, 2018. A light lunch will be served. Presenter: Rev. Scott Simpson and the Care Cluster Leadership Team. To register or for more information contact: Lisa Snow, [lisas@fpcsat.org](mailto:lisas@fpcsat.org), or 210-271-2760

## WOC LADIES' NIGHT OUT

OCTOBER 16

Come relax, enjoy food and wine, and catch-up with your sisters in Christ! We encourage everyone to bring a friend or neighbor so that we may share the love of Jesus with those outside our church walls. Join us on Tuesday, October 16 at 6:00-8:00 PM in the lovely home of WOC President, Holly Youngquist (109 Cobblestone). Comments/Questions: Please contact Betsy Zachry at 210-262-1236 or [betsyz@swbell.net](mailto:betsyz@swbell.net).

## WOC FALL LEGACY LUNCHEON

OCTOBER 22 • 11:30 AM • WESTMINSTER HALL

Jessica Honegger is Co-CEO and Founder of Noon-day Collection, a fair trade jewelry brand that impacts over 4,500 artisans in vulnerable communities around the world. In her new book, “Imperfect Courage,” Jessica invites us to trade our comfort zone for a life of impact and meaning. \$20/person. Mail a check payable to FPC to Maggie Burnett, 7 Bitterblue Lane, 78218 or visit our luncheon table on Sundays, starting on September 30. Questions? Call Maggie Burnett (210-602-1692) or Manette Owen (210-872-3903).

## STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING

OCTOBER 24 • 6:30 PM

Interested in becoming a Stephen Minister? The 20-week training class begins Wednesday, October 24, 6:30 – 9:00 PM, in room 300. For more information, please contact Rev. Scott Simpson at 210-271-2712 or [scotts@fpcsat.org](mailto:scotts@fpcsat.org).

## WELCOMING TEAM VOLUNTEERS

FPC needs volunteers to work at our new Welcome Centers on Sunday mornings once a month. Contact Wendy Garcia (210-218-7202/[wendygarcia@satx.rr.com](mailto:wendygarcia@satx.rr.com)) to sign up today (state the week of the month and time you would prefer). Service times are either 9:10–10:45 AM or 10:45–12:15 PM monthly.

## FIESTA MEDAL CONTEST

DUE OCTOBER 26

Calling on any creative soul who would like to participate in FPC's 2019 Fiesta Medal design contest! Drawings must be submitted by October 26 to Anne Folkes at [anne@finderskeeperswines.com](mailto:anne@finderskeeperswines.com) and will be blind judged. Winner will be announced in the spring when medals arrive! Suggested guidelines include using up to six colors only and picking something to celebrate. Can be computer generated, crayon/pencil drawings. For more information, contact Anne at 210-826-6345.

## GRIEF AND HOLIDAYS WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 28 • 12:15–1:30 PM • GENEVA ROOM

Grief can be a very powerful and overwhelming emotion that changes your life. Understanding, compassion from others, and a commitment to allowing the experience to heal you can take you on a journey of discovering meaning in life again. Join us on Sunday, October 28. A light lunch will be served. Presenter: Margaret Berton, Ph.D., Psychologist. To register/for more info: Lisa Snow ([lisas@fpcsat.org](mailto:lisas@fpcsat.org)/210-271-2760)

## LOAVES AND FISHES

OCTOBER 20 • STUDENT CENTER

Our next opportunity to serve our under-resourced neighbors is Saturday, October 20. Setup begins at 8:30 AM, training/preparation begins at 9:30 AM, doors open for our guests at 10:30 AM, and serving begins at 11:00 AM. All are welcome. Please contact Lindsay Selli at [lindsays@fpcsat.org](mailto:lindsays@fpcsat.org) with any questions or if you would like to volunteer.

## FALL YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

OCTOBER 26–28

Invest in a weekend away with friends at the beautiful Franklin Family Ranch where we will Re-focus on real life, real relationships, and real purpose. The cost is \$50, and covers all meals, lodging, and all the fun you can stand. For more information, contact Mitchell Moore at [mitchellm@fpcsat.org](mailto:mitchellm@fpcsat.org) or Lindsay Selli at [lindsays@fpcsat.org](mailto:lindsays@fpcsat.org).



# CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER?!

... WHY IT'S NOT TOO SOON TO PREPARE FOR GIFT OF CHRISTMAS 2018  
BY DIANE CARSSOW

**M**atthew 25:40 "Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me."

Last October, as I anxiously waited at my small table in Mauze Lobby, smiled at passersby, and hoped to receive some interest from those wanting to adopt a family, I heard this question a few times: "Christmas In October?!"

I wasn't offended by the question, as I join those who feel that retail stores put out Christmas decorations way too early (OMG!), we hear Christmas music on the radio even before we've had a chance to celebrate Thanksgiving, and TV commercials bombard us with suggestions for "that perfect Christmas gift for the one you love!" before our kids have had a chance to Trick-or-Treat.

For most FPC families, this Christmas will as usual include a bounty of beautifully wrapped gifts under a perfectly decorated tree that displays sentimental ornaments collected over many years. Our houses will be filled with loved ones who may travel many miles every year in order to celebrate the birth of Christ together. Wonderful aromas coming from the kitchen and a Christmas table filled with delectable dishes will include everyone's favorite must-haves: Aunt Mary's special cornbread dressing, Uncle Joe's smoked turkey, Grandma Smith's perfect pumpkin pie, etc. Sound familiar?

However, this month there are parents in our local community who are already dreading the thought of the stress that Christmas brings. They will financially find it difficult to provide a Christmas celebration for their children. Instead of a home with a gleaming Christmas tree, beautifully wrapped gifts, and wonderful smells of favorite holiday foods, they likely will feel desperate and alone during a time when others are surrounded by loved ones.

October 2018 is the time for individual families, Women's Circles, Sunday School Classes, Bible Study Groups, and other FPC organizations to commit to helping one of these families to Celebrate Christ's Birth! Let's face it, by November most of our Christmas planning is either starting or in full swing. Making the commitment to include another family in your planning requires opening your calendar and maybe sacrificing a little on your gift-giving in order to include a less fortunate family in our community.

During the sermon on September 9, Kick-off Sunday, Pastor Bob Fuller gave us three points to consider this year:

1. "You belong here (at FPC)". This is your Church and you were meant to be a participant in it.
2. "How will you get involved?" God has plans for you and the Church to succeed.
3. "We will help you." Because when we come together, great things happen.

Adopting a deserving family this Christmas is a decision to begin now to get involved at First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio, your Church Home. And don't worry, the Gift of Christmas Committee will do everything possible to provide all the information and support you need.

So, on Sunday, October 14, look for a small table in Mauze Lobby with a sign titled "Gift of Christmas". There, you will find me again with a hopeful smile and a stack of forms titled "Gift of Christmas Family Request Form". After you've had a chance to pray about it, talk it over with your family, friends, and church groups, and pick up a request form. And I guarantee this kind act will make Christmas 2018 one of your best Christmases ever!

# TEAM BRICK

AT NAMIWALKS

**T**he second week of October (Oct. 7-13) is Mental Health Awareness Week this year, and members of FPC can participate in the following way: On July 5, 2015, Richard "Brick" Munroe was tragically killed after calling 911 in Austin for help. Brick's death is one more reason to support better mental health care and community education. Chip and Karen Munroe, Brick's parents and members of this church, are asking that you remember Brick by participating in the 2018 NAMI Walks and by giving to NAMI San Antonio. This will be the fourth year that FPC will sponsor "Team Brick" to raise money for NAMI. This is an opportunity for FPC to remember Brick and support Chip, Karen and all of the Munroe family, as well as remember his grandparents, Elizabeth and Tom Munroe, who passed away last year.

If you would like to participate as a walker at the event or by giving to NAMI San Antonio, simply go to [www.namiwalks.org/sanantonio](http://www.namiwalks.org/sanantonio) for instructions on how to register or make your contribution to "Team Brick." Or you can send a contribution to the church office by making a check out to NAMI San Antonio 2018 Walks. If you'd like to walk with the FPC team, you can contact Jim McCann at [jim.mccann.iv@gmail.com](mailto:jim.mccann.iv@gmail.com), or Teresa McCaleb at [tbmccaleb@gmail.com](mailto:tbmccaleb@gmail.com).

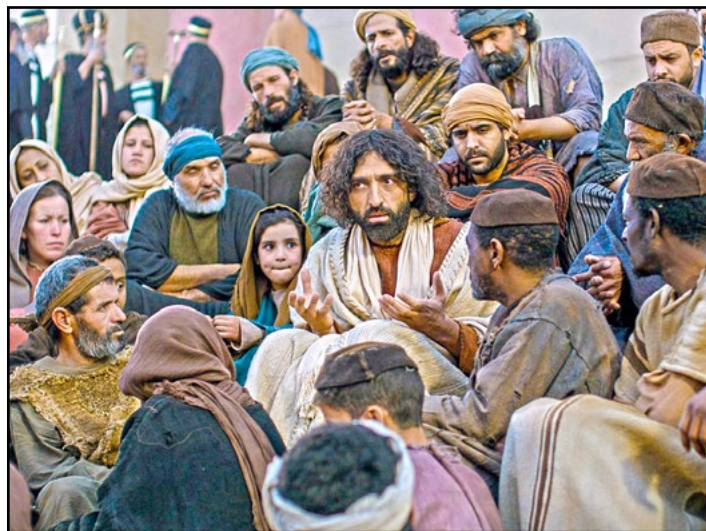
This year's NAMI Walks will be held on Saturday, October 6 at Morgan's Wonderland (5223 David Edward's Drive) beginning at 6:30 AM, and will be over by 9:00 AM.





# WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

BY CHUCK BEATTY, PRAYER MINISTRY



Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: **‘I AM has sent me to you.’**” (Ex 3:13-13)

“Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “**before Abraham was born, I am!**” (John 8:58)

For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.” Then Jesus declared, “**I am the bread of life.** Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.” (John 6:33-35, 40)

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “**I am the light of the world.** Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:3) This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God. (John 3:19-21). For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth, and find out what pleases the Lord. (Eph. 5:8-10)

Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, **I am the gate for the sheep.** All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. **I am the gate;** whoever enters through me will be saved. “**I am the good shepherd.** The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. “**I am the good shepherd;** I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. (John 10:7-9,11,14)

Jesus said to her, “**I am the resurrection and the life.** The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25-26). Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. (1 Pet. 1:3-5)

“**I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.** He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. “**I am the vine; you are the branches.** If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:1-5)

Jesus answered, “**I am the way and the truth and the life.** No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well...If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. All this I have spoken while still with you... But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will

remind you of everything I have said to you.” (John 14:6-7, 15-17, 25-26)

Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, “**Who do the crowds say I am?**” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life.” “But what about you?” he asked. “**Who do you say I am?**” Peter answered, “**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**” (Luke 9:17-20)

Jesus took Peter, James and John with him on the mountain where Jesus was transfigured. His face shown like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Moses and Elijah appeared talking with Jesus. Then the voice of God came to them and said, “**This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him.**” (Matt. 17:5)

## NOTES ON PRAYER

by Downie Mickler

### THE PRAYER ROOM

Come pray with us in the Bride’s Room (Room 228) every Sunday morning from 8:30-9:30 AM! Ken Finch and Gary Rine are faithfully waiting on the Lord and interceding for all kinds of needs. You are invited to stop in and participate and/or be prayed for.

### HEALING PRAYER SERVICE

Every third Sunday of the month we hold a Healing Service in the Chapel at 12:15 PM, right after the 11:00 AM services. We take communion and pray over anyone who has need of healing. It’s a small intimate prayer time, and I want you to know it is our honor to serve the Lord and you in this way.

### PERSONAL PRAYER TIME

One of my favorite APPs on my iPhone is PRAYER MATE. It’s a free application that helps me in my private prayer life. It keeps me praying daily, in an organized fashion, for all the things and people that I want to talk to Jesus about. It allows me to add to my lists and update information, and rotates each item on a weekly basis. It has helped me create a list of biblical prayers, personal prayers, prayers for my family and friends, my church, sharing my faith, world missions, our business ministry in Uganda, the school district, our leaders in the city, state, and country, etc... It is simple! It is not overwhelming! You should try it. You can easily ask it to remind you daily to pray, and it shows you the prayers for the day that are on rotation. You can control how many prayers you can pray for each day - and for me it’s five. You might have time to cover more each day—and I hope you do.

What we need this year is to be connected to Jesus. And there is NO BETTER WAY than through PRAYER.

For information on the different prayer ministries at FPC or help with the Prayer Mate App, you can call me at 210-284-1497.



# WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

BY HOLLY YOUNGQUIST, PRESIDENT

**“...And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.”  
Isaiah 58:10**

Monday, October 22, is our annual Fall Legacy Luncheon with guest speaker, Jessica Honegger. Jessica is the daughter of Joyce and Jess Mayfield, Co-founder of Noonday Collection and author of her newly released book “Imperfect Courage: Live a Life of Purpose by Leaving Comfort and Going Scared.” Jessica grew up at First Presbyterian Church San Antonio, and at age 16 traveled to Kenya and witnessed what life was like for children growing up

without clean water, safe housing or loving families – and something began stirring in her heart. She came home from that trip an activist and held rallies at her school to raise money for children in Kenya. After college, Jessica volunteered in Bolivia and Guatemala with Food for the Hungry. It was during this time she realized that entrepreneurship was a sustainable solution to poverty. Since that time, she has adopted a child from Rwanda, co-founded Noonday Collection, inspires others to live lives of purpose, authored a book and enjoys time with her husband Joe and their three children, Amelie, Holden and Jack. You won’t want to miss her story or her message. Lunch reservations are due by Monday, October 21. Please mail your check made out to FPC for \$20.00 to: Maggie Burnett, 7 Bitter Blue Lane, San Antonio, Texas 78218. We will also have ladies accepting reservations/checks the first two Sundays in October in the lobby near the Geneva Room. Doors open at 11:00 AM, where you will have the opportunity to purchase Noonday Collection Jewelry, table centerpieces as well as Jessica’s newly released book. Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM.

We are excited about other upcoming fall events. Our “Ladies Night Out” will be Tuesday, October 16 at 6:00 PM, at the home of Holly Youngquist, 109 Cobblestone Court. Food and wine will be provided so please come and enjoy the fellowship. Don’t forget to bring a friend. If you need assistance with transportation, please contact Betsy Zachry at 210-262-1236.

On Tuesday, October 23, we will be joining with Circle 8 in FPC Room #108 to create and assemble Christmas gifts for the residents at Morningside Meadows and Morningside Manor. These gifts will be distributed during their respective Christmas parties in December. Come join the fun and enjoy a time of inter-generational fellowship.

Lastly, I want to challenge all of us to listen for God’s calling and choose to say YES to big dreams even when fear is knocking at the door. Let’s trade in our comfort zones for a life of impact and meaning. Let’s be bold and courageous and watch God show up and show off. He is waiting for us to take the first step.

Live Big. Love Deeply. Serve Humbly.  
Holly Youngquist, President, WOC



# WOMEN OF THE CHURCH MEETINGS

**CIRCLE 1/12 – BIBLE CIRCLE**  
Monday, October 15 • 10:30 AM • FPC Geneva Room  
Optional lunch \$8.00  
Chairs: Suzanne Thomas (210-846-3240/ suzannethomas54@gmail.com); Lynn Thompson (210-824-2815/lynn@thompsondata.com)  
Moderator: Grace Labatt (210-824-1320/ gblabatt@yahoo.com)  
Study: 1 Peter

**CIRCLE 5 – SHAWL MINISTRY**  
Friday, October 19 • 12:00 PM • FPC Room 228  
Chairs: Jane Ann Temple (210-828-7542/ 210-414-9956 (C)/jatemple@att.net); Kay Weber (210-288-5290/kayweber276@gmail.com)

**CIRCLE 6 – BIBLE CIRCLE**  
Tuesday, October 16 • 1:30 PM • FPC Geneva Room  
Chair: Jean Parsons (210-826-6183/210-240-7483 (C)/ cjeanparsons@gmail.com)  
Asst. Chair: Carolyn Walthall (210-828-9739/ ckwalthall4@aol.com)  
Moderators: Jane Buchek (210-826-2966/210-685-4589 (C)/janebuchek@sbcglobal.net); Kay Case (210-826-5811/210-861-7782 (C)/ kngcase@hotmail.com); June Eubank (210-829-8641/210-872-3060 (C)/juneeeubank@yahoo.com); Barbara Winship (210-930-7093/210-862-5612 (C)/ barbarawinship@sbcglobal.net)  
Study: “Just Open the Door” by Jen Schmidt

**CIRCLE 7 – BIBLE CIRCLE**  
Tuesday, October 16 • 11:30 AM • Location TBD (Please contact circle chairs for meeting location)  
Co-Chairs: Cynthia Robinson (210-861-2520/ ccrobin@swbell.net); Candy Wagner (210-863-3623/ candywagner@sbcglobal.net)  
Moderators: Members of Circle 7  
Study: “Just Open the Door” by Jen Schmidt

**CIRCLE 8 – MOMS’ GROUP**  
No daytime meetings; Occasional evening get-togethers  
Contact Circle Chairs for information  
Chairs: Sara Parish (210-394-0865/ sara23sc@hotmail.com); Lilly Gretzinger (210-601-0575/lilly@bunngroup.com); Meg Walker (210-601-7745/meg@aladdinleans.com)

**CIRCLE 9 – BIBLE CIRCLE**  
Tuesday, October 16 • 10:00 AM • FPC Geneva Room  
Chairs: Lucille Lammert (210-832-8414/210-289-3580 (C)/lammert.lucille@gmail.com); Frances Warrick (210-408-1775/fwarrick@sbcglobal.net)

Moderators: Members of Circle 9  
Study: “Just Open the Door” by Jen Schmidt  
**CIRCLE 11 – BIBLE CIRCLE**  
Monday, October 22 • 6:30 PM  
Hostess: Linda Ruhmann (127 W. Elmview Place 78209)  
Chairs: Karin Gabrielson (210-843-2475/ karin\_gabrielson@hotmail.com); Pat Brodeen (210-494-1534/pat@brodeen.com)  
Moderators: Members of Circle 11  
Study: “Just Open the Door” by Jen Schmidt

**CIRCLE 13 – LITERATURE CIRCLE**  
Friday, October 12 • 11:00 AM • FPC Westminster Hall  
Meeting with KEYS. Optional lunch \$8.  
Chair: Jan Magnus (210-829-5866/jmagnus3@mac.com)  
Book: “Maverick” by Lewis Fisher  
Reviewer: Lewis Fisher

**CIRCLE 14 – BIBLE CIRCLE**  
Monday, October 15 • 12:00 PM • FPC St. Andrew’s Room  
Optional lunch \$8.  
Chair: Karen Carawan (210-213-4589/karen@sarodeo.com)  
Moderator: Amy Robinson (210-863-1035/ amy@robinsonvalue.com)  
Study: “Devotional Classics” by Richard Foster and James Byron Smith

**CIRCLE 16 – MARJORIE MCLERNON SEWING CIRCLE**  
Wednesday, October 17 • 9:30 AM • FPC Room 228  
Chair: Lee Pressly (210-735-0978/no email)

**CIRCLE 17 – EDNA RALSTON SEWING CIRCLE**  
Wednesday, October 10 • 9:30 AM • FPC Room 309  
Chairs: Jeanne Baker (210-494-0972/ rbaker127@sbcglobal.net); Gigi Duke (210-695-4363)

**CIRCLE 18 – CARE AND CONCERN CIRCLE**  
No meetings  
Chairs: Char-An Witten (210-341-1856); Georgia Heath (210-695-9511/gkhymheath@earthlink.net)

**CIRCLE 19 – WHITE CROSS CIRCLE**  
Wednesday, October 3 • 9:30 AM • FPC Room 309  
Chair: Janet Beauch (210-673-3251/tabeauch@flash.net)

**CIRCLE 20 – CIRCLE OF SERVICE**  
No meetings  
Chair: Bunkie Shed (210-445-0724/ bshed@grandecom.net)



# KEYS

By Joe Moore, Older Adults Director



Congratulations and Happy Birthday to George Smith who this month becomes our newest Centenarian. Join us in wishing him a Happy Birthday on October 23!

**OCTOBER 5**  
We will hear from “San Antonio Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.” Many grandparents today are stepping in to raise their grandchildren due to various circumstances and situations. Our Purpose is to raise awareness to grandparents raising grandchildren and to the community about the legal, financial, social, and health needs of grandparents raising grandchildren and to provide support through collaborative means.

**OCTOBER 7**  
This is the Sunday to roll up your sleeves and get your Flu Shot. HEB has been with us for several years to offer this service. They handle most medical insurance plans and Medicare. You don’t need to sign up, just show up between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

**OCTOBER 12**  
KEYS and The Literature Circle will host a joint meeting with Lewis Fisher, author of Maverick-The American Name That Became a Legend. “In this fascinating, well-illustrated work, Fisher outdoes all his prior literary output in style and verve with a book that not only lets the real Sam Maverick stand up and

be counted, but puts him in a historical and cultural context that reveals why he and his family name have become such archetypal features of the American psyche.” — San Antonio Express-News. You can find the book in the FPC library and most public libraries or online in print or electronic copies. Pick it up now and get ready to spend quality time with the author.

**OCTOBER 20**  
Join us for a picnic at Mission Road! We have been invited to use the pavilion and other facilities for our October picnic. We will have opportunity to tour the Mission Road facilities and to explore the Olive Garden planted by Virginia Munroe. \$12 for lunch. Meet at Misson Road at 1:00 PM or catch the shuttle from FPC at 12:15 PM.

**OCTOBER 26**  
Sichan Siv has been on two YPM trips and will be sharing the dynamic of his involvement. The Ambassador title has taken on a new meaning in his life and we are excited to hear about it. Program begins at 11:00 AM. Lunch is served at noon (\$8 per person). Reservation for lunch required. \$8.00 per person.

Make your reservations by contacting Rosie Brown (210-277-2753/rosieb@fpcsat.org).

**BRIDGE AND MAH JONGG**  
Bridge and Mah Jongg are played following our Keys Luncheon from 1:00-3:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. You don’t have to be a game



master to play. If you have other games you enjoy please let us know and you might just find others to join you.

**KEEP MOVING FITNESS**  
Keep Moving Fitness is offered every Friday except for the 3rd Friday when we celebrate birthdays. This is a program designed for 55 & Betters, often sitting in a chair. Linda Osborne has been our instructor for years and designs our sessions to fit our needs. Most participants express how much better they feel after each week. Join us at 9:30 AM on the second floor of the Student Center, and you will not regret it. There is no charge for this class

**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 the at the 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.

**LOOKING AHEAD:**  
**November 2**  
Marian Brown from Haven for Hope  
**November 9:**  
Wounded Warrior Games Medalist Petty Officer 1st Class Tyson Schmidt  
**November 16:**  
Birthday Lunch at Sandy Oaks Olive Orchard  
**November 30:**  
SAWS Rain to Drain Presentation  
**December 7:**  
Christmas Party with Special Musical Guest Tom Dooling and Jae Ha  
**December 13:**  
Christmas Lights River Cruise! We have reserved a 35 passenger barge this year for an opportunity to see the lights on the River Walk. The trip is from 6:00-7:00 PM which gives opportunity to meet for dinner before or after. More details as it gets closer.  
**February 1:**  
Rick Cavender will be back with us again on February 1. Save the date now!




# FIRST CUP READINGS OCTOBER, 2018

Dear Family in Christ,

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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 2:11-25
- 5 Romans 13; Ephesians 5:11-13, 6:10-18
- 6 Romans 14; Psalm 34:14; Hebrews 12:14-15;  
1 Corinthians 8:9-13

*Hear my words, O gracious Lord, to my thoughts attentive be; Hear my cry, my King, my God, I will make my prayer to Thee. With the morning light, O Lord, Thou shalt hear my voice arise, and expectant I will bring prayer as morning sacrifice. Thou art holy, O my God, Thou delightest not in sin; Evil shall not dwell with Thee, nor the proud Thy favor win. (The Hymnbook, No. 48)*

- 7 Romans 15-16; Romans 12:10; 1 Peter 1:22;  
1 John 4:7-21
- 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
- 13 Matthew 17:1-8; 2 Peter 1; 2 Timothy 3:16-17;  
Psalm 119:105; 2 Corinthians 4:6

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. (The Baptist Hymnal, No 371)*

- 14 2 Peter 2; Hebrews 6:4-6  
15 Ezekiel 12:21-28; 2 Peter 3; 2 Corinthians 6:1-2  
16 James 1:1-8; Romans 5:1-5; Job 28:20-28;  
Psalm 90:12; Proverbs 1:7; 8; 21:30  
17 James 1:9-11; Psalm 49; Mark 4:1-20;  
Luke 18:18-30; 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19  
18 James 1:12-18; Matthew 6:9-13;

- 19 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; 10:12-13; Galatians 6:1-5  
James 1:19-27; Psalm 119:97-112; 4:4;  
Ephesians 4:17-32; Proverbs 15:1, 29:11
- 20 James 2:1-13; Leviticus 19:15; Proverbs 3; 14:21;  
Luke 10:25-37

*God, be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea; Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now; Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin. Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true; Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me; Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart. (The Hymnbook, No. 282)*


- 21 James 2:14-26; Ephesians 2:8-10;  
Matthew 7:21-27, 25
- 22 James 3:1-12; Proverbs 4, 12:19, 16:23-30, 18:6-8,  
26:20-28, 27:2; Psalm 12; 141
- 23 James 3:13-18; Proverbs 29:23; Matthew 20:20-28,  
23:1-12; Luke 22:24-30
- 24 James 4:1-12; Proverbs 10:18-21; Matthew 15:10-20;  
Titus 2:11-15; 1 John 2:1-17
- 25 James 4:13-17; Matthew 6:34; Proverbs 3:27-28,  
16:9, 19:21, 27:1; Psalm 139
- 26 James 5:1-6; Leviticus 19:9-13, 24:14-15;  
Matthew 6:19-21; Hebrews 11:24-26
- 27 James 5:7-12; Job 1:1-2:10, 42; Romans 12:6-21

*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 the straight  
race through God's good grace, lift up thine eyes, and  
seek His face; Life with its way before us lies, Christ is  
the Path, and Christ the Prize. Faint not nor fear, His  
arms are near; He changeth not, and thou art dear; Only  
believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is All in all to thee.  
(The Hymnbook, No. 359)*

- 28 James 5:13-20; 1 Kings 17; 2 Kings 4:1-37;  
Acts 9:36-43; Romans 8:26-28
- 29 Titus 1; 1 Timothy 1:1-7; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2;  
Philippians 1:11
- 30 Titus 2; Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 11:18-21; Psalm 25;  
Proverbs 9:9, 22:17-21
- 31 Titus 3; Romans 13; 1 Peter 2:17

# FIRST CUP PRAYER LIST

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