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LENT AND LOVE

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Lent is a 40-day period of limited fasting, observed by many Christians as a way to prepare for the celebration of Easter. The 40-day fast commemorates Christ's 40 days of temptation in the wilderness. Christians "fast" or give up both necessities and luxuries to honor Christ's endurance in the wilderness, as well as the suffering of his passion on the cross. It begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6.

One year, after a noon Ash Wednesday service, Morgan had to make a quick run to the grocery store. While she was checking out, she noticed the young man ringing up her groceries kept stealing little looks at her. Finally, she realized he was looking at the ashes on her forehead. He seemed relieved when she explained the ashes on her head. Then another of the clerks asked her, "So what are you giving up for Lent?"

That always seems to be the question. People want to know what you are giving up for Lent.

Lent is a *limited* fast, meaning that we do not abstain from all food or drink, but rather people choose to give up particular items, or practices, during the period. Some people give up luxuries like chocolate, or alcohol, or tobacco. Others make more substantial sacrifices like meat, or dairy products. Each year, it seems, people become more innovative with their "fasts." Some people "fast" from TV until Easter. I have several friends who have announced that they will be giving up Facebook and social media until Easter. I had another friend who gave up his car during Lent so that he would have to learn to depend more on other people.

Others use Lent as a time not to give something up, but to take on some type of new service or discipline. I often encourage people to think about using Lent as a time to reset one's prayer life, or to take up some new ministry, or to use it as a time of deeper more intensive Bible study.

For the most part, Lent is supposed to be a time of abstinence: a time for us to release the things that distract us from knowing, hearing, seeing and feeling God. But I also want to make the case that Lent is not about abstinence for abstinence's sake. Rather Lent is about abstinence for the sake of Love. The Prophet Isaiah wrote:

*"Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry*

*and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
-Isaiah 58:6-7*

Lent is a time for us to think seriously about our *witness*, because *fasting is not just about abstinence, it is about priorities*. “What am I willing to give up for someone else’s sake?” “Who is my priority?” “What do I need to set-aside so that I can focus on loving others?”

This season reminds us that Jesus gave up everything for us. It reminds us that we cannot out-give God, and just when we think that God is asking too much or expecting too much of us, it reminds us that Jesus has not asked us to give up anything that he was not willing to give up first. Jesus gave up everything for us. Philippians 2:6 says:

though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men and humbling himself even to the point of death on a cross.

By all means, give up chocolate or coffee, or meat or cigarettes, but one of the most precious sacrifices that we can make is the sacrifice of time. Former Governor Mike Huckabee once said that “love” is spelled **T-I-M-E**. Nothing says “I love you” like giving your time. How about giving up more time to pray in the morning? How about giving up more time to study God’s word? How about giving up a Saturday to serve at Loaves and Fishes, or a weekday to serve with one of our many local mission partners? How about giving up some time to visit some of our sick or homebound members? How about spending less money on yourself and spending some of your money on the poor, or giving more of your money to reach people who do not know that God loves them? How about a season of real, serious fasting to focus your heart and mind on God?

What are you willing to give up for the sake of love? For love of God and love of one another? Lent can be nothing more than an annual ritual, or it can be an opportunity to show people how much we love them, and how much we love God.

Grace and Peace,

Bob Fuller

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CHILDREN'S SUMMER CARE

The Children's Center is in the works of offering summer care for children 5yrs. of age that will be entering kindergarten in the fall. If parents are interested and would like more information, contact Laura Ortiz at 210-225-0960, ext.281. Spaces are limited.

LITERATURE CIRCLE

TUESDAY, MARCH 12 | 1:30 PM | MCCULLOUGH RM

The Rev. Dr. Ron Scates will review *A PROPHET WITH HONOR: THE BILLY GRAHAM STORY* by William Martin, a biography of Graham's life: his character, contributions & influence on the world's religious scene. It gives us a better understanding of how & why he became the most successful evangelist in modern history for over 50 years. A social gathering prior to the review will be at 1 PM. If you haven't read this book due to its length, you can order the updated version online for a fraction of the original cost. That way you can read it at your leisure to be better informed of Graham's remarkable contributions. Men and women of all faiths are encouraged to attend Rev. Scates review.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

JUNE 9-4

Join us on a new opportunity in the Rio Grande valley, a week of service and sharing the love of Christ alongside a local church. \$400 per person. \$100 to save your spot. Contact Emily Yergler at emilyy@fpcsat.org to sign up. Reservation deadline: April 1.

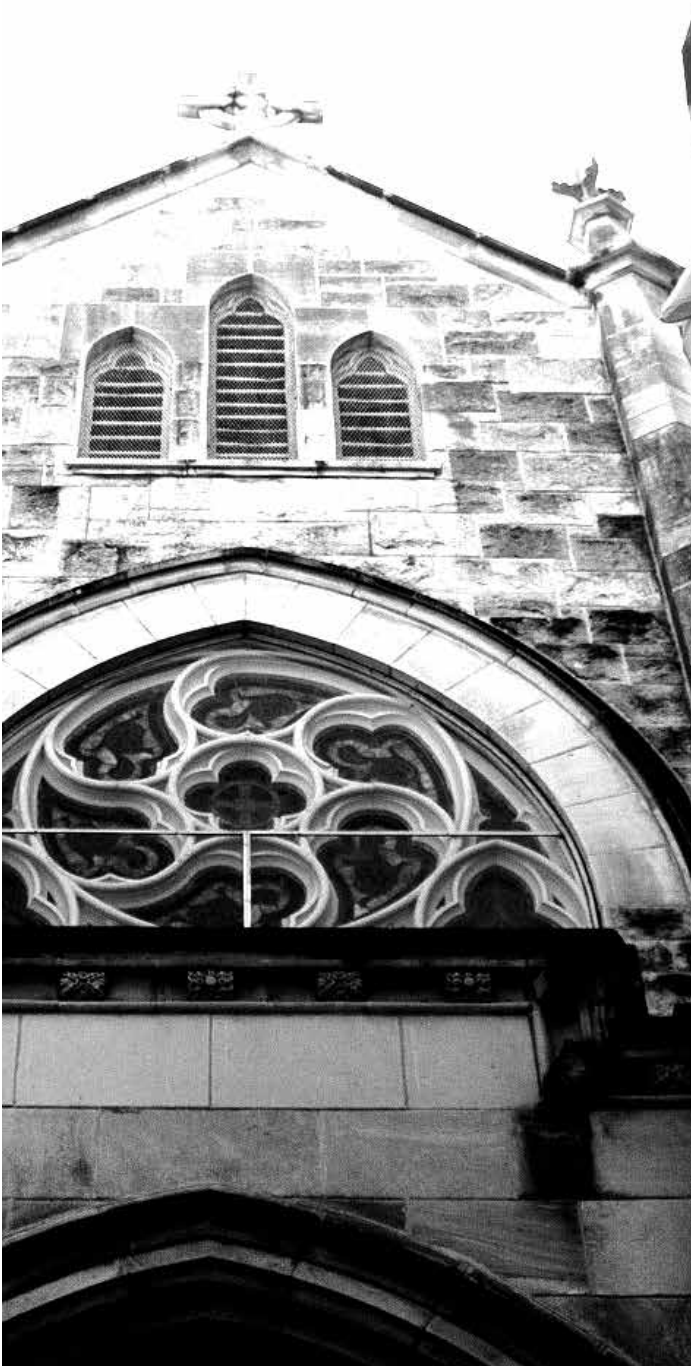
SPRING FLING

APRIL 12 | MAGNOLIA GARDENS

The 5th Annual Spring Fling – A Night of Fostering Excellence – is a fundraising event by the FPC Children's Center. Enjoy an evening filled with dinner, drinks and socializing while raising money for a great cause, our kids! Tickets (\$50 per person) and Tables (\$400 for a table of eight) are available for purchase. For more information, email springfling@fpcsat.org.

CDO FALL ENROLLMENT

The Children's Day Out program is enrolling new 18 month olds through new three year olds for next fall on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 – 1:00 PM. For information about this wonderful experience for young children to learn about God's love for them please email Jill Peavy at jillp@fpcsat.org.



DIVORCE CARE

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS | 6:30 PM | ROOM 226

Divorce Care is a 13-week video centered discussion group with the purpose of providing support and fellowship for individuals going through separation and divorce. Divorce Care began on January 9, but you are welcome to jump in at any time for any of the topics. If you get started in the middle, you can catch up during the next session or schedule opportunities to watch the videos that you miss. For more info, contact Joe Moore (joem@fpcsat.org) or visit divorcecare.org.

LOAVES AND FISHES

Our next opportunity to serve our under-resourced neighbors is Saturday, March 23. 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 (lindsays@fpcsat.org) with questions or to volunteer.

WOC SPRING LUNCHEON

MARCH 25 | 11:30 AM | WESTMINSTER HALL

Join us Monday, March 25, for our annual Women of the Church Spring Luncheon. This year's guest speaker is Ginger Gilbert Ravella, internationally-recognized military widow, wife, mother, co-author and speaker. Cost: \$20 per person. For more information and reservations, contact Manette Owens at dowen1@satx.rr.com, (210) 872-3902.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 24- 28 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us from Monday, June 24 through Friday, June 28 for VBS at FPC! Registration is open to children 4 years old to 5th grade. Children ages 2-3 years old are also welcome; however, they must have a parent or guardian volunteer at VBS. If you wish to volunteer for VBS, please contact beckyp@fpcsat.org, we are currently accepting volunteers from Middle School ages and up!

ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 6 | 6:30 PM | SANCTUARY

Join us the evening of Ash Wednesday for a special Sanctuary Service.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

FPC is once again team with local Presbyterian churches to build a Habitat house...our 24th! We need volunteers on Saturdays from Feb 9th through April 13th. No special skills required! For more information, please contact Fred Wall at fredkwall@aol.com.

HOLY WEEK AT FPC

We are pleased to hold a number of events during Holy Week this April:

Children's Easter Program, Saturday, April 13

10:00 AM • Westminster Hall

Palm Sunday/Confirmation Sunday, April 14

9:30/11:00 AM • FPC Sanctuary

Traditional Services with palms

11:02 AM • Westminster Hall

Contemporary Service with palms

6:02 PM – FPC Courtyard

Special Palm Sunday Service

Maundy Thursday, April 18

6:30 PM • FPC Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday Service

Good Friday, April 19

12:00 PM • FPC Sanctuary

Good Friday Service

7:30 PM • FPC Sanctuary

Mary Jean Rogers Memorial Concert

Easter Sunday, April 21

6:45 AM • FPC Courtyard

Contemporary Sunrise Service

8:00/9:30/11:00 AM • FPC Sanctuary

Traditional Services

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

MARCH 29-31 | CAMP EAGLE, ROCK SPRINGS TX
6TH-8TH GRADE | \$110 PER STUDENT

We will depart from FPC at 6:00 pm for Camp Eagle in Rock Springs, TX on the 29th and return by noon on the 31st. Join us for fellowship, camp fires, hiking, rope courses, zip lining, rock climbing and much more! Contact Emily Yergler at emilyy@fpcsat.org to sign up.

UPCOMING KEYS EVENTS

April 12: Fiesta Celebration with a visit from King Antonio.

April 15: Bus Trip to the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum.

See KEYS section for more information.

OUR MISSION IN WARSAW

EQUIPPING AND EMPOWERING OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS IN POLAND



In God's providence First Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, has been connected with a diaspora community in Warsaw, Poland. Russian speaking refugees and immigrants have been flooding the Polish and Ukrainian border for years, now forming a significant population in the country. Ukrainian national, Russian speaking churches in Poland have been largely overlooked and under resourced, and we are excited to have a new partnership with Pastor Michael Baloga and the young, growing church the Lord has entrusted to his leadership. Our church sent a team of six people to confirm the Lord's providence in our partnership and, if confirmed, to discern the Lord's will moving forward. We also wanted to see the ministry of the New Life Center our global mission committee has helped begin, an outreach space for the church to catalytically connect with the Russian speaking immigrants and refugees in Warsaw.

Our team was humbled to have four nights and three

days with the church as we spent time in fellowship, talking with leaders, participating in a youth outreach, hosting a seminar on Reformed Theology, and worshipping and praying together. We were humbled to see how the Lord is working in and through the New Life Center, the ministries of the church, and the leadership of pastor Michael. The Lord solidified our partnership with the church through synergistic connection with the people as He provided solid vision for our next steps together.

We celebrate the faithfulness of the Lord in leading us to this church partnership, humbled by how He has gone before us! And we are eager to see what HE has in store. As our Russian speaking brothers and sisters say, "Slava Bogu!" or "Praise the Lord!" We look forward to a long and fruitful partnership, seeking to empower and equip Pastor Michael and his church for faithful and fruitful ministry, as we welcome his leadership and influence in our FPC family as well.

More Mercy,
Rev. A. Mitchell Moore



KEYS

BY JOE MOORE, OLDER ADULTS DIRECTOR



Rick Cavender was the best yet in over 10 years of being with us in February, and Jackie VanDewalle gave even the San Antonio natives new insight on the scope of who and what the Rodeo supports. The Menger Hotel has become our favorite place to celebrate our February Birthday/Valentine's Day Luncheon. Everett Fly reminded us of our deep missional roots in the early history of San Antonio Churches.

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

Upcoming Speakers and Luncheons:

MARCH 1

HYDRO ENGINEER, DAVID GIVLER

David Givler will be with us to share his insight and experience with the flood plains of the City. David is best known to us for his faithful teaching in Sunday School, and a close second as Lindsey Givler's Dad.

MARCH 8

JOHN PARSONS, RETIRED DENTIST

Who would expect that their dentist was a seasoned stunt pilot? Dr. John Parsons, retired dentist, is just that, an experienced Air Show Pilot and we are excited to hear all about it,

MARCH 15

BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

LOST CAJUN RESTUARANT

Join us at the Lost Cajun Restaurant to celebrate

our March Birthdays. FPC's own Barry Kruger is the owner and operator of this Cajun style bistro. Weather permitting we will enjoy Po'boys and Gumbo on the patio. If it rains, there is ample room for us to dine indoors.

MARCH 22

MAYOR RON NIRENBURG

We are excited to welcome our Mayor Ron Nirenberg, who will be joining us to share updates on what is happening in our city and help us understand how we can be a part of keeping San Antonio the city that we call home.

CONTACT

To make your reservation for all KEYS events contact Rosie Brown at 210-271-2753 or rosieb@fpcsat.org. The cost for meals at FPC are \$10. Birthday Luncheons are \$12 unless otherwise noted.

BRIDGE AND MAJ JONGG

Bridge and Mah Jongg are played following our Keys Luncheon from 1:00-3:00 on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. You do not 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.

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 1st Tuesday of each month. Join in on this great service project as well as the fellowship of working together.

LOOKING AHEAD

APRIL 15

Bus Trip to the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum.

APRIL 12

KEYS Fiesta Celebration with a visit from King Antonio.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

BY HOLLY YOUNGQUIST, PRESIDENT



This past month was a time of preparation for WOC. We are preparing our hearts for the season of Lent. Our hope is that we all spend time in prayer, reflection, renewal and service as we anticipate the wonderful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday, April 21st.

Circle 20, our Circle of Service, will be assisting with snacks for the Children's Easter Egg Hunt and program on Saturday, April 13th. The festivities will begin at 10:00am. This is always a fun day for family fellowship and service. Please invite your family, co-workers and neighbors.

Reservations are now being taken for the Spring Luncheon to be held on March 25, 2019, featuring Ginger Gilbert Ravella as our speaker. Ginger is a military wife and widow, mother of five, stepmother of two, writer and international speaker. At 36 years old, she faced the sudden tragic loss of her college-sweetheart husband in Operation Iraqi Freedom and the horrors that quickly followed. She co-authored the book *Hope Found: When life isn't all you hoped it would be. God is.* Cost is \$20.00 per person and your check is your reservation. Please mail your check (payable to FPC) to Manette Owen 2319 Camelback San Antonio, Texas 78209, or sign up at one of the tables on Sunday morning in the church lobby.

Her late husband, Major Troy Gilbert, an Air Force

F-16 pilot, gave his life while saving over twenty Special Operation soldiers, defining a true American war hero. His remains were tragically stolen by the enemy but led to a captivating story of recovery unprecedented in U.S. military history. He left behind five beautiful children, all under the age of 9 years. Ginger's openly genuine testimony of wrestling with God in the midst of despair and depression resonates with those who question their faith in the face of tragedy. Her private pain became front-page news time and time again over an amazing ten-year journey. Ginger has shared her heart-wrenching story of loss, perseverance and hope in venues such as "The O'Reilly Factor", "Fox and Friends News", TIME Magazine, "CNN's The Lead with Jake Tapper", The Golf Channel, USA Today, Air Force Times, Gary Sinise documentary "Lt. Dan Band - For the Common Good", Stars and Stripes, NRA TV documentary with Lee Brice "This is My Cause", CMT News, PGA Magazine and numerous national radio interviews

Lastly, on March 27th we will once again host Staff Appreciation Day for our staff with a DIOSA (Day In Old San Antonio) celebration! It promises to be a fun filled day full of surprises and creativity. If you'd like to participate please contact Nina Jordan at ninabjordan@att.net.

Live Big. Love Deeply. Serve Humbly.

Holly Youngquist
President, WOC

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH MEETINGS

ALL CIRCLES AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WELCOME VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS.
IF ONE OF THESE CIRCLES INTERESTS YOU, PLEASE COME!

CIRCLE 1/12 – BIBLE CIRCLE

Monday, March 18 • 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, March 15 • 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, March 19 • 1:30 PM • FPC Geneva Room
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)/
juneeubank@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, March 19 • 11:30 AM • Location TBD
(Please contact circle chairs for 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

Mom’s Night Out • Tuesday, March 5 • 7:30 PM
Paloma Blanca, 5800 Broadway St, Suite 300 78209
Chairs: Sara Parish (210-394-0865/
sara23sc@hotmail.com); Lilly Gretzinger
(210-601-0575/lilly@bunnngroup.com); Meg Walker
(210-601-7745/meg@aladdinleans.com)

CIRCLE 9 – BIBLE CIRCLE

Tuesday, March 19 • 10:00 AM • FPC Geneva Room
Chairs: Lucille Lammert (210-832-8414/210-289-3580
(C)/lammert.lucille@gmail.com)

Moderators: Members of Circle 9
Study: “Just Open the Door” by Jen Schmidt

CIRCLE 11 – BIBLE CIRCLE

Monday, March 25 • 6:30 PM
Hostess: : Pat Brodeen (2307 Oak Trace Street 78232)
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

Tuesday, March 12 • 1:00 PM • FPC McCullough Room
Chair: Jan Magnus (210-829-5866/jmagnus3@mac.com)
Book: “A Prophet with Honor: The Billy Graham
Story” by Willian Martin
Reviewer: Rev. Ron Scates

CIRCLE 14 – BIBLE CIRCLE

Monday, March 18 • 12:00 PM • FPC: St. Andrew’s
Optional lunch \$8.00
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, March 20 • 9:30 AM • FPC Room 228
Chair: Lee Pressly (210-735-0978)

CIRCLE 17 – EDNA RALSTON SEWING CIRCLE

Wednesday, March 13 • 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, March 6 • 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)

Easter Lilies

Each year, the congregation has an opportunity to remember a loved one or honor an individual by purchasing a lily in the amount of \$15 (please limit one loved one per \$15). These plants are placed in the chancel for Easter Sunday. Participate by sending a check made payable to The Sanctuary Flower Committee and mailed to First Presbyterian Church, c/o The Sanctuary Flower Committee, 404 N. Alamo, 78205-1918. You may also place completed forms and checks in the Sanctuary Flower Committee mailbox in the workroom.

**Requests received later than April 7, 2019,
will miss the insert printing deadline.**

PLEASE RESERVE ONE PLANT

In honor of: _____

OR

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

FIRST CUP READINGS MARCH, 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 and Claire Averyt



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 Lamentations 1; Isaiah 1; 2 Chronicles 7:13-14
- 2 Lamentations 2; Matthew 23; 2 Timothy 4:1-5

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not; Thy compassions they fail not; As thou has been Thou forever will be. Summer and winter, springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow - Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside! (Worship in Song, #86)

- 3 Lamentations 3:1-36; Matthew 5:39; 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Psalm 123
- 4 Lamentations 3:37-66; Job 30; Psalm 37
- 5 Genesis 19:1-29; Lamentations 4; Jeremiah 19:9; Matthew 24:1-35
- 6 Lamentations 5; Isaiah 49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11
- 7 Hebrews 1; John 1:1-14; Galatians 3:26-4:7; Psalm 103
- 8 Hebrews 2; Philippians 2:1-11; 2 Timothy 1:8-12
- 9 Hebrews 3; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; John 3:35-36

Jesus is coming to earth again, What if it were today? Coming in power and love to reign, What if it were today? Coming to claim His chosen bride, all the redeemed and purified, over this whole earth scattered wide. What if it were today? Faithful and true would He find us here if He should come today? Watching in gladness, not in fear, If He should come today? Signs of His coming multiply; Morning light breaks in eastern skies. Watch for the time is drawing nigh. What if it were today? (Worship in Song, #189)

- 10 Hebrews 4:1-13; Exodus 20:8-11; Ephesians 2:8-10; Romans 4:1-8
- 11 Hebrews 4:14-5:10; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Romans 6
- 12 Hebrews 5:11-6:6; 1 Peter 2:2; 1 Corinthians 3:1-4; Matthew 7:21-23; 26:47-49
- 13 Hebrews 6:7-20; Isaiah 5:1-7; 44; 55:10-13; Matthew 13:1-30
- 14 Genesis 14:17-20; Psalm 110; Hebrews 7; Romans 8:26-27
- 15 1 Peter 2; Revelation 1:4-6; 5:6-10; 20:4-6
- 16 Hebrews 8 (see Exodus 25-31); Jeremiah 31; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Faith of our fathers! Living still in spite of dungeon, fire and sword, O how our hearts beat high with joy when-e'er we hear that glorious word: Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death. Faith of our fathers! We will love both friend and foe

in all our strife, and preach Thee, too, as love knows how by kindly words and virtuous life; Faith of our fathers holy faith! We will be true to thee till death. (The Hymnbook, #348)

- 17 Hebrews 9:1-10; Exodus 40; Leviticus 16; Romans 3:21-26
- 18 Leviticus 8, 17; Hebrews 9:11-28; Matthew 5:17; Romans 8:1-17
- 19 Hebrews 10:1-25; 7:26-28; 9:11-14; Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
- 20 Hebrews 10:26-39; 2 Peter 2; Matthew 12:31-32; Ephesians 4:30-32
- 21 Hebrews 11; Isaiah 7:9b; Revelation 6:9-11; 1 Peter 1:1-12
- 22 Hebrews 12: 1-3; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Philippians 2; Galatians 6:9
- 23 Hebrews 12:4-13; 2 Corinthians 4-5:10; Psalm 94

Oh soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see? Here's light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free! Thro' death into life everlasting He passed and we follow Him there. Over us sin no more hath dominion. For more than conquerors are we. His word will not fail you, He promised; believe Him and all will be well. Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell. Turn your eyes upon Jesus; Look full in His wonderful face; And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace. (Worship in Song, #207)

- 24 Hebrews 12:14-17; Ephesians 4:17-5:20
- 25 Hebrews 12:18-29 (see Exodus 19-20); Philippians 3:7-4:1; 2 Peter 3:10-18
- 26 Hebrews 13:1-6; Romans 12:9-21; 1 Corinthians 5:1-12; 6:9-11; Matthew 6:24
- 27 Hebrews 13:7-25; 1 Thessalonians 4-5
- 28 Genesis 1-2:3; John 1:1-18; Revelation 1:8; 22:12-13
- 29 Isaiah 40; John 1:19-34; 1 John 5:11-13
- 30 John 1:35-51; Matthew 4:18-22; Luke 9:23-27; Luke 14:25-35

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can tell. It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell. The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His son to win; His erring child He reconciled and pardoned from his sin. Could we with ink the ocean fill and were the skies of parchment made; were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade; to write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry; nor could the scroll contain the whole if stretched from sky to sky. (Frederick M. Lehman, 1917)

- 31 John 2; Isaiah 56:1-57:2



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