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HOLY WEEK

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WHY IS EASTER SO IMPORTANT THIS YEAR?

REV. DR. BOB FULLER

There is nothing like April in San Antonio. It begins with Easter and ends with Fiesta. Amid the bright colors and trappings of Easter and the fun of parties and parades, it is important for us to remember why the Resurrection message is so important.

Too often, that reminder comes in the form of tragedy. On March 15, Forty-nine people were killed in shootings at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. Twenty more were seriously wounded. This tragedy was the largest massacre in New Zealand history, and it has been widely reported that more people were killed in this massacre than are murdered in an entire year in New Zealand. In just moments, the Christchurch NZ Mosque joined the Tree of Life Synagogue of Pittsburgh and the Sutherland Springs Baptist Church in a heartbreaking fraternity of tragedy.

It is for times like this that the Resurrection is important. In the midst of suffering and in the face of death, the gospel dares to declare that there is hope in God, and the proof is the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

When Jesus was crucified, the enemies of Jesus said, “Well that’s that. We got rid of that troublemaker. With Jesus out of the way we can get things back to normal.” Even his followers thought “he’s gone,” and with him the hope, the kingdom and the life he promised.

But then God said, “Not so fast!” and God has raised Jesus from the dead.

The great puritan theologian John Owen declared the resurrection to be the “death of death.” When we say that Easter was the “death of death,” we mean that death is “dead” because death no longer permanent. It doesn’t last forever. Death does not get the last word. The grave has lost its power. Death has lost its sting—it should no longer strike fear into our lives or intimidate us, because it is no longer the end—it is the beginning. We look at death and say, “well that’s it,” but God says, “not by a long shot.”

We began this year by embracing *Mission 709*, a mission movement to bring redemptive restoration to our neighborhood and to the nations. The heart of this mission is to share the resurrection message.

The resurrection is God’s answer to the ultimate problem of our lives. Whether we are dealing with death and suffering on a public scale, as in New Zealand, or on a more personal scale, as in the death of a loved one, Easter is God’s proof that hope is not lost—for our own lives or for God’s kingdom of love on earth. Frank Pomeroy, the surviving pastor from the

Sutherland Springs Baptist Church, talked about what the resurrection means for that Church. He said, “we know that the people who were killed live with Christ, and that our church will rise again.”

As C.S. Lewis observed, “The Resurrection is the central theme in every Christian sermon preached in [the book of Acts].” The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the good news that the church must deliver.

On Easter morning, the command of both the Angels and Christ was to “Go and Tell” (Matthew 28:7-10). Whether we are dealing with death and suffering on a public scale, as in New Zealand, or on a more personal scale, as in the death of a loved one, our mission is to introduce people to the good news of Christ’s resurrection this Easter. In his book *The Reformed Imperative*, Dr. John Leith wrote:

The task of the Christian witness is...to help those who believe to understand how Jesus Christ answers the deepest questions of their lives and...makes sense of their experience.”¹

We share the story of Easter because people need it to help them sort through their tragedy and make sense of their lives. We embraced Mission 709 because we believe that telling people about the Resurrection is the mission of the Church.

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the Life whoever lives and believes in me will never die.” Our hearts break when we lose the people we love, but, as the Apostle Paul wrote, we do not grieve without hope. We live as those prepared to die, and we die as those prepared to live.

This Easter, your mission is to introduce someone to the good news of Christ’s resurrection. They may not think they need it now, but one day they will, and it is our privilege and joy to tell them.

Grace and Peace,

Bob Fuller

¹ John H. Leith, *The Reformed Imperative: What the Church Has to Say that No One Else Can Say* (Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1988), 42.

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SAVE THE DATE



TRUE FASTING: A LENTEN OPPORTUNITY

TUESDAY, APRIL 9 | 6:30 PM | COVENANT HALL

When Helping Hurts - An evening seminar with Michael Rhodes of the Chalmers Center, to empower and equip Christians to faithfully and holistically love and serve our neighbors and develop our community. There will be talk, Q&A, sharing, a resource table, and snacks. Please email Lindsay (lindsays@fpcsat.org) or Mitchell (mitchellm@fpcsat.org).

PRAISING THE KING IN THE COURTYARD

APRIL 14 | 6:02 PM | FPC COURTYARD

A special evening celebration of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, featuring the contemporary worship team! Bring family, friends and guests! There will be food and fellowship following the service. Childcare available by reservation at childcare@fpcsat.org.

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.

SPECIAL GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT

APRIL 19 | 7:30 PM | SANCTUARY

Join us for this year's Mary Jean Rogers Memorial Concert: "Requiem," by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, featuring the Sanctuary Choir, soloists and orchestra, Tom Dooling, Conductor & Minister of Music, and Dr. Jae Ha, Organist & Associate Minister of Music. Childcare available by reservation at childcare@fpcsat.org.

JAE HA GOES TO HOLLYWOOD: A SILENT MOVIE ORGAN CONCERT

FRIDAY, MAY 10 | 7:30 PM | WESTMINSTER HALL

Come hear FPC organist Dr. Jae Ha as he uses his substantial improvisation skill to accompany several silent movies shown on the screens of Westminster Hall. The concert will also feature several theatre organ arrangements from classic movies, all accompanied by popcorn and a sweet dessert intermission!

CHILDREN'S SUMMER CARE

The Children's Center is in the works of offering summer care for children 5 years 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.

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.

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 with a parent or guardian volunteering at VBS. To register go to fpcsanantonio.org/vbs2019. If you wish to volunteer for VBS, please contact rozlynm@fpcsat.org.

WOC

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

THURSDAY, APRIL 4 | 6:30 – 8:30 PM
DIANE CARSSOW'S PATIO

Come celebrate spring & all that it brings, on Diane Carssow's patio, 28 Thornhurst, 78218. Ladies' Night Out Committee will provide beverage and service-ware. Feel free to bring your beverage of choice (if you prefer something other than water and tea) and an hors d'oeuvre to share. For more information or to request a driver, contact Betsy Zachry, (210) 362-1236 | betsyz@swbell.net.

LITERATURE CIRCLE

TUESDAY, APRIL 9 | 1:30 PM
MCCULLOUGH RM

Bill Hensley will review the novel, "*The Which Way Tree*," by author Elizabeth Crook (cousin of Deborah Rogers). The setting is in the remote frontier hill country of Texas somewhere near Camp Verde. There a savage attack by a rogue panther leaves a young girl, Samantha, face scarred for life and her mother killed. The story is further enriched with characters met on the hunting venture: a Tejano outlaw, a haunted but compassionate preacher who owns Zachary (and old panther hunting dog), and a sadistic Confederate soldier. The question might be--are they tracking the panther or is the panther tracking them? A social gathering prior to the review will be at 1 PM. Everyone is invited!

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.

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:





HOLY WEEK

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JOIN US AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AS WE ARE PLEASED
TO HOLD A NUMBER OF EVENTS DURING HOLY WEEK!

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

10:00 AM • Westminster Hall

Children's Easter Program
Children ages 2 years old to 5th grade are invited to this annual event with their families. Join us for music, food, an egg hunt, and hear the story of Jesus' resurrection!

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14

9:30, 11:00 AM • FPC Sanctuary

Two traditional services with palms celebrating Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

11:02 AM • Westminster Hall

Contemporary service with palms celebrating Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

6:02 PM • FPC Courtyard

Praising the King in the Courtyard*
A special outside service event in our beautiful church courtyard.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 18

6:30 PM • FPC Sanctuary

An evening service commemorating Christ's

Last Supper with his disciples.*

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19

12:00 PM • FPC Sanctuary

A noon service commemorating Christ's crucifixion.

7:30 PM • FPC Sanctuary

Special Sanctuary Choir Concert: "Requiem," by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.*

Featuring the Sanctuary Choir, soloists and orchestra, Tom Dooling, Conductor & Minister of Music, and Dr. Jae Ha, Organist & Associate Minister of Music.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

8:30 AM-2:00 PM • FPC Student Center

Loaves and Fishes community outreach
We will feed the under-resourced in our community and build relationships through conversation and prayer. Contact us if you have a heart for service and would like to join.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21

We offer four inspiring services celebrating the true meaning of Easter in Christ's resurrection and victory.

6:45 AM • FPC Courtyard

Contemporary Sunrise Service

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 AM • FPC Sanctuary

Classic Easter Services

* Childcare will be available for
5 years and under by reservation.
Please contact childcare@fpcsat.org.

WELCOME NEW HIRES!



CARRIE EVERSON
DIRECTOR OF YOUNG ADULTS
AND YOUNG WOMEN

Carrie was born in Oklahoma, but moved to Texas in middle school and has never looked back! She attended Austin College in Sherman, Texas, where she majored in French and minored in Religion. After graduation, she worked with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, a college ministry organization, for five years before attending seminary at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. After receiving her M.Div, Carrie moved to San Antonio in 2008 to begin a site with Servant Partners, an inner-city ministry on the East Side. In 2010 she married Charl, and they have two daughters, Madeline and Ella. In 2016, after Ella was born, Carrie left Servant Partners to be a stay-at-home mom, and remained so until late 2018 when she felt the Lord calling her into ministry at FPC! She is passionate about discipling and teaching young adults, and equipping them to serve in the church and community. She also loves spending time in the park with her family, drinking coffee, eating Mediterranean food, and running.

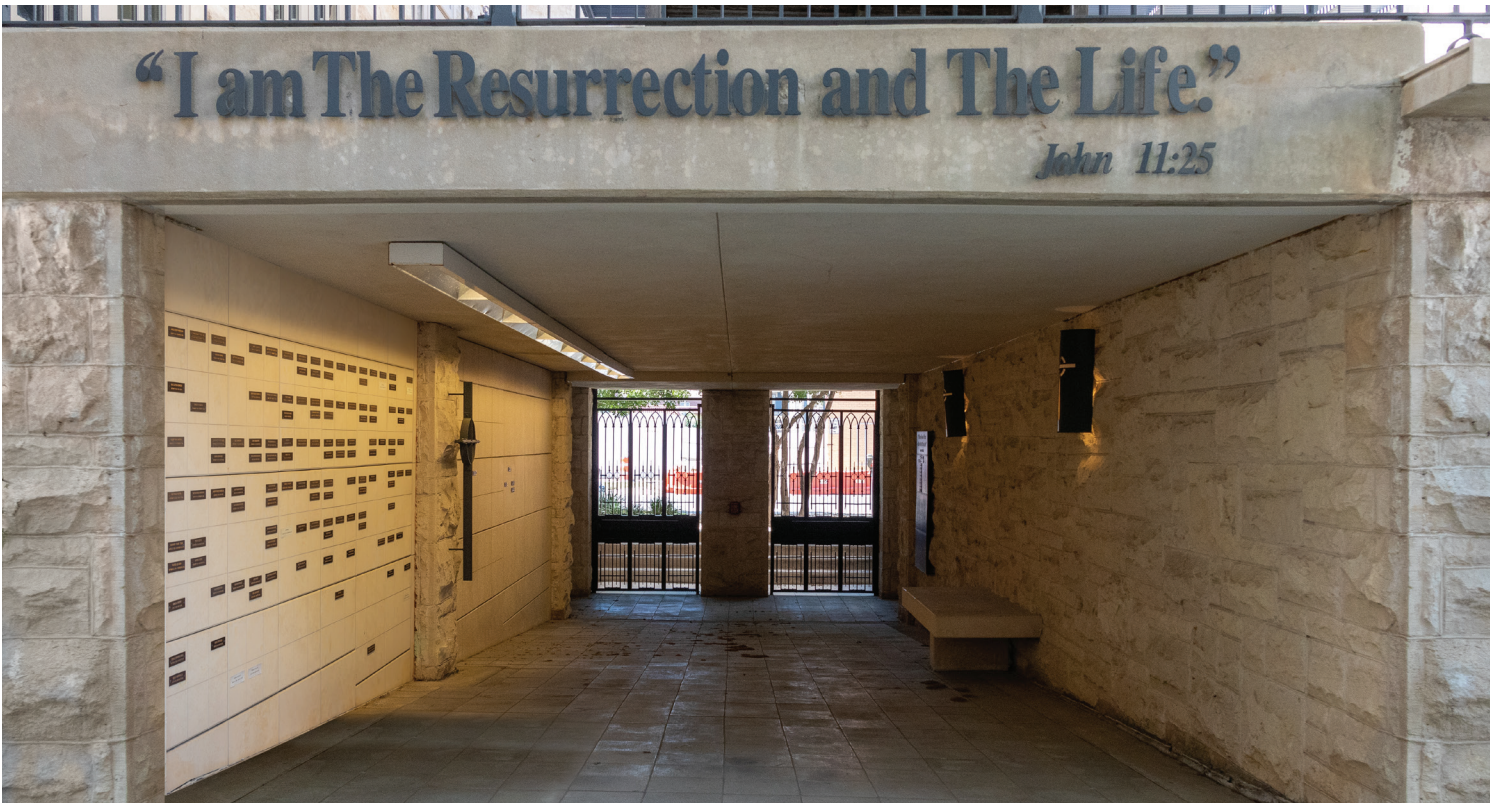


ROZLYN MILLER
MINISTRY DIRECTOR TO CHILDREN
AND THEIR FAMILIES

Rozlyn is a San Antonio resident who settled here as a young teenager with her family. As a daughter of a Marine, Rozlyn has seen much of the US and proudly loves her country. Rozlyn and her two children, Caleb and Maggie, live on the northwest side of San Antonio and have very busy lives, involved with many school activities and family engagements. Currently Rozlyn is finishing her Bachelor of Science in Religion from Liberty University, with Biblical and Theological emphasis and a Minor in Family Advocacy. She plans to graduate in May of this year. Rozlyn heard the call at the age of 16 for vocational service to the church, and has served over children and youth ministries at two other local churches in San Antonio. Rozlyn has a passion for the lost, and believes the Lord has set her apart for His service to the body of Christ. Some of Rozlyn's favorite things to do on her free time are hiking and singing. Her prayer is that through Christ, His light would shine to young hearts and they would find a love for Jesus that would last a lifetime.

**IF YOU SEE EITHER CARRIE OR ROZLYN
PLEASE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME!**

FPC COLUMBARIUM & MEMORIAL WALL



Did you know that FPC has a Columbarium and Memorial Wall that are part of our church facility, and available to members at their passing?

Many churches have facilities, termed “columbariums,” for the cremated remains of their members. The term is derived from “Columba,” the Latin word for dovecote, a resting place for the dove and symbol of God’s spirit and of peace. There is no more fitting place for a Christian loved one than the columbarium within his or her church.

The New Testament teaches us that the body is the vehicle through which our personality and soul are communicated to the world. Therefore, the Church has always sought to treat the body at death with reverence, and to set aside special places for that purpose.

With the increase in urbanization, our society has largely abandoned the practice of providing consecrated ground around churches for burial and remembrance of the dead. Few churches now have traditional churchyards, and cemeteries are increasingly filled or distant from surviving families and friends. These changes have led to increased acceptance of cremation, as an alternative to burial.

Toward this end, First Presbyterian Church established the facility we have now. The Columbarium and Memorial Wall are located on the lower level of the courtyard in the breezeway to the N. Alamo Street gate, and accessible by elevator or stairway to the lower level.

COLUMBARIUM

The Columbarium, on the south side of the breezeway,



contains niches of three available sizes that will hold two urns each. The 8" x 8" niches will hold two standard urns provided by the church. **Currently, there are limited remaining niches of this size.** The larger 12" x 12" will hold two larger, more decorative urns, or our standard urns with room for additional memorabilia. The 24" x 24" niches will hold eight larger urns.

The facia of the niches are of stone, matching the exterior of the church. Each niche has a plaque with the name and dates of birth and death of those whose ashes repose in the niche.

The inurnment donation amount for a columbarium niche is based on the following sizes:

- 24" x 24" niche - \$8,000 (8 urns)
- 12" x 12" niche - \$2,000 (2 urns)
- 8" x 8" niche - \$1,000 (2 urns)

A major portion of your donation to the Columbarium is tax deductible. As a guideline, for each donation,

\$200 per urn is NOT tax deductible. This amount covers the cost of the urn and engraving.

MEMORIAL WALL

The Memorial Wall, on the north side of the breezeway, contains plaques honoring church members and their families whose remains are not inurned in the Columbarium.

Memorialized persons who have been interred or inurned at a location other than within the Columbarium, may be remembered by a memorial plaque placed on the Memorial Wall for this purpose.

The current donation requested for each memorial is \$250. The cost of the plaque and engraving is \$150, leaving \$100 as your tax-deductible donation.

Your donations will be used to ensure perpetual care of the Columbarium and Memorial Wall.



IN PROVIDING THE COLUMBARIUM & MEMORIAL WALL:

- We provide a consecrated place for the ashes of our members,
- We enable families to extend their relationship with the church beyond the time of death of a loved one,
- We encourage a closer relationship with the church for families over the generations, and
- We carry out our obligations as good stewards of the land and facilities provided for us by God through the blessings of our beautiful church.

For additional information, contact Susan Dullnig, Director of Facility Operations, at (210) 226-0215, ext. 257.

KEYS

BY JOE MOORE, OLDER ADULTS DIRECTOR

David Givler gave us an engineering explanation of how to integrate our understanding of God with our profession. Dr. John Parsons, dentist by day, stunt pilot on the weekends, amazed us with his stories and videos. We enjoyed a great Birthday lunch at the Lost Cajun, thank you to Barry and Judy Kruger and the staff for a great day. Mayor Ron Nirenberg was our welcomed guest to close out the month of March.

April is Fiesta Month at KEYS, but before we begin the celebrations we will hear from Margaret (Mickler) Judson, representative of Unicity San Antonio, a faith based group committed to breaking down the walls that prevent spiritual connections and partnerships from happening in the River City. Fiesta will be in full bloom with our celebration in the courtyard, complete with Mariachis, Margaritas, and a visit from King Antonio. We are excited to travel to College Station to visit the George H W Bush Museum.

The most exciting event of April is the celebration of Easter at First Presbyterian Church. Be sure to join us for all of the Holy Week activities

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:

APRIL 5

MARGARET JUDSON, UNICITY SAN ANTONIO

Margaret Judson grew up at FPC. Her family, the Micklers, have been an active part of FPC. Unicity San Antonio seeks to identify leaders, mobilize the faith community, build capacity for ministries and missions, foster trusting relationships to improve community impact, break down silos, and connect the disconnected. Learn what exciting partnerships are taking place in San Antonio.

***Special Note** Due to the CAM Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in Westminster Hall, We will hold this meeting at The Emerald Oaks Retirement Resort, 20302 Bulverde Road, just north of 1604. A shuttle will be provided. Lunch will be a buffet at Emerald Oaks. Cost is \$10.*

APRIL 12

KEYS FIESTA CELEBRATION

We will gather at 10:30 a.m. in the courtyard for Chips & Salsa along with Margaritas and Mariachis. (Nonalcoholic of course) Dress in your brightest Fiesta colors to welcome a visit from King Antonio. We will celebrate April birthdays and enjoy a Fiesta Lunch together. Cost is \$12.

APRIL 15

Bus Trip to the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum. Leaving from FPC at 9:00 a.m. returning between 8:30 and 9:00 p.m. This will be an adventurous trip with a rest stop at Bucky's in Bastrop and box lunches from Jason's Deli on the trip to College Station. There will be ample time to visit the Library and Museum, then a dinner stop in Bastrop on the way home. Ambassador Sichan Siv will be joining us, as a participant not a tour guide, but will likely be willing to answer questions throughout the day. Cost for the trip is \$65.

APRIL 19

GOOD FRIDAY - NO KEYS EVENT

APRIL 26

BATTLE OF FLOWERS PARADE - NO KEYS EVENT

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

MAY 3

CANARY ISLAND CONNECTION

Anthony Delgado is a ninth generation Canary Island descendant and eleventh generation Tejano who is extremely proud of his familial connections to some of the most notable Hispanic figures in Texas history spanning the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries to include the first families that founded what we now know as San Antonio, Texas.

MAY 10

BIBLIOTECHE

Bibliotech is Bexar County's completely online Library resource. Laura Cole will be with us to explain how it works and how we all can gain access. Following lunch we will have an opportunity to participate with one of our local mission partners.

MAY 17

THE COX FAMILY SINGERS

Many of us enjoyed the Cox Family during Mid-Day Noels. We have invited them to join us for a celebration of Memorial Day. There will be special tribute to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country and to our veterans.

MAY 24

MAY BIRTHDAY LUNCH

Will be celebrated at the Little Italy Restaurant.

MAY 31

ELISE URRUTIA

Elise is a long-time San Antonian, and writes on a variety of topics including history, art, and music. She and her father, Dr. A.A. "Bud" Urrutia, have explored the family's history together for a number of years. She is the great granddaughter of Doctor Aureliano Urrutia, who was a well known surgeon and creator of a family garden near Hildebrand and Broadway across from The University of Incarnate Word.

DIVORCECARE



Divorce Care is a 13-week, video-based support group that was established in 1993. Over these 26 years, thousands of individuals have walked through a healing process. We are near the end of our first Divorce Care session at FPC. We have witnessed significant healing in the lives of those who have participated with us.

It is our hope to continue Divorce Care at least twice a year, and we expect to see a growing continuous support group established as a result of Divorce Care. There are many opportunities for you to be a part of the healing process.

The program is designed to be facilitated by individuals who have a heart for the hurts experienced through Divorce. Maybe you would consider becoming a facilitator.

There is a need for experts in finance, legal aid, and counseling to come alongside the participants of Divorce Care. You may be able to speak truth and healing into hurting hearts.

There is also a need for assistance in home repair and maintenance brought about by lack of knowledge or experience, or just an overload of crippling circumstances.

If you feel God's calling to come alongside the ministry of DivorceCare, contact Joe Moore at joem@fpcsat.org or 210-226-0215, ext. 226.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

BY HOLLY YOUNGQUIST, PRESIDENT



March was a full and busy month for Women of the Church. Our Spring Luncheon, held on Monday, March 25th, was a huge success! Ginger Gilbert Ravella gave a powerful and moving talk about her life as a military wife/widow and her journey through the dark valleys to the hope she found in Jesus Christ. I'm not sure there was a dry eye in the room! We also elected our new slate of officers for the coming year. I'm sure you will agree with me that "the best is yet to come" with these amazing women leading us into the future.

2019-2020 WOMEN OF THE CHURCH PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS

President	Judy Kruger
President – Elect	Betsy Zachry
Vice President for Circles	Pat Kruger
Vice President for Directory	Barbara Dorsey
Vice President for New Members	Candy Wagner
Recording Secretary	Linda Delano
Corresponding Secretary	Judith McNeel
Treasurer	Mary Wofford
Assistant Treasurer	Sherry McCann
Historian	Nona Hall
Parliamentarian	Susan DeKoch
Church Office Nominating	Barbara Wood
WOC Nominating Chair	Pat Johnson
Immediate Past President	Holly Youngquist

2019-2010 PROPOSED PROGRAM CHAIRMEN

Moderator	Barbara Winship
HNS (House of Neighborly Service)	Laura Johnstone
HNS/Habitat Baskets	Mannette Owen
	Mary Frances Churchill
PCHAS (Presbyterian Children's Home)	Dianne Carssow
Gift of Christmas	Cassie McMillan

On Wednesday, March 27th, Nina Jordan, Lellen Lane and their committee celebrated our amazing staff with the very first DIOSA (Day in Old San Antonio). Carts were decorated like fiesta floats and were laden with food! It was such a fun and crazy day. No doubt our staff felt loved, supported and enjoyed a great time of fellowship.

Our **Spring Ladies Night Out** will be held at the home of **Diane Carssow, 28 Thornhurst 78218 on Thursday, April 4th from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** Please come and join us for a casual time of food, fellowship and fun. Please call Betsy Zachry, 210-262-1236 with any questions or concerns you may have and if you would like a ride to the event.

Circle 20 will be assisting with the snacks for the **Children's Easter Egg Hunt** and program on **Saturday, April 13th at 10:00 a.m.** This is always a fun day for family fellowship so we hope you will join us and bring a friend.



As we continue to observe the season of Lent we are reminded to make more room for Jesus, more room for other people, and more room for justice. Let's all think of things we are holding on to that we need to release. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday will lead us to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday, April 21st.

Lastly, make sure to mark your calendars for our **Annual May Coffee** to be held on **Wednesday, May 8th at the home of Lisa Wolff, 2 Elmcourt 78209, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** If you would like more information please contact Chaney Stuart, chaneyhs@gmail.com or Jodi Wood, jodipwood@icloud.com.

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

No meetings

Chairs: Suzanne Thomas (210-846-3240/
suzannethomas54@gmail.com); Lynn Thompson
(210-824-2815/lynn@thompsondata.com)

CIRCLE 5 SHAWL MINISTRY

Friday, April 12 • 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, April 16 • 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)/
juneubank@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, April 16 • 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, April 2 • 7:30 PM

Dough Pizzeria, 6989 Blanco Road 78216

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, April 16 • 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, April 22 • 6:30 PM

Hostess: Jackie Richards (16330 Axis Trail 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, April 9 • 1:00 PM • FPC McCullough Room

Chair: Jan Magnus (210-829-5866/jmagnus3@mac.com)

Book: “The Which Way Tree” by Elizabeth Crook

Reviewer: Bill Hensley

CIRCLE 14 – BIBLE CIRCLE

Monday, April 15 • 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, April 17 • 9:30 AM • FPC Room 228

Chair: Lee Pressly (210-735-0978)

CIRCLE 17 – EDNA RALSTON SEWING CIRCLE

Wednesday, April 10 • 9:30 AM • FPC Room 309

Chairs: 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, April 3 • 9:30 AM • FPC Room 309

Chair: Janet Beauch (210-673-3251/tbeauch@flash.net)

CIRCLE 20 – CIRCLE OF SERVICE

No meetings

Chair: Bunkie Shed (210-445-0724/
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FIRST CUP READINGS APRIL, 2019

Dear Family in Christ,

First Cup is designed to assist you in the habit of daily Bible reading and prayer. The name is to remind you that as you reach for your first cup of morning coffee or tea, reach also for your Bible and prayer list. The prayers at the beginning of each week are taken from hymns, sometimes found in obscure hymnals in my library. They are intended to be read as your beginning prayer, to focus your mind on the daily readings that follow. May this spiritual discipline strengthen you as you face each day.



Blessings and love in Christ, Sandy Sturch

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.— Psalm 143:8

- 1 John 3; 5:24; 1 John 5:1-12
- 2 John 4:1-42; Luke 19:10; Matthew 11:28-30;
Psalm 25; 1 John 1:8-10
- 3 John 4:43-5:15; Psalm 103
- 4 John 5:16-47; Romans 10
- 5 John 6; Isaiah 55
- 6 John 7; 3:31-36

Come gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove, with light and comfort from above; be Thou our Guardian, Thou our Guide o'er every thought and step preside. To us the light of truth display, and make us know and choose Thy way. Plant holy fear in every heart that we from God may ne'er depart. Lead us to holiness, the road which we must take to dwell with God; lead us to Christ, the Living Way, nor let us from His pastures stray. (Simone Browne, Hymn writer 1680-1732)

- 7 John 8; 1 Peter 5:8; Ephesians 6:10-18
- 8 John 9; 2 Corinthians 4:1-6
- 9 Isaiah 40:10-11; John 10; Psalm 23
- 10 John 11; 1 Corinthians 15:35-58
- 11 Isaiah 6:1-10; John 12
- 12 John 13:1-17; Galatians 5:13-15;
Ephesians 6:5-8; 1 Peter 4:10; 5:2
- 13 John 13:18-38; Proverbs 16:18; 11:2;
Titus 1:10-16

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand. The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land. A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noonday heat, and the burden of the day. Upon the cross of Jesus, mine eyes at times can see the very dying form of One who suffered there for me. And from my stricken heart with tears, two wonders I confess—the wonders of redeeming love and my own unworthiness. (The Hymnbook, No. 190)

- 14 John 14; Romans 8:1-17
- 15 John 15:16-4; 1 John 3
- 16 John 16:5-33; Romans 8:28-39
- 17 John 17; 1 John 4
- 18 John 18:1-27; Matthew 10:17-42
- 19 John 18:28-19:42
- 20 John 20; 1 Corinthians 15:1-28

Face to face with Christ, my Savior, face to face what will it be, when with rapture I behold Him, Jesus Christ, who died for me? What rejoicing in His presence, when are banished grief and pain; when the crooked ways are straightened and the dark things shall be plain. Face to face oh, blissful moment! Face to face to see and know; face to face with my Redeemer, Jesus Christ who loves me so. Face to face I shall behold Him, far beyond the starry sky; face to face in all His glory, I shall see him by and by. (The Baptist Hymnal, #212)

- 21 John 21; Matthew 28:16-20;
Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1
- 22 Joel 2:28-32; Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 7:37-39;
Acts 2; Romans 8:5-17
- 23 Acts 3; Romans 1:16-32; Revelation 3:14-22
- 24 Acts 4:1-22; Philippians 2:5-11;
Matthew 18:19-20; Mark 9:35-41; John 14:1-14
- 25 Psalm 2; Acts 4:23-31; Romans 8:26-28;
Psalm 4; 17:6-7; Ephesians 6:18-20
- 26 Acts 4:32-37; 2:44-45; Deuteronomy 15:1-18;
Proverbs 3:27-28; Psalm 145
- 27 Acts 5:1-11; Proverbs 25:14; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11;
Ecclesiastes 5-6; Psalm 15

O Breath of life, come sweeping through us; Revive thy Church with life and power. O Breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us, and fit thy Church to meet this hour. O Wind of God, come bend us, break us, till humbly we confess our need. Then in thy tenderness remake us, revive, restore; for this we plead. O Breath of love, come breathe within us, renewing thought and will and heart: Come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us, revive thy Church in every part. (The Church Hymnary, #339)

- 28 Acts 5:12-42; Psalm 40; Romans 8:31-39
- 29 Acts 6:1-8:3; Mark 8:34-38;
Revelation 6:9-11; 14:13
- 30 1 Kings 16:23-33; John 4:1-42;
Acts 8:4-25; Matthew 10:7-8

FIRST CUP PRAYER LIST

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. (Romans 8:26).

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