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WHAT IS A CHURCH BUILDING?

REV. DR. BOB FULLER

Just like so many other people, I was shocked when, on Monday of Holy Week, I saw the news footage of Notre Dame Cathedral in flames. I love history, and I love the church, and it broke my heart to see this beautiful monument to the faith of millions burning.

As I watched that ancient marvel burn, it made me think about our own beautiful, historic building here at Fourth and Alamo, and what it means for our church.

The church is not a building. The church is the people of God. We must not forget that. You may remember the little song from Sunday school: *"I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together; all of God's people, all around the world, yes we're the church together."* Pastor and author Jim Denison writes that *"Early Christians knew that they were the church. Buildings they used to gather for worship were just that—buildings. ... The church is not a location but an army that marches on its knees as it makes disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19)."*

The church is not the burning building. The church is the group of people linked arm and arm locked in embrace supporting and encouraging one another when the building burns. Denison writes that *"Even if it [Notre Dame] had been totally destroyed, the church it represents would be just as strong and just as significant today. Our willingness to pay any price to worship and serve Jesus is the test of our faith and the foundation of our witness."* That sober truth was confirmed on Easter morning when the reports came that over 300 people were killed in coordinated attacks on congregation Easter services in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Bombs exploded at St. Sebastian's church, Zion Church and St. Anthony's Church.

So why do church buildings matter?

We know that God is everywhere. As he told David, He does not require a house of wood or stone (*For I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up Israel to this day, but I have gone from tent to tent and from dwelling to dwelling. 1 Chronicles 17:5*). But, as with the tabernacle and the temple, a building is a physical reminder of God's supernatural presence in the world and in history. It is a visible reminder of the invisible God.

On one hand, church buildings remind us that we are not the first generation of Christians and that we stand on the shoulders of giants. An ancient church building like Notre Dame is a reminder that God's people have been faithful and serving him in and from that city for centuries. Our own tradition has direct links to Paris through John Calvin and the Huguenot movement. As we think about the different buildings occupied by First Presbyterian Church, they remind us that this church was established to be a mission of education and faith on the border between two cultures.

On the other hand, new, more modern church buildings remind us that the faith is alive, and that God is active and moving. It reminds us that we are not locked in the past and shall not make idols of our own history.

The church is not a building, but the building can be an important resource and tool for the church. It is where we worship together. It is where we serve together. It is where we interface with our community. It is where we teach our children, our young people and adults about the word of God.

Could we do those things without a permanent building? Of course, but it would not be the same. Some argue that a church building is a burden. Our building has two undeniable challenges: it is large, and it is old. But, unlike so many cathedrals of Europe and empty churches across this country, this church building is an active symbol of living faith. From the Kingdom Restoration Lab, to Loaves and Fishes, to our active Student Center, our Children's Center, our education area, and to our fellowship hall (Westminster Hall) which is used by ministries and groups all over the city; this is a place of weddings, and a place where we discuss the realities of life, death and eternity in memorial services for the saints who have transferred to the church triumphant. On any day of the week, our building is a reminder that the church is alive and active in the heart of San Antonio.

Paul says that the body of Christ is the new temple of God. We are now the living, visible, physical manifestation of God's presence in the world. We are the physical reminder that the invisible supernatural God is still active and present in the world. Our building is a resource. How do we use it for His purposes and glory?

The art and architecture of a church building tells people what we believe when we are not here to say it for ourselves. What will people learn about Jesus Christ from our church building and the people who inhabit it? Is it a museum to days gone by, or a staging area for active operations?

Grace and Peace,

Bob Fuller

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SAVE THE DATE

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

THURSDAY, MAY 2 | 9:00 AM - 10:00AM
GENEVA ROOM

Join us on National Day of Prayer as we worship the Lord through a time of corporate prayer. This year's national theme is "Love One Another" and we will seek God's mercy for the Church and His will for our participation in loving our neighborhoods and the nations. If you are unable to join us at FPC, we encourage you to pray anywhere, joining the day of prayer and fasting at your convenience.

WOMEN'S FAITH GATHERING

FRIDAY, MAY 3 | 7:00-9:00 PM
LANE RESIDENCE

Women's Night of Worship and Faith Stories at the home of Rick and Lellen Lane (266 Geneseo, in the Carriage House). Come join other women of all ages from the church to worship, experience fellowship, and hear testimonies of God's work! Speakers will be Danielle Couch and Carrie Everson. Please contact Carrie (carrie@fpcsat.org) for more info.

MAN NIGHT: FIESTA EDITION

SUNDAY, MAY 5 | 6:00 PM
BOBBY MICKLER RESIDENCE

Join us for a manly night of food, fellowship, and the fight at the home of Bobby Mickler (121 Laburnum Dr, 78209). All ages of men are welcome! Contact lindsays@fpcsat.org for more information.

HOLY SMOKE!

SUNDAY, MAY 5 | 5:30 - 7:45 PM
COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mark your calendars for the annual Presbyterian Cluster Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser, Holy Smoke 2019. This year's event will be held on Sunday, May 5 at Covenant Presbyterian Church. The party starts at 5:30 PM with delicious dishes and at 6:45 PM there will be music and entertainment. Tickets are \$12 presale or \$15 at the door (children under 12 are free). Please see Lindsay Selli for more information or to purchase ticket(s).

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.



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WOC MAY COFFEE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
WOLFF RESIDENCE

Please join us for the Women of the Church May Coffee, honoring our past presidents and benefitting the Presbyterian Children's Home. The event will be held at the home of Lisa Wolff (3 Elmcourt, 78209). Valet parking available.

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!

LITERATURE CIRCLE

TUESDAY, MAY 14 | 1:30 PM
MCCULLOUGH ROOM

First Presbyterian Church welcomes men and women to attend the Literature Circle on Tuesday, May 14 when member Ann Smith will review the novel, CITY OF TRANQUIL LIGHT, by Bo Caldwell. The book was inspired by the lives of the author's maternal grandparents who were missionaries in China in the early 20th century. It is a deeply spiritual story about Will Kiehn, a Mennonite farm boy from the Midwest, who felt the call from God. The story tells of his marriage to a fellow missionary, Katherine, and their lives of hardship, sacrifice, and joy serving the people of Kuang P'ing Ch'eng and teaching them about their God. They witness the progressive erosion of an over two-thousand-year-old dynasty that plunges the country into decades of civil war. The social half-hour begins at 1:00 PM with the review following at 1:30 PM in the McCullough Room.

The Circle takes a summer break after the May meeting until Tuesday, September 10, 2019.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS RESOURCE FAIR

SATURDAY, MAY 18 | 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM
FPC PARKING LOTS

An expansion of our Loaves and Fishes ministry to our homeless and underserved neighbors will happen Saturday, May 18. We are in need of over 100 volunteers to make this special day possible. Please contact Lindsay Selli (lindsays@fpcsat.org) with questions, to volunteer, or to donate in memory of Doug McNeel toward this ministry day. Volunteer training will be provided. (See article on [page 8](#))

HEALING SERVICE

SUNDAY, MAY 19 | 12:15 - 1:15 PM
GUTHRIE-BRYANT CHAPEL

If you are in need of healing, join us after the services on Sunday, May 19 at 12:15 PM for a Healing and Wholeness Service in the Guthrie-Bryant Chapel.

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.

PERSPECTIVES CLASS

EARLY REGISTRATION

SUNDAYS | AUGUST 18 - DECEMBER 15
3:00 - 6:00 PM | FPC

Join thousands of believers on a journey into the heart of God for all peoples. Perspectives is a 15-week life and learning opportunity that will change the way you view the world around you. In it, you will have your eyes opened to the heart and purpose of God, and how you can take part in His work all over the world, from the urban streets of America to the rain forest and deserts of distant lands. A fantastic array of pastors, theologians, international missiologists and mobilizers will challenge and inspire you with their personal experiences that will open your eyes to see just how big God is, and how much He desires that all might come to know Him.

Early bird registration begins in May! First 15 sign-ups from FPC get \$100 off of registration for a total of just \$10/class! Partial scholarships will be available for current university students. Visit <http://perspectives.org> for more information. To register, email Lindsay Selli at lindsays@fpc.org.

A SUMMER OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

For those of you who haven't met me yet, let me briefly introduce myself. I am a mother of two little girls who just celebrated their 3rd and 6th Birthdays. Before I joined the staff team at FPC, I was a stay-at-home mom, and before that I was the site leader for Servant Partners (now known as La Luz en El Barrio), an incarnational ministry on the east side of San Antonio. I am excited to tell you about a unique opportunity we have to partner with La Luz this summer. Please read about it below and contact me (carrie@fpcsat.org) if you have any questions or want to get involved.



After Jesus' resurrection, before He ascended into Heaven to be with His Father, He left the disciples some very specific instructions, known as "The Great Commission." He said to them, "All Authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20). I think it is safe to assume that since Jesus commanded

this in his last days on earth with His disciples, that it must be pretty important to Him.

And yet, why as Christians do we so often ignore it or put it on the backburner? There are a myriad of reasons, but I think often we fail to obey the Great Commission because of fear, apathy, or lack of training. If you can identify with this, if you struggle to remember the last time you shared your faith with someone, or, especially, if you really are not interested in sharing your faith with others, this opportunity is for you!

This summer, July 24-28, FPC will be partnering with one of our neighboring churches, First Baptist, and our ministry partner La Luz en El Barrio, to bring you an in-town mission "trip"! We will have training on sharing your faith, a chance to practice sharing your faith in the east side neighborhood where La Luz en El Barrio serves, and a chance to join folks from that neighborhood for a Block Party and Bible Studies! If this scares you a little, don't let that stop you! In fact, that might be exactly why God is calling you to participate.



You will receive excellent training that makes sharing the Gospel so simple you'll wonder why you thought it was so hard. Not only that, but you will get to partner with more seasoned folks who have done this a lot and will encourage and model this method for you as you go.

I guarantee that if you participate in this you will leave with a bigger view of God, a bigger heart for His people, and much less fear about sharing your faith! And not only that, but you will experience the fruit of what happens when churches partner together for the growth of the Kingdom of God instead of competing against one another or remaining in their separate spheres! I invite all of you, of any age or stage in life, to consider whether God is calling you to join us this summer.



The trainings and time reaching out in the neighborhood will take place on the evenings of July 24 and 25. The Block Party will be on July 26, and the Bible Studies will be on July 27. Most of these will be in the evening to accommodate those who work full time. If you would like more information, or are interested in joining us for prayer walking the neighborhood in preparation for this event, please contact me at carrie@fpcsat.org.

I hope you will take a step of obedience and see how God works in and through you in the process! He is faithful!

- Carrie Everson
Director of Young Adults & Young Women's Ministries

FRIDAY SINGERS



We are the Friday Singers, and we sing on Fridays, as you might have guessed! I'm sure that you've heard of us, as our good reputation gets around, but I'll tell you what we do anyway.

On Friday mornings, we sing at two alternative-living places, one at 9:30 and one at 10:30 – nursing homes, assisted living, independent living, Alzheimer units, and adult day care centers.

The first part of our 30-minute program consists of our special renditions of about eight "oldies but goodies," some accompanied by silly skits; then several solos or duets (vocal and/or instrumental); and ending up with passing out song sheets for a sing-along of familiar hymns. Jae is our wonderful accompanist. A highlight for all of us is when we see some residents who do not speak, but move their lips to the songs and hymns!

Our programs take us all over San Antonio. Our audiences vary from as few as five or six, to 25 and 30. We have sung for 47 different groups and have sung to over 500 folks since September. We are often asked by the residents, "When can you come back?" Unfortunately, our tight schedule of going to as many places as we can does not allow us to visit each place more than once a year.

So, what are you doing since you retired and have some free time on Fridays – well, how about joining our group? We'll keep you busy and happy on Friday mornings – and you can't imagine the sense of satisfaction and joy that that will be returned to you two-fold!

- Edwyna Yarbrough
edwynayarbrough@gmail.com

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Resource Fair

COMING SATURDAY, MAY 18

On January 6, 2019 we welcomed our congregation into 2019 with a special Congregational Commissioning Service, in which FPC formally reclaimed its heritage of mission work in the community. The vision of Mission 709 is responding to God's grace through faithful participation in God's mission in our neighborhoods. One of the partnerships we celebrated on that day was FBI (Faith Based Institute) and their mission to serve our homeless and underserved neighbors with FPC through our Loaves and Fishes program.



On May 18, 2019 we are going to respond to this call by expanding Loaves and Fishes to include a Community Connections Resource Fair. Ministries and organizations providing both physical and mental health care, as well as faith-based resources and services, will be there to connect with our guests on an individual basis. We will also provide access to showers, a haircut and a hot meal as we join in fellowship with our guests.

There will be many opportunities to help serve on May 18. We will start setting up outside in the church parking lots and on Avenue E at 7:00 a.m.. At 8:30 a.m., Pastor Jackson from FBI will lead us in a time of worship and training before we go out to serve our neighbors. At 9:00 a.m., we can help our partners welcome our guests and give them critical resources and services,



Sign up with Lindsay Selli at lindsays@fpcsat.org
or at <http://bit.ly/CommunityConnectionsSA>

VOLUNTEER AREA	TIMES NEEDED
Set-Up	6:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Sign-In Tables	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Greeters/Hospitality	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Showers/Haircuts	8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Food/Drink Servers	10:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Table Hosts	8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Homeless Care Kit Packing Party	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Playground Monitors	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Bring Desserts	Day prior or morning of
Clean-Up Crew	12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

as well as help with providing showers. We will begin serving lunch at 11:00 a.m., so we will need help filling plates, taking food to tables, and serving drinks. During lunchtime and throughout the day we encourage everyone to talk to our guests, whether it's by sitting at a table with them, talking to them as they visit the different booths, or helping them pick out clothes before taking a shower. And, of course, we will need a cleanup crew to help make everything better than we found it.

Funds given in memory of Doug McNeel will help make this special day possible and, through our own service, we will be remembering Doug and his dedication to serving the homeless and underserved. We invite everyone to come and participate as we love Christ, love one another and love the city.



Roman Arteaga
Mentor: Ben Quirk



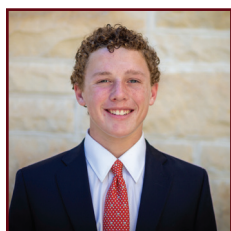
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Mentor: Kelsey Smith



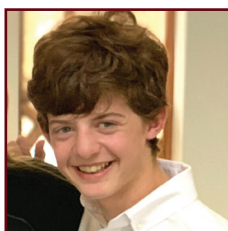
Richard Carter
Mentor: Will Quirk



Jackson Crider
Mentor: Mike Weaver



Bennett Flesher
Mentor: John Durbin



Guy George
Mentor: Bob Stevens



Alden Jonas
Mentor: Linda Delano



Chaz Lutz
Mentor: Tom Benke



Hannah Martin
Mentor: Nina Jordan



Lauren Maurer
Mentor: Mary Henderson



Maddox Meador
Mentor: Boxy Hornberger



Tucker Moore
Mentor: Ed Moore



Isaac Oden
Mentor: Clay Page



Darden Page
Mentor: Nancy Scheifele



Bennett Sanders
Mentor: Bobby Mickler



Malcom Troy
Mentor: Rick Jordan

KEYS

BY JOE MOORE, OLDER ADULTS DIRECTOR



Easter was, as always, a wonderful celebration of the power and authority of Christ's death and resurrection. He Is Risen!!!

We enjoyed a visit from King Antonio during our "Fiesta at First" celebration. Someone suggested that next year we call it "KEYesta!" We will see about that.

Our trip to the George H.W. Bush Museum was a great day. We filled the bus to capacity and had an awesome time together.

May closes out our KEYS regular programs for the year with some guests you will not want to miss.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND LUNCHEONS:

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

BIBLIOTECH

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 Midday 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 Dr. 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.

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.

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."

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.

ALASKA MISSIONS TRIP



Please begin praying for our Alaska Mission Trip team. We will join others from Concordia Texas University for a week of Vacation Bible School in Chevak, a small village of native Alaskans about 500 miles west of Anchorage. In addition to VBS for children, we will offer a program for teens and Bible studies for Adults.

Members of the team are, Mary Fruge-Medford, Luke & Christy Manacapilli, Preston Miller and Joe Moore. We hope this will be the first of many trips to Chevak from our church.

Pray for smooth connections and safe travel. Pray that God will prepare our hearts and the hearts of those we will be meeting in Chevak. Pray as well for the finances for the trip.



The estimated cost is \$1,800 per person. Everyone will be participating in personal fund raising. If you would want to support the trip financially, you can send donations (care of Lindsay Selli), to the church address.

Another way to support the trip is through food donations. Peanut Butter, Nutella, and Ritz Crackers are staples for this trip. Canned Chicken and Tuna are also a big part of our meals. You can bring any of these donations to Joe Moore's office.

We are also looking for a small video projector. They have been using a tired old overhead projector for years.

Thank you for holding this trip up in Prayer!!

- Joe Moore

6th year participant in Chevak, and Team Leader

WELCOME NEW HIRE!



DOROTHY HECIMOVICH
GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Dorothy is a Methodist pastor's daughter who has lived all over South Central Texas while growing up. She attended McMurry University in Abilene where she majored in Graphic Design and began her career with Beltway Park Church. She and her husband, Brian, met at McMurry and have been married for 10 years. He started off as a church music director, but felt called to ministry as a high school and middle school band director. For eight years the couple lived in Blanco, Texas, just north of San Antonio, where Brian built an outstanding band program and Dorothy continued to work remotely for Beltway Park Church. For the last 2 ½ years Dorothy has taught high school art in Blanco and then in Victoria, Texas, while her husband taught at Calhoun County ISD in Port Lavaca, Texas.

She is so very excited to be back in church ministry at FPC and to be living in San Antonio. She felt a calling since middle school to be a "missionary in media" and graphic design and communications within the church has proven to be a fulfilling vocation. Dorothy has a passion for producing exceptional, creative, and eye-catching designs that make an impact and a difference for the kingdom of God. She also enjoys constantly being challenged and learning to keep up with design trends and technology advancements.

She is a self-professed nerd; her dog's name is Adobe (from the design software company), she loves to play "name that font" on road trips, and she collects Wizard of Oz stuff. She and Brian have fallen in love with scuba diving each summer and she also enjoys reading, crocheting, painting, and drawing. She's a little obsessed with coffee, tea, and new food experiences, and so far San Antonio has not disappointed!

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

CHANGING OF THE GUARD, BY HOLLY YOUNGQUIST, PRESIDENT



of Women of the Church. There's a myriad of opportunities to serve and for fellowship, to grow and to learn.

April 4th was our Pre-Fiesta celebration in the lovely home of Diane Carsow. We had a wonderful turnout and everyone enjoyed the beautiful spring weather in Jim and Diane's lovely backyard. Thanks to Betsy Zachry and her

committee for always providing a fun night of food and fellowship.

Many women contributed items for the annual Easter Egg Hunt which was held at the church on Saturday, April 13th. Due to the inclement weather, the children hunted eggs first on the outside patio and came in to hear the Easter Story just as the deluge began. How great it is to welcome Rozlyn Miller, our new director of Children's Ministry at FPC. If you haven't had the opportunity to meet her, make sure you find the time to do so. You will be blessed!

Holly Youngquist and Judy Kruger will host the 2018-2019 officers, chairmen and Bible moderators at the President's Luncheon following the last Women of the Church Council meeting on Monday, May 6th. We hope to have lunch on the courtyard patio and enjoy our time of fellowship and reminiscing about all God has done over this past year.

All past PW and WOC presidents will be honored on **May 8th** with a lovely coffee in the home of Lisa Wolfe. **The May Coffee will be held from 10:00 – 12:00 at 3 Elm Court.** Valet parking is available. All donations accepted at the coffee will be giving to FPC Children's Center. Any remaining pledges given will be then be added to our remaining funds and dispersed to our various ministry partners.

Lastly, stay tuned for our next article highlighting and honoring the ladies of our sewing circles.

Live Big. Love Deeply. Serve Humbly.



My tenure as WOC President has come to close. I cannot tell you how amazing my team of ladies has been. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your encouragement, patience and the blessings I received this past year serving alongside each of you. In the chaos of my life, you all held up my hands and kept me steady.

Exodus 17:12 "Moses' arms soon became so tired he could no longer hold them up. So Aaron and Hur found a stone for him to sit on. They then stood on each side of Moses, holding up his hands. So his hands held steady until sunset." And as the sun sets on this journey I am humbled and grateful for your friendships.

Judy Kruger and her team will be amazing and they have already begun praying, planning and preparing for 2019-2010. I trust you will all find ways to stay involved as well as bring others to join in the ministry that takes place inside and outside the church walls. Remember, you don't have to be in a "circle" to be part

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, May 20 • 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, May 17 • 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, May 21 • Time and Location TBD
(Please contact circle chair or moderators for location.)
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)/juneueubank@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, May 21 • 11:30 AM • Japanese Tea Garden
(Sunken Gardens)
Brown bag or buy lunch at the cafe
(view menu at jinguhousesa.com)
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, May 7 • 7:30 PM
Clementine, 2195 NW Military Hwy 78213
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, May 21 • 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, May 20 • 6:30 PM
Hostess: Sheila Figueroa, 335 E. Melrose Drive, 78212
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, May 14 • 1:00 PM • FPC McCullough Room
Chair: Jan Magnus (210-829-5866/jmagnus3@mac.com)
Book: “City of Tranquil Light” by Bo Caldwell
Reviewer: Ann Smith

CIRCLE 14 – BIBLE CIRCLE

Monday, May 20 • 12:00 PM • FPC: St. Andrew's Room
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

**Circles 16, 17 and 19 will disband at the end of May.
The Women of the Church would like to thank all
of the members, past and present, for their faithful
service to these circles. We love and appreciate each
of you special ladies.*

CIRCLE 16 – MARJORIE MCLERNON SEWING CIRCLE

Wednesday, May 15 • 9:30 AM • FPC Room 228
Final Meeting for this Circle
Chair: Lee Pressly (210-735-0978)

CIRCLE 17 – EDNA RALSTON SEWING CIRCLE

Wednesday, May 8 • 9:30 AM • FPC Room 309
Final Meeting for this Circle
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/gkhyhheath@earthlink.net)

CIRCLE 19 – WHITE CROSS CIRCLE

No meetings - Final Meeting for this Circle was in April
Chair: Janet Beauch (210-673-3251/tbeauch@flash.net)

CIRCLE 20 – CIRCLE OF SERVICE

No meetings
Chair: Bunkie Shed (210-445-0724/
bshed@grandecom.net)

FIRST CUP READINGS MAY, 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 Colossians 1:1-14; Ephesians 5:1-20
- 2 Genesis 1; John 1:1-4; Colossians 1:15-23

Living for Jesus a life that is true, striving to please Him in all that I do, Yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free, This is the pathway of blessing for me. Living for Jesus wherever I am, Doing each duty in His holy name, Willing to suffer affliction or loss, Deeming each trial a part of my cross! Living for Jesus thro' earth's little while, My dearest treasure, the light of His smile, Seeking the lost ones He died to redeem, Bringing the weary to find rest in Him! I own no other Master; My heart shall be Thy throne. My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone. (Worship in Song, No. 333)

- 3 Colossians 1:24-29; Romans 16:25-27; Ephesians 3:2-6
- 4 Colossians 2:1-23; Ephesians 2
- 5 Colossians 3:1-17; Ephesians 4:17-5:20
- 6 Colossians 3:18-4:18; Ephesians 5:21-6:20
- 7 Romans 1; Leviticus 18; Psalm 106
- 8 Romans 2; James 1:19-25; Matthew 7:1-5
- 9 Romans 3; Psalm 14; 5; Ephesians 1:3-14

Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine; Word of God, and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight. Holy Spirit, love divine, glow within this heart of mine; Kindle every high desire; perish self in Thy pure fire. Holy Spirit, power divine, fill and nerve this will of mine; By Thee may I strongly live, bravely bear, and nobly strive. Holy Spirit, right divine, make my conscience wholly Thine; Be my law, and I shall be firmly bound, forever free. (The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 321)

- 10 Romans 4; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 6:28-40
- 11 Romans 5:1-11; Colossians 1:21-23; 1 Peter 4:12-19; James 5:10-11
- 12 Romans 5:12-6:23; 1 Thessalonians 3:11-4:8
- 13 Romans 7; 2 Samuel 11; Mark 14:26-38; 51-72; Psalm 32
- 14 Romans 8:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:1-10; Isaiah 25:6-9; 1 Corinthians 15:35-58
- 15 Romans 8:18-39; Deuteronomy 31:6; Joshua 1:5; Psalm 118
- 16 Romans 9; Jeremiah 18; Isaiah 29:13-16; 64:5-9

A charge to keep I have, A God to glorify; A never dying soul to save, And fit it for the sky. To serve the present age, My calling to fulfill; Oh, may it all my pow'rs engage To do my Master's will! Arm me with jealous care, As in Thy sight to live; And, oh, Thy servant, Lord, prepare A strict account to give! Help me to watch and pray,

And on Thyself rely, Assured if I my trust betray I shall forever die. (Worship in Song, No. 190)

- 17 Isaiah 65; Romans 10
- 18 Romans 11; Psalm 139
- 19 Romans 12; Leviticus 19:18; Proverbs 20:22; 1 Peter 2:11-25
- 20 Romans 13; Ephesians 5:11-13; 6:10-18
- 21 Romans 14; Psalm 34:14; Hebrews 12:14-15; 1 Corinthians 8:9-13
- 22 Romans 15-16; Romans 12:10; 1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 4:7-21
- 23 1 Peter 1; Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 4:17-5:21

O Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end; Be Thou forever near me, My Master and my Friend: I shall not fear the battle If Thou art by my side, Nor wander from the pathway If Thou wilt be my Guide. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, The tempting sounds I hear; My foes are ever near me, Around me and within; But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer, And shield my soul from sin. O let me hear Thee speaking In accents clear and still, Above the storms of passion, The murmurs of self-will! O speak to reassure me, To hasten or control! O speak, and make me listen, Thou Guardian of my soul! (The Hymnbook, No. 307)

- 24 1 Peter 2:1-12; Romans 13:8-14; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19; Psalm 65:1-4
- 25 1 Peter 2:13-3:22; Ephesians 5:22-6:9; 1 Thessalonians 5
- 26 1 Peter 4; Philippians 1:27-30; Revelation 2:10
- 27 Jeremiah 10:21; 23:1-4; Matthew 9:36; John 10:1-18; 1 Peter 5
- 28 Matthew 17:1-8; 2 Peter 1; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 119:105; 2 Corinthians 4:6
- 29 2 Peter 2; Hebrews 6:4-6; Jude
- 30 Matthew 24; 2 Peter 3; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12

O Lord, my inmost heart and thought Thy searching eye doth see; Wher-e'er I rest, wher-e'er I go, My ways are known to Thee. Each spoken word, each silent thought, Thou, Lord, dost understand; Before me and behind art Thou, Restraining by Thy hand. From Thee, O Lord, I cannot hide, Though darkness cover me; The darkness and the light of day Are both alike to Thee. Search me, O God, and know my heart, Try me, my thoughts to know; O lead me, if in sin I stray, In paths of life to go. (The Hymnbook, No. 129)

- 31 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; 1 Timothy 6:6-10; 1 John 2:15-17; James 1:13-15

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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