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From Vacation to Sabbath



Rev. Dr. Bob Fuller
Senior Pastor

When I was a child, I could not wait for summer. Summer vacation meant swimming, summer camp, Vacation Bible School, family vacation and (of course) no school. Summer was still busy, but it was a different kind of busy. It never occurred to me that even though I got a two-month break, my parents still had to work and meet all of their year-round responsibilities.

I believe that summer vacation is an extended version of one of God's greatest blessings: the Sabbath.

In the creation story, the Bible tells us that God ordered our lives and our time with a holy rhythm—six days of work and a day of rest; six days of work and a day of rest—work, rest, repeat. Genesis tells us that:

"God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation." (Genesis 2:3)

Then in the Ten Commandments, God commanded the people of Israel to follow his example:

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. (Exodus 20:8-10)

God gave us the Sabbath to do four things. First, God gave us the Sabbath to **renew our relationship with Him**. On the Sabbath, God's covenant people gathered together to read His word, to pray and to worship Him. The Sabbath is not just a day off. It is a day to renew our relationship with God. The Jews worshipped on the Sabbath because that was part of "remembering," the special relationship they enjoyed with God and all that He had done for them.

God gave us the Sabbath for the sake of **rest**. If you feel more like a human *doing* than a human *being*, it is time for a Sabbath. God gave us the Sabbath to take care of ourselves and to get to know ourselves.

God gave us Sabbath for the **restoration of human relationships**. I love the old cruise line commercial that said, "for

those of you who are married to your job, take a few days to have an affair with your wife." I Timothy 5:8 says, "If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever." God built the Sabbath into the fabric of creation to give us the margin we need to renew our relationships with children, wife, husband and friends.

Finally, Jesus added another element to God's Sabbath. He added the element of **compassionate service**. On several occasions, Jesus was "caught" healing people on the Sabbath and accused of breaking the law of God. In Matthew 12, the Lord points out that we are not only allowed to help one another on the Sabbath, it is expected.

"He said to them, 'Which one of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.'" (Matthew 12:11-12)

How can we make our vacation time more like the Sabbath? Use the time to renew your relationship with Jesus Christ. Vacation is a great time to start or renew the habit of Bible Study or prayer. Just find a quiet spot on the beach or on the mountain to spend some time with God.

Rest by making time for good sleep, sunshine and exercise.

Prioritize time with your families and friends. Leave the work at work and show the people you love that they are worth your time.

Set aside a portion of your time to serve. Visit someone who needs a vacation from loneliness. Go on a mission trip to work hand in hand with God's people. Join one of our local ministry partners to share Christ's hope to people living on the edge of despair.

How are you planning to use your vacation? Wherever you go and whatever you do this summer, turn your vacation into a Sabbath by using the time to grow in your *love for Jesus Christ, your love for one another, and your love for the City.*

Grace and Peace,
Bob Fuller



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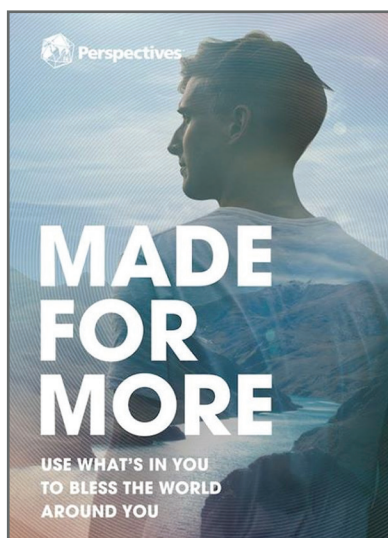
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SAVE THE DATE



Class Dates: Sundays, August 18 - December 15
Time: 3:00 - 6:00 PM
Location: FPC

Vacation Bible School

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 fpcsa-antonio.org/vbs2019. If you wish to volunteer for VBS, please contact rozlynm@fpcsat.org.



Dates: Monday, June 24 - Friday, June 28
Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Location: FPC

Perspectives Class Early Registration

The Perspectives class is for anyone who wants a closer walk with the Lord, who is serious about gaining a deeper understanding of His ultimate purpose in the world. It's for anyone who wants to learn how to strategically invest their lives in seeing God glorified; for anyone who wants to gain insight and direction that will help them to impact their generation.

If the above describes you, no matter what your age or position, Perspectives is for you! 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@fpcsat.org.

Patriotic Picnic

The annual FPC Patriotic Picnic is coming up soon, and YOU are a major part of the event. We'll have chicken and an assortment of side dishes, and we know that you can be counted on to add family-sized salads, hot dishes, and dessert items to the menu. Plan to join us for the food and camaraderie—and to be thankful for our blessings.



Date: Sunday June 30
Time: 12:15 PM
Location: FPC

Pathways to Hope

Fourth annual Pathways to Hope Conference, focusing on mental health and including speakers from across the community and nation, will once again be held at the Tobin Center this August. This community wide initiative will help us move toward breaking the stigma of mental illness. For more information, or to register, please visit www.pathwaystohope.net.



Dates: Friday, August 23 - Saturday, August 24
Location: Tobin Center

Big Questions of the Christian Faith Class

Class Dates: Sundays, June 2 - August 11

Time: 9:30 AM

Location: FPC Room 300

As Christians, putting our faith in God does not exempt us from having to wrestle with difficult questions about our worldview. Join us this summer as we work through 11 challenging questions of the Christian faith from a Biblical perspective. Class will be taught by a variety of teachers. Contact Carrie Everson at carrie@fpcsat.org.

Boundaries Class

Date: Wednesdays, May 15 - July 3

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: FPC Room 226

Boundaries is a nine-week, video-based discussion taken from Dr. Henry Cloud & Dr. John Townsend's book, "Boundaries, How to Say Yes, How to Say No." This course covers numerous aspects of respecting personal boundaries. It is a follow through from the DivorceCare Group, but all are welcome. For more info, contact Joe Moore at joem@fpcsat.org.

Wednesday Evening Ladies Bible Study

Dates: Wednesdays, May 22 - June 26

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:00PM

Location: FPC Room 302

Wednesday evening ladies' Bible study on the book "Joseph: the Journey to Forgiveness" by Melissa Spoelstra.

All of us know what it's like to be hurt or betrayed. Often it's a small breach such as being spoken to rudely or overlooked in a time of need. Other times we experience lies, gossip, or harsh words that cut us to the core. Some of us have endured unspeakable pain through abuse, adultery, or abandonment. God knows the pain we cause each other and longs to help us learn to practice forgiveness. Nowhere do we see forgiveness played out more fully in Scripture than in the biblical story of Joseph.

This six-week study explores what God has to say to us about grace and forgiveness through Joseph's story of trial and triumph found in Genesis 37-50. As we study his dreams, his betrayers, his dysfunctional family, his struggle to forgive, and his journey toward reconciliation, we'll find truths that echo into our own personal situations.

Weekly homework; work books are \$14.00

Please contact Sheila Figueroa at (210) 822-4082 or shefig@earthlink.net to reserve a book.



Literature Circle Fall Reading

The FPC Literature Circle announces the list of books for the 2019-2020 circle year. The books will be available in the church library for your summer reading:

- "Love and Ruin" by Paula McLain
- "The Dog Who Wouldn't Be" by Farley Mowat
- "The First Conspiracy" by Brad Meltzer and Josh Mensch
- "The Library Book" by Susan Orlean
- "Daughter of a Daughter of a Queen" by Sarah Bird
- "Educated" by Tara Westover
- "The Girl They Left Behind" by Roxanne Veletzos
- "Dear and Glorious Physician" by Taylor Caldwell
- A musical with the Hensley's (to be announced later)

The reviewer and the month for each book will be announced before the September 10, 2019 meeting. The Literature Circle meets from September through May, the second Tues. at 1 PM in the McCullough Room. Men and women, church members and non-members are invited to attend.

Date: Friday, June 14
Time: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Location: Assembly Room
Price: \$5 per family

Parents' Night Out - Kids Movie Night

Parents, drop off your children to watch a movie while you are having a date night. We will supply bean bag chairs and popcorn. Children can bring their own blanket and pillow and also wear your PJ's. Childcare will be provided. Children must be picked up at 9:00 pm, no later. If children are picked up later than 9:00 pm, late fees will be charged.

Date: Saturday, June 22
Time: 8:30 AM
Location: Student Center
Downstairs

Loaves and Fishes

Our next opportunity to serve our under-resourced neighbors is next Saturday, June 22. Setup begins at 8:30 AM, doors open for 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.

Date: July 24 - 27
Time: Evenings TBA
Location: East Side San Antonio

Building God's Kingdom Together Mission Trip

You are invited to participate in a local mission trip right in our backyard! FPC will be partnering with two other churches and one of our local mission partners in "Building God's Kingdom Together," July 24-27 on the East Side of San Antonio! All activities will be in the evening to accommodate most work schedules. Questions? Contact Carrie Everson at carrie@fpcsat.org.

SPECIAL STORY

Loving One Another: Care Cluster Ministry

REV. SCOTT SIMPSON
Associate Pastor of Congregational Care

Last fall, on November 18, 2018, I wrote an article about the launch of the Care Cluster Ministry and shared some important points. First, I defined the Care Cluster Ministry as a brand new way FPC is connecting people to Christ and to one another in enthusiastic fellowship as a way of fulfilling Christ's vision and his mission to love one another. Second, I explained that the Care Cluster Ministry will promote a safe, protective and caring atmosphere where members of the Cluster can be connected, renewed and restored. And third, I shared there are three key elements of a Care Cluster: care, communication and connection.

Today I am pleased to report that the Care Cluster Leadership Team is beginning the process of forming new

Care Clusters. The first step is to recruit and train covenant partners to serve as Care Cluster Leaders and Coaches. What is a Care Cluster Leader? A leader is a person who influences members of a Care Cluster to make disciples who love one another. Leaders of a Care Cluster seek to make a difference in the lives of ten members of their Cluster through their nurturing, shepherding leadership and care. Do you feel called to make a difference in the lives of people? If so, plan to attend a **new Sunday School class about Care Cluster Leadership Training on September 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2019 in Room 226.**

What is a Care Cluster coach? A coach is a person who cares for and encourages growth in leaders of Care Clusters. Care Cluster coaches are passionate about developing leaders, have a heart filled with the Holy Spirit, are focused

on others, intellectually curious, self-starters, effective communicators, truth tellers, relationally savvy, and are inspiring (Donahue, B. 2012, Coaching Life-Changing Small Group Leaders, p. 31-36). Do you possess some or all of these qualities and are interested in serving as a Care Cluster coach? If so, contact Scott Simpson at scotts@fpcsat.org and plan to attend Care Cluster coach training.

Care Cluster Leaders and Coaches will work alongside the pastors and staff to minister to and holistically care for our congregation. This shared partnership between laity and clergy will enable FPC to provide a more consistent and deeper level of care for our church family.

Blessings,
Scott





MONDAY, JUNE 24-FRIDAY, JUNE 28

VBS Is Here and Ready to ROAR!

It's that time of year again and Vacation Bible School is coming to First Pres in a big way!! This year's theme is "ROAR, Life is wild but God is Good!" Did you know that the very first Vacation Bible School was in 1894? For over 125 years this vital method of teaching children about Jesus has been the heart and soul of most summer programs in the life of the local church. From all over San Antonio, children will gather this summer at First Pres and learn about God's faithfulness and His great love for His people through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Volunteers will give of their time to bring the children to sit at the feet of Jesus in the Word, as well as activities and play. And the church building will be transformed into an African Safari! It is the prayer of the Children's Committee and myself that the members of First Pres take a look inside their own hearts as VBS approaches. Many of these children will be ones that have been baptized here at First Pres, but some of them haven't. Many of our attendees the week of VBS will be children who have never set foot in a church before or seldom in their life. I issue this challenge to you then, when you pass a sign, or an out-of-this-world amazing decoration, will you take a moment to pray? Pray that the Lord is honored at VBS this year at First Pres. Pray that children place their faith in Christ and fall in love with Jesus so they may know and serve Him a lifetime. Matthew 9:31 states, "But they went out and spread the news about Him throughout all that land." Let's get ready to ROAR, First Pres!

Rozlyn D. Miller
Ministry Director to Children
and their Families

LOVING THE CITY

Over 100 volunteers & 15 different ministries from our community Loving Our Neighbors

"After serving plates for a while I moved over to the beverage table because they needed someone to fill cups with ice for people who wanted lemonade or water. I did not recognize the young man to my right because he had his head down working hard and concentrating on the task of quickly filling up cups with lemonade. I realized later it was Bo Fuller. Lemonade was in high demand and we were running out. Bo noticed that some of the mix on the bottom of the container had not been stirred in, so I helped him pour water out of another cooler, and he mixed it in. Voila! More lemonade. No big deal right? But this happened three times, and we never ran out while there was demand for lemonade. Does this remind you of anything from the Bible? Loaves and Fishes, right? Wow! I noticed we did not run out of food, volunteers, love or compassion either. All were provided in abundance."

- Bill Oliver

COMMUNITY
CONNECTIONS
Resource Fair

Saturday, May 18th we expanded our monthly Loaves & Fishes program outdoors. WOW, what a day!

The 2019 Community Connections Resource Fair was a huge success. The weather cooperated enough that we were able to serve our neighbors outside, answering our prayers. Nearly 200 guests were fed and 100 were able to shower. Over 100 FPC volunteers made this happen and we want to thank all for being there. Together with our faith partners at Faith Based Institute and 15 other local agencies, we brought Christ's love to our neighbors in the form of free food, medical and dental services, social aid assistance, haircuts and the strong power of prayer.

The event also celebrated the life of our friend Doug McNeel. His wife Judith was on hand and recently shared these words:

"I am filled with JOY over the celebration today and I'm sure that Doug is so pleased in the Heavenly Kingdom that all of you conti-

nue to touch the lives of so many of our neighbors and friends!

What a heart-warming event to see Jesus glorified through our own hands and feet, hearts and mouths! The glory of Jesus Christ was lifted up in an awesome way today! I was so honored to be there to help and to see for myself the outpouring of love and care, gratitude and renewal that filled the area!"

The Loaves & Fishes Committee is very grateful for all of the support of the pastors and church staff, as we worked together to create an event that both celebrates our downtown neighbors, and nourishes their bodies and souls. Thank you again and we look forward to seeing many of you in the months to come, as we continue to love on our neighbors.

The next Loaves & Fishes will be on June 22 (see page 6).



Learning and living in community: Older Adults **Summer**

DR. REV. JOE MOORE

Minister for older adults and congregational care.

KEYS

May was a busy month! We learned about Bibliotech, the digital library of Bexar County, and they will be scheduling a future tutoring session to help us get connected. The Cox Family presented a Memorial Day Concert, and we were introduced to the history of the Urrutia family in San Antonio. There was an outreach opportunity as we assembled “Snack Bags” for SA Heals, to be distributed to students to carry them through the weekend.

June begins our shift to the summer programming schedule. Bridge, Mah Jongg, and Birthday Lunches will continue. We are also planning a few special outings and service opportunities. As the KEYS Leadership Committee works hard over the summer to plan future speakers, events and Birthday lunches, we welcome your input to help us bring a variety of programs that are helpful and informative.

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

BRIDGE AND MAH JONGG

Bridge and Mah Jongg players will continue on the second and fourth Fridays of the month, however, for the summer, game time will be from 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Bring a lunch and join in on the fun!! New players are welcome and someone will help you learn the game. If you have other games that we could play, then let us know and we will see that you have a place to play.

SUMMER BIRTHDAY LUNCHESES

11:30 AM | \$12/person, RSVP required

June 21st	Paloma Blanca Mexican Cuisine
July 19th	Anne Marie's Restaurant (From the Carriage House at the Botanical Gardens)
August 16th	Q Kitchen Pasta Buffett at the Hyatt

“Beauty and the Beast”

AT THE WOODLAWN THEATER

We are working to reserve tickets for Sunday, July 7, at the Woodlawn Theater to see Beauty and the Beast. The tickets will be \$24 and the deadline is June 10. There will be van service from FPC for this event. Watch for more details!!!

HEB LUNCH AND LEARN

We will be returning to the HEB Central Market Cooking School on Wednesday, July 31 at noon. The cost is \$30, which includes lunch along with a demonstration on how to prepare what we will be enjoying.

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



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**Keeping EVERYONE
Young in Spirit**
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**To make your reservation
for all KEYS events contact
Rosie Brown at 210-271-2763
or rosieb@fpcsat.org. The
cost for meals at FPC is \$10.
Birthday luncheons are \$12
unless otherwise noted.**



WOMEN OF THE CHURCH SEWING CIRCLES

When we give to the needy, Jesus taught us to “sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others.” (Matthew 6:2) There are women at First Presbyterian Church who for many years have quietly chosen to serve their Savior by meeting needs in our community.

We would like to share a story about the Sewing Circles of Women of the Church. The members of these Circles have faithfully, humbly, and joyfully served others for 50+ years without seeking any recognition, accolades, or “kudos.” They have been creating, shipping, and distributing items to help other people. They have been tearing, sewing, and rolling bedsheets into bandages; they have been designing and sewing outfits and pajamas for the Children’s Shelter; and they have been making stuffed animals and pillows to give to children at the Children’s Shelter and on mission trips.

Much of the history of the Sewing Circles has been lost over the years, probably because they never intended to promote themselves. The Edna Ralston Sewing Circle began in Edna’s home in the 1940’s where they began making stuffed animals and other items for the Children’s Shelter. In the 1950’s ladies began rolling bandages made from bedsheets and created the

White Cross Circle. Shortly after that, the Marjorie McLernon Sewing Circle formed and the ladies made beautiful new outfits for the children at the Children’s Shelter.

The ladies in these Sewing Circles have met three times a month for many years and have faithfully lived out their calling to serve in their areas of giftedness. In homes and in various rooms in this church they have deepened friendships, shared meals, walked with each other through times of joy and sorrow, and used their talents to serve their Lord and Savior.

The season has come for change, and these ladies are seeking the Lord’s guidance to discern His next projects for them. They are “disbanding” the three Sewing Circles but are open to where the Lord will lead them to serve. They plan to meet at least once a month and hope to find another quiet and humble place to serve. They have donated some of their fabric and sewing machines to a group of refugees to bless them.

The Sewing Circles neither “sounded a trumpet” nor “sought the praise of other people.” Thank you, ladies, for using your talents to quietly and faithfully serve your Savior.

Judy Kruger and Holly Youngquist



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WOMEN OF THE CHURCH CIRCLES

WOC Circles are groups of women meeting regularly for fellowship, service and study. Circles take a break during the summer, but if you are interested in joining one, please come when they resume in the fall! All circles at First Presbyterian Church welcome visitors and new members. A list of circles can be found online at www.fpcsanantonio.org/ministries/adults/women.



FIRST CUP READINGS JUNE, 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 Luke 11:29-32; Jonah 1; Psalm 89:9; 107:29
- 2 Jonah 2; Jeremiah 10:1-16; Psalm 88
- 3 Jonah 3; Jeremiah 18:1-11; Isaiah 29:16;
Romans 9:19-26
- 4 Jonah 4; Joel 2:12-14; Psalm 72
- 5 Jeremiah 1:1-10; 5:14; Exodus 4:10-12;
Isaiah 51:12-16; Mark 10:17-20; John 12:47-50
- 6 Jeremiah 1:11-19; Micah 4:1-7; Romans 2:5-16;
John 4:27-42; Matthew 9:35-38

If my people's hearts are humbled, if they pray and seek my face; if they turn away from evil, I will not withhold my grace. I will hear their prayers from heaven; I will pardon every sin. If my people's hearts are humbled, I will surely heal their land. Then my eyes will see their sorrow, then my ears will hear their plea. If my people's hearts are humbled, I will set their nation free. (Australian Hymn, No. 278)

- 7 Jeremiah 2:1-13; 2 Kings 17:1-23; Isaiah 44:6-23;
Romans 1:18-22; Psalm 51:1-17
- 8 Jeremiah 3:6-25; Psalm 16; Colossians 1:9-23;
Romans 1:28-2:16; 1 Peter 1:3-9
- 9 Jeremiah 4; Amos 5; Malachi 4:1-6
- 10 Genesis 6:1-8; Genesis 18:16-33; Jeremiah 5:1-19;
1 Peter 3:8-22
- 11 Jeremiah 5:20-31; Isaiah 59:1-15; Ecclesiastes 7:27-29;
Psalm 94; Hebrews 10:26-31
- 12 Jeremiah 6; Deuteronomy 32:1-47; Isaiah 42:18-25; 2
Timothy 4:1-5
- 13 1 Kings 9:1-9; Jeremiah 7:1-20; Ezekiel 18:29-32;
Romans 7:1-8:4

O God, our Help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our Shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal Home: Under the shadow of Thy throne, still may we dwell secure; Sufficient is Thine arm alone and our defense is sure. Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame, From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same. O God, our Help in ages past, our hope for years to come, Be Thou our Guide while life shall last, And our eternal Home. (Worship in Song, No. 14)

- 14 Jeremiah 7:21-8:3; 2 Kings 21:1-15; 2 Kings 23:1-25;
1 Corinthians 3:16-17
- 15 Jeremiah 8:4-9:6; Isaiah 1:1-20; Matthew 21:18-22;

- Mark 11:12-17; Matthew 7:15-20
- 16 Jeremiah 10:1-16; Isaiah 40:21-31; John 1:1-14;
Colossians 1:15-23
- 17 Deuteronomy 29-30; Jeremiah 11:1-17
- 18 Exodus 20:1-21; Deuteronomy 12-13; Jeremiah 13
- 19 Jeremiah 14; 17:1-10; Deuteronomy 28:15-24;
Ezekiel 34:20-31
- 20 Jeremiah 16:10-21; 1 Kings 9:6-9; Psalm 106:40-45;
Psalm 107

Before the Lord we bow, the God who reigns above, And rules the world below, boundless in power and love. Our thanks we bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise to heaven's high king. Earth, hear thy Maker's voice, thy great Redeemer own. Believe, obey, rejoice, and worship Him alone. Cast down thy pride, thy sin deplore, and bow before the Crucified. (Lutheran Worship, No. 500)

- 22 Jeremiah 18:1-11; Isaiah 29:13-16; 64:8-12;
Romans 9:14-21
- 23 Jeremiah 22:13-23; Jeremiah 33:14-16;
Zechariah 9:9-17; Matthew 7:15-25
- 24 Jeremiah 23:1-8; Isaiah 53:1-7; Acts 7:51-53;
Psalm 43
- 25 Jeremiah 23:9-15; Micah 2:6-11; Ezekiel 13;
1 John 4:1-6; 2 Peter 2:1-3
- 26 Jeremiah 23:16-40; 2 Timothy 4:1-5; 2 Peter 2;
James 3:1
- 27 Jeremiah 24; Romans 9; James 2:14-26

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the Potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me After Thy will, While I am waiting, Yielded and still. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Search me and try me, Master, today. Whiter than snow, Lord, Wash me just now, As in Thy presence Humbly I bow. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own Way! Fill with Thy Spirit Till all shall see Christ only, always Living in me! (The Hymnbook, No. 302)

- 28 Jeremiah 25:1-14; Psalm 28; 94
- 29 Jeremiah 25:15-38; Psalm 44; 71
- 30 Jeremiah 29:1-14; Romans 10

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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MAY COVENANT PARTNERS



David and Jenn Borges

David and Jenn join by reaffirmation of faith. David is CEO/CFO and Co-founder of Polymer 80, Inc. and Jenn is a real estate admin for LeFever Mattson/C.I.P. As covenant partners of FPC, they are looking forward to meeting other covenant partners and fellowship as well as serving where God leads them and participating in various programs the church offers.



Brad Matthiesen

Brad joins by reaffirmation of faith. He is employed by USAA as an advocacy specialist. As a covenant partner, Brad is looking forward to growing in his faith and providing a church home for his daughter. He has one daughter, Katelynn (8).



Danielle Couch

Danielle joins by reaffirmation of faith. She is a student at Trinity University. Danielle collects giraffe figurines. As a covenant partner, she is looking forward to getting involved in local and global missions.



Savannah Schatte

Savannah joins by reaffirmation of faith. She is a student at Trinity University. Savannah studied abroad in Copenhagen, Denmark, this past fall (2018)! She got to learn all about Scandinavian teaching practices and the Danish education system. Ask her about it sometime. As a covenant partner, Savannah is looking forward to growing in Christ, community, and connections with her brothers and sisters.



Asha De

Asha joins by reaffirmation of faith. She is employed by the United States Air Force. As a covenant partner, Asha is looking forward to growing in her walk with Christ, serving the community and being involved with the body of Christ.



Molly Stuckey

Molly joins by reaffirmation of faith. She is a civil engineer at Pape Dawson Engineers. Molly loves athletics and being active. She is a competitive gymnast. As a covenant partner of FPC, Molly is looking forward to continuing to grow with the young adult community (YAC) and explore more opportunities to serve.



Kiech and Susan Jung

Kiech and Susan join by reaffirmation of faith. Kiech is a sales manager for Mesa Southern Well Service and Susan is a designer for LJ Designs. Susan works with her daughter in an interior design business. As covenant partners, they are looking forward to connecting to new and old friends and growing in their personal faith.



Barrett and Kylene King

Barrett and Kylene join by reaffirmation of faith. Barrett is employed by USAA Real Estate as a senior associate, Capital Markets, and Kylene is a marketing manager with USAA Real Estate Company. Kylene moved all over Texas and Alabama growing up and has been back in San Antonio for seven years. As covenant partners, they are looking forward to growing deeper in knowledge of the word through study. Barrett and Kylene have one son, Charlie (eight months).



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