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Did You Learn Something New?

Rev. Dr. Bob FullerSenior Pastor

Over the last four weeks, I and many others have had a joyful pleasure of hearing Stuart Seal, a lifelong Covenant partner of FPC, teach about the art and architecture of our beloved Church home here at Fourth and Alamo. Stuart's Wednesday night class is part of our 175th anniversary celebration.

I knew that Stuart's Presentation would be interesting, but I never expected it to be "mind-blowing." After each session, I ask the group, "did you learn anything new tonight?" Each week, 100% of the people in attendance raise their hands.

For example, Did you know that...

- The sanctuary was built in 1910 but extended to its current size in 1923?
- Did you know that the cross hanging above the chancel area is 6 feet tall?
- Did you know that there is an organ Console hidden behind one of our stained glass windows?

Did you know that the roof of the church was originally designed as a place for fellowship gatherings, showing movies and performing plays?

Even after five years at FPC, I still have so much to learn. Not just about the church, but about our congregation and our history. One of my favorite Bible verses is Ephesians 1:17, particularly as it is translated in the New International Version. The apostle Paul wrote: "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better."

I love this verse because it reminds us that no matter how long we have walked as the Lord's disciples, and no matter how long we have studied His word, we can still learn to know God "better." We can never exhaust the richness of God's glory or truth.

In many ways, my prayer for our church in this 175th year has been that we would come to know God "better," and that we would also



come to know our church more fully in the light of God's truth and sovereign providence over this congregation and its history.

I learn something new about this church every week. Every week I meet new people. Every week I hear of new challenges. Every week I am moved by the testimonies of new blessings. Every week I read or hear new stories about FPC's historic courage and compassion for the people of the city and for people around the world. The result is that every week I am reminded that God is real, that God loves us, that God has the power to make a difference in our lives now and forever, that He has a plan and purpose for us, a place for us at His table, and a position for us on His team.

At the end of this month, Dr. Ligon Duncan, chancellor of Reformed Theological Seminary, will join us for our 175th celebration. He will be preaching and delivering the inaugural Louis H. Zbinden Lectures, in memory of Dr. Zbinden's 32 year ministry (1971-2003).

Dr. Duncan will be challenging us to consider our history as a foundation for the work that God will reveal to us in the future. The theme of the weekend will be "for such a time as this." This title is taken from the book of Esther, chapter 4:14. It should challenge us to consider our role as a church and to commit ourselves to the kingdom of God and the

gospel mission of Jesus Christ for the next 175 years.

At the celebration of FPC's 100th anniversary, the pastor, Dr. P.D. Miller, wrote this:

"Try to form a mental picture of what the First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio really is today. Physically, it is a large building, as churches go. But the building is only an instrument, a means to an end. Through its doors every week pass hundreds, and often thousands, of persons from tiny tots to those of advanced age. Here they receive instruction from the book of God; here they make confession of sin and find a new sense of peace; here they gather at the Lord's table; here they are dedicated in baptism, united in marriage, and bound together in the spirit of Christian communion.

But that is not all. Here people play together; here they sit at the table and eat together; here they make friends and learn to walk together on the higher level of Christian fellowship.... Here a large number unite their efforts in prayer and dedicated gifts to reach out and help build a better world.

The Christian life is first individual. But it is also social. Here in a church we are enabled to realize the joys and share the benefits of Christian faith in far greater measure than we could trying to go it alone. It is here that mutual interests, mutual faith and mutual aspirations are coordinated in worship and activity. Christ established the church for this end, and through it He works."

I hope and pray that you have learned something new during this year of celebration, and that you are ready to begin the next 175 years!

Grace and Peace,



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Save the Date

FPC 175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday & Sunday, October 23-24 |Sanctuary, Westminster Hall, McCullough Room and Courtyard

Join us for one combined service at 10:00 AM Sunday in the Sanctuary as we all gather together for worship and celebration of our 175th year of Loving Christ, Loving One Another, and Loving our City, featuring special guest speaker, Dr. Ligon Duncan. The service will be followed by a time of fellowship. Due to the combined service, there will be no Sunday School or 9:00 AM Traditional worship service that day. The weekend also includes two special discussions with Dr. Duncan, Saturday in the Sanctuary and Sunday in Westminster Hall, both from 4:00-6:00 PM.

COMMUNION WORKSHOP

Sunday, October 3 | 10:00 AM | Room 108

Children in 1st-5th grades and their parents are invited to join us for a Communion Workshop, during the Sunday school hour. Families will be led in activities and conversations to help teach children about the significance of the Lord's Supper. Please contact Becky Prichard at beckyp@fpcsat.org for more information.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

IN THE WILDERNESS: MOSES AND THE DRAMA OF NUMBERS

Thursdays, October 7 – November 18 | 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM | Covenant Hall or Livestream via fpcsaantonio.org

Many people mistake the book of Numbers for a dry accounting of the tribes and census of Israel. The reality is that Numbers is a dramatic story of survival in the wilderness. The original (Hebrew) title of the book is Ba Midbar—"In the Wilderness," and the book of Numbers is an adventure that does not disappoint. This fall we join Moses and the people of Israel in the wilderness as they fight for their physical and spiritual survival.

WORSHIP & REJOICE HYMNAL

Donations, Dedication and Hymn Festival

Remember & Honor Loved Ones with the gift of a "Wor-

ship & Rejoice Hymnal."

We are in the final stages of receiving donations to purchase new hymnals for FPC with a deadline of October 18. We will dedicate the new hymnals on Sunday, October 31 in both the 9:30 & 11 am Traditional Services with a celebration Hymn Festival to follow on the afternoon of Sunday, November 7 at 3 pm in the sanctuary. For additional information, please see the new hymnal webpage on our church website at fpcsanantonio.org/ministries/music/worship-rejoice-hymnal/

YOUTH MINISTRY FALL RETREAT

Friday, October 15 – Sunday, October 17 | Camp Buckner

All students and friends of students grades 6-12 are invited to join us for a fun weekend at Camp Buckner for our annual Fall Retreat! Activities will include team building exercises, good food and snacks, fellowship, and so much more. To register go to fpcsanantonio.org/youth. Contact Alex at alexc@fpcsat.org with any questions.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Sunday, October 10 | All Three Services

Pray for our families and our Children's Ministry team as we intentionally seek ways to encourage kids to be Disciples of Christ! For more info about Children's Ministry or Children's Sunday, contact Rozyln Miller Cline at rozlynm@fpcsat.org

THE ART AND ARCHITECTURE OF FPC

Wednesdays, October 6 – October 27 | 6:30 PM | Sanctuary

First Presbyterian Church comprises a treasure of architecture, art, symbolism, and history. Join Stuart Seal as we explore the wonders of our church and learn how God is in every detail, and perhaps learn some things that you may not have known before. From Tiffany stained glass and meaningful wood carvings to the subtle symbols that surround us, let's journey together through our rich traditions.

FALL MINISTRY GUIDE

Check out our new Fall Ministry Guide with a complete lineup of activities, events and offerings for you to be a part of: https://fpcsanantonio.org/fall2021

WOC FALL LEGACY LUNCHEON

Monday, October 25 | 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM | Westminster Hall

Join us for our annual Women of the Church Fall Legacy Luncheon. Our keynote speaker this year will be former U.S. Ambassador and author Sichan Siv, who will share his inspiring story and remarkable life. The price for the luncheon is \$25, cash, check or credit card. Payment is your reservation. To RSVP, please visit fpcsanantonio.org/fallluncheon2021. Or you can send payment to Lellen Lane, 268 Geneseo Road, 78209, or Kim Smith, #3 Waldenshire, 78209.

MEN'S MINISTRY DINNER

Sunday, October 24 | 5:30 PM | Chris Madrid's

This month's speaker is Fred Brown, who will present "Spiritual First Aid for Wounded Brothers," with powerful themes of his salvation saga, the sanctity of life, and forgiveness, and will highlight the strong programs and resources available through FPC. Men of all ages are encouraged to join us to encourage and strengthen our relationship with the Lord and with each other. Contact Richard Peacock at richard@rmpeacock.com for more information.

RESET GATHERING - YAC

Monday, October 18 | 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM | Student Center

Join other Young Adults for a time of worship, Biblical teaching, fellowship, and prayer. The RESET Gathering is a chance for us to reset our hearts, minds, and lives on knowing Jesus personally, following Jesus wholly, worshipping Jesus corporately, and serving Jesus globally. Please come check it out and visit fpcsanantonio.org/reset for more information and to sign up for a small group.

WOC WE ARE BLESSED TO GATHER

Tuesday, October 19, 2021 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm 140 Luther Drive, 78212 (Nancy Scheifele's home)

Join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, food and drinks as we celebrate being "blessed to gather." Please RSVP by Oct. 15th to: Susan DeKoch - susandekoch@gmail. com, 210-508-7127, or Meredith Park, meredithpark17@gmail.com, 210-373-8180.

NAMIWALKS YOUR WAY EVENT

Saturday, October 9

On Saturday, October 9, 2021, NAMI is hoping that you will celebrate A United Day of Hope by supporting #mentalhealthforall. There will be three ways to support NAMIWalks Your Way San Antonio. You may meet with others at the in-person outdoor events from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at any of these three parks: Woodlawn Lake Pavilion 1, Bulverde Park Pavilion 1, or Eisenhower Park. The second way is to send videos or photos of your friends and family enjoying their favorite hobbies, interests, etc. to social media sites with #notalone. The third way is to support NAMI-San Antonio with donations to help it fund its many programs. The NAMIWalks team hopes that you will participate all three ways! A stigma free sponsor will match contributions if \$10,000 is raised. Please encourage everyone to join together to improve mental health for all. Go to nami-sat. org to learn more details about the walk by clicking on Register. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is willing to help those families impacted by a loved one suffering from a mental condition by offering in-person and on-line education classes and support groups. Please visit nami-sat.org for details.



THE TEXAS REFORMATION BY DAVID B. WEST

Part 6: The Ongoing Vision

hen The Rev. John McCullough and The Rev. Ramon Monsalvatge left San Antonio, following the deaths of their wives, they probably felt like their time in the outpost of San Antonio was a failure.

McCullough's wife, Lorena, had labored by his side in both the day and Sabbath schools. She also furnished the initial funds by which the adobe church was built. She died in 1849, either from cholera or during childbirth (the records are not clear). The wife of the former monk Ramon Monsalvatge also died that year, probably from cholera. McCullough's health declined and he returned to Galveston. Monsalvatge also departed from San Antonio, going to the Rio Grande Valley and then into Mexico.

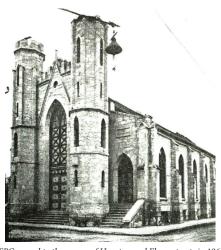
Yet from tragedy and seeming failure, God was able to use their work to build a church that would still exist 175 years later. Henry S. Bunting, the son of The Rev. R. F. Bunting, who later succeeded McCullough at the First Presbyterian Church, later wrote of McCullough:

It was he who first became a resident Protestant minister in that advance post of civilization when it was a turbulent community ruled by outlaws...He continued fearlessly as the man of God, preaching righteousness ... the man who did more than any other to carry civilization and a voice crying in the wilderness proclaiming the Christian city that was to be realized later on... John McCullough laid the foundations of Presbyterianism on the Mexican border...The cause of Christ at length triumphed and this pioneer had prepared the way for his successors to build a successful church...

(quoted in Adobe Walls to Stone Edifice, by Donald E. Everett, available in the FPC library.)

What can we learn, 175 years later, from the earliest chapter of First Presbyterian Church history?

Scripture. First, the early pastors, such as Sumner Bacon, John McCullough, Ramon Monsalvatge and others, brought Bibles to Texas for the first time. The primary goal in taking the Reformed faith to Texas was to take the written Word to its people.



FPC moved to the corner of Houston and Flores streets in 1866. Due to the city's growth around the structure in subsequent decades, the church would relocate to its current location in the early 1900s.

Education. Second, in order to be able to access the Christian truth revealed in the scriptures, the people had to learn to read. McCullough opened a day school and a Sabbath school, where he and his wife taught. His efforts accelerated Bishop Jean Odin's zeal to start schools in San Antonio, setting off a healthy competition to educate the population of San Antonio. According to one source, the Catholic church promoted education through church schools, while the Protestants promoted public education, knowing that, in doing so, they would not be able to control the content of the teaching.

Planting New Churches. Third, First Presbyterian Church started as a small church plant. Initial funds to start the church came from the Foreign Missions Board in New York and later, the Domestic Missions Board. Later, The Rev. R. F. Bunting would raise funds to build the stone church on Houston Street by

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traveling to the east coast to seek contributions. Those donors would never know if their contributions would produce fruit, but they trusted in the providence of God that he would use their gifts for his purposes.

Ministry to the Hispanic Community. Fourth, McCullough's calling was to take the Reformed faith to the Spanish speaking community. To help with this vision, the Board of Foreign Missions also sent The Rev. Ramon Monsalvatge as a missionary to bring the Reformed faith to the Spanish speaking population and to teach in a school for Spanish speaking students.

Support the Military. Fifth, San Antonio's history has always been characterized by missionaries, who spread the Christian faith, and the military, who protected the exercise of that faith. McCullough ministered to those in the military, especially during the cholera epidemic. Members of the military, in turn, supported the development of the church. One officer became the superintendent of the Sabbath School that McCullough started. Others in the military participated in worship and provided financial support.

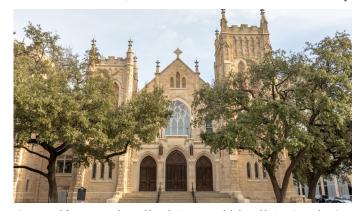
How does First Presbyterian Church continue this mission in the 21st Century?

San Antonio has grown from a "delapidated, miserable looking place" with a population of 2,500 to a vibrant city of 1,547,256, according to the 2020 Census. Like other large cities, however, San Antonio has its delapidated places, people that have seen the results of wars, and places that demonstrate "semi-barbarism." As our beloved pastor emeritus, The Rev. Louis H. Zbinden, Jr. stated when he became Senior Pastor in 1971, there are still people to be reached in this city.

The Authority of Scripture. When FPC joined the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO) in 2015, a major motivation was to remain faithful to the historic, orthodox understanding of Scripture. Following the joinder with the new denomination, First Presbyterian Church has been blessed to continue a long line of strong, evangelical preachers, including The Rev. Dr. Ron Scates, The Rev. Dr. Bob Fuller, Jr., The Rev. Mitchell Moore and the rest of our talented pastoral staff. The preaching of the Word at this church is probably as strong as it

has ever been.

Education. FPC has continued John McCullough's love of education for 175 years. Christian education opportunities are available on Sunday morning, Wednesday evening, Thursday morning and at other times during the week. Just as McCullough taught at a day school, FPC continues to operate the Children's Center, which serves the downtown community.



Our stone edifice structure, designed by Atlee B. Ayers and dedicated by Rev. Dr. Arthur Gray Jones, opened in 1910 at our current location at 4th and Alamo streets.

The Session of First Presbyterian Church recently approved a plan to reinvigorate Christian education program at FPC. Elder John Carter chairs the Adult Education Committee, and will work with Senior Pastor Bob Fuller to pursue a deeper dive into the Christian faith, especially focusing on adult classes.

In addition to the historic Christian Education programs, the Session approved the establishment of two new programs named in memory of The Rev. Dr. Louis H. Zbinden, Jr., to promote Christian education:

Z-Talks. At the October 24, 2021, celebration of the 175th anniversary of First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio, FPC will inaugurate the Z-Talks: The Zbinden Legacy Forum, Z-Talks, will provide speakers on a regular basis to help the congregation connect historic, theological principles with current issues. The inaugural speaker will be Dr. Ligon Duncan, Chancellor of Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi. Dr. Duncan will preach at a combined, 10:00 a.m. worship service and will speak that afternoon at 4:00 p.m.



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Rev. Dr. Louis Zbinden

Z-Center. A long-term goal is to establish an educational center at FPC to recruit, train and equip future Christian leaders through Biblical, theological, pastoral and discipleship training and instruction. The goal of the Center is to provide pastors, church leaders, prospective ministerial candidates and future church leaders with in-person and online teaching, learning materials, and mentors through FPC and its connections with ministry partners.

Fred Middleton is the Honorary Chairman, with David West serving as chairman, Barbara Anne Stephens overseeing fundraising, and The Rev. Dr. Bob Fuller, Jr. providing the pastoral guidance.

Planting New Churches. The Session has adopted a policy of making church planting an ongoing value of FPC. The church planting effort began in 2016, when the Session approved

support of a church plant in the Boerne area. Christ of the Hills Church, which meets at 635 Texas Highway 46, is pastored by Pete Johnson, who is commissioned as a Deacon at FPC. The Church Plant Team, chaired by Elder Chuck Bunn, and supported by The Rev. Bob Fuller, Jr. and The Rev. Mitchell Moore, also helped establish and partners with the San Antonio Church Planting Network, which is starting a new church in the South Town area.

Mission South. In 2019, the Session of FPC inaugurated a program called Mission South, which focuses on education and mission to the Hispanic community in San Antonio, south Texas and Mexico. The Mission South Task Force, chaired by Kathy Scruggs, partners with a variety of groups including seminaries in Mexico, AMO, and churches in the Rio Grande Valley. FPC has provided financial support for the construction of a new church building for Genesis Presbyterian Church in Mercedes, Texas, which lost its property when it left its former denomination. Their Pastor, Hector Reynoso, will be our guest pastor on October 3, 2021, to celebrate World Communion Sunday. The Mission South Task Force also oversees the award of scholarships to students to study at seminaries in Mexico.

According to the 2020 Census, 64% of the population of San Antonio is Hispanic—not unlike the population of the city when McCullough first visited. Just as Ramon Monsalvatge joined McCullough to bring the Reformed faith to the city, in October our own Alex Solorio will be ordained as an Assistant Pastor at FPC. Thousands of new apartments, homes and condominiums are being built in downtown San Antonio, and this is a multiracial community. FPC has new opportunities to reach out to the young, multicultural community on our doorstep.

Supporting the Military. San Antonio is known as "Military City." FPC has historically had strong ties with the military in the city, and the Session has had discussions about how it can support the military personnel going forward. As we move through the other opportunities described above, the Session will assess how to continue this important relationship.

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San Antonio River, 1880. Photo courtesy Doerr & Jacobson, New York Public Library Digital Collections.

Conclusion. As The Rev. Louis H. Zbinden, Jr. frequently reminded us, the best years of FPC are still to come. The church has grown with the city, and with its downtown presence just two blocks from the Alamo, continues to be a church with a mission to the city. We are, in many ways, a Protestant cathedral church in San Antonio that has been blessed with devoted members, church leaders and financial resources. Just as this church was once a church plant, we can now help plant churches. Just as this church was once the recipient of funds for its pastors, we can now help recruit, train and support pastors. As Dr. Zbinden preached, we have been blessed with much and are called to plant trees whose shade we will never see, for others to enjoy. As in any other time and in any other place, First Presbyterian Church has the same commission as all other followers of Jesus Christ:

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 28:19-20.



San Antonio River, March 2020. Photo courtesy Unsplash.com.

This is a multi-part series written in connection with the 175th anniversary of First Presbyterian Church. Special thanks to Rick Lane for his knowledge and contributions on this important history.

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WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Circle Chairs & Bible Moderators

Circle 1/12 Circle 9

Suzanne Thomas, Chair (210-846-3240) Ann Smith, Chair (210-822-2440)

Grace Labatt, Moderator Members of Circle, Moderators

Third Monday, 11:30 a.m., Geneva Room (with meal) Third Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., St. Andrews Room

Fourth Monday in January

Circle 11

Circle 5 Jean Swanson, Chair (210-826-0766)

Kay Weber, Co-Chair Members of Circle, Moderators

(210-288-5290) Fourth Monday, 6:30 p.m., Members' Homes

Mary Fruge-Medford, Co-Chair

(210-823-7054) Circle 13

SHAWL MINISTRY Grace Clouse, Chair, Moderator (734-718-7057)

Third Wednesday, 1:00 p.m., Room 228 LITERATURE CIRCLE

Second Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., McCullough Room

Circle 6

Jean Parsons, Chair (210-240-7483) Circle 14

Members of Circle, Moderators Karen Carawan, Chair (210-213-4589)

Third Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., McCullough Room Suzie Simpson, Moderator

Third Monday, 12:00 p.m., Geneva Room

Circle 7 (with meal)

Mary Ellen Mauze, Chair (210-844-5549)

Call Nona Hall for information. (210-274-2643)

Pat O'Neill, Moderator Circle 18

Third Tuesday, 11:30a.m., Members' Homes Char-An Witten, Chair (210-341-1856)

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Circle 8

Under Construction Circle 20

YOUNG MOTHERS Muffin Camp, Chair (210-789-1808)

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"The Harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Matthew 9:38

A bit of fall is in the air and it could not be more welcome. Autumn for me has always meant: school, activities, fun coats, full moons, and the beginning of the holidays. Stores and commercials shout this a little too soon, but it's impossible to deny something is coming. Last weekend, Sept. 10-11, definitely lit a fall fire for me at The Women of Faith retreat. Music, fellowship, prayer, teaching, games, eating, and worship describes the wonderful time we spent at FPC together. So many thank you's to the committee that planned and executed every perfect detail of the event. We were all blessed.

As I met with old friends, loved meeting brand new friends, and just loved the gathering, I was reminded of the many women in scripture who stepped out in faith. Ruth who followed loyally, Esther who spoke out courageously, Mary who believed completely, and Priscilla who served the young church, are but a few. We are daughters of this heritage and followers of this King. We have been called and His love and our salvation send us out to do the work of the Kingdom.

The October calendar overflows with service and fellowship opportunities. Our next WOC council meeting is Monday the 4th at 9:45 AM in the McCullough room. On Oct. 19 we have our Ladies Night Out at 6:30 PM at various locations. The weekend of Oct. 23-24 is our 175th Celebration with more information to follow. Our wonderful Fall Legacy Luncheon is Monday, October 25 from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM in Westminster Hall. We are so proud to have Sichan Siv as our speaker! Finally, on October 27 we are so happy to host our FPC staff for lunch for Staff Appreciation from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM in Westminster Hall. What a busy and wonderful month ahead- the harvest is ready- Come!

In Christ Alone,

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The Cox Family Singers were a joy for a long-awaited celebration and we had a great in person showing of 25 participants. We realize that not everyone is comfortable attending in person and that is why we have committed to live streaming KEYS speakers. A link to the live stream will be emailed every week. If you are not receiving the KEYS emails send your address to joem@fpcsat.org to be added to the list. We are excited to return to the McNeel's Ranch on October 16 for our annual Fall Picnic from 12:00 PM - 3:30 PM. Join us at the Gallagher Ranch for a relaxing good time. We will celebrate October birthdays with a Bill Miller Bar-B-Q lunch on the patio.

Rev. Dr. Toe Moore

Minister for older adults and congregational care.

Friday Fitness with Jacqi Crow

We decided to continue with Friday Fitness via zoom through the end of the year. This makes it easier for those who are not venturing out to continue participating and is easier for Jacqi to manage. She will send a reminder email each week with the link to the zoom room. There is also a room at the church set up with a computer that will be connected in, so you don't have to rush to participate in KEYS.

AARP Safe Driving Course

I have talked to our local representative and have learned that this course will not be offered in person until January. If you need to renew your discount you will have to go to AARP.org and take the class online.

Mahjong and Bridge

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays. Contact Nancy Black or Mahjong and Suzanne West for Bridge if you want to be included to receive information.

We now have a live streaming element so that you can watch the speaker on your computer.

Watch for the link via email.

Oct. 1	Susan Pamerleau U.S. Marshall	Susan is no stranger to KEYS. She will be sharing with us her new role as a US Marshall. She is a Covenant Partner and regular attender of FPC.	
Oct. 8	Hamburger & A Movie "Coco"	Coco is an animated Disney Movie that provides a child's eye view of The Day of the Dead. It gives a great look into what is involved in this popular cultural event in and around our city.	
Oct. 16	Fall Picnic at McNeel's Ranch	We are headed back to the McNeel's Ranch on October 16 for our annual Fall Picnic from 12:00 PM - 3:30 PM. Join us and have fun! We will celebrate October birthdays with a Bill Miller Bar-B-Q lunch on the patio.	
Oct. 22	Jon Allman Endeavors	Jon is excited about the opportunity to speak to FPC older adults. Louis Zbinden was instrumental in founding San Antonio Urban Ministries, which later changed to Family Endeavors Inc. DBA Endeavors. Jon will discuss the organization's faith based roots.	
Oct. 29	Lauren Prescott Oasis Silver Connect	San Antonio Oasis is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2021, and serves more than 26,000 people. Members enjoy challenging programs that enrich the mind, renew past interests and develop new talents. Membership is free.	



"Homelessness is Not One Dimensional. The Solution isn't either."

Haven for Hope offers over 300 services and resources to Bexar County men, women, and children on the Transformation Campus. Adults only from other cities can reside on the Courtyard as they all seek to overcome barriers to their "houseless or jobless" situation, or overcoming other root causes of their homelessness.

Recovery Teams first concentrate on finding housing, sustainable income, and help to apply for benefits. Other services include medical, spiritual, and veteran services, GED classes, trauma counseling, ID recovery, some legal services, mental health and addiction recovery, and much more.

The interim CEO, Molly Biglari, announced on August 26 that "we are holding strong against the Delta variant." Very few clients and staff have tested positive.

Please check out the website at havenforhope.org for a list of the various volunteer and donation needs.

Consider helping me be the "hands and feet" of Jesus at Haven. Consider taking a tour with me.

Blessings,

Marian Pipes Brown







Mission South

Please Meet Some of our Partners in Ministry

When God put John McCullough and Ramón Monsalvatage Nogué together to 'take the Gospel south from San Antonio' He was beginning an adventurous work that continues to this day. The story reads like a David Baldacci novel. A Presbyterian Pastor from Pennsylvania and a Spanishborn controversial monk from France, commissioned by the New York Bible Society, found themselves joined at the hip to teach people about Jesus in the rough boondocks of San Antonio and southward. Ramón was excommunicated for objecting when Catholic teaching conflicted with his knowledge of the Bible. This is why he found himself becoming 'reformed'.

It is my joy to introduce you to some contemporary adventurous pastors we are honored to call 'ministry partners'.

Aldo and Rubi Chale: Aldo Chalé taught at the San Pablo Seminary of Mérida for 12 years. He recently left the faculty to plant a new Presbyterian church, "Eternal Father." Rubi homeschools their two children and serves as a mentor for one of our Biblicus Mexico scholarship recipients. Rubi's involvement with the AMO Program gave her contact with a number of families with children. Aldo

began teaching guitar and ukulele to a group of middle school and high school children. He wrote music to sing with the psalms. They now have a youth-led worship team, singing and praising from the psaltry. We pray for great fruit to grow from their new calling.

Josías Luna Cruz and Ely Aguilar (husband and wife), spent 1999-2002 in Edinburg, Texas at the Bible Seminary of the Rio Grande. He says that he was mightily impacted by meeting pastors from all over the world who represented various denominations. The spiritual climate of the school and wide range of networking sent him home to Oaxaca not ready, necessarily, but compelled by Christ, to plant a church. What began on the patio of one family grew in numbers until, ten years ago, the church was established. It is part of the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico. Published on their youtube channel (https:// youtu.be/75OP8szl6uU) the church has the following vision and mission statement: "A place where you find peace with God," plus: "We are a group of people who have found in Christ a purpose to live. We have been called to establish the Kingdom of God at this time through God's best strategy: Love and The Proclamation of His Word. All in a contemporary environment geared towards

the family.

We long to be a church that loves God above all else, that loves his brothers and sisters, and proclaims the message of salvation.

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ through Love and Proclamation. We seek to be a mature church that loves, reproduces, and grows."

Pastor Luna preached the contemporary service at FPC San Antonio on Sunday, September 26, 2021. His wife, Ely, mentors one of our Biblicus Mexico scholarship students. Together they direct the AMO Program Training of Teachers. A young lady from their church is one of our Biblicus Scholarship recipients and is studying in Edinburg, Texas at her pastor's alma mater. We are so grateful to celebrate the 175 years of FPC in ministry with folks like Josías, Ely, and their faithful church family, "INP Amor y Proclamacón".



A Party in the Holy Ghost



"Jesus was glorified,
prayers were
answered, and new
friendships were
formed! It just doesn't
get any better than
this!"

A couple months ago, First Presbyterian Church was invited to host an All-city Prayer Gathering on September 5. It was to be the third of seven gatherings organized by Pastor Gene Loeffler of Lighthouses of Prayer International. The purpose of the gatherings is to build unity among church leaders from all parts of San Antonio and to pray for the welfare of our city. By August, it became clear that the event would be much larger than anticipated. Various parts of our church body sprang into action. Behind the scenes, an intercessory prayer team formed to pray together over details such as attendance, facilities, and hospitality. We especially prayed for God's presence to be felt and for the diverse church groups to display unity in Christ-- as one intercessor put it, that the event would be "one family reunion, a party in the Holy Ghost!"

God answered those prayers super-abundantly. Everything went smoothly, our hospitality shined, Westminster Hall was packed, and the crowd was even more diverse than we could have imagined. An especially touching moment was when all of the children were invited to the front to receive a special blessing. Here are some comments made by attendees:

"The prayer night was a picture of heaven, the diversity of the Church in unity of prayer and worship."

"I did not believe God could do something like that in our Westminster Hall. The Spirit of God was seen and felt."

"This was prayer like I had not seen or experienced."

"I was surprised by several things: The amount of people who came, the diversity, and how easy it was for me to pray, too. I even prayed with strangers!"

"I really felt the Lord's Joy over us!"

The next All-city Prayer Gathering will be October 3, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Last Chance Ministries, 404 Brady Blvd, 78207. For a complete schedule, go to https://lighthouse-sofprayer.org/assets/events-july-dec-2021.pdf

If you would like to get involved in a prayer team at First Presbyterian Church, contact Ginny Porrata 210-508-5714 or Ginnyvan490@gmail.com.

Women of Faith Retreat

Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD." – Ezekiel 37:4-6











These verses were spoken over us at the Women of Faith Retreat several times during the weekend, and as I reflect over our time together this theme of dry bones coming to life seems fitting. The past year and a half have been challenging, to say the least. When a few of us first met, pre-Covid, to talk about having a Women's Retreat, we had no idea how life was about to change for us all. When we realized this time of isolation was not just for a week or two, we decided to meet over Zoom to plan, pray, and dream about hosting a Women's Retreat, whenever we would be able to meet in person again. Over time, we changed the date at least twice, we tweaked the plans, we prayed, and discussed, and prayed some more. There were times when we thought it wasn't going to happen, or that it wouldn't look the way we had envisioned. However, the Lord knew what He was doing!

Those months of isolation, of endless Zoom meetings, of wondering what was going to happen and when things would be back to "normal", the Lord continued to put on our hearts this vision of women coming together

for a weekend to worship God, encourage one another, and grow together in our faith. Some of those days felt like dry bones. We could not imagine a day when 90 women would be together in one room, singing their hearts out to the Lord. Yet the Lord knew, He heard, and He answered our prayers!

However, this retreat was not just successful because of the numbers. This retreat was successful because of how the Holy Spirit worked in and through our hearts. We saw women taking risks through sharing their stories, and those stories encouraging and strengthening other women. We saw tears shed as some opened up their hearts to others and felt seen and loved for the first time in a long time. We saw great joy and laughter while women played games, chatted together, and broke bread together around tables. Furthermore, we saw hearts transformed as the Holy Spirit spoke through our speaker, Kristin Huffman, our worship leader, Maggie Amini, our faithful small group leaders, and many others. Women were encouraged to know who they are in Christ, what it means to

follow Him, and how to discover their calling. Some walked away from that weekend with a new sense of calling and purpose, some with a newfound belief in God's love for them, and some with new friendships that will continue to bless them in the weeks and months to come. From the great teaching and worship, to the meals and fellowship together, to the sweet gifts from our lovely hosts, it was truly a beautiful weekend; one that reflected the love of Christ for us all. For those of you who weren't able to be with us, never fear! There will be many more events for women to come together in the near future! Moreover, this will not be the last women's retreat! Please stay tuned for more opportunities to connect.

Blessings,

Carrie Everson

Stephen Ministry in Action: ON THE FRONT LINES OF CARE

've given enough," U.S. Army Captain David Rozelle told his wife, Kim, from the hospital in Iraq. Overcome by grief and pain, he thought his ability and desire to serve were gone for good. But God still had other plans.

It was on June 21, 2003, that David's life had changed forever. Commander of Troop K in the Third Armored Cavalry Regiment, he was riding in a Humvee near Fallujah when a landmine exploded, badly damaging the vehicle and severely injuring his right foot. In spite of extreme pain and shock, David immediately thought of the safety of the 140 soldiers under his command—issuing orders to secure the site and evacuate casualties.

Hours later, doctors at the combat support hospital amputated David's lower right ankle and foot. After the surgery, David was flown to Qatar, then to Germany, and finally, on the eve of Independence Day 2003, to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., where he joined the amputees on Ward 57.

A Hero's Joy and Sorrow

Weeks later, David returned home to Fort Carson, Colorado, arriving in time to be with Kim for the birth of their son, Forrest. In addition to becoming a father, David was also a hero, receiving the Bronze Star with Valor, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal (four awards), and the Army Achievement Medal (three awards). But any joy was short-lived; he spent day after day lying on the living room couch in a haze of depression. "I realized how worthless I was becoming, but I felt like I deserved it," David said. Kim's love and patience and his joy in Forrest gave David the strength to move forward. A meeting with President Bush—and the President's invitation to join him someday for a run—encouraged him even more. He resolved to overcome his fears and pain by strengthening his body.

Making Physical Progress

Eight surgeries and three months after the explosion, David received his prosthesis. He resumed rigorous physical activity and was soon fully functional, "jumping, walking steps, doing push-ups, and sprinting up small inclines."

Before long, he was on the Colorado slopes learning

to ski again with the help of Disabled Sports USA. More sports followed—running, swimming, snowshoeing, and eventually marathons and triathlons. He encouraged others with disabilities to return to the sports they loved too.

A New Mission

Physical activity provided a temporary emotional respite, but around six months after the explosion in Iraq, a new reality struck. "I was lying on the couch, icing my leg, and it hit me, 'I'm going to be like this forever," he said. "It finally sank in all at once. It was good that I was alone because I really got to cry it out. I was slowly realizing that I was going to have to adapt to my lifestyle. My heart broke. It was after that day that my mind started to heal."

David now focused on two goals: his determination to return to the Army and his concern for the needs of others with injuries like his own. The first challenge—to be found fit for duty—was straightforward. Pushing himself beyond the expectations of doctors, therapists, and even himself, he got into better physical shape than he had been before leaving for Iraq.

The second challenge was more difficult. "I had left Walter Reed unarmed with what I needed to heal," he said. "There was no established support system to take care of me." Doctors provided physical care, but David knew firsthand the tremendous emotional and spiritual needs of amputees. Because he wanted to help other amputees, the Army sent him on a visit to Walter Reed Hospital. He went directly to Ward 57, where he sat, talked, and prayed with the amputees. Although they deeply appreciated his gift of time, David found their grief difficult to handle and knew he needed to be a better listener. He returned home, wondering, Where can I learn these skills?

Called to Stephen Ministry

In May 2004, David's church, First Presbyterian Church in Colorado Springs—a Stephen Ministry congregation since 1981—was preparing to train another class of

Stephen Ministers. David attended an information session and applied to serve as a Stephen Minister. In the application interview, "David described how he felt called to minister to other amputees," said Stephen Leader Arlene Bosma. "His dedication to his family, God, and his country was obvious and very inspiring."

Soon David was part of the congregation's eighth training class of Stephen Ministers. "He has an incredible faith," said Fred Paul, another trainee. "What I admire most in David is how he remains so focused on other people. Despite what happened to him, he always puts others' needs ahead of his own. Whenever he enters a room he introduces himself to anyone he doesn't know. At each training session, he made an effort to speak with everyone there. He really cared about them and how they were doing."

Arlene recalled, "During our training class on grief, David talked about the grief that people experience after losing a part of their body. He shared how there can be a delay before the loss sinks in. For him, it was six months before it hit him really hard that his life had changed. But it was also obvious that he had worked through it well because he was so open to talking about it."

"David relies on his faith in Jesus Christ to sustain him in all situations," said Rev. JoAnn Brechbill, Minister of Congregational Care and a Stephen Leader. "He took Stephen Ministry training because he wanted to be better prepared to help those who have challenges like his."

A Stephen Minister on the Battlefield

During Stephen Ministry training, David received notice that the Army considered him "fit for duty." He wondered where he'd want to serve. Working with amputees at Walter Reed? Behind a desk at Fort Carson? A new command?

He discovered the answer when he welcomed his troop back from Iraq. As he celebrated their homecoming, he realized how much he loved being an Army captain and cavalryman. On June 17, 2004, he resumed command, just four days before the first anniversary of his injury. "I was ready to command again, but as a stronger and more mature leader," David said.

Two weeks later—just a few sessions before he completed his Stephen Ministry training— David returned to Iraq, the first soldier in history to become an amputee, and then resume his command on the same battlefield.

Back in Iraq, he frequently found himself using his Stephen Minister caregiving skills. "There are never enough chaplains to cover the needs of our soldiers," he said. "Lay ministers are essential to our force."

Looking to the Future

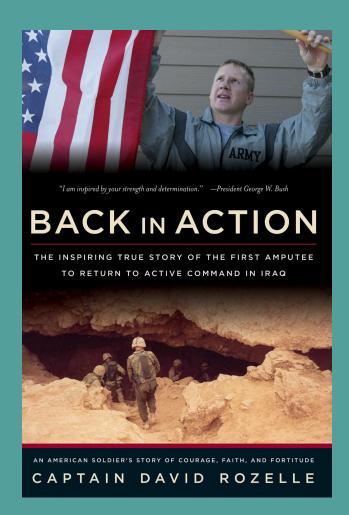
David had two goals for when he returned from Iraq: to become program director of a new amputee center at Walter Reed and to finish the last few sessions of his Stephen Minister training. "I want to give soldiers someone to talk to who has made it through what they're facing, let them ask questions, and have them see me walking," David said. Now, back from his tour of duty in Iraq, David is working toward achieving those goals. He is ministering to those at Walter Reed and working to establish an amputee center there.

God continues to use David's personal experiences, caregiving

skills, and unwavering commitment to serving his country and his fellow soldiers. "David has dedicated his life to the Lord," Arlene said. "He believes he is doing what the Lord wants him to do. He's a man of faith, strength, and courage, doing what's right."

Quotes and photos are from David's book, Back in Action: The Inspiring True Story of the First Amputee to Return to Active Command in Iraq, published by Regnery Publishing. Used by permission.

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LOVING ONE ANOTHER

"Ignacio Zaragoza"



Rich with MPC (3 from left); Wilian & Erly (2 & 3 from right)

Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life. -John 4:14

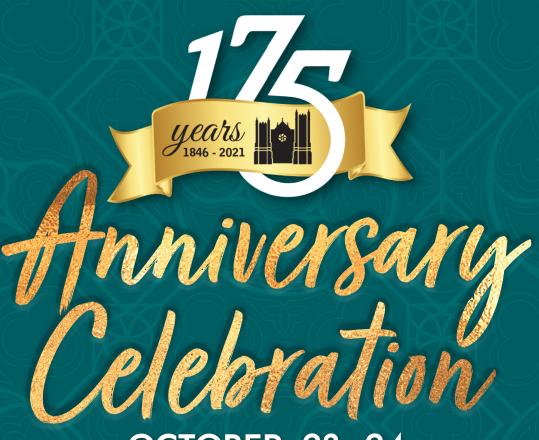
On June 22, 2021 Rich Delano and I traveled to *Kilometro Ochenta* (KM 80) with Wilian Cen Colli and Erly Tun Santos to look at a possible site for a second clean water plant supported by our FPC. KM 80 is 80 kilometers west of Cancun on Highway 180, which skirts the southern shores of the Gulf of Mexico westward from Cancun to Mérida, Campeche, Villahermosa, and Veracruz. There, it heads North towards Tampico and ends at Matamoros, across the border from Brownsville, Texas. *Kilometro Ochenta* is in the district of *Ignacio Zaragoza*, one of 52 localities named for the military commander who defeated the French at Puebla on May 5, 1862, giving birth to the annual Cinco de Mayo celebration. Zaragoza was born in Goliad, Texas seven years before Santa Anna massacred nearly 400 Texians, including James Fannin. (See *Blessed Ride*, First Press, May 2021).

In KM 80, there are currently eight churches, including two Presbyterian, for a population of 1,000 families. We met with Marcelino Pool Chan (MPC), pastor of Bethel Presbyterian Church, and his wife Ligia at their house on a 50x50 meter lot, a short distance from Highway 180. They have been in KM80 for nine years and in their current house only two months. Their church is taking care of some 150 kids with special needs. MPC believed that we could drill 20 meters to get the water. (15 meters in Leona Vicario). We explained to him about the needs for community leaders, especially pastors and teachers, in water committee and health education: using clean water for drinking, cooking, and washing babies. We plan to have a site survey in the fall and send our full team

(101, 102, 103) early spring 2022. If all goes well, the plant could be operational in 2023. To the question why we needed another plant as there was already one, we were told that there would be enough market as the Zaragoza district continued to grow. Meanwhile, we proposed that MPC and his team start selling *Ch'e'en Ja'* ('well water' in Mayan) from Leona Vicario to familiarize people with the brand which could be the same when KM80 plant opens for business. (It has been already done at this writing). MPC thought that "God bless us with this project."

Important: You must be tested COVID-19 negative within three days of your return to the US. If you have to do it by yourself, go to Farmacias del Ahorro: Boulevard Kukulcan KM 3.5 S/N CP 77500 Cancun Centro, Municipio Benito Juarez: Pay 350 pesos at the pharmacy first, take the receipt and stay in line under the sun. No appointment needed. It is opened daily 8 am to 8 pm. Better to go early in the morning or late in the afternoon to avoid the blazing sun. The test takes a few minutes and the result in 15; factor in one hour altogether. Have fun will travel... serving the Lord!

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Blessings and love in Christ,

Sandy Sturch

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.

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

- 1 Romans 9; Jeremiah 18; Isaiah 29:13-16; 64:5-9
- 2 Isaiah 65; Romans 10
- 3 Romans 11; Psalm 139

A charge to keep have I, 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 powers 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, #190)

- 4 Romans 12; Leviticus 19:18; Proverbs 20:22; I Peter 2:11-12
- 5 Romans 13; Titus 3:1-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
- 6 Romans 14; Psalm 34:14; Hebrews 12:14-15; 1 Corinthians 8:9-13
- 7 Romans 15-16; Romans 12:10; 1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 4:7-27
- 8 1 Peter 1; 1 Chronicles 29:15; Psalm 39:12; Hebrews 13:13-16; Ephesians 2:1-13
- 9 1 Peter 2:1-12; Romans 13:8-14; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19: Psalm 65:1-4
- 10 1 Peter 2:13-3:22; Ephesians 5:22-6:9; Romans 13

I heard an old, old story, how a Saviour came from glory, how He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me. I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning, then I repented of my sins and won the victory. I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing, how He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see. And then I cried "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit"; and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory. Oh, victory in Jesus, my Saviour forever! He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood. He loved me 'ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him. He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood. (Worship in Song, # 434)

- 11 1 Peter 4; Philippians 1:27-30; Revelation 2:10
- 12 Jeremiah 10:21; 23:1-4; Matthew 9:36; John 10:1-18; 1 Peter 5
- 13 Matthew 17:1-8; 2 Peter 1; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 119:105; 2 Corinthians 4:6
- 14 2 Peter 2: Hebrews 6:4-6
- 15 Ezekiel 12:21-28; 2 Peter 3; 2 Corinthians 6:1-2
- 16 1 Timothy 1; Romans 5:21; 7:7-8:17; Hebrews 5:11-14; James 3:1; 1 Peter 2:1-3

17 1 Timothy 2; Genesis 3; Proverbs 31; 11:16, 22; 14:1

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater, He sendeth more strength when the labor increases; to added affliction He addeth His mercy, to multiplied trials, His multiplied peace. His love has no limit, His grace has no measure, His power has no boundary known unto men; For out of His infinite riches in Jesus, He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again! (Hymns for the Family of God, #112)

- 18 1 Timothy 3; Romans 12; Hebrews 13:17
- 19 1 Timothy 4; 1:7; John 13:1-17; 1 Corinthians 11:1
- 20 1 Timothy 5:1-6:2; 1 Corinthians 7:8; James 1:27; Ephesians 6:5-9; Psalm 68:4-5
- 21 1 Timothy 6:3-21; Ecclesiastes 4:4-8; Luke 12; Revelation 3:14-22
- 22 2 Timothy 1; Mark 8:34-38; Romans 1:8-17; Philippians 1:12-30; 1 Peter 4:12-19
- 23 2 Timothy 2; Romans 6:1-14; Ephesians 4:1-3
- 24 2 Timothy 3; Jeremiah 12:10-11; 23:1-4; John 10:1-16; Acts 20:25-31

Fight the good fight with all thy might! Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right; Lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally. Run thou the race through God's good grace, lift up thine eyes, and seek His face; life with its way before us lies, Christ is thy path, and Christ the prize. Faint not nor fear, His arms are near, He changeth not and thou art dear; Only believe, and then thou shall see that Christ is all in all to thee. (The Baptist Hymnal, # 406)

- 25 2 Timothy 4; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Philippians 3:7-4:1
- 26 Titus 1; 1 Timothy 1:1-7; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2; Philippians 1:9-11
- 27 Titus 2; Deuteronomy 6:1-9; 11:18-21; Psalm 25; Proverbs 9:9; 22:17-21
- 28 Titus 3; Romans 13; 1 Peter 2:17
- 29 Philemon 1; 1 Peter 3:15-16; Luke 9:26; Matthew 6:14; Luke 17:1-4; Romans 16
- Revelation 1:1-8; John 1:1-18; Revelation 21:6; 22:6-21
- 31 Revelation 1:9-20; Daniel 7:13-14; Matthew 5:14-16; 16:13-20



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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