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Special Letter to the Congregation

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are writing today to make you, the covenant partners of FPC, aware of an important discussion under consideration by the Session (Board of Elders). The discussion is about our Sunday Morning Schedule and the mission of the church. At the beginning of the pandemic lockdown in 2020, state and local orders required churches to suspend public gatherings. FPC very quickly moved to online services.

In June 2020, we restored in-person worship and have maintained in-person worship since that time (with the exception of July 2020). As we gradually returned to in-person worship, the Session had to address issues of health and capacity while also trying to restore full worship opportunities on Sunday morning.

When we returned to in-person worship, the Session instituted health protection protocols and arranged the worship schedule to allow for "Grace and Space" in our building on Sunday morning. The Session decided to reopen traditional worship by establishing a 9:00 a.m. traditional service in the sanctuary and then to reopen the contemporary service by a service at 11:00 a.m. in Westminster Hall. The hour between services was originally set aside to allow for the cleaning and reset of our worship spaces between services, and to alleviate congestion in the halls by giving people more time to move in and out of the building.

As San Antonio and the nation began to reopen more broadly, the Session renewed our Christian Education program (Sunday school) and restored the 11:00 a.m. traditional worship service. The Sunday morning schedule began at 9 AM with the traditional service, followed by a 10 o'clock Sunday school hour and traditional and contemporary worship services at 11:00 AM. This is the current Sunday morning schedule.

Our current Sunday morning schedule reflects necessary changes that were instituted during the thick of the pandemic. There have been, however, both advantages and disadvantages to the current schedule.

The advantage has been that all worship services have been restored. We have also used this time to revitalize Christian education and discipleship for all ages. Christian education (Sunday school) has been re-developed with new offerings and strong new opportunities for participation. We now have 10 adult Sunday school classes that provide not only content, but training and a context for fellowship. Our classes are led by both lay leaders and by clergy. These classes allow for a mixing of people from the various worship services. Adult Sunday morning small groups (a.k.a. Sunday school classes) provide prayer opportunities, discussion opportunities and small group learning opportunities.

The disadvantage to the schedule is that the activities of the morning are compressed together in such a way to make it difficult to move comfortably between events. It has also truncated teaching time within the Sunday school hour and left no room for a designated or times for church-wide fellowship. The opportunity to connect during the "cookie time" has been missed by many.

In the fall of 2021, the Session decided once again to address the Sunday morning schedule. Rather than simply go back to "the way we've always done it," the elders seized on the opportunity to study the issue. Sunday morning is the church's "prime time" for worship, community, growth and mobilization, and we want to prayerfully discern how we can make the most effective use of our "prime time" hours on Sunday mornings to best fulfill our mission.

Members of the Session recognized that this is not simply a pragmatic decision. It is a spiritual decision as well. How does our Sunday morning schedule prioritize our mission to make disciples and reflect values as a congregation while also being sensitive to the challenges families and individuals face each week?

The Session authorized a task force comprised of elders from a broad cross-section of the ministries of the church, to study, analyze statistics, conduct focused group discussions, synthesize information, and return with a recommendation.

The challenge before us was to explore ways we could give sufficient time to three major priorities: worship, discipleship growth and education, and fellowship. A schedule that honors and prioritizes Worship, Education and Fellowship will bear fruit in discipleship. The expectations on our covenant partners will be raised, commitment will become more meaningful, people will be challenged to grow, and our church will be strengthened.

With these priorities in mind, the task force has recommended the following schedule to the Session for approval:

8:30-9:30 - Early Worship hour (Traditional Service)

9:30-9:45 - Fellowship Time

9:45-10:45 - Sunday school

10:45-11:00 - Fellowship Time

11:00-12:00 - Worship Hour (Traditional and Contemporary Services)

First Presbyterian Church will continue to offer both traditional and contemporary services by live stream. During the pandemic we made a significant investment in the resources necessary for this ministry and continue to get positive and grateful feedback.

The Session would also like to remind the congregation that at present and in the future, childcare will be provided for children 0 to five years old. Whatever schedule we have in place, our church values quality, safe, and enriching children's childcare while also encouraging children to grow as disciples by participating with their families in worship.

Many people have expressed interest in this issue, and the Session wants you, the covenant partners of the congregation, to be aware of the recommendation under consideration. The elders of the Session take seriously their call to Shepherd the congregation and its mission: to make disciples who love Jesus Christ, who love one another and who love the city. We ask you to join us in a season of prayer and discernment over the next few weeks, until the question is brought to the floor of the Session for consideration on March 14, 2022.

We are blessed and grateful that the Lord has brought our congregation through the many "trials, toils and snares" of COVID. Even as this church has grieved the loss of precious members of our church family, you have remained steadfast to be a light for the city. Thank you for praying with us as we consider yet another step of faith.

Grace and Peace,



Rev. Dr. Bob Fuller
Senior Pastor, Moderator of Session



Dr. Norton A. Stuart III, M.D.
Clerk of Session

SAVE THE DATE!



APRIL 10 - APRIL 17

We welcome you to join us in-person or online this Holy Week & Easter as we gather to celebrate & experience new beginnings in Christ.
Look for more information in coming weeks.

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Save the Date

DISCOVER, KNOW, JOINFPC!

Interested in learning more about FPC San Antonio or joining us as a Covenant Partner? Sign up for the Discover, Know, JoinFPC! Spring program begins Sunday, March 20. For more information or to register: <https://fpcsanantonio.org/how-to-join/>

SPRING 2022 MINISTRY GUIDE

Now updated for spring! Check out all of our Sunday school classes, Bible Studies, programs and many more ways to get connected at FPC. We look forward to seeing you this winter at FPC! Visit fpcsanantonio.org/spring2022 to view or download the Spring 2022 Ministry Guide.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

BOLD AND COURAGEOUS: JOSHUA AND THE NEXT GENERATION

Wednesdays | 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM | Covenant Hall

Thursdays | 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM | Covenant Hall or Livestream via www.fpcsanantonio.org

After decades in the Wilderness, God fulfilled his covenant and sent the people into the land He had promised. But, it was not easy. There was work to do and they were opposed at every turn. The people learned that following the way of the Lord is always a challenge. So the Lord gave them a new leader to guide them and charged Him to be bold and courageous as they moved into their new home. This Winter the Pastor's Bible Study (PBS), led by Dr. Bob Fuller, will grapple with and join Joshua and the people of Israel as they move into the promised land and fight for their physical and spiritual survival. Contact: Lellen Lane: lellenlane@aol.com, (210) 860-1395 (to be placed in small groups for discussion following the general session)

DIVORCECARE

Wednesdays | January 5 – March 30 | 6:00 PM

DivorceCare is a video seminar series featuring some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on divorce and recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective. The video seminars are combined with support group discussions of the materials presented during the video. Contact Butch Gerfers at 210-862-9998 or

gerfers@flash.net. For more info: divorcecare.org/about or divorcecare.org/groups/142471

LITERATURE CIRCLE

Tuesday, March 8 | 1:00 PM | Westminster Hall

The FPC Literature Circle will meet Tuesday, March 8, 2022, in the McCullough Room when Jane Hanson will review the book, *PRINCESS* by Jean Sasson. A true story of a princess living in the royal house of Saudi Arabia in the 90's. Born and living in fabulous wealth but living a life of arranged marriages and no freedom to control her own life. A life behind the veil of female oppression! For more information please visit fpcsanantonio.org/literature-circle

A CHRISTIAN PARENTING ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

Friday, March 25, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturday, March 26, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

With complimentary lunch provided on Saturday

Dr. Chap Clark has been invited to come and engage our parents and offer encouragement for our parents on how to disciple their kids from home in order to live Christlike in a secular world. Additionally, special guests who make up various expert categories, such as Pediatrics, Family Counseling, and School Administrators will be present to give their analysis of the impact kids are facing today. The two-day conference will also include testimony from parents on important parenting topics. Contact Rozlyn Miller at rozlynm@fpcsat.org for more information.

PIPE ORGAN COMPETITION

THE 51ST WILLIAM C. (BILL) HALL PIPE ORGAN COMPETITION

Saturday, March 5 | FPC Sanctuary

Join us on Saturday morning, March 5 to hear outstanding undergraduate and graduate students from the state of Texas perform in our annual pipe organ competition. Students will perform throughout the morning – feel free to listen as they perform in the sanctuary. Since 1971, the competition has included over 400 student participants, awarded over \$165,000 in prize money, and provided valuable feedback from organ instructors drawn from some of the most prestigious colleges and universities in our country.

MONTHLY PRAYER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

March 6-7, April 5 | Room 224

Join us for three-part prayer training! Prayer Ministry will pay for any one to take this training from ONE Training. Our first session, Part 1 Personal Prayer, begins March 6 from 5:30 PM-8:30 PM. Part 2, Praying For Others, will be on March 7 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM and Part 3, Praying For the Community/World, will be on April 5 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. To see our other training times or for questions please visit fpcsanantonio.org/prayer To RSVP contact Lisa Snow at LisaS@fpcsat.org

CONCERT AT TRINITY UNIVERSITY

DR. JOEL BACON IN CONCERT AT TRINITY UNIVERSITY

Friday, March 4 | 7:30 PM | Trinity University

First Presbyterian and Trinity University are proud to present Dr. Joel Bacon, Professor of Music at Colorado State University, in an organ concert on Friday evening, March 4, at 7:30 pm in the Margarite B. Parker Chapel on the Trinity campus. Joel will also be featured as one of our Hall Pipe Organ Contest judges on Saturday, March 5. This concert is free and open to the public.

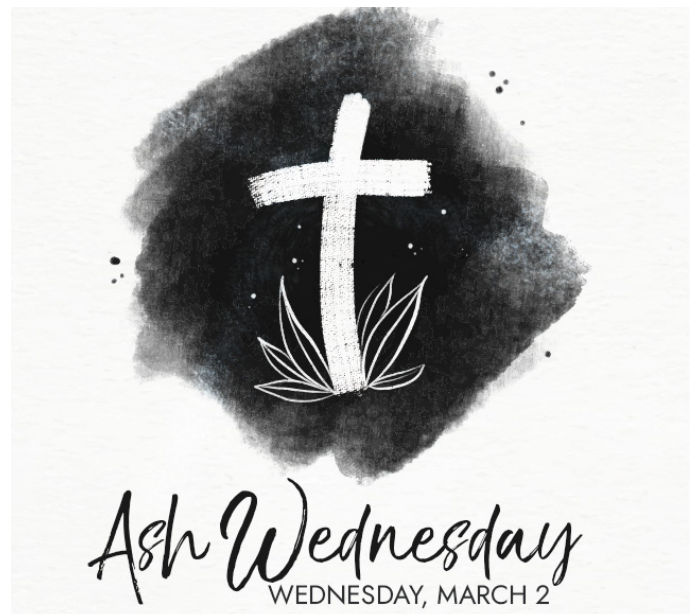
WOC SPRING LUNCHEON

Monday, March 28 | 11:00 AM | Westminster Hall

Our guest speaker is Ashlee S. Kinsel, author of A Sacred Silence. \$25/person. Register in-person at the tables outside the Mauze lobby in March or online at fpcsanantonio.org/springluncheon2022. Checks & cards accepted. Contact Kim Smith at kimdcsmith@yahoo.com or 210-771-4214. Lellen Lane at lellenlane@aol.com or 210-860-1395. Childcare is available by reservation by emailing rozlynm@fpcsat.org

ISRAEL 2022 TRIP

In November of 2022, Join Bob and Morgan Fuller on a pilgrimage of faith and adventure to Israel. The trip will be led by Dr. Mike Fanning. Those who have traveled with Mike know about his passion and expertise for introducing men and women of faith to the places where God met, challenged, and blessed his people. The group will leave San Antonio on November 7, 2022, and return on November 16, 2022. If you are interested, please check out the Detailed trip and registration information available through MBF Enterprises Inc (<https://mikefanning.com/first-pres-nov-7-16>).



ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 2 | 6:30 PM | Sanctuary

Join us March 2 for the launch of the Lenten season, with a special Ash Wednesday evening service in the FPC Sanctuary at 6:30 PM, and live online at fpcsanantonio.org/media. No Bible Studies that evening.



Friday, April 29 | 6:30 PM | Magnolia Gardens

After two years, The First Presbyterian Church Children's Center will once again be having their in-person event at the Magnolia Gardens located at 2030 N. Main Ave, San Antonio, Tx. 78212. We will be honoring our founder and legacy of this school, Carolyn Harte! We will be celebrating our most valuable and honorary guests... our TEACHERS! We ask for your support in making this celebration a successful event for them, who after two years of going through the storm of a heavy pandemic are still standing strong and are an inspiration. To RSVP visit fpcsanantonio.org/childrens-center

If you are considering giving flowers for the Sunday traditional services, the names of the flower committee are listed below. You may call them for information for the month you desire. Telephone numbers are in the church directory. It is never too early to reserve the Sunday you prefer, so please call as soon as possible. The listings must be available to the church staff one month prior to the committee member's designated month. We are extremely grateful for the many members who have given flowers to enhance our beautiful church. Thank you.

January	Shelley Bass
February	Elizabeth Kreager
March	Diana Morehouse
April	Lilly Gretzinger
May.....	Paula Johnson
June	Mary Wilde
July	Joyce Mayfield
August	Nancy Rice
September	Janet Hornberger
October.....	Chaney Stuart
November	Ann Bunn
December	Special Events Committee

Easter Jiles

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Each year the congregation has an opportunity to remember a loved one or honor an individual by purchasing an Easter lily to be placed in the Chancel. If you would like to participate, the cost is \$15 to reserve a plant for one individual or one couple. Your check should be made payable to the Sanctuary Flower Committee. Completed forms & payment may be mailed to First Presbyterian Church, c/o Sanctuary Flower Committee, 404 North Alamo, San Antonio, 78205-1918, or placed in the Sanctuary Flower mailbox in the workroom. **Requests received later than April 3, 2022 will miss the insert printing deadline.**

Fpc Presents

A FREE Christian Parenting Enrichment Seminar

Friday, March 25 - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturday, March 26 - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

(Complimentary lunch provided on Saturday)



Dr. Chap Clark

Dr. Chap Clark is a pastor, author, professor, and speaker committed to training and equipping parents and churches on the developmental and spiritual needs of children and adolescents. Dr. Clark will share with FPC parents and grandparents of children and youth by offering encouragement and tools for discipling their children to live like Christ in a secular world.

This exciting two day seminar will also include special guests who make up various expert categories, such as, Pediatrics, Family Counseling, and School Administration. These guests will give their analysis of what our kids and youth are facing today. Additionally, you will hear testimonies from parents in our community! If you have a child, grandchild, or teen of any age, you do not want to miss this opportunity! All are welcome and we hope you will invite your friends, neighbors, and family members to participate.

Childcare is free for all children 5th grade and under. This exciting event is called "Mary's Children", named after Mrs. Mary Gates who was an active covenant partner of FPC for many years. In 2021, Mary went home to be with the Lord. One of her deepest passions was to see that children were taught Christian values and raised to love the Lord. Her legacy of serving and loving the church was the inspiration for her surviving husband, Dr. George Gates, to see her passion for children live on!

Because of the generous gift given by Dr. Gates as well as many other anonymous donors, 'Mary's Children' was born!

Please contact Rozlyn Miller for any questions at rozlynm@fpcsat.org

Please sign up at

fpcsanantonio.org/maryschildren



Monthly Prayer Training Opportunity

Join us for three-part prayer training! Prayer Ministry will pay for any one to take this training from ONE Training. Our first session **begins March 6**. This training is for anyone wanting to deepen their prayer life, be better equipped to pray with and for others. Please call with any questions-210-508-5714.

TRAINING MARCH – APRIL

Part 1 Personal Prayer

March 6
5:30 PM-8:30 PM
At FPC

Part 2 Praying For Others

March 7
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
At FPC

Part 3 Praying For the Community/World

April 5
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
At FPC

TRAINING MAY – AUGUST

Part 1 Personal Prayer

May 1
5:30 PM-8:30 PM
At FPC

Part 2 Praying For Others

June 14
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
At FPC

Part 3 Praying For the Community/World

August 28
5:30 PM-8:30 PM
At FPC

TRAINING SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER

Part 1 Personal Prayer

September 6
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
At FPC

Part 2 Praying For Others

October 2
5:30 PM-8:30 PM
At FPC

Part 3 Praying For the Community/World

November 8
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
At FPC

For more prayer events or for questions please visit

[*fpcsanantonio.org/prayer*](https://fpcsanantonio.org/prayer)



FPC Local Missions hosted our Celebration Lunch on February 16. All 23 of our FPC Local Mission Partners were represented around tables with champions from our FPC family to join in fellowship and celebration! It was a wonderful time to learn more about what the Lord is doing through each of our ministry partners as we were able to strengthen our relationships with them. Additionally, the time was blessed with growing connections between ministry partners, empowering more collaborative ministry in the mission to love our city!

Officer Doug Green, SAPD attended and shared a powerful, Spirit-filled message. He shared his heart for San Antonio as he encouraged everyone to spend more time in prayer, seeking God's will for each day.

We are grateful for this wonderful afternoon that brought our FPC Family together with our FPC Local Mission Partners to be inspired, encouraged, and challenged as we celebrated together. We look forward to continuing to grow together, responding to God's grace by participating in God's work of redemptive restoration of our neighbors and the neighborhoods of San Antonio.



Report from Mission South Champion Team of the Global Missions Committee.

The Mission South Champion Team recently invited six of our Biblicus México Scholars to present a report that focused either on an academic project or a missional project. For two hours we were inspired as the students shared, via ZOOM, their power point presentations of a Thesis project, as three are currently in their last year of seminary, or how they are living out ministry to expand the Kingdom of God in missional ways.

Yazmín Santiago is 29 years old and is a student at the National Presbyterian Seminary in Mexico City. She decided, when she received Christ at age 12 at a Vacation Bible School let by Presbyterian missionaries, that she wanted to do the same when she grew up. Her father had hopes of her becoming a hair stylist and is only, after much patience and prayer, beginning to affirm her decision to serve Christ in the church.

On Christmas Eve, Yazmín and a team of young adults from "Soy Presbiteriano". (<https://soypresbiteriano.org/proyectos/> <https://youtu.be/g3XLAhgPb8w>), traveled to the 'red light' district of Mexico City for an event they organized entitled "Christmas, Full of Grace". They shared the gospel, their testimonies, they prayed with prostitutes and drug addicts, served refreshments, hot chocolate, and basically poured God's love out in the neighborhood.

Here is a translation of the email I received from Yazmín on December 26th.

Beloved sister God bless you! I want to tell you that I am very happy, I joined a Christmas missionary team in Irapuato; we shared the Gospel in the zone of prostitution, drug addiction, 5 rehabilitation clinics, we spent Christmas with the immigrants, I cut hair! We sing praises! My sister, it was beautiful, although it was dangerous, since it is one of the most violent cities in Mexico, our Good God was present and protecting us thanks for your prayers, I am going home now yes, God bless you and I send you a giant hug!





LOVING ONE ANOTHER

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Circle Chairs & Bible Moderators

Circle 1/12

Suzanne Thomas, Chair (210-846-3240)
Grace Labatt, Moderator
Third Monday, 11:30 a.m., Geneva Room (with meal)
Fourth Monday in January

Circle 5

Kay Weber, Co-Chair
(210-288-5290)
Mary Fruge-Medford, Co-Chair
(210-823-7054)
SHAWL MINISTRY
Third Wednesday, 1:00 p.m., Room 228

Circle 6

Jean Parsons, Chair (210-240-7483)
Members of Circle, Moderators
Third Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., McCullough Room

Circle 7

Mary Ellen Mauze, Chair (210-844-5549)
Pat O'Neill, Moderator
Third Tuesday, 11:30 am, in the home of Sheila Murray

Circle 8

Members of Circle Moderators and Co-Chairs
Second Friday, 11:30 am, with lunch
Call Nona Hall for information (210-274-2643)

Circle 9

Ann Smith, Chair (210-822-2440)
Members of Circle, Moderators
Third Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., Breakfast Room

Circle 11

Jean Swanson, Chair (210-826-0766)
Members of Circle, Moderators
Fourth Monday, 6:30 pm, in the home of
Linda Ruhmann

Circle 13

Grace Clouse, Chair, Moderator (734-718-7057)
LITERATURE CIRCLE
Second Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., McCullough Room

Circle 14

Karen Carawan, Chair (210-213-4589)
Suzie Simpson, Moderator
Feb. 28, 12:00 pm, St. Andrews Room (with meal)

Circle 18

Char-An Witten, Chair (210-341-1856)
CIRCLE OF CONCERN
Small home baked cookies always needed
for receptions
Volunteers for help with receptions needed

Circle 20

Muffin Camp, Chair (210-789-1808)
CIRCLE OF SERVICE
Volunteers to make/take meals needed

"Create in me a pure heart, oh God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."

Psalms 51:10

Approaching springtime heralds the renewal of gardens, the return of sunshine, and the Easter resurrection. We welcome new covenant partners to church and plan celebrations. Women of the Church will host our Spring Luncheon, appreciate our incomparable staff with a luncheon, fellowship on Ladies Night Out, and look towards our lovely May Coffee. Please join us for all of our springtime events.

In Christ Alone,

Janet Wernli

President
Women of the Church

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Spring Luncheon

Monday, March 28, 2022

11:00 AM (*Lunch is served at 11:30 AM*)

Westminster Hall

Register Online at

fpcsanantonio.org/woclunch



Guest Speaker:
ASHLEE S. KINSEL
Author of *A Sacred Silence*



LOVING ONE ANOTHER

February brought some challenging cold weather, however we fought right back and moved our meeting to Zoom. Lindsay Selli, Missions & Mobilization Associate here at FPC, "Hit it Out of the Park," as she shared what was happening with Local and Global Missions. Peter Baron, who we knew from Memorial Day and Veteran's Day honor guards, brought detailed insight to the flags and weapons of the Revolutionary War. Of Course, Rick Cavender and his band had us tapping our feet and singing along to classic rock and roll. We topped off the month with a Birthday Lunch at the Menger Hotel.

Moving into March, Covenant Partner, Deacon, and talented artist, Nancy Gerfers, will walk us through the creation of our own Masterpiece Collage. We will learn about Sam Houston from Billy Perryman from the Texas Commission of the Arts. For our March Birthday lunch we are returning to the Comfort Café, and at the end of the month we will hear from Spencer Brown, a representative of Accountable Aging, an organization dedicated to helping older adults navigate through the tough decisions that come with aging.

KEYS programs are held in Westminster Hall every Friday except the 3rd Friday of the month when we go to a local restaurant to celebrate that month's birthdays. On site meetings begin at 11:00 a.m. and lunch is served at Noon. Cost for Lunch is \$13.

Rev. Dr. Joe Moore

Assistant Pastor for Older Adults and Congregational Care

March Events

March 4

Nancy Gerfers to awaken the artist in each of us

March 11

Billy Perryman on Sam Houston

March 18

March Birthday Lunch returns to Comfort Café

March 25

Spencer Brown with a plan for Aging well

Looking into April:

- April 1st Fiesta at First Presbyterian with a special visit from King Antonio
- April 8th Battle of Flowers Parade, No KEYS
- April 15th Good Friday, No KEYS

Live Streaming

We are now live streaming the KEYS speakers, Watch for the link via email.

Friday Fitness with Jacqi Crow

Friday Fitness will continue via Zoom.. 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.





FIRST CUP READINGS

MARCH, 2022

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

Cast thy burden on the Lord, Lean thou only on His word; Ever will He be thy stay, Tho' the heavens shall melt away. Ever in the raging storm, Thou shalt see His cheering form; hear his pledge of coming aid: "It is I; be not afraid." Cast thy burdens at His feet; linger near His mercy seat; He will lead thee by the hand gently to the better land. He will gird thee by His power, in the weary, fainting hour; Lean thou strong upon His Word; Cast thy burden to the Lord. (Baptist Hymnal, #254)

- 1 Deuteronomy 6:4-8; Psalm 119:89-112; 2 Timothy 2:10-19
- 2 Mark 4:35-41; 2 Samuel 22; Psalm 65
- 3 Mark 5:1-20; Matthew 4:23-24; 8:16-17; Acts 19:11-20; Revelation 20:1-10
- 4 Mark 5:21-43; Psalm 103
- 5 Mark 6:1-29; Luke 9:7-9; 14:25-33; Acts 21:10-14
- 6 Mark 6:30-56; Ephesians 3:20-21; Psalm 37
- 7 Mark 7:1-23; Jeremiah 17:9; Micah 6; James 1:21-27

Savior, like a Shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care; In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for Thy use our folds prepare. Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free. Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us loved us still; Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, loved us still. (The Hymnbook, #380)

- 8 Mark 7:24-8:10; Colossians 1:15-23; Ephesians 1:2-23
- 9 Mark 8:11-38; John 10
- 10 Mark 9:1-13; Malachi 4:5-6; Matthew 11:7-15; 17:1-13
- 11 Mark 9:14-29; James 5:13-20; Philippians 4:6-7; Ephesians 6:18
- 12 Mark 9:30-41; Numbers 11:26-30; Matthew 18:1-9
- 13 Mark 9:42-50; 1 Corinthians 5; 1 Peter 1:13-25
- 14 Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 10:1-16; 1 Corinthians 7; 1 John 1:9-10

tints are glowing, work for the daylight flies. Work till the last beam fadeth, fadeth to shine no more; Work while the night is darkening, when man's work is o'er. (The Hymnbook, #297)

- 15 Mark 10:17-31; 2 Chronicles 1:1-12; Proverbs 11:24-28; 1 Timothy 6:17
 - 16 Mark 10:32-45; Philippians 2:1-18; John 13:1-17
 - 17 Mark 10:46-52; Hebrews 11:6; Matthew 7:7-12; Luke 19:1-10; Psalm 27
 - 18 Mark 11:1-19; Jeremiah 7; Romans 12:12; Colossians 4:2
 - 19 Mark 11:20-33; Luke 17:1-4; Matthew 5:21-24; Matthew 18:21-35
 - 20 Mark 12; Proverbs 25:14; Matthew 6:1-4; Psalm 37:25-26; 112; Proverbs 11:25
 - 21 Matthew 23; Proverbs 6:16-19; Micah 6:8
- Saviour, teach me day by day Love's sweet lesson to obey; Sweeter lesson cannot be, Loving Him who first loved me. With a child's glad heart of love, at Thy bidding may I move. Prompt to serve and follow Thee, Loving Him who first loved me. Teach me thus Thy steps to trace, strong to follow in thy grace, Learning how to love from Thee, Loving Him who first loved me. (The Hymnbook, #457)
- 22 Mark 13; Isaiah 13:9-11; Revelation 6:12-17
 - 23 Matthew 24; Revelation 16:15
 - 24 Matthew 25
 - 25 1 Thessalonians 4:5-11
 - 26 John 10
 - 27 John 11
 - 28 John 12:1-11; Deuteronomy 15:1-11
- All glory, laud, and honor, To Thee, Redeemer, King. To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring! The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went; Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present. Thou art the king of Israel, Thou David's royal Son, Who in the Lord's name comest, The King and blessed One! To Thee, before Thy Passion, they sang their hymns of praise; To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. All glory, laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring! (The Hymnbook, #187)
- 29 Matthew 21:1-17; John 12:12-19
 - 30 John 12:20-50; 3:16-21; Romans 10:9-13
 - 31 Mark 14:10-42; John 17; Mark 14:43-72



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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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