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Love **SATX**
GOD'S MISSION. OUR CITY.

October is Missions Month!

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Pastor's Article

Fruitful Kingdom

Pastor Mitchell

Dear FPC family. I am writing with good news to share:

Jesus is alive and working! God's grace invites us to participate in the works He has prepared in advance for us to do. King Jesus sits on His throne, making all things new, and He wants to use you to accomplish His work of redemptive restoration in our neighborhoods and among the nations.

THE KINGDOM OF JESUS IS FRUITFUL

Recently an FPC young adult was asked what stood out from her mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Before debriefing the amazing week of ministry, her first response was, "I forgot how fruitful the earth can be." Serving Christ opens our eyes to the majesty of God's grace and the glorious goodness of God's world.

With the early church in Colossae, our FPC family celebrates the gospel coming to us, growing in grace among us as it is bearing fruit throughout the whole world (**Colossians 1:5-6**). Feasting on the fruitfulness of God's kingdom will be a key take a way for everyone who participates in our FPC local and global Mission Month. When you join our opportunities to celebrate FPC Mission Month you will find yourself saying, "I forgot how fruitful the kingdom of Jesus can be."

THE KINGDOM OF JESUS IS EXPANDING

Despite the often-discouraging and ever-changing headlines of the world, the headlines of heaven are clear and consistent: Jesus wins! And



the Kingdom of Jesus is expanding (even as you read this). FPC covenant partners discovered this truth as they walked into the story of God's sovereign purposes during summer mission trips to Uganda, Southern Spain/North Africa, Poland, the Dominican Republic, and Mexico. One participant from the Uganda trip told me, "On the trip I was able to see the Church as Jesus intended it to be, more joy and love than I have ever encountered. I felt like I experienced the early church and will never be the same."

The love drawing people to Jesus around the world is expanding in the neighborhoods of San Antonio, too. Our FPC family is discovering this reality by celebrating people coming to Christ through supporting church plants, seeing people restored in the image of Christ by serving with ministry partners around the city, and watching Jesus save lives through our foster/adopt and pro-life partnerships. Jesus' Kingdom of love is abundantly advancing in the hearts and homes of neighbors, in our neighborhoods, and among the nations.

THE KINGDOM OF JESUS IS... FULL OF JOY?

Yes! The kingdom of Jesus is full of joy because Christians are (re) created by grace and fill with God's Spirit, redeemed for the role of redemptively restoring the world. The eternal plan of Jesus is to reconcile all things in Himself through His work on the cross (**Colossians 1:20**) using Christians as His ambassadors, ministers of reconciliation (**2 Corinthians 5:17-21**). This means every Christian is participating in Christ's mission of reconciliation in everything we do and everywhere we go! But if you are like me, sometimes you need momentum to move into this reality. And when you engage in this work, you quickly realize the depth of joy found in giving yourself away.

I used to invite people to participate in Church activities by saying, "You will have so much fun it will take plastic surgery to wipe the smiles off your faces!" This has not actually happened (yet). Now I tell people something a bit more accurate, namely that serving Jesus by participating in His mission of redemptive restoration will bring you the deep joy you have been looking and longing for. And I can guarantee this! Because the Spirit of Christ's kingdom is joy (**Romans 14:17**). What are ways you can experience the joy of the Kingdom of Jesus by responding to His grace through participation in His work of redemptive restoration? I have good news!

October is Missions Month at FPC! And we have ways for everyone to engage.

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Sunday, October 16 - Sunday Worship Night - a joint worship service with churches we have partnered with in planting! This will include a great dinner with collaborative worship and testimonies.

Saturday, October 22: Love SATX Serve Day! With opportunities to Love our City by serving through more than 10 local ministry partners.

Please see the LoveSATX information cards, [page 13](#), or fpcsanantonio.org/lovesatx for more information.

Will you plan on joyfully feasting on God's kingdom fruit through participation in our FPC Mission Month? I hope to see you around!

More Mercy,

Pastor Mitchell

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First Press is published monthly by the First Presbyterian Church San Antonio Communications Team.

Want to be featured in FIRST PRESS?
Deadline to submit content: the 15th of the previous month.

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Save the Date

FALL SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Join us this fall on Sunday mornings for worship, study and fellowship. FPC³ - Coffee, Cookies, & Connection - will be set up in the McCullough Room from 9:15 AM - 12:00 PM. Be sure to stop by during FPC³ 30 Minutes, a special half-hour specifically set apart for the FPC family to spend together.

- **8:30 AM:** Early adult Sunday School classes
- **9:30 AM:** Traditional Worship & Sunday School for all ages
- **10:30 - 11:00 AM:** FPC³ 30 Minutes - Half hour for church-wide fellowship in the McCullough Room
- **11:00 AM:** Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
Contemporary Worship in Westminster Hall

MINISTRY GUIDES

Updated monthly, check out all of our fall Sunday school classes, Bible Studies, programs and many more ways to get connected at FPC. We look forward to seeing you this fall at FPC! Visit fpcsanantonio.org/fall2022 to view or download the Fall 2022 Ministry Guide.

FPC JOB OPENINGS

We are currently seeking the following full-time positions. Details can be found at fpcsanantonio.org/jobs.

- **Director of Emerging Adults & University Ministries** (This position oversees ministries in and through First Presbyterian Church connecting emerging young adults (university age) to Christ, the Church, and God's work in the City.)
- **Director to Children & their Families** (This position is part of the Christian Education team with a specific dedication to the education and edification of children and their families.)
- **Director to Youth & their Families** (This position is part of the Christian Education team with a specific dedication to the education and edification of youth and their families.)
- **Media Coordinator** (This position is part of the Communications team.)
- **Receptionist** (Part-time position, assists with KEYS ministry and Front Desk.)

AUDIO/VISUAL SUPPORT NEEDED!

We are currently looking for contract and volunteer support for our Audio/Visual efforts on Sundays and for events. If you are interested, please contact Hank Cherry at hankc@fpcsat.org.

GLOBAL MISSIONS SUNDAY

Sunday, October 2

Meet, learn from, and fellowship with Global Missions Partners from AMO, The Antioch Partners, Mission India, and The College of Theology and Social Sciences in Poland. We also celebrate international Covenant Partners who have chosen FPC as their faith family. See [page 12](#) for more information.

PRAYER TRAINING: PRAYING FOR OTHERS

Sunday, October 2 | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM | 226

Please join us for one or all of our free prayer training sessions to enrich your own prayer life, become more comfortable leading others in prayer, and spend time listening to Jesus. Register by contacting Lisa Snow at lisas@fpcsat.org or 201-226-0215. For questions contact Laura Sasser, 210-286-1530. Next Prayer Training will be Tuesday, November 8, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Additional information at fpcsanantonio.org/prayer.

UNIVERSITY FALL CARE PACKAGES

Sundays, October 2-23 | Mauze Lobby

Packing Day - Sunday, October 23

Fall care packages will be going out soon, if you have a college student please stop by our table in the lobby or contact teradoerr@yahoo.com and give us their current address.

QUARTERLY VIRTUAL PRAYER ROOM

Wednesday, October 5 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Zoom

We have our very own FPC Virtual Prayer Room. Fill in the registration form at fpcsanantonio.org/virtual-prayer-room to receive the ZOOM meeting link & phone number. Zoom Meeting ID: 826 9365 7302 | Password: 727274. Please don't hesitate to ask for prayer. You can call or login to receive and offer prayer.

2022 NAMIWALKS YOUR WAY

Saturday, Oct. 8 | 7:30 – 10:00 AM | San Antonio Zoo

The time is upon us again for our NAMIWalks Your Way San Antonio 2022. NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) is excited for this year's walk to be in person for the first time since the pandemic. Our walk will be held at the San Antonio Zoo on October 8, 2022. Registration will begin at 7:30 AM. We ask that you consider joining us and help us make this year extra special. If interested, contact Jenn Borges at jennborges@hotmail.com. Visit www.namiwalks.org/sanantonio to register and/or donate.

FOCUS ON MARRIAGE WEEKEND

Saturday & Sunday, October 15 - 16 | FPC

Marriage Ministry is bringing you a special guest speaker! Jon R. Anderson, author of *"The Acceptance - What Brings and Keeps Lifelong Love,"* will join us for dinner Friday, Sunday School, and a Sunday Small Group Leader Training to discuss practical ways to pursue the principles of true love, what's going on in our relationships, and how to practice acceptance. Register for the Saturday Dinner and RSVP for the Sunday Training & Luncheon by Sunday, October 2 at fpcsanantonio.org/marriage-focus. See [page 8](#) for more information.

LOVE SATX – LOCAL MISSION WEEK

Sunday, October 16 – Sunday, October 23

Join our FPC family in loving and serving San Antonio through participating in Love SATX October 16-23! We will have opportunities for everyone to participate in loving our neighbors and neighborhoods, including a Worship Night on Sunday, October 16 (RSVP at fpcsanantonio.org/lovesatx), and serving opportunities with partners on Saturday, October 22. See [page 13](#) for more details and sign up for Serve Day online at bit.ly/lovesatx-serve or at the registration table in Mauze Lobby on Sundays!

SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOX MINISTRY

Box Dropoff Deadline, Sunday November 13

Bless children around the world with the gift of Christmas this year by participating in The Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry. Pick up your box at FPC as soon as possible, fill it with goodies, and return by November 13 when we will pray over the boxes before they are shipped out. More information can be found at samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Sunday, October 16 | 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Children Lead Worship - 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM in Sanctuary | 11:00 AM in Westminster Hall

Join the FPC Children's Ministry in worship in all three Sunday services as our children lead liturgy, ushering, and greeting! (Please note, rehearsal will be held on Saturday, October 15 at 10:00 AM.)

Children's Bible Workshops - 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Third grade children and their parents will meet in the Geneva Room. Parents of two-year-olds will meet in the Nutrition Center. Bibles will be presented in both 11:00 AM Worship Services. Contact Becky Prichard at beckyp@fpcsat.org with questions.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, October 18 | 6:30 PM

Home of Catherine Whitsett

Women of all ages are invited to an informal gathering at the lovely home of Catherine Whitsett (203 Haskin Dr 78209). We will enjoy delicious refreshments and the chance to visit with old and new friends. It will be a wonderful time of connecting! We will focus on the local mission, School Connect (schoolconnectsa.org), as part of the Love SATX week. Donations for school care packages will be collected at the door. There is no charge for this event, so bring a friend! So that we have a count of how many to expect, please register at fpcsanantonio.org/lno or at the registration table in the Mauze lobby on the three Sunday mornings before the event. Please contact Ellen Meadows with any questions at e.meadows@att.net or (210) 232-3738.

FPC YAC LEAD

Wednesday, October 19 | 6:30 - 7:45 PM | 302

(Light Dinner at 6:15 PM)

Join us for an interactive, practical training time for leaders and potential leaders within the Young Adult Community! We will look at biblical principles of leadership and how to apply them in our lives, both within the church walls and without! No experience or formal leadership title is necessary – all that is required is a desire to serve!

YAC GOSPEL COMMUNITY GROUPS

Study the Bible in community with other young adults so that you can grow together in knowing God and His Word. These small groups meet at least twice a month for fellowship, study, and prayer together in homes. Visit fpcsanantonio.org/gcgroups for a full list of groups.

YAC COLLEGE GCGROUP

Sundays (bi-weekly) | 6:00 PM | Student Center

The Gospel Community College Group begins Sunday, September 4. Don't miss out on this chance to go deeper in God's Word and in relationships with other believers! Contact Bella Martinez, bellajmartinez18@gmail.com or 210-379-7374, to sign up!

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

"ON LOCATION:

THE PEOPLES AND PLACES OF THE BIBLE"

Wednesdays | 6:30 PM | Covenant Hall

Thursdays | Covenant Hall & fpcsanantonio.org

9:30 AM (Large Group) & 10:30 AM (Small Groups)

Unlock the beauty of the Bible and our understanding of God's Word by learning more about the historical, cultural and geographic context of God's covenant history. Join Dr. Bob Fuller in Covenant Hall Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM (Preview Edition), or on Thursday mornings. You may also join us virtually on Thursdays via live-stream through the FPC app or fpcsanantonio.org. Questions? Contact Sheila Figueroa at sheilaf@fpcsat.org. For Thursday morning small group placement, please contact Lellen Lane at lellenlane@aol.com or (210) 860-1395.

MEN'S SMALL GROUPS

Interested in joining a small group of men for study, prayer and fellowship? Join a Men's Ministry Small Group as they study "33 The Series: A Journey to Authentic Manhood as Modeled by Jesus in His 33 Years on Earth." This video series will help you discover a healthy vision for manhood and a community where you can be yourself. Contact Gardner Peavy at gardnerpeavy@gmail.com for questions about small groups.

GOSPEL COMMUNITY GATHERING

**Monday, October 24 | 7:00 PM | Student Center
(Dinner at 6:30)**

Join other young adults for a time of dinner, worship, biblical teaching, fellowship, and prayer. This is our monthly gathering for all of our Gospel Community Groups which meet throughout the month. Contact Carrie Everson (carrie@fpcsat.org) or Mitchell Moore (mitchellm@fpcsat.org). More information at fpcsanantonio.org/gcgroups.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (SESSION 2)

Tuesdays | Oct. 25 - Nov. 15 | 9:30 AM | Covenant Hall

In Keri Denker's *Philippians Journal and Doodle Bible Study*, we will work chapter by chapter through the book of Philippians in a creative and refreshing way—tracing the themes of growth and joy. This study is specifically designed to fit into the time we have without typical daily assignments. By the end of this 4-week study we will have read and discussed Philippians and created a beautiful keepsake journal to review and keep as a legacy. Childcare available upon request. Contact Catherine Miller, 210-394-2045, grcmiller@sbcglobal.net.

TEAM WORLD VISION (RUN THE ALAMO)

Training: Monday, October 31, 2022 – Thursday, March 2, 2023 | Race Date: March 5, 2023

Join us for the Run the Alamo Half Marathon or Marathon with FPC's Team World Vision team. No experience is necessary—the training plans take you from "couch" to race. Training is on your own, but each Saturday morning there is an optional group run with other teams. If you'd rather walk than run, you may walk the Half Marathon. We run to raise money for clean water projects around the world through Team World Vision. Every \$50 we raise provides clean water for life for one person. Contact Gordon Smith at gordons@servicetitlesa.com. To find out more, or to register, go to bit.ly/FPC-runthealamo.

DIVORCECARE: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Wednesday, November 2 | 6:00 -8:00 PM | Room 226

DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays is a seminar for people experiencing separation or divorce who are facing the holiday season without their former spouse. It's filled with practical strategies from a biblical perspective for dealing with the changes and emotions that come with the season. Please feel free to connect with Butch Gerfers at 210-862-9998 or gerfers@flash.net, if you have any questions or would like more information. Register at fpcsanantonio.org/support-groups. \$10 registration includes a survival guide booklet, scholarships available.

7-11 YOUTH EVENT

Friday, November 4 | 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

All students, grades 6-12, are invited back to our favorite fun event of the semester! Students are encouraged to bring friends and come spend the evening playing games, eating good food, and catching up. Contact Kerri Napoli at kerrin@fpcsat.org.

CHECK OUT THE FPC LIBRARY!

Our church library has over 14,000 volumes! We are blessed with options such as fiction, nonfiction, biographies, reference, periodicals, and much more. The library is free to all covenant partners, adults and children alike. Volunteer work in the library is welcomed and, if you have an hour or more to share, please contact Suzanne West at 210-525-1499 or Morgan Fuller at mw.fuller4@comcast.net.

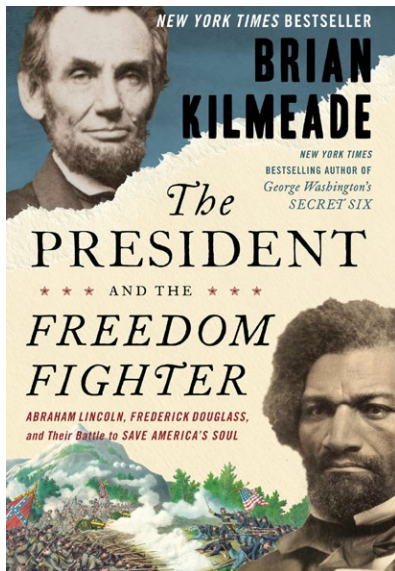
PRAYING WITH THE MINISTERS

The Deacons, Elders, and Covenant Partners are encouraged to sign up to pray with the ministers before the Traditional Services. The person is to be in the Robing Room, Room 227, 10 minutes prior to the service (9:20 AM and 10:50 AM). A short prayer with the Pastors starts when all are present or the Pastor gives the go-ahead. To sign-up please go to this link for Praying with the Ministers: bit.ly/pray-with-ministers.

SAVE THE DATE - NOVEMBER 20, 2022 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY

LITERATURE CIRCLE

The circle meets the second Tuesday of each month. Two copies of each book are available in the church library to be checked out.



On Tuesday, October 11, 2022, Literature Circle presents member, Martha Smith, who will review a little known story, *The President and The Freedom Fighter*, by author, Brian Kilmeade. This is a historical book about President Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Both loved their country and the Constitution, but knew slavery needed to go.

We will meet in the McCullough Room at 1:00 PM (social) followed by the review. Men and women are invited to attend. Delayed streaming is available on our FPC website: fpcsanantonio.org/lit-circle

Grace Clouse

Literature Circle Chair

Willie Willming

Literature Circle Publicity

Reading List 2022-2023

Date	Book	Reviewer
October 11	<i>The President and The Freedom Fighter</i> by Brian Kilmeade	Martha Smith
November 8	Broadway Musical Presentation (<i>Porgy and Bess</i>)	Bill Hensley
December 13	<i>The Leopard is Loose</i> by Stephen Harrigan	Rev. Scott Simpson
January 10	<i>The Captured</i> by Scott Zesch	Janet Wernli
February 14	<i>The Tigers of Bastogne, Voices of the 10th Armored Division in The Battle of The Bulge</i> by Michael Collins and Martin King	Hank Cherry
March 14	<i>The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek</i> by Kim Michele Richardson	Jane Hanson
April 11	<i>The Honey Bus</i> by Meredith May	TBD
May 9	<i>These Precious Days</i> by Ann Patchett	Ann Smith



FPC Marriage Ministry Presents:

Focus on Marriage Weekend

📍 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SAN ANTONIO | 404 N. ALAMO
🕒 SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 - 16

Marriage Ministry is bringing you a special guest speaker! Jon R. Anderson, author of "The Acceptance – What Brings and Keeps Lifelong Love," will join us for dinner to discuss practical ways to pursue the principals of true love. Jon will equip us to truly love our spouses well. He will explain what's going on in our relationships and how to practice acceptance. Jon is the founder of Growing Love Network, has over 25 years as a counselor & therapist, and 35 years of "real life" experience.

Dinner & Guest Speaker

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 | 7:00 - 9:00 PM
WESTMINSTER HALL

Childcare Available by Registration

Register Online at
fpcsanantonio.org/marriage-dinner



SINGLE
\$25



COUPLE
\$50



TABLE (8)
\$175

Additional Opportunities

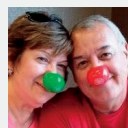
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 | 9:00 - 10:30 AM

Breakfast & Marriage Ministry Sunday School Class with Jon Anderson teaching.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 | 12:30 - 2:00 PM

Marriage Small Group Leader Training with lunch featuring Jon Anderson.

Ministry Partners



Carlos & Nora Rodriguez

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*A movement of God among the youth of Central and Eastern Europe
that finds its home in the local church and transforms society*



Monument in a Prague cemetery: "Kdo ve mne věří, nezemře na věky" ("Whoever believes in me will never die").



Mae has taken the courageous step of attending her very first school ever. As a homeschool student for nine years, who would have guessed that her first classroom would be in a foreign language? Please pray for the transitions for Mae attending school and to making new friends there. Also pray for continued language growth for all three of us.

I Am Enough

I remember being startled by this thought when it came to me one summer morning seven years ago. The words, "**I Am Enough**," intruded my mind without invitation. It was such a disruption to my thoughts at the time. I wasn't sure why these words came or what to do with them.

Confused, I began to question the intrusive thought: What? Did I think this thought? Why would I think this thought?

Then, it came again, with the softness of a whisper, and I realized the voice wasn't mine. The words rolled around in my head for the rest of the day as I attempted to make sense of them and contemplated what to do with them.

The statement continued to come to me with regularity in the months and years that followed. Sometimes I would see these words written somewhere. Sometimes I would hear someone say them. But every time they came, it took me back to that moment in the car and I knew they were being said to me directly.

It only began to make sense over time. When our oldest child left for college and my life began that inevitable transition from young mom with young kids to older mom with older kids - and grief set in – **Jesus was enough.**

When my role of daughter transitioned to the role of caregiver – **Jesus was enough.**

When we came to realize the call to "leave father, mother, children, house" was being given to us and we weren't sure we could give up those things – **Jesus was enough.**

When we realized we had to humble ourselves to our community of friends and ask them to join us – during a pandemic, no less – **Jesus was enough.**

When the global uncertainty and fears of a pandemic swirled around us like a tornado – **Jesus was enough.**

When I struggled with the heavy task of leaving my aging father in the care of strangers to follow my Savior – even then, especially then – **Jesus was enough.**

When I am a foreigner, can't speak the language and encounter difficulty in daily life – **Jesus is enough.**

When you are four months into this new life and war breaks out just 300 miles from your door – **Jesus is enough.**

Here we are, nine months into this new life and new calling. It has been such an unusual mixture of grief and joy, tumult and peace, discomfort and contentedness. For sure, we are still settling in and grieving the losses.

We are also learning to delight in being uncomfortable and uncertain. Each day poses new challenges and, as with the Ukraine war, we can't know what the next day holds. But we know the One who goes before us and holds the day in His hands and we can rest in knowing **He is enough for whatever the day brings.**

- Molli



Learning the Rhythms of Peace & Hope

In our last update, the war in Ukraine was still new. Millions were fleeing. Peace nowhere to be found.

Today, the war continues, even though the headlines have changed on the news feed. Even though the war rages on, the refugee flow has mostly halted and many Ukrainians have returned back to their homes, if they are still standing. Our JV team has also returned and has been engaged all summer working with displaced and hurting young people.

One of our areas of summer focus was to reach thousands of displaced Ukrainian teenagers.

We offered full scholarships to Ukrainian teens to



attend 60 different summer camps both in Ukraine and in surrounding countries, and organizing or funding another 72 projects to impact Ukrainian young people through local churches.

Our goal was to reach over 5,000 Ukrainian young people with personal care and a clear gospel message this summer. Amazingly, this summer the JV team coordinated 163 projects for Ukrainians (65 of those took place within Ukraine). These events impacted over 7,000 Ukrainians!

The darkness and evils of war have softened the hearts of many Ukrainian youth. They have been receptive to the saving gospel message of Jesus. Our team has had the joyful privilege of leading young people from darkness into the light. There have been many stories of young people giving their lives to Jesus. Praise God!

Words from one of our staff members following one camp in Ukraine:

“We just finished our camp; it was amazing that it was even possible. It was an environment of joyful renewal for teenagers. They loved it. There were no sirens, none at all, and there was peace. In a time when people are dying every day, we were able to build normal, ordinary relationships with young people from Lviv schools. Some were refugees from bombed territories of Ukraine.”

- JV Staff, Olya Meland



The Prague subway metro stop "Náměstí Míru" ("Peace Square").

RENEW – Renewing opportunities while addressing care needs.

Some of the areas in which we are focused:

- Trauma care
- Youth-focused camps and events
- Reestablishing ongoing ministry care for youth
- Engaging U.S.-based churches and organizations for long-term relationships with Ukrainians
- Preparation for the REBUILD PHASE with staff needs, ongoing care and logistics

REBUILD – Restoring society from the impact of war

As we plan, these are a few of the needs:

- Assessing and addressing post-war needs (emotional, physical and spiritual)
- Developing education programs and training teachers
- Investing in key leaders that will transform society
- Assisting with Ukraine church restoration

If you want to help support this ongoing work of Josiah Venture in Ukraine, you can give through the link below.

Josiah Venture's HELP Ukraine Response
<https://bit.ly/josiahventure-ukraine>



The Path Behind and Ahead in Ukraine

What began as a sprint for our team has settled into a long-term marathon in Ukraine.

The ongoing war lengthens the need to help. To have stamina, we have established three phases: RESPOND, RENEW and RESTORE.

RESPOND - Get aid in; Get people out.

Here is a bit of what has already been accomplished by God's grace through the RESPOND phase:

- 670 metric tons of food were purchased, delivered and distributed in Ukraine (A full semi-truck is 14 tons). This is enough for 1.8 million meals
- 200,000 pieces of literature sharing the gospel, hope and comfort were printed and distributed
- \$300,000 of medical supplies and aid were purchased and delivered
- 5,450 people were evacuated from war zones into Western Ukraine and the EU
- 51 buses transported refugees into the EU
- 3,200 people received semi-permanent housing and placement in the EU
- 13,625 nights of housing were given to refugees in Ukraine and 31,875 meals were provided

[Paul and Molli Williams, former members of FPCSA, began serving with Josiah Venture in summer 2021 and recently moved to the Czech Republic where Paul serves on the leadership team of JV as head of operations and finance. Molli disciples young missionary families and local Czechs. And their youngest daughter, Mae, is a JV kid and just began attending a local Czech school. You can learn more about their ministry with JV at www.josiahventure.com/pmwilliams]

MISSIONS MONTH



GLOBAL MISSIONS SUNDAY

October 2, 2022

fpcsanantonio.org/global-missions

Celebrate World Communion Sunday and Global Missions Sunday at First Presbyterian Church!

FPC will be joined by several of our Global Mission Partners to connect with and learn about what God is doing in the Global Church.

Join us for opportunities in Sunday schools, small groups, and more to connect with our ministry partners and find out how you can participate in using your gifts for God's glory globally!

Contact Lindsay Selli at lindsays@fpcsat.org with questions.

"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

9:30 AM Sunday Schools

- For Parents: "Discipling Your Children For God: A Testimony" with Cristina Inchaustegui (AMO) | 1st Floor Nutrition Center
- For Children: "God's Wisdom For Us" - Chris and Francelia McReynolds (AMO) | 1st Floor Assembly Rm
- For Youth: "Living on Mission With God" Teri Adair (The Antioch Partners) | FPC Student Center
- For Young Adult Communities: "Living Out Your Calling In Young Adulthood" - Luly Inchaustegui (AMO) | Rm 300

Worship Services

- 9:30 AM Traditional and 11:00 AM Contemporary "Good News in Difficult Places" David Chakranarayan – Mission India
- 11:00 AM Traditional "Be ORO – Open, Ready, Obedient." Piotr Nowak – WSTS Poland

Reception/Fellowship

10:30 - 10:50 AM and 12:00 - 12:30 PM

To learn more about ways you can connect and serve with our Global Mission Partners, we will have a fellowship/reception space in the McCullough Room, Nowlin Tower, and the Upper Courtyard between the worship services and after the last worship services.

Love SATX

GOD'S MISSION. OUR CITY.

fpcsanantonio.org/lovesatx

Love and serve our city alongside our FPC Local Missions Partners!

Love SATX Worship Service

Sunday, Oct. 16 | 6:00 PM | Westminster Hall

Joint worship with local churches we have supported in planting, prayer, and fellowship (La Familia Church, RISE, ACC Downtown and more!) Dinner begins at 5:15 PM. RSVP at fpcsanantonio.org/lovesatx so we can have enough chairs and food for everyone.

WOC Ladies' Night Out

Tuesday, Oct. 18 | 6:30 PM

Catherine Whitsett's Home (203 Haskin Dr, 78209)

Ladies are collecting donations for local mission partner, School Connect (schoolconnectsa.org). RSVP, see the Teacher Care Package idea list and get more info at fpcsanantonio.org/lno.

Love SATX Serve Day

Saturday, Oct. 22 | 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

If you would like to take part in Love SATX Serve Day, please register online at bit.ly/lovesatx-serve or at the table in Mauze Lobby on Sundays. Each project has a limited number of volunteer slots. On the registration page, please download, complete, and return one release form per participant to Lindsay Selli at lindsays@fpcsat.org.

Serve Day Schedule

- **8:30 AM** - Gather at FPC (breakfast tacos included)
- **9:00 AM** - Go to project sites
- **9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**
Serve at project sites
- **12:00 PM** - Lunch and Celebration
Chris Madrid's (1900 Blanco Rd, 78212)

Serve Day Projects

- **Christian Assistance Ministries (CAM):** help host a clothing giveaway for our neighbors, install misters outside, and clean in the CAM building.
- **Haven For Hope:** Host a Fall Party for families at Haven For Hope
- **KRL Breakfast with our Neighbors:** Prepare breakfast, serve food in the Meditation Garden at FPC, and spend time in fellowship with our neighbors.
- **KRL Cleaning:** Help clean in the KRL.
- **Mission Road Ministries:** Host a Fall Dance Party for the residents and guests of Mission Road Ministries.
- **Morningside Ministries:** Host a Fall Festival for the residents of Morningside Ministries.
- **Pay It Forward:** Help set up for the Pay It Forward's Oktoberfest event at San Pedro Springs Park.
- **Presbyterian Children's Home and Services (PCHAS):** Decorate the porches of residents' homes for the fall and the PCHAS Trunk or Treat event.
- **San Antonio YoungLives:** Host a Fall Celebration for moms and their babies at the FPC Playground.
- **Westminster Hall Packing Party:** Help pack bags and baskets as well as write encouragement notes for several of our Local Missions partners, including: KRL, SA Hope Center, School Connect, Any Woman Can, One By One, SA Life Restored, and Chosen Care.

MINISTRY TESTIMONIAL



"Thirteen, that's the age of Nikki when we first began working with her. It was love at first encounter. She was a kid who had been abused her entire life by first her family, and then by family friends. Still she craved their affection and acceptance, the things they would not or maybe even could not give. The course of Nikki's life landed her in the Bexar County Juvenile Detention Center. It's exactly where God had us at the time.

From there she went to Cyndi Taylor Krier Treatment Center, so God sent us there. When she completed her services there she was placed with her father in another city. We lost contact.

Two years later one of our team members gets a phone call. It's Nikki declaring, "I got it! I got it! I finally understand what you all were trying to tell me. I've got Jesus, He lives in my heart!" What a day of rejoicing for us!

Upon turning 18, Nikki moved back to San Antonio to be with the mother whose love she always wanted. What she got was more abuse, abuse of every nature. To escape the abuse, she moved in with her 'boyfriend,' who she said was 21. (Chris, our Guest Intake Coordinator, had already scoped him out as being much older when he dropped her off). The man was the family's friend, the same man who trafficked her when she was only 13.

*Nikki had so many needs, ongoing needs, far more than we could provide, so when she came into my office and I finished the intake, I walked her across the hall to the **SA Hope Center**. There she met with Trish, who became her case manager. Trish took her to the clothing store-room where she was able to pick out three new or gently used outfits, new undergarments and an assortment of toiletries. We then walked down the hall to talk to Julie at **Any Woman Can** who made some recommendations and offered help with women's health.*

When Nikki realized we were on to her 'boyfriend' she ghosted us, but too many seeds had been planted, we knew she'd be back. She had moved back in with her Mom, who told her she needed to bring in more money before throwing all her belongings out on the front lawn and then calling the police to have her committed. It would be three months later when we got her call. She was in the hospital's mental ward, she had been raped twice in one week by two different people, she was pregnant.

*We at LRSA were the only people to visit Nikki. Nikki battled with depression and anxieties as you might imagine. We found the perfect placement for her through **STCH**, another of our partnerships, but her family said no and we were forced to take our hands off. When God says yes, it doesn't matter who says no. On this past Saturday (August, 2022) we went to Nikki's baby shower at the **STCH** home. It was beautiful! She was beautiful! And we got to see Nikki baptized!"*

CAROLYN THOMAS



**KINGDOM
RESTORATION
COLLABORATIVE**

ANCHOR PARTNERS



any**woman**can

Any Woman Can is a non-profit Health Center that offers FREE services to people that are in crises. Our team of client advocates, nurses, and counselors work together to help clients walk from crisis to comeback.

www.anywomancansa.com



Empowering people to reconnect, heal, grow, and regain their freedom. SA Hope Center exists to offer grace-filled mentoring and programs to empower individuals and families experiencing crisis and/or poverty to become sustainable.

www.sahopecenter.org



Life Restored SA
Restoring a Life, Restores Family, Restores Community

Life Restored SA uses a restorative collaboration approach to help exploited youth and their families recover from the trauma of human sex trafficking. Our mentors utilize existing services within the community to get the assistance our families need on their path to restoration.

www.liferestoredsa.org

LOVING ONE ANOTHER

Report from the Deacons

The First Presbyterian Church Deacons look forward to this upcoming year of serving and caring.

The purpose of our ministry is to provide Spiritual Care to individuals in need. The Diaconate is a group of men and women who are nominated, trained, elected and appointed by our pastors, elders, leaders and covenant partners. The Diaconate, formed as a ministry of care, comfort, connection, compassion and hope that reaches out to Covenant Partners, regular visitors and those in our community who are in crisis or in challenging circumstances.

The year began at the August 2022 meeting when the Deacon Class of 2025 were welcomed. These new officers had completed six weeks of training in May and June and were installed with the new Elders at the August 7, 2022 Installation Service.

The Deacons perform a very important ministry in our church including visits with at-home members, serving as grief companions, keeping in contact with covenant partners and families who are patients in area hospitals and rehabilitation centers, sharing after worship prayer and delivering Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies.

Currently, there are 88 at home church members who worship and participate virtually with church activities from their home. The Deacons visit regularly with these members and it is a joy and blessing to get to know these friends. Many close friendships have been enjoyed through the years between Deacons and their care recipients.

Listed below are the Deacons who are currently serving. If you or a loved one should need Deacon care or assistance or if you are interested in being a part of the Deacon ministry, please speak with a current Deacon, Rev. Scott Simpson or Rev. Joe Moore.

Class of 2023

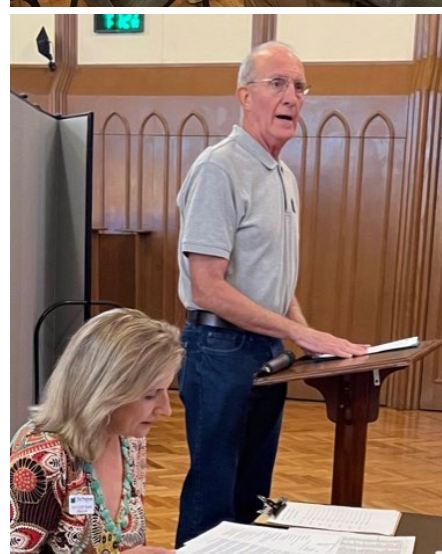
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Mills Buchek
Leah Butler
Linda Delano
Joy Fuhrmann
Julie Hill
Janet Hornberger
Scott Howard
Pat Johnson
Sichan Siv
Kelly Strange
Chaney Stuart
Suzanne Sturdivant
Don Test
Amy White
Lisa Wolff
Bill Young

Class of 2024

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William Etheredge
Nancy Gerfers
Robin Hudnall
Kiech Jung
Kirk Oden
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John Peters
Nancy Rice
Marianne Ryan
Yelena Seletskaya-Alvarado
Martha Smith
Zach Smith
Cheri Stith
Kathy Timberlake
Mary Wilde

Class of 2025

Mary Alexander
Tom Benke
Lee Folkes
Jessica Fritz
Georgia Heath
Mary Henderson
Lellen Lane
Gilbert (Stanley) Medford
Michael Morse
Mike Munroe
Nancy Puckett
Marti Seal
Jane Ann Temple
Neil Williams
Ben Young



WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Oct. 2022



Luncheon photos by Jessica Fritz.

Circle Chairs & Bible Moderators

*(Circles meet September through May,
except for Circles 18 & 20, who provide service all year)*

- Circle 1/12 Suzanne Thomas, Chair (210-846-3240)
Grace Labatt, Moderator
October 17, Third Monday, 11:30 am, Geneva Room
(with meal)
- Circle 5 Kay Weber, Co-Chair (210-288-5290)
Mary Fruge-Medford, Co-Chair (210-823-7054)
SHAWL MINISTRY
October 19, Third Wednesday, 1:00 pm, Room 228
- Circle 6 Jean Parsons, Chair (210-240-7483)
Members of Circle, Moderators
October 18, Third Tuesday, 1:30 pm, McCullough Room
- Circle 7 Mary Ellen Mauze, Chair & Moderator (210-844-5549)
October 18, Third Tuesday, 11:30 am, FPC (byo lunch)
- Circle 8 Nancy Turnbull, Chair (210-606-5420)
Members of Circle, Moderators, Circle for mothers of
young children
October 28, Fourth Friday, 11:45 am, St. Andrews Room
(byo lunch or buy at KEYS)
- Circle 9 Grace Clouse, Co-Chair (734-718-7057)
Janice Wilson, Co-Chair (210-492-0333/210-260-4157)
Ann Smith, Moderator
October 18, Third Tuesday, 10:00 am, Breakfast Room
- Circle 11 Jean Swanson, Chair (210-826-0766)
Members of Circle, Moderators
October 24, Third Monday, 12:30 pm
Linda Ruhmann's, 127 W. Elmview, 78209
- Circle 13 Grace Clouse, Chair (734-718-7057)
LITERATURE CIRCLE
October 11, Second Tuesday, 1:00 pm, McCullough Room
- Circle 14 Karen Carawan, Chair (210-213-4589)
Suzie Simpson, Moderator
October 17, Third Monday, 12:00 pm, St. Andrews Room
(with meal)
- Circle 18 Char-An Witten, Chair (210-341-1856)
Pat Brodeen, Email Contact (pat@brodeen.com)
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
when needed

Presidents Letter Oct. 2022

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25

It is officially Fall, and Women of the Church continue to be busy! We held our first Council meeting where we honored and thanked Susan Dullnig for her many years of serving as Director of Facilities with a James Avery cross necklace. (See if you can see it in the photo!). Our many Circles have also had their first meetings of the year. If you or someone you know is interested in joining or visiting a Circle, please feel free to contact me or Lynn Thompson, our Vice President of Circles, at lynn@thompsondata.com or (210)771-7619. We'd love to help you connect with a group.

We were blessed with a fabulous presentation by Dr. Anna Armstrong at our Fall Legacy Luncheon on September 26. If you missed it, the presentation can be found on our website at fpcsanantonio.org/woc. What an inspiration it was to learn how God has been using special people like Dr. P.B. Hill to build His church. Thank you, Anna, for sharing some of his story. There is also a book available in our church library titled, "For God and Texas: The Life of PB Hill", by Green Peyton, which is a fun and interesting read.

Coming up in October is our first **Ladies Night Out on Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30 PM**. Women of all ages are invited to an informal gathering at the lovely home of Catherine Whitsett (203 Haskin Dr 78209). We will enjoy delicious refreshments and the chance to visit with old and new friends. It will be a wonderful time of connecting! There is no charge for this event, so bring a friend! Please register so that we have a count of how many to expect. There will be a registration table in the Mauze lobby on the

three Sunday mornings before the event, or register online at fpcsanantonio.org/lno. Please contact Ellen Meadows with any questions at e.meadows@att.net or (210)232-3738.

Women of the Church will be hosting a **Staff Appreciation luncheon for all of the FPC staff on Wednesday, October 26 from 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM**. We depend on and are supported by an amazing and talented group of people from the housekeeping and office staff to the pastors. It is our privilege to serve them a luncheon as a gesture of our appreciation. Many thanks to Virginia Beeler and Mary Wilde for organizing this effort.

Please consider sharing the love of Christ this Christmas by participating in the WOC Gift of Christmas. The Gift of Christmas is an opportunity for individuals or groups in our church to share Christ's love with others by giving food, clothing, gifts and/or gift cards to families in our community who are in need. For Gift of Christmas, WOC partners with the House of Neighborly Service, a nonprofit that ministers to San Antonio's west side community and identifies families in need. Please let Lellen Lane, Liz Medley, Kim Smith or Susie Patterson know if you or your group would like to bring the Gift of Christmas to a family in need and more importantly share God's love with our brothers and sisters in Christ in our west side community.

I am so thankful for all the ways we are able to gather for fellowship this year! May God send His blessing of the Holy Spirit to inspire us all to bring Him glory!

In His Love,

Linda Delano

President of Women of the Church



WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST THROUGH

THE Gift OF Christmas

The "Gift of Christmas" is an opportunity for individuals or groups in our church to share Christ's love with others by giving food, clothing, gifts and/or gift cards to families in our community who are in need. Each family is referred to us by the House of Neighborly Service (HNS). Some families are large, with many children, while others are small with just one or two children. All are very appreciative of the gifts and the givers.

HNS is a non-profit, multi-service neighborhood center founded in 1917 by Presbyterian missionaries. The center provides a wide range of social, educational, and health-related programs for families in need on San Antonio's west side. FPC and WOC has actively supported HNS and participated in the "Gift of Christmas" program for many years.

We encourage WOC circles, Sunday school classes, small groups, various church organizations, families and individuals to share in this effort to include one of these families in your Christmas giving. When we receive your completed family request form, we will match you with a family and provide all of the family information. We will make every effort to match family sizes with your request. If you are unable to adopt a family but still wish to participate, cash donations are appreciated and will be used toward gifts for a larger family or a family that we are not able to match with a FPC covenant partner or group. Your caring outreach and expression of Christian love will make an enormous difference for these brothers and sisters in Christ this Christmas season.

Gift of Christmas Family Request Forms and Guidelines will be available online at fpcsanantonio.org/christmas-giving, at the table in the Mauze Lobby every Sunday morning beginning October 23 through November 6, or can be requested by emailing the below listed committee members. We will also have a box at the table for cash donations, gifts, and cards. Please return the completed form no later than November 6.

Lellen Lane
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lellenlane@aol.com

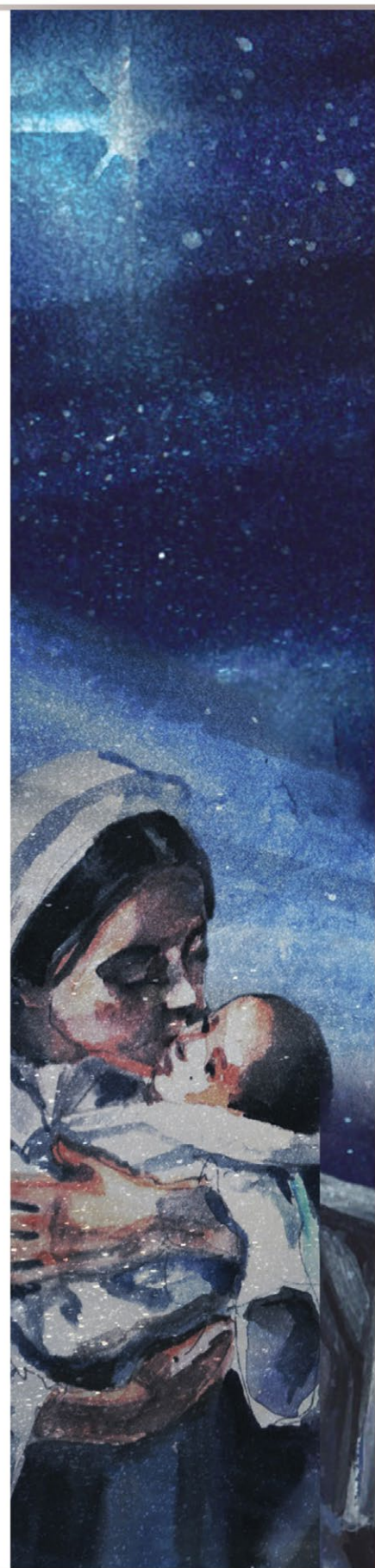
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"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God."
- 2 Corinthians 9:12

The Gift of Christmas is a mission project coordinated by
the Women of the Church at
First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio, Texas



LOVING THE CITY

Prison Ministry

Hebrews 13:3 Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them.

Since his appointment to the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, Sichan Siv has been a voice crying out to remember the prisoners. Anne Smith and Sandy Sturch, who were devoted to visiting those in prison, would likely join in on his plea. Sichan persevered and recruited others to join him, to at least explore the possibilities. On June 7, 2022, twenty or more participated in a volunteer training course offered by the Department of Criminal Justice. At least five of those attending were Covenant Partners of FPC. After receiving certificates of completion, several were able to visit the Dominguez Unit just west of San Antonio.

As a result of that visit, there is a stirring of interest in exploring a restoration of a prison ministry at FPC. We don't want to move forward without a confirmation of God's calling and without volunteers to help facilitate the work. If you have an interest in this potential ministry please contact Pastor Joe Moore; joem@fpcsat.org.

You may recognize participants on the tour of the Dominguez Unit pictured below. Pray that God will raise up a ministry team of His choosing if it is in His will to send us in that direction. We hope to do more than "Remember" we want to seek out what the needs are and with God's direction participate in suppling them.



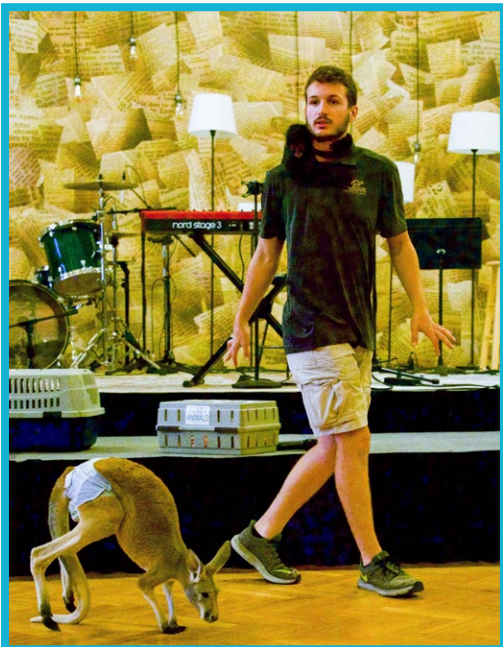
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KEYS

KEEPING EVERYONE YOUNG IN SPIRIT

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Wild Things Zoofari was a great kick-off for the new year. We all thought the red kangaroo was going to play the drums! Did you know that skunks make great rattlesnake hunters and are immune to their venom? Thank you to Spencer Brown and his panel of experts. Spencer is becoming our go-to person for senior adult issues. We enjoyed visiting the Chandler Estate, did anyone put down a deposit? Of course, Brad Normandeau, will likely stand out as a hit for September.

On **October 5**, you renew your AARP Safe Driving Certificate. Call the church office to reserve your spot for the seminar. 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 for AARP members, \$25 for non-members. Call the church office to make your reservation.

October 7, Mirian Sokol from the Children's Bereavement Center will be with us to share what is being done to help families who have lost loved ones. She will also have an update on the good things taking place in Uvalde.

October 14, Julie Bedingfield & Molly Schluter from the HEB Public Affairs Team have stories to share of what is happening with HEB. Julie was baptized at First Presbyterian Church; Molly and her husband Eric are covenant partners.

October 21, we will participate in Mission Month by helping to pack, collate, fold, or make anything that is needed to support our Local Missions outreach event - Love SATX, God's mission our city. There will be volunteer opportunities to serve with others on Saturday, October 22.

October 28, we will celebrate our October Birthdays at Morgan's Wonderland Camp. We visited with Jessicah Holloway via zoom. This will be our up close and personal tour and lunch. Birthday Lunches begin at 11:30 AM at the restaurant a shuttle from FPC leaves at 10:45 AM. Birthday Lunches are \$15.



Mahjong players are meeting on the **2nd and 4th Fridays** in the Geneva Room, immediately after lunch. We are also recruiting Bridge Players as well. You don't have to be a seasoned player and if you have a game you would like to play, let us know and we will make room for you!



Plan now to join us on **November 28**, to wrap gifts for the Elf Louise Project from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. A shuttle will be available from FPC and we will stop for Lunch at Acadiana Café.

December 4, we have 20 tickets to see White Christmas at the Woodlawn Theater. Show time is 3:00 p.m., there will be a shuttle from FPC leaving at 2:15 p.m.



All onsite KEYS lunches begin with our speaker at 11:00 AM, followed by lunch at Noon. Cost is \$13, make your reservations by signing up or calling into the church office.

Rev. Dr. Joe Moore

Assistant Pastor for Older Adults and Congregational Care



FIRST CUP READINGS

OCTOBER, 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

1 Isaiah 65; Romans 10

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, No. 190)

2 Romans 11; Psalm 139

3 Romans 12; Leviticus 19:18; Proverbs 20:22;
1 Peter 2:11-12

4 Romans 13; Titus 3:1-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

5 Romans 14; Psalm 34:14; Hebrews 12:14-15;
1 Corinthians 8:9-13

6 Romans 15-16; Romans 12:10; 1 Peter 1:22;
1 John 4:7-21

7 1 John 1-2

8 1 John 3; John 13:34-35

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love: The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our aims, are one, Our comforts and our cares. We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear, And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear. From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin, we shall be free; And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity. (The Hymnbook, No. 473)

9 John 3:16-18; Romans 5:8; 1 John 4

10 1 John 5; Psalm 36; 106:1

11 Deuteronomy 28; Zephaniah 1

12 Zephaniah 2; Isaiah 59

13 Zephaniah 3; Isaiah 62:1-5; Revelation 2:17

14 Genesis 1-2; John 1:1-14; Colossians 1:15-20

15 Genesis 3; Romans 1:17-32; Romans 5:12-21;
1 Corinthians 15:20-28

God is our Refuge and Strength, our ever present aid, And therefore, though the earth remove, We will not be afraid; Though hills amidst the seas be cast, Though foaming waters roar, Yea, though the mighty billows shake the mountains on the shore. Since God is in the midst of her, unmoved her walls shall stand, For God will be her early help, when trouble is at hand. (The Hymnbook, No. 381)

16 Genesis 4; Hebrews 11:1-4; 1 John 3

17 Genesis 6; Psalm 14; Hebrews 11:7; Romans 3:9-30

18 Genesis 7; Psalm 36; 1 Peter 3:8-22

19 Genesis 8; Jeremiah 5; Psalm 111

20 Genesis 9; Isaiah 54; Luke 17:20-37

21 Genesis 12-13; Hebrews 11:8-10;

22 Genesis 15-17; Hebrews 11:11-16; Romans 4

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King! Thro' eternal ages let His praises ring. "Glory in the highest!" I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God. Standing on the promises of Christ, the Lord, bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord, Overcoming daily with the Spirit's Sword, Standing on the promises of God. Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, Resting in my Savior as my All in All, Standing on the promises of God. (Worship in Song, No. 472)

23 Genesis 21-22; Hebrews 11:17-19; 6:13-20

24 Genesis 32-33; 1 Chronicles 16:7-18; Psalm 20

25 Genesis 35; Ruth 4:11-17; Micah 5:1-9;

Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 1:46-55

26 Genesis 36:1-8; Isaiah 34; Jeremiah 49:7-22;

Ezekiel 25:12-14; Malachi 1:4

27 Genesis 37; 1 John 2:9-11; 3:11-15; 4:19-21

28 Genesis 39; Proverbs 2

29 Genesis 40; Psalm 105:16-22

How firm a foundation, ye saints of The Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus hath fled? "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, I will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand, When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow will not overflow; For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress, The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

(The Hymnbook, No. 369)

30 Genesis 41; Daniel 1:17-20; Acts 2:17-18;

Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12; Colossians 3:16

31 Genesis 42-43; Matthew 6:12-15; 18:21-35; Psalm 25

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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New Covenant Partners!

Joined us in September



Christin Hardwick



**Diego and Elizabeth
Tavera**



**Jason and Brenda
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**Preston and Marisa
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**Roxanne and Carlos
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