



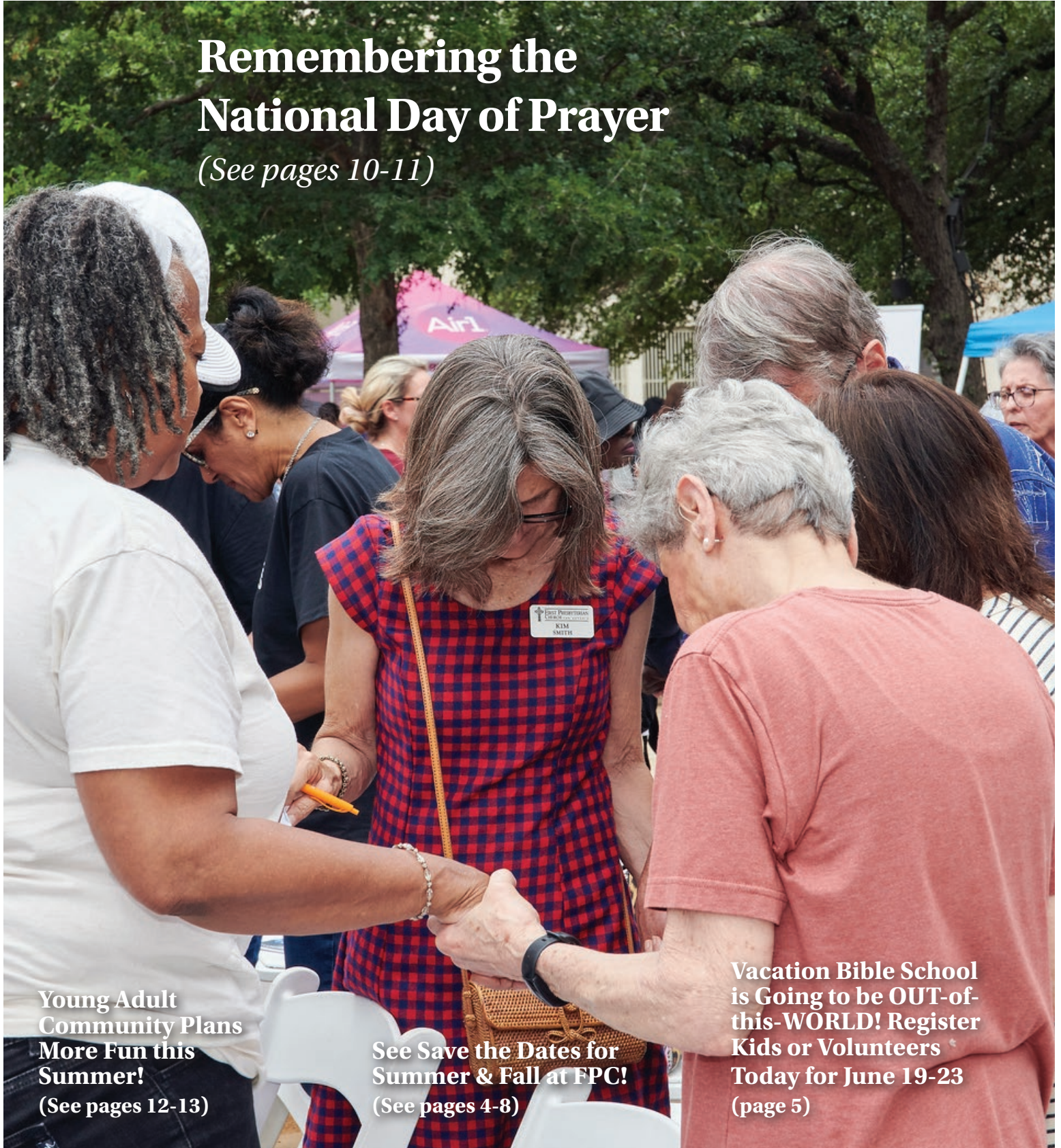
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Pastor's Article

Father Figures

REV. DR. BOB FULLER

"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another."--Proverbs 27:17

As Father's Day approaches, I want to take an opportunity to thank my father, Bobby Fuller, for the many ways he has led, inspired and loved me throughout my life. Many of you have had my dad on your prayer list for some recent medical issues, and I want to offer my profound gratitude for lifting him up to the Lord.

I also want to highlight an important group of "father-figures" in my life: the Thursday Morning Men's Breakfast and Bible Study (TMM for short). For nearly seven years, it has been my pleasure to host the TMM. TMM started around 50 years ago and once boasted regular attendance by some of San Antonio's most notable spiritual leaders (Protestant, Jewish, and Roman Catholic).

The group ranges in age from 45-93 years young. Many of the members (but not all) are retired. Everyone is welcome and sometimes we have homeless guys join us. We have regular attendees and some people who just pop-in occasionally. That's all okay. We often have people come and check us out. Sometimes we meet their expectations and they stick around and become long-time members of the group. Sometimes they check us out and decide to look for something else.

We meet every Thursday, year-round, from 7:00-8:30 a.m. (so don't be in a hurry). The morning begins with 30 minutes of breakfast and fellowship. Breakfast is amazing—



Maurilio Garza and his team always have plenty of bacon and eggs, papas, sausage and always grits. Occasionally, migas, breakfast tacos, and eggs benedict make an appearance. The coffee is always plentiful. I have even noticed some healthy choices like fruit, and oatmeal and cereal, but I usually have no room left on my plate.

At 7:30, we check-in and pray. We pray about the news and pray for our country. We pray about people in the hospital. We pray for missionaries. We pray for wandering family members and for grieving widows. We pray for our church—for marriages, for families, for those who are alone, for the congregation and for the pastors, deacons and elders. We talk about wounds, procedures and surgeries. We grieve when one of our number is called home to glory, and we celebrate his life. We have probably prayed for you.

And then we turn our attention to the Word of God. Together we read and discuss a chapter of scripture

each week—methodically working our way through God's word, allowing the Holy Spirit to set the agenda. When we decided to read Philippians, we spent four weeks on it because there are four chapters. Last year, we made a commitment to study Isaiah. We are now on chapter 55, and will not stop until we have finished all 66 chapters.

There is no "lesson" and our approach is "unhurried." We go around the table, and everyone reads a verse out of our special—designated Bibles (after a while, you can even have a special Bible set-aside with your name on it). After the passage is read, we go around the room again, discussing the passage, delving into both the challenges and comforts of the word.

I love walking through books of the Bible with these men, Old Testament and New Testament alike, because we always find Jesus. No one has to convince these saints of the unity of scripture because, after reading through the Bible for five decades, the truth of that doctrine is self-evident. Every passage inspires a conversation about God's grace in Christ as the "gospel before the gospel" is revealed even in the law, the prophets, the Psalms and Proverbs.

I have often said that the Thursday Morning group is a group of twenty-five mentors and one learner (me). The wisdom of these men is inspiring. It is a group of guys who have "seen it all," and have

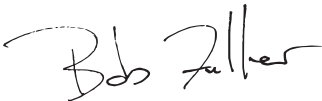
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the calm maturity to endure much. The longevity of the group testifies to the quality of relationships that built over time and centered on God's Word.

So this month, as Father's Day approaches, I want to thank my own dad and the "Father-figures" of TMM who have shaped my walk over the last seven years. You have made me a better pastor, husband, father, brother and man. You have carried me through some difficult moments, even if you didn't know it. And, even if you thought I was leading you, in reality the Holy Spirit was using you to lead me. Thank you, and Happy Father's Day!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Bob



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Questions? Contact: Hank Cherry
(210-271-2728/hankc@fpcsat.org)

Save the Date

MINISTRY SUMMERS

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES SUMMER

Starting June 4, children grades 1-4 will have a combined Sunday School Group in the Assembly Room and 5th grade students will meet in the Student Center. Contact Rebecca Sweet, rebeccas@fpcsat.org.

The 8:30 AM Tools and Topics Class taught by Rev. Dr. Bob Fuller as well as the 9:30 AM Ambassador Class for families with young children will take a summer break beginning July 2. Contact Sheila Figueroa, sheilaf@fpcsat.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY SUMMER

Portions of our Music Ministry will be taking summer breaks. Friday Singers and the Handbell Choir will be taking June and July off. The Sanctuary Choir will continue to meet Sunday mornings at 10:45 AM throughout the Summer to rehearse before services, however, they will take a break from Wednesday Night rehearsals from July 5 - August 12. Contact Tom Dooling, tomd@fpcsat.org. Read more about our Friday Singers on page 8.

UNIVERSITY MINISTRY SUMMER

Contact: Ben Henderson, 210-845-3845, benh@fpcsat.org

University Ministry Summer will include the Gospel Community Group for College Students (*weekly*) as well as the University Ministry Based Theologians Society (*June 5, June 12, June 19, June 26, July 17, July 24, July 31, August 7*) off campus on Monday evenings. We will also have Gallantry, Grace, and Grub Umin Cookouts on *Sundays, June 11, June 25, July 16, July 23, July 30, and August 6* at 6:00 PM off campus. For up to date specifics, please text Ben for more information.

JUNE

SATURDAY, MAY 27 -
SATURDAY, JUNE 3

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS MISSION TRIP

FPC is partnering with Alamo Heights Young Life to send a group of high school boys to serve with YPM in the Yucatan. They will serve through sports ministry, community projects, and other ministry opportunities. Please pray for the team to stay healthy, and for God's movement in and through the team as they serve.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3 -
SATURDAY, JUNE 10

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY MISSION TRIP

FPC Young Adults will be going to serve in the El Circadillo community, through Food for the Hungry, in the Dominican Republic. They will participate in some community development projects and share encouragement in Christ as they build relationships in the community. Please pray that each person participating on the trip would come with a learner's posture, open to receive what God has for them, and a desire to serve our friends in El Circadillo.

MONDAY, JUNE 5 -
THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

FPC CHILDREN'S CENTER SUMMER PROGRAM

Times: Monday-Friday, 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Contact: Laura Ortiz, (210) 225-0960
laurao@fpcsat.org

Kids 4-6 years, come and join the FPC Children's Center for the summer while we explore, learn and play! Full and part time camp available. Child-centered, play-based learning program full of exciting activities. Visit fpcsanantonio.org/childrens-center.

FPC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023



JOIN US FOR A STELLAR ADVENTURE!

MONDAY - FRIDAY, JUNE 19 - 23

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

FOR KIDS 4 YEARS - 5TH GRADE

\$20 REGISTRATION

[FPCSANANTONIO.ORG/VBS](https://fpcsanantonio.org/vbs)



VOLUNTEER WITH THE STELLAR CREW!

MONDAY - FRIDAY, JUNE 19 - 23 // 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE FOR VOLUNTEERS

[BIT.LY/FPC-VBS-23-CREW](https://bit.ly/fpc-vbs-23-crew)

CONTACT REBECCA SWEET AT REBECCAS@FPCSAT.ORG

JUNE

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

MARRIAGE IN 3D EVENT

Time: 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM
 Location: First Baptist Church 4th Street Crossing
 Contact: Sandy Moore, texasspitfire19@gmail.com
 Rev. Dr. Joe Moore, joem@fpcsat.org

Join us at First BAPTIST Church SA 4th Street Crossing as we welcome Fredrick Sanders, jazz pianist, who will be sharing with us about Music and Marriage. The evening starts with registered childcare for birth through 5th grade, then out to dinner on your own. Return to First BAPTIST Church SA's 4th Street Crossing around 7:45pm for dessert, fellowship and our program with Frederick Sanders. Cost: \$10/person. Childcare \$5/kid. Deadline for childcare registration is Sunday, June 4. <https://fbcsa.org/marriagein3d>.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

DISCOVER, KNOW, JOINFPC!
SUMMER CLASS

Time: 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM
 Location: Room 302
 Contact: Sheila Figueroa, 210-271-2759, sheilaf@fpcsat.org

Are you interested in learning more about FPC or become a Covenant Partner? Sign up and attend this summer class offered as a special “last chance” for this academic year for people to complete the program prior to joining FPC. This class will be a combination of the two classes, DiscoverFPC! and KnowFPC! Register for the Summer Class and learn more about joining FPC at fpcsanantonio.org/join.

2023-2024 Discover, Know, JoinFPC!
Class Schedule

Fall

DiscoverFPC! Sunday, September 24
 KnowFPC! Sunday, October 15

Winter

DiscoverFPC! Sunday, January 21
 KnowFPC! Sunday, February 4

Spring

DiscoverFPC! Sunday, April 7
 KnowFPC! Sunday, April 21

JUNE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

YOUNG ADULTS COMMUNITY
SOCIAL EVENING

Time: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
 Location: Alamo Beer Company
 Contact: Chris Roper, 210-782-2687, christopherdavidroper@yahoo.com

Come to Alamo Beer Company for live music, drinks and food. All young adults (single, married, and with kids) up to age 35-ish are invited to attend. This is also the perfect opportunity to invite your non-First Pres friends to join!

JULY

THURSDAY, JULY 6 -
MONDAY, JULY 17ALASKA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
SUMMER MISSION TRIP

Location: Chevak, Alaska
 Contact: Rev. Dr. Joe Moore, joem@fpcsat.org
 Lindsay Selli, lindsays@fpcsat.org

A team from FPC will be going to share the hope and joy of Christ as they lead Vacation Bible School and build relationships in Chevak, Alaska. Please pray that the team is united for the mission that God has for them in Chevak, and that the community would be prepared to receive the team.

The remoteness of the village requires the team to purchase and bring their own food from Anchorage. Please consider donating to help with this food cost. Contact Rev. Dr. Joe Moore (joem@fpcsat.org).

SATURDAY, JULY 15

YOUNG ADULTS COMMUNITY
TUBING TRIP

Time: TBD
 Location: New Braunfels
 Contact: Chris Roper, 210-782-2687, christopherdavidroper@yahoo.com

Join us for a river float day somewhere in New Braunfels. More details to come. All young adults (single, married, and with kids) up to age 35-ish are invited to attend. Invite your non-First Pres friends to join!

JULY

SATURDAY, JULY 29

KINMART

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 Location: 1st Floor Nutrition Center & Assembly Room
 Contact: Grace Morehouse,
samanthagrace10@yahoo.com
 Lindsay Selli, lindsays@fpcsat.org

FPC is one of the host sites for KinMart, an event designed by The Alliance to help local foster families. On July 29, we will welcome families to Westminster Hall for an enjoyable and cost-less "shopping" experience for school supplies. You can help in two ways: donate school supplies by July 21 or volunteer the day of the event.

KinMart

We want to STUFF THE STORE with new, unopened school supplies. Donations needed by July 23, 2023



DONATION NEEDS:

- Full Size Backpacks
- \$10 Walmart Gift Cards
- \$10 Target Gift Cards
- Classic Markers
- 24 Count Crayons
- Scissors
- Elmers Glue
- Tissue Boxes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Clorox Wipes
- Box of #2 Pencils
- Wide Ruled Spiral Notebooks
- College Ruled Spiral Notebooks
- Wide Ruled Notebook Paper
- College Ruled Notebook Paper

Donations can be delivered to Marianne Ryan or Lindsay Selli at FPC, or shipped directly to FPC through the Amazon Wishlist (<https://amzn.to/44NeSY2>).

AUGUST

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

YOUNG ADULTS COMMUNITY OPEN MIC NIGHT

Time: 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
 Location: The Pigpen on Broadway
 Contact: Chris Roper, 210-782-2687,
christopherdavidroper@yahoo.com

Give those vocal chords a workout at Open Mic Night at the Pigpen. All young adults (single, married, and with kids) up to age 35-ish are invited to attend. This is also the perfect opportunity to invite your non-First Pres friends to join!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

YOUNG OCEANS CONCERT

Time: 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM
 Location: FPC Westminster Hall
 Contact: Callan Brown, callanb@fpcsat.org

"Young Oceans push the furthest edges of the indie meditative genre with densely layered Eno-atmospherics of equal appeal to the devoted believer, meditative transcendentalist, and discerning artrock fan." (Noisetrade). www.youngoceans.com

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Time: 9:30 AM- 12:30 PM
 Location: FPC
 Contact: Rebecca Sweet, rebeccas@fpcsat.org

Description: FPC is sending you to school this year with lots of prayers and a blessing! Invite your school friends, teachers, staff, school administrators to church on August 13th (all services) for a special blessing. Bring your back pack and receive a back-pack tag to remind you that God is with you and you are LOVED by all of the FPC family.

PRAYER AT THE FLAGPOLE

Time: 5:30 PM
 Location: Your neighborhood school
 Contact: Debbie Taylor, rpdstaylor@gmail.com

Description: Gather at your school flagpole to pray for the schools, students, teachers, administrators, all staff and families. Contact Debbie to get involved and make sure as many schools as possible are covered in prayer.

AUGUST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

KICKOFF SUNDAY

Contact: Rev. Becky Prichard, beckyp@fpcsat.org

Save the date. We want to see YOU here at FPC! More details to come.

SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

FIRST LITERATURE CIRCLE MEETING FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR, 2023-2024

Time: 1:30 PM (Social begins at 1:00 PM)

Location: McCullough Room

Contact: Grace Clouse, Chair,
grace.clouse42@gmail.com

FPC Literature Circle will meet **the second Tuesday of each month from September - May** in the McCullough Room. This upcoming year is the 50th anniversary of the Circle 13 Literature Circle at FPC! Get started on the reading list this summer and plan to join us for the reviews throughout the year.

- Sept. 12 – "East of Eden" by John Steinbeck
(This book was reviewed in Sept. 1973)
- Oct. 10 – "The Ride of Her Life" by Elizabeth Letts
- Nov. 14 – "Brackenridge: San Antonio's Acclaimed Urban Park" by Lewis F. Fisher
- Dec. 12 – "Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of An American Dynasty" by Anderson Cooper
- Jan. 9 – "Facing the Mountain" by Daniel James Brown
- Feb. 13 – "The Second Life of Mirelle West" by Amanda Skenandore
- Mar. 12 – "The Sandcastle Girls" by Chris Bohjallan
- Apr. 9 – "Valley of Shadows" by Rudy Ruiz
- May 14 – (To be determined later)

Bring a friend to hear a great story and be reminded of the value of books. Delayed streaming is available each month on our FPC website: fpcsanantonio.org/lit-circle

SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

FPC CHILDREN'S CENTER FALL FLING MASQUERADE GALA

Time: 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Location: Magnolia Gardens on Main

Contact: Ellie Escamilla, amyl@fpcsat.org

A fun, grown-up evening of food, wine, music, and fun — all for a good cause. Proceeds benefit the First Presbyterian Church Children's Center. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$400 a table and can be purchased at fpcsanantonio.org/fall-fling.

The Children's Center is accepting donations for their Fall Fling silent and live auctions. Bring donations to the 1st floor lobby.

If you have a business or organization that would like to be a sponsor for the event, please contact the Center at (210) 225-0960 or fill out our Sponsorship form at bit.ly/fpcsat-cc-sponsor. Email AmyL@fpcsat.org for more information.

Friday SINGERS

Plan to Join the Friday Singers for Year 2023-2024

"Why are Friday Singers always smiling? Because they love what they are doing."

The 2022 – 2023 Friday Singers year is complete and we are looking for new members to join this unique and wonderful ministry. There are no tryouts, just come and participate with enthusiasm!

Rehearsals begin mid-August each year with a fresh selection of musical numbers. Their typical program begins with a prayer followed by a group of songs they call "oldies but goodies." These familiar hymns and tunes are sure to bring smiles to everyone's faces as they share music with nursing and retirement facilities across San Antonio.

Be on the lookout for their announcement on when to sign up for the upcoming 2023-2024 year. Contact Brittanie Salazar – Administrative Assistant to the Music Department - by phone (210-271-2731) or email (brittanies@fpcsat.org) for more information!

New Covenant Partners!

Joined us in May 2023



George Chronis



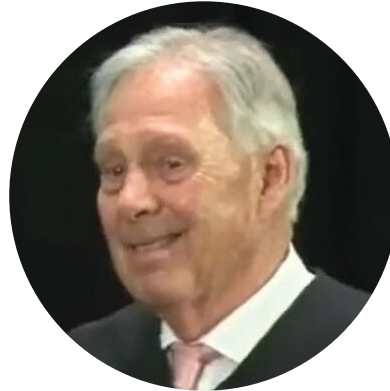
Lisa Chronis



Joyce DeKoch



Hirofumi Harano



James Nowlin

SERVE AT FPC

FPCSANANTONIO.ORG/VOLUNTEER

Are you looking for a way to get involved? We have room for you in several different areas around FPC for you to use your gifts and talents.

- Help with FPC memorial receptions (set up, serving, & clean up) - Contact Pat Brodeen at pat@brodeen.com or 210-383-3083.
- Love Jesus and love kids? We need you in Children's Ministry! - Contact Rebecca Sweet, rebeccas@fpcsat.org.
- Sunday Ushers - Contact Adam Sharpe at adam1980@pobox.com.
- Bake Cookies for Sunday FPC3 Fellowship - Sign up at bit.ly/sunday-cookie-signup.
- Sunday Greeters - Contact Nancy Turnbull at nancybturnbull@gmail.com.

National Day of Prayer

By Eva Eckburg, Covenant Partner

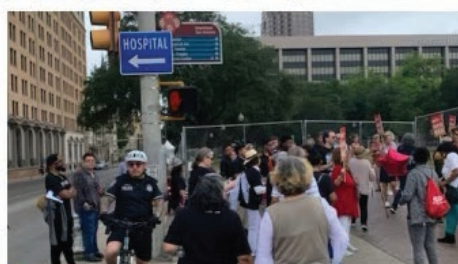
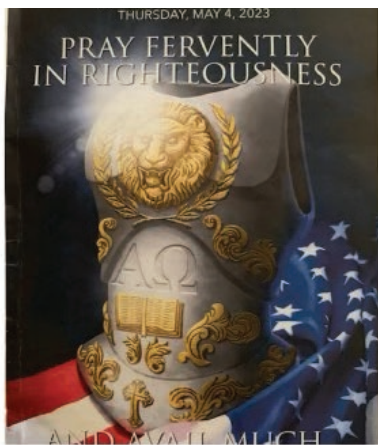
A Prayer Walk to Remember

The National Day of Prayer was held on May 4 with a threat of 75 percent chance of rain! We prayed for a miracle and woke up to a beautiful day of cool, overcast weather...perfect for walking from First Presbyterian Church to Travis Park for prayers and singing, and on to the Main Plaza. Pastor Bob Fuller began the procession with a welcome and a proclamation for the United States of America: "Let light conquer darkness and faith conquer fear." This year's theme was based on James 5:16, "The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous avails much." Our little ones from FPC's Children's Center sang "Our God is An Awesome God" with sweet, adorable gusto! As our group gaggled to Travis Park, a huge black bus stopped and 35 more walkers joined us from Community Bible Church...with shofar horns no less! Much singing and horn blowing ensued!



At the Main Plaza, the bells of San Fernando Cathedral bellowed God's presence as Mayor Nirenberg prepared to give the Presidential Proclamation for the city. Our very own Pastor Mitchell Moore presented a very moving prayer on "Returning to Your First Love." The Cox Family Singers led the crowd of 500+ in the songs "Power of Jesus' Name" and "I Exalt Thee." Students from eight Christian schools recited scripture and ten students from the Christian School at Castle Hills presented the Ten Commandments. Prayers for the government, military, media, business, educational system, the church, and the family rounded out a wonderful event. If you weren't able to join us this, consider putting it on your calendar for next year, May 2, 2024!





YOUNG ADULTS COMMUNITY

By Carrie Everson, Director of Young Adults & Young Women's Ministries



We have had a fun and joyful spring in our Young Adult Community! We had a few outdoor events where some brought their dogs, we attended the River Parade, had Pickleball and burritos for our YAC Leaders, and of course we continued to meet in small groups and as a larger community for worship, Bible study, and prayer! We ended with a bang, with a dinner sponsored by Women of the Church. It was so fun to see the women join in our fellowship and even play get to know you games with us!

Summer is coming and although we will not have our monthly gathering, we have ample opportunities to connect. All of our events are for young adults (single, married, and with kids) up to age 35-ish. These are also the perfect opportunity to invite your non-First Pres friends to join us! Contact Chris Roper at 210-782-2687 or christopherdavidroper@yahoo.com for more information on all of our Summer events.



YAC Summer Kickoff (To Be Rescheduled!)

Date: TBD
Time: 5:45 – 8:00
Location: The Lane Residence,
268 Geneseo Road, 78209

Join us at a pool party for our summer kickoff event. We will supply BBQ and there will be a sign up to bring side dishes. Sign up to bring something here: <https://bit.ly/YACSummerKickoff>

YAC Social Evening

Date: June 28
Time: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Location: Alamo Beer Company

Come to Alamo Beer Company for live music, drinks and food.

YAC Tubing Trip

Date: July 15
Time: TBD
Location: New Braunfels

Join us for a river float day somewhere in New Braunfels. More details to come.

YAC Social Evening

Date: August 1
Time: 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Location: The Pigpen on Broadway

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WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

June 2023



Circle Chairs & Bible Moderators

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

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



President's Letter June 2023

What a marvelous year it has been for Women of the Church! It's hard to believe it is over already! Immediately following our last Council Meeting on May 1, I hosted a year-end luncheon to honor and thank all of the officers, program and committee chairs, as well as circle leaders and moderators for their service and support. I am so very thankful to all who contributed so much to this terrific year. These women are immensely talented, generous, loving, and lots of fun! They used their gifts in amazing ways: they worked tirelessly to serve our women, our church, our neighbors, and those in need. What a privilege it was to work together! It was truly a year of abundance and overflowing blessings.

I also owe a debt of gratitude to Shelley Bass who chose a gorgeous cross sculpture made by Jan Barboglio as a gift to me for this year. It is a glorious reminder of how the Lord blessed us so richly with everything needed to fulfill His will for Women of the Church, and I hope to never take His blessings for granted. Thank you, Shelley and all WOC members, for this beautiful gift! It will always be a wonderful remembrance of this very special year.

We ended our year with a very lovely May Coffee at the beautiful home of Lellen Lane. It was a

gorgeous day for the event, and many ladies attended, including many of our past presidents who took turns serving coffee and punch. The food was plentiful and delicious! Many thanks to Jessica Young, Cynthia Robinson, Nancy Puckett, and Candy Wagner for all their work in putting it together, and to Lellen Lane for her gracious hospitality. And thanks to all who attended and made it such a special event.

This past year was so much fun and so rewarding! Without covid looming over our heads, it was great to have good attendance and real in-person fellowship at all of our functions. The Lord was good to us and supplied everything needed to serve His purposes and accomplish His goals. Next year promises to be even better with Shelley Bass taking the reins as our President. I can't wait to see what the Lord has in store for us!

Blessings to all of you for a wonderful summer!

In His Love,

Linda Delano

President, Women of the Church



KEYS

KEEPING EVERYONE YOUNG IN SPIRIT

Older Adult Ministry

fpcsanantonio.org/keys



As we enter the Summer months, June, July, and August, we will not be offering a speaker and lunch on every Friday. However, we will continue to meet on the third Friday of the month for our Birthday Lunches. Each month we will meet at the restaurant at 11:30 AM, or you may take the shuttle from FPC that will leave at 10:45 AM. Off-site birthday lunches cost \$15. June 16 we will meet at Blanco BBQ at 13259 Blanco Road, July 21 will visit Milano Ristorante Italiano at 11802 Wurzbach, and August 18 we will enjoy the famous burgers (or other food) at Chris Madrids at 1900 Blanco Road. Make your reservations by signing up at the front desk, calling the church office at 210-226-0215, or emailing Alice at alicem@fpcsat.org or Marissa at marissab@fpcsat.org.

We have had a great year of events in 2023 and our planning committee is committed to bringing in relevant speakers beginning in September. If you have suggestions for speakers please let me know. Praying that you have a great summer with opportunities to connect with family and friends.

Also, a big thank you Nona Hall for all the great pictures this year!

Blessings,

Joe

KEYS Upcoming:

June 16 - Birthday Lunch at Blanco BBQ

July 21 - Birthday Lunch at Milano

August 18 - Birthday Lunch at Chris Madrids

Friday Fitness

Friday Fitness will continue this Summer via Zoom. Join Jacqueline Crow at 9:30 AM. Jacqi has been a champion for us and everyone loves the time with her. If you want to be included on the email notifications, send your email address to joem@fpcsat.org. You will be sent a link to join the Zoom Meeting.

Mahjong & Bridge

Mahjong & Bridge will meet this Summer on various Fridays in the Geneva Room. If you want to join in on the games call Suzanne West at 210-525-1499 or email Nancy Black at whythere@icloud.com for more information. 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!





FIRST CUP READINGS

JUNE 2023

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

Dear Family in Christ,

First Cup is designed to assist you in the habit of daily Bible reading and prayer. The name is to remind you that as you reach for your first cup of morning coffee or tea, reach also for your Bible and prayer list. The prayers at the beginning of each week are taken from hymns, sometimes found in obscure hymnals in my library. They are intended to be read as your beginning prayer, to focus your mind on the daily readings that follow. May this spiritual discipline strengthen you as you face each day.

Blessings and
love in Christ,

Sandy Sturch

- 1 Revelation 1:1-8; John 1:1-18; Revelation 21:6; 22:6-21
- 2 Revelation 1:9-20; Daniel 7:13-14;
Matthew 5:14-15; 16:13-20; 17:1-7; 24
- 3 Acts 19:1-20; 20:13-36; Revelation 2:1-7; 1 John 4:1-6;
2 Corinthians 11:14-15

*Am I a soldier of the Cross, a follower of the Lamb, And shall I
fear to own His cause, Or blush to speak His name? Must I be
carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease, While others fought
to win the prize, and sailed through bloody seas? Are there no
foes for me to face? Must I not stem the flood? Is this vile world
a friend to grace, to help me on to God? Sure, I must fight if I
would reign, Increase my courage, Lord. I'll bear the toil, endure
the pain, supported by Thy Word. (Worship in Song, No. 194)*

- 4 James 2:5; Revelation 2:8-11; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27;
Romans 5:3-5; James 1:1-12
- 5 Revelation 2:12-17 (see Num. 22-25); 2 Peter 2;
Ephesians 3:14; Revelation 3:12
- 6 1 Kings 16:29-34, 18:1-4, 17-21, 19:1-4, 21:5-23;
Revelation 2:18-29; 2 Peter 3:9
- 7 John 15:1-8; Luke 12:35-40; Revelation 3:1-6, 7:9-17; 2
Timothy 3:1-5
- 8 Revelation 3:7-13; Matthew 23:13-39; 1 Cor. 3:16-17;
Ephesians 2:19-22
- 9 Revelation 3:14-22; Matthew 19:16-30; James 1:9-11;
Hebrews 12:1-13
- 10 Isaiah 6:1-5; Ezekiel 1; Revelation 4, 1:4-6; Genesis 1:1;
Colossians 1:15-23

*Lead on, O King Eternal, The day of march has come; Henceforth
in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home. Through days
of preparation The grace has made us strong. And now, O King
Eternal, We lift our battle song. Lead on, O King Eternal, We
follow; not with fears, For gladness breaks like morning where'er
Thy face appears. Thy cross is lifted o'er us; We journey in its
light; The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might.
(Worship in Song, No. 28)*

- 11 John 1:29-39; Rev. 5; Psalm 33; Philippians 2:1-11
- 12 Zechariah 1:8-17; 6:1-8; Revelation 6; Hebrews 11;
Matthew 24
- 13 Revelation 7:8-5; 21:3-5; Psalm 23:1; John 10:11-18;
Colossians 2:2-4, 12
- 14 Revelation 8:6-9:21; Romans 1:18-32; 2 Timothy 3:1-5;
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
- 15 Revelation 10-11; Daniel 2:44; 7:14, 27; Psalm 2

- 16 Matthew 2; 4:1-11; Revelation 12-13:1a; Job 1:9-11;
Luke 10:18; 1 Peter 5:8-9
- 17 Rev. 13:1b-18; Luke 21:8-19; Romans 5:3-4; 15:4-5;
2 Corinthians 6:3-10

*Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, And hail
Him as thy matchless King through all eternity. Crown Him the
Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victoriously
in the strife for those He came to save; His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring, and
lives, that death may die. Crown Him the Lord of love; Behold
His hands and side, Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty
glorified. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity. (Worship
in Song, No. 163)*

- 18 Rev. 14; Jeremiah 25:15-38; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43;
Galatians 6:7-8
- 19 Revelation 15-16; Luke 12:35-40; Joel 2:13-14;
Hebrews 12:14-29
- 20 Rev. 13:1-9; Rev. 17; John 16:33; Psalm 33, 37
- 21 Revelation 18, 6:9-11; Hebrews 11
- 22 Revelation 19; Isaiah 63; Matthew 22:1-14; 25:1-13;
2 Thessalonians 2; John 3:19
- 23 Revelation 20; Matthew 25:31-46; Romans 2:1-16;
2 Corinthians 5:10
- 24 Isaiah 60, 62; John 14:1-6; Revelation 21; 1 Cor. 15

*At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
Him King of Glory now; 'Tis the Father's pleasure we shall
call Him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.
Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again, with His Father's
glory o'er the earth to reign; For all wreaths of empire meet upon
His brow, and our hearts confess Him King of Glory now. (The
Hymnbook, No. 143)*

- 25 Genesis 3:21-24; Revelation 22, 7:3, 2:16, 3:11; 1
Corinthians 6:9-10
- 26 Esther 1; Proverbs 20:1-2, 23:19-21, 29-35;
Ecclesiastes 2; Luke 14:7-35
- 27 Esther 2; Psalm 45
- 28 Esther 3; Proverbs 14:16, 26:8; Psalm 91
- 29 Esther 4; Ecclesiastes 3:7; Isaiah 43
- 30 Esther 5-6; Proverbs 26:1, 3:29-35; Psalm 62

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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