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FALL 2023 MINISTRY GUIDE

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11:00 AM | Sanctuary | Traditional Worship
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Children's Ministry Childcare & Sunday School Classes

Pick-Up/Drop-Off begins 15 minutes before service/classes.
Pickup no later than 15 minutes after service/classes. See more
information on [page 13](#).

SUNDAY PM

SUNDAYS

5:00 PM | Offsite | Middle School Bible Study

7:00 PM | Offsite | High School Girls Bible Study
Various Locations | Gospel Community Group
Mixed Young Adults (*bi-weekly*)

Various Young Adult & University Gospel Community Groups meet throughout the week, including Sunday evenings. See [page 15](#) or fpcsanantonio.org/gcgroups for the current list.



FPC³ (Coffee, Cookies, & Connection)

Sundays | 9:15 AM - 12:00 PM | McCullough Room

Be sure to stop by during FPC³ **30 Minutes**, a special half-hour specifically set apart at 10:30 AM, for the FPC family to spend together.



DISCOVER, KNOW AND JOIN FPC!

Want to know more about FPC? Are you ready to become a Covenant Partner? Learn more about FPC by attending a DiscoverFPC! Class where you can then decide whether you are ready to join as a Covenant Partner or wish to wait. Ready to join? Sign up for both the DiscoverFPC! & KnowFPC! classes and you are on your way.

Joining FPC is a three-part/four step process consisting of attending two classes, meeting with a member of our pastoral team, and finally joining the church during one of our Officer's Dinners.

Sign up for the next class or to be notified when additional classes are scheduled at fpcsanantonio.org/register-discover-fpc.

STEP ONE	Attend DiscoverFPC! Class
STEP TWO	Attend KnowFPC! Class
STEP THREE	Meet with member of the Pastoral Staff
STEP FOUR	Attend Session Dinner where you Join FPC as a Covenant Partner.

2023-2024 CLASSES

Winter

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

Spring

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

8:30 AM | ADULT CLASSES

Faithful Explorers

Room: 301

Teacher: Chuck Bunn, chuck@bunnngroup.com

Contact: Pat Brodeen, pat@brodeen.com

Description: In the midst of a changing culture, the strength of God in preparing us to be His witnesses never wavers. This fall, we are reading and studying a couple of short epistles from Peter and John. We are intentional about applying our study through prayer, discussion and fellowship. As an interactive class, participants are encouraged to join the discussion, ask questions and provide wisdom to other members. We seek to be intergenerational. Regardless of your age, God can use you to strengthen others. Join the rest of us “early risers”.

9:30 AM | ADULT CLASSES

Ambassadors: Families with Young Children

Room: 302

Contact: Jennie Brooks, jenniebrooks23@yahoo.com

Meg Culp, megculp@sbcglobal.net

Judy Kruger, judykruger@sbcglobal.net

Description: The Ambassadors class seeks to establish community with parents whose children are 5 and younger. This year we will be looking at “A Praying Life” by Paul E. Miller in conjunction with “Praying the Scriptures for Your Children” by Jodie Berndt. Please join us for discussion and fellowship all year!

Arthur Gray Jones

Room: St. Andrews Room

Teacher: Harry Schwethelm, 210-826-5960

harry.schwethelm@satx.rr.com

Description: We welcome you to a class of warm fellowship and good discussion. The Arthur Gray Jones class has been in continuous existence since the 1920's and acts as a group discussion of the Bible, which we read verse by verse.

SUNDAYS

9:30 AM | ADULT CLASSES

Biblical Foundations - Kingdom, Covenants & Canon of the Old Testament (Study Center - FPC Covenant Partner Cohort)

Dates: October 8 - November 19

Room: 226

Teachers: Dr. Jonathan King, zjking59@gmail.com

To Register: Ellen Frazier, elizfrazier@runbox.com

Description: This is an introductory theology course exploring the doctrine of how God spread his Kingdom through covenants with individuals in the Old Testament and through “canon,” or standards of faith. This is a reverse classroom course in which the participant will review online materials from Thirdmill Institute and discuss the materials with other participants and a facilitator. Registration for the class is required prior to attendance. Visit fpcsanantonio.org/study-center.

Bridges

Dates: Through November 19

Room: 315 (Covenant Hall)

Teachers: Rev. Dr. Ron Scates, Rev. Chris Scruggs, Rev. Paul Kacsur, & Dr. Jonathan King

Contact: Tom Benke, 210-355-3066
tbenke@sbcglobal.net

Description: In a lecture-followed-by-discussion format, we will study in depth the book, “Crises Of Discipleship,” by Rev. G. Christopher Scruggs and featuring “renewing the art of relational disciple-making.” The character of Dietrich Bonhoeffer appears in certain chapters, and his works “Cost of Discipleship,” “Life Together,” and “Letters and Papers from Prison” were the inspiration for Chris’ book. All adult ages welcome. The class is also recorded and available in audio format, podcast links at fpcsanantonio.org/audio.

9:30 AM | ADULT CLASSES

SUNDAYS

College Breakfast Hour

Dates: November 12 and December 3 & 10

Room: 310

Contact: Ben Henderson, 210-845-3845

benh@fpcsat.org

Description: Food as free as Jesus' grace. Come for a good word as well.

Connections

Room: 224

Contacts: Boxy Hornberger, 210 867-3321

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Trebes Sasser, 210-844-7874

tsasser@rpitx.com

Deanna Rickabaugh, 512-925-8759

dyrickabaugh@yahoo.com

Description: We seek to understand more fully the practicality and relevance of God's Word to our lives. We seek to connect more deeply to the Word and to each other as we read and discuss scripture.

Mama Bear Apologetics Class for Parents

Room: 108

Contact: Rachel Gremillion,

rcgremillion@gmail.com

Description: Would you like to help your child navigate today's culture through a biblical worldview? Is your desire to raise your child to stand up for God's truth, but you are overwhelmed? Please join us as we study the book, Mama Bear Apologetics. Not just for mamas, this study is for anyone who desires to equip children to "destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God" (2 Corinthians 10:5). It's time to teach our children how to defend their faith with compassionate confidence.

9:30 AM | ADULT CLASSES

Marriage Sunday School Class

Dates: September 10 - December 10

Room: 309

Teachers: Stacia Morse, 210-294-1330

Michael Morse, 210-524-1312

Bobby and Downie Mickler, 210-284-1497

rmickler@gmail.com

Description: Join the Marriage Sunday School Class for Vertical Marriage, a study featuring humorous and relatable video sessions followed by group discussion and an intentional couple's connection. We will pray together and play together outside of the class. It's about growing in relationship with Christ, your spouse, and other couples.

The Uncomfortables

Room: 228

Teachers: Neil Williams, nwilliams48@hotmail.com

Charlotte Gates, charlottehains@gmail.com

Description: We are a discussion group and we encourage class participation. Starting this fall, we will be examining the smaller epistles in the New Testament as well as some of the minor prophets in the Old Testament. Although the books are short—hence the description as “minor” epistles or books — they are rich in content and commentary.

9:30 AM | ADULT CLASSES

Young Adult Sunday School Class

Room: 300

Contact: Carrie Everson, 210-226-0215

carrie@fpcsat.org

Dates: October 29, November 5, 12, 19, and 26

Spiritual Formation Series: Come learn with us about what it means to allow your life to be shaped by God's unrelenting love for you. Learn practices that will help you move the truth of God's Word from your head to your heart. Everyone is welcome.

Dates: December 3, 10, 17

Advent Series: This class will prepare us to receive Jesus afresh in our hearts and lives as we look at the Old Testament prophecies about Jesus, their fulfillment, and his presence in our lives as Emmanuel.

SUNDAYS

9:30 AM | YOUTH CLASSES

Location: Student Center

Contact: Kyle Bowden, kyleb@fpcsat.org
 Kerri Napoli, kerrin@fpcsat.org
 Preston Miller, prestonm@fpcsat.org

6th – 7th Grade

Description: All 6th and 7th grade students are invited to join our Sunday School class that applies our faith in real, practical ways. Come play games and learn about Jesus together in the Student Center!

Confirmation

Description: Any students grade 8 and above are encouraged to begin the process of becoming a Covenant Partner by participating in Confirmation. Come learn what it means to be a Presbyterian Christian at FPC, as well as our faith heritage and how it applies to our lives today. Confirmation meets weekly.

High School

Description: Do you have a high school student looking for a community and weekly study of God's word? Come join us each Sunday to discuss our faith and how it shapes our lives.



SUNDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAYS

PICK-UP / DROP-OFF

Pick-Up/Drop-Off begins 15 minutes before service/classes.
Pickup no later than 15 minutes after service/classes.

Childcare for 9:30 AM Traditional or Modern Service:

Drop-off Times	Pick-up Time	Ages
9:15 - 9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Birth - Kinder

Children Attending 9:30 AM Sunday School:

Drop-off Times	Pick-up Time	Ages
9:15 - 9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Birth - 5th Grade

Childcare for 11:00 AM Traditional or Modern Service:

Drop-off Times	Pick-up Time	Ages
10:45 - 11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Birth - Kinder

CHILDCARE (9:15 AM - 12:00 PM)

23 months and under (Babies) | Room 101 (Nursery 1)
23 months and under (Crawlers) | Room 103 (Nursery 2)
2-3 years | Room 116
4-Kinder | Room 119

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:30 AM - 10:30 AM)

2-3 years | Room 116
4 years-Kinder | Room 119
Grades 1-2 | Room 134
Grades 3-4 | Room 135
Grade 5 (*High Five*) | Room 132

SUNDAY EVENINGS

Middle School Bible Study (6th-8th)

Time: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Location: Offsite

Contact: Kyle Bowden, kyleb@fpcsat.org
 Kerri Napoli, kerrin@fpcsat.org
 Preston Miller, prestonm@fpcsat.org

Description: Do you know a 6th – 8th grade student looking for a Biblical community to grow in God's Word? Join us Sunday nights for snacks, community, and Scripture.

High School Girls Bible Study

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: Offsite

Contact: Kerri Napoli, kerrin@fpcsat.org

Description: Do you know a 9th-12th grade girl looking for a Biblical community to grow in God's Word? Join us Sunday nights for snacks, community, and Scripture.



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JOIN THE YOUNG ADULT TEXTING GROUP

Text YAC to 210-981-3339 to join

 @fpcsa_yac



YAC GOSPEL COMMUNITY GROUPS

Contact: Carrie Everson, 210-226-0215
carriee@fpcsat.org

YAC Gospel Community Groups are for ages 18-35 to gather and grow together. These groups meet twice a month to help you grow in your relationship with Christ as you walk with one another in fellowship and studying God's Word together. Sign up at fpcsanantonio.org/gcgroups.

University

FPC has several Gospel Community Groups for college-aged people meeting at various times, locations, and dates. Reach out to Ben Henderson, benh@fpcsat.org if you're interested!

SUNDAY PM

Mixed YAC

Time: 7:00 PM, every other Sunday
Location: Various
Contact: Josh Diepenhorst, 210-863-4823
Paige Perry, 210-414-7995

MONDAY PM

Mixed YAC

Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Various
Contact: Caleb Barber, 281-660-7373
Bella Martinez, 210-379-7374

TUESDAY PM

Mixed YAC - Canterbury Hill

Time: 7:00 PM
Location: 417 Canterbury Hill
Contact: Natalie Scheifele, 210-557-9515
Preston Miller, 210-860-4559

Mixed YAC - Lamont

Time: 7:00 PM
Location: 141 Lamont Avenue
Contact: Jaime Fields, 832-704-0743
Andrew Fields, 281-961-8383

YOUNG ADULTS GROUPS

WEEK AT A GLANCE

TUES

Women's Bible Study9:30 AM | Covenant Hall | *Sept. 12 – Nov. 14***Literature Circle** (*September 12 - May 14*)1:00 PM | McCullough Room | *2nd Tuesdays***Precept Bible Study: Hebrews Part 2**6:30 PM | The Broadway Condominium
Conference Room**The Well (University)**

8:30 PM | Off Campus

WED

GriefShare10:00 AM | Room 228 | *Sept. 13 - Dec. 13***Children's Choir & Supper** (4 yrs – 5th Grade)5:00 PM | Assembly Room | *Aug. 30 - Dec. 13***Music with Families & Supper**

(Parents & kids 8 wks - 3 yrs)

5:15 PM | Room 108 | *Sept. 6 - Nov. 15***Sanctuary Handbells**5:30 PM | Room 309 | *Aug. 23 - Dec. 13***Alpha**6:00 PM | McCullough Room | *Sept. 6 – Nov. 22***Pastor's Bible Study (Preview Edition)**6:30 PM | Covenant Hall | *Sept. 6 – Nov. 15*

WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEEKDAYS

WED

Modern Worship Band Rehearsal

7:00 PM | Westminster Hall

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM | Room 318

High School Guys Bible Study

7:00 PM | Off Campus

THUR

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

7:00 AM | Geneva Room

Pastor's Bible Study (Lecture & Small Groups)

9:30 AM | Covenant Hall | *Sept. 7 – Nov. 16*

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Friday Singers

9:30 AM | Performances - Off Campus

KEYS Friday Fitness

9:30 AM | Zoom & Room 224

KEYS Older Adult Ministry

(Keeping Everyone Young in Spirit)

11:00 AM | Westminster Hall

(Offsite for special events & birthday lunches)

KEYS Mahjong Players

1:00 PM | Geneva Room | *2nd & 4th Fridays*



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TUESDAYS

Women's Bible Study

Dates: September 12 – November 14
 Time: 9:30 AM -11:30 AM
 Location: Covenant Hall
 Contact: Catherine Miller, 210-394-2045
grcjmiller@sbcglobal.net

Description: Jesus abides in you. Abide in him. Join us this fall in our Bible study, Jen Wilkin's "Abide." This 10-session study of 1, 2, and 3 John will help us discover the apostle John's words as they challenge us to recall our great salvation and to abide in God's truth. We'd love to have you study and be in community with us. Bring a friend! Childcare available upon request.

Literature Circle

2023 Dates: Nov. 14 and Dec. 12
 Time: 1:00 PM Social | 1:30 PM Review
 Location: McCullough Room

Description: The Literature Circle meets from September through May, on the second Tuesday. Men and women, church members and non-members are invited to attend the Literature Circle's 50th Anniversary Year. More information and the 2023-2024 reading list are available at fpcsanantonio.org/lit-circle.

Precept Upon Precept Bible Study: Hebrews

Dates: Began September 12
 Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
 Location: The Broadway Condominium
 Conference Room | 4242 Broadway, 78209
 Contact: Tripp Stuart, 210-685-1208 (text)

Description: Please join us for this in-depth study of Hebrews using the Inductive Bible Study method! The workbook associated with the class is \$20.25. Visit www.precept.org for more information on the Precept method of study.

TUESDAYS CONTINUED

The Well (University)

Time: 8:30 PM

Location: Off Campus

Contact: Ben Henderson, benh@fpcsat.org

Description: An exciting collaboration between First Pres and Trinity YL! Every Tuesday evening, come out to Trinity Campus for food, games, fellowship, worship, and a gospel message! Contact Ben for further details as the location can change from week to week!

WEDNESDAYS

GriefShare

Dates: September 13 - December 13
(not meeting Nov. 22 for Thanksgiving)

Time: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Location: Room 228

Contact: Rev. Dr. Joe Moore, joem@fpcsat.org
210-226-0215 ext. 226

Description: Grief Share is a video seminar series that features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on grief and recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective. The video seminars are combined with support group discussion of the materials presented during the video. Contact Rev. Dr. Joe if interested.

Children's Choir (Ages 4 years – 5th grade)

Time: 5:00 PM – 5:45 PM (Light dinner at 5:45 PM)

Location: Assembly Room (1st Floor)

Contact: Kathy Jamison, kathyj@fpcsat.org

Description: Children's Choir is a fun and exciting way for your kids to get involved, make friends, learn great lessons, and get the opportunity to perform! A light dinner is served after choir in the Nutrition Center. Register online at fpcsanantonio.org/childrens-choir.

WEDNESDAYS CONTINUED

Music with Families (Parents & kids 8 wks - 3 yrs)

Dates: September 6 - November 15
 Time: 5:15 PM – 5:45 PM (Light dinner at 5:45 PM)
 Location: Room 108
 Contact: Rebecca Sweet, rebeccas@fpcsat.org

Description: This class is for parents and children 8 weeks-3 years. This class offers parents the opportunity to play with their child in a musical setting. By singing, rocking, listening, bouncing, and playing instruments, the child's musical aptitude is being nurtured. Register online at fpcsanantonio.org/music-families.

Sanctuary Handbells

Dates: August 23 - December 13 (No 11/22)
 Time: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
 Location: Room 309
 Contact: Dr. Jae Ha, 210-271-2729, jaeh@fpcsat.org

Description: Handbells are a wonderful way to make music using pitched bells. If you have the ability to read music notation, as well as basic hand/eye coordination, handbells can be a fun exercise in making a joyful noise!

Alpha

Dates: September 6 – November 22
 Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
 Location: McCullough Room
 Contact: Elizabeth Crites, crcrites@aol.com

Description: Alpha offers a place for guests to connect with others and with God. It provides a safe and open environment to explore life's big questions. Alpha is for everyone, regardless of background or beliefs. We will enjoy a free meal, watch a video, then break into small groups where everyone can express their views, with no wrong answers or judgment, while the Holy Spirit works among us. Register for free dinner and childcare at fpcsanantonio.org/alpha.

WEDNESDAYS CONTINUED

Pastor's Bible Study (Preview Edition)

The Mission and Journeys of Paul [Acts 7-28]

Dates: September 6 – November 15
Time: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Location: Covenant Hall
Teacher: Rev. Dr. Bob Fuller
Contact: Sheila Figueroa, 210-226-0215
sheilaf@fpcsat.org

Description: This fall we will study the book of Acts and follow Paul on his journeys to see how the Holy Spirit used this one-time enemy of the church to change the world for Jesus Christ.

Modern Worship Band Rehearsal

Time: 7:00 PM-8:30 PM
Location: Westminster Hall
Contact: Callan Brown, 210-271-2775
callanb@fpcsat.org

Description: The Modern Worship Band leads the music in our Modern Worship Services each Sunday. They also prepare music for other events, such as worship nights and special services. The Modern Worship team is always open to new members including adults, college students, and advanced high school students. The ability to learn based on reading chord charts and listening to recordings is very helpful, as well as prior experience being in church bands/ worship teams.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Time: 7:00 PM – 8:45 PM
Location: Room 318
Contact: Tom Dooling, 210-271-2717
tomd@fpcsat.org

Description: The Sanctuary Choir is always open to new members including adults, college students, and advanced high school students. If you read music notation, have experience singing in a choir, and would like to know more, please contact us for more information! The choir leads worship in the Sanctuary on a weekly basis.

WEEKDAYS

WEDNESDAYS CONTINUED

High School Guys Bible Study

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: Off Campus

Contact: Kyle Bowden, kyleb@fpcsat.org
Preston Miller, prestonm@fpcsat.org

Description: Do you know a 9th-12th grade guy looking for a Biblical community to grow in God's word? Come join us each Wednesday for snacks and community as we read through Scripture together!

THURSDAYS

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Time: 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Location: Geneva Room

Contact: Sheila Figueroa, sheilaf@fpcsat.org

Description: The Thursday Men's Breakfast Bible Study is a gathering of adult men for breakfast, prayer, fellowship and group discussion of God's Word. The group is comprised of both working and retired, pastors and laypeople, long-time veterans, and newcomers. As we read through the books of the Bible, we share the wisdom, humor, challenges, and blessings of God's Word. Join us for Food for the Body – and the Soul.

Pastor's Bible Study (Lecture & Small Groups)

The Mission and Journeys of Paul [Acts 7-28]

Dates: September 7 – November 16

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Location: Covenant Hall

Teacher: Rev. Dr. Bob Fuller

Contact: Sheila Figueroa, 210-226-0215
sheilaf@fpcsat.org

Description: This fall we will study the book of Acts and follow Paul on his journeys to see how the Holy Spirit used this one-time enemy of the church to change the world for Jesus Christ. You may also join us virtually via live stream through the FPC app or fpcsanantonio.org. Watch fpcsanantonio.org/pbs for weekly notes and discussion guides through the fall.

FRIDAYS

Friday Singers

Time: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM (Rehearsal Days)
9:30 AM and 10:30 AM (Performance Days)
Location: Off Campus
Contact: Charlotte Hains Gates, 210-271-2730
charlottehains@gmail.com

Description: Friday Singers are a key element in our outreach to retirement and rehabilitation communities in the greater San Antonio area. Singers perform regularly on Fridays, contact Charlotte for rehearsal and performance information. No singing experience is needed, just a desire to make life brighter in our community through song.

KEYS Friday Fitness

Dates: September 8 - December 11 (No 11/24)
Time: 9:30 AM
Location: Zoom (TV in Room 224)
Teacher: Jacqueline Crow
Contact: Rev. Dr. Joe Moore, joem@fpcsat.org

Description: From wherever you are, keep your body moving, build strength and have fun together with other KEYS members in this weekly Zoom Fitness Class. For those who wish to attend the class and then join KEYS by 11:00 AM, you can watch the Zoom feed at FPC in Room 224. Contact Joe Moore for the Zoom link and join in! Not meeting week of Thanksgiving (11/24).

KEYS Older Adult Ministry (Keeping Everyone Young in Spirit)

Times: 11:00 AM - Program, 12:00 PM - Lunch
Location: FPC Westminster Hall, Offsite for Special Events and Birthday Lunches
Contact: Rev. Dr. Joe Moore, joem@fpcsat.org

Description: Join with other 50 yr+ adults for fun weekly programs designed to educate and enlighten. RSVP for lunch each week (\$13) at the Reception Desk or email keys@fpcsat.org. The 3rd Friday of each month we celebrate our birthdays at a local restaurant beginning at 11:30 AM, with the shuttle departing FPC at 10:45 AM.

FRIDAYS CONTINUED

KEYS Mahjong Players

Dates: 2nd and 4th Fridays (No 11/24)

Time: 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Location: Geneva Room

Contact: Nancy Black, whythere@icloud.com

Description: Join in on the fun game of Mahjong at FPC!

ONGOING

MONTHLY

Women of the Church Monthly Circle Meetings

Various Times, Dates, and Locations

Contact: Pat Brodeen, 210-383-3083

pat@brodeen.com

Description: Ladies - church members & friends - meet monthly to fellowship and share in Bible study, service, and even knitting and book reviews! Circles meet on various days at various times and all are invited to join! Many women are members of more than one Circle.

Visitors are always welcome! Additional Women of the Church events and information can be found at fpcsanantonio.org/woc.

ONGOING

MONDAY, OCT. 30, 2023 - THURSDAY, FEB. 29, 2024

Train to Run the Alamo with FPC Team

Dates: Race Day: Sunday, March 3, 2024

Contact: Gordon Smith, gordons@servicetitlesa.com

Description: Run to raise money for clean water projects around the world through World Vision. Join FPC's Team for the Run the Alamo Marathon (run only) or Half Marathon (may be walked.) Training plans, on your own, take you from "couch" to race. Each Saturday morning there is an optional group run with other teams. To find out more, register, or donate, go to bit.ly/fpc-run-team.

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Times: All Day

Contact: Lindsay Selli, lindsays@fpcsat.org

Description: On this day, we are invited to remember our Christian brothers and sisters all over the world who are experiencing persecution for their faithful and bold witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Please spend some time in prayer for these believers on your own, with your family, or even with your small group. In your prayer time, remember our FPC Ministry Partners who work in or are equipping others in these regions. For more information to connect with or pray for our ministry partners, please contact Lindsay Selli.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

All Saints Day Service of Remembrance

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: FPC Sanctuary

Description: Join Rev. Dr. Bob Fuller and the GriefShare Ministry in an evening service of remembrance. Grief is a complex process, and this service seeks to offer a time of remembrance, especially for those who haven't been able to properly grieve or say goodbye to those they have lost.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

The Gift of Christmas Due Date

Contact: Lellen Lane, lellenlane@aol.com
or other Gift of Christmas Committee members.

Description: Share Christ's love by giving food, clothing, gifts, and/or gift cards to families referred to us by the House of Neighborly Service (HNS). Visit the table in Mauzé Lobby on Sundays, Oct. 22 - Nov. 5, for family adoption forms or to donate cash, gifts, or cards. Families will be assigned by Nov. 13. Forms are online at fpcsanantonio.org/christmas-giving.

NOVEMBER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Youth Friendsgiving 7-11

Time: 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Location: Student Center

Contact: Kyle Bowden, kyleb@fpcsat.org
 Kerri Napoli, kerrin@fpcsat.org
 Preston Miller, prestonm@fpcsat.org

Description: All middle school and high school students, invite your friends to an evening of free food, games, fellowship, and fun!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry Packing Party

Time: 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Contact: Rebecca Sweet, rebeccas@fpcsat.org

Description: Pick up a shoe box from Children's Ministry to pack yourself, or pick up supplies for our children to pack a box for you. Boxes are due back by Sunday, Nov. 12 for our Shoe Box Packing Party, where we will pray over the boxes before they are sent to children all over the world. www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Local Missions Serve with SAMM Empty Bowls

Time: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Location: Transitional Living and Learning Center
 5922 Blanco Rd. 78216

Contact: Mike Munroe, 210-382-8331
mcmunroe@icloud.com

Description: SAMM Ministries, a mission partner of First Presbyterian Church that prevents homelessness in San Antonio, is looking for volunteers from our church to help with their annual Empty Bowls fundraising event. Pottery artists, woodcrafters, and soup-makers will all come together to raise funds to support at-risk families. Would you consider helping out? Visit www.samm.org/emptybowls for more information on Empty Bowls.

NOVEMBER

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

November Literature Circle

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

Location: McCullough Room

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

Description: Featuring a review of “Brackenridge: San Antonio’s Acclaimed Urban Park” by the author, Lewis F. Fisher. He will be with us to review his book AND will be selling/autographing his book after his review. This month’s book is “the first comprehensive look at the fascinating story of this unique park.” Visit fpcsanantonio.org/lit-circle.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Practical Prayer Training with ONE

Times: 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Location: Room 226

To Register: Lisa Snow, lisas@fpcsat.org

Questions: Pamela Young, 210-896-0455,
pyoung141@gmail.com

Description: Did you know that prayer can be a two-way conversation? We will practice together in this class, taught by ONE Ministry.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Fall Concert featuring Son of Cloud,

Callan Brown, and Yaz Williams

Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Westminster Hall

Contact: Callan Brown, callanb@fpcsat.org

Description: A listening room experience featuring Jonathan Seale, a music maker and multi-disciplinary artist who goes by Son of Cloud. We will also hear from our own Callan Brown and Yaz Williams. Free evening concert at FPC. RSVP at <http://bit.ly/fpc-fall-concert23>. Free childcare available. Learn more about our featured artist at www.sonofcloud.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Stewardship Commitment Sunday

Description: As an act of **Gathering**, **Preparing**, and **Serving** in response to God's generous gifts and by faith, we set aside this Sunday to commit to support the ministry and mission of First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio for the next year. Please prayerfully fill out the Commitment Card and bring it with you to our Worship Services. You may also visit fpcsanantonio.org/give to fill out your commitment card online.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23-24

Church Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Description: First Pres church offices will be closed Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Regular Sunday Worship Services will be held on Sunday, November 26 and office hours will resume Monday, November 27.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

KEYS Serve at Elf Louise

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Lunch afterward)

Location: 333 Morris Witt Street, 78226

Contact: Rev. Dr. Joe Moore, joem@fpcsat.org

Description: Our older adult ministry is scheduled to help wrap gifts with the annual Elf Louise Christmas Project. A shuttle will be available, leaving FPC at 9:15 AM. We will all go together for lunch after the project is finished.

DECEMBER**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2****Youth Christmas Party**

Time: 6:00 PM -8:00 PM

Location: Student Center

Contact: Kyle Bowden, kyleb@fpcsat.org
 Kerri Napoli, kerrin@fpcsat.org
 Preston Miller, prestonm@fpcsat.org

Description: Celebrate the end of the school year and kick off the holiday season by joining us for our Youth Christmas Party! Students will make Christmas crafts, play games, and participate in a White Elephant gift exchange.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3**Advent Festival**

Time: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Location: Westminster Hall

Contact: Rebecca Sweet, rebeccas@fpcsat.org

Description: Free event for all ages! Come explore the sights and sounds of Christmas as FPC hosts the annual Advent Festival. Childcare available for babies through 3 years by reservation, email childcare@fpcsat.org. To volunteer, please sign up at <https://bit.ly/adventfest23>.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4**Young Adults Christmas Party**

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Location: 339 E Huisache Ave, 78212

Contact: Carrie Everson, 210-226-0215
carrie@fpcsat.org

Christopher Roper, 210-782-3687
christopherdavidroper@yahoo.com

Description: Come celebrate Christmas with other young adults! Cabo Bob's provided! Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater, and bring a White Elephant gift, friend, and drink/dessert if possible. We look forward to celebrating with you! Text 210-782-3687 with any questions.

DECEMBER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Mid-Day Noels Concert Series Begins

Time: 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM
 Location: FPC Sanctuary
 Contact: Tom Dooling, 210-271-2717
tomd@fpcsat.org

Description: Once again, FPC offers its holiday ‘gift to the city’ with three free concerts on the first three Thursdays in December. After each concert, there will be an option for a hot lunch for \$15 in Westminster Hall or ‘Grab and Go’ lunches for \$5 in the Sanctuary narthex. Feel free to invite a friend, co-worker, or neighbor to join you. More information and weekly live stream at fpcsanantonio.org/noels.

Concert #1: “Hear the Bells Ring and Hear Voices Sing!”

Join us for this showcase of talent from across our music ministry as we feature our Sanctuary Handbells complemented by carols offered by our Chamber Singer ensemble. We will invite everyone to finish the concert with a rousing sing-a-long of “Joy to the World!”

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Children’s Christmas Pageant

(Mandatory rehearsal on Saturday, December 9)

Time: 11:00 AM Traditional Service
 Location: Sanctuary
 Contact: Rebecca Sweet, rebeccas@fpcsat.org

Description: A Savior has been born! He is Christ the Lord! Come hear the story of God’s love told through our FPC children during the 11:00 AM Traditional Service.

DECEMBER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

December Literature Circle

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

Location: McCullough Room

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

Description: Featuring a review by Tripp Stuart of “Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty.” “The Commodore’s [Cornelius Vanderbilt’s] great-great-great-grandson, Anderson Cooper, joins with historian Katherine Howe to explore the story of his legendary family, their outsized influence, and the triumphs and tragedies of an American dynasty unlike any other.” Visit fpcsanantonio.org/lit-circle.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

Mid-Day Noels Concert #2

“A European Christmas with Bronwyn White”

Time: 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM

Location: FPC Sanctuary

Contact: Tom Dooling, 210-271-2717
tomd@fpcsat.org

Description: We welcome opera singer and recitalist Bronwyn White as she takes us on a musical journey through different European musical traditions and expressions of the Christmas season. Bronwyn sings weekly with our Sanctuary Choir when she isn’t traveling to perform in opera and symphony concerts around the country. More information and weekly live stream at fpcsanantonio.org/noels.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

Mid-Day Noels Concert #3

“Shimmering Brass with the Castle Brass Quintet”

Time: 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM

Location: FPC Sanctuary

Contact: Tom Dooling, 210-271-2717

tomd@fpcsat.org

Description: Save the dates for this beloved holiday concert tradition and join us for our musical “gift to the city” during Advent. More information and weekly live stream at fpcsanantonio.org/noels.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Sunday Morning & Christmas Eve Services

9:30 AM 4th Sunday of Advent Traditional Service
– Sanctuary

11:00 AM 4th Sunday of Advent Modern Service
– Westminster Hall

2:30 PM Christmas Eve Lord’s Supper Worship Service
– Sanctuary

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Worship Service
– Sanctuary

7:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service
– Sanctuary

10:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service
– Sanctuary

WINTER & SPRING 2024 SAVE THE DATE

JANUARY 19 - 21, 2024

Registration for Men's Retreat 2024

Location: LoneHollow Ranch

Description: Join us for an incredible weekend in the Texas Hill Country together to kick off the year! You'll enjoy vibrant worship, rich community with other men in the FPC family, and a great speaker who will lead us through the weekend as we grow together in the Lord. For more information and to register go to fpcsanantonio.org/men-retreat.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9 - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

High School Retreat

Time & Location: TBD

Contact: Kyle Bowden, kyleb@fpcsat.org
 Kerri Napoli, kerrin@fpcsat.org
 Preston Miller, prestonm@fpcsat.org

Description: All students and friends of students grades 9-12 are invited to join us for a fun weekend for our annual Retreat! Activities will include team building exercises, good food and snacks, fellowship, and so much more.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22 - SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

"A Praying Life" Churchwide Seminar

Time: TBD

Location: First Presbyterian Church Campus

Contact: Kim Smith, KimDCSmith@yahoo.com
 Ginny Porata, ginnyvan490@gmail.com

Description: Registration coming soon for this churchwide seminar on prayer led by the SeeJesus Ministry. This seminar is not for victorious Christians, but Christians defeated in the trenches, asking... How do I focus when I'm distracted with so much to do? How do I pray longer than five minutes? How do I ask when I've tried it before and it doesn't work? Delving into our frustrations, we look at Jesus' powerful yet simple teachings on prayer. Further practical tools and helps are explained and demonstrated. Throughout the sessions people have time to pray, making real what they learned.

FPC CHILDREN'S CENTER

FPC Children's Center Now Enrolling

The Children's Center is enrolling for the regular toddler and preschool (2.5 - 4 years of age) classrooms, both part-time (2, 3, or 5 days a week, Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM) and full-time (Monday- Friday, 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM.)Contact Laura Ortiz at laurao@fpccsat.org, visit fpccsanantonio.org/childrens-center, or call (210) 225-0960. Get on the waitlist by filling out the form at bit.ly/fpccc-waitlist-form.

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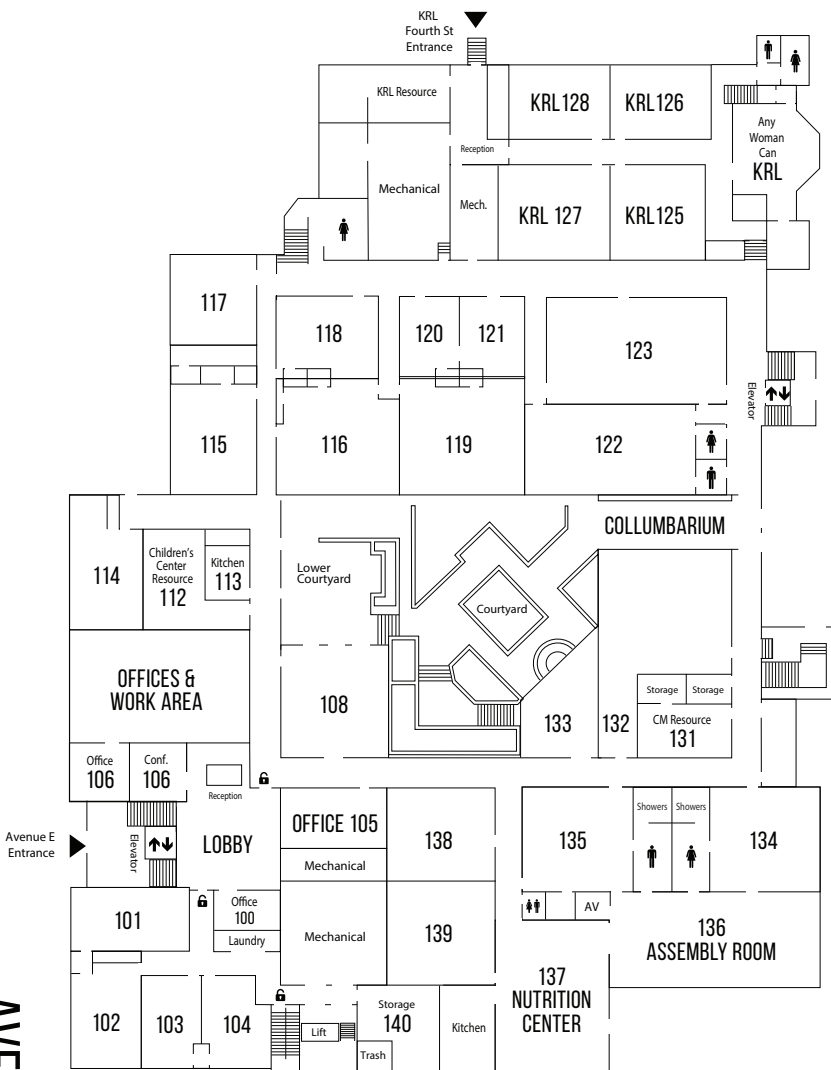
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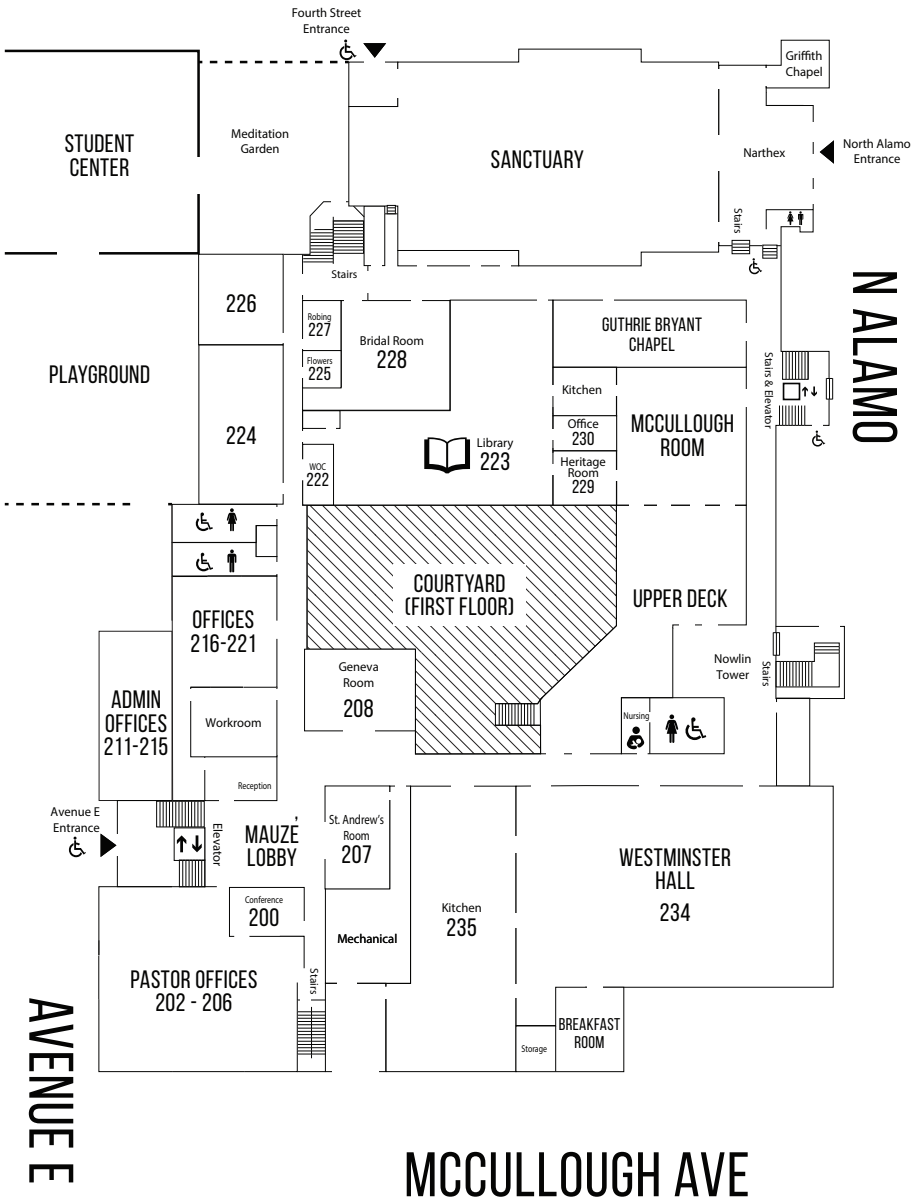


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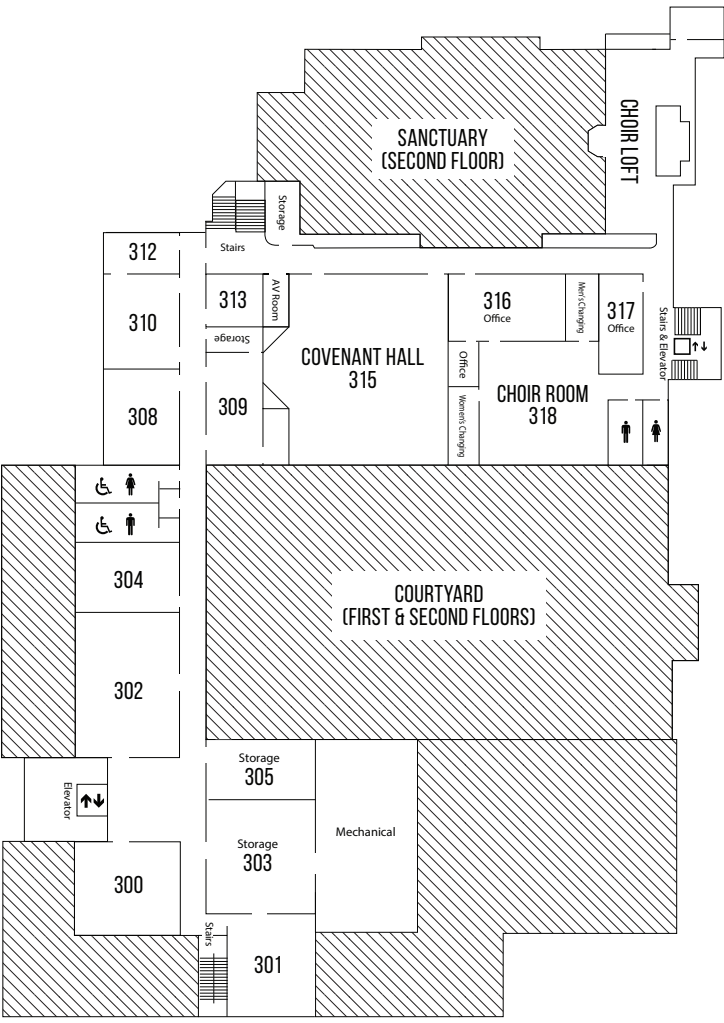
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