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Pastor's Article

A Vision for Deeper Disciples

REV. DR. BOB FULLER

One day Jesus took a good long look at the desperate people who kept showing up wherever he went, who kept following him like a puppy from town to town. Matthew says that

³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38)

When Jesus saw the problems of the world huddled before him—he said "The world needs my church." THE WORLD NEEDS MY REDEEMED, RESTORED, AND EMPOWERED PEOPLE. Rather than just fix the problem, Jesus called his people to be part of the mission.

Here is what I believe: *In 2024, the Lord is not just calling FPC to be Laborers in the Harvest. He is calling on us to pray that God would multiply the Laborers in His Harvest.*

Over the last two years, a vision has been growing in this church.

The vision is that – because of our history, because of our location, because of our reputation in San Antonio, and Nationally and Internationally, because of our influence and the connections of our covenant partners, because of our resources—we are a church that GOD IS CALLING TO PREPARE LABORERS FOR THE HARVEST.

- We are not just supposed to support Missionaries, we are to equip Missionaries.
- We are not just supposed to support church planting, we are to empower Church Planters with training and



Theological Education.

- We are not just supposed to teach the Bible, we are to develop young leaders to pastor and shepherd churches.
- We are not just supposed to make disciples—we are to disciple men and women, young and old to be leaders and laborers, healers and teachers, builders and makers, caretakers and feeders, organizers and pioneers.

This vision is taking shape in two ways. The *Zbinden Legacy Forum* (also known as "Z-Talks"), and *The Center for Theological Study and Discipleship* (*The Center*).

Z-Talks are series of special learning and training events in which visiting leaders and scholars will come to FPC to inspire and challenge our congregation and community. Over the last two years, this invitation included Dr. Ligon Duncan (Chancellor of Reformed Theological Seminary), Dr. Tom Gibbs (President of Covenant Theological Seminary) and Dr. Richard Pratt (Founder

and Director of Third Millennium Ministries).

The Center for Theological Study and Discipleship will be an ongoing training program, designed to train men and women – church planters, pastoral candidates, and lay leaders—for discipleship growth and for leadership in the church and community.

The mission of *The Center* is to engage the "head, heart and hands" by designing a program that will partner with seminaries and international ministries to restore the necessary and deep connection between theological training and the fellowship of the local church. Our hope is to bring the best of what theological education has to the local church, while bringing the best of the local church to theological education.

Our first *Z-Talks* event for 2024 will take place on **January 12-14**, as we welcome Rev. Sandy Willson, President of the Gospel Coalition and Pastor Emeritus of Second Presbyterian Church (Memphis). Reverend Willson will come and lead our officers in a workshop and then preach at both the Traditional and Modern Services on January 14.

During the Spring, *The Center* will continue development of our curriculum and program. We are already working in collaboration with Third Millennium Ministries and other seminary partners, while "beta-testing" our teaching and discipleship model through groups (cohorts) of church-planting and city leaders, emerging leaders, and our own covenant partners.

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The Center will provide training opportunities for both those who are exploring vocational ministry and those covenant partners who want to take a “next step” in their life and leadership as a Christian.

We want you to be aware and to get involved as a learner and a leader as we move forward. In this stage, we need two things to make this vision a reality.

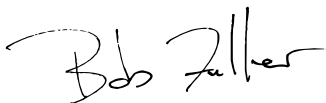
- **Prayer:** We ask you to pray that the Holy Spirit would inspire men and women with a call to deeper levels of discipleship and service. We also ask you to pray for our leadership team so that we will have the Holy Spirit’s guidance as we connect with partners, develop our program, and gather the necessary resources. Please pray that God’s will would be done and his glory would be made known.
- **Participation:** We also want you to be open to how the Lord may be calling you to be involved in this Kingdom effort. We hope that as you pray for laborers in God’s harvest, that the Lord of the Harvest will inspire you to deeper learning and growth for deeper service to the church. God may be calling you to a “next step” in your walk with Him and we want to give you the tools and support you need to follow Jesus where he leads.

The Lord is not just calling us to make this congregation at Fourth and Alamo bigger, but to DEVELOP DISCIPLES DEEPER. In Ephesians 4:12, The Apostle Paul reminds us that we are to “*equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.*”

We believe that FPC offers unique context and community for “equipping the saints.” The Lord is calling us to a deeper vision for 2024-- not because he can’t do it WITHOUT US, but because He wants to do it WITH US.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Bob



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Save the Date

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

Sunday Morning Regular Schedule Resumes

All worship services and regular Sunday School Classes resume. Visit fpcsanantonio.org/ministry-guide for the full schedule of Sunday classes, weekday classes & groups, and upcoming events.

New! Old Testament Sunday School

Dates: January 7 - May 12
Time: 9:30 AM
Location: Room 300
Contact: Carrie Everson, carrie@fpcsat.org

Discover God's plan of redemption through history as we journey through the Old Testament. Led by Carrie Everson.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

January Literature Circle

Time: 1:30 PM (Social starts at 1:00 PM)
Location: McCullough Room
Contact: Grace Clouse, Chair, grace.clouse42@gmail.com

Richard Taylor will review "Facing the Mountain," by Daniel James Brown, a gripping account of Japanese-American soldiers who fought bravely for the United States during World War II while their families were unjustly interned. Visit fpcsanantonio.org/lit-circle.

Precept Bible Study: Hebrews Part Three

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! All are welcome - it is not required to have attended Hebrews Part 1 and 2 to participate. The workbook associated with the class is \$20.25. Visit www.precept.org for more information on the Precept method of study.

WED. JANUARY 10 & THURS. JANUARY 11

Spring Session of Pastor's Bible Study Begins

Dates: January 10/11 - March 20/21
Times: Wed. @ 6:30 PM | Thurs. @ 9:30 AM
Location: Covenant Hall
Contact: Sheila Figueroa, 210-226-0215
sheilaf@fpcsat.org

Join Rev. Dr. Bob Fuller as we delve into Paul's letters to uncover his powerful doctrine, challenging teachings, personal reflections, practical advice, heartfelt prayers, and poetic expressions as an early pioneering pastor. 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.

Children's Choir (Pre-K – 5th grade)

Dates: January 10 - May 8
Time: 5:00 PM – 5:45 PM
Location: Assembly Room (Room 136)
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.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

KEYS Older Adult Ministry Resumes

Time: 11:00 AM
Location: Westminster Hall
Contact: Rev. Dr. Joe Moore, joem@fpcsat.org

Join our 50+ adult community as we watch "Jesus Revolution" and enjoy hamburgers. RSVP to the front desk for \$13 lunch, 210-226-0215 or keys@fpcsat.org. See [pages 24-25](#) of this magazine. Weekly meeting info also at fpcsanantonio.org/keys.

Z-Talk (Zbinden Legacy Forum)

Dinner with Rev. Sandy Willson

Time: 6:30 PM (Doors open at 6:00 PM)
Location: Westminster Hall
Contact: Marianne Ryan, marianne@fpcsat.org

Z-Talks are a series of learning and training events where influential leaders and scholars visit FPC to inspire and challenge the congregation and community. The first Z-Talk event for 2024 will be held from January 12-14, featuring Rev. Sandy Willson. On January 12, Rev. Willson will lead a workshop for officers, which is open to the congregation. Those interested can email Marianne Ryan to receive an invitation. fpcsanantonio.org/z-talks

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Z-Talks in Worship (Zbinden Legacy Forum)

Times: 9:30 AM Traditional & 11:00 AM Modern
Location: Sanctuary & Westminster Hall

As part of our first Z-Talks event for 2024, we welcome Rev. Sandy Willson, President of the Gospel Coalition and Pastor Emeritus of Second Presbyterian Church (Memphis), to preach at the 9:30 AM Traditional and 11:00 AM Modern Services on January 14.

College Breakfast Hour

Dates: Jan. 14, 28; Feb. 11, 25; Mar. 17, 24; and Apr. 7, 21
Room: 310
Contact: Ben Henderson, 210-845-3845
benh@fpcsat.org

Food as free as Jesus' grace. Enjoy food and fellowship, and challenge your faith with other college students!

Financial Peace University - FREE!

Dates: January 14 - March 10
Time: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Location: Zoom | Meeting ID: 2105734433
Passcode: debtfree
Contact: Morris Camp, morriscamp@gmail.com
Muffin Camp, muffincamp@gmail.com

Description: Learn how to save money and become debt-free with Financial Peace University for FREE (sponsored by FPC.) You watch the videos ahead of each meeting and then meet via Zoom for discussions for less than an hour. Visit fpcsanantonio.org/fpu-spring24 for information and full registration instructions & links.

ONE LOVE Sunday School Class for the Newly & Almost Married

Dates: Jan. 14 & Jan 28 – Feb. 21
Time: 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
Location: Room 309

Join our "One Love" intergenerational Sunday School Class to learn about the Gospel's transformative truth and wisdom from couples who have gone before us. Visit fpcsanantonio.org/marriage.

University Ministry "Family Time"

Dates: Jan. 14 - Apr. 28 (not meeting 3/10 or 4/14)
Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Location: 269 Wellesley Blvd.
Contact: Ben Henderson, 210-845-3845
benh@fpcsat.org

University Students diving into Scripture over dinner!

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

Church Offices Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Hollywood Park Area Bible Study and Fellowship

Time: 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Location: Off Campus
Contact: Ann Bunn, abunn811@gmail.com

Consider joining us on Monday nights in Hollywood Park for a time of Bible study and fellowship. Our first study will be the book of Jonah. We'll explore God's work in building His kingdom using this very short study.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

Women's Bible Study Session 1: When You Pray

Dates: January 16 – March 5
Time: 9:30 AM - 11:45 AM
Location: Covenant Hall
Contact: Catherine Miller, 210-394-2045
grcjmillersbcglobal.net

Join us for this 7-session study in which 6 beloved Bible teachers guide us through different types of prayer from the Bible that will inspire and transform our prayer life. Bring a friend! Childcare available upon request.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

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

Dates: January 17- April 24
Time: 5:15 PM – 5:45 PM (Light dinner at 5:45 PM)
Location: Room 139
Contact: Rebecca Sweet, rebeccas@fpcsat.org

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.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19 - SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Men's Retreat 2024

Location: LoneHollow Ranch

Join us for an incredible weekend in the Texas Hill Country together to kick off the year! You'll enjoy vibrant worship, a guest speaker, and rich community with other FPC men. Register at fpcsanantonio.org/men-retreat.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**Interested in Joining FPC? DiscoverFirst!**

DiscoverFirst! Class - Sunday, Jan. 21 | 12:15 - 2:00 PM
 KnowFirst! Class - Sunday, Feb. 4 | 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Interested in joining FPC as a Covenant Partner (member)? There are two required classes offered during Winter 2024. DiscoverFPC! on Jan. 21 (light lunch will be provided) and KnowFPC! on Feb. 4. Sign up for the next round of classes or to be notified when additional classes are scheduled at fpcsanantonio.org/register-discover-fpc.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22**Young Adult Gospel Community Gatherings**

Dates: Jan. 22, Feb. 26, Mar. 18, Apr. 22, & May 20
 Time: 6:30 PM – 8:25 PM
 Location: FPC Student Center (Downstairs)
 Contact: Carrie Everson, carrie@fpcsat.org

Monthly Young Adult Gathering for YA's of all ages and stages. Dinner is served at 6:30 and program begins at 7 PM. Gathering will include teaching, food, fellowship, and fun!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23**The Well (University)**

Dates: Jan. 23 - Apr. 23, no 3/12
 Time: 8:30 PM
 Location: Off Campus
 Contact: Ben Henderson, benh@fpcsat.org

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!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26**Officer Nominations Due**

The Church Officer Nominating Committee is now seeking names to consider for nomination for service as Elders, Deacons, and Trustees. Fill out a nomination form online at fpcsanantonio.org/officer-nominate-form. You may also pick up a form in Mauzé Lobby. Please return to the Officer Nominations mailbox in the 2nd Floor Workroom or mail to the church c/o Officer Nominating Committee.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 - SUNDAY, JANUARY 28**Love Reboot Marriage Weekend**

Time: Friday – Saturday | 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
 Sunday | 1:30 PM – 7:00 PM
 Location: FPC Student Center

All marriages go through times of struggle. This weekend with marriage expert and author, Jon Anderson, is specifically for when you are feeling distant and in conflict with each other. This is the BEST way to find your way back to love and intimacy with your spouse. Visit www.growinglovenetwork.org/courses for registration and more information.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27**Local Missions Serve - Bingo at Morningside**

Time: 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
 Location: Morningside Ministries,
 2201 St. Cloud 78228
 Contact: Jim Clouse, james.clouse42@gmail.com

The FPC Local Missions organization is offering a serving opportunity for volunteers. They will be serving the residents of Morningside Ministries by organizing a morning of Bingo, providing coffee, donuts, and fostering a sense of fellowship. This event is open to individuals of all ages and is a great chance to love our city. For more information or to sign up, please contact Jim Clouse.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28**Children's Western Pancake Breakfast**

Time: 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
 Location: Nutrition Center
 Contact: Rebecca Sweet, rebeccas@fpcsat.org

Children and their families are invited to wear a Western inspired outfit and bring a friend for breakfast, fellowship, and Bible stories! Join us in making a difference! Support families in need by contributing to World Vision's livestock donation program. Your generosity can help provide a cow, goat, or a chicken to a family.

Mama Bear Apologetics Class for Parents

Dates: Begins January 28
 Room: 108
 Contact: Rachel Gremillion,
rcgremillion@gmail.com

"Mama Bear Apologetics: Guide to Sexuality" is a valuable resource aimed at empowering parents to educate and guide their children toward understanding and respecting God's intended plan for gender, sex, marriage, and family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign Up for February Sanctuary Flowers

Looking for a meaningful way to celebrate a special occasion or honor a loved one? Consider donating flowers for the Sanctuary. Please contact Elizabeth Kreager at 210-885-9550 or lizzieannkreager@hotmail.com to donate during the month of February. It is an easy process.

Young Adult Community and 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.

Connect with FPC Missions

Text "Missions" to 210-981-3339 to receive updates about ongoing and upcoming opportunities to connect and serve with our FPC Mission Partners. You may also visit fpcsanantonio.org/missions-serve.

Summer 2024 Mission Mentorships

Do you feel that God might be inviting you into exploring how to use your gifts in cross-cultural missions service? We'd love to connect you with summer mentorship & internship opportunities through ECO, Josiah Venture, and more! Please contact Lindsay Selli (lindsays@fpcsat.org) for more information

Monthly Local Missions Service Opportunities

Love our city alongside our Local Mission Partners. Stay updated about how to participate—contact Lindsay at lindsays@fpcsat.org, visit our website at fpcsanantonio.org/missions-serve, and join our Missions Text Update Line by texting "Missions" to 210-981-3339.

Praying with the Ministers

Sign up (*new link coming soon*) to pray with the ministers ten minutes before each Traditional Service (9:20 AM and 10:50 AM) in the Robing Room (227). A short prayer with the Pastors starts when all are present or the pastor gives the go-ahead.

FPC Children's Center Taking Registrations

Accepting toddlers and preschoolers (2.5 - 4 years of age). Contact Laura Ortiz at laurao@fpcsat.org, call (210) 225-0960, or visit fpcsanantonio.org/childrens-center.

Check out the FPC Library!

Our church library is blessed with over 14,000 volumes including fiction, nonfiction, biographies, reference, periodicals, and much more. The library is free to all covenant partners, adults and children alike.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES 2024

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 9 - 11: High School Youth Retreat
- Feb. 10 - Easter Lily Orders Begin
- Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:30 PM
- Feb. 14 - Mar. 31: Stations of the Cross Prayer
- Feb. 23-24: Women's IF:Gathering 2024

MARCH

- Mar. 2: 53rd Annual Bill Hall Pipe Organ Competition
- Mar. 3: FPC Team World Vision runs marathon
- Mar. 4: Women of the Church Spring Luncheon
- Mar. 10: Daylight Saving Time
- Mar. 22-23: "A Praying Life" Churchwide Seminar
- Mar. 22-24: Youth Confirmation Retreat
- Mar. 24: Palm Sunday
- Mar. 28: Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:30 PM
- Mar. 29: Good Friday Service @ 12:00 PM
- Mar. 30: Children's Easter Program @ 10:00 AM
- Mar. 31: Easter Sunday

APRIL

- Apr. 5: Joseph Haydn's "Creation" Concert @ 7:30 PM
- Apr. 14: Confirmation Sunday
- Apr. 19-21: Love Reboot Marriage Weekend at FPC
- Apr. 26: Church Closed for Battle of the Flowers Parade

MAY

- May 5: Youth Sunday
- May 10: Youth 7-11 Evening
- May 19: 5th Grade Graduation

JUNE

- Jun. 1-8: Dominican Republic Mission Trip
Email Carrie Everson, carrie@fpcsat.org
- Jun. 13-24: Uganda Mission Trip
Email Ellen Meadows: e.meadows@att.net
- Jun 17-21: Vacation Bible School

AUGUST

- Aug. 18: Kickoff Sunday
- Aug. 23: FPC Children's Center Golf Tournament
Email Colby Prichard, forefpc@fpcsat.org



Christmas Poinsettias

Given by... In honor of

Jenny and Vince Andermatt

- **Will, Jess, Violet, and Ward Jette**
- **The Koehler Andermatt Family**

The Greg Anderson Family

- **Mrs. Sheila Figueroa**
- **Mrs. Dianne Pool**

Madge Arnold and Dorothy Duhon

- **Downie and Bobby Mickler**

Michele and Jonathan Barker

- **Our daughters**
- **Our parents**
- **Our FPC pastors and staff**
- **Our Pathways Class**

Kay Beth and David Barr

- **Our children**
- **Our grandchildren**

Lynnda and Field Barnes

- **Blaire, Brandon, and Beyn Brimer**
- **Dinner 10**

Dana and Jeff Bourland

- **Loretta and Joe Bourland**

Ann and Chuck Bunn

- **Lillian Ann Lehr**
- **Our Faithful Explorers Class**

Darcy and John Collins

- **Our children and grandchildren**

Susan and Dirk DeKoch

- **Our children and grandchildren**

Jeannie and Bobby Dullnig

- **Our children and grandchildren**
- **Our pastors and staff**

Katie Zbinden Farrimond

- **Anne Zbinden and Betsy Z. Baker**

Sheila Figueroa

- **Staff of FPC**
- **Rev. Dr. Bob and Morgan Fuller**

A friend

- **Our pastors**

Your Grandchildren

- **Jan and Larry Fischer**

Myna Gathers

- **Jimbo Fisher in his career transition**

Andrew Glotzer

- **My grandma, Sue Glotzer**

Joella Gordon and Giselle

- **Linda and Richard Delano**

Joella Gordon

- **Carol and the Sanctuary Flower Committee**

Lilly and Alan Gretzinger

- **Lillian Ann Lehr**
- **Janie and Jim Worth**

Nona and Barry Hall

- **Our children**
- **Our KEYS family and friends**
- **The Sanctuary Flower Committee**

Janet and Boxy Hornberger

- **Our children and grandchildren**

Ashley and Jobe Jackson

- **Janie and Jim Worth**

Paula and Clyde Johnson

- **Our children and grandchildren**

Elizabeth Kreager

- **Ned Gretzinger**
- **Lillian Gretzinger**

Judy and Barry Kruger

- **Elise and Wesley Kruger**
- **Janis Kruger**
- **Our mothers, Lora Mae Kruger and Janis Spear**

Your loving family

- **Jeanne Lundren**

Amelita, David and George Mauzé

- **Christi and Tommy Moorman**
- **Mary Ellen and Jean Mauzé**

Joyce and Jess Mayfield

- **Our children and grandchildren**

The Meadows Family

- **Ashley and Jobe Jackson**
- **Kerri Napoli**

Liz and Chris Medley

- **Our children and grandchildren**
- **Gen. Pre Ball**

Carol and Bill Moore

- **Kelsey and Justin Barlow**

Diana Morehouse

- **Her grandchildren**

Jacque and Frank Patton

- **Their Gleneagles Small Group**

Emily Peebles

- **My PBS Group friends**

Her PBS Group

- **Emily Peebles**

Blair Perry

- **Paige, Peyton, and Ryan**

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- **Blair Perry**

Harriett Raney

- **My children and grandchildren**
- **Laura and Clay Page**

Nancy Rice

- **Morgan and Bob Fuller**

Kathy and Fred Shussler

- **Our grandchildren, Baker, and Ada**

Friends at Adante Sr. Living

- **The Reverend Scott Simpson**

The Gordon Smith Family

- **Bob Collins**

Barbara Anne Stephens

- **My Pastor's Bible Study Group**

The Ken Stephens Family

- **FPC Pastors and Staff**

Cheri and Russell Stith

- **Christina, Marshall, and Tripp Heins**
- **Maricarolyn and Taylor Mattingly**
- **Sutherland Stith**

The Stith Family and Extended Family

- **Brinkley Stith**

Marti and Richard Taylor

- **Martha McCulloch**

Jane Ann and Devereaux Temple

- **Our grandchildren, Carter and Harper**

Kathy Timberlake

- **My grandchildren**

Janet Wernli and family

- **Ministers and Staff of FPC**

Carol White

- **Martha Smith**

Sidney Wilkins

- **Tom, Jae, and the choir**
- **Our pastors and staff**

Janice and Richard Wilson

- **Our family**

Your daughters and grandkids

- **Mary and Dan Wofford**

Mrs. Jess Womack

- **Mrs. George Kampmann**

Holly and David Youngquist

- **Our grandchildren**
- **Thomas and Jack Youngquist**
- **Baby Diepenhorst due June**

The Zbinden Children

- **Kip Zbinden**

Given by... In memory of

Jenny and Vince Andermatt

- **Victoria and Alvin Koehler**

Barbara and Dennis Anderson

- **Our son, Christopher Anderson**

The Greg Anderson Family

- **Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Anderson**
- **Dr. James E. Bauerle**
- **Mrs. Hazel Dyer**
- **Mr. Raymond Figueroa**
- **Dr. Jack Pool**

The Archer Family

- **Robert R. Archer**
- **Anita N. Lindsay**
- **Pearl N. Nordan**

Anna C. Armstrong, MD

- **Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Armstrong**

Madge Arnold and Dorothy Duhon

- **Calvin Mickler**

Michele and Jonathan Barker

- **Our Grandparents**

Lynnda and Field Barnes

- **Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Sparks**
- **Judge and Mrs. Robert F. Barnes**

Lecy and Tom Benke

- **Our parents**

Dana and Jeff Bourland

- **Sally and Duard Brooks**

Debby and J.D. Bowen

- **Dr. and Mrs. Richard G. Ryan**

Laura Moore Brusenhan

- **Harry H. Brusenhan, Sr.**
- **Estella and Charles Moore**

His loving family

- **John Buchek**

Ann and Chuck Bunn

- **Mary and Charles Bunn**
- **Ralph Lehr**

Mrs. George V. Burkholder

- **Dr. George V. Burkholder**
- **Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Schneider**
- **Dr. and Mrs. Theodore M. Burkholder**
- **Mrs. Margaret Wetzel**

George Case Family

- **George Dewar Case, MD**

Caroline Clanton

- **My parents, Mary and John Clanton**

Bob Collins

- **Elizabeth "Betty" Collins**

Kay and Pat Cowles

- **Lucille and Alvin Cowles**
- **Joan and Bob Jackson**

Kelly and Jim Daniell

- **Lisa Stieren Cox**
- **Arthur T. Stieren**
- **Barbara E. Stieren**
- **Barbara W. Daniell**
- **Richard and Cora Correll Wilson**

Laura A. Davis

- **Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Davis, Jr.**

The Dirk DeKoch Family

- **Rev. John McCullough**

Lucy and Josh Diepenhorst

- **Josh's mother, Cindee**

Jeanne Douglas

- **Gary E. Douglas**
- **George A. Knapp**

Jeannie and Bobby Dullnig

- **Our Parents**
- **Don Beeler**

Eva and Jim Eckburg

- **Jane and Bob Eckburg**
- **Maria and Hans Wiedemann**

Her daughters and their families

- **Sallie W. Embs**

His daughters and their families

- **Lowell D. Embs**

Aimee and David Everett

- **Michael M. Everett**
- **Gerald "Don" Poe**

Sheila Figueroa

- **Raymond Figueroa**

Jan and Larry Fischer

- **Fischer, Gibson, and Glotzer family members**

Ellen E. Frazier

- **My parents**
- **My husband, Donald**

Charlotte and George Gates

- **Matthew Gates**
- **Elizabeth Dee Pappas**

Joella Gordon

- **John R. Gordon**

Lilly and Alan Gretzinger

- **Ralph Lehr**

Nona and Barry Hall

- **The Three Ladies**
- **Our parents**

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- **Hudson B. Hamner**
- **Callie "Memama" Hamner**

Mrs. T. Maxey Hart, Jr.

- **T. Maxey Hart, Jr.**

Georgia Khym-Heath

- **June and Frank Khym, Mike R. Heath**

Christina, Marshall and Tripp Heins

- **John Weldon Heins**

Patricia and Reagan Houston

- **Sarah J. Stephens**

The Jackson Family

- **Liz Jackson**

Lauren and Tom Klender

- **Aunt Kay**

Judy and Barry Kruger

- **Our fathers, Clifford Kruger and Harrison Spear**

Courtney Young Grace

- **Donald Howard Grace, Jr.**

Catherine Grace Kridel

- **Donald Howard Grace, Jr.**

William Hudson Kridel

- **Donald Howard Grace, Jr.**

Patricia and Richard McCleary

- **Our Beloved Parents**

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- **Dr. Charlie Robinson**
- **Dr. Kaye Wilkins**

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- **Luke Ramsey Warrick**

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- **Frances and Basil Atkinson**

Diana Morehouse

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- **Mrs. Caughey, Meredith's mother**

Emily and David Peeples

- **Anne and Paul Smith**

Dolores Perrine

- **Robert Perrine, my husband**
- **Mike DeFilippo, my son in law**

Blair Perry

- **June Sargent and Jimmy Youngquist**

Phyllis Pickard

- **My husband, John E. Pickard**

Phyllis Pickard and grandchildren

- **Our Grandpa, John E. Pickard**

Dianne Pool and family

- **Dr. Jack W. Pool**

Harriett Raney

- **My husband, Doug Raney**

Nancy Reed

- **Sherman Macdaniel**

Nancy Rice

- **Nancy and Ashby Rice, my parents**
- **Raymond Figueroa**

Linda and Mark Rittenhouse

- **Dr. and Mrs. Norman H. Jacob, Jr.**

Connie Rodriguez

- **Refugia Kutnic**

Linda Ruhmann

- **Bill Ruhmann**
- **Brad Ruhmann**

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- **Anna Elizabeth Scates**

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- **Martha Pattillo Siv**
- **Barbara and George Bush**
- **Helen K. Groves**
- **George Sturch**

Carson and Mary Anne Smith

- **Kay Johnson**

The Gordon Smith Family

- **Betty Collins**

Helen Smith

- **Betty Anderson**

Martha and Gordon Smith

- **Shelly and Marshall Harrell**

Martha Smith

- **Shirley Kline**

Marie and Paul Smith

- **Anne and Paul Smith**

Barbara Anne and Ken Stephens

- **Our beloved granddaughter, Sarah**
- **Jack Pool**

Cheri and Russell Stith

- **John Weldon Heins**

Sutherland, Maricarolyn and Taylor

- **John Weldon Heins**

Chaney and Tripp Stuart

- **Mike Barnes**
- **Triple Fuhrmann**
- **Hans White**

Suzanne and John Thomas

- **Thomas Burns**
- **Elaine and Carroll Thomas**
- **Sally and Hank Hadigian**

Your loving family

- **Ingwald and Aaget Teigen**

Kathy Timberlake

- **Patricia and Martin Allday**

Jane Ann Temple

- **My dear friends, Liz and Marcia**

Jane Ann and Devereaux Temple

- **Our parents**

His Family

- **Walter Walthall III**

Jane, Robert and Liam Warren

- **Spence Warren**
- **Bryan Warren**
- **Hale Misha Warren**

Janet Wernli and family

- **Fritz Wernli**

Carol and David West

- **Olive and Bond Davis**
- **Margarite and W.G. West**

Carol and Craig White

- **Shirley and Bob Kline**

Paige White

- **Shirley Kline**

Sidney Wilkins

- **Kaye Wilkins**

Anonymous

- **Dr. Kaye Wilkins**

Your Loving Family

- **Emilie and Alonzo Wofford**

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- **John and Beverly Carson Buddy Wolff**

Mrs. Jess Y. Womack II

- **Mr. Jess Y. Womack II**
- **Mr. and Mrs. Henry Edward Stumberg, Sr.**
- **Mrs. Helen Morris Williamson**
- **Mr. and Mrs. Clark Munroe**
- **Mr. Henry Edward Stumberg, Jr.**
- **Mr. Henry Edward Stumberg III**

Edwyna Yarbrough and family

- **Dr. Leroy Yarbrough**

Holly and David Youngquist

- **June and Jack Sargent**
- **Jerry and Jimmy Youngquist**

The Zbinden Children

- **Rev. Dr. Louis H. Zbinden, Jr.**

Deacons' Christmas Visits & Poinsettias Lift Spirits

During the month of December, the Deacons were actively engaged in spreading the joy of Christmas. They made it a priority to deliver more than 100 poinsettias to our at-home members on behalf of First Presbyterian. This yearly gesture has become a beloved tradition for the Deacons, as it allows for meaningful visits and fellowship that are eagerly anticipated by all. We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated Deacons for their valuable time, genuine care, and thoughtful consideration towards our church congregation.



Sights and Songs of the Season

















Youth Ministries Celebration



Our Annual Youth Christmas Party was a resounding success, bringing us all together in celebration and joy. With delicious food and delightful fellowship, we were able to strengthen our bond as a community. The party was filled with fun Christmas games that had us laughing and spreading holiday cheer. And, of course, our infamous white elephant gift exchange added an extra element of excitement and laughter to the evening.

Thank you for your continuous support and encouragement in our mission to guide and inspire our youth towards a deeper connection with God. Your prayers, participation, and involvement in their lives are invaluable and make a tremendous impact in shaping their faith journey.

Kerri Napoli

Assistant Director to Youth and their Families



President's Letter Jan. 2024

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! - 2 Corinthians 5:17

Joyful January Greetings to You for the New Year!

Women of the Church is very thankful for the opportunities we had to serve our Lord during the Christmas season.

PCHAS Christmas Party- thank you to Suzanne West and Morgan Fuller for organizing the “Angel Tree” program and to all who participated as WOC to adopt 20 children currently residing at the San Antonio campus. What a treat it was to shop from their wishlists and be able to give requested items. WOC members also attended the Christmas party and made photo ornaments for each child. It was a merry party with cookies, Santa and other crafts.

House of Neighborly Service - thank you to Nancy Puckett, Betsy Zachry, Marianne Ryan and Kathy Scruggs and all WOC Circles and members who donated towards a book, puzzle and board game drive for the students. These items were purchased and wrapped as surprise gifts for the children to open at their school Christmas party.

Gift of Christmas - thank you to dedicated Chairs Kim Smith, Lellen Lane, Liz Medley and Susie Patterson who carefully placed 26 families from House of Neighborly Service and South Texas Alliance of Orphans with church volunteers. Thank you to everyone who thoughtfully and generously brought needed items, gifts and holiday cheer into these families homes.

Two Morningside Manor Christmas Parties - thank you to Mary Fruge-Medford and Kathy Serrano, Chairmen, Circle members who baked cookies and attended the parties; Dr. Jae Ha, children from the FPC Children's Center and the Friday Singers for the entertainment; Rev. Scott Simpson and Rev. Dr. Joe Moore for reading the Christmas story and Mary and Circle 5 for the knitted cross gifts for each residence. Our annual Christmas parties at Morningside Manor are festive and fun occasions!

Christmas Eve Reception - thank you to all Circles members who organized, provided the delicious food and served as hostesses at this annual dinner honoring our pastors, choir and staff.

Enjoy some WOC photos from the season on the next two pages!

As we begin this New Year, we look forward to several upcoming events:

The Winter “Ladies Night Out” Dinner on Tuesday, January 30 at 6:00 PM at Paloma Blanca. Check out the invitation on the [page 23](#) and plan to join us! Jill Peavy and her committee are already working on the details and reservations can be made online or in person at the table in the Mauze Lobby on Sunday mornings in January. We want all women to attend so please know scholarship assistance is available.

The WOC Spring Luncheon on Monday, March 4 will be a discussion with local organizations working with youth around San Antonio and a chance to learn about all that is happening in our city to reach and share God's Love with area young people. Look for more information to follow and plan to join us

The WOC Circles will begin the new year with a new Bible study again following the Sunday sermon series. Circles will study Genesis and will “Dig Deeper” into the weekly messages with questions and discussion written for us by Rev. Becky Prichard. The Circle calendar is on the next page, so please join in for study, fellowship and service.

Finally, thank you to everyone who purchased the WOC 2023 ornament. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps to make possible the many wonderful WOC programs!

Lift High The Cross!

Shelley Bass

President, Women of the Church

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WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Jan. 2024

Circle Chairs & Bible Moderators

(Circles meet September through May, except for Circles 18 & 20, who provide service all year. Visitors are always welcome!)



Circle 1/12 Suzanne Thomas, Chair (210-846-3240)
Grace Labatt, Moderator
January 22, Fourth Monday, 11:30 am,
Geneva Room (lunch optional)



Circle 5 Kay Weber, Co-Chair (210-288-5290)
Mary Fruge-Medford, Co-Chair (210-823-7054)
SHAWL MINISTRY
January 17, Third Wednesday, 1:00 pm, Room 228

Circle 6 Jean Parsons, Chair (210-240-7483)
Members of Circle, Moderators
January 9, Second Tuesday, 1:30 pm, McCullough Room

Circle 7 Mary Ellen Mauze, Chair & Moderator (210-844-5549)
January 16, Third Tuesday, 11:30 am, Glenda Beyer's home,
13282 Hunter's View, 78230

Circle 8 Susan DeKoch, Coordinator (210-508-7127)
Members of Circle, Moderators,
Circle for mothers of young children
Sunday, January 28, 5:00-7:00 pm,
Home of Susan DeKoch, 210-508-7127, 207 Hillview Dr.

Circle 9 Grace Clouse, Co-Chair (734-718-7057)
Janice Wilson, Co-Chair (210-260-4157)
Ann Smith, Moderator
January 16, Third Tuesday, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Breakfast Room



Circle 11 Jean Swanson, Chair (210-826-0766)
January 22, Third Monday, 12:30 pm,
Home of Suzanne Sturdivant, 13503 Hollow View St.

Circle 13 Grace Clouse, Chair (734-718-7057)
LITERATURE CIRCLE
January 9, Second Tuesday, 1:00 pm, McCullough Room
Book Review: *Facing the Mountain* by David James Brown - Reviewed by Richard Taylor



Circle 14 Karen Carawan, Chair (210-213-4589)
Suzie Simpson, Moderator
Studying *Ten Women of the Bible, One by One They Changed the World*
January 9, Second Tuesday, 12:00 pm, St. Andrews Room (meal with reservation)

Circle 18 Char-An Witten, Chair (210-341-1856)
Pat Brodeen, Email Contact for members (pat@brodeen.com, 210-383-3083)
CIRCLE OF CONCERN - Members set up, serve, and clean up for memorial receptions.
(Small home baked cookies are always appreciated for receptions)

Circle 20 Muffin Camp, Co-Chair (210-789-1808) Mary Ann Smith, Co-Chair (817-933-9124)
CIRCLE OF SERVICE - volunteers to make/take meals or snacks when needed.



WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

DINNER • 6:00 PM • \$25
PALOMA BLANCA

5800 Broadway
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Happy New Year!! Praying that you are off to a good start in 2024!!

We are looking forward to another year of KEYS events. Rick Cavender, Miles Pike and King Antonio will be highlights of February, March, and April. Birthday lunches will be at Grimaldi's Pizza, The Menger Hotel, and Sorrento's Italian Restaurant in January, February, and March.

We will begin our New Year on January 12 with Hamburgers & a Movie. Featuring the Drama/Documentary Jesus Revolution.

In the 1970's young people flock to Southern California searching to redefine truth. The story is centered around these young people, a charismatic street preacher and a pastor who opens the doors of his church. What unfolds is a counterculture movement that becomes the greatest spiritual awakening in American History.

January 19 is our Birthday Lunch. We will be returning to Grimaldi's Pizza at the Alamo Quarry Market for a sampling of New York Style Pizza at its best.

Rev. Dr. Ron Scates will be with us on January 26—not to preach to us but to share his recollections of First Presbyterian Church over the years. Ron has a rich history with our church and has some great stories to share.

Blessings!

Rev. Dr. Joe Moore

Assistant Pastor for Older Adults and
Congregational Care



KEYS Upcoming:

January 2024

- Jan. 12 - Hamburger & Movie:
"Jesus Revolution"
- Jan. 19 - Grimaldi's Pizza
- Jan. 26 - Rev. Dr. Ron Scates

February 2024

- Feb. 2 - Rodeo Ambassadors
- Feb. 9 - Threshold Singers
- Feb. 16 - Rick Cavender Concert
- Feb. 23 - The Menger

All onsite KEYS lunches begin with our speaker at 11:00 AM, followed by lunch at Noon. On-campus lunch cost is \$13, off-site birthday lunches cost \$15. Make your reservations by signing up at the front desk, calling into the church office at 210-226-0215, or emailing keys@fpcsat.org.

Friday Fitness

Friday Fitness will continue 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. There is a TV in room 224 so that you can participate in the fitness group and also make it to KEYS at 11:00 AM.

Mahjong

Mahjong players are meeting on the 2nd & 4th Fridays in the Geneva Room, immediately after lunch. 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

JANUARY, 2024

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 Ecclesiastes 3:1-17; Psalm 119:81-112; 103
- 2 Hebrews 1; John 1:1-14; Galatians 3:26-4:4
- 3 Hebrews 2; Philippians 2:1-11; 2 Timothy 1:8-12
- 4 Hebrews 3; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; John 3:35-36
- 5 Hebrews 4:1-13; Exodus 20:8-11; Ephesians 2:8-10; Romans 4:1-8
- 6 Hebrews 4:14-5:10; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Romans 6

Mighty God, while angels bless thee, May a mortal sing Thy name? Lord of men as well as angels, Thou art every creature's theme. Lord of every land and nation, Ancient of eternal days, Sounded thru the wide creation be Thy just and endless praise. Brightness of the Father's glory, shall Thy praise unuttered lie? Break, my tongue, such guilty silence! Sing the Lord who came to die. From the highest throne of glory to the cross of deepest woe, all to ransom guilty captives; Flow my praise, forever flow! (The Hymnbook, #10)

- 7 Hebrews 5:11-6:6; 1 Peter 2:2; 1 Corinthians 3:1-4; Matthew 7:21-23; 26:47-49
- 8 Hebrews 6:7-20; Isaiah 5:1-7; 44; 55:10-13; Matthew 13:1-30
- 9 Genesis 14:17-20; Psalm 110; Hebrews 7; Romans 8:26-27
- 10 1 Peter 2; Revelation 1:4-6; 5:6-10; 20:4-6
- 11 Hebrews 8 (see Exodus 25-31); Jeremiah 31; 2 Corinthians 5:17
- 12 Hebrews 9:1-10; Exodus 40; Leviticus 16; Romans 3:21-26
- 13 Leviticus 8, 17; Hebrews 9:11-28; Matthew 5:17; Romans 8:1-17

Tis the grandest theme thro' the ages rung; tis the grandest theme for a mortal tongue; Tis the grandest theme that the world e'er sung: Our God is able to deliver thee. Tis the grandest theme in the earth or main; Tis the grandest theme for a mortal strain; Tis the grandest theme, tell the world again; Our God is able to deliver thee. (The Baptist Hymnal, #198)

- 14 Hebrews 10:1-25; 7:26-28; Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
- 15 Hebrews 10:26-39; 2 Peter 2; Matthew 12:31-32; Ephesians 4:30-32
- 16 Hebrews 11; Isaiah 7:9b; Revelation 6:9-11; 1 Peter 1:1-12
- 17 Hebrews 12:1-3; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Philippians 2; Galatians 6:9

- 18 Hebrews 12:4-13; 2 Corinthians 4:5-10; Psalm 94
- 19 Hebrews 12:14-17; Ephesians 4:17-5:20
- 20 Hebrews 12:18-29 (see Exodus 19-20); Philippians 3:7-4:1; 2 Peter 3:10-18

Oh soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see? There's light for a look at the Savior, And life more abundant and free! Thro' death into life everlasting He passed, and we follow Him there. Over us sin no more hath dominion— for more than conquerors we are! His Word shall not fail you: Believe Him, and all will be well. Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell! Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face; And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace. (Worship in Song, #207)

- 21 Hebrews 13:1-6; Romans 12:9-21; 1 Corinthians 5:1-13; 6:9-11; Matthew 6:24
- 22 Hebrews 13:7-25; 1 Thessalonians 4-5
- 23 James 1:1-8; Romans 5:1-5; Job 28:20-28; Psalm 90:12; Proverbs 1:7; 8; 21:30
- 24 James 1:9-11; Psalm 49; Mark 4:1-20; Luke 18:18-30; 1 Timothy 6:6-10; 17-19
- 25 James 1:12-18; Matthew 6:9-13; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; 10:12-13; Galatians 6:1-16 26 James 1:19-27; Psalm 4:4; Ephesians 4:17-32; Proverbs 15:1; 29:11
- 27 James 2:1-13; Leviticus 19:15; Proverbs 3; 14:21; Luke 10:25-37

While passing through this world of sin, and others your life shall view, Be clean and pure without, within, Let others see Jesus in you. Your life's a book before their eyes, They're reading it through and through; Say, does it point them to the skies, Do others see Jesus in you? Let others see Jesus in you, Let others see Jesus in you; Keep telling the story, be faithful and true, Let others see Jesus in you. (The Baptist Hymnal, #348)

- 28 James 2:14-26; Ephesians 2:8-10; Matthew 7:21-27; 25
- 29 James 3:1-12; Proverbs 4; 12:19; 16:23-30; 18:6-8; 26:20-28; 27:2; Psalm 12; 141
- 30 James 3:13-18; Proverbs 29:23; Matthew 20:20-28; 23:1-12; Luke 22:24-30
- 31 James 4:1-12; Proverbs 10:18-21; Matthew 15:10-20; Titus 2:11-15; 1 John 2:1-17

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 December 2023



Jeanne Miers



David & Melinda Moore



Robert Whiting



Grief Support Group forming for Spring 2024

GriefShare is a 13-week video-based grief support group. Although the series focuses on the personal loss of a loved one, it can be very helpful to friends or family coming alongside those who have experienced loss. We all have and will experience loss: GriefShare can speak into our lives. Everyone is welcome to participate in GriefShare. For more information about the program at FPC, contact Rev. Dr. Joe Moore, joem@fpcsat.org.



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