
Ministry Updates

WORSHIP SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4: Two separate worship services will be offered online and onsite at the church at 9:00 am (Classic in the Sanctuary) and 11:00 am (Convergent in King Hall). Rev. Jeff Chadwick will be preaching both services this week, using Psalm 133 as his text.

To access the service online directly, go to www.facebook.com/fpcrome or click the button you'll find on our church web page, www.fpcrome.org. You do not need to be a Facebook user to access the service.

To view or download the Order of Worship for Sunday's service, go to the home page of the website, as well, and follow instructions there. Using this Order of Worship, you'll not only be able to follow along in the service, but can participate actively as it includes words to songs and other elements we'll be asked to join in speaking, praying, or singing. You can also download the provided sermon guides for children and middle schoolers. *If attending in-person, please print and bring with you the order of worship for the service you plan to attend as our services will be touch-less (no bulletins, hymnals, friendship pads).*

VISITOR WELCOME – Thank you for worshiping with us today. Whether you are worshiping in-person or viewing our livestream, we want to welcome you into our midst. We would love to have the opportunity to answer any questions you may have about our ministries. Please visit www.fpcrome.org and click on the Connect Form link at the top of the home page. Our Connections team will contact you. We look forward to connecting with you!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 – The Session has called a meeting of the congregation next Sunday morning to elect this year's Officer Nominating Committee. As was our practice when we had multiple Sunday services that were not concurrent, the meeting will be held immediately following the 11:00 am worship service in King Hall, and those who attend the 9:00 am service are encouraged to join us at that time.

Following the congregation's practice the committee consists of seven members, with a slate of members being presented by Session for election by the congregation. By policy the Officer Nominating Committee includes 2 active Ruling Elders appointed by Session (including the ONC chairman) two active Deacons appointed by Diaconate leadership, and three members of the congregation. Congregation members are free to place other names in nomination, as well, in one of these three categories, as long as you have verified that the person you would like to nominate is willing to serve.

The slate of nominees to be presented by Session includes: Active Ruling Elders, Hollis Reese (Chairman) and Alan Storey; Active Deacons, Rodger Duncan and Sam Echols; Congregation At-Large Members, Marcia Abernathy, Natalie Stegall and Rob Edwards.

JESUS CARE FOR CHILDREN 8 WEEKS THROUGH 2 YEARS OLD BEGINS – TODAY during the 11:00 am Worship Hour we will begin Jesus Care for children 8 weeks through 2 years old. Reservations are required online at fpcrome.org.

JUNIOR HIGH FALL RETREAT – In place of an overnight retreat, Junior High will host a one day "Fall Retreat" with social distancing measures on Saturday, October 24 from 10:00 am-5:00 pm at the Crossing. Cost is \$30. Register your student online by October 21 at www.fpcrome.org/student-events.

PRAY for ME CAMPAIGN - Our annual PfMC launches today. If you registered, student ministries staff will be in touch with you by e-mail today with your prayer team assignments. Thank you to all who have joined the movement to pray for our students!

PRAYER REQUESTS – If you would like to be kept informed of the church's prayer needs, email Tracy at tracyd@fpcrome.org to receive updated prayer requests. If you would like to submit a Prayer Request for you or someone you know that is in need, you may do so on our website at <http://www.fpcrome.org/resources/personal-prayer-requests/>.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERING CONTINUES OCTOBER 7 – Meal from 5:15–6:15: Pirkle's will cater our meal, which will include Parmesan Baked Chicken, Pasta, Caesar Salad and Dessert. The children's menu will be the same. **Reservations for the meal AND classes are required. Reservations are due no later than 3pm on Monday, October 5, no exceptions. Additionally, we will not be offering 'to go' meals at this time. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.** The home page of our website (www.fpcrome.org) provides easy access to make your reservations. You may also email your reservation by that same deadline to info@fpcrome.org, or call the church office at 706-291-6033. If you are unable to attend after making a reservation, please contact the church office.

Program from 6:15 – 7:15

- The Book of Ruth (Kenneth Studdard) – CLC Bldg. King Hall
- Untangling Emotions (Mandy Williams) – CLC Bldg. Fellowship Hall
- Marriage Small Groups – CLC Bldg. Rooms 201, 203 and 204
- Bible Zone 2/3 Year olds (Faith Weaver) – Education Bldg. Room 208
- Bible Zone 4/Kinders (Faith Weaver Friends) – Education Bldg. Room 206 & 207
- Grades 1-3 (Lord Teach Me to Pray) – Education Bldg. God's Garden
- Grades 4-5 Girls (New Testament-Matthew to John) – Education Bldg. Upstairs Playground
- Grades 4-5 Boys (New Testament-Matthew to John) – CLC Room 210
- Communicants (6th grade) – Hardy Classroom #1
- Jr. High 6:00 (Mark: How Jesus Changes Everything) – The Crossing
- Sr. High 6:00 (Gospel Love) – The Crossing

Cost: Adults \$7.00 – Students and Children \$3.00 (Note: Family Max has increased to \$25.00)

NEW FAMILY GATHERING STUDIES FOR ADULTS BEGIN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30:

- **MARRIAGE SMALL GROUPS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS** – Family Equipping Ministry Team is excited to announce that we will be offering marriage small groups on Wednesday nights at the church this fall. These small groups will be based on a powerful sermon series delivered by one of today's most gifted preachers, Alistair Begg. The series is called "We Two Are One."

Participants will be asked to listen to the sermons on their own, and privately discuss them together as a couple at home using a helpful discussion guide that will be provided. Then on Wednesday nights we will join together in our various small groups for a one hour session, where the group facilitators will lead discussion around the major theme of the week, and the participants will encourage one another. Please look for forthcoming information from the church regarding how to register for these groups. We have been praying about and preparing for this for a long time, and we are excited to finally present this opportunity to you! For more information, please contact Pastor Jonathan at jonathans@fpcrome.org.

Pastor Jonathan and your Family Equipping Ministry Team

- **THE BOOK OF RUTH** – Join us beginning Wednesday September 30 for an eight week study of the book of Ruth. The book of Ruth is the story of a family that faces one tragedy after another. It seems as if the Lord has completely hidden Himself from their view. But there is more here than meets the eye. In the book of Ruth we have the story of God active in the lives of His people even when they don't recognize it. We see His purpose being unfolded through the ordinary events in the lives of very ordinary people. In fact you will find that the lives of the characters in the book of Ruth are quite similar to ours.

- **UNTANGLING EMOTIONS LED BY MANDY WILLIAMS** – How do you feel about how you feel? What are emotions? What does the Bible have to say about our emotions? Join us on Wednesday nights as we explore God's gift of emotions and ways to engage, in healthy ways, the more difficult emotions like anger, fear, shame, guilt and sorrow. Please call the church office if you are interested in attending. "Emotions are strange. They're strange in that they can make us behave in ways we don't want to. Strange in that they can flood through our bodies whether we like it or not.....Strange in that most of us don't know (or even stop to ask) why we are feeling the way we are feeling most of the time" Untangling Emotions J. Alisdair Groves Winston T. Smith

Our worship services are broadcast weekly on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/fpcrome, and at 11 am on WLAQ FM 96.9 and AM 1410.
Sermons may also be accessed on our web site at www.fpcrome.org.