Ministry Updates

WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020: A combined worship service will be offered online and onsite at the church at 10:00 am in King Hall. Mr. Jimmy Latham will be preaching both services this week, using Matthew 28:16-20 as his text.

To access the service online directly, go to <u>www.facebook.com/fpcrome</u> 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.

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 <u>www.fpcrome.org</u> 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!

MISSIONS EMPHASIS

SAVE THE DATE: Missions Emphasis, Kick off; Wednesday Family Gathering, February 3rd through worship at 9:00 and 11:00 am on Sunday, February 7th. Theme: Gospel Driven Impact Through the Generations. (In preparation for this event, consider reading, <u>Through the Gates of Splendor</u>, by Elisabeth Elliot. Limited copies available at the church office.)

WRAPPING UP THE HOLIDAY SEASON

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Friday, January 1, in observance of New Year's Day.

LADIES, HELP US UNDECORATE THE CHURCH on Tuesday, December 29 at 10:00 am. If you have any questions, please contact Virginia Saunders at 205-914-4034.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERINGS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERINGS RESUME ON JANUARY 6th. We will be taking reservations for the boxed meal. More information to follow in next week's announcements.

See the announcement below for information about our special 4-week "Christ and Culture Forum" (6:00-7:15 pm) for all adults. Start the new year off well and join us!

CHRIST & CULTURE FORUM: JANUARY 2021 – How do we think rightly in times of chaos?

When: Every Wednesday in January 2021 at 6:00 PM

Where: King Hall + Facebook Live

2020 has arguably thrown us more curveballs and upended our lives than any year in our lifetimes. Between the pandemic, protests, riots, a presidential election, and economic disruption our culture has seemed to feed on this chaos to grow division and strife. Both Christians and unbelievers have found themselves gripped with fear, engulfed in suffering, and contemplating injustice. What should the response of the church be for the year 2021? Join us in the discussion as we search the scriptures to determine how we should think rightly about all these issues and more. More details and speaker line-up can be found on the church website. Please contact John Goodrich (jhgoodr@gmail.com) with questions.

NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

JESUS CARE FOR CHILDREN 8 WEEKS-2 YEARS OLD CONTINUES – During the 11:00 am Worship Hour we will have Jesus Care for children 8 weeks through 2 years old. Reservations are required online at fpcrome.org.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES – As we are making our plans to start 2021's programs, we need your help. Are you willing to volunteer for Children's Ministry Sunday School and/or the Wednesday Night program? If so, please contact Mrs. Andrea at the church office.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

2021 COMMITMENT CARDS – Thank you to everyone who has turned in your pledge cards for 2021. We have received 120 cards with a total pledge of \$1,282,836.00. You may place these in the offering baskets or mail/drop them off at the church office. Please contact Lisa at 706-291-6033 if you need a card or have any questions.

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES – are now available in the hallway outside of King Hall. Thank you for using them! They help with processing your contribution. If you can't locate your envelopes, please contact Lisa at 706-291-6033 ext. 112 and she will be glad to help you!

2020 CONTRIBUTIONS – The final day to bring your 2020 contributions to the church office will be Thursday, December 31 at 2:00 pm. Mailed contributions must be postmarked by December 31 in order to be included on your 2020 statement. If you have any questions regarding your 2019 contributions, please call Lisa at 706-291-6033 ext. 112.

CARING FOR OTHERS

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/.

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH & WISDOM: GUIDELINES FOR GATHERING – Check these out on our website.