# **Ministry Updates**

## WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021: A combined worship service will be offered online and onsite at the church at 10:00 am in King Hall. Dr. Jonathan Schwartz will be preaching this week, using Mark 1:1-15 as his text.

To access the service online directly, go to <a href="www.facebook.com/fpcrome">www.facebook.com/fpcrome</a> 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 <a href="www.fpcrome.org">www.fpcrome.org</a> 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!

## **CARING FOR OTHERS**

**DROP-OFF BABY SHOWER FOR THE LATHAMS** – Please swing by the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 17 between 1:30-3:30 pm for a "Drop Off" Baby Shower for Jimmy and Callie Latham. Help us shower them with gifts as they soon welcome Baby Latham!

**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.

## **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 7. 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.)

## 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 ext. 112 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!

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERINGS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERINGS RESUME JANUARY 6 – Meal from 5:15–6:15: Pirkle's will cater our meal, which will include Parmesan Baked Chicken, Macaroni and Cheese, Seasoned Green Beans, Dinner Roll, and Strawberry Swirl Cheesecake. Reservations for the meal AND classes are required and due no later than 3pm on Monday, January 4. Please be sure and register online for the meal and for the program you/your family will be attending. When you go to our website to register, you will notice that we have posted our Guidelines for Gathering and our Safe Screening criteria. 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. Additionally, we will not be offering 'to go' meals at this time. We apologize for any inconvenience. Program from 6:15 – 7:15

- Christ and Culture King Hall (See announcement below for details)
- Nursery Care for ages 8 weeks to 1 year old
- Bible Zone for ages 2 and 3 years old
- Bible Zone for ages 4 and Kindergarten
- Children's (Rooms TBD)
- Communicants (6<sup>th</sup> grade) Hardy Classroom #1
- Jr. High Attending Christ and Culture program
- Sr. High Attending Christ and Culture program

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

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.