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# Ministry Updates

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## WORSHIP

**WORSHIP SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021:** 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. Bill Pardue will be preaching both services this week, using Colossians 1:1-8 as his text.

To access the service online directly, go to [www.facebook.com/fpcrome](https://www.facebook.com/fpcrome) or click the button you'll find on our church web page, [www.fpcrome.org](http://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.

## COMMUNION TO BE CELEBRATED IN BOTH WORSHIP SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 17 –

Following the same procedures we used in July, communion will be served in both on site worship services today. We will again use sealed, pre-packaged communion sets that include the communion wafer and juice. These individual element sets will be distributed as we are ushered to our seats by elders who will be taking precautions by wearing face coverings and gloves, and we will remain in our seats in both services to partake of the elements. Other than these modifications to the format of the communion elements and the method of distribution, the service with all its richness and meaning will remain the same and, as always, will emphasize both the vertical element of communion with our God, and the horizontal element of fellowship with the church body, which are both essential to the meaning of the sacrament.

For those of our body who at this time are unable to, or do not feel comfortable attending on site worship, we would love to have a Ruling Elder representing the church body, together with one of our pastors, come to your home to serve you there at your request. We encourage those receiving communion at home to participate in our streaming worship service on Sunday, if possible, as the foundation for receiving the sacrament from the elder and pastor when they come to your home. If you would like to request communion be served to you in your home, please call or email the church office, or go to the form on the church website at [www.fpcrome.org](http://www.fpcrome.org) to request that we schedule a time in the next two weeks following today's communion to allow you to share in the sacrament as well.

**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](http://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!

## 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](http://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.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY OF THE BOOK OF RUTH –** Women's Ministry is kicking off a new women's Bible study on Tuesday evenings beginning January 12 at 6:30 pm. The study will cover the Book of Ruth. Due to Covid restrictions, please call the church office at (706) 291-6033 to register.

## CARING FOR OTHERS

**WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY** – Faithful, long-time member, Mr. Bob Ogletree passed away on January 1. Bob served FPC as a teacher, deacon and elder. A private memorial service was held on Tuesday at the church. Please remember his wife Diane and their family in prayer.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** – If you would like to be kept informed of the church's prayer needs, email Tracy at [tracyd@fpcrome.org](mailto: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/>.

**DROP-OFF BABY SHOWER FOR THE LATHAMS** – Please swing by the Van Dyke Room 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 their *baby boy!*

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN** – As you may know it is FPC's week (January 11-15) to serve at the Community Kitchen. Due to COVID-19, we are only serving to-go plates on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We are in need of 5 people each day. I would love to see 5 different people/families serve on these days. To limit our risk of exposure, we have masks and gloves available. Our job would be to make sandwiches in the morning and then make to-go plates. We will stay in the back of the kitchen. Drew and Shelia will be out front passing plates to the clients. We are able to accommodate physical distancing requirements and will have minimal contact with clients. Please email me at [amyedwards3677@gmail.com](mailto:amyedwards3677@gmail.com) or text me [706-594-0878](tel:706-594-0878) if you would like to help so we don't have a large group show up.

**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 on Sunday, February 7. Theme: Gospel Driven Impact Through the Generations. (In preparation for this event, consider reading, *Through the Gates of Splendor*, 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 121 cards with a total pledge of \$1,294,836.00. 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!

## PIPS

**PIPS THURSDAY LUNCHEON** – Thursday, January 28, we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 am for Food, Fun and Fellowship with our guest speaker Pastor Bill Pardue. Our meal will be catered by Duffy's Deli. Please call the church office to sign up. As a reminder, attendees should wear masks until we find our seats and can maintain social distance. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERINGS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERINGS CONTINUE JANUARY 13 – Meal from 5:15–6:00: Pirkle’s will cater our meal, which will include Citrus Chipotle Glazed Pork Loin, Hashbrown Casserole, Garden Salad with Italian Dressing, Dinner Roll and Banana Pudding. **Reservations for the meal AND classes are required and due no later than 3pm on Monday, January 11.** 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](http://www.fpcrome.org)) provides easy access to make your reservations. You may also email your reservation by that same deadline to [info@fpcrome.org](mailto: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 6:00 – 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 2/3 years old – Education Bldg. Room 208
- Bible Zone for ages 4/Kindergarten – Education Bldg. Rooms 206 and 207
- Children 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (God’s Garden)
- G2R 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Girls – Education Bldg. Room 205
- G2R 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Boys – CLC Room 209
- Communicants (6<sup>th</sup> grade) - Attending Christ and Culture in King Hall
- 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](mailto:jhgoodr@gmail.com)) with questions.