

Ministry Updates

WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 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 1:9-14 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.

Although we are distributing paper worship bulletins at our services, you may still access these on our website. 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 TODAY –

We will 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 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 to request that we schedule a time in the next two weeks following 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 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

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/>.

DROP-OFF BABY SHOWER FOR THE LATHAMS TODAY – Please swing by the Van Dyke Room today 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!

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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY OF THE BOOK OF RUTH CONTINUES – 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.

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERINGS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERINGS CONTINUE JANUARY 20 – Meal from 5:15–6:00: Provino's will cater our meal, which will include Lasagna, Salad, Rolls and Cheesecake Desserts. **Reservations for the meal AND classes are required and due no later than 3pm on Monday, January 18.** 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 6:00 – 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 1st thru 3rd Grade (God's Garden)
- G2R 4th and 5th grade Girls – Education Bldg. Room 205
- G2R 4th and 5th grade Boys – CLC Room 209
- Communicants (6th 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 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.

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.)

DIACONATE MEETING

STATED DIACONATE MEETING – There will be a Stated Diaconate Meeting on Monday, January 18 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. An electronic version of the packet was emailed last week, paper packets will be available at the meeting.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

2021 COMMITMENT CARDS – Thank you to everyone who has turned in your pledge cards for 2021. We have received 122 cards with a total pledge of \$1,318,836.00. 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.

TRAIL LIFE FOR BOYS



TRAIL LIFE – Our church is adding Trail Life USA as a Christ-centered, boy-focused program to our family ministry! Geared towards boys ages 5-18, this program is aimed at fostering spiritual discipleship and biblical manhood in raising the next generation of godly husbands, fathers, and citizens - as Colossians 1:10 says: 'That you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.' If you have a son (or if you don't, but would simply like more information), there will be an interest meeting this

Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Dave Abernathy at DAbernathy@TrailLifeUSA.com with any questions, and visit www.TrailLifeUSA.com for more information.