

MINISTRY UPDATES

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WORSHIP

WORSHIP SERVICE THIS SUNDAY (2/21/21): 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 2:1-5 as his text.

To access the service online directly, go to www.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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (2/28/21): We will have two separate worship services at 9:00 am (Classic in the Sanctuary) and 11:00 am (Convergent in King Hall).

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!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Brothers and Sisters, we continue to move forward in Faith and Wisdom!

Beginning on March 7, we will have Bible study time on Sunday mornings for all ages. For adults, we will have one Bible study offering. Look for more details from Director of Adult Discipleship, Rob Davis.

We will also have programs for Students, Children and Nursery. We are still in need of volunteers for our Children's Ministry and our 4 and 5 year old nurseries as we prepare for March 7.

The Sunday Morning Bible Study time will be from 10:10 am until 10:45 am. Please be in prayer for our ministry leaders and volunteers as we prepare for the launch of this special time.

SERVING AND CARING FOR OTHERS

VOLUNTEER GREETERS – Would you like to serve your brothers and sisters in Christ? Volunteers who will joyfully welcome and greet folks are needed to serve at both services. We do ask that you wear a mask while greeting, but you will not need to wear gloves and distribute hand sanitizer. If you are interested in serving as a greeter, please call the church office at 706.291.6033 or email LeAnn at leannm@fpcrome.org to set a date for you to volunteer.

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/.

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERINGS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERINGS CONTINUE FEBRUARY 24 – Meal from 5:15–6:00: Shane's Rib Shack will cater our meal, which will include BBQ Chicken Sandwich, Chips and Cookie. Reservations for the meal AND classes are required and due no later than 3pm on Monday, February 22. 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.

<u>Program from 6:15 – 7:15</u>

- Speaking of Jesus (Doctor Jonathan Schwartz) CLC Fellowship Hall
- Life on Mission (Missions Ministry Team) CLC King Hall
- A Life of Devotion (Various Teachers) CLC Room 203
- Nursery 8 weeks 1 year old Education Bldg. 1st floor
- 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-Mattew to John) CLC Room 210
- Communicants (6th grade) Hardy Classroom #1
- Jr. High 6:00 The Crossing
- Sr. High students will get to choose one of the adult classes to attend this semester

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

NEW FAMILY GATHERING STUDIES FOR ADULTS CONTINUE:

- "SPEAKING OF JESUS" LED BY DOCTOR JONATHAN SCHWARTZ (CLC Fellowship Hall) –
 Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ is the joyful privilege of all God's people! But whereas some Christians are actively sharing their faith already, other Christians, for a variety of reasons, just aren't sure evangelism is "their thing." No matter who you are, or where you fit in this description, I am excited to invite all of you to join me for the next six weeks for a practical course called "Speaking of Jesus." Among other topics, we will discuss from the Scriptures the powerful gospel motivations for why we share the good news, what we say to people, including our own personal stories ("for we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard"—Acts 4:20), and how to speak of Jesus in a way that is natural to our own personal style, while prayerfully identifying and reaching out to those whom God has providentially placed within our respective mission fields or spheres of influence. The course will run on Wednesday nights from February 10 March 17. I truly believe this class will not only encourage us to grow in our own faith, but better equip us to make an eternity-changing difference in the life of someone else, all by the grace of God and for his glory! Pastor Jonathan
- LIFE ON MISSION This is a Missions Small Group; the purpose is to create space for ongoing discussions around missions and have a place for missionaries visiting our church to share their stories. The first class will be a continuation of Mission Emphasis hosted by Jesse Gill (the primary presenter for missions emphasis). The remaining classes for the slot will study a mini version of the Perspectives Class facilitated by Brant and Ashley Evans and other Missions Ministry Team folk.
- A LIFE OF DEVOTION Our church family has been invited to a fantastic discipleship opportunity from our pastors each week called Pulpit Driven Discipleship. Each Sunday, we have been asked to use as a launchpad the Sunday sermon to propel us to continue studying Colossians during the week individually, with family, or with a small group. This class is an invitation to hear from various leaders how to study the scriptures for personal or small group devotion. Each week the class will revisit the sermon preached the previous Sunday and consider together the discussion questions that our pastors have provided. While seeking to apply God's Word in-class time, the folks in the class will be invited to consider how they might use this resource beyond the church walls.

TRAIL LIFE FOR BOYS



Trail Life USA is a Church-Based, Christ-Centered, and Boy-Focused mentoring and discipleship journey that speaks to the heart of a boy. Established on timeless values derived from the Bible and set in the context of outdoor adventure, boys from Kindergarten through 12th grade are engaged in a Troop setting by male mentors where they are challenged to grow in character, understand their purpose, serve their community, and develop practical leadership skills to carry

FPC is adding Trail Life USA to our family ministry, and the first meeting night will be <u>Thursday, March 4, 2021 @</u> 6:30 pm in the old Boy Scout Room near The Crossing.

This meeting will be both informational for parents as well as the beginning of program activities - there's something for everyone! If you think your family might be interested, you're encouraged to come and learn about it first hand before signing up; if you don't have a son involved but are interested in learning more, you are welcome to attend as well! *Please keep in mind we will be following FPC Guidelines for Gathering*.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to reach out to any of the following individuals, or visit www.TrailLifeUSA.com:

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Harris York - harrisyork@gmail.com

out the mission for which they were created.

John Goodrich - jhgoodr@gmail.com

Jared Linebach - <u>jlinebach@gmail.com</u>

Please share this information with any other families you think would be interested: while this is a ministry of FPC, the Troop is open to the community!

STUDENT MINISTRIES

DISCIPLE NOW 2021 is happening March 12-14 for current 6th-12th grade students! Our theme this year is "Hidden: Union with Christ" and our speaker is Stephen Woodworth. <u>Please note this will NOT be an overnight event</u>. The cost is \$45 and you can register on the church website through Wednesday, March 10.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

NURSERY MINISTRY

THE NURSERY MINISTRY is excited to be opening Nursery for all our ages, 8 weeks through 3 years, during the 9:00 and 11:00 services. We need your help to make this possible! Please consider the gift of serving by volunteering for the 4 and 5 year old nurseries. For more details as to how you can help us during this very different season in the life of our church, please contact Mrs. Nell through the church office at 706.291.6033.

PIPS - PRESBYTERIANS IN OUR PRIME

PIPS THURSDAY LUNCHEON – Join us Thursday, February 25 for a delicious catered lunch with our guest speaker Rev. Ken Chivers. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 am for Food, Fun and Fellowship! Due to Covid restrictions, we are limited to 20 tables. Couples may share a table or you may sit with a friend. Please inform the church office if you'd like to sit with a friend when signing up. The church office will stop taking reservations once we are at the 20 table limit. As a reminder, attendees should wear masks until we find our seats and can maintain social distance. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

SESSION

There will be a Stated Session Meeting on Monday, February 22 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Session packets were emailed last week and are available now in the Church Office.

WOMEN IN MINISTRY

WOMEN'S WALKING GROUP – Ladies, come join us on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:15 pm in the church parking lot (weather permitting). Please wear a mask until we begin walking and can walk while maintaining distance.

REGISTER NOW FOR WOMEN IN MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP EVENT – Join us for "SPRING FORWARD" IN GOD'S FAITHFULNESS women's event on March 14. We'll enjoy a casual night of fellowship and encouragement, as we hear from Stacey Pardue on her story of God's faithfulness in her life. Registration is open now at fpcrome.org. Facebook Livestream will be offered for those who prefer a virtual option. We will continue to monitor and follow all church guidelines for gathering.

FAITH PROMISE UPDATE

FAITH PROMISE MISSION UPDATE – It is with gratitude and humble hearts that the Missions Ministry Team accepts 34 Faith Promise cards pledged for a total of \$20,565. The Missions Team will steward the gifts well as they meet the unexpected needs of our missionaries. If you would still like to pledge, please turn in your Faith Promise card during offering or to the church office.