

# MINISTRY UPDATES

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#### **WORSHIP**

**TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (3/7/21):** 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 2:8-10 as his text.

To access the service online directly, go to <a href="www.facebook.com/fpcrome">www.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. 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 (3/14/21):** 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 <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!



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS** next Sunday morning, March 14. Don't forget to set your clocks forward an hour.

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

# SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Bible study time on Sunday mornings for all ages starts TODAY (Sunday, March 7). For adults, we will have one Bible study offering. See details below 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.

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.

To help prepare our volunteers, and limited room capacities, we are asking that reservations be made <u>each</u> <u>week</u> for our Nursery and Children's Sunday School age groups. To make reservations, visit the homepage of fpcrome.org.

DELIGHTING IN THE TRINITY – Question 5 of the Westminster Shorter Catechism asks the question, "Are there more Gods than one?" The answer to the question is, "There is but one only, the living and true God." The next question in the catechism is, "How many persons are there in the Godhead?" The answer is, "There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory." How can God be three persons, yet one God? The doctrine of the Trinity is foundational to the Christian faith and yet the word "Trinity" is not mentioned in the Bible. We endeavor together as Christians not just assent to the doctrine but to actually be moved by a glorious and rich understanding of our trinitarian God. On Sunday, March 7, from 10:10 to 10:45 through Sunday, May 28, come to King Hall for this great Adult Sunday School opportunity to grow in what it means to Delight in the Trinity.

#### **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 still needs your help! 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.

#### **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.

#### **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. *Please note this will NOT be an overnight event*. The cost is \$45 and you can register on the church website through Wednesday, March 10.

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERINGS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERINGS CONTINUE MARCH 10 – Meal from 5:15–6:00: Chick-fil-A will cater our meal, which will include a Chicken Sandwich, Chips, and a Cookie. Reservations for the meal AND classes are required and due no later than 3pm on Monday, March 8. 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

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 Education Bldg. God's Garden
- Grades 4-5 Girls Education Bldg. Upstairs Playground
- Grades 4-5 Boys CLC Room 210
- Communicants (6<sup>th</sup> 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)

# THANK YOU FROM THE MISSIONS MINISTRY TEAM

The Missions Ministry Team would like to say thank you to all who have participated in this year's Faith Promise pledge! These funds are crucial to the work we do in supporting our missionaries on the field. In just the last year we were able to fly some of our missionaries home during COVID before borders were closed, provide items for a first baby, provide relief to a church in Beirut after the devastating explosion, and help with the printing of a book on discipleship written by one of our missionaries. It is such a blessing to our missionaries when we can provide additional support when a sudden need arises, and we are able to do that thanks to your generosity. If you have not yet turned in a pledge card, it is not too late! You can pick one up in the church office.

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16

# PIPS - PRESBYTERIANS IN OUR PRIME

PIPS THURSDAY LUNCHEON – Join us Thursday, March 25 for a delicious catered lunch with our guest speaker Drew Taylor, the Community Kitchen Director. 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.

#### **SERVING AND CARING FOR OTHERS**

COMMUNITY KITCHEN – As you may know it is FPC's week (March 8-12) 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 <a href="mailto:amyedwards3677@gmail.com">amyedwards3677@gmail.com</a> or text me <a href="mailto:706-594-0878">706-594-0878</a> if you would like to help so we don't have a large group show up.

**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/.

Do you know someone who is a non-believer? The Evangelism Ministry Team would love to pray for them. You may email your specific requests to Pastor Jonathan Schwartz at jonathans@fpcrome.org.

**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 <a href="mailto:leannm@fpcrome.org">leannm@fpcrome.org</a> to set a date for you to volunteer.