

MINISTRY UPDATES

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WORSHIP

TODAY'S EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE (4/4/21): We will have two separate worship services at 9:00 am (Classic in the Sanctuary) and 11:00 am (Convergent in King Hall). Reverend Bill Pardue will be preaching this week, using Colossians 3:12-14 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. 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. You can also download the provided sermon guides for children and middle schoolers.

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (4/11/21): We will have two separate worship services at 9:00 am (Classic in the Sanctuary) and 11:00 am (Convergent in King Hall).

THE ROSE IN WORSHIP TODAY is given in honor of Miss Charlotte Rose Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen (Bethany) Miller, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. David (Carole) Lawton, born on March 25, 2021.

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!

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

SHELBYNEXT MEMBERSHIP APP



Has your contact information changed recently? You may update your contact information on your ShelbyNext Membership app. If you need help with the ShelbyNext app, please email Tracy at tracyd@fpcrome.org or call the church office at (706) 291-6033.

SERVING AND 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/.

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.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY is one of FPC's supported ministries. In addition to church support, one of the ways you can get involved individually is to participate in the upcoming "Hammer It Home for Habitat" 5K and Health Walk. This fun fundraiser event takes place on Saturday, May 1, at 9:00 a.m. at the Rome Braves Stadium (Eastside Parking Lot). You can run or walk, either alone or with a group of individuals. To register or for more information go to habitatcoosavalley.org, or else contact our own Jennifer Beard. Also, please see the fliers regarding information and registration for the event that are available at the Welcome Center in the Education Building and the table at the entrance to King Hall.

JOIN US FOR A "WALK THROUGH" BABY SHOWER FOR BILL AND STACEY PARDUE on Sunday, April 25 from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Let's help them prepare for the arrival of this little one by showering them with gifts. The Pardue's are registered at Walmart, Target and Amazon.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERINGS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERINGS CONTINUE APRIL 7 – Meal from 5:15–6:00: Chick-fil-A will cater our meal, which will include a Chicken Sandwich, Potato Chips, and Dessert. Reservations for the meal AND classes are required and due no later than 3pm on Monday, April 5. 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

- Gospel Encouragement (Reverend Ken Chivers) CLC Fellowship Hall
- Life on Mission (Missions Ministry Team) CLC Room 204
- Praying the Psalms (Rob Davis) Education Bldg. Hardy Classroom
- 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
- Jr. High 6:00 (includes current 6th graders) The Crossing
- Sr. High students will get to choose one of the adult classes to attend this semester
- Choir Practice 6:15-7:30 Sanctuary

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

FAMILY GATHERING STUDIES FOR ADULTS CONTINUE APRIL 7 -

- "GOSPEL ENCOURAGEMENT FOR PARENTS" CONTINUES LED BY REVEREND KEN CHIVERS (CLC Fellowship Hall) –

All parents are invited to attend this class taught by Pastor Ken starting Wednesday, March 24 in order to be reminded of the power of the gospel for our calling as parents. The last year has been tough on many levels including on our families, therefore we all need solid, gospel-centered encouragement. Over the four sessions of this class we will be discussing God's powerful promises to parents, the crucial role of God's Law and the Gospel to our parenting, how each part of God's grand story applies to parenting, and how to apply each lesson to our day-to-day parenting through Q&A time and resource sharing. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ken (kenc@fpcrome.org).

- "LIFE ON MISSION" CONTINUES (CLC Room 204) 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.
- "PRAYING THE PSALMS OF JESUS" LED BY ROB DAVIS (Education Bldg. Hardy Classroom) At key moments in his life on earth, Jesus turned to the Psalms for words to express his deepest thoughts and emotions. It is not hard to imagine Jesus, his mind and heart saturated with the words and thoughts of the Psalms as they were prayed aloud in the Temple, going off early in the morning to pray. How much must he have mouthed the words of the Psalms and given them a fulfillment? They became his answering speech to his heavenly Father. We will begin our journey into the mind of Christ by immersing ourselves in several psalms which Jesus himself refers to and fulfills and we will immerse ourselves in psalms that Jesus would have meditated on during his time on earth, focusing on the heart and mind of Jesus as he prayed the psalms. Please join teachers Pastor Jonathan and Mr. Rob for this four part study. The study is based upon the Psalms and a book called Praying the Psalms of Jesus by James Sire. Please contact Rob Davis is you have any questions (RobD@fpcrome.org).

MEN OF THE CHURCH

PASTOR JONATHAN'S MEN'S SMALL GROUP is set to begin this Tuesday, April 6, from 6:45–8:00 am in Pastor Bill's old office, which is now the Pastors' Study (upstairs from the main church office). We will plan to meet each Tuesday at the same time from April 6 to May 11. I have purchased a few extra copies of our book for you to have as your own. Please contact Pastor Jonathan, if you have any questions or for more information, at (423) 596-8316.

MOPS – MOMS OF PRESCHOOLERS

New mom? Have kids age 5 and under? Looking for a mom group who can support you, encourage you and champion you through the journey of motherhood? As a FPC supported ministry, Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) exists to help moms navigate all areas of motherhood but also encourages moms as women through a gospel focused, loving environment. Our next meeting is on April 6 from 7:00-8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall and we are excited to welcome Kelley Streiff (daughter of Jeff and Donna Chadwick) as our speaker. We are not offering childcare at this time but hope you will consider joining us or mention our group to someone you know who might be interested in an evening of refreshment and encouragement. Contact Vickie Goodrich at 770-546-0717 if you have any questions.

PRAY FOR ME CAMPAIGN

TIP OF THE MONTH – Dear prayer champions, by now you may already have worked your way through the *Pray for Me* Prayer Guide. So what do you do now? Start over at the beginning and keep going! Continue to be diligent and persevering in prayers for your student. This may also be a good time to reconnect with your student. Find out from them (or their parents), what their current prayer requests are. Also, even though your main assignment is to pray for them, you might

also find out if they have any spring activities coming up (sports, musical performances, etc.), that you could not only pray about but even attend if you are able! Mostly, we just want to encourage you to keep going with your prayers, trusting that our Lord is both willing and able to answer them. And may the Lord richly bless you in return!

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.