



First Presbyterian

ROME

MINISTRY UPDATES

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WORSHIP

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (5/23/21): We will have two separate worship services at 9:00 am (Classic in the Sanctuary) and 11:00 am (Convergent in King Hall). Reverend Ken Chivers will be preaching this week, using Colossians 4:7-9 as his text.

Watch us online through Vimeo (www.vimeo.com/fpcrome) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/fpcrome/videos), these links can also be found on our homepage at www.fpcrome.org.

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (5/30/21): 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!

CONTINUING TO MOVE FORWARD IN FAITH & WISDOM – We have modified our Guidelines for Gathering so that they align with where the Lord is currently leading us in Faith & Wisdom. You will find these modified guidelines on our website www.fpcrome.org.

FROM FPC'S MARRIAGE MINISTRY TEAM

WINSHAPE MARRIAGE RETREAT "ROMANTIC ADVENTURE" – FPC married couples, save the date to enjoy a romantic adventure with a weekend marriage retreat at **Winshape on September 17-19, 2021**.

Sometimes couples forget that it's okay to take a break from life and focus on each other. At the Romantic Adventure retreat, you'll be given space to take time for just you and your spouse for a weekend that encourages you to slow down, grow in your relationship, and just enjoy being together. Includes lodging for two nights, meals, and programming. Please see our home page for all the details.

Registration is open, there are a limited number of spots available. A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due at time of registration to hold your spot. Deadline for registration is June 10. Scholarships are available, please see Pastor Jonathan for any questions.

CAMP 456

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR "COURAGEOUS" – JOSHUA 1:9 CAMP 456! – Camp 456 for rising 4th, 5th and 6th graders will be held on Saturday, June 5 right here at FPC! The purpose of Camp 456 is to help children explore and experience the adventure of having a relationship with Christ. Pastor Ken Chivers will be our speaker this year. Go to fpcrome.org for a full parent packet and registration. The last day to register is May 30. Contact Mrs. Andrea for more information.

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.

PIPS THURSDAY LUNCH

Our next PIPS lunch will be Thursday, May 27 at Ridge Ferry Park. We will gather at 11:00 am under the pavilion where the farmers market is located. We will enjoy a delicious boxed lunch prepared by Duffy's Deli and have lots of time for fellowship. Please make a reservation with the church office so we know how many lunches to order. Also, if you have one, please bring a lawn chair. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

SERVING AND CARING FOR OTHERS

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY – Faithful, long-time member, *Mrs. Rachel Bargainnier* passed away on April 29. A private funeral service will be held at FPC, pending arrangements.

Another faithful, long-time member, *Mrs. Linda Hine* passed away on May 10. A funeral service was held at FPC on Thursday.

Please remember Rachel and Linda's family and friends in prayer.

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.*

HAVEN HEALTH'S BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG – Our church is once again partnering with Haven Health in the Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser. This is an easy opportunity to be a part of helping mothers choose life and is a great ministry for the entire family. Simply take an empty bottle, fill it with loose change, bills, or checks and then return it to the church on or before Father's Day, June 16. If you have any questions, contact the church office.

ADULT SUMMER STUDY

WITNESSES TO HIM – A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ACTS - June 6 - August 8 –

***Warning: Studying the Book of Acts can be very bad for your health.**

Specifically, it may cost you a lot of money. It could involve you in conversations leading to being dismissed, even mocked. It will very possibly undermine some of your most treasured ambitions, and even require you to abandon some long-cherished dreams. It may involve you in profound relationships with people very different from yourself. It may lead to your adopting new disciplines in prayer, or even affect your sleep. So be warned! If you are ready for some or all of the above, by all means read on, studying the book of Acts will likely result in your being happier, more fulfilled and purpose driven than you have been before.

Our prayer is that this Adult Summer Study will bring our church family into a deeper understanding of God, a closer walk with Jesus, and a richer experience of the Holy Spirit.

If you are perfectly content where you are then by all means avoid the King Hall on Sundays from June 6 - August 8th, from 10:10 - 10:45; stay away from our the Summer Study of the Book of Acts at First Presbyterian Church. Stay home and take a nap! But if you want to be a part...by all means come on!

Teachers will be using a variety of resources but primarily a commentary by Bruce Milne, which is entitled *Acts, Witnesses to Him*. Available at the church for \$5.00 is a special ESV Journaling Edition of just the Book of Acts for study participants to use to keep notes. Please contact Rob Davis to order your copy.

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