

MINISTRY UPDATES

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WORSHIP

TODAY'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). Mr. Kenneth Studdard will be preaching this week, using Colossians 4:10-18 as his text.

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (6/6/21): 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!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS – Please be sure to extend a special welcome to our newest members who joined the church on May 23: Mrs. Helen Chivers, along with her daughters Abby and Erin, Ms. Barbara Anita Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Trey and Megan Newton, Ms. Mishel Shalam

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Rachel Bargainnier.

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.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED - The church office will be closed on Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Ladies, have you ever wanted to lead a Bible study but just didn't know how to get started? We are offering a 6-week Bible study on facilitating and teaching a women's Bible study this summer. Phyllis Pemerton will be teaching this series and providing helpful teaching tools and strategies. Classes will be held on Wednesday mornings (June 16-July 21) from 10am-11:30am. Please contact the church office to sign up.

CAMP 456

REGISTRATION ENDS TODAY FOR "COURAGEOUS" – JOSHUA 1:9 CAMP 456! – Camp 456 for rising 4th, 5th and 6th graders will be held on Saturday, June 5 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. Pray for camp next Saturday, June 5. LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS TODAY (Sunday, May 30). Visit fpcrome.org to register now!!!

SUMMER CHOIR

JOIN US FOR "SUMMER CHOIR" – Do you want to participate in the Chancel Choir but don't have the time or flexibility for a long-term commitment to Wednesday evening rehearsals? Summer choir is for you! This is everyone's chance to participate. So if you are a sixth grader, celebrating your centennial, or somewhere in between, join us on Sundays in June at 8:15 am in the Choir Suite to learn an easy anthem and then lead in the Classic Service. There will be breakfast refreshments.

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 <u>Winshape on September 17-19, 2021</u>.

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.

MISSIONS

The Missions Ministry Team would like to thank everyone for the welcome and encouragement you gave to Shanna Mast. She has spent the last 24 days away from Nate, Levi & Andrew as she raises support in order to continue serving in Nairobi, Kenya. If you did not get a chance to connect with her or would like to learn more about their ministry, please email Shanna at shanna.mast@blueskykenya.org or Nate at nate.mast@blueskykenya.org.

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.

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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