

MINISTRY UPDATES

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WORSHIP

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (7/25/21): We will have a <u>combined worship service at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary</u>. Doctor Jonathan Schwartz will be preaching this week, using Exodus 15:4-10 as his text and his sermon title is "Witnessing the Wonder of the Crucifixion."

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM WILL BE CELEBRATED AT TODAY'S SERVICE – We welcome this morning, Mr. and Mrs. Trey (Megan) Newton, as they present their son Jackson Clark Newton to be marked with this sign of the covenant.

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (8/1/21) – We will have a combined Classic worship service at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary: "Witnessing the Wonder of the Resurrection" (Exodus 15:13-18).

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. See fpcrome.org for details.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON AUGUST 15

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation Sunday, August 15 to elect this year's Officer Nominating Committee. The meeting will be held immediately following our 10:00 am combined worship service in King Hall, which will then be followed by our church picnic (see details below).

The committee consists of seven members, with a slate of members being presented by Session for election by the congregation. By policy, the Officer Nominating Committee includes two active Ruling Elders appointed by Session (including the ONC chairman), two active Deacons appointed by Diaconate leadership, and three members of the congregation. Congregation members are free to place other names in nomination in one of these three categories as well, as long as the person is willing to serve.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

FPC'S ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC will be Sunday, August 15. Join us immediately following our combined 10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary. We will have a block party style picnic with water activities for children (of all ages), along with food and fun for everybody. Make sure to bring your child's swimsuit and towel for all the water activities. Indoor seating will also be available. A suggested donation of \$8 per person, for this event, would be greatly appreciated.

NURSERY MINISTRY

Nursery Ministry Update: During the month of July, the Nursery Ministry will have 11:00 Worship Nursery for 4 and 5 year olds in Room 206 of the Education Building. We've missed caring for this age group and can't wait to be with them and share about the love that Jesus has for all of us!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Ministry Summer Sunday School continues with a combined class for 1st - 5th graders in God's Garden with a variety of teachers teaching on PLEASING GOD - The Ten Commandments: growth in Christian character. Our 2s - Kindergarten classes will remain in their previous classroom, learning about SERVING THE SAVIOR - Learning to trust and obey Jesus through New Testament lessons.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY OF PHILIPPIANS CONCLUDES THIS WEEK – Katey Temple and Virginia Saunders will lead this study of Philippians on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am, beginning June 29 – July 27. Please contact the church office to sign up.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY OF MICAH – Louise Hunt will lead this study of the book of Micah on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 beginning August 10.

ADULT SUMMER STUDY

WITNESSES TO HIM – A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ACTS CONTINUES ON SUNDAYS – This Adult Summer Study is June 6 - August 8 from 10:10 am - 10:45 am. 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.

MEN OF THE CHURCH EVENT

The Men of the Church will be having a night at the Rome Braves game THIS TUESDAY, JULY 27 at 7:00 pm. All men are invited to attend and bring your children/grandchildren (if you wish) for this pay-your-own way outing. The church has reserved a block of seats in Section 206 with room for more. Tickets are \$6 each and can be reserved and paid for by calling Katie Aspin of the Rome Braves at 706-378-5104. Be sure to let her know you are with the First Presbyterian group to get the discounted ticket(s) in our reserved section. Mobile tickets can be sent to a cell phone or paper tickets can be picked up at Will Call once they have been paid for.

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.