

MINISTRY UPDATES

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WORSHIP

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (9/19/21) – We will have two separate worship services at 9 am in the Sanctuary and 11 am in King Hall. Mr. Jimmy Latham will be preaching this week, using Micah 3:9-12 as his text.

Watch us online through 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 <u>www.fpcrome.org</u>.

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (9/26/21) – We will have two separate worship services at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary and 11:00 am in King Hall.

The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated at both services on <u>September 26</u>. May we use this week to prepare our hearts and minds to receive this gift of God rightly.

REMINDER: WE ARE PROVIDING SEVERAL OPTIONS FOR CORPORATE WORSHIP

Open Worship Venue:

For both 9am and 11am Worship services, those seated on the main floor may or may not be wearing masks.

Masked & Distanced Seating Areas within the Worship Venue:

For 9am Worship, the balcony in the Sanctuary will be mask only, socially-distanced seating.

For 11am Worship, the track in King Hall will be mask only, socially-distanced seating.

Separate Worship Venue via Live Stream with Masked/Distanced Seating Only:

During the 11am Worship Service, the Sanctuary will be available for those wanting masked/distanced seating within one venue. A representative from the Pastoral Leadership Team or Session will be present in this worship venue to maintain our corporate connection.

Live Stream Worship:

Although it is no substitute for biblically based corporate worship, live stream is always available for our congregants. If folks feel most comfortable remaining at home during this time, we honor that and provide a means for folks to receive the proclamation and preaching of the Word!

WE WILL CONTINUE TO OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING GATHERING GUIDELINES -

- Each one of us is free to wear a mask out of our desire to take precautions, or because we have vulnerabilities, or we are not vaccinated, or any other reason. Therefore, we will see folks wearing masks and not wearing masks on our campus, in worship, or in Bible studies. Parents will decide whether their children will wear masks or not. Teachers will decide, based on their own comfort level, whether or not to wear masks.
- As we seek to serve you well, we will continue to make masks and hand sanitizer available throughout our campus.
- We will continue to serve only individually packaged snacks and food for any gathering on our campus—large or small.

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 September 12: Mrs. Callie Latham and Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Ali Dent.

INFORMATION/LITERATURE RACKS

Please see our information racks for more detailed information from various ministries. The racks are located inside the office entrance of the Education Building and in the atrium of the Christian Life Center, or you may visit www.fpcrome.org.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDIES

Meal 5:15-6:00 PM Progra

Program 6:15-7:15 PM

Christianity Explored (Dr. Jonathan Schwartz) in CLC Fellowship Hall

Life On Mission (Missions Ministry Team) in CLC 204/205

Gentle and Lowly (Pastor Ken Chivers and Rob Davis) in CLC Room 203

Elders Discipleship Small Group (Rev. Bill Pardue)

*Begins Sept. 29**

Choir Practice 6:15-7:30 in Sanctuary

Nursery 8 weeks-1 year in Education Bldg. 1st Floor
Bible Zone 2/3 years in Education Bldg. Room 207
Bible Zone 4 years/Kinder in Education Bldg. Room 206
Grades 1-3 Summit in Education Bldg. God's Garden
Grades 4-5 Girls Small Group in Education Bldg. Room 205
Grades 4-5 Boys Small Group in Education Bldg. Room 202
Grade 6 Communicants in Hardy Classroom

Jr. High 6:00 in The Crossing

Sr. High – Serve in Jr. High, Children's Ministry or attend Adult Discipleship offerings

<u>SEPTEMBER 22</u> – Pirkle's will cater our meal for adults and children, which will include Grilled Chicken Alfredo, Roasted Sicilian Veggies, Caesar Salad, Roll and Dessert. Reservations for the MEAL ONLY are required and due no later than 3pm on Monday, September 20. You may make reservations by email to info@fpcrome.org, call the church office at 706-291-6033 or online at www.fpcrome.org.

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

SUNDAY MORNING STUDIES 10:10-10:40 AM

Winsome Witness to the Wonder of Jesus: Reformed Theology; what it is and why it matters in CLC Fellowship Hall

> The Book of Micah The Incomparable God: A Story of Forgiveness and Fidelity in Education Bldg. Hardy Classroom

2/3 years (Mr. Clay Cooper & Mrs. Julie Grigsby) in Education Bldg. Room 207

4 years (Mrs. Lynn Beaver & Mr. Jeff and Mrs. Alison Giddens) in Education Bldg. Room 206

Kindergarten (Mrs. Holly Shadday & Ms. Evie Shadday) in Education Bldg. Room 205

Grades 1-2 (Mrs. Susie Garrett, Mrs. Ginger Wright, Mrs. Jennifer Naddy, Mrs. Suzanne Garrett & Mrs. Gail Burkhalter)

in Education Bldg. Room 204

Grades 3-4 (Mrs. Jane Cavaness, Mrs. Larra Schwartz, Mrs. Helen Chivers & Mrs. Amy Fulton) in Education Bldg. Room 201

Grades 5-6 Girls (Mrs. Jennifer Scott & Mrs. Liz Williams)

in Christian Life Center Room 210

Grades 5-6 Boys (Mr. Ross Johnson)

in Christian Life Center Room 209

Jr. & Sr. High in The Crossing

SERVING AND CARING FOR OTHERS



The Student Ministries will be relaunching the Pray For Me Campaign (PFMC) for the fourth year next Sunday September 26! The PFMC is an effort to connect the students (7th-12th grade) in our church with older adults through prayer. Prayer Champions commit to praying for their student for one year using the Pray For Me prayer guide which you can purchase from the

Student Ministry's staff for \$10. If you would like to sign up as a student or as a Prayer Champion, you may do so at the Welcome Center in the Education building, the atrium of the Christian Life Center, or by visiting the student events page on the church website. Prayer teams will be pre-assigned and the King Hall will be sanitized at the conclusion of the service in preparation for the launch.

SENIOR SEMINAR – Each year we want to set aside time to talk specifically about college with our seniors. Where to go to college is a big decision to make and it can be overwhelming and disappointing. Some students may be deciding on whether or not to go to college at all. That decision comes with its own unique stressors and considerations. We want to spend an hour with your graduating students to talk through this phase of life, and answer any questions they may have on Sunday, October 3 from 4-5:00 pm in the Crossing.

A JOYFUL PARTNERSHIP

Beginning Sunday, October 3, from 9:45 – 11 am, you will find our Coffee Hospitality Team working alongside the Java Joy Joyrista Team. Java Joy is a ministry of Extra Special People that "spreads unmatched joy through



moments of engagement with people of all abilities." The Joyristas...Joy + Barista...will be serving coffee and offering you a big ole hug. What a beautiful way to begin our Sunday morning! Over the next year, the Joyristas will be joining us on the 1st Sunday of each month. Even if you are not a coffee person, take a moment to drop by, welcome our community friends, and show them the love of Jesus. For more information about Java Joy, please go to their website www.javajoy.org.

MEN OF THE CHURCH

The Men of the Church will be hosting a Speaker & Steak Night Event on Monday, October 4 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Doors open at 5:45 pm. All men are invited to attend and bring a friend for a night of fellowship and encouragement. Our speaker will be former Army tank officer, Dr. Richard Phillips, now Senior Pastor at Second Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC, and author of numerous books including *The Masculine Mandate*. Advanced copies of *The Masculine Mandate* are available for \$10, please see Pastor Jonathan if interested. To be sure we staff and service the event appropriately, please reserve your seats online through our FPC website, or by calling the church office by Thursday, September 30. Pay now for \$15 online, or pay later at the door for \$20.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

AN EVENING OF HOPE – A worship event Sunday, September 26, with speaker Mandy Williams in King Hall at 6:30 pm. Register online or contact the church office. We will follow FPC Gathering Guidelines— mask only/socially distanced seating will be available. Nursery is provided for children 8 weeks through 5 years. Please contact Mrs. Nell at nellm@fpcrome.org to make nursery reservations.

PIPS

BIBLE HISTORY MUSEUM – Our PIPS team has planned a trip to the Bible History Museum in LaGrange for September 28. The church van will leave the parking lot at 8:00 am or you can drive down and meet us there. We have a tour guide scheduled for 10:30 am. After the tour we'll drive home and stop at a restaurant for lunch. The cost of the tour is \$25. Tickets will be purchased ahead so please let the church office know if you plan to attend by September 23. Masking is optional. Please contact Martin Foster if you have any questions.

PIPS THURSDAY LUNCH – I'm really excited about the program for our September 23 Pips lunch. Our speaker will be Devon Smyth, the director of both of our Davies Homeless shelters in Rome. She is also the daughter in law of Woody and Ellissia Smyth. The program will begin at 11:00 am in Fellowship Hall followed by a delicious boxed lunch catered by Duffy's Deli. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Please sign up with the church office and join us for great food, fun and fellowship!

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.



We have the opportunity to provide meals each day for healthcare providers at Redmond Regional Medical Center and Floyd Medical Center. Cost of one meal is \$10. Donations of any amount are appreciated. You may give online at fpcrome.org and select the "Caring for the Caregiver" fund. You may also drop a check off at church—please note "caregiver" in the memo line. Thank you Lord for giving us the opportunity and resources so that we can be used by You to share love, hope and encouragement to others!

MAST FAMILY MEAL TRAIN – The Missions Ministry Team would like to invite you to support and encourage our missionary family by providing meals. As we seek to love the Mast family well during this challenging season of their lives, a meal train has been created. To participate, the link is https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/q67m5l.

THANK YOU FROM HAVEN HEALTH – FPC members donated \$4,192.28, along with 38 other churches and community groups, we raised \$36,000 for our Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser. We are so thankful for every donation! In addition to serving women that are facing unexpected pregnancies, we are expanding our services to include testing and treatment options for various types of infections. God is doing great things at Haven Health and YOU are an important part of His work. – Haven Health Clinic of Rome, Inc.