

MINISTRY UPDATES

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WORSHIP

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (11/14/21) – We will have one combined worship service at 11am in King Hall. Special guest, Dr. Bill Dudley will be preaching this week, using Matthew 6:25-27; 33-34 as his text. Today will be a very special time for us as FPC family as Jimmy Latham is ordained and installed as Assistant Pastor for Student Ministry.

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>. Our worship services are also broadcast weekly at 11am on WLAQ FM 96.9 and AM 1410. Sermons may also be accessed on our website at www.fpcrome.org.

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (11/21/21) – We will have two separate worship services at 9am in the Sanctuary and 11am in King Hall. *Please see our Christmas Season schedule in today's bulletin*.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28 – The Session has called a

Congregational Meeting following a combined worship service in King Hall Sunday, November 28, 2021. The purpose of the meeting is to elect 5 elders, 7 deacons, and 3 trustees to the class of 2025.

The slate of Officer nominees to be presented for the term of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2025 are:

Ruling Elders: Paul Brock, Charlie Williams, Eddie Johnston, Dan Pate, and Sandy Hosea

Deacons: Garrett Cochran, JT Oates, Jeff Giddens, Paul Hillesheim, Josh Dollahite, Nate King, and Jim Dent

Trustees: Charlie Williams, King Askew, and Walter Matthews

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – Please join us for our Children's Ministry Christmas program presented by the precious FPC children Wednesday, November 17 during our family gathering meal at 5:30pm. You don't want to miss it!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS – You may purchase a poinsettia online at fpcrome.org (Choose Give and select the "Poinsettia" fund). Poinsettia cards are placed at the entrance of King Hall and in the Narthex of the Sanctuary. The cost of the poinsettia is \$10. On December 19, the bulletin will list who the poinsettia is in memory or honor of and name of the person(s) giving the poinsettia. Purchased poinsettias may be picked up after each Christmas Eve service or the following Sunday (December 26).

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – Please pick up a box from the tables outside the Sanctuary and King Hall and bring it back NEXT SUNDAY, November 21. Pack a shoe box full of items for children around the world in order for them to ultimately be told about the love of Jesus Christ. If you would prefer a box be packed for you, please drop a \$25 check into the offering with OCC on the memo line. Please contact Pastor Ken (kenc@fpcrome.org) with any questions.

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.*



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES – The Bible teaches us that all Christians were "created in Christ Jesus for good works" (Ephesians 2:10). Our church has created a Serve Profile that helps you discover how God has gifted you for His service and shows you potential areas of service in the church and community. This Serve Profile does not automatically sign you up to serve anywhere! It opens the door for a ministry leader to contact you and discuss ways you may feel called to serve FPC and our surrounding community, when opportunities are presented. If you

have not yet completed the Serve Profile, we ask that you please do so. It is accessible from all mobile devices and will take about 7 minutes to complete. Scan the QR code (via camera or scanner app) or visit <u>fpcrome.org/serve</u> and click on the SERVE PROFILE button. If you prefer a paper copy, you may contact the church office at 706-291-6033. You may also find details about each of FPC's ministry teams in the information racks in the atrium outside of King Hall and at the entrance to the church office.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDIES

Meal 5:15-6:00 PM Program

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***Reminder – this week (Nov. 17 will be our last Wednesday Night Family Gathering for this year.

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. Ist 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

NOVEMBER 17 – PIRKLE'S will cater our Thanksgiving meal.

Reservations for the MEAL ONLY are required and due no later than 3pm on Monday, NOVEMBER 15.

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 10:00-10:45 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 and
Mr. Jonathan Johnson)
in Christian Life Center Room 209

Jr. & Sr. High in The Crossing

STUDENT MINISTRIES

STUDENT MINISTRY'S COLLEGE CHRISTMAS GATHERING – The Student Ministry staff wants to remind our former students they always have a home here at FPC. What better time to reunite and fellowship together than over a Christmas dinner? We want to invite any student from the class of 2018, 2019, 2020, or 2021 to a reunion dinner at the Crossing Monday, December 20 at 6pm. This will be a fun evening of reconnection, encouragement, and delicious food. *Please RSVP to Jordan Orr by Wednesday, December 15 by text or email (770-546-9703 / jordans@fpcrome.org)*.

We need your help with this event! Home-cooked is always better than catered.. after a long semester of college dining hall food we want to serve these students something delicious. We would like to ask you to consider signing up to cook a side dish or dessert. If you would like to contribute a dish, please visit the church website to let us know what you will be bringing!

JONI AND FRIENDS CHRISTMAS DELIVERIES – Please consider joining us on Tuesday, December 14 at 5pm as we deliver Christmas gifts to families in our congregation touched by disability. In conjunction with Joni and Friends, churches all over the country will be setting out to deliver gifts to their community on this evening and it is a privilege to bring this ministry to Rome. Please contact Jordan Orr (770-546-9703 / jordans@fpcrome.org) if you are interested in being a part of this joyous evening!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

CHRISTMAS DECORATING OF OUR CHURCH – As good stewards of the manifold grace of God, each of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve one Another, 1 Peter 4:10 – Ladies, come help decorate the church for Christmas on Tuesday, November 30 at 10am. Please contact Chris Morgan at 770-608-2121 if you are willing to help.

"THE GREATEST GIFT" BLESSED CELEBRATION – <u>Ladies</u>, join us for this Christmas event on Wednesday, December 8 at 6pm. You may register online or call the church office. Deadline to register is Monday, November 29. Cost is \$15.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

All men are invited to breakfast every Thursday morning at 6:55-8am in Hardy Classroom. Please join us for great food, fellowship and prayer. Cost is \$2 each person.

PRAYERFULLY REFLECTING UPON OUR CALL TO GIVE



Thanks be to God for all of those who have submitted their 2022 General Fund Commitment Cards. If you have not submitted your Commitment Card, or if you have misplaced it, there are extras in our pews/chairs in both the Sanctuary and in King Hall. You may complete them, place them in the envelope and place them in the offering plate. You may drop them by the church office or mail them to the church. Or you may use the QR code to access our online Commitment Card.

FAMILY EQUIPPING MINISTRY

PARENTING SEMINAR – One of the most important God-given opportunities we have as parents is to teach our kids God's design for sex. It's also one of the more challenging subjects for parents to talk about with courage and confidence. To provide you with encouragement in this area, we are offering an equipping seminar called "Talking With Your Kids About Sex." This will be a two-part seminar offered at FPC on Wednesday, November 10 and November 17, from 6:15–7:15pm.

No matter the age of your children, all parents are invited to attend! It's never too early or too late to engage our kids. The seminar is a Family Equipping Ministry Team event led by Pastor Ken and Pastor Jonathan. Along with the seminar, a four-book series called "God's Design for Sex" will be available at a significantly discounted price! This highly recommended resource will be a helpful guide to you as parents in facilitating those all-important conversations. Hope to see you there! Please see Pastor Ken or Pastor Jonathan for more information.