

Ministry Updates May 8, 2022

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WORSHIP

TODAY'S SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES (5/8/22) – We will have two separate worship services today at 9am in the Sanctuary and 11am in King Hall. Reverend Jimmy Latham will be preaching this week, using Hebrews 9:15-28 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. 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 SERVICES (5/15/22) – We will have two separate worship services at 9am in the Sanctuary and 11am in King Hall. <u>The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated at both services on May 15. May we use this week to prepare our hearts and minds to receive this gift of God rightly. The Elders will distribute the elements as we remain in our seats.</u>

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!

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY – Long-time, faithful member, Mrs. Mary Johns went home to Jesus on Sunday, May 1. A memorial service was held on Thursday, May 5 here at FPC. Please keep Mary's family in your prayers.

GATHERING GUIDELINES – As always, we will continue to evaluate our current context related to COVID concerns. During the 9am worship service in the Sanctuary, the balcony will be seating for those preferring a bit of physical distancing. During the 11am worship service, the track seating will be reserved for those preferring a bit of physical distancing. Masks are optional in all services and all locations.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

VBS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! - VBS is June 27-29 from 9am-Noon each day. We can't wait to share the news of Jesus with these kids! This year's theme is: MONUMENTAL - Celebrating God's Goodness! Be sure to register at www.fpcrome.org/vbs. *And, we still need volunteers!* If you've signed up to volunteer or would like to volunteer, please complete the appropriate forms found on the website listed above. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please contact one of this year's directors: Molly Jordan (mjordan@darlingtonschool.org) or Natalie Stegall (natalie.h.stegall@gmail.com). Thank you!

CAMP 456 REGISTRATION IS OPEN online and hard copies for CAMP 456 registration packet are now open! Please go to www.fpcrome.org or the church office for your registration packet! Don't let cost be in the way, contact Mrs. Andrea for scholarship and other questions about CAMP!

SERVING AND CARING FOR OTHERS

COMMUNITY KITCHEN – Dear FPC folks, our church will be hosting the Community Kitchen this week, MAY 9 – 13. In order for us to serve our community partner more efficiently, we will be seeking volunteers earlier each month. Please contact the church office to determine which days volunteers are needed. Thank you for your continued dedication and service to this worthy cause! Please note – Individuals may sign up for more than one time slot and more than one day. A volunteer sign-up link may be found at fpcrome.org.

All volunteers must be at least 16 years old. Volunteers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

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.

MEN'S MINISTRY

AXE THROWING EVENT - Men, join us at Rome Axe Throwing on Wednesday, May 11 at 5:30 pm. Food will be provided. The address for the event is 110 E. 8th Avenue Rome GA 30161. You may sign up for the event at https://min.link/75d.

ROME BRAVES GAME - The Men of the Church will be having a night at the Rome Braves game on Thursday, June 9 at 7pm. 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 on the third-base side of the stadium. Tickets are \$7 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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

HABAKKUK BIBLE STUDY led by Virginia Saunders and Katey Temple will be held on Tuesdays at 10am in Fellowship Hall for 6 weeks beginning June 7 (skipping VBS week). Nursery is provided for children 8 weeks through 4 years old.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY led by Bethany Johnson - Date and Time to be announced.

LADIES MORNING CIRCLE - Ladies, join us Monday, May 9 at 10am in CLC Room 203. As we continue our study on David, our scripture lesson will be 2 Samuel 7 led by Barbara Allen.

SUNDAY MORNING STUDIES THROUGH MAY 10:10-10:45

The Task of the Church

What does the church do? (Joshua Jones, Eddie Johnston, Pastor Jonathan Schwartz) in CLC Room 203

The Search for Significance

What are the obstacles to significance we were made to enjoy and experience?

(Brant Evans, Matt Claytor, Harris York, Rob Davis)

in CLC Fellowship Hall

A Deep Dive Into Reformed Theology

A focus on the Soverignty of God (Dave Abernathy, Tommy Atha, Tony Pemerton, Pastor Ken Chivers) 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. Jonathan Johnson & Mr. Teo Osben) in Christian Life Center Room 209 Jr. & Sr. High in The Crossing

HAVEN HEALTH'S BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG FUNDRAISER

Haven Health is Rome and Floyd County's free, pregnancy medical clinic that has served over 9,000 women in our community since 1986. They offer pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, prenatal/parenting classes, and STD testing/treatment, all free of charge. Every spring, Mother's Day through Father's Day, Haven Health Clinic distributes baby bottles, through churches, to be filled with cash, checks and change. Your support makes life choices possible for women, men, and teens facing unplanned pregnancies and makes more people aware of their FREE services! You may also give online at havenfriends.com.

APRIL BUDGETED GIVING

Offerings	Actual	Budgeted	
April	Year to Date	Year to Date	over (under) budget
\$176,533	\$779,951	\$812,490	-\$32,539

PIPS LUNCH

Our next PIPS lunch will be a picnic at the Lock and Dam park Wednesday, May 25 at 11am. You may meet us at the park pavilion at 11 or meet at the church at 10:30 and carpool or ride the church bus. We'll grill hamburgers and hotdogs and have all the fixin's. Join us for great food, fun and fellowship! Note - this is on a Wednesday instead of our usual Thursday gathering. Please call the church office to make a reservation.