



GROW

Grow at First Presbyterian Church

We believe it is our mission and call to renew minds and redeem lives with the steadfast love of Jesus Christ. In order to do that we have a threefold strategy: Worship, Grow and Serve. We grow in our lives, our faith and to be more like Jesus wants us to be. We believe God is the one who causes us to grow, but also invites us to participate in the process. We read, study, learn and pray in order to grow.

At First Presbyterian Church, we invite you to grow in your knowledge of Jesus Christ and the Bible, to develop meaningful relationships with other followers and to contribute to the spiritual and physical needs of those who are struggling, both inside and outside the walls of the church. Through the variety of opportunities listed here, we invite you to come and grow with us.

Visit www.fpconline.org to stay informed about opportunities to worship, grow and serve at First Presbyterian Church.

Guests

DISCOVER FIRST! New Members' Class

Interested in discovering more about the faith, mission and people of First Presbyterian? Attend Discover First! This is an introductory program designed as a relaxed and comfortable setting to learn more about the joys of following Christ and of being a member of First Presbyterian. At Discover First! you will learn more about the mission and defining values of First Presbyterian. You will get to know others who are new to the congregation, meet staff and members, learn ways to get involved, and realize how important you are to the church. Attendance at Discover First! does not obligate you to join, but it does prepare you to become a member should you choose to join. Register by contacting Stacie Rodriguez at 226.0216, ext. 259, or stacier@fpcsat.org.

Discover First! Classes

Sunday, September 27 (12:10–3 p.m. at the church)

Sunday, November 15 (12:10–3 p.m. at the church)

Sunday Mornings

One of the ways that we grow is through learning. One of the concentrated times when that happens is on Sunday mornings. We offer many different classes which help us in our growth. There are Bible classes, topical classes, beginner classes, theology classes and others. Look for the class that fits your needs and come get involved on Sunday mornings!

Adults

Sunday School Classes begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 10:30 a.m.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS (ABC)

Covenant Hall (Room 315)

Teacher: Sandy Sturch (210.494.7157)

Contact: Sheila Figueroa (210.822.4082)

This fall we will study the greatest sermon Jesus ever preached: the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5–7). The Lord's Prayer, the Beatitudes and the Golden Rule are all here. This in-depth study includes lecture and discussion. There is a strong emphasis on application of Scripture to our personal lives and the ongoing work of the Spirit today. ABC supports selected mission projects, shares prayer requests and gathers for lunch several times a year. Class members voluntarily provide refreshments each week. For all ages and levels of Bible background. Newcomers are welcome to join the study at any point along the way.

ARTHUR GRAY JONES CLASS

Room 312

Teacher/Contact: Blair Labatt (210.734.5934)

The Arthur Gray Jones class has been in continuous existence since the 1920s. Its most distinctive feature is that it begins with a vigorous hymn-sing in the choir room. The class then adjourns for a lesson using the "Present Word" curriculum, which generally alternates between Old Testament and New Testament books. The fall quarter's texts will be on "Covenant Communities" in the books of Joshua, Judges, Ezra, Nehemiah, Mark and 1 and 2 Peter. This class has a long tradition of warm fellowship and good discussion.

BASECAMP: Grounded in Christ, Ready to Climb

Room 108

Contact: Courtney Duphorne (Courtney.duphorne@rbc.com)

Basecamp is a fellowship of young adults parenting children (birth–5th grade). Basecamp seeks to grow disciples of Jesus Christ through prayer, fun, relationships, and service to one another, the church and the community. Sunday morning gatherings center on an interactive study. Monthly opportunities for fellowship include men's golf outings, adult dinner parties, family swim parties and an annual family mission project.

BRIDGES: Connecting to Christ and Others

Room 302

Contact: Holly Youngquist (210.366.3222, Youngquist.holly@gmail.com),

Susan and Dirk DeKoch (210.822.0367, SDeKoch@aol.com)

Married or single adults who have children in middle school and older are welcome to join this fellowship. The class format is typically a Bible study with rotating teachers and occasionally includes limited book studies. A strong fellowship component includes Sunday

lunches and dinner groups. There will also be mission and outreach opportunities throughout the year. We are focused on learning and serving together and getting to know each other.

CHRISTIAN THINKERS THROUGH THE AGES

Room 308

Class Leaders: Doug McNeel (210.695.9765), Craig Bell (210.696.7850), Michael McMains (210.494.1887), John Flanagan (210.275.6911), Mark McBryde (210.804.1964), and Karen Lyons (210.626.8985)

The current course topic is *The Good, the True and the Beautiful*, exploring the struggle between good and evil in the human heart. We will begin by reading Augustine's *Confessions*, which movingly recounts his efforts to know "the Good, the True and the Beautiful" and his experience of temptation and sin, which obstructed his quest to know God fully. We will study the Garden of Eden story and other biblical readings regarding the corruption of human innocence, the psychology of temptation and the path of genuine repentance. Most importantly, we will explore the spiritual resources available to us for our own journey out of sin: the Holy Spirit, the word of God, the mediation of Christ, the power of prayer, the sanctifying power of divine love and the motivating power of divine grace. For all ages.

GENESIS II

Room 224

Teacher: Janet Anderson (210.479.2161)

Contacts: Janet and Greg Anderson (210.479.2161), John and Ann Carter (210.499.4375), Chaney and Tripp Stuart (210.824.3972)

Genesis II is composed of mainly 30-somethings to 50-somethings, but all ages—couples and singles—are invited and are welcome! We are a Bible-focused class and enjoy learning the Word. This fall, we'll study the New Testament and how the lessons taught by Jesus Christ are as fresh and relevant today as they were 2,000 years ago. The class format is primarily lecture, with time for questions and group discussion. We start class with a time to visit (including doughnuts and coffee), followed by a time for prayer concerns and praises, and then our study. As a smaller class, we have the unique opportunity to get to know one another in a more intimate setting and group dinners are scheduled throughout the year. The "welcome mat" is always out and everyone is always welcome.

MIGHTY ACTS OF GOD

Room 226

Teachers/Contacts: Marilyn and Dick Ellis (210.493.5828), Harvey Howell (210.499.0858), Jackie Richards (210.545.5113)

A pilgrimage through the "greatest drama ever enacted," this class provides a Bible overview using as primary references the Bible and the well-loved book, *The Mighty Acts of God*, written by Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary scholars Arnold Rhodes and Eugene March (revised 2000). Designed as a two-year survey, fall 2009 begins with the New Testament and Christ's good news that "the Kingdom of God has come near." Underlying themes are the Lordship of Jesus, the centrality of Scripture and application of the lessons to our lives today in a warm, welcoming atmosphere for study, fellowship and opportunities for service. This class is for adults of all ages and levels of Bible background. Join us and experience the kind of faith knowledge that empowers us all to become coworkers with God.

NEW COVENANT CLASS

Room 301

Contacts: Becky and Ed DeWees (210.826.6666)

Moderator for reading and discussion: Don Crews

The New Covenant Class is a gathering of adults who want to learn about and discuss the Christian faith through a Bible-based lesson that connects with their own life experiences. Each week, we read the Bible together, verse by verse, chapter by chapter, and discuss what we have read while seeking the meaning of the Scriptures for our lives. Enjoy an opportunity to ask questions, engage in stimulating discussion and support one another as we seek to live lives that honor God. We also enjoy dinners together at various times throughout the year. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

SOULHOUSE

Teacher: Tim Galligan, Minister of Adult Discipleship (210.271.2713, timg@fpcsat.org)

Contact: Alyssa Payne (YoungAdults@fpcsat.org)

The young adults of First Presbyterian Church seek to enjoy God, grow as disciples of Jesus Christ and mature as children of God. Young Adult—what does it mean? We tend to be in our 20s or early 30s. We tend to be single or just married. We tend not to have children, but kids are always welcome. If this is you, join us! During the fall semester the young adults will attend other Sunday morning classes for intergenerational fellowship and will resume meeting together in the spring. Young adults also participate in various activities and small groups throughout the year. Come join our group!

THE UNCOMFORTABLES CLASS

Room 228

Teacher: Neil Williams (210.523.1653 or 210.601.2362)

This is a discussion class exploring contemporary issues of faith in our world. This year we begin a study of C. S. Lewis's *Mere Christianity*, one of the seminal works of 20th-century Christian apologetics. By examining his thoughts and ideas on faith, we can better learn how to live and witness our own faith in challenging times. We begin the series with an overview and commentary on C. S. Lewis's life by one of our own class members. Attendees vary in age, generally 40s–70s, some employed, some retired. All are welcome.

Children

Our vision: Teach children that worship is an important part of their life even at a very early age (worship); equip families to study, pray and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ (grow); and give children and families the opportunity to serve and give generously (serve).

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Contact: Shelley Craig, Godly Play Coordinator (210.271.2741, shelleyc@fpcsat.org)

Children's Sunday School is for ages 2–Kindergarten. During class, we have Bible story time, music, crafts and, most importantly, play time. We offer Godly Play as a Sunday school option for ages 4 years through kindergarten.

Frogs	2 years old as of September 1	Room 116
Turtles	3 years old as of September 1	Room 115
Big Fish	4 years old as of September 1 thru Kinder	Room 122
Godly Play I	4 years old to Kindergarten	Room 125
Godly Play II	4 years old to Kindergarten	Room 128

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Teaching children that worship is a vital part of their lives, even at an early age, takes priority and intention. For that reason, the Children and Family ministry team encourages families to take the time to worship together as a family before Sunday School at the 8:30 a.m. traditional worship service or after the 9:30 Sunday School hour, at the 10:45 a.m. contemporary worship service or 11:05 a.m. traditional worship service.

WEe Worship

11:10 a.m.

Contact: April Kuper, Nursery Coordinator (210.226.2732, aprilk@fpcsat.org)

WEe worship is our preschool worship time on Sundays. Children who are in childcare during the 10:45 and 11:05 a.m. worship services participate in WEe worship. We walk to the Guthrie Bryant chapel located on the second floor near the Sanctuary. Children learn the order of worship through their own Bible story in a praise-filled worship service.

CHRISTOPOLIS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Grades 1–4

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Contact: Kathy Timberlake, Children’s Ministry Director (210.271.2721, kathyt@fpcsat.org)

Because children learn in a variety of ways, FPC offers an exciting workshop rotation model of learning the Bible. Christopolis is a city where each classroom is a different venue such as drama, art, computer, multimedia, etc. Each room is an exciting place where the child learns major Bible stories and a faith lesson through the different child-friendly workshops. Students first gather in Town Square for a short worship assembly for music, prayer and announcements before moving to the different classes. Parents are reminded to pick up their students promptly by 10:35 a.m., so that their teachers can attend worship.

highfive.5@fpc

Grade 5

Room 132

9:30–10:30 a.m.

This high energy class is designed for 5th grade, knowing they need their own space for fellowship, teaching, prayer and fun activities.

JOY MINISTRY

Contact: Carrie Jowers, JOY Ministry Coordinator (210.271.2720, carriej@fpcsat.org)

This ministry embraces children with special needs and provides a welcoming place for them to attend Sunday morning and Wednesday night activities, where they hear God’s Word and enjoy fellowship. JOY students have special shepherds who work one-on-one with each child.

Youth

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Grades 9–12: New Covenant Building, 1st floor

Grades 6–8: New Covenant Building, 2nd floor

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Teachers: Adult volunteers

Contacts: Coby Cagle (210.271.2724, cobyc@fpcsat.org),

Katy Evans (210.271.2722, katye@fpcsat.org)

Youth Sunday School is for all students in grades 6–12. Our goal is to create a safe space where students can have fun, meet new friends, enjoy old friendships, interact with a loving adult mentor and dig into the Bible. This year we'll study various books of the Bible as well as topics like Advent and healthy relationships. We hope to see you there!

CONFIRMATION FOR ANY YOUTH IN GRADES 8–12

Room 300 (Small Groups meet in New Covenant Building)

9:30–10:30 a.m.

Contact: Ruthie Seiders, Pastor for Family Ministry (210.271.2714, ruthies@fpcsat.org)

In the Presbyterian Church we have a tradition of celebrating our young people when they are ready to make a commitment to the life of the church in a formal way. We do this through the process of Confirmation. This class meets Sunday mornings during the 9:30 a.m. education hour and is open to all interested youth in grades 8–12. Through teaching of Old and New Testament surveys, Church history and worship we explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus as Presbyterian Christians. Students learn through interactive large group teaching, small group discussions and one-on-one mentoring with an adult from the congregation. The 2009–2010 process includes a one-night retreat in January. We celebrate our young people in May at a special dinner, joined by their parents, mentors and officers of the church. At this dinner, students read their faith statements and take their vows of membership. On Pentecost Sunday they are publicly received in worship.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Contact: Tim Galligan, Minister of Adult Discipleship (210.271.2713, timg@fpcsat.org)

College-age students generally attend the SoulHouse young adult class. *Note: SoulHouse will be attending other Sunday morning classes during the fall semester, but their class will resume in the spring semester.* The Fire and The Well are our two mid-week ministries on the campuses of the University of Incarnate Word and Trinity University.

Life Groups

Life Groups are an indispensable part of our response to God's call to renew minds and redeem lives with the steadfast love of Jesus Christ. Our strategy to achieve this mission as a church is to worship regularly, grow intentionally and serve generously. Life Groups unite these three elements as we seek to develop genuine Christian community that goes beyond Sundays. Life groups are founded on four pillars:

1. **Study** the Sunday Scripture passage for deeper understanding and life application.
2. **Support** each person's relationship with Jesus Christ by being a caring and loving community.
3. **Pray** weekly for each other and for our ministry partners in San Antonio and around the world.
4. **Serve** by participating in an outreach project beyond the walls of First Presbyterian, hopefully at least once a semester.

Sign up to be in a Life Group at the church or online at www.fpconline.org.

Mondays

MOM'S GROUP

Every other Monday, 10 a.m.–noon (starting September 14)

Contact: April Kuper (210.271.2732, aprilk@fpcsat.org), Amy Renard (210.999.5323)

Moms of all ages are encouraged to participate in fellowship and Bible study. This fall, we will begin using Mom to Mom Ministry's *Heart Talk* curriculum as we grow in our faith and put our hope in the awesome God who entrusted us with his children. In addition to study-based meetings, we meet several times a month for play days with our kids and moms' nights out (without kids). We also have an occasional Mom's Night Out. We invite you to come to whatever activities fit in your schedule.

THE FIRE

8 p.m.

University of the Incarnate Word Student Center

Contact: Tim Galligan, Minister of Adult Discipleship (210.271.2713, timg@fpcsat.org)

The Fire and The Well are growing communities of college-aged (18–23) young adults, committed to investigating the claims of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Expect nothing less than a community of people who are seeking God through the Bible, and passionate worship focused on Jesus Christ. Put simply, we are *thirsting for the living water* that is Jesus Christ. Participants can also get involved in other opportunities for ministry including retreats, mission trips, small groups and more.

Tuesdays

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

9:30–11:30 a.m. (September 8–November 17)

Covenant Hall

Contact: Judy Kruger (210.826.3370)

Writer and teacher Beth Moore's 11-week study, *Jesus, the One and Only*, examines the most remarkable person to ever walk on this earth. Jesus lived 2,000 years ago and changed the world for all time. Through video segments taped on location in Israel, women can visit

many of the places Jesus visited. Using the book of Luke, the other Gospels, and additional scripture, Beth Moore brings participants to new insights and understanding of the life of Christ. As women explore Scripture passages, they will encounter life-changing truths that can encourage and challenge them in daily living. The course involves personal study in preparation for weekly video presentations and small group discussions. Women of all ages are encouraged to attend. Suggested donation for study guide is \$16. Childcare is available by reservation. Contact Judy Kruger to register or if you have questions.

THE WELL

8 p.m.

Trinity University Tiger’s Den

Contact: Tim Galligan, Minister of Adult Discipleship (210.271.2713, timg@fpcsat.org)

The Well and The Fire are growing communities of college-aged (18–23) young adults, committed to investigating the claims of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Expect nothing less than a community of people who are seeking God through the Bible, and passionate worship focused on Jesus Christ. Put simply, we are *thirsting for the living water* that is Jesus Christ. Participants can also get involved in other opportunities for ministry including retreats, mission trips, small groups and more.

Wednesdays

Wednesday Nights at a Glance for All Ages

TIME	CHILDREN	YOUTH	ADULTS
4:30–5:15 p.m.	Preschool Choir Grades 1-2 Choir Grades 3-5 Homework Labs		Life Groups meet throughout the evening
5 p.m.	First Presbyterian Church Family Dinner until 6 p.m.	First Presbyterian Church Family Dinner until 5:45 p.m.	First Presbyterian Church Family Dinner until 6:15 p.m.
5:45 p.m.	Grades 1–2 Activities Grades 3–5 Choir	LOGOS Youth Choir	Handbells
6–7 p.m.	Tadpoles (Preschool)		
6:30 p.m.	The Master’s Hands Tadpoles	Games, Small Groups and Closing Worship	Beth Moore Women’s Study God’s Redeeming Story Lecture
7 p.m.	Master’s Hands		Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m.	Extended Childcare		

For program details and locations, see the CHILDREN, YOUTH, ADULT and MUSIC listings below.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FAMILY DINNER

5–6:15 p.m. (September 16–December 9)

Westminster Hall

Before you head to activities, sit down for a meal together.

- Adults (full meal deal) \$7
- Adults (soup, salad and dessert) \$6
- Children (6–11) \$4
- (Children 5 and under) free
- Family maximum (one household only) \$20
- Youth registered for LOGOS \$5 per week / \$40 per semester

Adults

SANCTUARY HANDBELLS

5:45–6:45 p.m.

Room 309

Director/Contact: Dr. Jae Ha (210.271.2729, jaeh@fpcsat.org)

Bell ringing is fun, therapeutic and develops musicianship and teamwork while at the same time adding an exhilarating dimension to worship services. Thirteen bell ringers are needed at all times to be able to utilize all five octaves of handbells. If you are interested in learning more about handbells, please contact Jae Ha or Tom Dooling, Minister of Music, at 210.271.2717, or tom@d@fpcsat.org, for more information.

GOD'S REDEEMING STORY WEDNESDAY NIGHT LECTURE

6:30–7:30 p.m.

Covenant Hall

Contact: Tim Galligan, Minister of Adult Discipleship (210.271.2713, timg@fpcsat.org)

For 31 weeks, beginning September 16, 2009 and continuing throughout the fall until June 2010, we will look at the unfolding, grand narrative of the Scriptures in a series called *God's Redeeming Story*. On Wednesday nights and Thursday mornings, we will offer a pastor-led lecture on some of the passages that complement the Sunday morning Scriptures from earlier in the week. We want to dive deeply into the pages of Scripture, so join us on Wednesdays as we study and learn together.

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

6:30–8 p.m. (September 9 – December 9)

Room 302

Contact: Sheila Figueroa (210.822.4082)

Most Bible studies help people; this 13-week study of Richard and Henry Blackaby's *Experiencing God* changes them forever. For more than 15 years, God has used *Experiencing God* with miraculous results, showing believers how to know him intimately while encouraging them to step out in faith and join him in his work. And God has more to do—will you join him? The member's workbook includes personal interactive study five days a week plus a viewer guide for the group video sessions. Workbook cost: \$15. Call Sheila Figueroa to reserve a member's workbook.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

7–8:45 p.m.

Choir Room (Room 318)

Director/Contact: Tom Dooling, Minister of Music (210.271.2717, tom@d@fpcsat.org)

If you like to sing and make melody in your heart to the Lord, come each week to be a part of the Sanctuary Choir. The choir sings at the traditional worship services each Sunday morning and also presents special music throughout the year in support of liturgical events such as Christmas, Holy Week and Easter. We're always seeking new members for active duty! Auditions are not necessary.

Children

NURSERY

Contact: April Kuper, Nursery Coordinator (210.226.2732, aprilk@fpcsat.org)

Nursery care available 5–8 p.m.

Nursery 1	0–18 months	Room 101
Nursery 2	18 months–3 years (older toddlers)	Room 120

TADPOLES (Preschoolers)

6–7 p.m.

Room 123

Contact: Shelley Craig, Preschool Ministry Director (210.271.2741, shelleyc@fpcsat.org)

Tadpoles is our mid-week program for preschoolers. We meet after dinner for song time, game time and a story. We encourage comfortable clothes because the children might get messy. Some evenings we will be playing on the playground.

THE MASTER'S HANDS (Grades 1–5)

6:30–7:30 p.m.

Room 124

Contact: Jan Ayers (210.824.9244)

Children have the opportunity to work on basic crafts of woodworking, stained glass, tie-dying, pottery, weaving, and other great projects. They will learn leadership skills and how to work in groups as they weave together biblical lessons from the Sunday sermon series while working on their art projects. Master's Hands is a special place where faith and life intersect.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS (*Note new meeting times)

First Presbyterian Church's children's choirs are offered to give children opportunities to learn music and biblical truths, sing music appropriate to their age, enjoy music and learn to worship through music. The choirs rehearse on Wednesday evening and sing during Christmas, Palm Sunday and other worship services during the year.

THE ANGEL CHOIR (3 year olds)

*4:30–5:15 p.m.

(Group activities will be with the Angel and Cherub Choir combined)

Room 125

Director: to be announced

THE CHERUBS (Pre-K and Kinder)

*4:30–5:15 p.m.

Room 127

Director: Lana McMains

THE MUSIC MAKERS (Grades 1 and 2)

*4:30–5:15 p.m.

Room 128

Director: To be announced

JUBILATE (Grades 3, 4, and 5)

5:45–6:30 p.m.

Room 128

Director: To be announced

JOY MINISTRY

Contact: Carrie Jowers, JOY Ministry Coordinator (210.271.2720, carriej@fpcsat.org)

This ministry embraces children with special needs and provides a welcoming place for them to attend Sunday morning and Wednesday night activities, where they hear God’s Word and enjoy fellowship. JOY students have special shepherds who work one-on-one with each child.

Youth

LOGOS MINISTRY FOR ALL YOUTH

5-7:30 p.m.

Contacts: Katy Evans (210.271.2722, katye@fpcsat.org)

LOGOS, our mid-week gathering for all youth, is back! We meet in Westminster Hall to share a “themed” meal together. Afterwards, we have Youth Choir, large group games and a Bible study. Have your parents pick you up from the New Covenant Building. Bring \$5 for dinner. Sign up for the 12-week semester for \$40. As always, bring a friend! LOGOS meets weekly for students in grades 6–8. Grades 9–12 will join us on the first Wednesday of every month.

LOGOS Lite

6:30–8 p.m.

Contacts: Coby Cagle (210.271.2724, cobyc@fpcsat.org)

This gathering for students in grades 9–12 is smaller and more intimate than Sunday School. It provides an atmosphere where youth can dig deeper into Scripture and safely discuss life situations. We hang out, have a large group time and break up into gender-based small groups. We base our small group discussions on the sermon Scripture text from the previous Sunday’s worship services. Our location varies, so check the youth website regularly (www.firstpresyouthministry.com) and click the “High School” link on the left side of the page.

LOGOS YOUTH CHOIR (Grades 6-12)

5:45-6:30 p.m.

Choir Room (Room 318)

Director/Contact: Tom Dooling, Minister of Music (210.271.2717, tomd@fpcsat.org)

Starting this year, we have formed a LOGOS Youth Choir that will meet each week to experience the joy of singing praises to our Lord. No prior experience is needed—just a willingness to learn and a desire to worship God through music. The LOGOS Youth Choir will prepare music to sing on a periodic basis in both the traditional and contemporary worship services.

Thursdays

EARLY MORNING MEN'S BREAKFAST AND STUDY GROUP

7–8 a.m.

St. Andrew's Room (2nd floor, just off the Mauzé Lobby)

Contact: Bill Lyons (210.229.1646)

A terrific breakfast greets this group of “early-bird” men for their weekly interactive Bible study. Discover a deeper faith through Bible study as it relates to life—with great fellowship included.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

7:15–8:30 a.m.

Geneva Room (2nd floor, just off the Mauzé Lobby)

Contact: John Seiders, Executive Associate Pastor (210.271.2715, johns@fpcsat.org)

Men of all ages are invited for Bible study, prayerful support and Christian growth, led by the Rev. John Seiders along with the Revs. Scott Simpson and Tim Galligan. After breakfast, a passage of Scripture is read and discussed. Each man is invited to share his insights on the truth and relevance of the morning's passage.

CHILDREN'S DAY OUT

9:15 a.m.–2:15 p.m.

Contact: Kitty Lange, Children's Day Out Director (210.271.2733 or 210.822.6401)

This program is part of First Presbyterian's ministry to young children and their families. Four classes are available: toddlers, young 2s, older 2s and 3s. The teacher/child ratio is 1:4 for all the younger children, and 1:5 for the 3s. Children hear a Bible story, sing songs, pray, do a creative art project, play outdoors and enjoy learning centers with dramatic play, blocks, manipulative toys and large motor activities. Loving, nurturing teachers strive to create a safe and positive environment for the preschoolers to learn about the Lord Jesus.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: GOD'S REDEEMING STORY

9:30–10:30 a.m. small group discussions

10:30–11:15 a.m. lecture in Covenant Hall

Contact: Tim Galligan, Minister of Adult Discipleship (210.271.2713, timg@fpcsat.org)

The Bible is dominated by story. From beginning to end, God's redeeming story reveals the great lengths to which God has gone in order to rescue lost and hurting people. That's what God's story is all about: the story of the Bible, God's great love affair with humanity. But do we really know and understand God's story? Even when we think we know the Bible, sometimes we only know parts of it or isolated verses, and miss the larger context of what God is telling us. Sometimes we don't really know God's redeeming story because we lose sight of the big picture. For 31 weeks, beginning September 17, 2009 and continuing throughout the fall until June 2010, we will look at the unfolding, grand narrative of the Scriptures in a series called *God's Redeeming Story*. On Wednesday nights and Thursday mornings, we will offer a pastor-led lecture on some of the passages that complement the Sunday morning Scriptures from earlier in the week.

Fridays

KEYS ADULTS (Keeping Everyone Young in Spirit)

Contact: Pat McCleary, Senior Adult Ministry Director (210.271.2726, patm@fpcsat.org)

KEYS Adults Fellowship is for members and non-members in their second half of life who meet at the church each Friday to experience the abundant life of Christ through a variety of programs and services. As a contributing force in our church, they are encouraged to remain active in all church activities. In addition to participating in regular church activities, KEYS Adults seeks to foster the spiritual, intellectual and social needs of older members and provide resources to enrich their lives. KEYS programs include opportunities for learning, fellowship, travel and service to others.

Weekly Friday programs include:

Fitness Class	9:45 a.m.
Speaker presentation	11 a.m. (September–June)
Lunch in Westminster Hall	Noon
Bridge	11 a.m. (June, July, August) 1 p.m. (September–June)

Other KEYS events include tours to places of interest in San Antonio, monthly birthday luncheons at area restaurants, attending plays, chartered bus trips, sponsoring defensive driving classes, flu clinics, health screenings, fall picnic, concerts and movies. Other aspects of this ministry are a continuing ministry to the homebound, volunteer opportunities, sharing awareness of issues and concerns on aging, care and concern and service projects.

FRIDAY SINGERS

9:50 a.m.

Choir Room (Room 318)

Contact: Charlotte Hains (210.828.2048)

This singing group performs at retirement communities in the greater San Antonio area throughout the year, seeking to bring a little extra sunshine into the lives of senior adults. It's not an easy task at times, but the rewards of smiles and hugs make it worthwhile. The choir rehearses on select Fridays between September and May and then performs at the retirement communities afterwards.

Other Resources

CHILDCARE

Contact: April Kuper, Nursery Coordinator (210.226.2732, aprilk@fpcsat.org)

Childcare is available during all worship services, Wednesday evening activities, and by reservation for special events at the church. When childcare is offered for any event except for worship services, reserve by contacting April Kuper no later than two days prior to the event. Drop-ins cannot be accommodated.

NURSERY

On the first floor as you enter the building at the Avenue E door. A diaper-changing station is on the second floor in the men's restroom in the hallway near the workroom overlooking the courtyard and in the ladies' restroom across from Westminster Hall.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

President: Suzanne Thomas (210.820.3245, PW@fpcsat.org)

Vice President for Circles: Jane Ann Temple (210.828.7542)

Vice President for New Members: Jennifer Quintero (210.548.2114)

If you are a woman and a member of our church, you are a member of Presbyterian Women! Presbyterian Women is comprised of 19 circles whose activities include fellowship, Bible study and service to others. There are 12 Bible Study circles, three sewing circles, a knitting and crocheting circle, a Literary Circle that reads and reviews nine books during the year, a Circle of Service and a Care and Concern Circle, which provides food for members of the church who are ill or bereaved. Whatever your age, interests or schedule needs, there is a group you would enjoy, and that would love to include you. Other Presbyterian Women's activities include luncheons and evening events which feature fellowship as well as entertaining and thought-provoking programs. We coordinate the Christmas basket program for needy families and help with Christmas International House. Presbyterian Women host Christmas parties at area nursing homes, the Christmas Eve dinner for the pastors and choir members, the children's Easter Egg Hunt and the PW Birthday Offering Coffee in May. Circles meet at various times and locations throughout the month.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LIBRARY

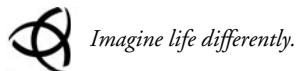
Located in Room 223 on the second floor, this wonderful treasure of a resource offers a collection of books, videos and CDs for children, youth and adults. Titles include fiction and nonfiction with emphasis on religion. The library, supported by gifts and memorials, is open when the church building is open.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BOOKSTORE

The bookstore, located in Room 222 next to the First Presbyterian Church Library, sells translations of the Bible, titles by Christian authors, children's books, greeting cards and Sunday sermon CDs. Open Sundays 9:15–9:40 a.m., 10:30–10:55 a.m., noon–12:30 p.m.; Tuesdays 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.; and Thursdays by appointment.

SERMON DOWNLOADS, PODCASTS AND CDS

You can listen to sermons via the church website (www.fpconline.org). To listen now, click on the sermon title, or on its corresponding green "play" button to listen to the sermon stream to your computer. To listen later, Right-click (Ctrl-click on Macs) on the corresponding yellow "download" button and save the sermon to your computer in MP3 format. **You can also receive our weekly podcast** by subscribing online. Each week's sermon will be delivered right to your computer, iPod, or other personal listening device. **CDs of all sermons are available in the First Presbyterian Church Bookstore**, Room 222 on the second floor), at 10:45 a.m. Order sermon CDs at the receptionist's desk in the Mauzé Lobby; \$4 per CD prepaid.



First Presbyterian
SAN ANTONIO

MISSION STATEMENT

Renewing minds and redeeming lives with the steadfast love of Jesus Christ.

VALUES

City Transformation

Demonstrated by an unwavering commitment to redeeming the heart of the city for Jesus Christ. As a downtown church near the historic Alamo Mission, FPC dedicates its resources as an outpost for the Kingdom of God to influence the culture, commerce and community of San Antonio.

Gospel Integration

Demonstrated by the merging of the biblical with the social. Most churches tend to be Word-centered or a social justice oriented. FPC believes God's desire for the church is to maintain both a high view of Scripture and a heart for the poor.

Spontaneous Compassion

Demonstrated by the incredible and natural outpouring of love for others. Those who have experienced profound loss find themselves surrounded by incarnational expressions of Christ's mercy and peace.

Gracious Dedication

Demonstrated by the selfless devotion of leadership within the church. A spirit of serving God with our very best pervades FPC from excellence in worship and music to ingenuity in solving complex social problems.

Hands-on Mission

Demonstrated by the philosophy that lives are changed by experiential learning. Just as the disciples matured by daily following Jesus, all of life is a classroom for the spiritual life.

Family Education

Demonstrated by the reality that family is God's primary vehicle for discipleship. The church exists to equip parents and children, youth and singles to create stronger bonds of friendship through study, prayer and fellowship.

STRATEGY

Worship regularly
Grow intentionally
Serve generously

MISSION MEASURES

Heart for God
Mind for Truth
Knees for Prayer
Mouth for Encouraging
Hands for Caring
Feet for Going