



# First Press

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## Worship Times

First Presbyterian Church offers four Sunday worship services: Traditional worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m. and Contemporary worship in Westminster Hall at 11 a.m.

## Childcare

Reserve by calling the Childcare Hotline (210-226-0216, ext. 312) no later than two days prior to an event. Drop-ins for childcare cannot be accommodated.



## Just remember one

### Pastor's ponderings by Rev. Trey Little

Greetings to all of the good people of FPCSA! As you well know, this is my first newsletter article to write as the new senior pastor — wow, such pressure! Let me say, I am truly excited about being here, and the Little family is thrilled to call San Antonio home. However, I would be remiss if I didn't also say that we are anxiously awaiting an opportunity to catch our breath; to stop and smell the roses; to be still and listen for that still, small voice. We have filled the past several months with moving, meeting and a myriad of emotions — all of which have been fantastic, and we wouldn't change a thing.

However, the voice of "overload" is echoing in the distance. Perhaps the same is true for you. You have had a great summer filled with trips to the lake or the beach or perhaps even the mountains. But now you find yourself

lamenting about how tired you are, and you are asking yourself, "Why do we do this every summer?" This question is followed up with the statement, "I am thankful the summer has ended so things will slow down."

Yeah, right!

Might I suggest instead we get on our knees?

**The word of God says, "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful" (Colossians 4:2).**

I think we are at emergency levels when it comes to our commitments (perhaps it's just my calendar, but I think not) and believe it or not, I am going to suggest you make one more commitment.

To assist you in remembering this commitment, I want you to memorize "1-1-1."

So, here is what "1-1-1" means: Pray for one person at 1 p.m. every day for one minute. Can you imagine what could happen if we would commit to doing that? Praying for one person — everyday at 1 p.m. — for one minute.

Now, before you chalk this up as something you can't fit into your busy schedule, allow me to remind you that we are talking about seven minutes per week.

Perhaps a minute to pray for a person who is going through a difficult time. Perhaps a minute to pray for a friend who has recently lost a loved one. Perhaps a minute to pray

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## Report from Stewardship and Finance Committee AUGUST 2011

<u>Operating Fund Budget</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	\$2,565,666	\$2,586,121	(\$20,455)
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	\$1,935,996	\$2,056,865	(\$120,870)
<b>Total Benevolences</b>	\$386,649	\$385,161	___\$1,488
<b>Net Income/Loss</b>	<b>\$243,021</b>	<b>\$144,094</b>	<b>(\$98,927)</b>

If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Office at 210-271-2755 or any member of the Stewardship and Finance Committee. As a reminder, you may access your contribution information through your secure member account via the church website (fpconline.org).



## Session Minutes ... in Seconds

At Session on Monday, Sept. 12, the elders:

- Approved changes in the Church Register
- Approved a resolution in memory of Charles Orsinger
- Received reports from Personnel and Property, Stewardship and Finance and Adult Education and Discipleship Committees
- Heard updates on the Fellowship of Presbyterian Gathering in Minneapolis and the status of Presbyterian Boarder Ministries



## A fun-filled fall ahead for PW

By Candy Wagner  
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Fall is finally in the air and PW Circles are now in full swing. Along with our regular monthly circle meetings, we are planning and looking forward to several fall events, as well. With everyone's calendar filling up fast, following are some dates you will really want to include.

The first event coming up on our calendar is Fall Ladies Night Out which will be held **Thursday, Oct. 20**. This year our guest will be Frances Strange, wife of famed caterer Don Strange and author of "Don Strange of Texas – His Life & Recipes." Frances will be sharing stories and anecdotes about how the book came to be, how it was written and personal memories of her years with "the boss," as she puts it. She will also have books available to purchase and autograph. This evening of fun and fellowship will also include food samplings of some of Don's recipes. Mark your calendars now for Oct. 20 — a date you won't want to miss! Look for more information in upcoming First Press articles.

Later on in the season, we will be having our fall luncheon which honors our church staff. Our speaker this year will be Rev. Alan Torrance. This will not only be a time of good food and fellowship but informative and enlightening, as well, as we welcome Rev. Torrance. Be sure to mark **Friday, Nov. 14**, for this event.

We are also looking forward this fall to the church-wide women's retreat coming up on **Oct. 14-16** at T Bar M Resort and Conference Center. If you were there last year, you know it is a weekend you don't want to miss. It promises to be full of fun, food and fellowship as well as a special time of meditation, introspection and learning as we explore "Journeys of the Heart" led by Rev. Ruthie Seiders. Please call Lynn Thompson or Jennifer Quintero for more information.

If you are not yet a part of PW, it is never too late to join in on the fun and fellowship, as we worship and serve our Lord. We will be glad to find a circle that is just right for you.



*"This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all ... But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin."*

*1 John 1:5 & 7*

## Pastor's ponderings

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for a child who is feeling depressed. Perhaps a minute to pray for FPCSA. Perhaps a minute to pray for a person to be healed. Perhaps a minute to pray for our country's president. Perhaps a minute to pray for yourself to spend a little more time on your commitment to the Lord.

1-1-1

Friends, I realize how busy we are, but I also realize how powerful prayer is. Try it for a month and just see if the Lord does not reveal His power and grace to you in a fresh way.

I'm praying for you! Keep smiling and keep loving.

Trey

# Best of the rest

## CHURCH REGISTER

Birth  
Eleanor Baner Marshall, daughter of Howard M. and **Katherine (Kosub) Marshall Jr.**  
Aug. 24

Death  
**Jeffrey (Jeff) Morehouse**  
Sept. 6

## CHECK OUT THE BOOKSTORE

On Sunday, Sept. 25, the FPCSA Bookstore, located across from Room 224, will open with “new beginnings” that include new hours of operation and new, exciting merchandise. Viva Bookstore has partnered with our church bookstore to offer new books for all ages, seasonal gift items and games for children at a 10-percent discount from their regular prices. The FPCSA bookstore also carries art prints, musical tapes and CDs, as well as Rev. Ed Walthall’s great books of prayers. These items make great gifts for friends and family members. The new hours will be 9:15-9:45 and 10:30-11 a.m. every Sunday.

## OCT. 2 INSTALLATION

The installation of Senior Pastor **Rev. Trey Little** will take place Sunday, Oct. 2, at 2:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow in the McCullough Room. Please plan to attend this special occasion as we formally welcome the Little family to the church.



## STREET CLOSURES

Broadway St. will be closed from Funston Pl. to McCullough Ave. as the City hosts Siclovia ([siclovia.org](http://siclovia.org)) from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on

Sunday, Oct. 2. Please make plans accordingly when visiting the church this day.

## SERMON SERIES: SEPT. 25-NOV. 6

In a world where we are constantly being “sized up,” perhaps it is time for those of us who call ourselves Christians to start “measuring up.” Beginning Sept. 25, we will dive into a seven-week sermon series which will explore what it means to “measure up.” We hope to see you.

## HE GAVE. WILL YOU?

On Sunday, Oct. 2, a blood drive will be held in the Geneva and St. Andrews Rooms during all worship services. Every minute of every day someone needs blood, but unfortunately, only three out of every 100 people in America currently give.



## BAPTISM SEMINAR

On Sunday, Oct. 9, Family Ministries will offer its next quarterly baptism seminar. These seminars provide an opportunity for the families to build relationships with each other and learn about baptism through a small group community experience; challenge parents to think through their responsibility as the primary Christian educators of their children and articulate for parents what we offer for nurture and discipleship for both themselves and their children. All parents seeking to have a child baptized should contact **Jennifer Quintero** ([jenniferq@fpcsat.org](mailto:jenniferq@fpcsat.org) / 210-271-2758) to register and reserve a baptism date/venue and preference of pastor to officiate. For more information, contact **Rev. Ruthie Seiders** ([ruthies@fpcsat.org](mailto:ruthies@fpcsat.org) / 210-271-2714).

## FREE CONCERT SEPT. 25

Join us in the Sanctuary at 5 p.m., as our Sanctuary Choir will present the Beethoven “Mass in C” in a concert presentation featuring orchestra, professional soloists and Trinity Baptist Church’s Trinity Chorale. All are welcome.

## OLDER ADULT EVENTS

**Friday, Oct. 7**, from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., “Get Out and See San Antonio,” will include stops at the Culinary Institute of America’s Bakery Café (coffee), Morgan’s Wonderland, Menger Hotel (lunch), Mission Reach and Mission Concepción. Cost is \$68 per person and includes coffee, all entry fees, lunch, driver tip and guides, Henry and Susan Holloway. Checks are due no later than Monday, Oct. 3, payable to FPC with “Oct. trip” in the memo line. On **Oct. 11-14**, at the La Quinta Inn & Suites (River Walk), Cynthia Rigby, professor of theology at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, will be the key speaker at the 2011 Joint ARMSS/POAMN Convention & Conference. Membership in the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network is open to anyone who is promoting, stimulating, developing and advocating for older adult ministry with congregations, presbyteries, synods or institutions and organizations related to older adult ministry. **Rev. Scott Simpson** will present a workshop titled “The Gift of Years and Change: How to Care for Older Adults in a Congregation.” The closing banquet will be held here at FPCSA with the welcome given by **Rev. Trey Little**. **Pat McCleary** highly recommends all the workshops and speakers. If interested in reading more about the workshops and speakers and/or attending, please see **Pat McCleary** for registration information. Early registration is open until Friday, Sept. 23. Local attendees may participate in the convention/conference on a per-day basis. Save **Saturday, Oct. 15**, for the annual KEYS Picnic at Gallagher Ranch – **Doug and Judith McNeel**’s home in Helotes. Look for more details in the next issue of First Press.

## A WORD OF THANKS

Jess Hilliard and his caregivers thank Handy Helper **Ed Willming** for making their lives much easier. (Ed saw a problem, and three days later he had a solution!). We appreciate all you do.

—Pat Hilliard



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# SEPT. / OCT. EVENTS

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- Sept. 25: “Mass in C” music concert
- Sept. 25: Loaves & Fishes
- Sept. 28: Women’s Bible Study
- Sept. 30: KEYS luncheon
- Oct. 2: World Communion Sunday
- Oct. 2: Rev. Little installation
- Oct. 4: Deadline for 10/18 newsletter
- Oct. 10: Officers’ meetings
- Oct. 16: Consecration Sunday



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