



September 6, 2011

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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.

Free concert: "Mass in C" presented Sept. 25

By Tom Dooling

MUSIC MINISTRIES

On Sunday, Sept. 25, at 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary, our Sanctuary Choir will be joined by members of the Trinity Chorale of Trinity Baptist Church to present the "Mass in C" by Ludwig van Beethoven. We are very excited about this collaboration with Trinity Baptist Church's Donn Wisdom, who will also serve as our tenor soloist. The free concert, lasting about one hour, will be conducted by Tom Dooling, FPCSA's minister of music.

The FPCSA chancel will be filled with joyful voices, outstanding soloists and a full orchestra that will transform a difficult and

beautiful composition into a musical offering that will inspire those in attendance with sweeping melodies and powerful rhythmic energy. The "Mass in C" was commissioned by one of history's great patrons of the arts, Prince Nikolaus Esterházy II. Following a tradition established by Joseph Haydn, who composed six masses for Esterházy, Beethoven's "Mass in C" followed many of the stylistic ideas found in Haydn's works,



while at the same time retaining many of the "trademark" characteristics associated specifically with Beethoven's music.

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Three different mental health classes begin this month

National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) - San Antonio is offering three free courses here at FPCSA. 1) FAMILY-TO-FAMILY, a 12-week class for family, friends and caregivers of those who have schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and other severe mental illnesses. 2) PEER TO PEER, a nine-part course, two hours per session, for people with a diagnosis of mental illness interested in establishing and maintaining wellness. 3) NAMI BASICS, a six-session course for any parent or primary caregiver of a child or adolescent living with mental illness. All three classes begin Tuesday, Sept. 20. To register or for more information, please call NAMI - San Antonio (210-734-3349) or visit their website (<http://www.nami-sat.org/education.php>).



"When our daughter began college and started living on her own, mental illness turned our family upside down," said Kara Niles. "There were no answers or any books that could put us back on track. Then we found NAMI and their Family-to-Family course. It gave us an in-depth understanding of not only what was happening, but why it was happening and what we could and couldn't do about it. After the 12-week course, we felt calmer and more confident in our ability to help our daughter and save our family."

"We now know that, even though the course of our daughter's illness is out of our hands, the way we handle it is within our control. It helped tremendously to learn that mental illness cannot be cured, nor is it something to be embarrassed by. It is something that can be managed and treated. We know we will never have all the answers, but now realize that we don't have to, as long as we know where to look. Personally, my stress level has lowered dramatically, and my outlook is much more positive."

Building faith for a lifetime

By Kathy Timberlake

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

I often get asked from people what my job entails or what I do — especially by those who haven't a clue about children's ministry! My reply is, "Are you familiar with the term youth director or youth minister? That is what I do, but with children from birth through 5th grade."

Children's Ministry at FPCSA encompasses four different age groups: Nursery, preschool, elementary and tween. Each one has their own specific needs and attention with curriculum, toys, materials, supplies and space. Our church is blessed with over 350 children in these age groups and their parents. Each Sunday, there are over 75 adults serving downstairs in Children's Ministry. Wednesday nights are also growing for young families to gather for dinner and classes, choirs and fellowship. It's a busy, noisy, active, fun and constantly growing area for FPCSA.

Here are some facts about Children's Ministry:

- We had 73 babies born in 2009-2010 (*that is a lot of diapers!*)
- We have over 80 pre-school children attending Sunday school
- We have a special tween classroom devoted to our 5th grade class, high five.5
- We have over 19 toilets and 50+ trash cans to clean each week in the classrooms on the first floor (not counting offices)
- We have special classrooms for art, computer, Bible skills, drama and video
- We have over 50 families participating in children's choirs and classes on Wednesday nights
- We will present Bibles to over 30 students in the third grade this fall
- Each elementary grade (1-5) adopts and participates with one of the FPCSA local outreach ministry partners. By the time they graduate from elementary, they have learned about five different mission agencies

- We have a ministry called JOY that ministers to our special needs children and families
- Children's Day Out is starting its 19th year at FPCSA
- Over 40 families participate in the Holy Communion Instruction Class for children

Children's Ministry at FPCSA is blessed with a strong and well-trained staff. April Kuper, Children's Ministry assistant, is the coordinator for all elementary classes. Carrie Jowers, also a Children's Ministry assistant, oversees our nursery and the JOY Ministry. I am blessed to oversee the preschool ministry, as well as all major events and programs within Children's Ministry.

But the most important part of our ministry is not the programs or classes, but the deep relationships we seek to build with all children and families — sharing Jesus Christ and helping parents become the spiritual teachers for their children.

LABOR DAY



On Aug. 30, FPCSA staff members served together at SAMM Ministries – sorting through donations of clothes, furniture and kitchen utensils for individuals who graduate from the Haven for Hope program.

Learn more about
San Antonio Metropolitan Ministries
210-340-0302
samm.org

Looking back; moving ahead

By Scott Fleming

UNIVERSITY MINISTRIES

University Ministries exists to help our students make life-giving/life-altering/life-finding connections with Jesus Christ, their campus, their city and their church. Our task is to come alongside students to help grow followers of Jesus by introducing them to a missional community, challenging them mentally, engaging them prayerfully and encouraging them in leadership.

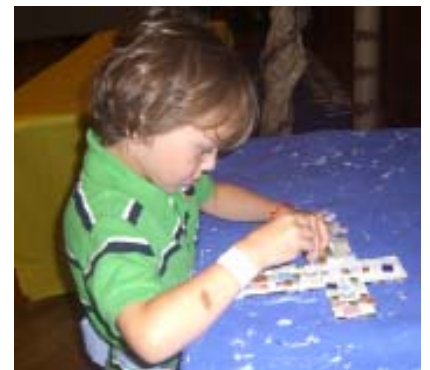
We've had an amazing summer with our "home grown" students at FPCSA; it is always great to have them back home for a while. CHOW was a big hit again this summer, as we were able to spend Tuesday nights together in a different home of one of our wonderful church families. There was always amazing food and hospitality from our hosts, along with life-giving fellowship and worship. We were sad to say goodbye to our students for the school year, but we will be keeping in touch, sending them encouraging letters, shipping care packages before finals and visiting a few campuses.

We are now ramped up for the start of another semester of ministry with THE WELL at Trinity University and THE FIRE at University of the Incarnate Word (UIW). We welcomed many students who recently moved back into their dorms, and we are already underway with the start of THE FIRE (Mondays at 8:30 p.m. in the Student Center of UIW) and THE WELL (at Trinity University — Wednesday dinners at 6:30 p.m. on campus; Friday Bible Study at 3 p.m. in the Tiger's Den). This month, we are looking forward to introducing these students to CORE Groups led by members of our FPCSA family. We are also starting our University Ministry Sunday school beginning Sept. 11, which will be held after worship services at 12:15 p.m. in Room 226. The class will include lunch and an educational Bible study.

You should be seeing several college-aged folks wandering around the church on Sundays, so please welcome them and introduce yourself. If you are interested in getting involved with University Ministries either as a CORE Group leader or as a volunteer in some other capacity, please contact Scott Fleming, director of University Ministries (scottf@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2723).



Vacation Bible School,
held July 17-21,
saw 250 children, with
45 teenage helpers and
120 adult volunteers!





A "YARN" to tell

By Candy Wagner
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



I have a “yarn” to tell about a group of women whose light is shining like a beacon! The Shawl Ministry Circle is celebrating its sixth year of working together and its first anniversary as a Presbyterian Women (PW) Circle. Circle 5, led by Caryl Gaubatz and Jane Ann Temple, is comprised of 30 women who knit and crochet shawls, baby afghans and scarves. Each item is made by these ladies’ loving hands and then is prayed over by them before it is given to those in need. In the six years they have been working together, the group has made over 670 shawls, 31 baby afghans for YoungLives and more than 150 scarves for the homeless! That is over 850 people that have been tangibly touched by this ministry.

If interested in becoming a part of this shining group, they meet the third Friday of each month at the church in Room 228 from 12-1 p.m. If you don’t know how to knit or crochet, you will find willing and able teachers to help. Also, Jane Ann and Nancy Nowak are teaching a six-week class during Intersection (Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m.). Check the Intersection brochure, found in the Mauzé Lobby, for more information.

If doing the actual “handiwork” is not for you, they can always use donations of yarn or monetary gifts to purchase supplies. One shawl takes almost 650 yards or three

skeins of yarn. So, as you can imagine, any help would be greatly appreciated.

If you choose to “let your light shine” in any way with this ministry, you will surely be blessed and in turn be a blessing to countless others. As Caryl says, “Stitch your blessings with thankfulness and they won’t unravel.”

“May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us — Yes, establish the work of our hands.”
Psalm 90:17

Call a Circle 5 co-chairman for more information: Caryl Gaubatz (210-651-0208) or Jane Ann Temple (210-828-7542).

Free concert

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In addition to the “Mass in C,” the concert will begin with a performance of the Beethoven “Coriolan Overture” featuring orchestra members. Beginning with several dramatic musical statements from the orchestra, the overture builds with a growing sense of musical “restlessness” and tension. This musical tension is released throughout the overture with a beautiful, flowing melody introduced by the strings and carried along by the wind players.

Our performance will feature an outstanding quartet of soloists. Timothy Jones, bass-baritone, is a native of Shreveport, La., and performs with professional choruses, orchestras and opera companies throughout the United States, Canada, South America and Europe. Jennifer Root, soprano, has performed with a number of opera companies and orchestras, notably the Houston Grand Opera and our local San Antonio Opera. Jennifer Quintero and Liza Navarro Zúñiga, mezzo-sopranos, are both members of the FPCSA Sanctuary Choir and have been active in choral singing, as well as opera work. Our tenor soloist, Donn Wisdom, is the minister of music at Trinity Baptist Church where he leads the music ministry, which includes many ensembles and activities.

Our concert is made possible by the Mary Jean Rogers Choral Endowment of First Presbyterian Church, established in 2004 in memory of Mary Jean Rogers, the mother of Jean Rogers Winchell, as a lasting legacy to Jean’s mother and their shared love of sacred choral music.

Best of the rest

STAFF NEWS

On Aug. 24, **Israel Losoya**, dishwasher (part time) joined the kitchen team. Please join us in welcoming him to FPCSA.

Director of Missions **Alyssa Payne** has returned from maternity leave.



WORSHIP NEWS

On Sunday, Sept. 11, we will hold only two worship services — at 9:30 and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Senior Pastor

Trey Little will preach his first sermons here at FPCSA on this day. Please make plans to be in attendance.

HELLO, CHILDCARE?

Needing childcare for an FPCSA event? Call the Childcare Hotline (210-226-0216, ext. 312) and leave a message for Nursery Coordinator **Carrie Jowers**. The church has set up this hotline for all childcare needs, to streamline requests and to ensure we are meeting your childcare needs. When calling the hotline, please leave a slow, clear message with your name, the event you are attending, the names of the children needing care and a contact phone number.

“FORE” A GOOD CAUSE

Come enjoy a day of golf at Silverhorn Golf Club on Monday, Sept. 19, to benefit the ministries of House of Neighborly Service (HNS). The tournament will be a two-man scramble with registration and lunch beginning at 11 a.m.; tee off at 12:30 p.m. Entry fee of \$100 includes green fee, golf cart, 18 holes of golf, lunch, range balls and dinner. All proceeds will go to support HNS community programs. Pick up a registration form in the Mauzé Lobby and/or call **Rosemary Engstrom** (210-699-0408) for more information.

DISCOVERFIRST!

Our next new members' class is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 18, from 12-3 p.m. in the Geneva Room. This introductory program, designed as a relaxed and comfortable setting, allows attendees to learn more about the joys of following Christ and being a member of FPCSA; more about the mission and defining values of the church; ways to get involved and realize how important you are here. Attendance at DiscoverFirst! does not obligate one to join, but it does prepare them to become a member. Register by contacting **Stacie Rodriguez** (stacier@fpcsat.org / 210.271.2759).

WORSHIP CLASS

On Sunday, Sept. 11, at 9:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room (Room 136), Rev. Ruthie Seiders will teach “Parenting in the Pew,” a class for first and second graders, along with their parents. This time together will provide helpful tools and suggestions on how to take children to big church! Please RSVP to **April Kuper** (aprillk@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2732) no later than Thursday, Sept. 8.

CHILDREN'S CENTER FUNDRAISER

If you would like to support the FPCSA Children's Center in one of their annual fundraisers and purchase quality gift wrap at the same time, please take a look at what our Value Priced Gift Collection Catalog has to offer. All orders and payment must be turned in by Sept. 14. Monies from the program help the Children's Center maintain their music enrichment program and purchase needed school equipment. Please contact **Sandy Blanco**, director of the Children's Center (sandyb@fpcsat.org / 210-225-0960), for more information or stop by the Children's Center office on the first floor to pick up a catalog. Thank you in advance for your support.



KEYS' KICK OFF SEPT. 9

Come take advantage of all the wonderful fellowship opportunities available — Step & Stretch class, speakers, luncheons, service opportunities, trips, movies, bridge and other games — along with the opportunity to make new friends.

Mark your calendars for these special upcoming highlights:

Sept. 9: Singer Donald Braswell to perform live! Don't miss your chance to hear him perform in Westminster Hall

Sept. 16: Join us to celebrate September birthdays at the Ft. Sam Houston Golf Club

Sept. 30: Come hear our new senior pastor, Trey Little

Oct. 7: “Get Out and See San Antonio” (Details below)

Oct. 9: Flu Shot Clinic

Oct. 11-13: POAMN (Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network) national convention here in San Antonio

Oct. 15: Fall picnic at McNeel's Ranch

“Get Out and See San Antonio,” an FPC adults trip will be held on Friday, Oct. 7, from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. We will begin at the new Bakery Café at the Culinary Institute of American for coffee. Then, we will visit Morgan's Wonderland, the new and exciting park that specializes in rides and entertainment for individuals with disabilities. Next, we'll see what's new on Houston St. before lunch at the historic Menger Hotel. Afterwards, we'll explore the Mission Reach of the river and pay a visit to Mission Concepcion, which was recently re-opened after extensive restoration. Cost of the trip is \$68 and includes coffee, all entry fees, lunch, driver tip and guides, Henry and Susan Holloway. Checks are due no later than Monday, Oct. 3, and should be made payable to FPC with “October trip” in the memo line.

For questions on any of the above programs, please contact **Pat McCleary** (patm@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2726).



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SEPT. EVENTS

- Sept. 6: Jazzercise
- Sept. 7: Intersection
- Sept. 8: Men’s Prayer Breakfast
- Sept. 9: KEYS kick-off event
- Sept. 11: Two worship services only - 9:30 & 11 AM
- Sept. 12: Officers’ meetings
- Sept. 12: The FIRE (University Ministries)
- Sept. 13: Tuesday Women’s Bible Study
- Sept. 14: Intersection
- Sept. 14: Prayer Team meetings
- Sept. 15: Thursday Morning Bible Study
- Sept. 20: Sactuary Flower Committee luncheon
- Sept. 25: Choir concert
- Sept. 25: Loaves & Fishes

Full calendar online —
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