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*WORSHIP—GROW—SERVE*  
*First Presbyterian Church, San Antonio*



Fall 2011





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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH SAN ANTONIO

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Dear Friends,

What sounds better to you: "Welcome" or the words "You are on your own"? Personally, I think knowing I am "welcome" has a sweeter sound.

Therefore, allow me to be the first to say "Welcome to FPCSA!" We are genuinely excited that you are here.

But also, I welcome you, with great anticipation, to browse the information on the pages that follow. You will see that here at FPCSA we have been anticipating your arrival, and we hope you sense this through the various entry points you have to get connected here.

Finally, please know that when you faithfully enter into a relationship with Jesus Christ you are never on your own. He promises to "never leave you nor forsake you."

I welcome you to contact me if I can do anything to help you more deeply worship the Lord; to more enthusiastically grow in your relationship with Him; and to more passionately serve Him as together we serve others.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Again, WELCOME.

Peace,

Trey H. Little  
Senior Pastor

# WORSHIP

## at First Presbyterian Church

Worship is a verb. Worship is not something you attend. It is something that you do.

Oftentimes, people think of going to a worship service as akin to attending a concert. It is all too easy to think of a worship service as a performance in which we are part of the audience.

We might agree that worship is a performance, but we ought to take issue with being part of the audience. At First Presbyterian Church, we believe that in all things we perform for an audience of One.

You may sit with a crowd of people in a church pew, but it's you who is in God's spotlight. You may sing quietly, but it's your voice He hears. You may listen to a sermon, but it's your heart that brings a smile to God's face.

At First Presbyterian Church, we believe that each and every one of us was created to worship God. Our Constitution says that we were made to "glorify God and enjoy Him forever." You are invited to join us as we worship God together, learn from His word and give thanks for His steadfast love.

## Sunday Morning Worship

We are a worshipping community. Through life-changing preaching and inspirational music, we express our love for God and encourage one another to take his message of hope and grace into our world. First Presbyterian Church offers both Traditional and Contemporary worship services.

Feel free to come as you are, for God accepts each of us however we come to him, with our doubts and faith, our hopes and fears, our successes and failures. If you would like to worship alongside others who are seeking to follow Jesus Christ, or if you just want to explore what Jesus might mean to you, please join us.

Childcare is available at all worship services and during Sunday school.

### Traditional Worship

Sundays at 8:30, 9:30 and 11 AM  
Sanctuary

Formal in style, each of the three services at First Presbyterian Church impart the warmth of a community celebration.

Led by our pastors and ministers of music, the worship service flows between music, prayer, scripture and proclamation as we enter together into God's presence. The music is directed by the organ and choir, and includes both lively congregational singing as well as special music designed to touch our hearts in a way only music can.

## **Contemporary Worship**

Sundays at 11 AM  
Westminster Hall

Although its foundation and theology are identical to our traditional service, our contemporary service looks and sounds very different.

The atmosphere is relaxed and informal. Led by a pastor and a lay member of the church, each service moves from song, to prayer, to a message from scripture that connects with people's lives in a straightforward way. A variety of acoustic and electric instruments provide musical accompaniment for congregational singing so lively, you may find it difficult to resist the urge to dance or clap along to the beat.

## **Children in Worship**

### **Young Children's Sunday Morning 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 at a service before or after our 9:30 a.m. Sunday school hour.

### **WEe Worship**

11:10-11:30 AM

Contact: Carrie Jowers, assistant director of Children's Ministry  
(carriej@fpcsat.org / 210-396-9768)

WEe worship is our preschool worship time on Sundays. Children who are in childcare during the 11 a.m. worship services participate. Held in the Guthrie-Bryant Chapel located on the second floor near the Sanctuary, children are introduced to worship using age appropriate music, prayers and Bible stories for a short 20-minute service. Afterwards, they return to their preschool classrooms for crafts, playtime and snacks.

## **Baptism and the Lord's Supper**

### **Sacraments**

Denominations often differ over what they recognize as sacraments. Some recognize as many as seven sacraments; others have no sacraments in the life of the church. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has two sacraments — baptism and the Lord's Supper.

We believe baptism and the Lord's Supper to be sacraments, instituted by God and commanded by Christ. Sacraments are signs of the real presence and power of Christ in the Church, symbols of God's action. Through the sacraments, God seals believers in redemption, renews their identity as the people of God, and marks them for service.

"The early Church, following Jesus, took three primary material elements of life — water, bread, and wine — to become basic symbols of offering life to God as Jesus had offered his life. Being washed with the water of baptism, Christians received new life in Christ and

presented their bodies to be living sacrifices to God. Eating bread and drinking wine, they received the sustaining presence of Christ, remembered God's covenant promise and pledged their obedience anew."

## **Baptism**

Baptism is received only once; however, there are many times in worship when believers acknowledge the grace of God continually at work. As they participate in the celebration of another's baptism, as they experience the sustaining nurture of the Lord's Supper and as they reaffirm the commitments made at baptism, they confess their ongoing need of God's grace and pledge anew their obedience to God's covenant in Christ.

First Presbyterian recognizes all baptisms with water in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit administered by other Christian churches. Individuals may request that a particular pastor officiate. We require that there be instruction received before a baptism takes place.

To schedule a baptism and arrange for a time to attend a baptism seminar, contact Jennifer Quintero ([jenniferq@fpcsat.org](mailto:jenniferq@fpcsat.org) / 210-271-2758).

## **The Lord's Supper**

The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. During his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers as a sign of community and acceptance and as an occasion for his own ministry. Around the Table of the Lord, God's people are in communion with Christ and with all who belong to Christ.

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to those who trust in Jesus Christ and seek to live as his followers. Access to the table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance and love. In preparing to receive Christ in this Sacrament, the believer is to confess sin and brokenness, to seek reconciliation with God and neighbor, and to trust in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may come to the Table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Christ Jesus.

## **When the Lord's Supper is Celebrated at First Presbyterian**

**All worship services:** First Sunday of each month

World Communion Sunday is the first Sunday of October each year. The Lord's Supper is celebrated simultaneously in all worship services at First Presbyterian Church San Antonio and around the world.



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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SAN ANTONIO

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## **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, First Presbyterian 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. First Presbyterian 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 First Presbyterian 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

# GROW

## at First Presbyterian Church

The mission and call of First Presbyterian Church is 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](http://www.fpconline.org) to stay informed about opportunities to worship, grow and serve.

## Guests

### DISCOVER FIRST! New Members' Class

Geneva Room (Sept. 18 and Nov. 6, 2011)

12-3 PM

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 do so. Register by contacting Stacie Rodriguez ([stacier@fpccsat.org](mailto:stacier@fpccsat.org) / 210-271-2759).



## 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.

# Presbyterian Women



President: Candy Wagner  
(candywagner@sbcglobal.net / 210-828-6714)  
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(janetw1966@hotmail.com / 210-828-1043)  
Vice President for New Members: Ann Bunn  
(ann@bunnngroup.com / 210-828-9454)

Presbyterian Women (PW) is a group of diversified women united together to worship, grow and serve our Lord. If you are a woman and a member of First Presbyterian Church, there is a place for you in PW!

We are comprised of 20 circles which include 12 Bible study circles, who will be studying "The Beatitudes" this year. There are also four sewing, knitting and crocheting circles, a literary/book review circle, a young moms circle, a circle of service and the Care & Concern Circle which provides food and comfort to families of the church who are ill or bereaved.

The organization has many other activities and opportunities throughout the year to grow and serve. We coordinate the Christmas Basket program for needy families, host Christmas parties at area nursing homes, as well as a Christmas Eve dinner for the pastors and choir members. Our Circle of Service helps to put on the Advent Festival and the children's Easter Egg Hunt, as well as provides monthly meals for YoungLives meetings. We are involved in the Habitat for Humanity program each year, providing lunches for its workers. There are several evening events just for fun and fellowship. We culminate our year in May with the PW Birthday Offering Coffee.

Our circles meet on various days of the week and different times of the day, with two circles that meet in the evening. So, as you can see, whatever your age, interest and/or schedule, there is a PW Circle that is right for you.

## 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 more. Look for the class that best fits your needs, and come get involved on Sunday mornings.

*All Sunday school classes begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 10:30 a.m. except for University Ministries, which meets at 12:15 p.m. for lunch and Bible study in room 226.*

## Adults

### **ADULT BIBLE CLASS (ABC)**

Covenant Hall (Room 315)

Teacher: Sandy Sturch (210-494-7157)

Contact: Sheila Figueroa (shefig@earthlink.net / 210-822-4082)

If you have been afraid to tackle studying Revelation, consider Jesus' words in Revelation 1:3: "Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are

those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.” Because apocalyptic literature is unfamiliar to most of us, and therefore difficult to interpret, the book of Revelation has caused much controversy, even division, and consequently is greatly neglected. The Adult Bible Class began studying Revelation in June and will continue until we finish — however long it takes us — surely to the end of the year and beyond. It is never too late to get in on this study. Familiar themes are discipleship; perseverance in the face of suffering, judgment, mercy and grace; the final defeat of Satan and the victorious rule and reign of Jesus Christ over all creation. Our goal is not to know all the answers to the mysteries of this book, but to become increasingly more committed and faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. The class format is lecture and discussion. Refreshments are brought each Sunday by class members. We share prayer requests and give to missions. This class is intergenerational, and all are welcome at any time.

### **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 alternates between Old Testament and New Testament books. This class has a long tradition of warm fellowship and good discussion.

### **BASECAMP: Grounded in Christ, Ready to Climb**

Room 108

Contact: Anne Hiller (annelatour@yahoo.com)

Basecamp is a fellowship of young adults parenting children (birth-5th grade). The class seeks to grow disciples of Jesus Christ through prayer, fun, relationships and service to one another in this congregation 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 (youngquist.holly@gmail.com / 210-366-3222)

Susan and Dirk DeKoch (sdekoch@aol.com / 210-822-0367)

We hope you will join us this year as we dig into scripture and see how it applies to our lives today. Rob Shelton is our gifted lead teacher. He is entertaining with deep and profound insight into God’s word has a casual teaching style and is very gifted and. The class enjoys a time of fellowship and prayer before we begin and have service and fellowship opportunities throughout the year. Young or old, single or married, kids or grandkids ... all are welcome.

### **CHRISTIAN THINKERS THROUGH THE AGES**

Room 308

Class Leaders: Doug McNeel (210-695-9765); Karen Lyons (210-382-2962), Beaux Gilliam (210-226-0215) and other class members

This fall, following the completion of our study of Romans, we will continue our study of the Confessions of St. Augustine (354-430), a remarkable autobiography which movingly

recounts Augustine’s journey through temptation and sin culminating in his conversion. Assisted by Augustine’s perceptive insights into the human heart, we will explore and seek to appropriate the spiritual resources to which the Bible points us for our own journey out of sin into the heart of God. Please join us for soul-nourishing content, stimulating content and warm fellowship.

## **GENESIS II**

Room 224

Teachers: Janet Anderson (210-861-4836); John Carter (210-499-4375)

Contacts: Janet and Greg Anderson (210-861-4836); John and Ann Carter (210-499-4375)  
Charlotte Milner (210-415-6704)

Genesis II is a warm and caring group composed of both singles and couples, with all ages invited and welcome. We are a Bible-focused class and enjoy learning the Word. This fall, we will study the Beatitudes in the Gospel of Matthew, focusing on the “blessedness” that belongs to every Christian here and now. As we make our way through a complicated, frantic and ever-changing world, the Beatitudes impart a wisdom and peace that nurtures us. We see that Jesus’ teaching is fresh and relevant today, just as it was 2,000 years ago. We start with a time of fellowship and visiting with one another (snacks and coffee included), followed by a time for prayer concerns and praises, and then our study. We begin our class time by reading the pertinent Bible scripture, followed by an overview, with time for questions and group discussion. 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.

## **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, the class reads the Bible together, verse by verse, chapter by chapter and discusses what they have read while seeking the meaning of the scriptures in their lives. Enjoy an opportunity to ask questions, engage in stimulating discussion and support one another as we seek to live lives that honor God. The group also enjoy dinners together at various times throughout the year. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

## **SOULHOUSE**

Room 300

Teacher: David Mustol

Contact: The Rev. Ruthie Seiders ([ruthies@fpcsat.org](mailto:ruthies@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 young marrieds. If this is you, join us! Young adults also participate in various activities and small groups throughout the year. Come visit us anytime — there is always room for more.

## **THE UNCOMFORTABLES CLASS**

Room 228

Teacher: Neil Williams (210-523-1653 or 210-601-2362)

The Uncomfortables is a discussion class exploring a multitude of issues of faith in our world. This year, we will continue our study of the history of our faith in Jesus Christ and how it impacts and affects our current faith journey and our daily lives. Our discussions sometimes have a wide-range of viewpoints (sometimes solely for the purpose of furthering the discussion) and are often quite lively. Attendees vary in age, generally 40s-70s —some employed, some retired. All are welcome.

## Children

Our vision is to 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).

### **PRESCHOOL CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

9:30-10:30 AM

Contact: Kathy Timberlake, director of Children's Ministry  
(kathyt@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2721)

Children's Sunday school is for ages two-kindergarten. Bible story time, music, crafts and most importantly, play time, are offered. The classes offer Godly Play as a Sunday school option for ages 4 years through kindergarten.

Frogs	2 years old (as of Sept. 1)	Room 116
Turtles	3 years old (as of Sep. 1)	Room 115
Big Fish	4 years old (as of Sept. 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's Ministry team encourages families to take the time to worship together at a service before or after Sunday school. Worship kits are available for young children when they enter the worship spaces. A yearly workshop is held for parents and children to talk about why we worship and how to worship as a family.

### **WEe Worship**

11:10-11:30 AM

Contact: Carrie Jowers, assistant director of Children's Ministry  
(carriej@fpcsat.org / 210-226-2720)

WEe worship is our preschool worship time on Sundays. Children who are in childcare during the 11 a.m. worship services participate in the class, which is held in the Guthrie-Bryant Chapel located on the second floor near the Sanctuary. Children are introduced to worship using age appropriate music, prayers and Bible stories for a short 20-minute service. Afterwards, they return to their preschool classrooms for crafts, playtime and snacks.

## **CHRISTOPOLIS SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Grades 1-4

9:30-10:30 AM

Contact: April Kuper, assistant director of Children's Ministry  
(aprillk@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2732)

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 a child learns major Bible stories and a faith lesson through the different child-friendly workshops. Students gather in town square for a short worship assembly with 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 teachers can attend worship on time.

### **highfive.5@fpc**

Grade 5

Room 132

9:30-10:30 AM

Contact: April Kuper, assistant director of Children's Ministry  
(aprillk@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2732)

Our tween program is designed for the unique age group of 5th graders. The class begins with "hang out" time to talk with friends, old and new, while having snacks and playing games in the newly designed tween classroom. A gifted team of teachers interactively present the Bible lessons to engage students in seeing God's work in a new light and equip them with a biblical world view. Special events and mission outreach opportunities are offered throughout the year.

### **JOY MINISTRY**

Room 114

Contact: Carrie Jowers, assistant director of Children's Ministry  
(carriej@fpcsat.org / 210-226-2720)

We are delighted and blessed to be one to the few churches ministering to children with special needs and their families. We believe that every child is created in God's image and has a place in church. This ministry embraces children with special needs and provides a welcoming place for them to attend Sunday morning activities, where they hear God's Word and enjoy fellowship. JOY students have special "shepherds" who work one-on-one with each child.

## **Youth**

Our vision is to connect young people to the steadfast love of Jesus Christ through authentic relationships with mature Christian adults.

### **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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

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

9:30-10:30 AM

Teachers: Adult volunteers

Contacts: Coby Cagle, director of Youth Ministry (high school)  
(cobyc@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2724)

Katy Evans, assistant director of Youth Ministry (middle school)  
(katye@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2722)

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 acquaintances, interact with a loving adult mentor and dig into the Bible. All 8th graders are invited to participate in the Confirmation class.

## **CONFIRMATION**

Grades 8-12

New Covenant Building, 2nd floor

9:30-10:30 AM

Contact: Ruthie Seiders, pastor for Family and Student Ministry  
(ruthies@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2714)

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 2011-2012 process includes a weekend retreat in early February. 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. They will be received publicly in worship on Sunday, May 20, 2012.

## **University Ministries**

### **UNIVERSITY STUDENTS IN SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Room 226

12:15 PM

Contact: Scott Fleming, director of University Ministry (scottf@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2723)

While The Fire and The Well are our two ministries on the campuses of the University of Incarnate Word and Trinity University, on Sundays during the fall semester, we welcome college students to join us after the worship services at 12:15 p.m. for lunch and Bible study in room 226. We find students enjoy both venues of worship: Contemporary worship in Westminster Hall and Traditional worship in the Sanctuary, both at 11 a.m.

### **CORE GROUPS**

Groups consist of four to six college-aged students which are led by FPC adults. The goal of these groups is to "do life together." They walk alongside each other throughout the year, keeping each other accountable through community, prayer and Bible study. These groups meet at a mutually-agreed-to day and time.

# Mondays

## Women

### MOM'S GROUP

Every other week, 9:30-11:30 AM (starting Sept. 12, 2011)

Contacts: April Kuper (aprilk@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2732)

Carrie Jowers (carriej@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2720), Amy Renard (210-999-5323)

Mothers of all ages are encouraged to participate in fellowship and Bible study. This year, the group will be alternating Bible studies with speakers and other studies pertinent to raising children. In addition to their Monday meetings, these moms meet several times a month for play days with their kids and for moms' nights out (without kids). All members are invited to attend whatever activities fit their schedule. Childcare is provided. Invite a friend!

## University Ministry

### UNIVERSITY MINISTRIES – THE FIRE

8 30-9:30 PM

University of the Incarnate Word Student Center

Contact: Scott Fleming, director of University Ministry (scottf@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2723)

The Fire is a growing community of college-aged young adults (18-23) 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, these individuals 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

## Women

### TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: "Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted"

9:30-11:30 AM (Beginning Sept. 6, 2011)

Covenant Hall

Contact: Judy Kruger (judykruger@sbcglobal.net / 210-857-0122)

What do we do when God interrupts our lives? Many times, like Jonah, we run! You can't escape life's interruptions, but you can change your perspective on them. In this seven session Bible study, Priscilla redefines interruption and shows that an interruption actually may be God's divine invitation to do something beyond our wildest dreams. When Jonah was willing to allow God to interrupt his life, the result was revival in an entire city. 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 the study guide is \$13. Childcare is available by reservation. Contact Judy Kruger to register or if you have questions.

# Adults

## PRECEPTS BIBLE STUDY

TBD

Contact: Chuck Bunn (chuck@bunnngroup.com / 210-271-2760)

*(Complete information was not available at the time of this printing. Please view other church communication vehicles for updated class information).*

# Wednesdays

## Family Dinner

5:30-6:15 PM (Aug. 24-Dec. 7, 2011)

Westminster Hall

\$4 (4 years and up; \$20 cap per family)



## Intersection

Aug. 24-Dec. 7, 2011

Where Christian education and intergenerational fellowship intersect.

Our lives are full — full of responsibilities, obligations, requirements, meetings and activities which can give us both energy or drain the energy right out of us. Finding time for our lives to intersect with one another is not easy, but, for followers of Jesus Christ, it is important. Intersection is an opportunity for us as a church family to enjoy being together:

- To share a meal together (family style, intergenerational, conversation and table activities)
- To engage in joyful fellowship together (celebrate our life together)
- To learn and grow together (experience age appropriate education opportunities)
- To worship together (hear a fresh word, sing and pray together)

Intersection is a time for our church family, younger and older, singles and families, youth and leaders, to come together and explore ways our lives intersect with one another and with the good news of Jesus. We eat at tables, served family style, decorated with a theme each week, and close the dinner hour with a short time of worship and teaching. After dinner youth, children, and adults spread throughout the building for their age appropriate activities and studies. Join us at Intersection — a place where we meet midweek to build upon our relationships with each other, a place where faith and life intersect and a place where we as a church family set a new course for the future.

# Adults (6:30-7:30 PM)

Intersection offers classes for adults in four tracks: Bible, Christian Living, Life Skills and Crafts/Hobbies. Pick and choose the classes you want to attend by completing a registration form.

Date	Bible	Christian Living	Life Skills	Crafts/Hobbies
Aug 24	All adults meet in Covenant Hall for a kick-off presentation			
Aug. 31	Bible 101: Confirmation for Grown-ups <i>John &amp; Ruthie</i>	FPCSA Stained Glass Art <i>Stuart Seal</i>	Living Peacefully in an Angry World <i>Jay Birchfield</i>	Needles, Yarn & Fun! <i>Nancy Nowak / Jane Ann Temple</i>
Sept. 7	Bible 101: OT Survey	FPCSA Stained Glass Art	Living Peacefully in an Angry World	Needles, Yarn and Fun!
Sept. 14	Bible 101: OT Survey	FPCSA Stained Glass Art	Living Peacefully in an Angry World	Needles, Yarn and Fun!
Sept. 21	Bible 101: OT Survey	FPCSA Stained Glass Art	Living Peacefully in an Angry World	Needles, Yarn and Fun!
Sept. 28	Bible 101: OT Survey	FPCSA Stained Glass Art	Living Peacefully in an Angry World	Needles, Yarn and Fun!
Oct. 5	Bible 101: NT Survey	FPCSA Stained Glass Art	Living Peacefully in an Angry World	Needles, Yarn and Fun!
Oct. 12	Bible 101: NT Survey	Our Hebrew Roots <i>Gayle Timberlake Frey</i>	Marriage Workshop <i>Tom Preininger</i>	Fall Pumpkins, Apples & Treats <i>Ken &amp; Pat Brodeen</i>
Oct. 19	Bible 101: NT Survey	Our Hebrew Roots	Marriage Workshop	Fall Pumpkins, Apples & Treats
Oct. 26	Bible 101: NT Survey	Our Hebrew Roots	Marriage Workshop	Jewelry Making <i>Lee &amp; Ann Pressly</i>
Nov. 2	Bible 101: Church History	Our Hebrew Roots	Marriage Workshop	Jewelry Making
Nov. 9	Bible 101: Church History	You are the Potter, I am the Clay <i>Jan Ayes</i>	Photoshop Elements Tips and Tricks <i>Bob Esquenazi</i>	Jewelry Making
Nov. 16	Bible 101: The Liturgical Year	You are the Potter, I am the Clay	Photoshop Elements Tips and Tricks	Jewelry Making
Nov. 23	THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE — NO CLASSES			
Nov. 30	Faith gathering for all adults (McCullough Room) and recreation night for elementary children (First Floor Assembly Room)			
Dec. 7	Christmas carol sing-a-long and cookie decorating for all ages (Westminster Hall)			

## Bible 101 – Confirmation for Grown-ups (Aug. 31-Nov. 16)

Room 310

John & Ruthie Seiders

Do you remember what you learned in Confirmation? Revs. John and Ruthie Seiders will tag team in teaching a “Confirmation for Grown-ups” class giving an overview of the Old Testament, New Testament as well as some church history and the rhythms of our liturgical year. Anyone interested in learning some basics of the Bible and church history is welcome to attend any or all sessions.

**FPCSA Stained Glass Art (Aug. 31-Oct. 5)**

Room 315 (Covenant Hall)

Stuart Seal

The symbolism and majesty of glass, wood and stone at First Presbyterian echoes centuries of Christendom through images, symbols, carvings and details. Learn about the rich tapestry of our unique church home through its stained glass, wood carving, symbols in stone and more in this informative six week Intersection program.

**Living Peacefully in an Angry World (Aug. 31-Oct. 5)**

Room 301

Jay Burchfield

This study will equip all students (youth and adults) with six Bible-based tools to live more peacefully with others, God and self. The church will provide workbooks for all that attend this life-changing course. This course, which has helped over 21,000 people since 1992, recently was taught to groups in New York, Ghana West Africa, Honduras and Romania. Jay Burchfield, a master, faith-based anger management facilitator, will lead the training. He is a deacon at Trinity Baptist Church and has led this Anger Solutions Ministry program for over 10 years. For detailed questions about the course, please call Jay (210-804-0085).

**Needles, Yarn and Fun! (Aug. 31-Oct. 5)**

Room 228

Nancy Nowak / Jane Ann Temple

Learn a craft and be a part of a well-loved ministry at the same time. Come learn to knit and/or crochet with fun and experienced teachers from our Shawl Ministry. Each participant will be given a start-up kit and needles with 16 stitches already cast onto appropriate-sized needles. This will allow knitting instructors to focus on teaching the stitch. Participants should bring \$2 for hooks and needles.

**Our Hebrew Roots (Oct. 12-Nov. 2)**

Room 315 (Covenant Hall)

Gayle Timberlake Frey

What do palm branches, bright lights, a full moon and staying up late have to do with a fall tradition celebrated by the first Christians? Why did Jesus shout, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink?" What made Zechariah, a Jewish prophet, declare this season tremendously important for non-Jews? If your interest is piqued, join us as we look at our Hebrew roots and the ways of the Apostles. We'll celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles, explore themes tied to our faith's foundation and learn about what might be an undiscovered part of your personal Christian heritage. We're bringing the roots of Christian living to life!

**Marriage Workshop (Oct. 12-Nov. 2)**

Room 301

Tom & Sandy Preininger

A four-series talk on the secrets of a happy Christian marriage.

*The Four Stages of Marriages:* Find out how marriages progress over time and how they go through predictable stages. What stage are you at and what are the tasks that you need to accomplish to go to the next stage? Couples in stage four experience one of the closest

relationships we can have on earth and everyone deeply desires to have this type of intimate, emotional connection. We have been created for this level of closeness.

*The Christian Husband's Secrets for a Happy Marriage:* We are blessed with one of the greatest examples of manhood in the person of Jesus Christ. How would he have acted as a husband in today's world and what has research shown us about being a truly effective, Christian husband?

*The Christian Wife's Secrets for a Happy Marriage:* Sacred scripture is filled with the qualities of a holy wife and how she would function today. Research also has shown how a Christian wife can be a blessing to her husband and find true happiness in today's world.

*Spirituality for Married Couples:* It is vital for every Christian couple to have a shared spiritual life and a shared ministry. We will explore numerous ways couples can grow in their spiritual lives with each other and help each other become more Christ like.

### **Fall Pumpkins, Apples and Treats (Oct. 12-Oct. 19)**

Room 137 (first floor dining)

Ken & Pat Brodeen

This cooking class will feature Team Brodeen cooking up two main dishes featuring favorite fall foods and treats that will satisfy the young and young at heart. An added bonus will be tips on meal planning and writing a family cookbook.

### **Jewelry Making with Lee & Ann Pressly (Oct. 26-Nov. 16)**

Room 228

Lee & Ann Pressly

Come make a beautiful piece of jewelry for yourself or someone special — Christmas is right around the corner! Note: Bring \$25 for silver and supplies.

### **You are the Potter, I am the Clay (Nov. 9-Nov. 16)**

Room 300

Jan Ayers

Join teacher/potter, Jan Ayers, as she teaches simple pottery skills. Come experience the joy of creating with your hands while reflecting how we are clay in the hands of the Master.

### **Photoshop Elements Tips and Tricks (Nov. 9-Nov. 16)**

Room 139 (computer lab)

Bob Esquenazi

Learn simple but powerful techniques to enhance or restore your digital photos. Though beginners are encouraged to attend, this class assumes you have some basic skills operating a personal computer.

### **SHAWL MINISTRY – EVENING EDITION**

(Note: The evening edition begins at Intersection for the first six weeks — Aug. 31-Oct. 5, 2011. See Needles, Yarn and Fun!)

6:30-7:30 PM - Third Wednesday of each month beginning Oct. 19, 2011

Room 228

Contacts: Caryl Gaubatz (slothcloth@earthlink.net / 210-651-0208)

Jane Ann Temple (jatemple@att.net / 210-828-7542)

Shawls are knitted or crocheted for those facing crisis, challenge or change. If interested in this service ministry but are unable to attend the regular Friday meetings, please join us on Wednesday evenings. Learn to knit or crochet in an environment of warmth and fellowship. After each shawl is completed, it is passed around the circle and each knitter (or crocheter) lays their hands on the shawl and prays for the recipient. Make a difference. Use your skill and talent to serve others.

### **SANCTUARY CHOIR**

7-8:45 PM

Choir Room (Room 318)

Director/Contact: Tom Dooling, minister of music (tomd@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2717)

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. This choir sings in three Traditional worship services each Sunday. Additionally, they prepare musical offerings for major liturgical observances and present periodic concerts as a musical offering to the San Antonio community. Its membership consists of singers with many occupations and varying levels of musical ability, each of whom enjoys singing and leading others in doing the same. The quality of the Sanctuary Choir is enhanced with professional section leaders and soloists. By drawing from a diverse offering of musical styles and genres, the experience of the choir and congregation is continually enriched. The choir is always open to new members with no auditions necessary.

### **SANCTUARY HANDBELL ENSEMBLE**

5:45-6:45 PM

Room 309

Director/Contact: Dr. Jae Ha, associate minister of music (jaeh@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2729)

Bell ringing is fun, therapeutic and develops musicianship and teamwork, while at the same time adding an exhilarating dimension to worship services. It takes 13 bell ringers at all times to be able to utilize all five octaves of handbells. If you are interested in learning more about this activity, please contact Jae Ha.

## **Women**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** "Life in the Spirit" by Robertson McQuilkin

6:30-8:30 PM (Aug. 24-Oct. 5, 2011)

Room 302

Contact: Sheila Figueroa (shefig@earthlink.net / 210-822-4082)

This study introduces you to the Holy Spirit, our personal comforter, teacher and companion for the Christian journey. We will explore 10 major ways the Spirit works in our lives to mold us into the likeness of Jesus and to deepen our love relationship with Him. There is weekly homework and lively discussions. The study book is available for \$14.

## **Children**

### **NURSERY**

Contact: FPC Childcare Hotline (210-226-0216, ext. 312)

Available from 5-8 PM

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

### **TADPOLES (Preschoolers)**

6:30-7:30 PM

Room 123

Contact: Kathy Timberlake, director of Children's Ministry  
(kathyt@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2721)

Tadpoles is our midweek program for preschoolers ages 3-5 years. We meet after dinner for music, Bible stories, games, crafts and fun activities. Some evenings are spent on the playground, and we encourage comfortable clothes as some children might get messy.

### **THE MASTER'S HANDS**

Grades 1-5

6:30-7:30 PM (Aug. 24-Oct. 19, 2011)

Room 124

Contact: April Kuper, assistant director of Children's Ministry  
(aprilk@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2732) or Jan Ayers (210-824-9244)

We will teach hands-on projects with proper tool handling and safety concerns, all while encouraging leadership and team/group working skills. Ceramics, weaving, carpentry, tile and glass work, painting, furniture reworking, drums, stone working and watercolor painting are a few of the projects the class has completed. We weave together biblical lessons from the Sunday sermon series while working on art projects. Master's Hands is a special place where faith and life intersect.

### **ORFF ENSEMBLE**

Grades 1-5

6:30-7:30 PM (Oct. 26-Nov. 16, 2011)

Director: Kathy Jamison (kjamison2003@aol.com)

An opportunity for children in grades 1-5 to play xylophones, metallophones and the glockenspiel. Children will learn mallet technique, simple rhythms and extend musical skills. No experience is necessary.

### **CHILDREN'S CHOIRS**

5-5:45 PM

Director: Kathy Jamison, director of Children's Choir Activities (kjamison2003@aol.com)  
Tom Dooling, minister of music (tomd@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2717)

The Children's choir program at FPC is for kids three to 11 years and strives to enrich children's lives in three core areas: spiritual formation and growth, musical skills and personal growth. The choirs are led by trained Christian musicians and sing for the Christmas pageant, Christmas Eve, Palm Sunday, Wednesday evening fellowship dinner and other worship services during the year.

### **THE ANGEL CHOIR (3 years old by Sept. 1)**

Room 125

Director: To be determined. Please contact Kathy Jamison (kjamison2003@aol.com) for further information

### **THE CHERUB CHOIR (Pre-K and Kinder)**

Room 127

Director: Rebekah Bulen

### **THE MUSIC MAKERS CHOIR (Grades 1 and 2)**

Room 128

Director: Beth Ann Carrigan

### **THE JUBILATE CHOIR (Grades 3, 4 and 5)**

Room 126

Director: Kathy Jamison (kjamison2003@aol.com)

### **JOY MINISTRY**

Contact: Carrie Jowers, assistant director of Children's Ministry  
(carriej@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2720)

This ministry embraces children with special needs and provides a welcoming place for them to attend 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**

### **MID-WEEK GATHERINGS**

Contacts: Coby Cagle, director of Youth Ministry (high school)  
(cobyc@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2724)

Katy Evans, assistant director of Youth Ministry (middle school)  
(katye@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2722)

Mid-week gatherings are smaller and more intimate than Sunday school. They provide a unique atmosphere where students can relax, be themselves, play, study scripture and talk about life. Times and locations may vary, so please visit the youth website (firstpresyouthministry.com) frequently.

**High School Guys' Group:** Tuesday, 7-8:30 PM  
Point Person: Mike Weaver (mweaver1@trinity.edu)

**High School Girls' Group 1:** Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Point Person: Jerren Jafarbay (jerrenj@fpcsat.org)

**High School Girls' Group 2:** Thursday, 7-8:30 PM  
Point Person: Tammie Cagle (tammiecagle@gmail.com)

**Middle School Group:** Wednesday, 5:30-7:30 PM  
Point Person: Katy Evans and Coby Cagle

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL INTERSECTION**

5:30-7:30 PM

Contact Katy Evans, assistant director of Youth Ministry (middle school)  
(katye@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2722)

Middle school students will be joining this church-wide series Wednesday nights. We will eat, worship, play and study together. Middle school students will enjoy dinner and fellowship at their own tables with youth leaders. After dinner, students and leaders gather in the New Covenant Building for their small group time. There is an optional 30-minute session of Youth Choir before the dinner hour for those students interested.

## **LOGOS YOUTH CHOIR**

Grades 6-12

5-5:30 PM

Choir Room (Room 318)

Director/Contact: Tom Dooling, minister of music (tomd@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2717)

The LOGOS Youth Choir meet each week to experience the joy of singing praises to the Lord. No prior experience is needed — just a willingness to learn and a desire to worship God through music.

## **University Ministries**

### **UNIVERSITY MINISTRIES – THE WELL COMMUNITY DINNER**

6:30 PM

Trinity University – Mabee Cafeteria

Contact: Scott Fleming, director of University Ministries (scottf@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2723)

This is a time for students of all campus ministries to join together as a faith community in Mabee Cafeteria. We are a community of believers who seek to worship through building relationships, by the simple act of eating a meal together.

## **Thursdays**

### **Adults**

#### **THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: “Exit Only?”**

(Sept. 15-Nov. 17, 2011)

9:30-10:30 AM: Small group discussions

10:30-11:15 AM: Lecture in Covenant Hall

Contact: Lisa Snow (lisas@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2760)

Exodus – the word means “exit.” But is the book of Exodus only about the departure of the Israelite people from Egypt? Could it be that there is much more to this wonderful Old Testament book? This fall, we will “enter” into a study of Exodus and may discover something life giving in this wonderful Old Testament book. Childcare is available by reservation.

### **Men**

#### **EARLY MORNING MEN’S BREAKFAST AND STUDY GROUP**

7-8 AM

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

Contact: Bill Lyons (210-229-1646)

A great breakfast greets this small group of “early-bird” men for their interactive lay lead Bible study. They strive to confirm their faith and look for a deeper meaning through the works and teachings of William Barclay. A deep level of understanding scripture is no required.

## **MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

7:15-8:30 AM

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

Contact: John Seiders, executive associate pastor (johns@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2715)

Men of all ages are invited for Bible study, prayerful support and Christian growth. 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**

### **CHILDREN'S DAY OUT**

9:15 AM-2:15 PM

Contact: Kitty Lange, director of Children's Day Out (210-271-2733 / 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. Kids hear a Bible story, sing songs, pray, complete 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.

## **Fridays**

### **Adults**

#### **FRIDAY SINGERS**

9-10:30 AM: Practice Fridays

9:30 and 10:30 AM: Performance on designated Fridays

Rehearsals in 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 joy through music into the lives of senior adults. The rewards in this service for Christ are numerous, coming with smiles and hugs from residents and a community of close fellowship within the group itself.

#### **SHAWL MINISTRY**

12-1 PM (Third Friday of the Month)

Room 228

Contacts: Caryl Gaubatz (slothcloth@earthlink.net / 210-651-0208)

Jane Ann Temple (jatemple@att.net / 210-828-7542)

Help serve those who are going through a crisis, challenge or change by joining members of the Shawl Ministry. Knit or crochet in an environment of warmth and fellowship. The "work of our hands" is a tangible expression of Christ's love. After each shawl is completed, it is passed around the circle and each knitter or crocheter lays their hands on the shawl and prays for the recipient. Make a difference. Use your skill and talent to serve others.

# Older Adults

## **KEYS ADULTS (Keeping Everyone Young in Spirit)**

Contact: Pat McCleary, director Older Adult Ministry (patm@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2726)

Weekly Friday programs:

9:45 AM: Fitness Class

11 AM: Speaker presentation (Sept.-June)

12 PM: Luncheon in Westminster Hall

11 AM Bridge/Dominoes (June, July, Aug.)

1 PM Bridge/Dominoes (Sept.-May)

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 the church, they are encouraged to remain active in all its 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.

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, a fall picnic, concerts and movies. Other aspects of this ministry include a continuing ministry to the homebound, volunteer opportunities, sharing awareness of issues and concerns on aging, care and concern and service projects.

# University Ministries

## **UNIVERSITY MINISTRIES – THE WELL**

3 PM

Trinity University Tiger's Den

Contact: Scott Fleming, director of University Ministries (scottf@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2723)

The Well is a growing community of college-aged young adults (18-23) 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.

# SERVE

## at First Presbyterian Church

***Matthew 22:36-40 (New International Version)***

***The Greatest Commandment***

<sup>34</sup>Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. <sup>35</sup>One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: <sup>36</sup>"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" <sup>37</sup>Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'<sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup>And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'<sup>40</sup>All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

In Matthew 22, an Old Testament scholar seeks to confound Jesus by asking him to name the greatest commandment amongst the valuable myriad of Old Testament laws. Jesus responds quickly and directly that the greatest commandment is to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." But Jesus' answer doesn't end there. He follows up the greatest commandment with a declaration that the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

In the gospel of Luke, another scholar in the law seeks clarification from Jesus on the definition of the word "neighbor." Jesus doesn't give a technical definition, but instead tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, who showed great mercy as he happened upon a man in great need. In that story, we realize that our "neighbor" is anyone we are willing to show mercy to. Jesus commands us to "do" as the Samaritan did, and offer love and compassion to those that need it.

First Presbyterian Church seeks to be a community that serves our many "neighbors" in the San Antonio area. Both surrounding and within our church, there are precious people in need including families without homes, hungry mothers and babies, confused teens, prisoners in need of forgiveness, abandoned elderly, and more. FPC partners with the following organizations to address some of these needs.

We believe serving our community indeed helps others, but also encourages our own personal growth and transformation, making us more like Jesus. FPC encourages you to get active in your community, whether by serving with one of our official partners listed below, finding another local organization that you are passionate about, or simply loving and devoting yourself to the people you encounter in your neighborhood, workplace, and day to day business.

If you would like more information about serving in San Antonio, contact Alyssa Payne, director of Missions (alyssap@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2742).

### **Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM)**

CAM is an ecumenical, non-profit charitable corporation that provides immediate, temporary assistance to individuals in crisis situations and enables those in need to move toward independence. CAM is a cooperative ministry founded in 1977 by nine downtown San Antonio churches to augment the local mission outreach efforts of San Antonio churches. CAM is located right down the street from FPC, and we refer many clients to them each day as they offer assistance with lunches, electric bills, jobs, transportation and other services. CAM is in need of volunteers to help with small administrative tasks such as answering client phone calls and sorting donations.

*Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM) - 110 McCullough, 78215*  
*Volunteer Coordinator: Brenda Leech (210-222-1553)*  
*christianassistanceministry.org*

### **The Fairweather Family Lodge (San Antonio Family Endeavors)**

This specific program opened in 2004 as a way to assist homeless women with mental illness and their children. The Fairweather Family Lodge was created to be a place that nurtures development and provides a safe environment for these families to stabilize, grow and remain together.

*Fairweather Family Lodge (S.A. Family Endeavors) - 535 Bandera Rd., 78228*  
*HR Recruiter: Serina Stark (210-431-6466, ext. 104)*  
*safamilyendeavors.org*

### **Loaves and Fishes (First Presbyterian Church)**

Loaves and Fishes is hosted by volunteers in FPC's first floor kitchen area the last Sunday of every month and every Sunday in December. This ministry aims to share a meal and fellowship with the less fortunate in our community. Everyone is invited to participate in this radical act of hospitality. We ask our volunteers to help feed our guests by bringing a dish to serve potluck style. If you are unable to attend Loaves and Fishes, you may still help feed the 250 guests by dropping off food in the kitchen the day of the event. Volunteers meet in the first floor kitchen area at 3 p.m., serve at 3:30 and stay until 5 p.m. to clean up.

*Loaves and Fishes - 404 N. Alamo St., 78205*  
*Coordinators: Robert and Linda O'Nave (210-822-7389 / 210-573-8319) and*  
*Alyssa Payne (alyssap@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2742)*  
*fpconline.org*

### **The San Antonio Food Bank (SAFB)**

This non-profit organization serves as a clearinghouse by receiving and storing truckloads of donated food, produce and other grocery products. SAFB distributes these items in manageable quantities to approximately 400 service agencies that help people in need throughout San Antonio and South Texas. The organization has volunteer opportunities for serving and sorting food at their main location as well as at the Haven for Hope kitchen.

*San Antonio Food Bank (SAFB) - 5200 Old Hwy 90 W., 78227*  
*Volunteer Coordinator: Paul Stevins (210-431-8388) or call SAFB directly (210-337-3663)*  
*safbank.org*

### **SAMMinistries (SAMM)**

Founded in 1983, San Antonio Metropolitan Ministries is an interfaith ministry dedicated to providing shelter and care to the homeless of San Antonio. It began when a former FPC pastor found a homeless man who had frozen to death outside the church's doors. Today, SAMMinistries is the largest service provider of direct care and shelter in San Antonio and the surrounding area. They have a wide variety of programs designed to provide guests with the basic tools necessary to return to the path of self-sufficiency. There are volunteer opportunities at various campus locations, including children's tutoring and reading at the Haven for Hope campus, as well as helping with administrative needs.

*San Antonio Metropolitan Ministries - 1 Haven for Hope Way, 78207*  
*Volunteer Coordinator: Matt Curtis (210-340-0302)*  
*samm.org*

### **Habitat for Humanity San Antonio (Presbyterian Cluster House)**

HFHSA works with low-income families who would not otherwise be able to afford a house. They partner with families in need and help them build affordable houses for themselves and their families at no interest and no profit. Habitat is not a charity or a "hand out" program, but seeks to help families help themselves. In the early part of each year, FPC partners with several Presbyterian churches in the area, and together, they build the "Presbyterian Cluster House." FPC will have several dedicated work days in the Spring Build or volunteers may participate in any other home builds happening throughout the year. Contact Alyssa Payne (alyssap@fpcsat.org / 210-226-0215) if interested.

*Habitat for Humanity (Presbyterian Cluster House)*  
*Faith Relations Associate: James Barbara (210-223-5203)*  
*habitatsa.org*

### **House of Neighborly Service (HNS)**

House of Neighborly Service (HNS) is a non-profit, multi-service, neighborhood center founded in 1917 by Presbyterian missionaries. For 90 years, they have provided a variety of social, health and educational services to families from San Antonio's Westside. Their programs are designed to help individuals and families move from a state of dependency towards one of self-sufficiency. There are many ways to help HNS serve the Westside including the HNS bread line, participating in sewing circles, organizing storage areas, helping with administrative work and more.

*House of Neighborly Service (HNS) - 407 N. Calaveras, 78207*  
*Interim Executive Director: Cotton Clark (210-434-2301)*  
*hnsfamily.org*

### **Servant Partners (East Side Ministry)**

Servant Partners seeks to model and honor Jesus by living and serving among the poor. The newly established site in San Antonio is located in a historically African-American neighborhood known as the East Side, which has undergone profound socio-economic and ethnic changes over the years. Today, the neighborhood is racially mixed: 60 percent Latino and 40 percent African-American, with a third of the people living below poverty level. The Servant Partners team works with a local African-American congregation, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, to reach out to their neighborhood and be a source of light and hope. The team consists of several members who are very involved with FPC and is led by Carrie Everson.

There are many opportunities to serve this community including community clean ups, cookouts, children's tutoring and more.

*Servant Partners (East Side Ministry) - 319 S. Mesquite, 78203*

*Team Leader: Carrie Everson (210-563-4872)*

*servantpartners.org*

### **Children's Bereavement Center of South Texas (CBCST)**

CBCST is dedicated to helping children and their families who are grieving the death of a loved one by providing education, empathy and support in an environment conducive to healing. The organization is the only facility in South Texas targeting the unique grief support needs of youth and their caregivers and offering free counseling to the South Texas community.

*Children's Bereavement Center - 332 W. Craig Place, 78212*

*Volunteer Opportunities Contact: Julie Anderson (210-736-4847, ext. 224)*

*cbcst.org*

### **Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS)**

Since its beginnings in 1903 as an orphanage in Dallas, Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services has been providing residential care and other services to children and families with no place else to turn. They serve children from birth to 17 who have suffered from neglect, abuse and abandonment, or children whose families are experiencing some type of crisis, such as the death of a parent, divorce, illness, violence, homelessness, parental drug/alcohol abuse and other issues that threaten family stability. Whether it's through one of the group homes, a foster home, the Child and Family Program or the Advanced Education and Aftercare Program, they do all they can to help show the children in their care that they are beloved children of God. PCHAS has a group home in San Antonio that currently houses six boys and four girls, and has a child and family counselor working in the area, seeking to provide stability within the home and the family — to prevent the removal of children from their family unit.

*Presbyterian Children's Home and Services - 6355 Whitby Rd., 78240*

*Volunteer Opportunities contact: Rev. Nancy Mossman (512-476-1234)*

*pchas.org*

### **Respite Care of San Antonio**

Respite Care provides services to enhance the stability and the nurturing opportunities of families caring for a loved one with a developmental disability. They offer respite for the parents from the intense and constant care required by their beloved child. Respite Care has also become a safe haven for children who have been victims of abuse or neglect. It is a safe and nurturing place where all children can participate, be cared for and be celebrated for the blessed individuals that they are. The organization welcomes volunteers to help play with the children, read to them or lead them in games. There is a special need for help during holidays or summer months when children are not in school.

*Respite Care of San Antonio - 605 Belknap Pl., 78212*

*Volunteer Coordinator: Elvia Gonzales (210-737-1212, ext. 41)*

*respitecaresa.org*

### **Divine Redeemer -House of Teens**

FPC enjoys a good friendship with a local Presbyterian Church that serves both the Anglo and Latino population in its community, Divine Redeemer Presbyterian Church. Specifically, we support their ministry House of Teens, which includes an after-school program, teen night and a leadership program. House of Teens seeks to minister and reach out to young people around the church, showing them the love of Christ and seeking to offer them an alternative and positive way of life. There are opportunities to help with Tuesday teen night or Thursday afternoon Bible studies, as well as other special events.

*Divine Redeemer - House of Teens - 407 N. Calaveras, 78207*  
*Program Coordinator: Andrew Willems (210-980-1717)*  
*divineredeemersa.org*

### **Healy-Murphy Center**

The mission of Healy-Murphy Center is to provide compassionate service to youth in crisis by focusing on individualized education in a non-traditional setting, paired with early childhood development and essential support services. They are dedicated to providing students with the tools they need to complete their education and become successful. The organization provide services including a self-paced curriculum, life/vocational counseling, childcare and more. Through these services, students are able to accomplish their goals despite the challenges they have faced and continue to face in their young lives. Healy Murphy is located right down the street from FPC, and many of their students come to FPC to participate in the YoungLives program. There are many opportunities to volunteer at the school or with our YoungLives program.

*Healy-Murphy - 618 Live Oak St., 78202*  
*Executive Director: Doug Watson (210-223-2944)*  
*healymurphy.org*

### **Young Life**

Young Life's vision is that someday every adolescent will have the opportunity to meet Jesus Christ and follow Him. Their mission is introducing adolescents to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith. Young Life starts with adults who are concerned enough about kids to go to them, on their turf and in their culture, building bridges of authentic friendship. Childrens' lives are dramatically impacted when caring adults come alongside them, sharing God's love with them. Because their Young Life leader believes in them, they begin to see that their lives have great worth, meaning and purpose. Whether you are the parent of a Young Life student or simply an adult who cares about kids in your community, Young Life welcomes your involvement and willingness to spend time with teenagers. There are many needs for Young Life volunteer leaders around San Antonio, including ministering to Healy Murphy students right here at FPC.

*Young Life Offices - 10500 Heritage Blvd., Ste. 120, 78216*  
*Metro Director: Steve Millett (210-349-9602)*  
*younglife.org*

### **YoungLives**

YoungLives is a ministry to teen moms and their children. Treating each mom and her child or children with unconditional love and respect, this non profit offers teen moms relief from the isolation and struggle of their daily lives and hope for the future. Their mentors provide

friendship, parenting advice and help meeting the practical demands of raising a child. At YoungLives club and camp, moms get to socialize and have fun while their babies get the best possible care. The group meets on Tuesdays at FPC with students from Healy Murphy. Several FPC members serve as mentors to the teen moms and caretakers for their children while the teens attend “club” in our first floor kitchen area. YoungLives welcomes anyone to volunteer as a mentor or as a caretaker for the girls’ precious babies.

*YoungLives (Healy Murphy High School) at FPC  
Volunteer Opportunities: Cathy Smith (210-829-8646)  
younglife.org*

### **The Pregnancy Care Center**

The Pregnancy Care Center has been a safe place for women and families for over 25 years. They exist to provide support and education to those who find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy. Their mission is to inform and educate women on all options when it comes to pregnancy. Pregnancy Care Center seeks to prevent abortions, but also to help nurture and care for women in unplanned pregnancies, as well as helping to care for their children. There are various volunteer opportunities including mentoring young women, teaching parenting classes, helping sort through donations and more.

*Pregnancy Care Center - 8131 IH-10, Ste. 125, 78230  
Volunteer Coordinator: Lauren Underwood (210-614-5433)  
sapregnancy.org*

### **North East Senior Assistance (NESA)**

NESA, an interfaith non-profit organization, has been helping the homebound elderly living in northeast San Antonio since 1984. Most of their clients are no longer able to drive and have no one available to help them with errands and chores. The organization seeks to provide the elderly with the occasional support they need to lead healthy and productive lives. NESA would love people willing to run small errands for clients, transport clients to minor appointments or simply to offer friendship to their clients through short visits or encouraging phone calls.

*NESA Faith in Action - 2903 Nacogdoches Rd., 78217  
Volunteer Coordinator: Pat Ogle (210-967-6372)  
neseniorassistance.org*

### **Bexar County Detention Ministries (BCDM)**

BCDM exists to facilitate the spiritual, emotional, spiritual and personal transformation of incarcerated individuals, those formerly incarcerated and their families. BCDM, an interfaith agency, began in 1941 with a small group of local pastors who provided worship services and pastoral counseling at the county jail. Incorporated as a non-profit agency in 1972, BCDM staff and volunteers provide religious services, support groups and/or educational classes in 11 adult and juvenile detention and treatment facilities in the San Antonio Metropolitan area. These same services are also provided to the family members of those incarcerated, or formerly incarcerated. Volunteers are needed to serve as mentors, to help with job placement or to plan special events for the clients and their families such as holiday parties.

*Bexar County Detention Ministries - 503 San Pedro, 78212*  
*Volunteer Coordinator: Dejah Benhkne (210-299-4540)*  
*bcdm.org*

### **Anger Solutions Network (ASN)**

Anger Solutions Network, Inc. offers a variety of services to help individuals and groups in anger management and conflict resolution. ASN provides education and seminars to public/private businesses and corporations, city and county public utilities, schools, civic and church groups. This San Antonio based service organization also provides one-on-one training, small group sessions, weekend encounter groups and family intervention, and they certify faith-based anger management facilitators around Texas. These services are designed to meet the needs of individuals, groups or agencies seeking assistance with negative anger emotions. ASN is looking for more facilitators and has a variety of other ways to offer ministry to the San Antonio community.

*Anger Solutions Network - 900 NE Loop 410, Ste. D 307, 78209*  
*Volunteer Opportunities: Jay Burchfield or Texie Bohannon (210-804-0085)*  
*angermanagementnow.org*

### **I Care San Antonio**

Founded in 1992 as a non-profit organization, I Care San Antonio's mission is to bring eye care, both medical and optical, to the needy of San Antonio and along the Texas-Mexico border. ICSA provides dilated eye exams, refractions and glasses and medical and surgical eye care to the poor, homeless and the uninsured. They need translators, greeters and general volunteers to help care for their patients, help select and fit glasses and more.

*I Care San Antonio - 1 Haven for Hope Way, 78207*  
*Volunteer Coordinator: Pricilla Sweeney (210-220-2370)*  
*icare-sa.org*

### **The San Antonio AIDS Foundation (SAAF)**

The San Antonio AIDS Foundation (SAAF) has a dual mission — to provide compassionate medical care and social services to people with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and to help prevent the spread of HIV through education and testing. SAAF is guided by the belief that HIV/AIDS is a disease and those affected by this disease should receive compassion and understanding. The organization advocates a harm reduction philosophy believing that all individuals with HIV need compassionate services, including food and shelter, irrespective of their individual services and practices. Volunteer opportunities include serving as a buddy, helping with small tasks like feeding, gardening or hairstyling and creating special events and parties for the residents on birthdays and/or holidays.

*San Antonio Aids Foundation - 818 E. Grayson, 78208*  
*Volunteer Coordinator: Susan Bradley (210-225-4715, ext. 180)*  
*txsaaf.org*

**San Antonio Christian Dental Clinic (SACDC)**

The Mission of the San Antonio Christian Dental Clinic is to provide charitable dental care to indigent persons in keeping with Christian ministry. SACDC is a non-profit organization with the purpose of providing charitable dental care to those low-income persons who have no other resources with which to access dental services. Volunteer dentists, hygienists and many concerned individuals provide services and operate SACDC. The clinic provides a wide range of dental care and oral hygiene education, and many of FPC's members serve in this unique ministry. SACDC needs volunteers to help both with the medical care of their clients as well as with some of the clinic's administrative work.

*San Antonio Christian Dental Clinic - 1 Haven for Hope Way, 78207*

*Volunteer Coordinator: Rose Maldonado (210-226-8041 / 210-220-2323)*

*sachristiandental.org*

**Haven for Hope**

Haven for Hope of Bexar County is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of homeless men, women and children in the San Antonio-Bexar County area by providing a wide array of critical social services on a centralized campus. Their mission is to provide homeless individuals and families with the training, skills and assistance needed to help them become self-sufficient, and to do so in a cost-effective and sustainable manner. Their vision is to not only transform, but to help save lives in the San Antonio community. FPC does not donate directly to the overarching organization of Haven for Hope, but supports many agencies under their umbrella. Haven for Hope welcomes volunteers to serve on campus by contacting their resident agencies, such as SAMMinistries, the San Antonio Food Bank or the Christian Dental Clinic; however, there are many opportunities to serve with Haven for Hope directly as well.

*Haven for Hope - 1 Haven for Hope Way, 78207*

*Volunteer Coordinator: Paula Cantrell (210-220-2192)*

*www.havenforhope.org*

# Resources

## **CHILDCARE**

Childcare is available during all worship services, Wednesday evening activities and by reservation for special events at the church. Call the FPC Childcare Hotline (210-226-0216, ext. 312) to reserve childcare for any event, except worship, by calling the childcare hotline no later than two days prior to the event date. Unfortunately, drop-in childcare for cannot be accommodated.

## **NURSERY**

On the first floor as you enter the building at the Ave. 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.

## **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**

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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 at \$4 per CD (prepaid).

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