

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake."

Psalm 23:1-3 (ESV)

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Faith & Blue Weekend

A point of emphasis I have heard myself repeating throughout the year (which means you have hopefully heard it once or twice) is that our mission as kingdom ambassadors is to reconcile others to God and to each other. Every now and then, an opportunity comes along that appears so obvious to help further this mission. Several of us on staff were contacted about participating in an event called "Faith & Blue Weekend." Here is some information from their publication that helps explain the what, why, how, and who of this event.

National Faith & Blue Weekend (NFBW) is a collaborative initiative that builds bridges and breaks down biases through activities and outreach amongst law enforcement professionals and the communities they serve. It is based on the premise that strong communities are built on mutual respect, trust, and understanding. Law enforcement entities and faith-based groups are key pillars of a local community, and when they work together, neighborhoods thrive. This is an expansion of the One Congregation One Precinct Initiative (OneCOP) which is a bridge-building, solutions-focused human and civil rights organization based in Atlanta, GA. The OneCOP initiative pairs officers at the beat or precinct level with local houses of worship. Similarly, NFBW is facilitated by law enforcement entities, faith-based organizations and the community. NFBW organizers represent every major national law enforcement group and faith tradition in the United States of America and it is the most collaborative police-community engagement project in recent history.

How will FPCA participate? I had a great meeting with Deputy Chief Dishko. He is going to invite me to the precinct to pray for and with his officers that weekend. Law enforcement representatives will join us in worship on Sunday October 10th where they can bring a word of greeting, we can pray for them, and show our support. They will stick around after worship for a time of informal conversation where you can ask questions or share an encouraging word. What got Deputy Chief Dishko the most excited was an event we have coordinated for our youth that Sunday afternoon. Officers will be here to meet with our youth because sometimes they have very different questions, situations, and perceptions that need to be specifically addressed. Adrian will share the details of that with parents and families.

We are participating not because of politics or anything else. We want to be reconcilers and if this helps bring reconciliation after and during some tense times between law enforcement and communities, then we want to be a part of that. Be praying for our community and for this Faith & Blue Weekend!

Pastor Chris

Finance Update

For the month of August 2021:

Budget (Operating and Funds Released)

Income: \$ 71,576 Expense: (\$74,699)

Income - Expense for month: (\$3,123)
Income - Expense for 2021 Year to Date: \$6,215



Comments:

We are always so grateful for your generous donations. Because of your support we were able to:

- start a new sermon series called "Back to School, Back to Church.".
- share our love and support for teachers, administrators, students, and families at worship.
- start our new worship live stream successfully!
- connect with and get to know new people at our 4-week New Members Class, and at the reception.
- enjoy taking the Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services (PCHAS) kids and staff to the Rangers vs. Seattle game.
- provide opportunities to serve by donating school supplies for Carter Jr. High and PCHAS, and also helping Arlington Charities distribute food.
- share a luncheon for the children's ministry volunteers.
- Provide information and links as we help others in by donating directly for needs locally, regionally, and globally.
- As of July, our Capital Campaign fund balance is \$1,129,764.

We are doing well and, because of you, we are able to carry out the ministries that are calling to our FPCA family. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns, at jeanne@firstprestexas.org.

Children's Ministry

Preschool



MONTHLY OVERVIEW

Preschoolers love to show adults how BIG they are . . . "Look at my BIG muscles! Look how BIG I can jump! Look at this RIG hite!"

We don't have to teach a preschooler to show everyone how big they are. And, if we're all honest, there's something deep inside us that wants to do something big, too. We want to show the world that we can do things that matter—things that really matter. Could it be that we were all made to do big things? We think so.

That is why we have planned an entire month around what being a Super Kid really looks like—doing the things God made us to do. God made us to do BIG things!

ONE	BIBLE STORY David Chosen as King 1 Samuel 16:6-13	STORY FOCUS God has big things for us to do.
TWO	David Protects Sheep 1 Samuel 17:34-37	STORY FOCUS God made me to do big things anywhere.
THREE	BIBLE STORY David and Goliath 1 Samuel 17:1-50	STORY FOCUS God made me to do big things.
FOUR	BIBLE STORY David Helps Mephibosheth 1 Samuel 20:14-17 2 Samuel 9:1-13	STORY FOCUS God made me to help others.
FIVE	David Praises 2 Samuel 6:12-15	STORY FOCUS We can celebrate that God made me to do big things.
MEMORY VERSE	KEY QUESTION	BOTTOM LINE
"BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS. DO NOT BE AFRAIDFOR THE LORD YOUR GOD GOES WITH YOU." DEUTERONOMY 31:6, NIV	WHO MADE YOU TO DO BIG THINGS?	GOD MADE ME TO DO BIG THINGS.
GOD MADE ME.		

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Elementary and KFC



MONTHLY OVERVIEW

GOD VIEW:

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN INDIVIDUALITY AND GOD'S CHARACTER, AS SHOWN THROUGH GOD'S BIG

God is one of a kind, with no beginning and no end. Everything God has created is unique and one of a kind, including people created in God's image. Every person is an original reflection of God in how they love, care for others, imagine, create, and solve problems. To see how we can do this well, we should look to Jesus. Jesus showed us what it means to be created in God's image in the way He loved all people and helped people feel like they had value—no matter who they were or what they had done. We can reflect this as we discover who we're meant to be and live out the individuality God gave us.

O N E	BIBLE STORY Image of God Genesis 1:26-28	BOTTOM LINE You were made in God's image.
TWO	Matthew Matthew 9:9-13	BOTTOM LINE Knowing Jesus changes how you see yourself.
THREE	BIBLE STORY Lydia Acts 16:13-15	BOTTOM LINE Use your gifts to help others.
FOUR	BIBLE STORY Timothy 1 Timothy 4:12	BOTTOM LINE You can make a difference right now.
FIVE	BIBLE STORY One Body but Many Parts 1 Corinthians 12:12-27	BOTTOM LINE We can use our gifts together to make a greater difference.
MEMORY VERSE	"HOW YOU MADE ME IS AMAZING AND WONDERFUL. I PRAISE YOU FOR THAT. WHAT YOU HAVE DONE IS WONDERFUL. I KNOW THAT VERY WELL." PSALM 139:14, NIRV	
INDIVIDUALITY	Discovering who you're meant to be so you can make a difference	

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Save the date

October 8: Kids Night Out from 6:00-8:00

October 22: Kids Night Out from 6:00-8:00

October 30: Trunk or Treat

Youth Ministry

Group Dynamix Event

There is no denying that the past 18 months have been difficult for our youth ministry. The pandemic has forced us to be creative and meet virtually more than we have been accustomed to in the past. But our youth have been resilient and what a joy it was to have one of our first big inperson fellowship gatherings in a while. It was beautiful to see their smiles, as they enjoyed a day of fun and laughter with their peers. They played bow tag, go karts, human foosball, and many other games. We can't wait until our next fellowship gathering. A huge thank you to all the volunteers that helped make this event happen, and to our entire congregation for your financial support that allows our youth to have fellowship gatherings like these.

Blessings in Christ,

Adrian







This Month

Some activities are postponed until further notice. The Activities marked with * are happening.



Men's Bible Study *

The Men's Bible Study group meets every Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the parlor. Men of all ages meet and enjoy great fellowship and a prayer session. All men are invited to join this study.

Women's Bible Study*

The Monday Night Women's Bible study will resume meeting the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. beginning September 20.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study*

Men and women of all ages are invited to meet in the Parlor every Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m.



Wusic Ministries

Chancel Choir*

This is the primary worship leadership ensemble for the 11:00 service. The choir also sings for special services around Christmas and Holy Week. It is more than just a great choir; it is a caring fellowship. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m in the Fellowship Hall. Nursery care is provided during rehearsals.

Ring of Praise Handbell Ensemble

This intergenerational handbell group rehearses Wednesday evenings from 6:15 until 7:15 p.m. If you are interested in ringing, please contact Russell Farnell (fpcamusic@yahoo.com or 817-274-8286).

Youth Choir

During the school year, this group of youth in grades 6 to 12 meets on Sunday, 12:45 to 1:45 p.m., in the choir room.

Children's Music Ministries

The children's choirs meet from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. on Sundays during the school year. Children ages 4 (when school starts) through grade 5 participate in activities including music/singing and bells/chimes, instruments, and listening activities. There are two sections, divided by age, and both participate in the 11:00 worship service twice per year, usually in December and April.



Church Leadership

Deacon Meeting*

Thursday, October 7, at 6:30 p.m., the Diaconate meets in the parlor to oversee the Congregational Care, Hospitality, and Fellowship ministries.

Team Meeting Night*

Thursday, October 14, at 7:00 p.m., all teams for ministry planning and coordination.

Session Meeting*

Thursday, October 28, at 7:00 p.m., the Session meets online to oversee the ministry of the church. Indoor worship, Budget, Generis, and other matters. The work of the Diaconate, church administration, and all Discipleship, Worship, Facility Management, and Mission and Evangelism ministries will be discussed.



Library Team

The library team works the first Wednesday of each month, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Anyone interested is welcome. No particular skill is required, the work is easy, and we always have a good time as we process books to be added to our inventory. If you would like to be involved in library work but cannot come at that evening time, please contact Sandy Thomlinson (at 817-522-2080) and special daytime work sessions can be arranged.



Happy Quilters *

This group meets Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. to quilt, sew, knit, crochet, embroider, and just enjoy being together. Bring your project and join in!

Saints Alive!

Church seniors will meet for a potluck lunch on Thursday, , at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a casserole, salad, or dessert and enjoy a fun and interesting afternoon.

Contact Bev Koch (817-261-3202) for details.



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Deadline for the November issue of The News is October 15!

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns: Apana Agha, Jack Bos, James (Andrew) Bridges, Carol Browning, Vannah Caylor, Candida Costa, Frank and Allena Coburn, Edna Collins, Lloyd Counts, Lois Ditto, the Farnell Family, Don Farrell, Yvette Fielder, the Formusoh Family, the Gifford Family, Joe and Lila Glenn, Andrew Hydock, Bob Johnson, Tim Karnes (Pat May's son), Gary Lindley, Pat May, Barbara Mooers, Jim L. Quick, Jillian Reynolds, Joan Reynolds, Beth Rotert, Kathy Rotert, John and Donna Vickers, and Nancy Welborne.

Prayers for our family serving in the armed forces: Ben Boughton, Riley Curnutt, Austin Curran, Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Damien King, Mike Manci, Amie Murtha, Stephen O'Neil Sosa, Colin Peden, Ryan Powell, Ryan Regalado, Peyton Steeno, Christopher Young, and Robbie Wallace

Prayers for our homebound members: Esther Albright, Suzette Armstrong, Tom and Bobbie Fowler, Barbara Hughes, Jeanne Malone, Charlene Miller, Cary Moore, Carrie Pacot, Ann Pitstick, Betty Snowden, Dee Uhri, Richard Whitenight, and Mary Jane Wright

Pray for those who do not know Christ!

If you have any congregational care needs, please contact Pastor Chris Campbell at 817-274-8286.

