



“The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.”

2 Peter 3:9 (NRSV)

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The News

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"Moving On"

March 2nd marks the beginning of Lent and we recognize that with Ash Wednesday worship. This year we will offer two services for several reasons. Both services will be in the chapel. (Recently I walked in the chapel to borrow some Bibles for the confirmation class and thought to myself, "I really miss this place. We need to find ways to utilize it more!") The first service will be at noon. We want to offer the opportunity for those who are working nearby to attend. Our goal is to not exceed thirty minutes to make this workable for you workers! Also, this is a great time for those who prefer not to drive at night. We will also have our more traditional time of 6:30pm before choir rehearsal.

The first Sunday of March will begin a Lectionary-based series called "Moving On." We will examine some of God's work through the travels and teachings of Jesus and things we as Christians, and a church, can move on from in our spiritual walks. Our worship team and staff are planning some truly meaningful services and we pray you will walk the Lenten journey to the cross and tomb once again.

Pastor Chris



Holy Week

April 10 - 17

Palm Sunday Service	11:00 AM
Maundy Thursday Service of Communion	7:00 PM
Good Friday Choral Service	7:00 PM
Easter Sunday Service	11:00 AM

Finance Update

For the month of **January 2022:**

Budget (Operating and Funds Released)

Income: \$119,618

Expense: (\$ 80,800)

Income - Expense for month: **\$38,818**

Income - Expense for 2022 Year to Date: **\$38,818**



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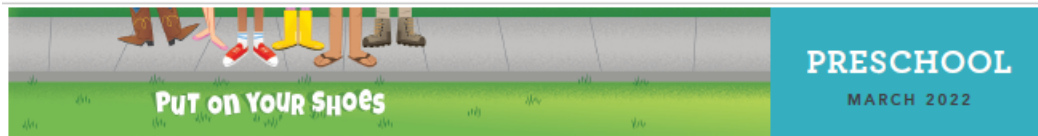
We are always so grateful for your generous donations. Because of your support we were able to:

- Launched a sermon series on what we mean when we say Authentic Worship, which is one of the core values, or MARKS, of FPCA.
- Ordained and installed our new church officers, as our Chancel Choir and our African Praise Choir led us with their praises to God.
- Kicked off Financial Peace University (FPU) which is a Bible-inspired way of handling money.
- Began a new member class - "Fixin' to Join", along with hosting the new members reception.
- Joined others in a Women's Ministry virtual event called New Year, New Beginnings, learning how to begin the new year right and about the discipline of prayer.
- Offered sweet encouragement to the teachers and staff of McNutt Elementary, (a school with limited parent involvement), with homemade or store bought treats and goodies.
- As of January, our Capital Campaign fund balance is \$1,230,904.

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

While Jesus was on earth, He lived a life that very clearly said, "Everyone can be friends with Me!" While not everyone took Him up on His invitation, those that did were changed forever in the best way.

That is why we are teaching preschoolers that no matter what kind of shoes we wear, everyone can be friends with Jesus. We can be friends with Jesus no how young or old. We can be friends with Jesus wherever we live and whatever language we speak. We can be friends with Jesus no matter how much money and education we have.

There are no special requirements to be friends with Jesus. It's a come as you are kind of friendship that lasts forever. Everyone can put on their shoes and follow Jesus because everyone can be friends with Jesus.

WEEK ONE	BIBLE STORY Andrew and Peter; John and James Matthew 4:18-22; Luke 5:1-11	STORY FOCUS Jesus says, "Follow Me."
WEEK TWO	BIBLE STORY Matthew (Tax Collector) Matthew 9:9-12	STORY FOCUS Everyone can be friends with Jesus even if they have done something wrong.
WEEK THREE	BIBLE STORY The Twelve The Gospels	STORY FOCUS Everyone can be friends with Jesus.
WEEK FOUR	BIBLE STORY Feeding 5,000 Mark 6:31-44	STORY FOCUS Jesus is a good friend to everyone.

MEMORY VERSE	KEY QUESTION	BOTTOM LINE
"'COME AND FOLLOW ME,' JESUS SAID." MATTHEW 4:19, NIRV	WHO CAN BE FRIENDS WITH JESUS?	EVERYONE CAN BE FRIENDS WITH JESUS.
JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.		

Elementary and KFC



ELEMENTARY

MARCH 2022

MONTHLY OVERVIEW

GOD VIEW:

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

Cooperation is a spiritual concept that originates with God. God created us to work together in a community. Throughout the Bible, we see how God brought people together to accomplish something big for Him. When we work together, we reflect what Jesus envisioned for His followers. Our love for one another can point people to Him.

WEEK ONE	BIBLE STORY Building the Tabernacle Exodus 25:8-9; 28:1,3; 31:1-11; 35:21, 25,34; 39:42-43 (Exodus 19, 25)	BOTTOM LINE God wants us to work together.
WEEK TWO	BIBLE STORY Joshua Wins the Battle Over the Amalekites Exodus 17:8-13	BOTTOM LINE Work together to help someone succeed.
WEEK THREE	BIBLE STORY Jesus Heals a Man Who Could Not Walk/Four Friends Luke 5:17-26	BOTTOM LINE Work together to help someone in need.
WEEK FOUR	BIBLE STORY Early Church Works Together/Believers Share Their Lives Together Acts 2:42-47	BOTTOM LINE Make a habit of working together.

MEMORY VERSE	"TWO PEOPLE ARE BETTER THAN ONE. THEY CAN HELP EACH OTHER IN EVERYTHING THEY DO." ECCLESIASTES 4:9, NIRV
COOPERATION	WORKING TOGETHER TO DO MORE THAN YOU CAN DO ALONE

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Save the date

March 11: Kids Night Out from 6:00-8:00 for children 6th grade and younger.

March 25: Kids Night Out from 6:00-8:00 for children 6th grade and younger.

April 16: Spring Festival from 3:00-4:00.

June 6-10: Vacation Bible School from 9:00- Noon.

Youth Ministry

There {4} Teen Conference 2022.

Last month, eight of our high school girls attended There {4} Gathering, a 2-day conference designed to inspire the next generation of high school girls to boldly live out their identity in Jesus Christ. The weekend was filled with worship, music, amazing speakers and creative interactions. The girls heard messages from live, in-person speakers, as well as live-streamed speakers who shared their messages about Hope. Thank you to all who contribute to our ministry at FPCA which allowed the girls to attend and grow in their faith.

Blessings in Christ,

Kristi, Tracy, and Talita



One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Offering is received during the season of Lent at FPCA. This is one of four special offerings collected during our church year. Offering envelopes are provided outside the chapel and sanctuary or designate OGHS on the memo portion of your check. Posters are located around the church halls.

Presbyterians worldwide have participated in this offering for over 60 years and give about as much as all other denominations put together. OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

We are the Church, **Together**

The offering gifts are divided between three programs- Self Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. For a list of how these gifts were used in previous years or for more information, see www.pcusa.org/oghs.

Monthly Food Bank-Arlington Charities

Join us Saturday, March 12, starting at 8:30 AM to distribute food or bring your neighbors to receive food to the Arlington Charities mobile food bank.

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

2045 S.E. Green Oaks Blvd,

Arlington, TX, 76018

It's just east of New York Ave, so if you're coming from the west, make a U-turn at Sherry St. Volunteer parking is just south of the church and food is distributed on the west side of the church.



McNutt goodie follow up

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed goodies and treats for the teachers and staff of McNutt Elementary! FPCA went above and beyond and contributed enough treats to create two separate teacher appreciation events on January 31 and February 14. Our contact at the school wrote, "Thank you so much for all you guys have done for us. The teachers have been so appreciative and happy to receive your love and donations." This Title 1 school has limited parental support in the way of teacher appreciation, and your encouragement in the form of thank you notes in the fall and treats this spring has truly shown God's love in our community.



A Praise and Prayer from the Shidellers

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

Psalm 139: 7-10 (NIV)

Dear Kim and FPCA Family,

How grateful we are to you for your continued prayers, words of encouragement, and faithful partnership in ministry!

Today we are writing with a pressing request for prayer. By the time you receive this update, Brett will have already arrived in Africa. He and three others are part of a team serving an SIL organization for the next nine days. The team's schedules are packed full with SO much to be done and SO many people to talk with. There won't be time to visit or sightsee as their days are heavily scheduled.

Would you join us in praying for the following requests?

Please pray for...

- Rapid adjustment to the time difference they are encountering. Pray they will sleep well and through the night so they can awake refreshed and ready to go.
- Good health. Brett and the other team members felt like pin cushions as they caught up on all the necessary vaccinations. Please pray the "preventatives" are effective, that they won't pick up any local "bugs", and that God would surround them with His protection.
- They will be in meetings all day, every day. Please pray they can focus well, think clearly, and be mentally present.
- That God would be honored at every step, that the love of Jesus would be evident, and that decisions will be led by the Holy Spirit.

The team departs Africa on 26 February with Brett arriving home on the 27th.

Additionally, please pray for...

- Safety and protection for Marla and her dad while Brett is away.
- Good connections and traveling mercies for the team's return trip on 26/27 February.
- Good time management for Marla as she holds down the fort in Brett's absence while continuing to work very full days as she serves in her Wycliffe Member Care role.

We are grateful for your partnership in ministry!

Brett and Marla

Lenten Word Search

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ASHES
 PENANCE
 GOOD FRIDAY
 GIVING
 CROSS
 FORTY
 PREPARE
 HOLY WEEK
 FORGIVENESS
 FISH
 PRAYER
 PURPLE
 SACRIFICE
 SEASON
 FASTING
 STATIONS

This Month

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



Bible Studies

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 meet the third Monday of each month at 6:15 p.m.

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.



Music 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, April 21, at 8:00 p.m., the Diaconate meets in the parlor to oversee the Congregational Care, Hospitality, and Fellowship ministries.

Team Meeting Night*

Thursday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m., all teams for ministry planning and coordination.

Session Meeting*

Thursday, March 24, at 7:00 p.m., the Session meets in person in the Parlor 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.



Discipleship

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.



Fellowship

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.

Senior Flexibility Class *

Come get fit with us! The Senior Flexibility Class will meet each week on Tuesday and Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

If interested, contact Mary Spencer at 817-689-0526 for more details.

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Deadline for the April issue of The News is March 15!

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns: Apana Agha, the Babb Family, Jack Bos, James (Andrew) Bridges, the Boice Family, Carol Browning, Vannah Caylor, Clemens Family, Frank Coburn, Edna Collins, Lloyd Counts, the Ellis Family, the Farnell Family, Don Farrell, Yvette Fielder, the Formusoh Family, the Gifford Family, Joe and Lila Glenn, the Gottmann Family, Andrew Hydock, Johnson Family, Tim Karnes (Pat May's son), Gary Lindley, Pat May, the McDermott Family, Barbara Mooers, Moore Family, the Pitstick Family, 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 Mancini, 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, Tom and Bobbie Fowler, Barbara Hughes, Jeanne Malone, Charlene Miller, Carrie Pacot, 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 either Pastor Chris Campbell or Parish Pastor Jim Shroyer at 817-274-8286.

