



As a father has compassion on his children,

so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;

Psalm 103:13

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Scattershooting while wondering, what is a peagle? 😊 Go Rangers!

Our trip to the men’s conference at MO Ranch was a fantastic success. 8 of us enjoyed the scenic hill country, some epic bbq from Louie Mueller’s and Leroy & Lewis. It was great being back at MO for the first time in a long time. And for five men in our group, it was their first time ever! On the drive home, some of the guys were already asking about going next year and getting more guys to go. So let’s make it happen!



I hope not to beat everyone down too much with tales from Ireland, but we have been looking forward to this family trip for a long time now! Our plan is to worship at Portstewart Presbyterian Church and see what worship is like there. I have given Chelsea and the boys permission to be my three backseat drivers and make sure I stay on the right side of the road. And by the right side, I mean left.

It’s been a long time coming, but things will finally start happening in our building regarding the Transform plan. Goff Companies and our partners will begin the permit process this month and work will begin in July. They will work section by section throughout our entire building to install the fire suppression system, replace the ceilings, and deal with asbestos abatement where necessary. The

Transform Team is working with the staff to establish a plan to isolate portions of the building and shift our ministries around while certain sections are not accessible. This will include the sanctuary for a portion of time. We will communicate ahead of time the overall sequencing as well as timely updates as certain sections are released for use and others are closed. There will be disruption. There will be annoyances. But we have to believe it is worth it in the long run. We ask for your patience and understanding. Most of all, we hope you are excited things are finally starting to happen!

Happy summer,

Pastor Chris

Finance Update

For the month of April 2023:

Budget (Operating and Funds Released)

Income:	\$74,117
Expense:	(\$74,825)

Income - Expense for month: **(\$708)**

Income - Expense for 2023 Year to Date: **(\$1,343)**

Comments:

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

- journey through Holy Week with meaningful services for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, all culminating with the worship and celebration of Easter Sunday,
- enjoy a great time of fellowship with a church-wide breakfast on Easter morning,
- have a fun Spring Festival provided by our children's ministry team for the kids of our church and neighborhood,
- kick off a Women's Ministry Bible study which was about understanding God's character which is foundational to worship,
- begin a study on Elaine Helms' book "Prayer 101, led by Pastor Chris,
- As of April, our Capital Campaign fund balance is \$1,551,659.

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

This summer, we`re talking about the best friend ever with our preschoolers. We want every preschooler to know that not only is Jesus the best friend ever, but Jesus wants to be THEIR friend . . . forever!

We want our preschoolers to hear over and over that Jesus wants to be their friend forever. And not only does Jesus want to be their friend, but Jesus is a friend worth following. That way, when the time comes, our preschoolers will be ready to follow Jesus here, there, and everywhere!

WEEK ONE	BIBLE STORY Paul Becomes a Believer Acts 9:1-9	STORY FOCUS Jesus wants to be my friend forever.
WEEK TWO	BIBLE STORY Ananias Helps Paul Acts 9:10-31	STORY FOCUS Jesus gives me people to help me.
WEEK THREE	BIBLE STORY Peter Goes to the House of Cornelius Acts 10	STORY FOCUS I can love everyone the way Jesus loves everyone.
WEEK FOUR	BIBLE STORY An Angel Helps Peter Escape from Prison Acts 12:1-19	STORY FOCUS Jesus is always with me.

MEMORY VERSE	KEY QUESTION	BOTTOM LINE
"JESUS SAID, 'COME FOLLOW ME.'" MATTHEW 4:19, NCV	WHO WANTS TO BE YOUR FRIEND FOREVER?	JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.
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Elementary and KFC



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GOD VIEW:

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

Since the beginning, God has always been deeply involved in the world. We see God's handiwork on display in creation. We see God's love on display through Jesus, who came to rescue us. We respond to God in faith, believing in what we can't see because of what we can see. When we focus on what we know to be true about God and the world God created, we can have faith in what we can't see or fully understand. We put that faith into action as we follow Jesus and show His love to the world.

WEEK ONE

BIBLE STORY
Paul Becomes a Believer
Acts 9:1-9

BOTTOM LINE
Knowing Jesus changes how you see things.

WEEK TWO

BIBLE STORY
Ananias Helps Paul
Acts 9:10-31

BOTTOM LINE
God can help you face your fears.

WEEK THREE

BIBLE STORY
Peter Goes to the House of Cornelius
Acts 10

BOTTOM LINE
God can change the way you see others.

WEEK FOUR

BIBLE STORY
An Angel Helps Peter Escape from Prison
Acts 12:1-19

BOTTOM LINE
God is with you even when you feel stuck.

MEMORY VERSE

"FAITH IS BEING SURE OF WHAT WE HOPE FOR. IT IS BEING SURE OF WHAT WE DO NOT SEE." HEBREWS 11:1, NIRV

FAITH

TRUSTING IN WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU CAN SEE.

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Upcoming Children`s Ministry Activities

June 5-9: Vacation Bible School from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Youth Ministry

They're All Grown Up. Now What?

By: Charlie Conder

You parented your child for approximately 936 weeks from the day they were born until they graduated from high school. Welcome to week 937 and beyond.

It's the beyond part for me. When high school graduation hits, you hug and high five other parents because you made it. It feels like it is the pinnacle of parenting! You successfully got your sweet child to the finish line. What they don't tell you is that the finish line has been moved and no one really even knows where it is anymore.

Regardless of where that finish line got moved to, we are still here, still parenting. It just looks a little bit different than the last 18 years.

Emerging adult is the name used for this phase. What you might find is that while you may see your emerging adult less, that doesn't mean they need you less. It just means your main communication may be more about Venmoing them money and more "Hey Mom, how do you?" conversations.

While this is my most favorite phase with our daughters, I do wish that someone would have shared some wisdom with me before we got to this phase. Surely other parents have seen the finish line move . . .

Evolving

This is the word I find most describes parenting in the emerging adult phase. I have had to evolve in the ways I parent. I used to be quick to answer their questions and find solutions for them. Now I try to coach them to find the answers for themselves. Our children are bright, but I do think we have held them back in the problem-solving department. The days are short, so when our kids can't figure something out, we jump in to help them. But I wish I would have coached them more when they were still living at home rather than give the answer. To care for our kids is not giving them all the answers. Leading them and mentoring them is the evolution that needs to take place in this phase.

Responsibilities

I wish we had known to show our kids how to be responsible adults and not just responsible children and teenagers. There are so many aspects of successful adult living we generally assumed were common knowledge. The older we get, the more we have come to understand that many adults don't understand how to be successful adults. How can we expect children to inherently possess this knowledge? We now know we should have given them more life skills to handle day-to-day. Planning and preparing meals, basic car maintenance, finances, and saving are just a few areas where we fell flat. Who knew I would be along on so many trips to the grocery store via Facetime because I did not teach my girls how to plan and buy the groceries for a meal. My daughter recently learned how much nuts were and cried. Six dollars for a small can of nuts apparently were the breaking point for her!

Hindsight

Dr. Tim Elmore said: “Kids’ days are full of artificial activities with artificial consequences, resulting in artificial maturity.” Don’t be afraid to allow your child to fail. It is incredibly hard to watch your child make mistakes. But the experience of failing and learning how to move forward is a lesson that will take them far in life. When a child is not used to failing, they can go into shock mode where they are unable to move on. They stall out—which can be crippling for their future. We spend a lot of time protecting kids when they are younger. But giving them space in this emerging adult space is a lesson that will carry them far in life.

I could fill volumes of books on all the things I don’t know about parenting emerging adults. I am learning every day on how best to love and support my daughters. We have all agreed to give grace to each other as we walk through this new phase together!

Blessings in Christ,

Adrian

Musical Presentation

Musical Presentation: A Technicolor Promise

Saturday, June 10th, 2:30-3:00 p.m. in the FPCA Chapel

You are invited to “A Technicolor Promise,” a musical about the story of Noah and the ark presented by children and youth of FPCA.

The children and youth musicians of FPCA have been preparing the musical "A Technicolor Promise" based on the story of Noah and the flood.

Monthly Food Bank

Join us Saturday, June 10, starting at 8:30 a.m. to distribute food, or bring your neighbors to receive food, at the Arlington Charities mobile food bank.

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

2045 SE 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.



This Month



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 resume Monday, September 19. The 2022-2023 study is *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*. Questions? Contact Debbie Richardson at 817.675.2867 or Sheri Quick at sheriq@aol.com.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Men and women of all ages are invited to meet in the Brides Room every Tuesday morning at 10:30a.m.

CWF Women's Bible Study

Meet virtually every Wednesday at 7 p.m. EXCEPT the last Wednesday of the month they meet at FPCA in the Parlor.



Music Ministries

Chancel Choir

Meets on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Ring of Praise Handbell Ensemble

Will resume on Wednesdays August 9 at 6 p.m.

Youth Choir

Meets on Sundays, from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m.

Children's Music Ministries*

Meets on Sundays, from 12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.



Church Leadership

Deacon Meeting

Thursday, June 15, at 7:00 p.m., the Diaconate meets in the parlor to oversee the Congregational Care, Hospitality, and Fellowship ministries.

Team Meeting Night

Thursday, June 8, teams meet for ministry planning and coordination.

Session Meeting

Thursday, June 22, 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.



Fellowship

Happy Quilters

This group meets Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. to quilt, sew, knit, crochet, embroider, and just enjoy being together. Bring your project and join in! Bring a sack lunch and join the ladies for lunch at noon.

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 July issue of The News is June 15!

Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns: Ken Floyd and his family, Jo Ann Quick and her family, Jack Bos, Carol Browning, Bettye Burdett, Edna Collins, Cyprian Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Mary Lou Garrison, Joe and Lila Glenn, Jo Ann Hanson, Gary Lindley, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Graciela Lopez Montero, Bill and Helen Moulton, Mathias Mbeng Ndip, Tonya Scrobeck, Esther Teboh, Susie Thurston, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Patrick Welborne, Danny Womble.

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

Prayers for our homebound members: Polly Baugh, Madge Casselman, Lucy Cleaver, Barbara Hughes, Betty Snowden, Dee Uhri, Richard Whitenight, 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.

