

# *The News*

The monthly newsletter of  
First Presbyterian Church Arlington



*“The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.”  
- Song of Solomon 2:12*

May 2026

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Deadline for the June  
newsletter is May 15.

# *Spiritual Gifts and Ministry Fair*

May 24th is Pentecost Sunday so here is your early reminder to wear red to church that day! This is the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, and some call it the birthday of the Christian Church.

Just from the action-filled introduction of the Spirit, we know the Church is to follow the Spirit's lead into action. Faith is not a spectator sport. That is why for the weeks leading up to Pentecost, our sermon series will focus on the Nature and Mission of the Church. Who are we and what are we called to do?

The Church believes we are all given spiritual gifts from God. There are a couple of lists in the New Testament Epistles which are very helpful. But they are not exhaustive nor exclusive lists.

Because no one person has every gift, this means we need one another. This means we need to know what our spiritual gifts are. This means we need to know where we can exercise those gifts faithfully and fruitfully.

Let's figure this out together! Thanks to an initiative from our Prayer Ministry, we will distribute a spiritual gift assessment on Sunday, May 10 for everyone to take home and complete. They will also be available to pick up on Sunday, May 17.

We are asking everyone who calls FPCA their church home to complete the assessment and bring it to church on May 24. The assessment will help identify your gifts and direct you to our session and deacon teams that need your gifts.

After worship, teams will have tables set up in our Fellowship Hall for a Ministry Fair where you can receive more information, as well as connect with team leaders.

We are not here to prescribe where to serve. But we want to help guide you to several options and let the Spirit take it from there. I look forward to serving God's kingdom with you!

Live Forever,

Pastor Chris

# Community outreach

Visit the Outreach Missions tab under Ministries at [firstprestexas.org](http://firstprestexas.org)

## Mobile Food Market Dates:

Arlington Charities is hosting mobile food markets twice in May. Distribution lines form early and distribution ends when the food is gone.

- May 9 at 8:30 a.m.  
St. Andrews United Methodist Church at 2045 S.E. Green Oaks Blvd.
- May 16 at 9 a.m. - Tarrant County College at 2100 Southeast Parkway.
- May 28 at 9 a.m. - Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 1500 California Lane.



## Arlington Life Shelter Needs:

### • Food

#### Donation Pick Up Helper:

We need someone who can travel to food establishments in the area to pick up food items and deliver them to the shelter.

• **Provide a Meal:** Grab a team, faith group, or your family and friends and cook a meal for residents. We need Food Team Volunteers to purchase, prepare, and serve meals. Email [alice.morris@arlingtonlifeshelter.org](mailto:alice.morris@arlingtonlifeshelter.org) for meal guidelines and available dates.

• **PALS:** Partners of Arlington Life Shelter is an auxiliary group that raises funds for the shelter and provides special events such as birthday and holiday parties for the residents.

For more information on how to volunteer, please contact [alice.morris@arlingtonlifeshelter.org](mailto:alice.morris@arlingtonlifeshelter.org).

## Mission Arlington Needs:

Community Service volunteers are a blessing to Mission Arlington, and they form a substantial team to help us accomplish what we do here every day. Visit [missionarlington.org](http://missionarlington.org) for specifics.

Our hours are Monday through Saturday: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. No appointment necessary. Please come in whenever it works best for you. You will be working with the administration of food, clothes, household items and furniture – sorting, separating, carrying, and distributing.

Please wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty, and come with a flexible spirit, ready to work wherever you are needed.

# Prayer ministry



## Unveiled Glory

Exodus 34:29–35

2 Corinthians 3:13–18

In the wilderness, Moses' face glowed with the residue of divine encounter. The people saw it and trembled.

The veil became a boundary between holiness and humanity, between revelation and fear.

But what about us?

The Lenten Journey is behind us; the uplifting experience of the resurrection is fading. The question

remains: What is before us?

Is the veil returning before us so that our minds are becoming hardened to the glory that was before us?

Or are we transformed to the glory that is now the Spirit of the Living Lord?

Transformation is not an end game; it is a process of transformation "from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit."

Transformation, then, is a

process that occurs in relationship to our Lord that comes through the Spirit and is achieved through the discipline of consistent seeking.

Pray that the veil be continually removed, for "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." In Christ, the veil is set aside.

Let's pray that we might live unveiled, so that the glory that doesn't fade will be revealed.

# May news

## Terms of Call changes approved

At the Congregational Meeting after April 19, the following changes to the Terms of Call were approved.

### 2026 Pastoral Terms of Call: Rev. Chris Campbell

We are grateful to share Rev. Chris Campbell's 2026 Terms of Call. For 2026, the total cost to the church is \$171,624.95, which is an increase of \$7,795.65 from 2025. Much of this increase comes from Board of Pensions dues, which were already accounted for in the 2026 budget and approved through that process.

### 2026 Pastoral Terms of Call: Rev. Chris Campbell

	2025	2026	Change
Total Effective Salary	\$102,089.50	\$104,489.50	\$2,400.00
Board of Pensions Dues	\$43,898.00	\$49,110.00	\$5,212.00
Social Security Offset	\$17,841.80	\$18,025.45	\$183.65
Dental Insurance	\$1,632.00	\$1,632.00	\$0.00
Total Cost to Church	\$163,829.30	\$171,624.95	\$7,795.65
Total Paid Directly to Pastor	\$109,899.30	\$112,482.95	\$2,583.65

## Register for VBS

This year's VBS will be Monday, June 1 through Friday, June 5 from 9 a.m. to noon for children four years old to 6th grade.

Scan the QR code to register. Contact Kyle Terwilliger at [kyle@firstprestexas.org](mailto:kyle@firstprestexas.org) for questions or for more information.

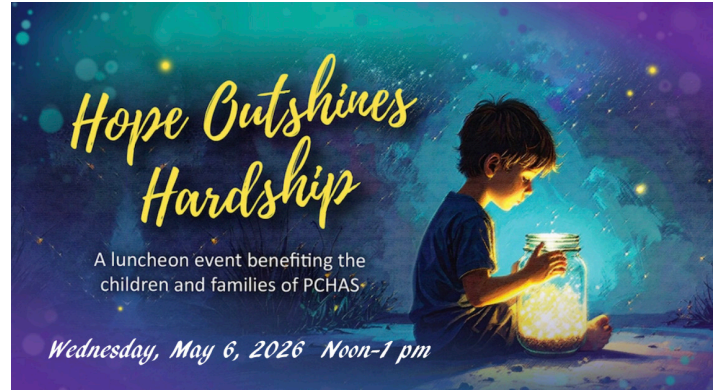


**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**



## Celebrate National Day of Prayer

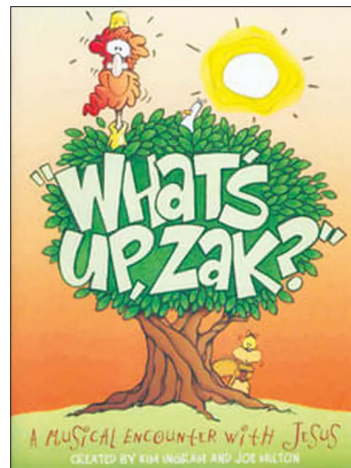
The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May. Since 1952 The National Day of Prayer enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. Join us for a celebration Thursday, May 7 at noon in the Chapel.



Join us for

## PCHAS luncheon May 6

Please join us for this year's Annual PCHAS Luncheon Wednesday, May 6, at noon at the Ridglea Country Club in Fort Worth. The theme is "Hope Outshines Hardship." Learn more about the vital work happening and to reflect on what is possible for the children and families we serve in the years ahead. See how your generosity provides tangible support and lasting hope every single day.



## See 'What's Up, Zak' June 6

You're invited to attend FPCA's youth and children's musical, "What's Up, Zak?" based on the Biblical story about Zaccheus. The free performance is

Saturday, June 6 at 2:30 in the FPCA sanctuary and should end by 3:15. Please make plans to attend the show to support these fantastic performers in their performance and in their faith journey!

# Build connections

## Bible and book studies

(see full descriptions of studies on pages 7-9)

### Tuesday Morning Bible Study for Men and Women

- Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday Women's Bible Study

- Second Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

### Men's Bible Study

- Wednesdays at 8 a.m. in room 204

### CWF Women's Bible Study

- Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

- **HOPE Tutoring**  
Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

## Church leadership

### Team meetings

Thursday, May 14  
Fellowship Team meets at 4:30 in room 210

Other teams meet at 7 p.m.  
All teams meet for ministry planning and coordination.

- **Session meeting**

Tuesday, May 26 at 6 p.m.  
in the Parlor

The Session meets to oversee the ministry of the church, worship, budget, and other matters.

## Music Ministries

### Chancel choir

- Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m.

### Youth and Children's Musical Rehearsal

- Rehearsals for summer musical begin Sunday, April 12 through June.

Rehearsals will be held Sundays at 12:45 p.m. with lunch provided at 12:15

## Fellowship and community groups

- **Senior Flexibility Class**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

Come get fit with us! We meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Contact Sarah Wright at 972.345.6402 for more details.

- **Quilting group -**  
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

This group meets on Wednesdays 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.

- **Saints Alive Luncheon**  
We will meet Thursday, May 28 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.  
See page 9 for details

# April joys



2. FPCA hosted a junior recital Friday, April 10 for Music in Ministry intern Elizabeth English.



1. Foundations Sunday School class members enjoyed the church-wide breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 5 organized by the Fellowship Team.

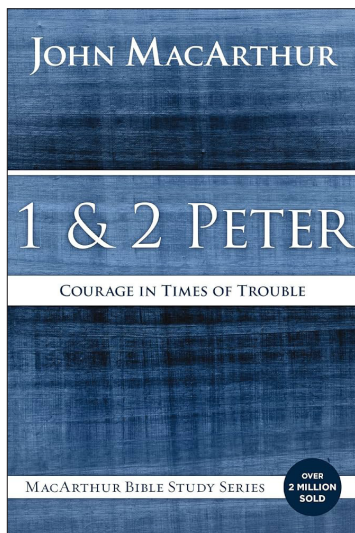


3. The Women's Ministry team hosted a four-week Bible study focused on service in the family and community.

4. After the storm clouds cleared, FPCA hosted the Spring Festival Saturday, April 4 with games, bubbles, and an Easter egg hunt,

# Bible studies and groups

## Tuesday Morning Bible Study for Men and Women Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Fellowship Hall



The new study is *First and Second Peter* by John MacArthur.

After a quick review of the history of the Bible, we will begin our study of first and second Peter by John MacArthur and video by David Guzik.

“In the first letter, Peter reminded believers of the many blessings available to them because of their sufferings,” MacArthur writes. “In the second letter, he warned them against false teachers who were invading their churches and teaching deceptive doctrines.”

Study guides are provided and available for purchase for \$8.

## Men’s Bible Study Wednesdays at 8 a.m. in room 204

The Men’s Bible Study group meets every Wednesday morning at 8 a.m. in room 204. Men of all ages meet and enjoy a time of fellowship, study, and prayer. The group is currently studying *The History of Israel: Deuteronomy to Kings*. All men are invited to join this study.

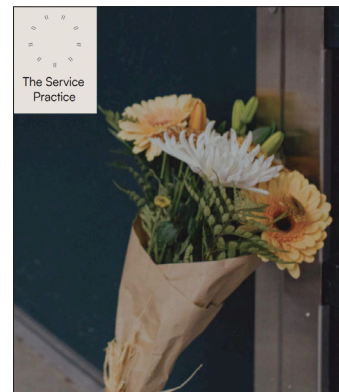
## Spring Bible Study for Women Tuesdays through May 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor

Love is the hallmark of Jesus’ followers, but what does that look like in our daily lives? Starting on Tuesday, April, join the Women’s Ministry team as we explore a four-session study called, “The Service Practice.” Each week, we will walk through Scripture and explore what it means to serve those who are right in front of us, allow ourselves to be interrupted by unexpected needs, and overlap our lives with those on the margins.

To join us, please sign up on the FPCA website under the Adult Ministries tab and let us know you’re coming. Attendance is free and we look forward to seeing you there. Bring a friend!

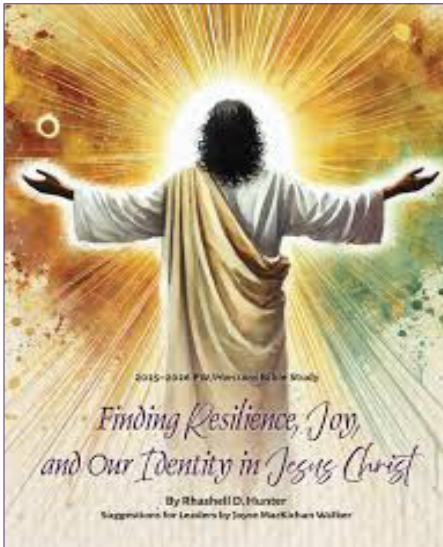
## Give God One Percent Mondays beginning May 9

On Monday, May 9, we will “Give God One Percent.” One percent of your 24-hour day is 15 minutes. Let’s take 15 minutes – from 10 to 10:15 a.m. each Monday – to be in prayer, wherever we are. You will have the satisfaction of knowing that others are praying with you at exactly that time. If you would like a reminder call on Monday mornings, please call the church office and register your participation.



# Bible studies and groups

## Wednesday Women's Bible Study Second Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall



The Wednesday Women's Bible Study resumes their Bible Study meetings. The study is the Horizon's Presbyterian Women's study *Finding Resilience, Joy, and our Identity*

*in Jesus Christ*. In this Bible study, we will explore resilience modeled for us by several biblical characters, gospel and epistle writers, and Jesus. The Bible study is also about finding joy in a chaotic world. Trusting in God when we are in trying times can fill us with glorious joy and peace. We will also seek to rediscover our identity in Jesus Christ.

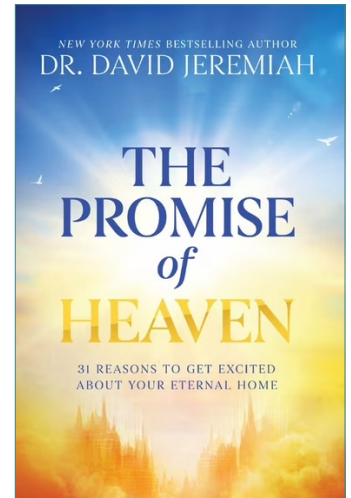
We welcome all women. The group meets monthly on the second Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Questions? Please reply to Debbie Richardson (817.675.2867) or der817@gmail.com or Sheri Quick (sheriq@aol.com).

## Friendship Sunday School Class Meets Sundays at 9:45 in room 214

You're invited to join us in studying *The Promise of Heaven* by Dr. David Jeremiah. Dr. Jeremiah answers our questions about heaven by revealing biblical scripture.

As you walk through this study with the Friendship class, you will find that God has not left us in the dark regarding our eternal home.



## CWF Women's Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 p.m. online

The CWF Women's Bible Study group meets virtually every Wednesday at 7 p.m. except for the last Wednesday of the month when the group meets at FPCA in the parlor.

## Saints Alive Luncheon Thursday, May 28 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Come one, come all: Please come and join with us for Saints Alive! We will have a Saints Alive potluck lunch and fellowship Thursday, May 28. Saints Alive is a bring-your-favorite-dish luncheon at 11:30. (Come early if you'd like to visit before lunch.)

# Finance update



## FINANCE UPDATE

### General Fund for March 2026:

	Monthly	YTD
Income & Funds Released:	77,056	282,703
Expenses:	(72,816)	(231,829)
Variance	4,240	50,874
Donors Income:	73,133	265,020
Budget:	75,338	226,014
Variance	(2,205)	39,006

### Comments:

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

- continue our Lenten journey through our sermon series called "Were You There" leading up to our meaningful service for Palm Sunday,
- enjoy an evening of music as Baylor University's flagship vocal group, the Baylor A Cappella Choir performed a concert.
- join the global World Women's Day of Prayer Celebration prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria.
- provide the opportunity to donate to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (OGHS) which is divided between three programs: Self Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

As of March our Capital Campaign fund balance is \$245,039.

We are doing well and, because of you, we can 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](mailto:jeanne@firstprestexas.org).

# Children's Ministry

## May KFC overview

Can you remember the last time you got lost in a good book? The epic quests, daring escapes, and wild adventures make it hard to put down! While our lives might not include mythical creatures or fantastical lands, we're all part of an incredible adventure — following God and helping others do the same. Each week, kids will explore amazing and true stories about Jesus that show us what it means to live for God.



**May 17:** The Bible passages are Acts 12:1-17 and Ephesians 1:15-23. This week, kids hear the story of Peter's miraculous escape from prison. A quest is filled with dangers and obstacles—sometimes, a warrior gets trapped with no way out. This week, we'll hear how Peter was locked up in jail, heavily

guarded, and escape seemed impossible. But when the church prayed for him, God sent an angel to set him free, proving that true story—God hears us when we pray.

## Weekly Curriculum Summaries

**May 3:** The Bible passages are Acts 1:3-11 and John 14:1-7. This week, kids learn the story of how Jesus went up to heaven after promising the Holy Spirit. In some adventure stories, the leader leaves, and the team wonders how they'll go on. We'll see how Jesus' followers felt the same way when he left for heaven, but he promised that his presence would stay with them through the Holy Spirit. His promise wasn't just for them—it's for us too, because true story—Jesus is always with us.

**May 10:** The Bible passages are Acts 4:32-5:10 and I Peter 3:13-22. This week, we'll see how Ananias and Sapphira tried to make themselves look good by hiding the truth, but their dishonesty led to serious consequences. The good news is that God doesn't expect us to be perfect, but when we choose truth, true story—God helps us be righteous.

**May 24:** The Bible passages are Acts 2:1-12 and Acts 16:16-40. This week, we'll see how Paul and Silas faced grueling times but stayed strong, joyful, and full of faith. Instead of relying on themselves, they leaned on God because true story—the Holy Spirit gives us power.

**May 31:** The Bible passages are Acts 27:13-44 and Matthew 28:16-20. This week, kids hear the true story of how even a shipwreck couldn't keep Paul from telling others about Jesus. Every adventure has unexpected setbacks and obstacles that make the journey harder than expected. This week, we'll see how Paul faced a terrifying shipwreck as a prisoner on his way to Rome but never stopped trusting God and sharing the good news with those around him. His story reminds us that no matter what challenges we face, true story — God helps us share the good news.

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## *Prayer ministry*

### **Prayers for those with health and other concerns:**

Charles Arnold, Carol Browning, Jimmy Chefor, Judy Crowell, Kimberly Davis, Cyprain Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Ken Floyd, Bobbie Fowler, Ivone Franzolin, Marshall Gesner, Jay and Susan Graham, Nancy Guerry, Joann Hanson, Frank Huneycutt, Elaine Keefer, Bob and Beverly Koch, Pat May, her son Tim Karnes, and her son-in-law Coleman Rouborn, Cathy Osbourn, Richard Price, JoAnn Quick, Carole Ray, Judy Reck, Lisa Scrabeck, Tonya Scrabeck, Jim Shroyer, Susie Thurston, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Patrick Welborne, Sherry and Shelby Wolfe, Danny Womble

### **Prayers for family in the armed forces:**

Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Wolfgang Van Wie, Christopher Young

### **Prayers for our home-bound members:**

Bettye Burdett, Madge Casselman, Judy Crowell, Margaret Fite, Bobbie Fowler, Lila Glenn, Jay and Susan Graham, Teresa Hanson, Marcia Rober, Ann Scarr, Becky Speck, Leonard and Mary Jane Tibbetts, Dee Uhri, Biddie Walker

### **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. 12