

# *The News*

The monthly newsletter of  
First Presbyterian Church Arlington



*“In the same way, let your light shine before others,  
so that they may see your good works and give glory  
to your Father in heaven.”*

*- Matthew 5:16*

June 2026

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Deadline for the July  
newsletter is June 15.

# 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Conference

Over the first weekend of May, nine men from FPCA rolled into MO Ranch for this year's Men's Conference. Ever since we resumed attending several years ago, I have come to really



value the intergenerational relationships that are represented among our group. It is not an old man trip and it is not a youngish guys trip either. We always have a good mix of those of us working, raising families, and those with empty nests enjoying the retired life. We have a lot to share and learn from one another as we navigate these times faithfully.

Our group included a few first-timers which is always exciting. For those of us who have treasured MO over the years, it's fun to show off why that place is so special. Once again, I led my two-part brisket workshop. I was a little concerned that no one would show up (or at least not as many) since I offered it last year. But I actually had more people in my class this time!

We enjoyed the usual features of worship, keynote, Bible study, workshops, and the best part – just hanging out together. Of course those in my van ate well on the way down and back. We ate one of the new Texas Monthly top 50 joints, Mum Foods Smokehouse & Delicatessen. That last word is important because that means they smoke their own pastrami! I'm always a sucker for pastrami. And on the way home, we ate at the criminally underrated – and previous top 50 joint – Stiles Switch BBQ in Cedar Creek.

Next year will be the 75th year so we should expect an extraordinary time. For you guys out there, go ahead and mark off that first weekend of May! Also, thank you to the fine folks who helped financially scholarship conference registration for a couple of our guys this year.

Live Forever,  
Pastor Chris

# Community outreach

## 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@arlingtonliveshelter.org](mailto:alice.morris@arlingtonliveshelter.org) for meal guidelines and available dates.
- **PALS:** Partners of Arlington Life Shelter 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@arlingtonliveshelter.org](mailto:alice.morris@arlingtonliveshelter.org).

## Arlington Charities Needs:

We need your help! Rain or shine. We will be packing and distributing food for our drive-through mobile food markets. Please review the available slots below.

Volunteers need to arrive an hour before distribution start time. Please dress for the weather as this is an outdoor event. Visit [arlingtoncharities.org](http://arlingtoncharities.org) to sign up.



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

## North Texas Food Bank Needs:

We have volunteer opportunities available in many areas including food sorting, mobile pantry distribution, nutrition services, and senior food box distribution. We are also in need of volunteers who can work virtually or work with social media as ambassadors. For more information on opportunities, visit [ntfb.org/get-involved/volunteer](http://ntfb.org/get-involved/volunteer).

# Prayer ministry



## Why do we pray?

“Blessed are the poor in spirit” (Matthew 5:3)

That IS the first real question, isn't it?  
Why do we pray?

We often come with deep needs – needs we cannot address ourselves, healing we cannot produce, relationships we cannot fix, situations we cannot control. As we come, we may wonder, “Does my prayer really matter to...does it even reach...a God who is eternal and sovereign?”

A consistent searching of God's Word will reveal and assure us: God has chosen to meet us in the place where our need and His heart come together.

Prayer is not our attempt to change God's mind. Prayer is the way God draws us into His work - in us and around us. It is the way He reveals Himself and His

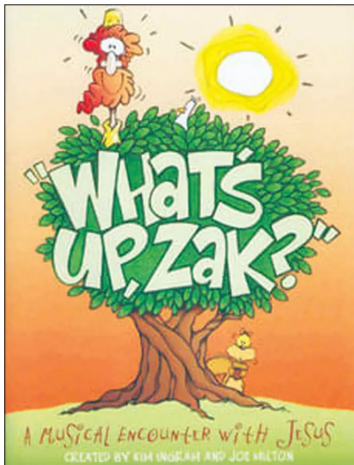
love to us – the God who rules all things listens to the cry of one person. He works in the immediate, and He works over time. He moves in circumstances, and He moves in hearts.

So, when we pray for healing, reconciliation, wisdom, or change, we are not speaking into the void or wasting our time trying to reach a God who is beyond us. We are stepping into the place where God has chosen to act.

Sometimes He changes the situation. Sometimes He changes us. Often, He does both.

Our response, our privilege, is to listen and respond. This is why we keep praying – not because we control outcomes, but because the God who loves us meets us there.

# June news



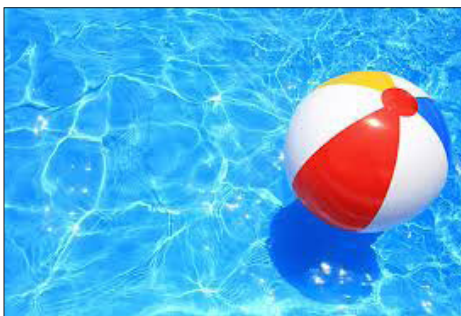
## See 'What's Up, Zak' June 6

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!

## Spring into Summer with us!

The fun-loving FPCA Fellowship Team invites you to the "Spring Into Summer Lunch" that will be held in the Fellowship Hall on June 14, immediately after the worship service. Everyone is invited!



## Give God One Percent

Each Monday 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.

## Mobile Food Market Dates

Arlington Charities is hosting mobile food markets three times in June.

Distribution lines form early and distribution ends when the food is gone.

- June 13 at 8:30 a.m. - St. Andrews United Methodist Church at 2045 S.E. Green Oaks Blvd.
- June 18 at 9 a.m. - Tarrant County College at 2100 Southeast Parkway.
- June 25 at 9 a.m. - Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 1500 California Lane.

## Allow extra time for travel June 14

Arlington will host a World Cup game Sunday, June 14 at AT&T Stadium on Collins St. This international event will attract thousands of fans, making our Sunday morning traffic heavy. Please allow extra time or find alternate routes to church June 14.

## PCHAS School Supply Campaign

PCHAS has already begun our Back to School Campaign to provide school supplies to children and youth in our programs. Our goal is to serve 100 children in Hillsboro. Most are younger (elementary age) but we want to have some items for older siblings as well. To order from the Amazon wishlist, scan the QR code.



PCHAS Back to School

# Build connections

## Bible and book studies

(see full descriptions of studies on pages 8-9)

### Tuesday Morning Bible Study for Men and Women

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

### Women's Ministry Book Study

- Mondays this summer at 6:30 p.m. See page 9 for more information

### Men's Bible Study

- Wednesdays at 8 a.m. in room 204

### CWF Women's Bible Study

- Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

## Church leadership

### Team meetings

Thursday, June 11

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**

Thursday, June 25 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.

**Ring of Praise Handbells and Children and Youth Music Ministries will not rehearse during summer.**

## 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.

- **The Naomi Group -** Every third Sunday after worship

The Naomi Group is a fellowship of church widows who go to lunch after worship each third Sunday. Contact Jim Shroyer at [jim@firstprestexas.org](mailto:jim@firstprestexas.org) with questions.

# May joys



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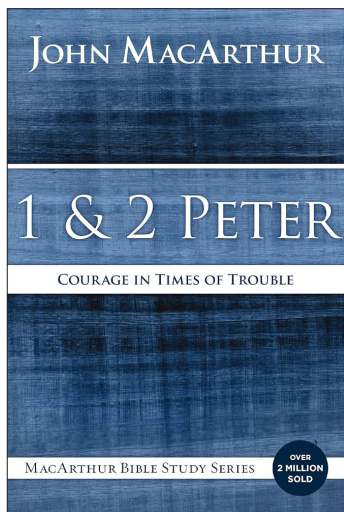
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1. Manuel LeBlanc samples some slow-cooked brisket at the Men's Conference at MO Ranch in May.
2. FPCA hosted services for National Day of Prayer May 7 in which members were led in prayer for our state, nation, youth, military, families, and church.
3. Fellowship Team representatives welcome new volunteers at the Ministry Fair May 24. The fair provided an opportunity for members and visitors to find ministries where they could use their spiritual gifts.
4. Six graduates were recognized and prayed for during Senior Recognition Sunday May 17.

# 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 be-

lievers 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.

## Wednesday Women's Bible Study Meets the second Wednesday of each month, except during summer

**\*\*Order your books now for Fall\*\***

All women welcome! Join us for learning, fellowship and service.

Order your study guide by July 1. Books are \$15 each to be paid when you pick up the book.

Please contact Debbie Richardson (der817@gmail.com or 817.675.2867) if you have questions.

This Fall's book is *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians*.

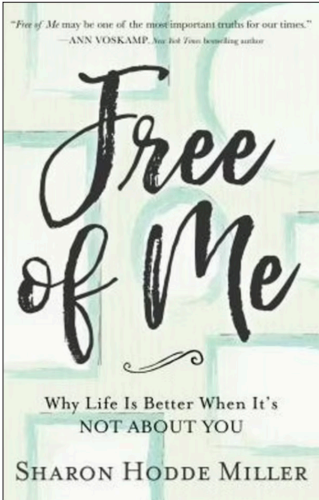
Paul wrote at a time when Christians expected Jesus' imminent return; he challenged his friends to be ready. Two thousand years later, the church is still waiting, still affirming that Jesus will return, and still proclaiming that this world has been transformed by God's life-giving love. Our challenge remains to live in ways that demonstrate our trust in the resurrection.

This Bible study will raise many questions while providing few direct answers. Those, you will seek yourself through prayerful reading, thinking, and discussion. This study hopes that unity in Jesus Christ will guide the group and inspire you, together, to do everything in love.



# Bible studies and groups

## Women's Ministry Book Study Meets Mondays this summer at 6:30 p.m.



We had so much fun last year that we're going to do it again! You're invited to the Summertime Literary and Potato Chip Snack Society. As we continue in this year's pursuit to develop a heart for service, join your sisters in Christ as we

gather to explore Sharon Hodde Miller's book, *Free of Me*.

We will learn how to move from living a life based on the world's vision, which focuses on self, into a bigger, Jesus-centered vision, guiding toward true fulfillment and purpose.

Our first night will be our book club Kickoff Party Potluck--bring your favorite dish and let's celebrate the start of summer! (We'll provide snacks the rest of the summer.)

You can find the book on Amazon, Christianbook.com, Mardel, or anywhere books are sold. Please register so we know you're coming under the Ministries tab at [firstprestexas.org](http://firstprestexas.org). For questions, please email [womensministry@firstprestexas.org](mailto:womensministry@firstprestexas.org)  
Kickoff Party: Monday, June 15, 6:30 p.m. at 2807 Zinfandel Ln.

Monday, June 29, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, July 13, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, July 27, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, August 10, 6:30 p.m.

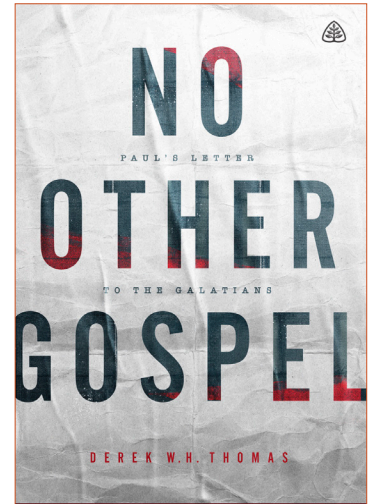
## Friendship Sunday School Class

Meets Sundays at  
9:45 in room 214

Beginning the first week of June, the Friendship Class will study the book of Galatians.

"When false teachers were distorting the gospel among the churches in Galatia, the Apostle Paul wrote an impassioned letter in order to defend the message of God's grace in Christ."

In the study *No Other Gospel*, Dr. Derek Thomas walks us through the background, teaching, and importance of the letter to the Galatians. "He encourages Christians to stand firm and rest in Christ for their salvation."



## 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.

## No Saints Alive in Summer

Join us again in September when we renew our potluck fellowship lunches.

# Finance update



## FINANCE UPDATE

### General Fund for April 2026:

	Monthly	YTD
Income & Funds Released:	54,314	337,017
Expenses:	(67,289)	(299,023)
Variance	(12,975)	37,994
Donors Income:	47,570	312,589
Budget:	75,338	301,352
Variance	(27,768)	11,237

### 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 our annual church-wide breakfast on Easter morning, sponsored by the Fellowship Team.
- have a ton of fun with the Spring Festival provided by our Children's Ministry Team for the kids of our church and neighborhood.
- give the gift of life at the FPCA Blood Drive.
- enjoy and support one of our Music Ministry Interns, Lizzy English at her junior voice recital.
- provide the opportunity to donate to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (OGHS).
- Enjoy an evening of music with Martin High School's Chamber Singers Choir.

As of April our Capital Campaign fund balance is \$194,495.

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

## June KFC Overview

Take a moment to pause and get a closer look at the amazing world around us – trees, oceans, animals, and even you! What's even more amazing is that it was all created by God, for God.

From the beginning of time, God created everything with care and purpose, showing incredible love for all of creation – especially us. The best thing we can do is give that love back by taking care of the world God has given us.

In KFC this month, kids will learn that God made the world and everything in it, we are made in God's image, God made a plan to save us, and God helps us make good choices!

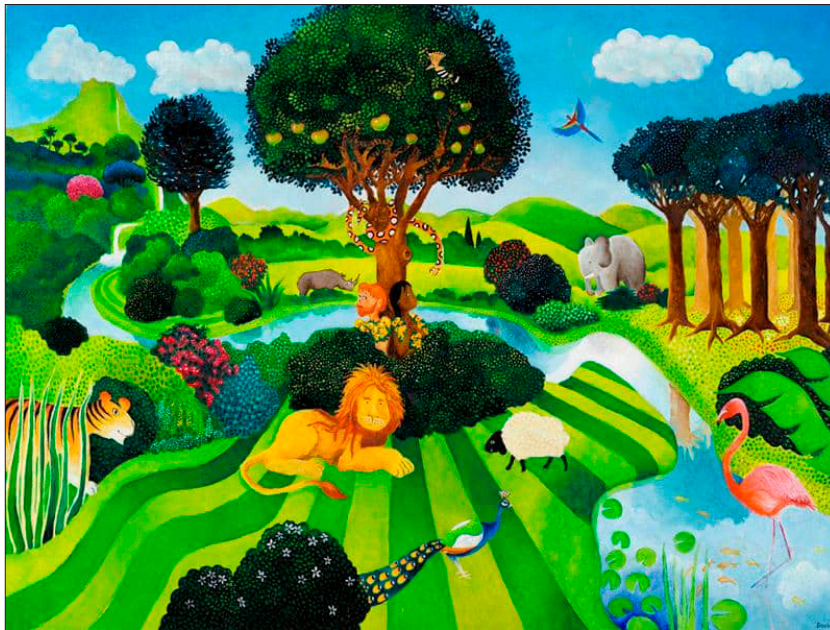
## Weekly Curriculum Summaries

**June 7:** The Bible passages are Genesis 1:1-25, 2:1-3, and Psalm 33:4-9.

This week, we'll see how God carefully created every part of the Earth, from the land and sky to plants, animals, and everything in between, filling it with beauty and purpose. Every waterfall, forest, and creature is a reminder that God made the world and everything in it.

**June 14:** The Bible passages are Genesis 1:26-31, 2:4-7, and Matthew 9:35-10:8.

This week, we'll see how God created



the first humans with care and purpose, designing them to reflect who God is in a way nothing else can. Just as God made Adam and Eve with intention, we can trust that we were wonderfully

made, too, because we are made in God's image.

**June 21:** The Bible passages are Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-15, and Romans 6:1-11.

This week, we'll see how Adam and Eve lived in a perfect world and still made a wrong choice, but God didn't give up on them. From the very beginning, God had a plan to fix what was broken, proving that God made a plan to save us.

**June 28:** The Bible passages are Genesis 4:2-16, Romans 6:12-13, and Romans 6:20-23

This week, we'll see how two brothers, Cain and Abel, responded differently to what God asked of them. Abel followed God's way, but Cain let anger take over, reminding us that when we're unsure what to do, God helps us make good choices.

## Memory Verse

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." - Psalm 24:1

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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, Elaine Keefer, Bob and Beverly Koch, Pat May, her son Tim Karnes, and her son-in-law Coleman Rabourn, Cathy Osbourn, Richard Price, JoAnn Quick, Carole Ray, Judy Reck, Lisa Scrabeck, Tonya Scrabeck, Susie Thurston, Donna Vickers, John 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.