



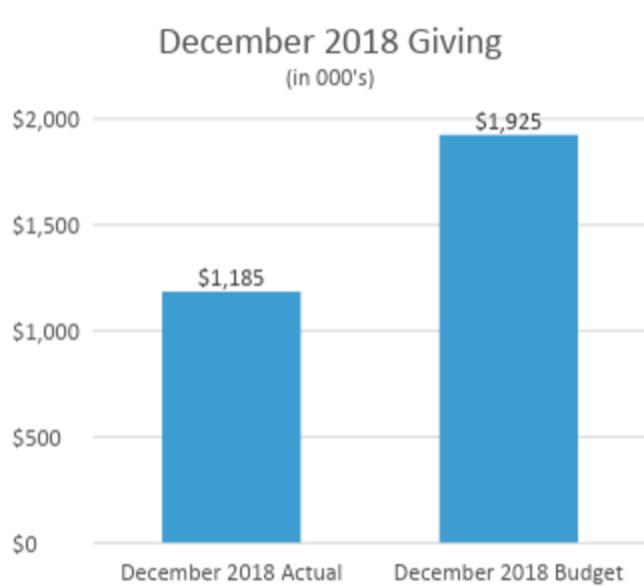
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Key Updates & Reminders | January 3, 2019

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Each year FPC dedicates the Christmas Eve offering to selected ministry partners. This year's Christmas Eve offering recipients were **International Justice Mission (IJM)** and their ministry in Uganda, which seeks justice for widows and children, and one of our newer partners, **Street Grace**, which works to dismantle the infrastructure of sex trafficking right here in Houston. As a result of your generosity, FPC collected **\$17,668.78** to aid in the mission and vision of these dedicated ministries. Thank you for your continued support of FPC and its partners.



FINANCIAL UPDATE: DECEMBER 2018*

This graph reflects actual giving for the month of December relative to budget. December accounts for nearly 25% of FPC's annual budget—and plays a crucial role in allowing us to maintain our commitments to ministry partners in the city and around the world. Your pledge supports the church and the work of God's Kingdom. We pray for your continued generosity toward the work of Christ in and through FPC.

**This graph reflects giving through end-of-day December 30, 2018. Our regular year-to-date chart with final giving through the end of December will be available next week. Any contributions made by midnight December 31 will be applied to the 2018 tax year.*



NEW SERMON SERIES: TWENTY QUESTIONS

This Sunday we will kick off our "20 Questions" sermon series with the following question: **Does Prayer Really Work?** The goal of this series is to explore some of the common questions that we have about faith and Christianity...identified and submitted by YOU, the friends and family of FPC. For more information or to see some of the topics that will be covered, visit fpchouston.org/20Questions.

ALL-CITY WORSHIP & PRAYER

Sun | Jan 6 | 5-6:30pm | Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

On January 6, we will join with our sister ECO Congregations, Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church (MDPC) and Grace Presbyterian Church for an evening of worship and prayer for our congregations and our city as we begin the New Year.

MDPC is located at 11612 Memorial Dr. Houston, TX 77024



2019 CHOIR GALA: SOUNDS FOR THE SOUL

Sat | Jan 12 | 6:30pm | Junior League of Houston

The combined choirs of FPC will host the 2019 Choir Gala: Sounds For The Soul. This evening of music, featuring Broadway favorites, performances by surprise special guests, and a tribute to Dr. John Yarrington, will raise funds to provide donations to mission partners and choir scholarships in conjunction with the 2019 Choir Mission Trip to the Holy Land. To purchase seats or a table for the gala, please visit fpchouston.org/coirmission2019.

WORSHIP WITH ERIC METAXAS

Sun | Jan 20 | 8:30 & 10:45am | Special Worship Schedule

This month FPC welcomes bestselling author, Eric Metaxas, whose work includes *Martin Luther* and *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy*. **We will have only two services on this day, 8:30am and 10:45am.** In between, Mr. Metaxas will be on hand to autograph a variety of books from his collection of bestsellers.



IF: GATHERING LOCAL

Fri-Sat | Feb 8-9 | FPC

Join us at FPC February 8-9 as we come together for the IF: Gathering. We will talk part in amazing worship together and hear wonderful teachers share with us what it means to rely on the wisdom of God and not on our own understanding. We are so excited to bring this special event to FPC and we would love for you to join us. Childcare is available by registration. For more information and to register, visit fpchouston.org/if-gathering.

Upcoming Events & Activities

All-City Worship & Prayer Gathering
Jan 6 | 5-6:30pm | Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

Monthly Prayer Walk for Cullen Middle School
Jan 9 | 6-7pm | Cullen Middle School

Hops and Hymnsing
Jan 11 | 6-8pm | For more information contact jmyers@fpchouston.org

Choir Gala 2019: Sounds for the Soul
Jan 12 | 6:30pm | Junior League of Houston

Worship with Eric Metaxas
Jan 20 | 8:30 & 10:45am | Sanctuary

IF: Gathering Local
Feb 8-9 | FPC

[Click here for more information about events and activities happening at FPC.](#)



Mission Opportunities

Perspectives | Sundays | Jan 20-May 5 | 4-7pm | Houston Chinese Church

Experience 15 powerful lessons that have equipped thousands of believers with greater vision, hope, and passion. In Perspectives, Scripture, history, culture, and strategy converge to reveal God's redemptive purposes. He is on a mission to bless the peoples of the earth and you are invited to join him. For more information and to register contact Ellie Tow at ellie.perspectives@gmail.com or visit perspectives.org/swHouston.

Congregational Care Updates

In the Hospital:

- Madeline DuPont (Mother of Al DuPont)

Sympathy To:

- Doug and Marcia Newport on the death of his mother, Mary Lorene Newport, on December 19, 2018.
- Paul and Shelley Homeyer on the death of his mother, Dorothy Bahr Homeyer, on December 23, 2018.
- Alan and Jan Sexton and family on the death of his mother Lillian Sexton, on Monday, December 17, 2018.
- Jessica Kij and Peter deVries and family on the death of their mother, Robbie P. deVries, on Sunday, December 2, 2018.



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