



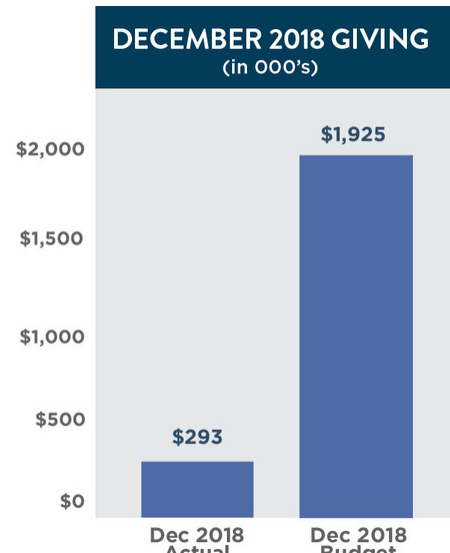
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Key Updates & Reminders | December 14, 2018

END-OF-YEAR GIVING UPDATE

It is your generosity that supports the many ministries of FPC. As you consider your year-end giving commitments, please keep in mind that 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.

We invite you to give generously to the work of Christ in and through FPC and remind you again that **every** gift matters!



This graph represents December giving as of 12.09.18

YEAR-END GIVING REMINDERS

All contributions to FPC that you wish to have credited in 2018 for tax purposes can be delivered:

- By mail (must be postmarked by Dec 31)
- Via email at fpchouston.org/giving until midnight Dec 31
- In person; FPC will be open on Dec 31 from 9am–3pm.

Stocks must be in FPC's brokerage account before or on Dec 31, 2018. Please plan accordingly as there is a time lapse when dealing with stock donations. For detailed instructions, please visit our [Donate Stock](#) page. Also, please notify the church finance office so the gift can be reflected on your contribution statement.



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Dec 24 | Sanctuary & Grand Hall

- 3pm • Children & Family Service featuring Children's Choir • Grand Hall
- 5pm • Contemporary Service featuring Resound! Youth Choir • Grand Hall
- 7pm • Traditional Service led by Sanctuary Singers • Sanctuary
- 9pm • Traditional Service led by Chancel Choir • Sanctuary

2019 CHOIR GALA: SOUNDS FOR THE SOUL

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

The combined choirs of FPC are pleased to announce 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. For more information and to purchase seats or a table for the gala, please visit fpchouston.org/choirmission2019.



WORSHIP WITH ERIC METAXAS

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

Next 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, 8:30 am and 10:45 am. In between, Mr. Metaxas will be on hand to autograph a variety of books from his collection of bestsellers. Mark your calendars now and don't miss the opportunity to receive biblical insights from our accomplished guest.

SAVE THE DATE: NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECT

Jan 27 | 5-6:30pm | Neighborhood Host Homes

Mark your calendar to join other FPC members and friends as we gather for fun and fellowship in a neighborhood near you. This is a great opportunity to get to know others connected with FPC who live nearby. Opportunities to host are still available. To host or register, please contact Susan Miclette at smiclette@comcast.net.



Worship Schedule

***Special Schedule: Christmas Music Sunday**

Dec 16 | All Services | Sanctuary & Grand Hall

8:30am | Christmas In Blue | Sanctuary

9:45am | Daniel Gawthrop's Hope of Israel | Sanctuary

11:00am | Daniel Gawthrop's Hope of Israel | Sanctuary

11:05am | Christmas In Blue | Grand Hall

Please note that our livestream this weekend will begin at 11am. For more information about worship services and direction, visit our [I'm New](#) page at fpchouston.org.



Upcoming Events & Activities

Middle School Christmas Carnival

Dec 15 | 6-7:30pm | Grand Hall & Mini Gym

Christmas Music Sunday

Dec 16 | All Services | Sanctuary & Grand Hall

Adult Plus Luncheon

Dec 17 | 10am-1pm | Fellowship Hall

Cullen Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

Dec 19 | 7:30-8:45am | Cullen MS

Engaging the Muslim World Prayer Gathering

Dec 20 | 12-1pm | Chapel

Christmas Eve Services

Dec 24 | 3, 5, 7, 9pm | Sanctuary & Grand Hall

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

Mission Opportunities

FPC Christmas Eve Offering • Dec 24 • All Services

This year's Christmas Eve offering will benefit two of our ministry partners; longtime ministry partner IJM and their ministry in Uganda which seeks justice for widows and children, and a new ministry partner, Street Grace, which is seeking justice for those trapped in sex trafficking right here in Houston. All loose plate offerings and checks designated with "justice" or "Christmas Eve" will go towards supporting these ministries. Thank you for giving generously for justice.

Cullen Middle School Winter Fest • Thurs • Dec 20 • 1:30pm • Cullen Middle School

Cullen Middle School will be holding its 1st annual Winter Fest for students on December 20. There will be games and stations for students to participate in. In order to make this the best it can be, Friends of Cullen is asking for volunteers to monitor the halls as well as facilitate the games and activities. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Taylor Ramsay at friendsofcullen@gmail.com.



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