

## MINISTRY UPDATES

### Friends,

Today's communication is an abbreviated version of our usual weekly Ministry Update email. Below you will find ministry opportunities, as well as our calendar for the Advent season.

### Happy Thanksgiving!

We pray that this holiday, you will be blessed through acknowledging our Heavenly Father as the giver of all good and perfect gifts, provider of new mercies each day, and blessings beyond measure. That, by God's grace, we may all behold his goodness and respond in thankfulness to serve in love.

Please note, the FPC campus will be closed from Wednesday, November 24 through Friday, November 26. If you have a time-sensitive need during this time, please contact our answering service at 713.513.7564.



### ADVENT AT FPC

#### Celebrate Advent With Us

Join us for Advent as we enter into the promises of God's history of redemption as proclaimed in Biblical Songs through our series: **Songs of Advent**.

#### Advent Wreath Lighting

Sundays | Nov 28 & Dec 5, 12, 19, 24 | Both Services

#### Family Advent Celebration

Sun | Dec 5 | 11:45 AM–2 PM | Fellowship Hall

#### 20th Annual Advent Missions Market

Sun | Dec 5, 12, & 19 | 9 AM–1 PM | Palm Court

#### 41st Annual Messiah Sing-Along

Sun | Dec 5 | 7:30 PM | In-Person & Online | Sanctuary

#### Christmas Eve Worship

3 PM | Children & Family Service | Grand Hall  
5 PM | Contemporary | Grand Hall  
7 & 9 PM | Traditional | Sanctuary

For a full list of descriptions of all the events listed above, visit our [FPC Advent](#) page.



### WORSHIP

#### Join Us This Sunday For Worship!

##### In-Person & Online

Contemporary Service | Grand Hall | 10:45 AM  
Traditional Service | Sanctuary | 10:45 AM

##### Join Us Online

Worship with your FPC family or invite a friend:

[FPC Live](#) | [Facebook](#) | [YouTube](#)



### SUNDAY MORNING DISCIPLESHIP

#### Children's Sunday School | 9:30–10:30 AM

PreK-3rd grade | Check-in at Connections Desk  
4th/5th grade | Check-in at the Chapel

#### Children's Worship Care | 9:15–11:15 AM

Childcare during worship is available for infants-PreK. Please drop off your child(ren) at the Connections Desk near the Sanctuary.

#### Youth Sunday School

Drop-off is at 9:20 AM | Youth Area

[MS Registration](#) | 9:30–10:30 AM

[HS Registration](#) | 9:45–10:30 AM

#### Young Adult Sunday School

Sundays | 9:35–10:35 AM | Library

#### Adult Discipleship Sunday School

##### Boomers

Born 1940-1959 | 9:30–10:30 AM | Living Room

##### Cornerstone

Parents | 9:30–10:30 AM | Solarium

##### Intersections

Intergenerational Class | 9:30–10:30 AM | Fellowship Hall



### MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

#### Open Door Mission | Toys 4 Kids Drive

Local FPC priority partner, Open Door Mission (ODM), is a rehab and recovery facility for homeless men in Houston. They are hosting a toy drive to bless the children of these men with Christmas presents. To donate a gift, you may purchase a toy from the Amazon wish list [here](#). To learn more about this event and how to donate to ODM, click [here](#).

#### Agape Development | Christmas Gift Giving Opportunity

The Agape Development Christmas Store provides an opportunity for parents to purchase gifts for their children at a reduced price, empowering them to choose the gifts that their family wakes up to on Christmas day. You can be a part of their empowerment journey! Shop at this [link](#) to have a gift delivered to the Christmas Store.

#### [houston welcomes refugees](#) | Donations & Volunteers Needed

With the huge influx of refugees arriving, [houston welcomes refugees](#) is in need of more volunteers to serve as [Welcome Team members](#). FPC has several "Welcome Teams" formed who are coming alongside families. Prepaid Visa gift cards are a blessing for our refugee families, enabling them to shop for needed items and clothing. If you would like to donate a gift card, contact [Mary-Floye Federer](#).

For more information, contact [Lea Byrd](#).

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### CARING

#### GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays

Sun | Dec 5 | 12–2 PM | Library

Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated? Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is for people who are grieving a loved one's death. Register [here](#).

#### DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays

Sun | Dec 12 | 12–2 PM | Living Room

After separation or divorce, your holidays won't look the same as they used to. This seminar will help you manage the holidays after separation and divorce. Register [here](#).

### CHILDREN & FAMILY

#### Dodgeball with Dudes

Fri | Dec 3 | 6:30–8:30 PM | Mini-Gym

Bring your dad, grandpa, or other favorite dude for a fun night of dodgeball and burgers! To register, email [Allison Parker](#).

### EVANGELISM

#### Seeker-Friendly Bible Group

All are welcome to this time of reading and discussion to engage with the Bible and encounter Jesus in its pages. This group meets every Wednesday at 7:30 PM.

To receive critical updates and campus alerts via text, please register by texting "Updates" to 484848.



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