

# Life

AT FPC



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# This Summer at FPC

## Summer Sermon Series

On Sunday, June 11, we kick off our summer sermon series. This is a two-part exploration of Psalm 23 that will carry us through the end of August. This well-known passage is a “touchstone text” to which many of us often return. This is due to its profound portrayal of God’s intentional intimacy with us, as well as its invitation to experience confidence and trust in Him. Like looking through updated prescriptive lenses, hearing a remastered album, or experiencing a rich and robust conversation with a dear friend, this series will explore each line of Psalm 23, reflecting on two themes: God as our Shepherd and God as our Host.

### Adult Devotional

Each week, the pastors will share from a short phrase found in the Psalm, weaving together references from across the canon of Scripture to help bring new meaning to a familiar favorite. We invite you to personally reflect on these daily devotional questions, bookended with prayer.

### Children’s Devotional

The Children & Family Ministry prepared a short kid-friendly guide for parents to help you have conversations as a family as you “walk along the road” this summer. Weave these questions into your everyday life—as you drive to new places, eat together, at bedtime, anytime!

Devotionals will be available on June 11, 2023.  
To download, visit [fpchouston.org/summer](https://fpchouston.org/summer).

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## All-Church Sunday School

SUNDAYS | AUG 6–27 | 9:30–10:30 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Everyone is invited to join us for our companion Sunday School series in August, *The Art of Neighboring*. Since God welcomes us to His table, what does it mean to welcome others into our lives with open arms and hearts? What about with open doors and open schedules? What would this look like on your cul-de-sac, block, or hallway?



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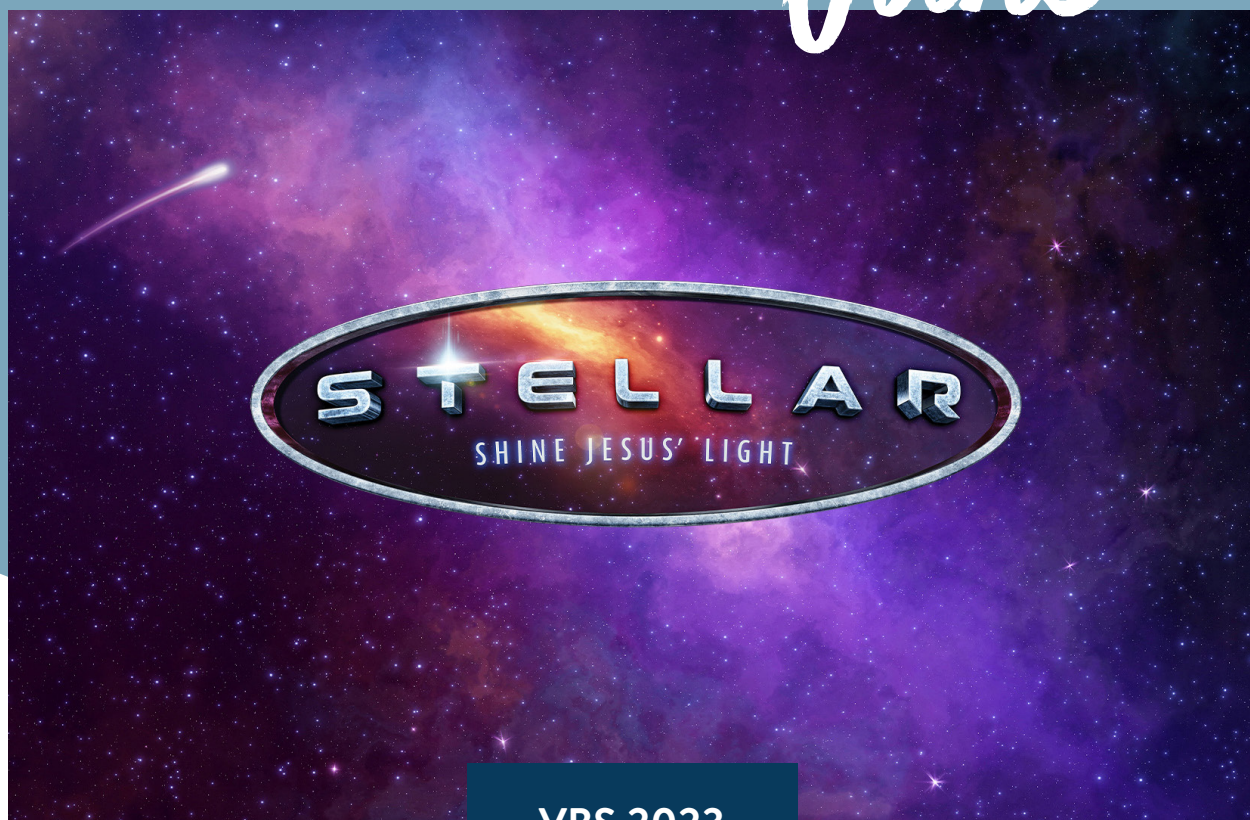
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# June



VBS 2023

MON-FRI | JUNE 5-9 | 9 AM-12 PM

Prepare for lift-off! The greatest week in the world, scratch that, in the GALAXY is getting ready to launch! Join us on a cosmic quest where your kids will have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Find details at [fpchouston.org/vbs](http://fpchouston.org/vbs).

VBS 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY | SUN | JUNE 11 | 10:45 AM | GRAND HALL

The fun doesn't stop when VBS ends! Join us for the "sixth day" of VBS during the Contemporary Service featuring VBS music and testimonies from the week. Afterwards, all are invited to a celebration lunch in Fellowship Hall. Childcare is provided during the Worship Service.

monthly

## Young Adult Happy Hour

MON | JUNE 5 | 6-9 PM | KIRBY ICE HOUSE

Join the Young Adult group for their monthly Happy Hour! Come whenever, leave whenever; bring a friend and make new ones!

weekly

**First Place for Health**

MONDAYS | JUNE 5–JULY 13 | 6:30–8:30 PM | FH 253

Join other women in a book study and discussion designed to apply the truth of scripture to our health. This season, the group will read *A New Beginning* by Christin Ditchfield, which offers encouragement to “look to Jesus for all the wisdom and courage and strength you need to make a fresh start.”

**Movie & Taco Night**

SAT | JUNE 10 | 4–7 PM | LC 080

Join us to watch a movie over popcorn and your favorite movie snacks. Immediately after, the group will retreat to Hermann Park for tacos. This event is a great opportunity to invite a friend of any faith to join.

**Hops & Hymns**

SUN | JUNE 11 | 6–9 PM | OFF CAMPUS

Organized by FPC Young Adults, this event is for all generations to enjoy. Come one and come all to gather in the Meikles' home to sing songs and hymns. Bring food to share and invite a friend!

monthly

**WoW Summer Study**

TUES | JUNE 13 | 10–11:30 AM | LC 181

Join women of all stages of life for a morning of study and fellowship at FPC or online.

monthly

**Engaging the Muslim World Prayer Time**

THUR | JUNE 15 | 12–1 PM | ZOOM

Several FPC partners engage with Muslims both locally and globally. In support of these friends, a small group of prayer warriors gather each month via Zoom to pray. To participate, please email Mary-Floye Federer at [mffederer@fpchouston.org](mailto:mffederer@fpchouston.org).

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**Local Mission Partner Field Trip**

THUR | JUNE 22 | 12 PM | THE FORGE

Local Mission Partner “field trips” are designed for individuals interested in exploring mission opportunities by visiting local partners in need of volunteers. Participants either meet at FPC and carpool or meet at the ministry location depending on the specific partner. Visit [fpchouston.org/upcoming-opportunities](https://fpchouston.org/upcoming-opportunities) to sign up. Reservations are necessary.

## Youth Summer Events

weekly

**High School Bible Study**

THURSDAYS | JUNE 1–AUG 3 | 7–9 PM | YOUTH HOUSE

High School students will gather at the Youth House for a co-ed Bible study of the book of Galatians.

**Youth Summer Kick Back**

SUN | JUNE 4 | 6–8 PM | OFF CAMPUS

Join us for live music, dinner, fellowship, and a celebration of the conclusion of another school year! All current 6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> graders (2022/23 school year) are welcome! Contact [morourke@fpchouston.org](mailto:morourke@fpchouston.org) with any questions.

weekly

**High School Sports Night**

TUESDAYS | JUNE 6–AUG 1 | 5–7 PM | OFF CAMPUS

Join us at a park in Houston to play games and right after, grab dinner together to gather and enjoy each other's company! For locations or any questions, call or text the High School boys director, Alex Betts at 832.278.8144.

weekly

**Youth Summer Dive**

MIDDLE SCHOOL

WEDNESDAYS | JUNE 7–AUG 2 | 6–8 PM | OFF CAMPUS

HIGH SCHOOL

SUNDAYS | JUNE 11, JULY 2, 23 | 7–9 PM | OFF CAMPUS

Students are invited to this weekly gathering to hear the testimonies of their leaders and have a fun evening of swimming, games, and dinner. For more information, contact [jbolt@fpchouston.org](mailto:jbolt@fpchouston.org).

weekly

**Middle School D2**

SUNDAYS | JUNE 11–JULY 31 | 6–8 PM | YOUTH HOUSE

Join other Middle schoolers for a meal, fellowship, and small group discussion. Feel free to invite a friend!

**Please Note:** Refer to the Youth staff about meeting dates occurring during the weeks of Youth trips. .

# July



## Mo-Ranch 2023

THUR-SUN | JULY 13-16 | HUNT, TX

Nestled on 500 acres along the spring-fed Guadalupe River, Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly is located in the heart of the beautiful Hill Country in Hunt, Texas. Each year, this setting offers a wonderful backdrop as we gather as a community to enjoy fellowship, learning, God's beautiful creation, and fun for all ages!

### monthly

#### Young Adult Happy Hour

MON | JULY 3 | 6-9 PM | KIRBY ICE HOUSE

Join the Young Adult group for their monthly Happy Hour! Come whenever, leave whenever; bring a friend and make new ones!

#### Young Adults @ the Astros

SAT | JULY 8 | 6:15 PM | MINUTE MAID PARK

Join the Young Adults as they root on the Astros! The group is purchasing a block of tickets in the upper deck of Minute Maid to see our team play the Seattle Mariners. Sign up for a seat by June 11!

## FPC Vision Trip to Egypt

SUN-TUES | JULY 9-18 | JOSSOUR-BRIDGES OF HOPE AND HERE I AM CONFERENCE | EGYPT

FPC has amazing ministry partners in Egypt, and Missions is excited to be taking a vision team there again for a mission conference, visits to multiple mission partners, and sightseeing. For more details, email Mary-Floye Federer at [mffederer@fpchouston.org](mailto:mffederer@fpchouston.org).

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## Engaging the Muslim World Prayer Time

THUR | JULY 20 | 12-1 PM | ZOOM

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## Youth Trips

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### BIG STUF TRIP

Sun-Fri | June 18-23 | Panama City Beach, Florida

#### MISSION IN THE CITY

Mon-Fri | July 24-28 | Nehemiah Center, Houston

### HIGH SCHOOL

#### OUTREACH TRIP

Mon-Sat | June 12-17 | Tegucigalpa, Honduras

#### ADVENTURE TRIP

Sun-Sun | July 1-8 | Zion National Park, Utah

These are great opportunities to hang with other students and grow closer to God. To learn more, visit [fpchouston.org/youthtrips](http://fpchouston.org/youthtrips).



# August



## Blessing of the Backpacks

SUN | AUG 27 | 10:45 AM | GRAND HALL

It's Back-to-School time once again! All students and teachers will be invited to the front for a special message during the Worship Service. Following the service, all are welcome to join the Children and Family Ministry for a luncheon to kick off the school year! We will enjoy food, fellowship, and fun for the whole family.

## Charles Alford Summer Celebration

SUN | AUG 6 | 6 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join the Youth group for our annual Charles Alford Summer Celebration and dinner in the Fellowship Hall as we celebrate all that God did through the FPC Youth group during Summer 2023!

monthly

## Young Adult Happy Hour

MON | AUG 7 | 6-9 PM | KIRBY ICE HOUSE

Join the Young Adult group for their monthly Happy Hour! Come whenever, leave whenever; bring a friend and make new ones!



## Stephen Ministry Information Session

SUN | AUG 13 | 12–2 PM | LIVING ROOM

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life. Come learn how you can be involved in Stephen Ministry and how to apply for our upcoming training class this Fall 2023.

monthly

## WoW Summer Study

TUES | AUG 15 | 10–11:30 AM | LC 181

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monthly

## Engaging the Muslim World Prayer Time

THUR | AUG 17 | 12–1 PM | ZOOM

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## Explore FPC Class

SAT | AUG 19 | 9 AM–3 PM | LC 181

We invite you to learn what it means to become a member, or Covenant Partner, of FPC. This class explores the tenets of our reformed faith and ways to engage in discipleship and community with the goal of spiritual maturity. Register today at [fpchouston.org/explorefpc](https://fpchouston.org/explorefpc).

## Movie & Taco Night

SAT | AUG 19 | 4–9 PM | LC 080

Join us to watch a movie over popcorn and your favorite movie snacks. Immediately after, the group will retreat to Hermann Park for tacos. This event is a great opportunity to invite a friend of any faith to join.

## Blood Drive

SUN | AUG 20 | 9 AM–1 PM | MINI GYM

Give the gift of life by donating blood here at FPC. Sign up to donate at [fpchouston.org/events](https://fpchouston.org/events) or contact [caring@fpchouston.org](mailto:caring@fpchouston.org) with questions.

monthly

## Middle School D2

SUNDAYS | BEGINS AUG 20

5:30–7 PM | YOUTH HOUSE

Each Sunday evening, join other Middle schoolers for a meal, fellowship, and small group discussion. Feel free to invite a friend!

monthly

## Sojourn Book Club

TUES | AUG 22 | 6–8 PM | ZOOM

Gather in community with other women who love to read and encounter spirituality in everyday books. This month, we will read *Dandelion Wine* by Ray Bradbury. For more information, contact Pam Harada at [pamelakate@comcast.net](mailto:pamelakate@comcast.net).

## **TED Talk Discussion & Tacos**

THUR | AUG 24 | 7-9 PM | SOLARIUM

Do you find Ted Talks interesting? Would you like to discuss your thoughts with others? Invite a friend and join us to have a taco dinner, watch an intellectually engaging Ted Talk, and discuss its relevance in your life and the culture around us. This event is a great opportunity to invite a friend of any faith to join you.

## **Children & Family Ministry Open House**

SAT | AUG 26 | 10:30-11:30 AM | FPC CAMPUS

Calling all children and parents! Come check out new Sunday School classrooms and get ready for another fun year of Children's Ministry.

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## **Young Adult Pool Party**

SAT | AUG 26 | OFF CAMPUS

Get relief from the Houston heat and humidity! Bring a friend and come make new ones! For the time and location, email [youngadults@fpchouston.org](mailto:youngadults@fpchouston.org).

## **Joining Day**

SUN | AUG 27 | ALL SERVICES

The FPC family continues to grow! This Sunday, we welcome those who have completed our Explore FPC course and decided to unite with FPC as Covenant Partners.

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## **DivorceCare**

SUNDAYS | BEGINS AUG 27 | 9-10:30 AM | FPC CAMPUS

DivorceCare is a safe space where caring people come alongside you as you find healing from the pain of separation or divorce.

monthly

## **High School Worship Night**

WEDNESDAYS | BEGINS AUG 30 | 7-8:30 PM | YOUTH HOUSE

Are you a High schooler and would like to set apart a night with friends for worship and prayer? Once a month, gather with other students for Worship Night, and feel free to invite a friend!





## STAY CONNECTED WITH FPC

To receive weekly updates on key activities via email, sign up for eWeekly at [fpchouston.org/email](https://fpchouston.org/email).

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To manage details about your own participation at FPC, update your profile information and join or access the online member directory, visit [fpchouston.org/infellowship](https://fpchouston.org/infellowship).

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A printed copy of the **FPC Member Directory** can be found at the Welcome Center desk.

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**Download the FPC Houston app** through your device's app store to access features such as weekly live stream, sermon podcasts, upcoming events, and ways to get connected.

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