

## Friends,

Just a reminder to join us in Fellowship Hall this Sunday at 9:30 AM for week two of our annual All-Church Sunday School class. While you're there, consider signing up to join our Fall 2023 Greeter Team and be among those helping to welcome members and guests into FPC each Sunday morning.

Finally, this Sunday is the last day to complete our church survey. If you haven't already done so, you can click **here** now and use the password **fpchtx**.

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#### Join us for Fall Kick-Off Sunday

Mark your calendar to attend our annual kick-off to the ministry year. Join us beginning at 9:15 AM in Fellowship Hall for breakfast, a message from Pastor Curtis about the year ahead, and a fair featuring the ministries, classes, and groups specifically focused on helping you grow in faith. We can't wait to see you there!

### **KEY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**



# 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.

Join us for an info session to learn how you can get involved in Stephen Ministry.

Register >



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 >



### Sun | Aug 20 | 9 AM-1 PM | Mini Gym

Did you know the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center needs 1,000 donations every day to serve patients in our community? Your donation could mean the difference between life and death for someone. Please bring your ID with you to donate.

Register >

### **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

Looking for a way to serve or connect with our local and global mission partners? See full details about current opportunities using the More Ways to Serve link below.

# **Bridges International Welcome Party**

Volunteers Needed to Host | Sat | Aug 19 | 11:30 AM

Join Houston Bridges as they welcome new international students to our wonderful city! Volunteers are needed to serve as hosts and help with setup and cleanup. This is an incredible opportunity to show God's love toward these bright, future world leaders who are eager to make new friends.

Sign Up >

# **Agape Development**

Volunteers Needed for After-School Programs

Agape Development is looking for dedicated volunteers to help with their after-school programs starting in September.

Opportunities include program assistant, reading assistant, and teen program speaker/leader. Please email Amanda

Garner for more information and to sign up.

# The Forge

#### Volunteers Needed

With the start of a new school year just around the corner, The Forge is looking for volunteers dedicated to equipping families to fulfill their God given potential. View their upcoming volunteer opportunities **here** and get involved today!

**MORE WAYS TO SERVE** 

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# **Small Group Leadership Training**

Sun | Aug 20 | 12-2 PM | LC 181

How do we gain wisdom to answer questions and respond to current cultural issues? Small group leaders and those interested in becoming one are invited to a training to explore this question in community with Pastor Caitlin, Pastor Jon, Marriage and Parenting Director Catie Smith, and Pastoral Resident Jeanmarie Tade. We will enjoy lunch, fellowship, and discussion. RSVP required to Sara Buskirk.

# Promotion Sunday & Back-to-School Lunch

Sunday, August 27

Join us for the start of the new school year at FPC! This is the first day children will attend Sunday School in their 2023/2024 grade level. Following Sunday School, join us in Grand Hall at 10:45 AM where students and teachers will bring a special message. After service, enjoy lunch and activities for the whole family in Fellowship Hall!

#### **DivorceCare**

Begins Sunday, August 27 | 9-10:30 AM | CE 225

DivorceCare is a safe space where caring people come alongside you as you find healing from the pain of separation or divorce. This 13-week, video-based support group program offers helpful counsel and practical tools.

Learn More & Register >

For a full list of upcoming events, visit the FPC Events Calendar.

**EVENTS CALENDAR** 

#### **SUNDAY MORNING**

Join us this Sunday, in person or online, for one of our three services: 8:15 AM Convergent | 10:45 AM Contemporary | 11 AM Traditional

**LEARN MORE** 

**SUNDAY RESOURCES** 

# Congregational Care Updates | Counseling Resources | Prayer & Support | Employment

We encourage you to share this newsletter with family and friends!





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