

Friends,

This Sunday is the third week of our annual All-Church Sunday School class. Join us in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM where we will hear Pastor Caitlin speak on the topic of *Overcoming Fear: Neighboring Can Be Both Messy and Powerful*. 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.

We also have our Blood Drive happening this Sunday in the Mini Gym from 9 AM–1 PM. See more information and a link to register below.

Continue reading for more on life at FPC this week...



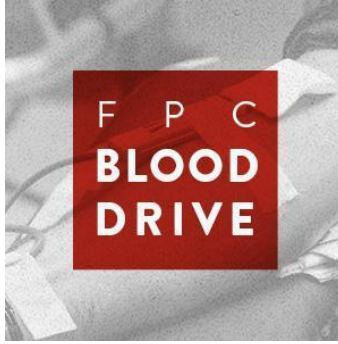
Fall
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8:15 & 11 AM Sanctuary 10:45 AM Grand Hall	Breakfast & Message From Pastor Curtis	Ministries Designed to Grow in Faith

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 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 >](#)



Sunday, August 27

Next Sunday is the first time children will attend Sunday School in their 23/24 grade level. Then, students and teachers will help bring a special message in the Contemporary Worship service. The day will culminate with lunch and activities for the whole family in Fellowship Hall!



Sun | Aug 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 to help you through this difficult time.

[Register >](#)

FPC MEMBER HIGHLIGHT



This past April, Main Street Ministries honored First Presbyterian Church Member, **Phil Peirce**, with the annual *Way Maker Award*. Main Street Ministries reserves the Way Maker Award for individuals or organizations that exemplify God's calling to remove barriers for individuals on the margin (Isaiah 57:14). Phil Peirce served as the Director of Operation ID at Main Street for 17 years. He led the program with love and true care for the clients being served each day. Take a moment to watch the video above that was made in Phil's honor.

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.

Perspectives Class

Begins Tuesday, August 22 | 6:30–9 PM | Seven Mile Road Church

One of the most impacting and effective mission mobilizing classes is *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement*.

This 15-week course examines the story of God fulfilling His promises from four vantage points or “perspectives”—Biblical, Historical, Cultural, and Strategic. Many from FPC have taken Perspectives and are still engaged and passionate about missions.

[Register >](#)

Restoring Justice | Freedom Party

Fri | Aug 25 | 3:30–5:30 PM

Restoring Justice is hosting a celebration of freedom for their current clients and they could use your help with making this party a success! The theme is Freedom to be Well, focusing on Health & Wellness and providing music, food, makeovers, and resources. If you or anyone you know has a health and wellness background, your expertise is welcomed. Please contact [Monique Joseph](#) if you would like to get involved.

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.

[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](#).

Chancel Choir Fall Kick-Off Workshop

Sat | Sept 9 | 8:30 AM–12 PM | CE 240

The FPC Chancel Choir is looking for new singers! Come see what it's all about by participating in their annual Fall Workshop to kick off the year. Contact [Nancy Turner](#) for more information and so that preparations may be made for your participation.

Moms' Book Groups

Begin Sept 12 & 13 | Multiple Times & Locations

Calling all moms: connect with one of the three FPC Moms' Groups this fall, and feel free to invite a friend! Meeting times and books that will be studied vary between the groups.

[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

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