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CHURCH-WIDE EVENTS

Neighborhood Connect–Fall 2023 Gatherings

OCTOBER (DATES VARY BY NEIGHBORHOOD)

Neighborhood Connect is here to make the BIG church feel smaller. By connecting in our assigned neighborhood groups, we each receive an opportunity to think about our geographic communities as a place where we can build relationships, foster communal service, and invite those around us to experience the love of Christ...beyond the church walls. Gathering dates will be announced in late September. Visit fpchouston.org/neighborhoodconnect for the latest information.

Annual Congregational Meeting

SUN | OCT 15

Save the date for our annual congregational meeting where we will receive an update on the growth, vision, and activities of FPC.

Presbyterian School Sunday

SUN | OCT 22 | ALL SERVICES

FPC invites all Presbyterian School students and their families to attend worship and breakfast as we celebrate our thriving partnership over the years.

ADULTS

Caring Ministry

We desire to share the love of Christ as we journey with you in the midst of a difficult time. We offer a variety of support resources and pray you experience God's comfort and healing through his church.

✉ caring@fpchouston.org

Weekly Events

DivorceCare

SUNDAYS | AUG 27–DEC 3

9–10:30 AM | CE 225

GriefShare

TUESDAYS | SEPT 5–DEC 12

12–2 PM | LIBRARY

Surviving the Holidays

DIVORCECARE | SUN | DEC 10 | 12–2 PM | LIBRARY

After separation or divorce, holidays don't look the same...Traditions change, some family members won't be there, and social gatherings may just feel stressful. *Surviving the Holidays: DivorceCare* can help! This 2-hour seminar includes lunch, a video, sharing time, and a "Survival Guide" filled with tips and encouragement for managing the holidays after separation and divorce. Register at fpchouston.org/events.

GRIEFSHARE | SUN | DEC 17 | 12–2 PM | LIBRARY

Are you dreading the holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated? *Our Surviving the Holidays: GriefShare* seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. In this 2-hour event that includes lunch, you'll learn how to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holiday and helpful tips for surviving social events. Register at fpchouston.org/events.

Connections

Our Connections Team exists to help you find your place at FPC. Whether it's greeting you when you arrive, helping

guests connect with opportunities to grow and serve, or coordinating our Explore FPC class, our Connections Team is here to serve you.

✉ Cheryl Christie | cchristie@fpchouston.org

Covenant Partners Class Reunion

SUN | SEPT 24 | 12:15–2 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Calling all Explore FPC participants from Jan 2018–Aug 2023: Join us as we gather to reunite and celebrate what the Lord has done in our lives at FPC at a special luncheon served in your honor. Reconnect with your Explore FPC small group members, leaders, and Elders from your Joining Day. Please RSVP to Robyn LaRocca, Connections Coordinator at rlarocca@fpchouston.org by Thursday, September 14.

Explore FPC Class

SAT | OCT 28 | 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 at fpchouston.org/explorefpc. Joining Day is Nov 5.

GrandLife

Through GrandLife, we encourage, equip, and engage grandparents to influence their grandchildren through the power of the Gospel.

✉ grandlife@fpchouston.org

GrandLife Coalition Summit

THUR–FRI | OCT 19–20 | OFF-CAMPUS

The annual Legacy Grandparenting Summit, sponsored by Legacy Coalition, is a two-day event designed to help intentional Christian grandparents build their Spiritual Legacy. Make plans to attend in person, at simulcasts at nearby Houston churches, or watch recorded sessions after the Summit at legacycoalition.com/events.

Marriage & Parenting

FPC's Marriage and Parenting Ministries provide faith-based resources to help, encourage, challenge, and support us in our respective roles as we also grow in our relationship with God and one another.

✉ Catie Smith | csmith@fpchouston.org

Sunday School

All Classes Begin at 9:30 AM

LARGE-GROUP FORMAT

Boomers

BORN 1940–1959 | SINGLES & MARRIED
LIVING ROOM

Cornerstone

PARENTS OF ALL AGES | SOLARIUM

Intersections (Intergenerational)

ALL AGES | SINGLES & MARRIED
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Young Adult

AGES 20–30S | SINGLES & MARRIED
LIBRARY

Westminster (Intergenerational)

ALL AGES | SINGLES & MARRIED | CE 218

SMALL-GROUP FORMAT

30&40-Somethings

AGES 30–40S | SINGLES & MARRIED | CE 121

Parenting Small Groups

ALL AGES | SINGLES & MARRIED | ALL
STAGES OF PARENTING | LANCASTER HALL

Women's Small Groups

ALL AGES | SINGLES & MARRIED
WOMEN ONLY | LC 201

Small Groups

BEGIN SEPT 10

If you are interested in finding community at FPC, Small Groups are a great way to get connected with people in your neighborhood who have a heart for Jesus, for sharing the gospel, and for caring for the city of Houston. To be placed in a Small Group, fill out the interest form at fpchouston.org/smallgroups.

weekly

Moms' Book Groups

MORNING GROUP | BEGINS SEPT 12 | 8:15–9 AM | LIVING ROOM

Join other moms as we meet God Himself in the parable of the Prodigal Son. Using Tim Keller's book, *The Prodigal God*, we will study God's immutable nature and how it leads to His deep and unchanging love for His children—and provides the perfect example for loving our own children. Childcare provided.

EVENING GROUP | BEGINS SEPT 12 | 8–9 PM | ZOOM

Do you feel insecure about how best to equip your children for this world and all it throws at them? Do you find yourself worn out by trying to “fix” situations around you? If so, you are not alone. Join other mamas as we encourage one another to make prayer our first and best response on this adventure of motherhood. Using Brooke McGlothlin's book *Praying Mom*, we will spend the fall semester praying for our fellow moms and their children.

KDO GROUP | BEGINS SEPT 13 | 9:15–10 AM | LIVING ROOM

The Surgeon General has declared that our country is experiencing an epidemic of anxiety, depression, and loneliness...and this includes our children. To help them, we must also examine our own anxious tendencies. Join moms from KDO, FPC, and the Houston community as we uncover the roots of our own anxiety, learn to process it in healthy ways, model bravery, and connect more deeply with our kids. Childcare provided.

Parents' Night Out

SAT | SEPT 16 | 5–8 PM | LIVING ROOM

The mental health of the youth in our country is constantly in the news—especially in relation to social media use. Parents often feel confused, fearful, or powerless about how to respond. Join Meaghan Hampton, Licensed Professional Counselor Associate and FPC Covenant Partner, as she provides us with a Christ-centered and scientifically informed understanding of depression and anxiety and how parents and kids can cope.

After the 45-minute talk, enjoy a night out off-campus before childcare pickup at 8 PM. To register, please visit fpchouston.org/events.

SAT | OCT 21 | 5–8 PM | LIVING ROOM

Join Pastor Jon Crantz and Joshua Smith as they teach how our bodies tell a divine story that mirrors Christ's love for the church (Eph. 5:31–32) and proclaims the gospel itself. They will discuss a biblical understanding of sex, gender, love, and marriage.

Marriage Beginnings

SUNDAYS | OCT 8–NOV 12 | 12:15–1:45 PM | CE 218

If you're considering engagement, currently engaged, or newly married, join us for this six-week Sunday School class. Marriage is a gift from God and we place a high value on the importance and necessity of preparing for and nurturing this relationship, before and after the wedding day. Visit fpchouston.org/events to register.

Men's Ministry

The aim of the FPC's Men's Ministry is to equip men to live the Christian life: devotedly following Jesus Christ and exhibiting servant leadership in their home, work, and community.

✉ Robyn LaRocca | rlarocca@fpchouston.org

Men's Breakfast

WED | SEPT 20 & DEC 6 | 7:30–8:30 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join others from our FPC community, and feel free to invite a friend, to hear practical, applicable, and powerful messages from a variety of guest speakers. Connect with men of all ages over breakfast, scheduled before the workday and Presbyterian School drop off. Childcare is available with reservation.

Women's Ministry

Through Bible studies, book groups, and other meaningful gatherings, our Women's Ministry offers something for all seasons and walks of life.

✉ Sara Buskirk | sbuskirk@fpchouston.org

weekly

WoW Fall Study

TUESDAYS | SEPT 12–NOV 28 | 10–11:30 AM | LC 181

Join women of all stages of life for a morning of study and fellowship at FPC or online. Fall Study: *Forgotten God* by Frances Chan.

monthly

Sojourn Book Club

TUESDAYS | SEPT 26, OCT 24 & NOV 28 | 6–8 PM | ZOOM

Fall Books: find at fpchouston.org/women.

Weekly Events

First Place for Health

MONDAYS | SEPT 11–NOV 20

6:30–8:15 PM | LIBRARY

Salt & Light

THURSDAYS | SEPT 14–NOV 16

7:30 PM | ZOOM

Women's Small Group

SUNDAYS | SEPT 17–NOV 19

9:30–10:30 AM | LC 201/202

Young Adults (20s–30s)

Our Young Adult community exists to carry and embody the Good News of the Resurrection to Houston and the world. Together, we practice rhythms of spiritual growth, praise our Creator, and pursue the good of our city.

✉ youngadults@fpchouston.org

Young Adult Pumpkin Carving & Football Watch Party

SAT | OCT 21 | OFF-CAMPUS

Young Adult Friendsgiving

SUN | NOV 19 | 5 PM | OFF-CAMPUS

monthly

Happy Hour

FIRST MON OF EVERY MONTH | 6 PM | OFF-CAMPUS

bi-weekly

After-Church Lunch

EVERY OTHER SUNDAY | 12:15 PM | OFF-CAMPUS

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children

At FPC, our mission is to carry the gospel to children and their families. We are here to support you as you guide your children to know the God that created them and loves them as they grow into disciples of Jesus.

✉ Katie Hill | khill@fpchouston.org

Worship Workshop

SUN | SEPT 17 | 11:45 AM–1 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Students (ages Kinder and up), and their grownups, are invited to learn more about why we worship together! Learn why worship is an important rhythm to establish early in life and get equipped with strategies to engage children during worship. Each child will create and take with them a personalized worship bag—complete with supplies to bring to worship each Sunday. Lunch provided. Don't miss this special day!

Children Sunday School

Infant & Toddler Childcare

2 MONTHS–23 MONTHS

9:15–11:45 AM | NURSERY COVE

Pre-K

2 YEARS–PRE-K (AS OF SEPT 1)

9:30–10:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL | PREK HALLWAY

10:30 AM–12:15 PM

CHILDCARE FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

Elementary

K–3RD GRADE

9:30–10:30 AM | GRACE PLACE CE 141

PreTeens

4TH–5TH GRADE

9:30–10:30 AM | WONDERGROUND B042

WinGS (Special Needs)

ALL AGES

10:30 AM–12:15 PM | CE 120 & 125

Youth Sunday School

Middle School

6TH–8TH GRADE

9:30 AM | MS BASEMENT LC 080

High School

9TH–12TH GRADE

9:30 AM | HS ROOM LC 181

First Grade Bible Sunday

SUN | OCT 29 | 10:45 AM | GRAND HALL

On this special Sunday, our first-grade students are invited to walk to the front of the worship space to receive a special message and a personalized Bible. After the service, these students and their families are invited to a luncheon in their honor at 11:45 AM in Fellowship Hall.

The Star Movie Night

WED | NOV 15 | 6:30–8:30 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for a “drive-in” movie for the whole family featuring *The Star*! Bring blankets and pillows and we’ll provide the popcorn and treats.

Middle School (6th–8th Grade)

FPC Youth Ministry is a place your middle schooler can belong as they navigate these years. Through our weekly gatherings, mission activities, and summer trips, our middle schoolers build lasting friendships, encourage one another, and grow in the knowledge and love of Christ.

✉ Will McMullin | wmcmullin@fpchouston.org

Middle School Fall Retreat

FRI–SUN | SEPT 15–17 | GALVESTON, TX

Students will have the opportunity to leave the busyness of Houston behind and enjoy fellowship in Galveston.

Boys Morning Out Paintball

SAT | OCT 14 | 8 AM–12 PM | OFF-CAMPUS

Girls Night Out

FRI | OCT 20 | 6:30–8:30 PM | OFF-CAMPUS

MS Fall Festival

FRI | OCT 27 | 7–9 PM

MS Friendsgiving

SUN | NOV 19

MS Christmas Party

TUES | DEC 19

High School (9th–12th Grade)

We know high school years can be tough. That’s why the FPC Youth Ministry is here—to give our high schoolers a place to make and be with friends, learn about Jesus, and simply belong.

✉ Marty O’Rourke | morourke@fpchouston.org

High School Fall Retreat

FRI-SUN | SEPT 22-24 | GALVESTON, TX

High Schoolers, you are invited to step away from the busyness of Houston to enjoy friends, fellowship, and worship in Galveston. We hope to see you there!

High School Ski Trip

SAT-WED | DEC 30-JAN 3 | COPPER MOUNTAIN

Save the date for the FPC Youth Ski Trip! Each year, this epic trip gives students space to deepen relationships with friends, enjoy God's creation, learn, and worship together.

monthly

High School Worship Night

LAST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH | 7-8:30 PM | YOUTH HOUSE

OUTREACH

Evangelism

At FPC, we understand evangelism to be every way in which followers of Jesus Christ communicate the good news of Christ's death and resurrection to people in need of a Savior. We value a lifestyle of generosity, hospitality, love, courage, holiness, and grace as a testimony to God's power in Christ, and we encourage our community to explicitly share the gospel through spoken testimony to those with whom they have a relationship.

✉ Emmanuel Paulpeter | epaulpeter@fpchouston.org

Taco & Movie Night

SATURDAYS | SEPT 16 & OCT 7 | 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.

weekly

Alpha (Morning)

THURSDAYS | OCT 26-DEC 21 | 8-9 AM | SOLARIUM

Do you or someone you know have questions about faith, life, and God, or would you like to volunteer to help process with those who do? Alpha is a listening community designed to help participants explore their questions. Everyone is welcome! To register or share with a friend, visit fpchouston.org/alpha.

Missions

We go into the world to share the gospel as individuals in our circles of influence and as a body in Houston and beyond. We provide strategic opportunities locally and globally to share the Gospel and also equip the Body of Christ to share their faith in their daily lives.

✉ Mary-Floye Federer | mffederer@fpchouston.org

Children Weekly Events

Preteen Bible Study

SUNDAYS | OCT 1, 8, 15 & 22

5:30-7:30 PM | WONDERGROUND

Middle School Weekly Events

Middle School D2

SUNDAYS | SEPT 10-DEC 17

5:30-7:30 PM | YOUTH HOUSE

High School Weekly Events

High School Small Groups

WEDNESDAYS | SEPT 6-DEC 13

7-8:30 PM | OFF-CAMPUS

GLOBAL MISSIONS

Global Mission Forum: *Hope in the Middle East*

MON | OCT 2 | 6:30–8 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Hear how God is moving amid challenges and suffering in the Middle East and North Africa. Jossour-Bridges of Hope founder, Fayez Ishak, and team member Ezzat Kamel, will share updates on the ministry of their team members serving in very difficult locations. There is good news to share despite the hardship! Registration is requested at fpchouston.org/events.

No Need Among You Conference

WED–FRI | OCT 11–13 | FORTH WORTH, TX

Hundreds from across Texas and surrounding states will gather to hear what God is doing and how regular people are creating opportunities of empowerment in their communities. Learn more at txccdn.net.

The Micah Graduation Trip

FRI–MON | NOV 17–20 | HONDURAS

Annually, FPC takes a team to Tegucigalpa, Honduras to celebrate with the Micah Project as they honor their graduates. For these young men who have dealt with the intense situations of living on the streets, graduation is a tremendous accomplishment.

LOCAL MISSIONS

monthly

Cullen Staff Appreciation Breakfast

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

7:30–8:30 AM | CULLEN MIDDLE SCHOOL

monthly

Cullen Middle School Prayer Walk

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

6–7 PM | CULLEN MIDDLE SCHOOL

monthly

Engaging the Muslim World Prayer Time

LAST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH | 12–1 PM | ZOOM

Local Mission Partner Field Trip

THURSDAYS | 12 PM

Sept 28 | Open Door

Oct 26 | Agape Development

Dec 7 & 28 | TBD

World Communion Sunday

SUN | OCT 2

A Micah Culinary Event

THUR | OCT 26 | 7 PM | OFF-CAMPUS

Christmas Elves

SUN | OCT 29 | 9 AM–12:15 PM | PALM COURT

Advent

Advent Celebration

SUN | DEC 3 | 11:45 AM-1 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Families are invited to lunch and self-led activities that will celebrate the Advent season.

43rd Annual Messiah Sing-A-Long

SUN | DEC 3 | 7:30 PM | SANCTUARY

Join soloists, orchestra, and choir for the oldest, continuously running Messiah Sing-Along in the city of Houston.

22nd Annual Advent Missions Market

SUNDAYS | DEC 3, 10 & 17 | 8 AM-1 PM
PALM COURT

This year marks the 22nd annual Advent Missions Market here at FPC! The Advent Missions Market offers unique crafts from global partner artisans around the world. These items make wonderful Christmas gifts, and the sales provide support and awareness for our global ministry partners.

Fun for the Family

Dodgeball with Dudes

FRI | DEC 1 | 6:30-8:30 PM | GRAND HALL

Christmas PJ Party

SUN | DEC 17 | 9:30-10:30 AM

Young Adult Christmas Party

SUN | DEC 9 | OFF-CAMPUS

Christmas Sunday School

SUN | DEC 17 | 9:30-10:30 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Come join your FPC community in the Fellowship Hall for Carols and leaning into the Christmas season.

Christmas Music Sunday

SUN | DEC 17 | ALL SERVICES

This Sunday is our annual Advent celebration highlighting the music of the season with the Chancel Choir and friends.

Christmas Outreach Mixer

SUN | DEC 24 | 4-9 PM | LC 181

Christmas Eve gathering for community members from Alpha and Taco & Movie Night groups.

Christmas Eve Services

3 PM

Children & Family

GRAND HALL

5 PM

Contemporary

GRAND HALL

7, 9 & 11 PM

Traditional

SANCTUARY

STAY CONNECTED WITH FPC

To receive weekly updates on key activities via email,
sign up for eWeekly at fpchouston.org/email.

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

For a complete list of FPC ministry contacts visit
fpchouston.org/staff.

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