

## FPC Family,

**There is so much to share and look forward to this week!**

**Fall Kick Off is here!** On Sunday, we kick off a new ministry year with our annual all-church gathering. Whether you worship at 8:15, 10:45, or 11 AM, be sure to meet us in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:15 AM for breakfast, a message from Pastor Curtis about the year ahead, and an opportunity to check out the many opportunities to grow in faith this fall. More details below!

**The Problem With Religion.** That's the subject of our next sermon series, which also kicks off this Sunday. Over the following six weeks, we will identify not only the singular underlying problem but explore the ways in which faith in Jesus calls us to a completely different life, instead of merely a "religious one."

**Staff Update.** We are pleased to share that Katie Hill has officially accepted a permanent role as Director of Children & Family Ministry. Katie has been a member of the C&FM team since 2017 and has served as the Interim Director of C&FM since March. Katie has been involved with FPC since she was a youth and joined with her husband, Chris, in 2009. Katie and Chris have three school-age children: Barrett (6), Brenham (8), and Bradley (10). To learn more interesting facts about Katie, visit her [FPC staff page](#).

The upcoming weeks are filled with additional opportunities to grow in faith and community. [Continue reading for more on life at FPC...](#)



*Fall*  
**KICKOFF**  
Sunday | September 10

		
<b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	<b>CONNECT</b>
at	over	with
8:15 & 11 AM   Sanctuary 10:45 AM   Grand Hall	Breakfast & Message From Pastor Curtis	Ministries to Help You Grow in Faith

### Join us for Fall Kick-Off Sunday

This Sunday is 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



**Sat | Sept 16 | 5–8 PM Living Room**

Join Meaghan Hampton, Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA) and FPC Covenant Partner, as she provides a Christ-centered and scientifically informed understanding of the origins of depression and anxiety and how parents and kids can cope.

[Learn More >](#)



**Sun | Sept 17 | 7–8:30 PM Fellowship Hall**

Enjoy coffee and dessert as we learn about **the upcoming visioning process** our church leadership will begin this fall and how it will be used to guide our priorities through our 200-year anniversary. Childcare available upon request.

[Request Childcare >](#)



**Wed | Sept 20 | 7:30–8:30 AM | Fellowship Hall**

Connect with men of all ages over breakfast! Hear a practical and powerful message from Doug Meikle, Founder & Executive Director of TrueWorks, before starting your work day. All are welcome so invite a friend! Childcare available.

[Register >](#)

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**LISTEN NOW: MO-RANCH 2023 [SESSION RECORDINGS](#)**

Each summer, we escape the city for a time of prayer, teaching, rest, and fellowship at Mo-Ranch. This year, we explored the theme, *The Great Omission*, with Bryan Dunagan, Senior Pastor of Highland Park Presbyterian in Dallas, TX.

If you missed this year's getaway or simply want to re-listen to our featured speaker, session recordings are now available [here](#).

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## 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.

### Local Mission Partner Field Trip

Thur | Sept 28 | 12 PM | Open Door Mission

This month we are visiting Open Door Mission, a faith and evidence-based recovery program and facility that has been dedicated to helping the unsheltered population in Houston since 1954. Participants can either meet in the FPC North Lot at 11:30 AM and carpool or meet directly at the ministry location. Contact [Kennedy Hunter](#) to RSVP.

### Global Mission Forum: Hope in the Middle East

Mon | Oct 2 | 6 PM | Fellowship Hall

Come hear how God is moving in the midst of challenges and suffering in the Middle East and North Africa. Jossour-Bridges of Hope founder, Fayeze 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 in spite of the hardship and news we hear.

Please RSVP to [Kennedy Hunter](#).

### No Need Among You Conference 2023

Wed–Fri | Oct 11–13 | Fort Worth, TX

The Texas Christian Community Development Network is dedicated to training and educating leaders about community development in a Christian context. Join hundreds from across Texas and surrounding states for the annual NNAY Conference in Fort Worth to hear about what God is doing and how people are creating opportunities of empowerment within their communities.

[Register >](#)

[MORE WAYS TO SERVE](#)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Women of the Word (WoW)

Tue | Sept 12 | 9:30 AM–12 PM | LC 181

Join women of all stages of life for a morning of study and fellowship at FPC or online. This fall we will study *Forgotten God* by Frances Chan.

### 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 >](#)

### Movie & Taco Night

Sat | Sept 16 | 4–7 PM | LC 080

Join us to watch a movie over popcorn and 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.

### Marriage Beginnings

Sundays | Begins Oct 8 | 12:15–1:45 PM | CE 218

We encourage couples who are considering marriage, currently engaged, or newly married to join us for this six-week Sunday School class. Marriage Beginnings addresses the biblical meaning of marriage and common issues couples face, and provides vital tools to help navigate your relationship.

[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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