

## FPC Family,

Just a few items to note before this week's summary of upcoming activities...

- **Annual Meeting.** Our next all-church annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 15, immediately following the 11 AM service. Please mark your calendar and see additional details below.
- **Vision Night Recording.** If you could not attend our Vision Night event a few Sundays ago, you can now view a recording of Pastor Curtis' presentation.  
Access the video in the "In Case You Missed It" section below.
- **Farewell Gathering.** October 8 is the final Sunday at FPC Houston for Pastor Caitlin and Joel Rhodes-Karahadian and Marty, Perry, and Bear O'Rourke. In thanksgiving for their time here and in celebration of their next chapters in ministry, we will gather in Palm Court following the 10:45 and 11 AM services to share farewell wishes.
- **Membership Data Update.** We continue our efforts to ensure member information is accurate in preparation for our database upgrade. If you received a request to assist via email, please take a moment to confirm your data online.  
If you have not received an email or prefer to confirm in person, Membership tables will be in Palm Court and outside the North Sanctuary entrance each Sunday in October.
- **This Sunday In Worship.** This Sunday is World Communion Sunday. Sharing with us will be long-standing global partner and dear friend Fayez Ishak from Bridges of Hope ministry (all services) and guest gospel artist Kayla White (8:15 and 11 AM).

Read on for more on life at FPC...



**Mon | Oct 2 | 6 PM | Living Room**

Despite the challenges and suffering in the Middle East and North Africa, God is still moving. Join us as Fayez Ishak, founder of Jassour, or Bridges of Hope, and team member Ezzat Kamel share updates on the ministry efforts of their teams serving in very difficult locations. The news reports may be bleak, but there is good news. Help us support and encourage these friends of FPC. To RSVP, please email **Madie Weir**.

## KEY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



**Sundays | Oct 8–Nov 12 | 12:15 PM | CE 218**

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

[Register >](#)



**Thur | 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!

[Register >](#)



**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.

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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.

### Main Street Ministries Community Garden

First Saturday Serve | Oct 7 | 9–10:30 AM

Volunteers work in the MSM Community Garden year-round to grow vegetables, fruits, herbs, and flowers, which are then harvested and made available to MSM program participants and groups in the community. All you need to bring is your water bottle. If interested, please RSVP by emailing [Carrie Sadler](#).

### Prayers of the People Lay Chaplaincy Training

Sat | Oct 14 | 8:30 AM–4 PM | Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

Do you have a heart to comfort those suffering from illness? Please join us for Prayers of the People (POP) Lay Chaplaincy Training. This program is designed to help prepare participants to provide comfort, peace, and prayer to those who are sick and hospitalized. Come share your gifts as you serve through this Caring Ministry partner.

[Register >](#)

### Prestige Learning Institute Fall Festival

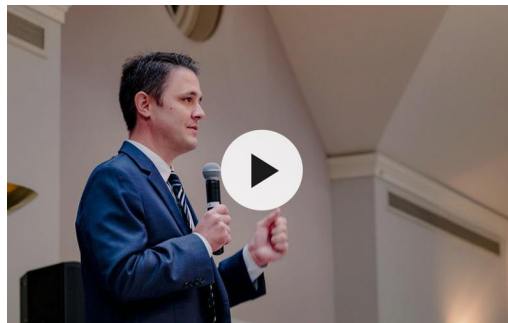
Sat | Oct 21 | 8:45 AM–2:30 PM

Bring your family, friends, and small group to volunteer at PLI's first Fall Festival! Pre-event training will be provided over Zoom. Sign up when you register. Click [here](#) to register as a volunteer.

[MORE WAYS TO SERVE](#)

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Below are audio and video recordings of recent events in the life of our church!



### Vision Night

Video of Pastor Curtis providing an overview of the visioning process FPC Houston will undertake this year.

[Listen >](#)



### **Mo-Ranch 2023: The Great Omission**

Audio recordings of our Mo-Ranch keynote speaker, Bryan Dunagan, Senior Pastor of Highland Park Presbyterian in Dallas, TX.

[Listen >](#)

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

Sun | Oct 15 | Following 11 AM Service

Please mark your calendar to attend our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 15, immediately following 11 AM worship. During this gathering, we will recap and celebrate the year behind us and look to the year ahead with updates from our Session. This meeting will include congregational votes on Elder and committee nominations needed to serve in 2024, so your participation is greatly appreciated.

### **Neighborhood Connect**

October | Dates & Locations Vary by Zone

Through 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. Email invites from the Care Team Leader assigned to your neighborhood zone will be shortly. For questions or more information, email [neighbors@fpchouston.org](mailto:neighbors@fpchouston.org). Be sure to RSVP!

### **Taco & Movie Night**

Sat | Oct 7 | 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.

### **Legacy Grandparenting Summit 2023**

Thur–Fri | Oct 19–20 | Dallas, TX

The FPC GrandLife Ministry invites you to the annual Legacy Grandparenting Summit. This 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.

[Learn More >](#)

### **Parents' Night Out**

Sat | Oct 21 | 5–8 PM | Living Room

Join Pastor Jon and Joshua and Catie Smith as they explore human identity as it relates to our gender, sexuality, and bodies. Following the talk, there will be a panel discussion. Once the session is over, enjoy a night out on the town before childcare pickup at 8 PM.

[Learn More >](#)

For more info and 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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