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# Ministry Opportunities

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE (3/3/19):

Combined Disciple Now Worship Service in King Hall with the message by our Disciple Now speaker

## NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICES (3/10/19):

Convergent Service in the King Hall (10:30 am):

Mr. Sonny Walker preaching

Classic Service in the Sanctuary (10:30 am):

Dr. Jonathan Schwartz preaching

**MISSION EMPHASIS THANK-YOU** – The Missions Ministry Team would like to express THANKS to everyone that turned in your Faith Promise Cards. We received 58 cards pledged for a total of \$43,345.00, which goes directly to the special needs of FPC's missionaries. If you would still like to pledge, please turn in your Faith Promise card during offering or to the church office. Please check out the new Mission Map (former SERVE board)! It will be used to highlight our missionaries.

## SHORT TERM MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL AGES: FAMILY RETREAT WITH JONI AND FRIENDS!! –

When? June 30 to July 5

Where? Camp McDowell in Nauvoo, Alabama

What? Family Retreat offers a haven for families, both unbelieving and believing, affected by special needs. At Family Retreat, families are cared for, encouraged, and rejuvenated in a Christ centered, fully accessible camp environment. After one and half days of training, volunteers are assigned a job for the week. Each job is strategic in playing a role that will cultivate meaningful connections for families who understand the challenges of life with disability. Though the week is full of excitement, it does not go without challenges. Life with a disability does not take a break. Yet, while at Family Retreat, the body of Christ walks hand in hand through these challenges.

Who? Individuals/Families of ALL AGES ARE WELCOME! Short Term Missionaries (STMs) volunteer to serve families affected by disability with Christ-like encouragement and friendship. This is a unique service opportunity that will stretch both your hands and heart. As an STM, you'll receive on-site training – no prior experience required! Interested? Have Questions? Contact Morgan Walker, [morganwalker0526@gmail.com](mailto:morganwalker0526@gmail.com).

**MEN'S STUDY AND DISCUSSION OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP IN THE HOME CONTINUES** – We, as men, are called by God to be servant leaders, following the example set by our Lord Jesus himself. During the course of six weeks, Pastor Jonathan invites you to join him in a study and discussion of servant leadership in the context of the home. Using the Bible and other helpful resources, we will discuss: 1) A man and his heart for God; 2) A man and his wife; 3) A man and his children. For more information, contact Pastor Jonathan at [jonathans@fpcrome.org](mailto:jonathans@fpcrome.org) or 423-596-8316. The following time slots will be offered:

- Tuesdays at 6:45 am – 7:45 am, in the Parlor Room in the Education Bldg
- Wednesdays at 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, in the Parlor Room in the Education Bldg

### CARRY ON THE CONVERSATION

*(Each week we use this space to provide a glimpse into what our children are learning in Children's Worship, and what you might ask to "carry on the conversation" with them at home.)*

Key Theme: Jesus is the only sure foundation

1 Corinthians 3:11– "For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ."

Ask: What are some foundation people build their lives on? (money, good looks, popularity, etc.)

What is wrong with these foundations?

What does it mean to have Jesus as your foundation?

**CAMP 456 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!** – Dr. Jonathan Schwartz will be our speaker talking about Inside and Out- Deuteronomy 6:5. Students, rising 4th, 5th, 6th graders, you don't want to miss it! This adventure camp is designed especially for you. We will get together and explore and experience the adventure of having a relationship with Christ. There will be games, events, small groups and worship customized just for elementary age. The cost for this trip is \$120.00, with scholarships available. Please contact Mrs. Andrea at [andreas@fpcrome.org](mailto:andreas@fpcrome.org) or 706-291-6033 for more details and go to <http://www.fpcrome.org/camp-456/> to register.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERING STUDIES FOR ADULTS CONTINUE:**

- **WOMEN'S STUDY: "EVEN BETTER THAN EDEN" LED BY MORGAN WALKER** – I believe that when we first understand God's story, it will change everything about our story. Together, we will trace 4 themes that run from Genesis to Revelation in the Bible. Each theme reveals how God's plan for the new creation will be far more glorious than the original Eden. It is my hope that this new creation glory will not just be embraced as our future joy... but that it will transform everything about our lives today as we trace God's intended plan, the devastating effects of sin, and the crowning work of Jesus in whom we find a better identity, spouse, saviors, and sanctuary! This 5-week class is offered on Wednesday Nights beginning Feb. 13 and is held in CLC Room #203. ([Even Better Than Eden](#) by Nancy Guthrie)  
*\*Please note* – a more expansive study is also offered on Wednesday mornings beginning February 13 at 9:15-10:30 am. The morning study will cover 9 themes over a 10-week period and will be held in the Van Dyke Room. Nursery is available for the morning class. Please contact Morgan Walker at [morganwalker0526@gmail.com](mailto:morganwalker0526@gmail.com) or call the church office if nursery is needed.
- **"FUTILE ENDEAVOR OR FERTILE INVESTMENT: WHY SHARE THE GOOD NEWS IF GOD HAS ALREADY CHOSEN? LED BY REV. CHADWICK** – No one has more reason to devote their lives to sharing the Good News than those who believe beyond a shadow of a doubt that God is sovereign over all things, including, or perhaps especially, over who will come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. No one has more reason to share the Good News boldly and with absolute confidence than those who believe most assuredly that God has his people scattered down the street and across the face of the earth, and that by his preparation of hearts and minds will draw them to himself through the love and obedience of faithful women and men, boys and girls who care enough to tell them about Jesus. Yet, those of us who find the Reformed faith to be the most faithful reflection of what God has revealed in his Word are often mistakenly assumed to have no reason to invest our lives in evangelism, since we believe in God's sovereign choice in salvation. "If God has predestined", we are asked, "what difference can our evangelistic efforts make?" Come join us as we discover together how nothing could be farther from the truth. Rather than leading us to complacency, our Reformed beliefs propel us into the world with the assurance that proclaiming Jesus is a fertile investment of our hearts, minds, time, prayers, energy and resources. This 5-week class will be held in the Fellowship Hall, beginning Wednesday, February 13.
- **"PRESBY-WHAT?" CLASS LED BY REV. PARDUE AND KENNETH STUDDARD** – Are you curious about what Presbyterians believe? Were you raised in another denomination but would like to know more about ours? Are you considering joining this church (or have recently joined) but have questions about it? If you answered 'yes' to any of the questions above, then the "Presby-What?" class is for you! This class is for all visitors and new members who want to know more about the ministry and beliefs of our church and denomination. It will be a 5-week class beginning Feb. 13, in room 201 in the Christian Life Center. To sign up please contact Sarah Pope in the church office.
- **"VISIONARY PARENTING" LED BY REV. SCHWARZ:** This 5-week class is an opportunity to continue the discussion on parenting as recently presented to us by Dr. Rob Rienow at our Faith and Family Conference. As we study and discuss key Scriptures together and develop a biblical vision for parenting in the home, we will seek to become more intentional in our parenting and better equipped with practical resources to help us succeed in this high calling. Among the things we will discuss are family faith talks, milestones in your child's spiritual journey, discipline that disciples, and the power of blessing your children. Please contact Pastor Jonathan if you are interested or would like more information. Hope to see you there!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY GATHERING WEDNESDAY MARCH 6** – Meal from 5:30–6:15: Las Palmas will cater our meal which will include Chicken with Cheese, Taco, Rice, Beans, Chip, Salsa and Dessert. Children’s menu will be Tacos, Chips and Salsa. The home page of our website ([www.fpcrome.org](http://www.fpcrome.org)) provides easy access to make your reservations, which are due by NOON on Monday, March 4. You may also email your reservation by that same deadline to [reservations@fpcrome.org](mailto:reservations@fpcrome.org), call the church office at 706-291-6033, use the green cards in the Sanctuary pew racks, or sign up in the back of King Hall at the Convergent Service. ***We do not make standing reservations, so please make your reservations on a week-to-week basis to ensure an accurate count for our caterer.***

Program from 6:15 – 7:15

- Futile Endeavor or Fertile Investment (Rev. Jeff Chadwick) – Fellowship Hall
- Presby-What? (Rev. Bill Pardue and Kenneth Studdard) – CLC 201
- Visionary Parenting (Dr. Jonathan Schwartz) – CLC 205
- Even Better Than Eden (Morgan Walker) – CLC 203
- Bible Zone 2/3 Year olds – Education Bldg. Room 208
- Bible Zone 4/Kinders – Education Bldg. Room 206
- Communicants (6<sup>th</sup> grade) – Education Bldg. Hardy Classroom #1
- The Summit for children 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades – Education Bldg. in God’s Garden
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal (6:15-7:30)
- Jr. High (6:00-7:15) – In the Crossing
- Sr. High (6:00-7:15) – In the Boy Scout Room
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal (6:15-7:30)

*Cost: Adults \$7.00 – Students and Children \$3.00 (Note: Family Max is \$20.00)*

**KENYA MISSION TRIP** – Ladies, this October FPC will be sending 10 women from our congregation to Nairobi, Kenya to serve alongside Nate and Shanna Mast and others from our church family. If you are interested in going, applications are available at the church office. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Amy Davis at 706-512-6555 or Lauren Brewster at 706-346-7554. Deadline to turn in applications is Sunday, March 10.

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY** – Beginning on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm, Anita Smith will lead a "40-Day Journey" through Lent, enriched by the words of the beloved spiritual guide, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Our time together in the Hardy Classroom for the next five consecutive Wednesdays will last 45-60 minutes, so feel free to bring a lunch. Books (\$10) for the study can be purchased at our first session. Questions? Email [anitasmith716@comcast.net](mailto:anitasmith716@comcast.net) for more information.

**FATHER AND SON DINNER** – Dads, we are excited to invite you to a father and son dinner event on Thursday, March 21, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm here at the church in King Hall. Our special speaker Kent Evans, founder of a ministry called Manhood Journey, is superbly qualified to encourage us through God’s word to strengthen our bonds as fathers and sons and to be more intentional in leading our sons in their spiritual development. Please bring other fathers and sons you know to join us that evening. This event is sponsored by Family Equipping Ministry and co-sponsored by the Men’s Ministry. “Turning the hearts of the father to their children.” (Luke 1:17) Stay tuned for more detailed information. Please contact Pastor Jonathan or Dave Abernathy with any questions.

**OUR ADULT SUNDAY MORNING COMMUNITIES STUDIES THIS SEMESTER –**

twentySomethings: Topical Study: “Answers to Questions that Challenge Christianity: The Nature of God” (meets in Ensemble Room)

Reformations: Galatians (meets in CLC room 205)

Gospel Life: Topical Study: “Holy Conversation: Talking about God in Everyday Life” (meets in Hardy Classroom #1)

Living Stones: The Gospel of John (meets in Fellowship Hall)

Bereans: Acts (meets in CLC room 201)

Sola Scriptura: Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 5-7 (meets in CLC room 203)

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST AVAILABLE** – Each week you will find a page listing the current prayer needs of the congregation in the back of King Hall and at the Welcome Center outside of the Sanctuary. Please take one and use it as a way of supporting members of your church family in prayer. If you would like to have a name added to the list, please call the church office at 706-291-6033.

**VISITORS** – As a way to welcome you to First Presbyterian Church, we would like to gift you with a cross by local artist, Cabell Sweeney. You'll find your cross at the Welcome Areas (near the Welcome banners), at both Convergent and Classic Services. Connect Forms are available to let us know you have visited, request information, and to register your children in Nursery, Children, and Student Ministries.

**CONNECT FORM** – Looking for a simple way to connect with our Pastors or church office? The Connect Form is available through one of the icons at the top of FPC's website ([www.fpcrome.org](http://www.fpcrome.org)). Connect Form cards may also be found at both Welcome Areas. If your question does not fit within the categories listed, choose *How to Connect at FPC*. Please hand your card to a Welcome Area greeter or deacon, and someone will reach out to you.