

Announcements for the week of November 19, 2017

Deacon on Call: Bobby Edwards & Steve Schwieger



First Presbyterian Church

Worshippers of Jesus Christ – Who we are
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Matthew 28:16-20

This Week at FPCC

Sunday, November 19

- 8:30 AM Early Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:55 AM Fellowship Worship Service, F Hall
Late Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 12:15 PM Coffee/Coke Fellowship, Library/Lounge
Flower Arranging/Delivery, Nell Davis
- 2:00 PM Christmas Concert Rehearsal, Choir Rm
- 6:00 PM High School Small Groups

Monday, November 20

- 10:00 AM Women's Prayer Time, Session Room
- 5:15 PM Deacon Meeting, Session Room
- 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal, SS 208

Tuesday, November 21

- 12:00 PM Beatitude Living, Tower 404
- 5:45 PM Bonded in Fellowship Meal, Nell Davis
- 6:30 PM Bonded in Fellowship Bible Study

Wednesday, November 22

Church offices close at 12:00 PM

Thursday, November 23

Church offices closed

Friday, November 24

Church offices closed

Saturday, November 25

If you have information that you'd like to share with your FPC family, please submit your announcement to jcope@1stpresbyterian.com by Tuesday afternoon.

FPCC CHRISTMAS CONCERT *COMFORT & JOY*

Saturday, December 2 at 4:00 PM
Sunday, December 3 at 4:00 PM

Concert is FREE & nursery is provided.

See announcement for details.

WORLD MISSIONS

"Church Planting in Strategic Global Cities"

We are striving to get the balance right between harnessing the blessing of having a team of American workers attached to a locally led church plant to help bring growth without stunting the growth by our presence. Pray for the Lord to continue to give wisdom in this.

—an FPCC mission partner

Our mission partners walk a tightrope. They strive to assimilate into their host culture and serve their national partners—facilitating their work to reach their city for the glory of God. It isn't easy as everyone comes with his or her own background, language, education, experience, gifts, and worldview. Yet Jesus Christ himself unites people across all boundaries. We give praise to God who calls people to leave their homelands to serve those in another. Please remember our 50+ missionary families in your prayers. May the Lord impress upon their hearts how thankful we are for them.

UPDATE: CHINA PARTNERSHIP

FPCC has been an official member of the China Partnership since 2005. Since 2011, the ministry has grown incredibly—thanks to the leadership of our partners Enoch, Peter, and Ben, who were born in China but have lived in the States for quite some time. These three men helped birth a network of gospel-centered churches that are reaching and blessing large Chinese cities for Christ. And they continue to train, disciple, and mentor Chinese pastors. Ben's wife Pan disciples pastors' wives. Resource centers are also being established to multiply the work. At the recent CP board meeting, Enoch asked how the American board members saw him—as Chinese or American. Most of the Americans saw him as both. Enoch relates extremely well to the Americans involved in the CP. Yet he is also accepted as a brother by the Chinese pastors. Praise the Lord that Enoch is a bridge person whom is trusted and respected by both cultures—making a way for the gospel to go forward. Please pray for the ministry of the China Partnership and continued open doors.

2018 World Missions Budget: \$923,000

Faith Promises to Date: \$453,085 (49%)

Number of Pledges: 96

Remaining Need: \$468,915

Thank you very much for your giving to and prayers for the ministry of First Presbyterian World Missions.

ANNOUNCING THE BIRTH OF:

Mabel Page Bacon, born to Russell and Sheena on November 2nd. Mark and Beverly Leford are the thrilled first-time grandparents.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Today, Covenant College Choir, directed by Scott Finch, will be leading all the music elements of our 10:55 am Sanctuary service. This wonderful choir will also present a per-service extended prelude beginning at 10:45 am. Come and worship the King along with these excellent College Students!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

“Comfort & Joy”
December 2&3, 4:00 pm

Presented by FPCC Adult Choir, Bryan College Chamber Singers, & Tabernacle Praise Orchestra

Concerts are free and open to the public. Nursery is provided for both concerts for infants to age 3.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Operation Christmas Child campaign is underway! Boxes to be filled are placed in the Connector & Fellowship Lounge for you to pick up, fill, and return. Please no candy or toothpaste. Remember to affix the boy/girl label to the outside of the box before returning it to FPC. Deadline to return filled boxes is TODAY, November 19th!

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY COMES TO FPCC

Stephen Ministry is a lay caring ministry being used by thousands of congregations to increase care and outreach to hurting people. Through this ministry, congregations are able to equip and empower a team of laypeople—Stephen Ministers—who provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people experiencing grief, unemployment, hospitalization, loneliness, divorce, financial stress, a terminal illness, or other life difficulties. Contact Virginia Marion, vfm3181@aol.com, or Betty Hodges, ehodges@epbfi.com for information.

OFFICER NOMINATION MONTH

Please prayerfully consider nominating men you know to the office of elder or deacon. Nominating forms can be found in the Connector at the receptionist's desk. Completed forms can be returned to the receptionist or given to Mark Casson. His office is on the third floor.

SHOPPING ONLINE FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

Amazon will donate .5% of your online purchase to a charity of your choice; FPCC has been eligible to receive funds since July 2016. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and check it out.

HOPE CHRISTMAS STORE

*FPC has partnered with Hope for the Inner City to decorate their Christmas Store for over 10 years. We will be decorating the Hope Christmas Store again this year on Saturday, December 9th beginning at 9am at 1800 Roanoke Avenue. If you can bring wrapping paper, Christmas lights or any other tree decorations; that will be very helpful. This is a great opportunity for families with older children to serve together. It is a fun Christmas tradition and a great way to kick off the Christmas season.

Please sign the sheet in the connector if you would like to help so we can have an idea of how many will be coming. Many hands make light work, and we can use all the hands we can get!

*FPC will also be collecting new toys for the Christmas Store between now and December 9th. Look for the Hope Christmas Store collection baskets in the connector and at the Douglas Street entrance.

For more information call Nancy Hill, 304-9212.

FLOWER MINISTRY

Flowers will be arranged & delivered today following the late worship service by the Bonded in Fellowship Bible Study. All volunteers are welcome.

FPC SERMONS

- Access Sermon Audio and/or Video anytime at www.FPCChatt.org. Click on Resources.
- For CDs and DVDs, please contact Seth Pangle, 648-7934 or seth@1stpresbyterian.com.
- Radio broadcast at 11am on 102.3 FM. Or listen online at www.wgow.com.