

# Announcements for the week of December 3, 2017

Deacon on Call: Brian Whitacre & Scott Scruggs

## This Week at FPCC

### Sunday, December 3

- 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
- 4:00 PM Christmas Concert, Sanctuary

### Monday, December 4

- 10:00 AM Women's Prayer Time, Session Room
- 11:00 AM Bible Leaders' Meeting, Tower 404
- 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal, SS 208

### Tuesday, December 5

- 12:00 PM Beatitude Living, Tower 404

### Wednesday, December 6

- 9:30 AM M.O.P.S., Nell Davis
- 3:15 PM English Conversation Class, Student Ctr
- 4:30 PM Deacon-on-Call Appts., Deacon Office  
World Missions Prayer Time, Tower 404
- 5:30 PM Rapha Fellowship Meal, Nell Davis
- 6:15 PM Rapha Fellowship Classes, 3rd Flr Tower

### Thursday, December 7

### Friday, December 8

- 10:00 AM Christmas Cakes, Connector
- 12:00 PM Card-E-Ology, Tower 10<sup>th</sup> Floor

### Saturday, December 9

## SPECIAL SERVICE TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS

### Sunday, December 24

Worship Services at 10:30am ONLY.  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Sunday, December 24

Communion Worship Service at 5:00 PM



# First Presbyterian Church

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Matthew 28:16-20

## WORLD MISSIONS

*“Church Planting in Strategic Global Cities”*

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

Adherence to the absolute authority of the Bible is paramount to the success of the Church of Jesus Christ in the accomplishment of its mission to the world for the glory of God.

## INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS OF THE WEEK

*Andrew and Kelly* serve with the United Church of Bogotá, the only English-speaking evangelical church in the entire city of 8 million people. The congregation—made up of 35 different nationalities—serves the city's enormous international community through evangelism and discipleship ministries. The couple's role is to focus on the community's youth and families as well as facilitate the growth and maturity of the network of indigenous church plants within Bogotá and throughout Colombia. They also serve alongside “Next,” MTW's ministry to youth and families that promotes spiritual health and, thus, longevity of service on the mission field. Your prayers for Andrew and Kelly are appreciated as they participate in a weekend retreat—December 1-3—with eight women and six men who will be studying the redemptive themes of Exodus. Please pray also for the birth of their first child due on December 16.

## DOUG STROMBERG RECOGNIZED

World Missions recognizes Doug Stromberg for his twelve years of service—mostly as Vice Chairman—to the World Missions Executive Committee. We give praise to the Lord for Doug's important contribution to the ministry including his chairmanship of the Candidate Selection Committee which is responsible for screening and selecting missionaries for financial support. Doug and Deborah were formerly supported by First Presbyterian World Missions while they served with South America Mission in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. The couple will be moving to North Carolina in the near future. We will miss them greatly and cherish our time together as partners in global ministry. Please keep the Strombergs in your prayers.

**2018 World Missions Budget: \$923,000**

**Faith Promises to Date: \$476,185 (52%)**

**Number of Pledges: 103**

**Remaining Need: \$446,815**

## MUSIC MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

“Comfort & Joy”

Today, December 3 at 4:00 pm

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

Concert is free and open to the public. Nursery is provided for infants to age 3.

## SAMARITAN'S PURSE

171 Children across the globe will hear the Good News of Jesus Christ because of your generosity through Operation Christmas Child this year (we filled 171 shoeboxes). Thank you to everyone who participated! Continue to pray for your box recipient. There are free bookmark reminders available in the Connector.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY UPDATE

We hope that by now our entire church family knows that *Stephen Ministry* is coming to First Presbyterian Church. *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-on-one, Christ-centered care to people experiencing grief, unemployment, hospitalization, loneliness, divorce, financial stress, a terminal illness, or other life difficulties. Training to become a *Stephen Minister* will begin Wednesday, January 3, 6:30 PM. Whether you are certain you want to participate, or just need more information, contact either Virginia Marion, [vfm3181@aol.com](mailto:vfm3181@aol.com), or Betty Hodges, [ehodges@epbf.com](mailto:ehodges@epbf.com). They can answer your questions and send you an application. **If you want to participate, your application needs to be in by December 16.**

## GOLF CART MINISTRY

The golf cart ministry will be taking a break until March 2018.

If you think you'd like to serve your church families in this ministry, we'd love to have more volunteers. Please contact Dr. Tom Currey, [tcurrey4@gmail.com](mailto:tcurrey4@gmail.com).

## FLOWER MINISTRY

Flowers will be arranged & delivered today following the late worship service by the Acts of the Apostles Sunday School class. All volunteers are welcome.

## CHRISTMAS CAKES ARE COMING!

Participate in the joy of delivering Christmas cakes to our FPC family who are homebound or hospitalized. Cakes will be prepared in the Connector on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> and will be available for pick-up Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> after each worship service and Monday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> during church office hours. Thank you for your loving participation!

## IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE!

**Thursday, December 14, 10:30 AM**

*Christine & Darrin Hassevoort, Christmas Music*

We are in for a special treat this month when Christine and Darrin Hassevoort come to IAWL. They will share with us their wonderful soprano and tenor voices as they celebrate our Savior's birth with music.

Our day begins with fellowship at 10:30 AM followed by the program at 11:00 AM and a delicious lunch for \$6. Please contact Janette Barnes, 706-820-9029, or Rosa Wrenn, 423-443-7573, for reservations.

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9am at 1800 Roanoke Avenue. Bring your family along with wrapping paper, Christmas lights or any other tree decorations.

**Please sign the sheet in the connector if you would like to help.**

\*FPC will also be collecting new toys for the Christmas Store between now and December 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## FPC SERMONS

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