

# Announcements for the week of December 24, 2017



# First Presbyterian Church

Worshippers of Jesus Christ – Who we are  
Missions and Discipleship – What we do

Matthew 28:16-20

## This Week at FPCC

### Sunday, December 24

- 10:30 AM Fellowship Worship Service, F Hall  
Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 12:15 PM Coffee/Coke Fellowship, Library/Lounge  
Flower Arranging/Delivery, Nell Davis
- 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary

### Monday, December 25

*Offices Closed*

### Tuesday, December 26

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### Wednesday, December 27

### Thursday, December 28

### Friday, December 29

6:00 PM Children's Ministry Girls' Night, Library

### Saturday, December 30

## WORLD MISSIONS

*"Church Planting in Strategic Global Cities"*

*"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").—Matthew 1:21-23*

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

The World Missions Team would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas. We marvel that our Sovereign God blessed us with his Son as a small baby to bring light, joy, and salvation into the world. We also praise God for our mission partners who have devoted their lives to sharing the good news of the birth of Christ across the globe. What a privilege it is to enjoy gospel partnerships with them. Please take a moment this week to remember our missionary family in your prayers. Thank you very much

## KENYA TEAM DEPARTS ON WEDNESDAY

Please remember to pray for our Kenya team that will depart on Wednesday, December 27—returning on January 4. One exciting aspect of the trip will involve pastoral training for church leaders in the Glorious Celebration Centre network. Among the topics to be taught by our senior pastor, Tim Tinsley, and Dr. Rozario Slack are "How to Preach Jesus from the Psalms" and "Lessons on Fatherhood." Your prayers are appreciated for the team's safe and efficient travel and God's grace and enablement for ministry. Team members are Tim and Laura Tinsley, leaders; Mikah Tinsley, Kyla Wright, Lane Palmer, Jared Roberts, Rozario Slack, Pamela Slack, and Taylor Slack.

## MISSION PARTNERS RETIRING IN 2017

Glenn and Frances Camenisch  
Leoma Gilley  
John and Susan Shane  
Greg and Sue Stowers  
David and Rachel Tucker

## 2018 WORLD MISSIONS BUDGET: \$923,000

We continue to pray for pledges to cover our 2018 budget in support of 45 missionary units, 8 church planting partnerships, the First Friends ministry to international students attending UTC, special projects and relief work, and administrative expenses. Thank you very much for your prayers and generous support of First Presbyterian World Missions.

## SPECIAL SERVICE TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS

### Sunday, December 24

Worship Services at 10:30am ONLY  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Sunday, December 24

Communion Worship Service at 5:00 PM

### Sunday, December 31

Worship Services at 10:30am ONLY  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

### **ANNOUNCING THE BIRTH OF:**

Benjamin Lewis Thompson, born to Wes & Katie on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Neal & Brenda Thompson are the very happy grandparents.

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE**

The PCA Women's Ministry is having a Regional "ONE" Conference at New City Fellowship on October 5-6, 2018. Courtney Doctor, former Women's Ministry Director for Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church and author of the Bible study *From Garden to Glory*, is the speaker. The cost is \$75 (\$40 for high school and college age students) and includes lunch on Saturday. You may attend preconference workshops on Friday afternoon for an additional \$25. Registration opens on January 1st. Early registration deadline is August 24. After that the cost is \$100 and \$50 for students. There are only 400 seats so it will fill up early. To register beginning January 1st, go to [pcacdm.org](http://pcacdm.org), women's ministry, then events.

### **FROM THE ACCOUNTING OFFICE**

2017 is winding down quickly! If you're interested in the status of your pledge(s) for World Missions and/or Deacons' Budget, contact Amy Weldon at 648-7905.

**Stock Gifts:** If you desire to donate stock, please have your broker or investment consultant contact Amy Weldon. We need to know in advance.

**Finally for a gift to be considered as tax deductible in 2017, it must be received in the church office or postmarked by December 31, 2017. (The postmark overrules the date on the check.) Remember that the US Postal Service closes early on New Year's Eve, so mail early!**

### **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.

### **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 and delivered following the late worship service. In the spirit of CHRISTmas the flower ministry would greatly appreciate assistance in delivering flowers to our dear homebound members and others. Please check downstairs (Nell Davis Classroom) after the 10:55 service for any needed deliveries IN YOUR AREA! If you know in advance that you will be available to deliver, IN YOUR AREA, please email Gigi Gross, [gggross@epbfi.com](mailto:gggross@epbfi.com).

### **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).