

Our Mission:

First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood is a family of faith where people sense the presence of Christ, respond with passionate worship, embrace the power of personal discipleship and partner in God's mission to the world.



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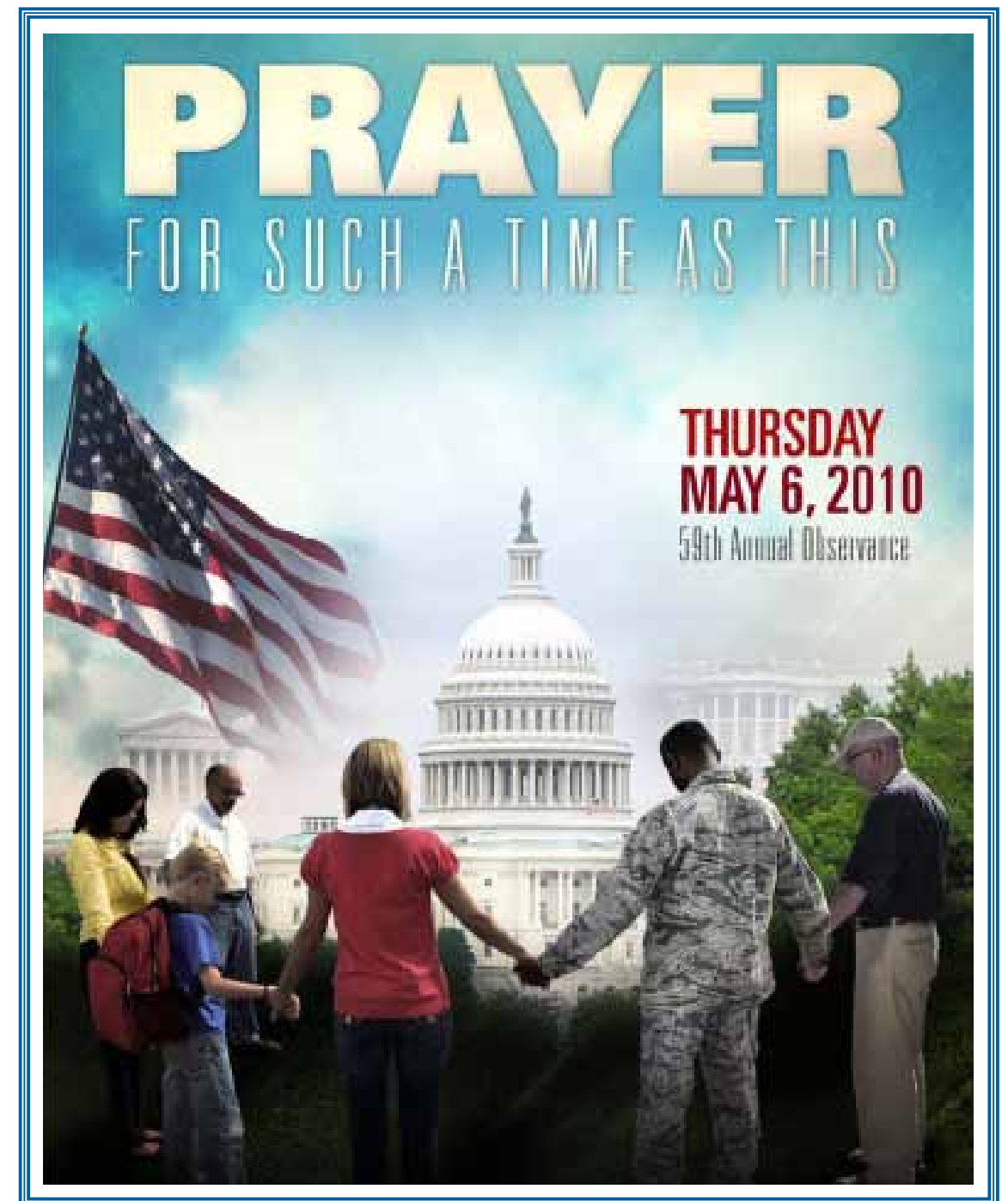
THE JOURNEY

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM FPC-KINGWOOD

LEARNING TO LIVE IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD WITH PASSION, POWER AND PURPOSE

MAY 2010

FPC-KINGWOOD CELEBRATES THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



Upcoming Events of Interest at FPC-Kingwood

National Day of Prayer - May 6th, 2010

National Day of Prayer - FPC-Kingwood will join the nation in praying for our country on Thursday May 6, 2010. The Christian community will intercede for America and its leadership in seven centers of power: Government, Military, Media, Business, Education, Church and Family. The activities of the day will include:

6:30 a.m. - Devotional Prayer in the Sanctuary with Dr. Jim Davis & continental breakfast to follow in Fellowship Hall
9:15 a.m. - Pre-School & MDO - in Fellowship Hall with Moms & Kids Balloon Release & coffee afterwards
12:00 p.m. - Devotional with Pastor Tom Edwards in the Sanctuary & light lunch to follow in Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. - Devotional Prayer with Chad Erb in the Sanctuary with Dessert served afterwards in Fellowship Hall
All Day - Self-Guided Prayer & Meditation Walk throughout the church

"The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him." Nahum 1:7

FPC-Kingwood Welcomes Dennis Dewey

Biblical Storyteller, Dennis Dewey, will be visiting FPC-Kingwood on Saturday May 15th and Sunday May 16th. On Saturday evening, he will perform "An Orderly Account: Stories from the Gospel of Luke" and he will be preaching all three services on Sunday. This event is an invitation to hear the stories as they were first experienced: as delightful, powerful, stimulating and entertaining experiences of faith in the living Son of God. Dennis Dewey, now Pastor of Stone Presbyterian Church in Clinton, New York, has been telling biblical stories for 30 years. As a full time, freelance "minister of biblical story" for 15 of those years, he offered hundreds of performances and workshops all over the United States, Canada, Europe, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Korea and Israel/Palestine.

Additionally, Dr. Davis and Dennis Dewey will be leading a trip to Greece in 2011. If interested, make sure to attend an informational luncheon, after the 11:05 service, on May 16th, in Fellowship Hall to learn more about this exciting trip. Contact Cheryl McGeough in the church office for more details @ 281.360.5555.

Ben Patterson comes to FPC-Kingwood in June

Ben Patterson comes to visit June 4-6th. The Rev. Ben Patterson is the Senior Pastor at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California. He has been a contributing editor to Christianity Today and the Leadership Journal. He has written several books, including *Serving God (The Grand Essentials)*, *Waiting, Deepening Your Conversation with God* and a *Prayer Devotional Bible*.

Please note: The deadline for submissions to the May Journey will May 15th.

Employee Spotlight - Sandy Van Cleve

Many of you know Todd Miller is our new Director of Music and Principal Conductor but did you know that FPC-Kingwood also has a new Music Associate? We are fortunate to have Sandy Van Cleve joining our staff to help Todd and the choir, focus more on the making of music and less on the business of music.



Sandy got involved with music at an early age. Her father sang with the Houston Grand Opera Chorus. In fact, he used to sing his children to sleep with Warsaw Concerto. Sandy has sung in churches across the country and won many vocal competitions. She was even awarded a grant to study opera in Rome. Professionally she has sung with the Arizona Opera, the Dallas Opera and the New York Grand Opera, just to name a few and currently sits on the Board of Directors of the American Singers' Opera Project. Additionally, she privately teaches voice lessons.

Sandy has already found that FPC-Kingwood is a friendly place and she looks forward to bringing more people who love to sing and play music into the music department here. They have lots of exciting programs in store. Choir practice is Wednesday night and she encourages members of the congregation to stop by and see how they contribute.

The Music department is looking for singers & instrumentalists. If you are interested in choir or playing an instrument please email Sandy (sandy@fpc-kingwood.org) or fill out the survey below and return to the church office. *Thanks!*

I am a (check all that apply) **Singer** ___ **Instrumentalist** ___

If you checked instrument, what kind? _____

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

I read music: Yes ___ No ___

THE JOURNEY IS A MONTHLY MAGAZINE HIGHLIGHTING THE PROGRAMS AND PEOPLE OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-KINGWOOD. IF YOU HAVE AN ARTICLE IDEA OR A PHOTOGRAPH YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT FOR PUBLICATION, PLEASE EMAIL INFO@FPC-KINGWOOD.ORG.

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Sunday Worship Times
8:25 & 11:05 a.m. Traditional
9:45 a.m. Contemporary

Sunday School
(Adult & Student)
9:45 a.m.
11:05 a.m.

Kid's Church
11:05 a.m.

FPC-Kingwood
Dr. Jim Davis
Senior Pastor

Rev. Tom Edwards
Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Bryan Kile
Parrish Associate

Dr. Todd Miller
Director of Music/
Principal Conductor

Circle Spotlight: Miriam

Miriam Circle is full of wondrous ladies who meet every Monday morning while school is in session. While sipping coffee, we spend time discussing the blessings and heartaches of raising children, and then focus on God through various means. In the Fall, we watched two video series by Andy Stanley, *Twisting the Truth* and *You Got Style*. Our great leaders, Cynthia and Dot, supplemented the videos with Bible readings and great small group discussions. With the renewal of spring, we are (re)learning more about Peter and what his teachings can offer us.

Miriam supported a new mission this year, Covenant House. Miriam's initial activity brought unsurpassed blessings when we brought hundreds of sugar cookies as well as pounds of icing for homeless youth in transition to decorate for the Christmas holidays. For most of the youth present, decorating cookies was a foreign idea and offered a glimmer of family tradition during Christmas. We also collected items such as toiletries and professional attire for Covenant House.

We also include our husbands in events throughout the year. In the Fall, a member hosted a dessert social, and in the Spring we are planning a Wii night.

Even though we cater to mothers with young children (thanks to the Nursery for keeping our children every Monday), all women are welcome.



Corissa Bush, Sarah Jensen, & Angela Howard enjoy cookie decorating at Covenant House this past December

Presbyterian Women Dinner & Fashion Show

THURSDAY, MAY 13TH - 6:30 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL - \$18



Ginger Wilson returns to provide another delicious meal - and we're very fortunate to be able to convince FPC-Kingwood's famous "wait staff" to come back again.

There will be special musical entertainment provided by our guest performer, Shane Hetherington. The style show will feature our own PW ladies, wearing the latest fashions from the 2010 spring collection of a well known Los Angeles designer. Afterwards, these clothes and more will be available for us to purchase.

Great food, great entertainment, and great fellowship equals a super great evening! Sign up for your reservation at the PW table in Fellowship Hall each Sunday between services or you can call the church office.

The Spring Dinner is also the time to bring in the items you have been purchasing for the BABY KITS. PW made the decision to help the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance warehouses replenish their supplies after they were depleted following the earthquake in Haiti. Items needed are: cloth diapers, t-shirts or undershirts (no onesies), wash cloths, gowns or sleepers, sweatshirts, sweaters, and receiving blankets. All items must be new and under 12 months in size. Monetary donations are also very gratefully received to buy items or to help pay for shipping. A portion of the proceeds from this evening will go towards the Baby Kits.

We will be assembling the kits on May 21 and welcome all help.

From Pastor Tom...

Some months ago an elderly woman in inner-city Houston walked out the front door of a modest 70 year old, wooden home and noticed her stoop and porch were collapsing as they separated from her house. At that moment, as she was looking up, that woman - Ms. Norma Turk - decided she needed to pray about her situation and said, "God, I've got to talk to you about this mess my house has become and I need your help."

A week later, two men from First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood were driving through the neighborhood scouting for house candidates for the Spring RTH (Rebuilding Together Houston) project. They pulled up to Ms. Norma's house that day as the very answer to the prayers of this godly woman and native Houstonian, whose grandparents came here long ago as slaves.

This past April, a marvelous crew from Kingwood (comprised of members of FPC-Kingwood as well as Good Shepherd Episcopal) has given Ms. Norma's house a new lease on life. Siding has been replaced, electrical wiring rewired, drainage improved, framing replaced, shutters built and the entire house painted as part of the project. The Home Depot is a major supporter of supplies for "Rebuild Houston Together," but almost all of the labor comes through churches in Houston reaching out as the hands and hearts of Jesus. In case you would like to participate in this life changing mission opportunity, Fall 2010 work dates on the next house for First Kingwood are: October 16th & 23rd.

Also, next Thursday is the National Day of Prayer, in spite of what some judge may have declared. Dr. Davis has been encouraging each of us to take time from our day on Thursday May 6th to participate in some real and formal way.

To help facilitate participation, events are planned for the morning, afternoon and evening! The First Presbyterian Schedule may be found on our website, as well as the facing page.

There is much going on and God is at work in and through our congregation. May you join in being a blessing to someone today.

Yours and His,

Pastor Tom Edwards



Pastor Tom & Norma Turk

Is God Calling You to Get Up and Go?

MISSION PERU 2010

Informational Meeting
Sunday May 2, 12:20 p.m.
Church Office Conference Room

2010 marks another year in which First Kingwood will partner with the John Calvin Presbytery in Peru, South America to further the work, outreach and ministry of the Church in Lima. This holistic partnership has involved extensive health and medical clinics, Vacation Bible Schools, evangelistic events, increased fellowship of believers, hygiene classes and church planting— among just a few of the activities.



This summer we will again partner in an extensive medical outreach and Vacation Bible School effort. All kinds of gifts and talents can be used by God for this effort. The combined 2010 trip involves two one week long opportunities, or team members may participate back-to-back in both weeks, July 23rd – August 6th. It is expected that as many as 35 people will participate this year. The “Trail Boss” for this year is Gary Chapman; the Medical Director is Dr. Mark Smith, and Pastor Tom Edwards will participate in the second week.

Over the years, more than 200 members of our congregation have participated in Peru mission trips. This work has been conducted in close cooperation and partnership with local churches, local church leaders, the Lima medical community and with the Peruvian

Bible Society.

First Kingwood also sponsors the life-changing “Love a Child” program in Lima where hundreds of children receive balanced meals daily, sports activities, learning enrichment and Bible instruction. School lets out mid-day in Peru, and many children who would not otherwise receive a meal come in their school uniforms (sometimes sewn by local church members) where they are fed. For many, this is the only full meal they will receive. Another part of the “Love a Child” program is the furthering and encouragement of advanced education for promising young students. The “Love a Child” program is supported by members and friends of First Kingwood and is generally our Christmas Eve offering. The program is coordinated on the U. S. end by members Clark and Carol McCullough. To go to a village on the outskirts of Lima, such as San Genaro, is to visit a barrio neighborhood of a major South America city traveling on dirt roads and streets. In Lima, which receives less than 1 inch of rainfall per year, one may add large amounts of dust to the mix and residents who struggle to meet their daily needs for food, water and employment. Less than 3% of the land in Peru is arable and the country has vastly differing temperatures.



This year, we will primarily be working again on the outskirts of the Capitol city of Lima with medical clinics both weeks, and VBS activities during the second week. Metropolitan Lima is a city of over 8 million people. More than 25% of the people of Peru live in the

Golf Tournament

The FPC-Kingwood Spring Golf Tournament experienced an excellent turn out and great weather! Many thanks to all who participated and contributed and especially to the organizers: Tom Schafer, Bill Criner, Jim Morris, Don Armstrong, Carl Quebedeaux, Ruben Armendariz and Wayne Wassom.



Tournament results:
 1st place: L. Polich, D. Treleven, P. Stenner, J. Davis (pictured above)
 Putting Contest: W. Hesser, B. Groom , L. Offenbacher, and O. Sherrer
 Longest drive - ladies: O. Sherrer; seniors: R. Armendariz; men: T. Kett



McKinney Farewell Dinner



Todd Miller Concert

Just as we wished the McKinneys farewell and good luck, we welcomed in Todd Miller as our new Director of Music.



What a month!

An opportunity to meet your FPC-Kingwood Family and to get to Know Them Better!

Church Life is looking for coffee hosts for the 11:05 service on the 4th Sunday of each month. This is a once a month job; a truly good way to meet a lot of other church members and, at the same time, to serve the church.

What is a “Coffee Host” and what do 4th Sunday Coffee Hosts do? They should arrive on each 4th Sunday about 10:30. A quick check of supplies and coffee in the Coffee Bar / Welcome Area is made and water added to the teapot. Then members and guests arriving for or coming from services are greeted. After the last service, the coffee pots are emptied and washed and supplies are returned to the Welcome Area cabinets.

Please contact Pam Dettmers through the church office for further information. She and her team will be glad to step you through the procedures.

April in Review

April was a very busy month and here are just a few of the photos of the month in review.

Living Last Supper



Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration



Capitol of Lima. Lima's treasured National Heritage city center is surrounded today by affluent suburbs and vast slums.



Some team members like to add a few days of sight-seeing to the end of their time in Peru, traveling to places such as Machu-Pichu. Local arrangements for sightseeing before or following the project time are easy to make.

This year marks the first time that an extensive "Question & Answer" forum is on our website with helpful information for those who are considering joining the team. There is also a downloadable team application form on the website.

Many church members are "repeat team members," so significant has the experience been in their lives. No "special skills" are required to participate except a heart willing to serve and a love of Jesus. If you have been thinking of a mission trip, perhaps this is the year that God is calling you to go and serve!



Mother's Day With Extra Meaning

As the Rural Presbyterian Church of India celebrates its 25th year, our congregation is challenged to purchase a bus for the children of young moms to attend school. The bus fleet to shift from a strictly boarding school environment to daily trips to school is being provided to our brothers and sisters in India by large Presbyterian churches here in America.



The Rural Presbyterian Church has grown from a handful of believers to 1.4 million in 25 short years. These Bhangi Dalits (the lowest of the Untouchable class in India) have found freedom in Christ, new names as children of God, and are breaking off the bonds of thousands of years of slavery and oppression. These believers in India on average live on less than 30-cents per day.

A \$5,000 gift has been made to start this bus campaign for First Kingwood. Our goal is \$18,000. Our campaign will go until we "buy a bus." Perhaps in addition to telling your Mom you love her on Mother's Day, you might make a gift in her name or in her honor? If you would like to participate, gifts may be made payable to: FPCK and noted for "RPC bus."



A Reflection on Matthew Six

Chad Erb, Director of Discipleship

Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? (Matthew 6:25-27, ESV)



Almost every day, around 10 a.m., a woodpecker appears on the windowsill of my office here at the church. It sits on the edge, barely hanging on, its large beak pressing against the window, the feathers on its red head spiked up as it searching for...what? God only knows. I do know this, it is searching for something. Occasionally I'll lean over and tap on the window. Without flinching it moves toward me, as if it can see me through the reflective tinting on the outside of my office window. Maybe it is not looking at me at all, for I am surely not the center of the universe! Maybe, for the first time, it sees itself in the reflection. God only knows.

The passage in Matthew 6 reminds me that this little bird, as insignificant as it is, lives and breathes and makes its way in the world only by the grace and creative power of God. It reminds me that as I look at this little creature, I am capable of wondering, of imagining its story. Most importantly, this passage reminds me that our sense of wonder toward nature pales in comparison to God's wonder as he watches over and cares for each of us. Yet day after day, I worry about the future. I do everything I can to put things in order, to control the pace of the day, to predetermine the outcome of meetings and interactions I have with my coworkers, with my friends and family. I know this passage is true. Yet I still struggle with making this passage more than just theologically true. What would it look like if I lived my life by the truth of Jesus' words?

At the end of May a small group of college students, student leaders and I are going to take the challenge of trusting in God's provision and practice the discipline of discernment, of listening to and trust in the guidance of God as a group of Jesus followers. We are calling it a Trip of Faith. It is not a mission trip, though our plan is to serve a community in need. It is not a retreat. It is truly a trip guided by faith and discernment.

On Monday, May 24, we will meet together at 8 am. The students will then be given a map and exactly one hour to discern and agree on a destination. Once the hour is up, they will be given one additional hour to research the town, to learn as much as they can about the history, the culture, the businesses and churches, etc. Then, at 10 am, we leave, and will not return until Sunday, May 30. Where we are going and what will we be doing? God only knows.

I have one request of you, our church family--would you pray for us. Start now. At the end of this article, I will list the names of each participant. Perhaps each day leading up to the trip you could pray for one name on that list. What you need to know is that we are all searching--searching for the Way of Christ in our lives, searching for glimpses of the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth. Our deepest hope is that God interacts with us in new and powerful ways. Would you pray for us?

Participants: Joseph Grove, William Briggs, Lynni Long, Hilary Shurtleff, Talin Crow, Sarah Castaing, Kim Ryan, Miranda White, Hope Braley, Austin Mowrey, Britney Potts, Beth Thompson, Claire LeBlanc, Chris Faucett, Jackie Prescott, Brendan Tanamachi, Quinci White, Cory Lackey, Chad Erb, Judy Hinckfoot, Trevor Jordan, and Don Perry.

Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (Matthew 6:31-33, ESV)

CAWT – We will meet on May 6 at 11:15 in the coffee bar, for the National Day of Prayer and then eat lunch at the church. Please RSVP to Sue Plato at d5807riley@gmail.com

Men's Ministry:

Men's Fraternity: Year two, Winning at Work and Home. This is a perfect opportunity for you to invite new men into the program or to start fresh if you were not able to attend most of this year. We will continue through May 21st, take off for the summer, and resume in September to finish up year two. We meet every Friday morning at 6:00 a.m. for fellowship, and our program. Mark Smith is leading the program and for more information contact David Hemphill at david.hemphill@hp.com.

Men's Discussion Group: For all men that want to get closer to God and participate in a discussion this group is for you. We will meet in the Chapel at 10:00 a.m. May 6 and May 20. Leaders rotate monthly and the leader will choose the topic of discussion. If you are interested in joining this group please email marylee@fpc-kingwood.org

Bible study for the working man meets every Thursday morning in the conference room at 6:25. David Hemphill is leading this group. We are using the book by Greg Ogden, Discipleship Essentials: A Guide to Building Your Life in Christ. Please join us.

Peru Mission Trip

It is time to sign up for the Peru trips. Dates July 23-30 and July 30-Aug 6. Volunteers needed for medical and VBS teams. Experience, Spanish fluency nice but not required (we will train you!)

A list of things to support the mission:

1. Sign up to participate.
2. Collect for us trial/travel size hygiene articles, shampoo, lotions, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap.
3. Donate costume jewelry, Mardi gras beads.
4. Collect reading glasses from the dollar store, (1.00 and 1.25 strengths the best)

5. Consider funding a full or partial scholarship for a participant to attend the mission.
6. Pray for successful preparation and staffing for the mission.

(Please hold your donations until early July.) Contact Mark Smith for further information at doc_smith@hotmail.com

MOPS Summit Recap



85 women from as far as Bryan/College Station were in attendance for this Leadership Summit. Fear and courage were the topics of the day. Lunch was serviced by Chelsea's Deli. Brendan Tanamachi started us off with praise and worship music in the Fellowship Hall. Many thanks Brendan for your love of music. Phil Wagner made it possible by running the live feed from Denver via the CCN network. Thanks Phil for your great knowledge of electrical equipment. We were 1 of 58 sites nation wide. Thanks First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood for supporting MOPS in their mission that "Better Moms Make a Better World" and that "No Mom Should Be Alone".

Mary Kay Crutchfield

Adult Ministries

Adult Disciple Classes “Our Conversation”

9:45 Kindred Spirits will study comparative religions - using the Pocket Guide to World Religions by Winfried Corduan. They meet in the Parlor.

May 2 Wahhabite Islam	Searcy
May 9 Parsiism	Johnson
May 16 Shinto	Searcy
May 23 Sikhism	Searcy
May 30 Mormonism	Trammell

9:45 The Conversations class will continue to follow the Storyline series covering the books of Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, and Job while focusing on ways to improve relationships and prayer. Terry Kett and Mike Duncan will lead the class in room 215.

9:45 Present Word meets in the Chapel. Dub Crook will be teaching this month.

Teachings on Community Unit 3: Teachings of the Church

May 2 A Faithful Community
Colossians 1:1-14
May 9 An Established Community
Colossians 2:1-10
May 16 A Chosen Community
Colossians 3:12-17
May 23 At Home in the Community
Philemon 8-18
May 30 At Risk in the Community
Jude 3-7, 19-21, 24-25

11:05 TLC stands for Transforming Life Crusaders, They meet in room 209 at 11:05 for lively discussion and prayer. Using the book Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference? by Philip Yancey at a leisurely pace, the class can really delve into prayer and still maintain the “family” atmosphere, where all support each other in their lives.

11:05 Emmaus Way with Chad Erb in room 215. Our class is searching the scriptures for examples of conversation between God and his people. As we encounter examples of prayer and stories of God’s interaction

with God’s people, we will discuss the relevance of prayer and communication with our Creator today. Our hope is to experience a more active and full prayer life by entering into an ongoing conversation with the Creator of the Universe!

Wednesday evening Dr. Jim Davis will continue to offer his class on “Learning to Pray”.

Each week we read through the “Storyline” again and focus one or more of the prayers that we find in our readings. In this way we try to learn from Scripture how to deepen our conversation with God in prayer. We meet in the sanctuary at 6:30.

Marriage Ministry:

Marriage Encounter weekend held on the weekend of April 9-11, a Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Presbyterian Expression, was held here in Houston. Taking place at the nearby Crowne Plaza Hotel near Greenspoint, the couples attending learned about how to better communicate with their spouse, and how to strengthen their marriage relationship. The weekend was led by two lay couples (including Roger & Peggy Eddy from here at FPC-K) as well as a clergy couple.

Marriage Encounters have been held for over 50 years, and are intended for couples with good marriages who want to make them better and stronger, in the face of increasing worldly influences that tend to tear apart and not build up strong marriages. It doesn’t matter if a couple has been married five years or 45, they can have a better relationship, as a result of the weekend.

The next Presbyterian Marriage Encounter weekend will be held October 15-17, 2010, again at the Crowne Plaza. Couples can register online at www.presby-me.org.

Women’s Ministry:

Pick up one of our women’s ministry brochures for all of our offerings. Childcare for any event call 281-360-5555 ext. 121. Our blog is <http://fpckwomensministry.blogspot.com>

RTH: Rebuilding Together Houston



Children's Ministries

What a great time the last few weeks in children ministry have been!

Kids 2 years thru 4th grade returned their stewardship boxes on Palm Sunday; continuing to support several children through Compassion International and helping to reinforce how important giving is to even our youngest members.

The weather ended up being gorgeous for our annual Easter Egg Hunt - over 200+ people from our church and surrounding community attended! A HUGE 'thank you' to the many incredible volunteers who gave their time and energy to make the event such a wonderful one!

Our 3rd graders received their milestone Bibles April 25th during the 9:45 service - please make sure to congratulate them on this important milestone!

If you haven't registered your child(ren) or grandchild(ren) for VBS 2010: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace, there's still time! Registration is going on right now and will continue through May 15th. You can register online at <http://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/fpckids> or by picking up a form in the Fellowship Hall or church office.

Please remain in prayer for the children and many volunteers during this busy time, and know that you remain in mine.

In His Love,

Angela Howard
Director of Children and Family Ministry



3rd Graders with their new Bibles

Kids' Church

Attending the 11:05AM service? Enjoy worshipping together as a family, and then send your child (age 4 years-3rd grade) to Kids' Church in the Fellowship Hall following the children's message. Attend Sunday school at 11:05AM? Bring your child to the designated Kids' Church rows in the front of the church (near the organ).

VBS 2010: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace!

In just a few months, our church will be filled with the aromas, sights, and sounds of kids participating in fun discovery activities at a special Holy Land Adventure—in Egypt!

VBS 2010 will be June 14 – June 17 from 1pm-4pm for 4 year old preschoolers thru 4th graders.

The cost for this year's VBS program is \$15/child with a \$50/family maximum.

VBS 2010 Registration dates:

To register online: <http://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/fpckids>

Registration will close on May 15th. If we have not met our max of 250 participants, we will continue to accept kids until we do but cannot guarantee a t shirt after May 15.

Questions? Just e-mail (fpckvbs@gmail.com) the VBS 2010 Steering Committee!

Want to get involved?

Do you have an awesome idea for Children's ministry? Love to work with kids? Let's talk! Contact Angela Howard at angela@fpc-kingwood.org or come the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00pm to the Children's Discipleship Committee meeting in room 209 (childcare provided).

Follow our blog: <http://fpckchildrensministry.blogspot.com/>
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Student Ministries

Advent Conspiracy Update:

Last December the Student Ministry staff challenged FPCK's students to rethink Christmas. Rather than simply using the season of Advent as an excuse to indulge and satisfy their commercial wants, the students were encouraged to engage the true meaning of Christmas and consider ways in which the birth of Christ can still change the world. The students decided that perhaps the best way they could honor Jesus was in accordance with Matthew 25:34-45 and "give to the least of these". They decided to partner with Living Water International to raise money for clean water wells to be dug in the country of Peru. The students, many as young as ten years-old, therefore began collecting loose coins in what became known as "Chump Change for Pump Change". Apparently no couch cushion was left unturned or stray penny left on the ground because after months of counting change we are excited to announce that the students raised a grand total of \$6,223.37! That is enough to fund two wells! Because of the students' efforts thousands of people will have access to clean water and its life saving effects.



FPCK's Confirmation Class of 2010:

On May 9th, after more than nine months of preparation, the Student Ministry staff will be presenting FPCK's Confirmation Class of 2010! We are so very excited and proud of these 8th Grade Students because of the diligent effort they have put forth to fully understand the implications of the Gospel and take

ownership of their faith. Please join us at 9:45 Worship Service in recognizing FPCK's newest members and honoring their hard work. A cake reception will follow immediately in the Fellowship Hall.



Senior Recognition Sunday and Octane Room Open House:

On May 23rd the Senior Class of 2010 will be recognized during the 9:45 Worship Service. Please join us in honoring these young men and women as they celebrate this milestone in their life. Additionally, the Youth Octane Room has undergone a major renovation over the past few months and is finally complete! We would like you to invite you open-house on Sunday, May 23! There will be coffee and donuts before and after all three services, and a cake reception honoring the graduating seniors after the 9:45 Worship Service, so drop by and check it out!

