

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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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM FPC-KINGWOOD

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

SEPTEMBER, 2011

Good Neighbors!



The FPC-Kingwood Choir performed at FPC-Galveston August 14th, shortly after FPC-G had their new floor installed. First Pres Galveston was severely damaged by Hurricane Ike in 2008 and First Pres Kingwood was one of the first organizations to help them.

Upcoming Events of Interest at FPC-Kingwood

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Peru Sewing Ladies

Thanks to donations to the Peru Capital Fund, the ladies of the church have sewing machines and are sewing three days a week in the Pastor's living room.

During the second Sunday of our Peru mission trip, we took time to visit the San Genaro Church which FPC-Kingwood built and commissioned in March 2006. Beginning in 2009, we have purchased 6 sewing machines for the ladies of the church. They have also been able to go to sewing school and are now turning out first-class impressive handwork.

The ladies sew three days a week in the front half of the Pastor's living room while he and his wife are working elsewhere. (see above photo)

Many of this year's missionaries took the opportunity to purchase handmade goods



from the ladies who had also made 400 school bags which we used as part of our VBS program at the 9th of September.

All the unsold goods were brought back to Texas and will be available for resale at the Festival of Angels - Peru Mission Booth. Stop by and treat yourself to an early Christmas present and support the Sewing Ladies of San Genaro.

Another group of women entrepreneurs, "the cooking ladies", treated our missionaries to an impressive array of baked goods and candies which they make and sell at the neighborhood market. We all agreed, "¡delicioso!"



Scholarship Grads

Funding this year has permitted us to continue scholarships for post-secondary education for five young adults from the San Genaro Congregation. Two of these have just graduated!



Since 2007, individual donations to the Peru Education designated fund has permitted us to award scholarships to Mayra, Lidia, Gustavo, Jessica and Katia. Students must maintain satisfactory grades and course progress toward a degree or certification and remain active in the church. This year, Mayra has completed her culinary schooling and will seek employment as a cook. Lidia has graduated from nursing school and is working as a nurse. Two new candidates are being considered for the program to help break the cycle of poverty by providing educational opportunities not otherwise available to these young people so they can qualify for higher paying careers and help their families and the church.

Oscar gets a Taxi

Two years ago, Oscar was robbed of his taxi and his livelihood. Contributions to the Peru Capital fund have helped put Oscar "back in business."

One evening in August, 2009, after Wednesday evening church service at San Genaro, Oscar, our taxi support person in Peru and church elder, picked up a taxi passenger who forced him at gunpoint to drive to a remote location where others were waiting to rob him and steal his car. Fortunately, they



did not harm him physically. He did not have theft insurance.

This year, thanks to generous donations to the Peru Capital fund, Oscar has been able to purchase a used Nissan for conversion to a taxi to replace the leased taxi he currently operates.

Youth Bibles Distributed

FPC-Kingwood Youth donated \$1,000 from their "Living Waters Fund" to purchase Spanish-language bibles for the children in Peru.

An 8 yr-old Peruvian girl brought back to VBS her treasured photo showing the 2009 Peru Youth mission trip to the 9th of September.



In December, 2010, the Youth voted to share \$1,000 from their Living Waters funds to buy bibles for Peru. During our 2011 VBS in the 9th of September, youth bibles were handed out in Bible Class, while the craft project that day made Bible covers from construction paper, masking tape, and shoe polish.



Peru Mission Newsletter

Mission Trip Update

From July 20 to August 3, 2011 twenty five individuals participated in two weeks of in-country mission work at two mission sites in the metropolitan Lima, Peru area. In addition to the medical and VBS mission field work, coordination meetings were held with our in-country partners to gather updates to ongoing missions including Love-a-Child, Peru Education, Peru Capital and New Peru Church activities.

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Upcoming News
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Medical and VBS Mission Report

Three mission teams operated in Peru during the two-week period of July 20 to August 3, 2011. This mid-week period was chosen to minimize air fare costs in this high tourist season during Peru's winter. Temperatures in Lima ranged between 62 and 66 °F.

Week One was a Medical Mission with 12 missionaries working at the 9th of September site in, Comas, Lima Peru. This is the 5th year we have worked at this site. A total of 692 patients were treated during the week at this site. In response to concerns expressed last year, workdays 3 and 4 were focused on the needy from "the hills" and on residents from Carabayllo. There was a noticeable difference in the medical condition of these two groups compared to days 1 and 2 and previous years.



2011 Peru Mission Newsletter

We intend to encourage this outreach to the neediest people.



Week 2 began July 27th with 20 missionaries. Two mission sites were served. The 9th of September site shifted from a Medical Clinic to a Vacation Bible School with 8 missionaries and local volunteers, while the 2nd medical team moved on to Ventanilla north of Lima, near the Pacific coast.

VBS expanded from 3 to 4 classes in order to reduce average class size and provide surge capacity. Attendance grew each day, peaking on the last day with 223 students in the morning session, with 45 spillover students

being accommodated by Pastor Luis at his nearby one-room church. Total attendance for the week was 1146 children with our largest single day of 300 children. A one-day VBS was also held at Carabayllo in a one-room site for 43 children.

The Medical Clinic in Ventanilla treated 771 patients during their week-long clinic. All three work sites benefitted from significant numbers of local volunteers, and, at the 9th of September, volunteer local doctors.

By partnering with in-country local churches and MISIUR, we benefit significantly from local involvement which reduces costs, leverages our skills and effectiveness, and produces one body working for Christ that leaves a positive impact on the communities in which we serve.

None of these activities would be possible without the active support of our congregation who volunteer time, expertise, and money to our many Peru missions. For more information or to be added to the 2012 Peru Mission mailing list, contact Clark or Carol McCollough at 281-358-5035 or email clarkmccollough@me.com.

From the Senior Pastor...



A few weeks ago I attended a Gathering of Presbyterians in Minneapolis. "The Gathering" was organized by the Fellowship of Presbyterians. Over 1900 people came, 46 states were represented and 852 congregations attended. Pastors, Elders, Presbytery Executives, and other observers were kept busy by an agenda that took us from 8:30 in the morning to 8:30 at night.

Several speakers made presentations and these will become available as videos on the Fellowship web site soon (www.fellowship-pres.org). I led one of the small groups discussing the presentation. Four options called "tiers" were outlined for how Presbyterians with denominational concerns might move forward. Each congregation has a specific context and the Fellowship is seeking to be an umbrella organization that will seek to maintain relationships between like-minded congregations in all four tiers.

Tier 1 is an option for congregations who are part of "majority evangelical" Presbyteries or congregations who exist as minorities in "progressive" Presbyteries. They may choose to remain where they are and seek to carry forward their congregation's missional agenda.

Tier 2 is an option to work to create new evangelical Presbyteries overlaying the same geographic territory as existing Presbyteries. This process will take months or years, but could be an alternative in Presbyteries where 10 or more congregations come together and form a new Presbytery to hold on to their historic Presbyterian Evangelical convictions while remaining in the PCUSA.

Tier 3 is a variation of Tier 2. It proposes creating a "Presbytery within a Presbytery" by creating two separate, parallel administrative structures. This would allow evangelical convictions to be maintained within an existing Presbytery using separate, parallel committees and processes. The Presbytery as a whole would then honor the decisions made by both structures.

Tier 4 is an option for congregations who want to become part of a "new Reformed body." The process to create this body has already begun. A "constitutional convention" to create the "new Reformed body" will take place in First Presbyterian Church of Orlando, January 12 - 14, 2012. The "new Reformed body" will be a group that allows congregations to leave the PCUSA and establish a separate identity. Or congregations could decide to become union congregations or affiliated congregations belonging to both the PCUSA and the "new Reformed body." Talks with denominational representatives of the PCUSA are ongoing, and are not confrontational but are co-operative. Issues of property ownership remain but these issues, it's acknowledged, can only be settled in negotiations between individual congregations and the Presbyteries to which they belong.

My sense is God has begun to do something new in our denomination. I left "The Gathering" feeling excited and energized by what I saw and heard. I know you'll join me as our Session continues to consider our path forward as a congregation. I feel certain the continuing path of the Fellowship of Presbyterians will play a large part in our Session's future discussions.

Jim

Dr. Jim Davis
Senior Pastor,
First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood

Getting Involved...

Great Job, Congregation!!!



On behalf of the Board of Deacons, we would like to express our appreciation to the congregation for the wonderful outpouring of generosity for the "Back to School" supplies drive for Humble Area Assistance Ministries! The supplies and monetary donations were greatly needed to provide a positive beginning for many students in our area for the 2011-2012 school year.

Blessings,
The FPC-Kingwood Board of Deacons

Library October Read-A-Thon

You are invited to participate in the Jean Branch Memorial Library October Read-A-Thon, running from October 1st – November 6th.

It's easy! Check out a book from the church library – Get a free bookmark! Read the book. Return the book to the church library - Get a Treat Bag!

The church library has almost 6,000 books; while hundreds are regularly checked out, many more are available for check-out. Let's give a big October boost to the church library usage. Be an October Read-A-Thoner.

Perspectives Class is coming!!..

Perspectives Class is coming!!..A 15-week journey where you interact with some of today's most dynamic and influential leaders in world evangelization.

Focus Topics Include:

- Biblical - What is the scriptural basis for God's redemptive plan for the nations?
- Historical - How has God been at work since the time of Christ to further this purpose?
- Cultural - How do we make the gospel relevant to people in other cultures?
- Strategic - What are the most effective ways to complete this plan?

Classes will start locally in January 2012. More information available in early Fall. Spaces will fill quickly. If you have any questions, call Dwight Koops (281-361-7178).

Bless our Schools Sunday 9.18.2011
Churches Worldwide PRAYING for Children & Schools
To Bless Our Schools through prayer, please pray for ...

STUDENTS

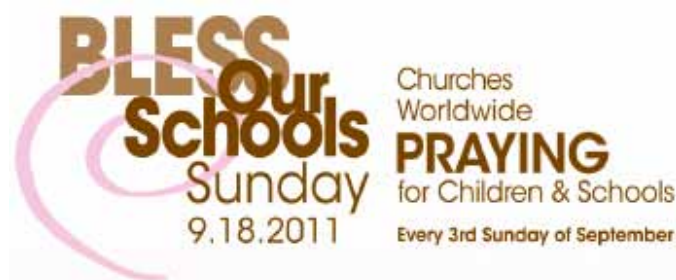
Pray that Christian students will stand firm in their faith, showing God's love on their campus so many will come to Christ this school year.

STAFF

Pray for unity and high moral standards among the teachers, administration, school board and support staff, that all decisions will be based on biblical values, and that God will strengthen, refresh and bless the Christians serving in our schools.

SAFETY

Pray that God's hand of protection will be upon the students, school and staff, that any plans for evil will be quickly thwarted. TM ®



FPC-Kingwood News & Notes

Attention Golfers - Get Ready!

The FPC-Kingwood 2011 Fall Golf Tournament will be on Friday, October 21st at the Oakhurst Golf Club (20700 Mills Branch Drive, Porter TX. 281.354.4653). The format will be a 4-person scramble with "shotgun" tee times. Registration will start at 12:00 noon and tee times will begin at 1:30 p.m. Practice balls will be available. Oakhurst will cater a Texas-style buffet immediately following the tournament. The awards presentation and door prizes will follow the buffet.

There is a change from past tournaments - you will be able to pick your own foursome, if you like!

The tournament is open to all members of FPC-Kingwood and friends. The Church Life Committee encourages all new member golfers to attend. This is a really great way to get acquainted with other members. High-handicappers are always welcome. There is usually someone with a higher handicap!

The cost will be \$55 for golf and buffet or \$10 for the buffet only. Sign-ups will be in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings between services starting September 25th and ending October 16th. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Duncan (281.913.5517) or Tom Schafer (281.360.9359). If you have any golf related items you would like to donate for door prizes, please contact Mike Duncan. Hope to see you on the course! ... *Fore!*...

Festival Of Angels "SILENT AUCTION"

Mark your calendar for November 5, 2011, from 9am to 3:30pm. Our church will sponsor its nineteenth annual Festival of Angels Christmas bazaar! Each year our festival grows, partially due to the Silent Auction.

Did you know:

- Our committee needs approximately 110 contributions to continue its success.
- We solicit community business leaders and acknowledge their contribution.
- We are a committee of 10.
- The Silent Auction usually raises the largest amount of funds to be donated.

We need your help!

As an organization: FPC-Kingwood Circles, Youth Groups, Classes and other groups are requested to make a donation. Use your imagination. A great deal of our success last year was due to your creative efforts. . . and we thank you!

As an individual: Do you have a weekend get-away that you would like to donate? What about tickets to

the Astros or the Texans? What about that brand new appliance Aunt Harriett gave you for Christmas that you will never use? How are you at making Gift Baskets or Christmas Wreaths? Themed baskets are very popular and ideas include: a wine basket, a pet basket, spa basket, kids games, chocolate, Movie Night.

As a business: Past donations have ranged from services including photographs, hair cuts, professional organizing and babysitting. What about restaurant gift cards, boutique items, airline tickets - Or what about your friends who own that interior decorating company—would they donate an arrangement?

Remember, the majority of our funds are used for missions and for charitable causes in our community.

If you have any questions or have something to contribute, please notify Diane Livingston diliv119@msn.com 281-358-0335. Donations are tax deductible.

Festival of Angels Tea Room

Yes, it's that time again! FPCK's annual Festival of Angels is gearing up to provide our community an opportunity to shop for the holidays and benefit our church missions programs at the same time. Vendors' applications are pouring in and plans are underway to present the best FOA ever!

Volunteer opportunities abound in every area of the Festival. If God is calling you to serve, join us! We welcome you to help with the Silent Auction, Children's Boutique, Fabulous Finds, Trash to Treasure or the Sweet Shoppe. This is a wonderful way to meet people at a truly worthy project - our one fund-raiser for the year.

In the kitchen, recipes are being tested and fun and fellowship will abound, as we gather to cook for the Tea Room. Always a popular place, FOA's Tea Room on Saturday, November 5 provides a chance for people to bring their friends and neighbors for lunch. Doesn't the idea of Boeuf Bourguignon and Chocolate Amaretto Cake make your mouth water already? And, as if that wasn't enough, we'll offer opportunities to take home items such as the Tea Room's famous Tarragon Chicken Salad, fabulous Homemade Gumbo and yummy dessert items.

Beginning in late September, FPCK's kitchen angels will meet weekly. Let us know if you are interested in being a part of this mission opportunity! Even if your kitchen skills are a little rusty, we invite you to join us as we lovingly prepare this gourmet menu. This is a time for people to gather and talk and share. This is a time for fun!

Music Notes

FPC-Kingwood's American Boychoir Concert Creates Opportunity for Local Youth



You might have seen Zander Shepeard as Charlie in Centre Stage's production of "Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" a few years back, or more recently with the Kingwood Theatre Department. Since that time he has grown into roles with the Houston Grand Opera Children's Chorus, and most recently the American Boychoir, who performed here at the church last January. Well, after the concert the American Boychoir held auditions and at my coaxing, Zander auditioned for their Summer Camp. He was accepted and along with 40 other young boys from across the country, they converged on Princeton, NJ from June 26 – July 2nd. One boy came from as far as Australia to do the summer program! I asked Zander what a typical day was like at the camp and he said: "We would wake up in the morning at 8:30 a.m. and get dressed and ready for the day. Then we went to the flagpole to sing the prayer. After breakfast, we would have music games, and then three outdoor activities. After the outdoor activities we would have music theory class, lunch, more games and then rehearsal for almost 3 hours. After Dinner we would have our night game and lights out at 9:30 p.m!" Zander said he roomed with three other boys: Noah from Illinois, Nathan from California and Daniel from Michigan. He said that he learned a lot about singing and music and learned the Solfege system of sight singing when he was there. He was accepted into the school for the Fall, and said that he especially liked Maestro Malvar-Ruiz. Zander says he would like to thank First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood, and Dr. Todd Miller for making this opportunity possible for him, by bringing the American Boychoir to Kingwood!

Sandy Van Cleve

Music Associate,
First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood

FPC-Kingwood Choir Sings at FPC-Galveston



This past August, members of the FPC-Kingwood Choir held a retreat in Galveston. They rehearsed and performed at the historic First Presbyterian Church of Galveston (built in 1889). They had recently had their floors re-installed (after severe damage from Hurricane Ike) and were very welcoming to the FPC-Kingwood Choir. Overall the weekend was a great success!

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Saturday, February 4 @7:30 p.m. The VIENNA BOYS CHOIR will be in concert in Kingwood for the first time!

The 2012 Stewardship Campaign Begins!

Our Stewardship Campaign for 2012 at First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood will take place again this year in two stages. The first stage will be our *E-Pledge Campaign*. It will begin on October 1st and finish on October 21st. Then, on Sunday, October 23rd, we'll begin our traditional *Saddlebag Campaign*.

Here's how both campaigns will work.

The E-Pledge Campaign: October 1st - 21st

If you'd like to make your Stewardship Pledge for 2012 by computer, you can do so at any time.

- If we have a valid email address for you, you should receive an invitation, by the last week of September, to make an "e-pledge". The invitation will contain a secure, confidential link you can press to make your pledge at any time.
- If you don't receive your invitation for any reason you can still make an "e-pledge" in one of two ways. You can go to the church website (www.fpc-kingwood.org) and click on the button marked "Pledge Online." Or you can send an email to this address (pledge@fpc-kingwood.org).
- When you "e-pledge" either way, you'll receive a response acknowledging your pledge from Paula Trigg, our Associate for Finance. This will confirm your pledge has been received and recorded.

The Saddlebag Campaign: October 23rd – November 20th

If you would like to make your Stewardship Pledge for 2012 with a pledge card, you can do so in our "Saddlebag Campaign." On Sunday, October 23rd, our Elders and Deacons will receive their Saddlebags with a list of church members whose pledges have not yet been received via computer. Each Elder will take a Saddlebag full of pledge cards to the first home on their list. They will ask the person or the family receiving the Saddlebag to complete a pledge card, place it in the Saddlebag, then pass the bag to the next person on the list.

By offering both an "e-pledge" and a traditional pledge card option in this year's Stewardship Campaign, we want to give every person in our congregation an opportunity to make their pledge in a way that's easy and convenient. Please do your part to support our church and its mission in 2012. Let Paul's words guide you. "Remember this," Paul writes, "a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop, but the one who plants generously will get a generous crop...You must each decide in your heart how much to give... and God will generously provide all you need." (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

May God's Spirit guide all of us as we take part in this year's Stewardship Campaign.



Adult Ministries

As we continue this fall with our Year of Our Legacy we suggest you read *Great Days with the Great Lives by Charles R. Swindoll*. Learn more about Joseph, David, Esther, Moses, Elijah, Paul and Job in this book recommended by Dr. Jim Davis to help us walk through 2011 Legacy. This book provides for us a Scripture reference and a devotional thought based on the experience of these great heroes of the Bible whose authentic walk with God will teach us, encourage us, and warn us.

Sunday Mornings at FPC-Kingwood

9:45 Sunday School Classes

Present Word (Meet in the Chapel)

God Instructs the People of God, Unit 3: A Case Study in Community

September 18 Teaching Values *Proverbs 15:21-33*

September 25 Wisdom and Discernment *Proverbs 25:16-27*

Kindred Spirits (Meet in the Parlor)

September 18 John, Lesson 3 – “Starting Over”, Cindy Trammell

September 25 John, Lesson 4 – Connecting with People, Carl Quebedeaux

Our Conversation Class (Meet in Room 215)

The class goes out to lunch the 3rd Sunday of the month after the 11:05 service.

September 18 “God and Biblical Principles in the Founding of our Country”? Frank Boyd

September 25 “God and Biblical Principles in the Founding of our Country”? Terry Kett

The Upper Room

The Upper Room, a ministry for Adults with Special Needs, (meets in Room 208 from 9:45 until 12:15) is led by Emma Henderson. They will be studying:

Ruth shows love for Naomi

Boaz is kind to Ruth

Ruth, Boaz and Obed are a family

Attention 9:45 worshippers: We would like to officially invite you to visit the following classes. We are confident that after a visit you will be hooked into Discipleship.

11:05 Sunday School Classes

Emmaus Way (Meet in the Chapel) led by Chad Erb this class goes deeper into the sermon and the text for the day.

Truth Seekers (Meet in the Parlor) for discussion and fellowship of “That the World May Know” video series with Ray Vander Laan. The tapes are both informative and seem to help spark challenging spiritual growth. The contact is Sherry Arrick.

Wednesday Family Night

September 21st – November 9th

Food, Fellowship and Study

Course Offerings: 6:30 p.m. - 7:25 p.m.

Hebrews - “The Missing Links” Dr. Jim Davis

For some people the Old Testament and the New Testament look very different. Some people might even say they can see little if any connection between the God of the Old Testament and the God of the New. But the book of *Hebrews* sees the situation from another angle and helps us discover “missing links” that connect the two Testaments. The “missing links” can help you understand who God is more fully. The “missing links” can help you appreciate more completely what Christ has done for you. Come, be a part of this class and discover the “missing links.”

Charter: The Authority of Scripture Sola Scriptura
Gert Meij

From 1500 to 1600 a multitude of Reformed Martyrs were burnt at the stake all over Europe. They were not prepared to deny their Reformed beliefs in the authority of Scripture. During his interrogation, Martin Luther said: “Unless I am convinced by Sacred Scripture...I will not recant”. Should we have the same convictions as those persecuted?

For the next couple of seasons we will use a series of DVDs by R. C. Sproul (supplemented occasionally by other theologians) to explain Reformed Theology. This Fall we will start a study of the authority of Scripture. We will cover the following that will help us understand core issues such as: Where did our Bible come from; Why do we only have the 66 books in the Bible; The credibility of the Bible; General Revelation; Special Revelation; Inspiration and Authority of Scripture; Infallibility and Inerrancy; Scripture and Authority.

Senior Ministry

Congratulations to the group who traveled to Gonzales, Texas on July 21. This was one of the best “day” trips RAAPS has had. If you were not there you missed a real treat. What a wonderful feeling to hear the comments on Sunday that “You should have gone!” And what a pleasant surprise that this small (pop. 7000), old (1825) town could be so filled with history. Known as the Birthplace of Texas Freedom and the Gateway to Texas History, Gonzales has a unique place in Texas history as the site of the first shot fired for Texas independence on October 2, 1835. It was from Gonzales that the “immortal 32” volunteered to help defend the Alamo and, unfortunately, it was at Gonzales that Sam Houston was given the news of the defeat.

The oldest (still in use) building dates from 1850 and lovely old homes sit side-by-side with very modest homes of later vintage. The County Jail was built 1885-1887 and used until 1975. As you can tell from the attached pictures a good time was had by all. At least we escaped a “hanging” as the last to be held in this jail was in 1921.

The J. B. Wells Home is typical of Texas in the late 1800’s. The 15 room home pictured here remains today as it was in 1885 with some of the original wallpaper, drapes and furnishings. The Gonzales Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas are wonderfully knowledgeable custodians and docents. They are still finding treasures hidden away in the attic. I offered to come on vacation and help them “play” in the attic – what fun that would be.

After lunch at Gonzales Food Market – not the Ritz – but good barbeque, we picked up our step-on guide, Paul Friensal for a riding tour. If I had had a history teacher as interesting as Mr. Friensal, I would be much smarter today. After the initial history lesson, driving through this small town we saw over 80 historical properties and heard their fascinating stories.

The local radio station call letters are KCTI - Come and Take It (just ask anyone from this trip and they will tell you what it means)- or, COME AND TAKE ONE of our day trips – you just never know what treasure we may find.

Enjoying God’s gracious bounty and beautiful earth,

Ann



The Wells Home

SENIOR CALENDAR

September 30 – October 10 Trip to Mackinac Island
NO ‘JUST LUNCH’ IN OCTOBER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13 – Begin rehearsals with Theater Group. Fellowship Hall – 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, October 14 – Three Texas Tenors - Nathaniel Center – Show time 7:00 p.m. - Meet at Church (6:30 p.m. for carpool) OR meet at The Nathaniel Center - we have 7 tables.

WEDNESDAY, October 26 “Mystery Trip” Bus will leave the church parking lot at 11:30 a.m. Lunch on your own at Cleburn’s. THEN WATCH OUT! \$15.00

FRIDAY, December 16 – OPERA LEGGERA – The Nathaniel Center – Holiday Enchantment - music of the season WAITING LIST ONLY

Exciting new trips and events - Coming Soon!!!!

Women's Ministry News

Angel Wings is a group we are starting to take day trips a few times a year with women of the church. Our first trip is scheduled for Round Top on Thursday Sept. 29th. We will meet in the church parking lot by 8:15 a.m. and we will get there by 10:00. More information will follow but please set aside that day if you are interested in going.

Hannah Circle will meet Monday, September 19th at 11:00am in the home of Janet Wood. This is a Circle for "Empty Nesters" and meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 11am in members' homes. This year we're studying the book "Traveling Light" by Max Lucado. All women are welcome. If you'd like to join us, call Janet at 281.360.7660 or e-mail janetswood1@yahoo.com.

Dorcas Circle will resume monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of each month in the Church Parlor at 1:00pm, beginning Tuesday, September 20th. We will be studying "Unexpected Blessings, The Beatitudes Expanded." Dorcas is a circle for all ages and everyone is welcome. If you would like more information please call Betty Ladish at 281.358.2785 or e-mail at blladish@suddenlink.net.

Believers Readers Meeting All women are invited to participate in the Book Club discussions. The book lineup for the remainder of the year is:

September 26th - *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand

November 28th - *Autobiography of Santa Claus* by Jeff Guinn. Watch the Weekly for more details. For more info about the Book Club, please contact Louise Hite at lhite@earthlink.net or 832.797.6178.

Marytha Circle, FPC-K's first circle, welcomes new members. We will begin studying the Beatitudes in September. We meet in member's homes the third Thursday of each month. For more information, please call June Smith, 281.358.6652 or Mary Tims, 281.361.6823. We look forward to meeting you!

Another fun filled year of **Mothers of Preschoolers** is about to begin! Our general meetings will be every 2nd and 4th Wednesday from September 2011 till May 2012. Childcare is provided for our general meetings. If you have any questions regarding MOPS please contact Sheri Frost at 281.793.7948.

Movie Going Mamas Night Group We meet the third Thursday of the month at 6:15 PM in the FPC-Kingwood parking lot or 6:45 PM at StarPlex Cinema. The invitation is open to all women of the church.

Sisters in Christ Fall Bible Study starts Saturday, September 24th at 9 a.m. in the Conference Room. For six weeks we will be examining Max Lucado's *Outlive Your Life*. There is a short daily "homework assignment" which along with the DVD will be the basis for our discussion each week.

We will study the Book of Acts and hear the stories of the early Christian Church, a small group that expanded into a world changing force. What can we learn from their priorities and passion? Max challenges us to follow their example and make a big difference during difficult times by infiltrating all corners with God's love and life. Chuck Colson says "The only way of changing the world for good is for Christians to take seriously our call to be the light of Christ. Max is calling the church, which is you and me, to love and serve one another through Jesus Christ."

It is important that you pre-register and let us know if you will need a book (it is also available on Kindle). Contact Helen Doyle bluenosetx@gmail.com.

Men's Ministry News

Men's Fraternity? Men's Life? Where do we go from here? **ManintheMirror** program for Friday mornings. Format will be the same, but we will watch Pat Morley or other presenter, and then spend some time discussing it at small group/tables. Sept 16th - Dec 9th

ManintheMirror Leadership/Planning Conference is a two day event at Grace in Houston Sept 30-Oct 1, a Friday night and all day Saturday. This is aimed at changing the culture of the church to more directly meet men's interests and needs. We would like us to encourage any and all guys who could make it to go.

MoRanch Retreat May 4-6, 2012 for men only.

Men's Bible Study on Thursday mornings at 6:45 a.m. in the Conference Room

Retired Men's Bible Study meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. We are a great group of guys just moving along with our relationship with God. Our focus of study is the Gospel of Mark. We are using *King's Cross* by Timothy Keller. If you want more information please email Mary Lee at marylee@fpc-kingwood.org.

MOMSnext

Paula Tobey
MOMSnext is a ministry of MOPS International designed as a support network for all mothers with children: kindergarten through eighth grade.

We use a book "*MomSense; A Common-Sense Guide to Confident Mothering*" by Jean Blackmer.

The books chosen by MOPS are always from a Christian perspective and quote a lot of scripture or discuss Bible stories and then relate them to mothering. Our group picks out a few chapters to follow for guided discussion. Most moms have issues they need to talk out; for example, their child is being bullied, they think their child has ADHD, they feel like the school is not serving healthy food, etc. We come together and discuss these topics, brainstorm if necessary and then pray for each other, our families and children.

Fireproof Your Marriage: Don't Leave Your Partner Behind Roger & Peggy Eddy, Sue Groudle

Did you see the movie *Fireproof*? Would you like to learn how to apply the film's principles in your marriage? Join other interested couples Wednesday nights this fall for an 8 week challenge: Learn to love first, to love better and to love for a lifetime. Come take the dare!

This small group study is based on the movie "Fireproof", and it includes video clips from the film as part of each session. We hope you'll relate to and be inspired by Caleb and Catherine (the film's principle characters) as they work through all too common struggles on their way to an enduring marriage based on God's great love.

If you would like to see the movie, contact Mary Lee Irwin marylee@fpc-kingwood.org or Roger & Peggy Eddy at 713-392-4014 or 281-685-0044

WFn Dinners: 5:50 p.m. - 6:25 p.m.

9/21 Catered Italianos: Lasagna, rolls, salad and mixed cheese cake

9/28 Kitchen: Soup and salad, rolls,

10/5 Catered Italianos: chicken alfredo, rolls, salad, cannoli

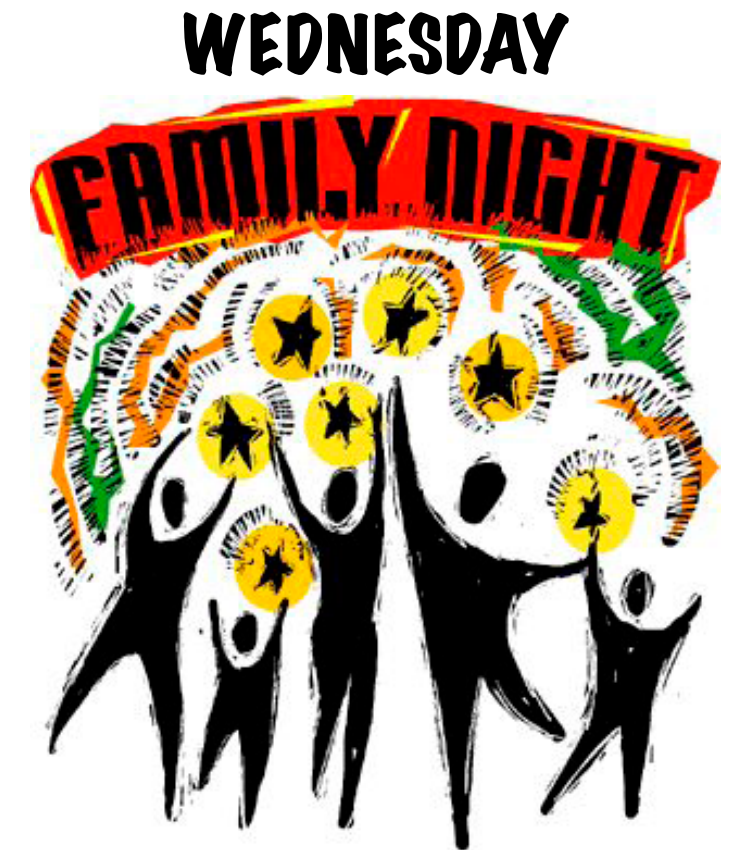
10/12 Kitchen: baked potato, salad

10/19 Catered: Tin Roof BBQ, green beans, potato salad, peach cobbler

10/26 Kitchen: ham, mashed potato, mixed vegetables, spice cake

11/2 Catered Italianos: chicken parmigiana, rolls, salad, cake

11/9 Kitchen



Children's Ministries

WHAT A WONDERFUL SUMMER WE HAD IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY!

We're back to school now and readjusting to the routines of fall. It's a busy time of year (isn't it always?!) with a lot of exciting things coming up in children's ministry at FPC-Kingwood.

Kids 2 years thru 4th grade received their new stewardship boxes in Sunday school this past month, as we continue to reinforce how important giving is to even our youngest members. Our children's stewardship campaign will support The Hands and Feet project – a non profit that helps support orphaned and abandoned children.

It's time to start signing up for Wednesday Family Night! Our children's choir will be meeting from 4:45 - 5:30 p.m. this fall, and we'd would love to see your child(ren) there. After choir, join us in fellowship at dinner, and then head to a class from 6:30-7:30. This fall our classes for kids will include acrylics, cooking, and a 'Bible adventures' class for our younger members – be sure to stop by the table in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday to sign up.

Please remain in prayer for our children as they settle back into school and for our many volunteers during this busy time. Know that each of you remain in mine.

In His Love,

Angela Howard
Director of Children and Family Ministry

What's Happening in Children's Ministries?...

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Sunday School Teachers

During child baptisms our congregation makes the commitment "to guide and nurture...by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of His church".

All parents of children age 2 years through 4th grade are asked to prayerfully consider how they will be involved in their child's Sunday school class during the 2011 - 2012 school year.

There are a variety of ways to get involved – from teaching and/or assisting in a Sunday school class, to setting up for special events or taking home supplies to sort and prepare.

Our hope is to have every parent (and then some!) participating in children's ministry at FPC-K. Sign ups for volunteers will be in the Sunday school classrooms.

Teacher Dedication

Teacher Dedication Sunday will be held September 18th during all three worship services. All Sunday school teachers and children's ministry volunteers will be asked to stand up during their worship service and be recognized for their service to the church.

Mark Your Calendars!

Kelly Wood, a curriculum trainer from Group Publishing (the publishers of our new 'Faith Weaver' curriculum for Sunday school) will be here September 18th from 12:15-2pm.

We will enjoy a light lunch while Kelly passes on great teaching tips, answers our questions, and actively engages us in learning how to best use our new curriculum. Please RSVP to Angela Howard at 281.360.5555 or angela@fpc-kingwood.org

Wednesday Family Night

Got a great idea for a kids' class for our Wednesday night programming? Want to see how you can get involved in the exciting programs we are already planning? Contact Angela Howard at 281.360.5555 or angela@fpc-kingwood.org

This fall we will have a variety of classes for children, including:

Acrylics Class taught by Margaret Grimmer (1st grade or older)

Cooking Class taught by Chefs 2B (K or older)

Bible Adventures taught by Angela Howard (PreK)

Student Ministries

Team Octane is entering the Race for the Cure

On a typical Monday night, many students in FPC-Kingwood's Student Ministry gather for their weekly small groups. They catch up with each other, go over their weekly lessons, and much more. However, a few Monday nights ago it was much different.....

"My small group decided that we wanted to take part in something much greater than ourselves. We wanted to figure out a way to give back to our community and support a great cause. Immediately we knew this foundation was EXACTLY what we wanted to support. Plus, we definitely want to show the Davis' family that we love and support them! I hope everyone will participate in this walk and serve alongside Octane. Come be a part of something that can change a life!" -Becca Rubin, 11th grade student.

On Saturday, October 1st, Octane is partnering up with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation! Join us on the 5K walk as we support Carolyn Davis and family! To sign up or donate, just go to www.komen-houston.org and search for "Team Octane." E-mail Angie Alanowski with any questions: angie@fpc-kingwood.org



The Ladies of Team Octane

Hello from La Ceiba!

Last month, members of the Octane group, here at FPC-Kingwood, went to La Ceiba, Honduras to serve at a orphanage. They were led by Student Ministry Directors Angie Alanowski and Matt Davis. While down there, they filed regular reports back to Kingwood, via email, as a sort of travelogue. Here are some excerpts from their trip...

Wednesday, August 3rd

Today, as we did yesterday, we split up into two groups. One continued painting the playground, the other worked with the kids. I went to the playground to continue the paint job and was excited to see the swing-set and slide coated in the electrifying colors our hosts picked out. They picked the vibrant red, yellow, blue, and green paints to colorize the equipment because Papa Jones originally envisioned a color scheme that would be bright and exciting and really wow and excite the kids. However, I think that seeing how the playground was coming along energized our group just as much as it was intended to energize the kids.

Thursday, August 4th

After lunch we all loaded up in our van and headed to pass out lunches to some extreme poverty stricken families just a few miles down the road. Two local boys also tagged along with us who we had met at the soccer field earlier in the week. We all joked around together taking funny pictures on our cameras and in the little spanish that we know. The families we brought food to live in small houses made out of dried mud and sticks with palm tree limbs as the roof. They don't have any electricity or running water, just a small stream along their houses where they wash their clothes. The families were overjoyed when we brought them a big lunch for each residence. We also brought along the beanie babies we packed and handed them out to the children of each home, many of them wanted more and more. We prayed in english and spanish with each family to bless the food and that it would help nourish the families. The impact that we made on their day and their lives was evident in their faces. We didn't need a translator to realize that!

More entries can be found on the church website, at <http://www.fpc-kingwood.org/article/fpc-kingwood-goes-to-honduras/>.

There's even an entry about velociraptors but we're still trying to sort that all out. Enjoy!