

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

JUNE 2010

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Upcoming Events of Interest at FPC-Kingwood

Ben Patterson comes to FPC-Kingwood in June



From Friday, June 4th through Sunday, June 6th, Dr. Ben Patterson, Presbyterian Pastor, Campus Pastor, Contributing Editor to *Christianity Today*, and noted author of several best-selling books on prayer will visit us. Ben is coming to First Church here in Kingwood to help us start our summer study and sermon series on “God’s Prayer Book,” the Psalms. Ben’s newest book on the Psalms is called *God’s Prayer Book: The Power and Pleasure of Praying the Psalms*. Copies will be available for sale and summer reading. Ben will be leading a special seminar on Saturday morning, June 5th at 10 a.m., that’s designed to help us understand how we can learn to pray the Psalms. He will also be our guest preacher at all three of our worship services on Sunday, June 6th. Mark your calendar now and plan to be with us for a special time of study and sermon on the first weekend in June.

Operation Freedom Moves to the other side of the Calendar! This year we are moving Operation Freedom to the summer so that we can honor our troops and our country at the same time of year. Our campaign kicks off over Memorial Day and will continue through the end of June. We hope you can participate in this worthy endeavor.

Vacation Bible School: June 14th - 17th!! Later this month, 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! Our theme this year is *Egypt: Joseph’s Journey from Prison to Palace*. See page 8 for more details!

OCTANE MISSION TRIP 2010 June 20-26! Raymondville, Texas...here we come! This will be a life changing trip. Raymondville is a community of 10,000 in the Rio Grande Valley and will offer many opportunities to help. You can find more info at www.fpc-kingwood.org or by flipping over to page 9!

Summer Bible Study Programs are here! As you can tell from our cover, FPC-Kingwood’s new summer Bible study programs are starting later this month. Ladies, we are offering two great courses that are informal and lots of fun. Plus, we are offering an exceptional child’s program which will be free to registered participants (all children participating in the programming must be registered in advance to make sure that there will be sufficient nursery and teacher resources). Contact Mary Lee Irwin (281.360.5555 or marylee@fpc-kingwood.org) for more information. Hope to see you there!

Employee Spotlight: Donna Hanson



Donna Hanson is the Director of Administration at First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood. Donna began her work with our church in July of 2008.

Donna has been actively involved in church administration both as a volunteer and a staff member for many years. She has over 25 years experience serving on staff in two churches prior to joining the staff here at First Presbyterian. Donna says that she believes that church administration is God’s calling in her life and she is happy to be able to serve here at First Presbyterian Church. Donna also serves on the board of the Houston National Association of Church Business Administration.

Donna’s responsibilities include providing leadership and direction for the business and administrative affairs of the church. One of the projects that she hopes to accomplish, with the help of staff members and many leaders, is a Church Operations Manual. Donna’s work is mainly behind the scenes. She loves working with staff, leaders, committees and other task teams to accomplish ministry.

Donna states that “I believe that effective organization and management can dramatically reduce the degree of confusion which exists in a church when no specific guidelines are provided. I believe that policy statements can provide the framework for efficient and competent administration of a church, thereby allowing everyone to be better stewards of resources and better focus on ministry opportunities.”

Donna is married to Ken, her husband of over 40 years, and she and Ken have two grown sons and six grandchildren whom they adore. Donna and Ken both grew up in the Northeast Texas area and began dating while Donna was still in high school. They are members of the First Baptist Church of Pasadena where Donna volunteers as a Sunday School Director for an adult department.

If you haven’t met Donna, feel free to stop by the church office. She works Monday through Thursday and welcomes your ideas and input on how to better serve this body of believers. Donna may be reached by calling the church office or by e-mail at donna@fpc-kingwood.org.

Please note: The deadline for submissions to the July Journey is June 15th.

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
Parish Associate

Dr. Todd Miller
Director of Music/
Principal Conductor

Life of the Church

New Altar Cloths: A special thank you to Nancy Altzman, choir member and expert seamstress, for sewing the beautiful new green and purple altar cloths that are used on the altar table throughout the year. Nancy has been generous with her expertise and talents on many occasions by sewing new altar cloths for us. When you see her, be sure and thank her for these exquisite new cloths. Our church is blessed to have such a generous and talented member.

First Breakfast Returns! Be sure to join us for our next First Breakfast on Sunday June 6th at 7:00 a.m. Pastor Tom Edwards will be speaking about Operation Freedom (which will also be the communion offering). Hope to see you there!

2010 Festival Of Angels is set for Saturday, November 6th and it is not too early to think about donating items for the "Trash-to-Treasure", "Silent Auction", "Fabulous Finds" and "Children's Boutique". Please check your closets, attic, garage, under the beds, or anyplace you keep items you don't use anymore, and set these items aside for the FOA. The FOA Committees certainly will appreciate any items that you can donate. Details to follow.

The 2010 Festival of Angels Committee is now accepting Vendor Applications! If you or someone you know is interested in being a Vendor, applications are available on the FPC-Kingwood website at www.fpc-kingwood.org. The date of the 2010 Festival of Angels is Saturday, November 6, 2010. We are pleased to announce that the time of the event has been extended this year! The 2010 Festival of Angels will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. If you have any vendor related questions, please contact Cindy Trammell (bct2@aol.com) or Kelly Smith (kelly@smithcrew.net).

We have a prayer garden! One of Jesus' habits was prayer. And the Bible says he often sought out a place to pray like a hill or a garden for his prayers. Now individuals and groups in our congregation can do the same. A Prayer Garden is now open and available for use. It's located in the northeast quadrant of our church property. To find it, take the sidewalk on the south side of Kingwood Drive and walk east to Willow Terrace. Cross at the light; walk back west to the canal; turn right and walk up the

grass strip beside the canal about 20 yards and you'll find the path to the Prayer Garden on your left. The garden is floored with flagstone and crushed granite. It includes eight large benches, a cross and a statue of Christ with arms outstretched to welcome you. It's available for individual use at any time and groups can schedule prayer in the Prayer Garden by contacting Monica in the Church Office.

Entering Church on Sunday - Because of security issues, our Building & Grounds committee encourages everyone to enter church on Sunday morning through the doors on the East side of our building off our parking lot. The West side door of our building is not monitored on Sunday morning when our offices are empty and poses a direct security risk of theft and vandalism to valuable assets in our church office. We trust that everyone will understand these risks and help us manage them by entering the church on Sunday from one of the East entrances.

Five New Stephen Minister Candidates Will be Commissioned on June 6th!!

Don Treleven
Becky Jinnette
Jack Morrison
Nancy Ramirez
Meghan Arrick

Each candidate has completed the required 50 hours of training and will be presented to the congregation.



From the Editor...



Welcome to June and welcome to summer in Kingwood! It has been a busy spring with lots of exciting events taking place at FPC-Kingwood. In case you don't know, I'm the new(ish) Director of Communications and as such I am also the Editor of The Journey. From time to time, I might be fortunate enough to write a short column in this spot where Dr. Davis, Rev. Edwards or others would write. But for my part, as brevity is the soul of wit, I'll try to keep this note short.

May was a wonderfully busy month; I know many of you already know this. When I started here in February, I had an idea that May was simply the month that came after Easter, but oh no - I was quite wrong! Between National Day of Prayer, Mother's Day, Confirmation Sunday, Pentecost, the Birthday of FPC-Kingwood and honoring our graduates, its been every bit of a 31 day month. And that's not even mentioning Dennis Dewey's visit - which was quite a visit.

June also looks like its going to be another full month. Ben Patterson will be in town for the first weekend (June 4-6) and I hope you have a chance to come and hear him. He'll be leading a seminar on Saturday morning, at 10 a.m., about deepening our conversation with God through the Psalms and then he'll be preaching all three services on Sunday. His book, *God's Prayer Book*, will be helpful as we examine the Psalms over the course of the summer's sermon series. It will be on sale at the church that weekend and I encourage you to pick up a copy, if you don't have one yet. June is also our time for Vacation Bible School and the month when the Octane Mission to Raymondville takes place. This year, June also serves as the starting point for our Operation Freedom campaign. In past years, we've conducted this project over the Advent Season but we've found that our troops receive a high volume of packages at the end of the year but not much throughout the rest of the year. And it's a great way to celebrate our nation's birthday as well. Lastly, we launch two Bible Study summer classes for women at the end of the month. More information on each of these items I've mentioned can be found elsewhere in this publication.

As we look forward into the deeper part of the summer, we hope to make some changes to the website, our sermon broadcasts and we're even at work on a new pictorial directory (finally!). And then comes Rally Day. I'm starting to think it never slows down; which is fine by me - I like to keep busy. Really, there's something for everyone. After all, at First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood, we're a family of faith with a place for you.

Grace and Peace,

Mike

Mike Doyle
Director of Communications,
First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood

Operation Freedom

June Communion Offering Dedicated to Operation Freedom

This year, FPC-Kingwood has elected to conduct its Operation Freedom campaign to coincide with July 4th, Independence Day. Operation Freedom is one of the church's mission projects that is designed to honor the members of our armed forces by showing our heartfelt appreciation for their service to our country. Each year, members of the church are asked to donate their time and money to assemble bags to be sent overseas to troops stationed in Iraq and now, Afghanistan. Each bag contains items such as razors, insect repellent, tissues, phone cards, and snacks that are welcomed by our men and women in the armed forces. Personal notes of thanks and appreciation, along with a brief faith message from the pastors, are also contained in each soldier's bag.

Historically, Operation Freedom has been held during the Christmas season. This year, however, it seems more appropriate for us to honor our men and women at a time that has historical significance for our country and, we believe, at a time when packages from home are fewer yet perhaps more welcomed. The loose change received and other contributions that are designated for Operation Freedom during the June communion offering will be used to purchase phone cards and other items for inclusion in the packages that will be assembled during the month of June for sending to our troops later in the month. Be on the lookout for notices during the coming days and weeks in the church bulletin, on the church website, or from your Deacons about church groups who will be assembling these packages for our troops and consider giving your time to assist in this mission.

Please join other members of the congregation in generously supporting our efforts to provide tokens of appreciation for our troops during our Operation Freedom campaign through your donations on Communion Sunday, June 6th. After all, the Missions Committee of FPC-Kingwood believes that our congregation's spiritual growth can be achieved, in part, through their active participation and support, including support through benevolent giving, of the church's missions activities.

Here are just a few of the letters we got back after last year's campaign!

22 January 2010

Dear Dr. Davis, LT Edwards and Congregation,

On behalf of the crew of USS CHUNG-HOON (DDG 93), I thank you for your very kind Christmas gift. It arrived this past Thursday as a welcome surprise to the end of a challenging week. We were home this Christmas and most of our nearly 300 crew members were able to spend a portion of the holiday season visiting family so the timing couldn't be better.

We have all been back now for two weeks and we have been working hard to prepare our ship for our next deployment later this spring. Our Sailors are excited and focused as we prepare to sail overseas however, there are times when some of our most junior Sailors seem to forget why we do what we do and how each Sailor aboard is critical to the success of our ship, regardless of their job. Whether our Sailor is filling a soda machine, cutting hair and working in laundry or working on a major weapons system, all the requirements have to be met or we can't execute our assigned missions.

I tell you this because kind gestures like yours are truly appreciated. It is not the monetary value, it is the fact that someone unknown to us is willing to reach out and be supportive of our effort. I have been in the Navy for nearly 20 years and my internal satisfaction comes from teaching and watching our junior Sailors develop and grow into Professionals Sailors and take responsibility for operating our billion dollar warship. Far more importantly, your kindness truly makes an impact on our junior Sailors. I tell my shipmates that their work is both important and appreciated, but gifts like yours and when one of our fellow citizens takes the time to thank a Sailor for their service makes all the difference.

I don't know how many letters you get in reply but I imagine there are fewer responses compared to the number of packages you send out. It is not for a lack of desire. In our own case, my shipmates and I are working at least 12 hour days and for the next few weeks and we are in on Saturday's as well to ensure we are ready to go. Deployments normally last six months and spare time is spent writing emails and letters home. Occasionally some of the important but less mission effecting tasks seem to slip.

Thank you for taking the time to send over three thousand reminders to our fellow service members. It makes a significant difference. We are far more effective because you care. Finally, if any of you are planning a trip to Hawaii, please send me an email and if we are in port, we would be happy to show you your mighty warship CHUNG-HOON.

Very Respectfully,

 M.A. McCARTNEY
 Commander, U. S. Navy
 Commanding Officer

To the family of the church of Kingwood 26 Dec 09
 Thank you so much for you greeting + gift most importantly for your weekly prayers of safety + return home. Thank you for also bringing the message of God to such a sudden part of the world. Especially many thanks to Pastor Turner for the wonderful card. The calling card will help bring us closer to those who we really love. Thank you so much for all of your support + prayers. God bless you all very much + keep you close to his heart.
 FPC Kingwood Paola

Month In Review



Children released balloons, containing their prayers, as part of the National Day of Prayer celebration.



Rev. Edwards & Dr. Kile during the noontime service for the National Day of Prayer.



Gathering Place organizers Betty Ladish, Pamela McEver, Helen Doyle & Ann Kruse were presented the President's Volunteer Service Award for making a difference through volunteer service by Becky Villarreal.



The PW Spring Dinner on May 13th was quite a success.



Ray Platter, Roger Whitney, Don Armstrong, Ted Doyle, Ruben Armendariz & Jim Morris served as waiters for the PW Spring Dinner.

CUPS

The FPC-Kingwood work group has just completed its SIXTEENTH annual mission to Mexico with CUPS (Comunidades Unidas pro Salud, or Communities United for Health). Our task was to complete an addition to an elementary school just outside of Valle Hermoso.



It was an absolutely wonderful week. We worked in the lovely rural community of Atizapan de Zaragoza, where the men came out and pitched in with all the heavy work of building this double room addition to their school (it was a three day national holiday, so they were available). The women provided us with a lovely lunch each day; the children were polite and supportive of one another; the school rooms were neat and organized for learning. They were so grateful that we came in spite of the news of the problems in Mexico. Their tourism has fallen off to virtually nothing.



We were pleased to see that their corn and sorghum fields were green and beautiful (many years we have seen drought and dry fields), so that is a blessing to them in this time of hardship. Carol McCullough had provided kits for the children to make small bead crosses, which they loved!! In addition, she provided us with coloring sheets of Jesus and the lambs, with the story and Bible verse in Spanish, so we had a good VBS session.

Another Presbyterian church had sent dozens of reading glasses, which we were able to dispense. Most went to middle aged people with presbyopia, but a few children were farsighted and benefited from being fitted, as well. About six older adults couldn't benefit because they obviously had advanced cataracts. However, each person who needed glasses was able to be fitted with the appropriate strength glasses, and we had ONE pair left over. The church which sent them didn't know where we were going, nor the number of people in the community--yet we ended up exactly right. The miracle of the glasses (los lentes)!



As we were leaving, the people presented the members of our group with tiny but very significant gifts. For each man there was a small cross and for each woman, an angel. The message of shared Christian love through working together couldn't have been any clearer! CUPS is very grateful for the continued support our church is providing for this very important Good Samaritan mission to our closest global neighbors.



First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood,
Thank you so much for sending our troops your cards, phone cards and goodies! They were loved by all that received them!

Because of Jesus,
Chaplain Woober
1-221 CAU
NWUG



Your kindness is a reminder of God's love.
Thank you... and bless you for being so nice!
"Thank you" on behalf of the Soldiers, Marines, Airmen, & Sailors working with the "Spartan Brigade" out of Anchorage, Alaska. Our year-long deployment is coming to an end. We really appreciate your support. Caring people like you have made this year in Afghanistan much easier. Thank you! GOD bless...
MSG L. Connor



My Faith Journey

Karen Kilby



What in the world is wrong with you? You should be the happiest woman you know! You've just moved into the home of your dreams, have four beautiful children and a husband who loves you. What more could you possibly want?

I couldn't answer those questions. I had everything that could make me happy but nothing seemed to fill the void I felt in my heart and soul. Once more I found myself asking—*is this all there is to life? There has to be more than this.*

Several times I found myself sharing these concerns with a close friend as we met for coffee. She patiently listened when I confided that I thought David had to be the reason for my discontent. After all, as my husband, wasn't he responsible for my happiness? I knew

David was trying everything he could think of to meet my needs but for some reason, it just wasn't working and after ten years of marriage, my feelings for him had become more as for a friend than a husband.

Even though we'd never discussed spiritual things before, my friend gave me a book to read called *Peace with God* by Billy Graham. The title intrigued me. As I began to read, I was amazed to discover Billy Graham knew so much about me, yet we had never met. He seemed to know about that emptiness I was feeling inside and all the ways I was trying to fill it—having children, working part-time, doing volunteer work, decorating one home after another. As I continued to read, Billy Graham shared the emptiness I felt was actually a spiritual hunger to know God and to bring me into a relationship with Him through His son, Jesus.

I remembered learning about Jesus as a child and memorizing the Bible verse, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whoever believed in Him would not perish but have everlasting life." I had always thought that was an 'insurance policy' for everyone and I, too, should be covered. What I didn't realize was the importance of personally claiming it for myself. As I wrestled with the truth I was learning, another verse seemed to leap from the page of the book. Jesus said, "I have come that you might have life and have it abundantly." That's what I wanted—a life counting for something, full of promise and hope! Was this the answer I was looking for? I had no idea how it would happen but I decided this promise from God was better than anything I could plan on my own. *God, I prayed, I want to accept this promise from you. I am empty. Please fill me with Your love through Your son, Jesus, and forgive me for the ways I've failed You and my family.* God's peace flooded by heart and I began to experience a contentment I had never felt before. I was at peace with myself and with God, the emptiness was gone.

My role as a wife and mother took on new meaning and none too soon. It was obvious that my discontent had infected my relationship with David and I knew we were on the verge of a separation. I began to understand, perhaps for the first time, that it wasn't what David could do for me, but what God could do inside my heart. Each day I asked God for His love for my husband and each day He gave it. Soon David began to notice the changes in me were real and as a result responded to God's love for himself. The Bible says, "When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He's not the same anymore. A new life has begun." That's what happened to me and to David.

This year we will celebrate fifty-two years of living and loving together—God's way.


Editor's Note: This is Karen's story - what's your story? This is the first segment in a new series of articles we will be publishing in the Journey. If you would like your faith journey to be known, please contact Mike Doyle (Mike@fpc-kingwood.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>

Java with Jesus will be changing its day and location for the summer (June 9th – month of August) to every Wednesday at 9:00 in the Parlor. We would love for you to join us – rsvp to Gina Fumoso 281-360-5588 or rfumoso@cebridge.net

CAWT – On June 3, we will be going to Moorheads Blueberry Farm. We will be leaving the church very early (7:30a.m. because of the heat) and picking berries for about 1 1/2 hours, then having breakfast on the way back to the church. Please RSVP to Sue Plato at d5807riley@gmail.com

Adult Bible Study



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Men's Ministry:

Men's Fraternity: We will take the summer off and reconvene in September. If you would like to become more involved in this ministry, please 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. June 3rd and June 17th. 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.



A Brand New Bible Study! Written for Refining Women

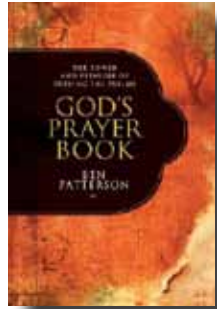
Mark Your Calendars!

**Beginning August 30, 2010
Mondays, from 1 - 2:30 p.m.**

Make sure to check out our Bible Study offerings this summer!

Adult Ministries

Summer Reading is for Everyone!



We would like to suggest Ben Patterson's book, *God's Prayer Book* to be your number one read for the summer.

Ben Patterson is the campus pastor of Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California. He is a contributing editor to *Christianity Today* and the *Leadership Journal* as well as the author of many books. He and his wife, Laretta, have three sons and a daughter.

"Prayer, like language, begins with being able to hear. Prayer starts not when we speak to God but when God speaks to us. In the beginning was the Word: God's word, not ours. Before all time, before you and I were, was the Word; the Light that gives light and life to everyone. There would be no speech if God had not first spoken. We would have nothing to say if God had not first said something to us. Ultimately then, all our prayers are answers to God's prayer-His gracious Word of love to us! We love, and we pray, because He first loved us."

Ben Patterson's book, *God's Prayer Book* will take us through the Psalms in a very special way. We would love it if you would purchase a book in Fellowship Hall to help you grow in your knowledge of the Psalms and in your conversation with the Lord. They are \$12.00.

Adult Disciplehip Classes: "Our Conversation"

9:45 Kindred Spirits

Come join "the Conversations Class" in the parlor as we continue to follow the Storyline series through the Bible. As we study Psalms, we will focus on teachings that can help us battle anything life throws up at us and help make us better Christians. We can pretty much guarantee that there will be lots of laughter, occasional tears, and plenty of non-threatening discussion of our real-life experiences. You can jump in or just listen. And, we promise you will learn something in the Bible that you never knew was there before.

Consider purchasing the book by Ben Patterson, *God's Prayer Book* to give you more of an insight into this beautiful book of prayers. Terry Kett and Sonny Conner will lead the class in Room 215.

9:45 Present Word meets in the Chapel

Christian Commitment in Today's World
Unit 1: The Nature of Christian Commitment
June 6 Visible to God 1 Thessalonians 1
June 13 Pleasing to God 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12
June 20 Sustained through Encouragement 1 Thessalonians 3
June 27 Demonstrated in Action 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

11:05 TLC - Transforming Life Crusaders

We meet in Room 209 at 11:05 for study, a lively discussion and prayer. Using the book *Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?* by Philip Yancey at a leisurely pace, we can really delve into prayer and still maintain the "family" atmosphere, where we all support each other in our lives. We are also using Philip Yancey's DVD series to enrich our study.

11:05 Emmaus Way

We meet 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!

"Learning to Pray" with Dr. Davis.

Each Wednesday evening, we read through the "Storyline" Bible and focus on one or more of the prayers that we find in our readings. For the month of June we will be sitting in the book of Psalms. Through this book of prayers we will try to learn from Scripture how to deepen our conversation with God. We will also be referring to the book by Ben Patterson, *God's Prayer Book*. We meet in the Sanctuary at 6:30.

Senior Ministries

Senior Calendar

JUNE 8 – TUESDAY – "Just Lunch" Amedeo's – Noon – Reservations.

JUNE 17 – THURSDAY, - Northern Italian architecture and charming chapel. Built in Lombard Romanesque style by Maurice J. Sullivan in 1928 it was the proudest of his creations. Villa de Matel sits on 70 plus acres in southeast Houston. Donation \$5.00. Bus will leave the Church parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be on your own at Golden Seafood Restaurant. Deadline June 10.

JULY 8 – AFTERNOON BASEBALL!!!! ASTROS vs. PIRATES ½ price special! Bus leaves Church at 11:30 a.m. Game time 1:05 p.m. \$22.00 Deadline June 27.

AUGUST - Albuquerque and Santa Fe Trip

SEPTEMBER 24 – FRIDAY – Take a stroll with a biologist and visit with hummingbirds. Seating available at some feeders. Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, Lake Jackson. \$5.00 Lunch on your own at Fuddrucker's. Bus will leave the Church at 8:00 a.m. Waiting List Only.

OCTOBER 28 - CATERED LUNCHEON AND VISIT TO RANCHO TEXCELENTE – Learn the history of America's 500 year old breed. Known as Los Caballos de Paso Fino, the horse with the fine step. The Rolls Royce of horses. \$20.00 inclusive.

Library News

FPC-Kingwood Library – Mother's Day Poetry Contest

The FPC-Kingwood Library celebrated Mother's Day 2010 by sponsoring a poetry contest. There were multiple divisions separated into four grade and age groups so young and old could compete equally. No poems were submitted in group 3. The poems were judged for their Originality, Creativity, and Artistic Quality.

So, when was the last time you read a poem? Many of us grew up with our parents reciting nursery rhymes at bedtime. If I said, "Mary has a little lamb" or "Hey diddle, diddle," you could quickly finish the rhyme. Or the more mature reader might be able to quote a poem written by one of the masters such as Emily Dickinson or Ralph Waldo Emerson.

But, did you know when you read the Bible many of the books are various forms of Hebrew poetry? Poetry is extensively used, not only in the Psalms, but approximately a third of the Old Testament is written in poetry. This includes entire books (except for short prose sections), such as Job, Proverbs, the Song of Solomon, and Lamentations.

Poetry is used to impact the reader not just in the mind, but the heart. What is easy to memorize? Of course Poetry. Many people today have put music to hundreds of scripture verses they sing in contemporary and traditional forms of worship.

Just as the Old Testament reveals the relationship of the Jews to their God, poems honoring our mothers were created from the relationship of the writer to their mother.

Children's Ministries

Summer is nearly here, and children's ministry is busy gearing up for a fun-filled one!

Kids 4 years thru entering 4th grade will kick off the summer's activities with VBS 2010: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace on June 14-17. Preparations are well under way, but there is still lots to do! We'd love to have your help setting up for VBS June 7-11. We'll meet in Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. and childcare will be provided.

If you haven't registered your child(ren) or grandchild(ren) for VBS there's still time! Register online at www.fpc-kingwood.org or by picking up a form in Fellowship Hall or church office.

The summer Bible Study will begin June 28th every Monday thru August 9th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Kids can join us for fellowship and fun while their moms participate in one of the summer women's Bible studies.

Be sure to check out our summer calendar often – we will be adding activities throughout the summer. Thank you for your continued prayers for children's ministry!

In His Love,

Angela Howard
Director of Children and Family Ministry

June Calendar of Events

6th: **VBS** Training/Lunch @ 12:15 - 2:00p.m. Rm 209
10th: **VBS** Training/Dessert @ 7:00 - 8:00p.m. Rm 209
7th-10th: **VBS** Set up @ 10a.m. to 2p.m.
14th-17th: **Vacation Bible School @ 1-4p.m.**
20th-25th: Keep student mission trip in your prayers!
21st: Summer Bible Study Preview (no classes) @ 9:30a.m.
28th: Summer Bible Study @ 9:30am to 11:00a.m.

Children's First Preschool is looking for a part-time Music teacher. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please contact Cindy Johnson at 281-360-5179.

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

In just a few weeks, 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 1-4 p.m. 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>

We will continue to accept kids for registration until we max out our cap of 250 children.

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

Kids' Church

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

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 7:00p.m. to the Children's Discipleship Committee meeting in room 209 (childcare provided).

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

On Facebook®? So are we! Let's be 'friends': FPC Kingwood ChildrensMinistries

Follow us on Twitter – 'firstpreskids' - get instant updates sent to your phone

Student Ministries

On June 20-26, 100+ high school students and leaders will be heading to Raymondville, Texas.

The Raymondville community is a small farm town of roughly 10,000 people and we are so excited to work within this amazing community! The Rio Grande Valley is a region in which there is ample opportunity for the students of FPC-Kingwood to serve within the community, meet important needs, and provide many learning opportunities the students can incorporate into their own lives. The work for this year's trip will consist of many wonderful opportunities! Construction within local neighborhoods, putting together a VBS program for the local church, and creating a sports day camp for the many children that are in the Raymondville area.

Each group will have the opportunity to serve at more than one site which will provide a rich experience that our students will be able to bring home as they prepare to serve here in Houston!

While this trip is geared towards high school students, there are many ways that the entire congregation at FPC-Kingwood can be involved:

1. Starting on Sunday, June 13, Student Ministry will be distributing "Mission Trip prayer cards." On each of these cards, there will be a picture of either a student or leader who will be a part of the trip to Raymondville. These cards are designed for the congregation of FPC-Kingwood to take home and pray over -before and during Student Ministry's trip to Raymondville.

2. During FPC-Kingwood's VBS, there will be a special school supply drive where crayons, markers, pencils, and much more. These supplies will be brought down to Raymondville and passed out during the Mission Trip's VBS and throughout the week. Any donations would be extremely helpful and much appreciated!

3. Many FPC-Kingwood volunteers have already offered to make prayer shawls for this Mission Trip. These prayers shawls will be handed out to many of the families that Student Ministry will be working with throughout the week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTANE:

June 20-26: Mission Trip
July 18: Student Sunday @ 9:45a.m. service
July 20: Pool Party at the Vondrak's House
August 10: Pool Party at the Mowrey's House
August 22: Student Ministry Parent Meeting

MID-HIGH:

June 8: Pool Party at the Bryce's house
July 6: Pool Party at the Hunt's House
July 13-15: Mid-High VBS
July 18: Student Sunday @ 9:45a.m. service
August 2-5: Meltdown
August 22: Student Ministry Parent Meeting

SENIORS OF 2010



Blake Beckelman



Alexa Buffington



Hannah Clegg



Holly Coyle



Sarah Cummins



Hope Davis



Brett Early



Lauren Frazier



Taylor Kelly



Callie Long



Craig Masterson



Mary Vondrak

NOT PICTURED:

Geoffrey Alexander
Paige Brady
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John Frutiger
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Jonathan Lane

Allie Lindley
Chris Lyngaas
Will Shulze
Steven Williford
Katie Wilson
Zach Winkler