



## September & October



### FHPC Newsletter

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"I will open my mouth with a parable; I will speak hidden things, things from old - things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done."

Psalm 78:2-4

Dear Church Family,

Far too often, I think, we miss the impact of a good story. Stories have the power to lift us up, challenge our thoughts, and transform us within. Particularly, the stories that remind us of who we are and where we have come from are especially powerful.

In the Psalms the author speaks of the importance of telling the stories of the great things God has done so that future generations may hear of the goodness of God.

The truth is, our world around us is filled with stories that bring us down. Stories about pain, violence, and controversy surround us each day. Listening to those stories can sometimes make us feel that there is no hope, peace, or mercy in the world.

I believe that is why it is so important for us to speak the truth of God's story into the lives of everyone around us. By sharing the story of who God is and what God has done, we are able to pierce through the darkness of our world and remind them that there is something and someone greater that calls us to a new reality.

This fall we have some great opportunities to recall the stories of the Bible and remember who we are as the beloved sons and daughters of God.

Beginning on September 8th at 9am, we have 11 youth who are going through confirmation where they will learn about who God is and how they relate as descendants in the family of God. We will also have a Bible Study class that will look at covenants that God has made with people throughout the old and new testaments that tell of how the story of God has been told over the ages. There will also be a current issues class called "The Wired Word" where we can talk about the stories of current events in light of the way we are called to live in scripture. Our young adults will also have a chance to participate in their own class where they can share in the stories of their lives, raising kids, starting a career, and finding their own identity.

In worship I will be starting a sermon series for the fall called "The Story of Us" where we will look at important stories of the Old Testament that have shaped and defined the people of God. I hope you will take advantage of some of these, and other incredible opportunities at Forest Hills this fall as we continue to search for the will of God in the story of our lives.

Blessings,  
Pastor Reuben

#### Nov- Dec Newsletter Deadline

Submit articles for the next  
newsletter no later than **October  
21st.**



# Opportunities For Worship

## September & October Worship



**Ushers:** John Denison, Clay Dullnig & Judy Grant

**Greeters:** Chuck and Judy Vinton

**Liturgists:**

Sept. 1	Ed Fleming
Sept. 8	Scott Williams
Sept. 15	Danica Feig
Sept. 22	Randal Cude
Sept. 29	Jane Burleson



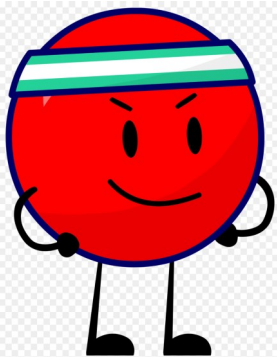
September 1	<b>RALLY DAY</b> Deuteronomy 15:1-10 John 15:9-15 <i>What's the Rest Worth?</i>	September 29	Genesis 32:22-30 Mark 14:32-36 <i>Origin Story: Wrestling God</i>
September 8	<b>KICK-OFF SUNDAY</b> Genesis 2:4-25 Mark 1:16-20 <i>Origin Story: Adam &amp; Eve</i>	October 6	Exodus 1:8-22 Exodus 3:1-15 <i>Origin Story: Moses</i>
September 15	<b>MISSIONS SUNDAY</b> Genesis 12:1-5 Mark 10:17-27 <i>Origin Story: Being Sent</i>	October 13	Ruth:1-17 Mark 3:31-35 <i>Origin Story: Ruth</i>
September 22	Rev. Charlie Becker-Hornes Genesis 49:1-27 <i>Origin Story: Jacob's Blessing</i>	October 20	2 Samuel 7:1-16 Mark 11:1-11 <i>Origin Story: The City of God</i>
		October 27	1 Kings 12:1-17 Mark 10:35-45 <i>Origin Story: Divided House</i>



# *Opportunities For Youth & Young Adults*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 1 Dodgeball @ John Calvin Presbyterian  
Sept 8, 15, 22 Youth Group  
Sept 27-29 Main Event Youth Retreat



### **DODGEBALL**

**September 1st  
@ 3:30 PM  
Cross Roads  
Presbyterian**



**JOHN KNOX RANCH**

### **Main Event**

**Retreat for 6th-12th graders  
September 27th - 29th**

## **INTO THE WILDERNESS** **A QUEST FOR GOD IN THE UNKNOWN**



**September 14th**  
*BBQ at Medina Lake*

**October 4th-6th**  
*Bastrop State Park*

**November 8th-10th**  
*Lost Maples State Park*



*Into the Wilderness is a spiritual exploration for young adults in their 20's & 30's to encounter God through nature. If you know someone who may be interested in participating in one of our fall trips, please contact Christina Moore, Scott Williams, or Pastor Reuben*



# *Opportunities For Spiritual Growth*

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL** Classes for all ages

### **Confirmed in Scripture**

FLC Conference Room 9am

What does it mean to be part of the family of God? The people of God have been formed throughout history and their story is made real for us through scripture. The covenants that God has made have confirmed the faith that we invited to participate in. Join Cami Pace and Ed Fleming as they lead discussions about the stories of the people of God and the covenants they made as they learned to live in community.

### **The Wired Word**

FLC Quilting Room 9am

Do you find yourself overwhelmed by the state of the world around us? After watching the evening news, are you wondering how God can be found at all? You are not alone. Join Valerie Williams and Saundra Davis for this discussion group as we study The Wired Word, a weekly curriculum that looks at the current events all around us from a Biblical perspective so we can understand how God can be everywhere, in the good and bad.

### **Coffee and Conversations**

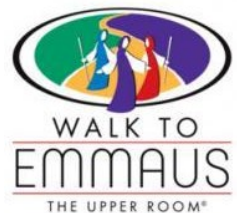
Children's Worship & Nurture Center 9am

Being a young adult is a challenging time. Beginning a career, getting used to married life, and forming a family can certainly take a toll on even the most prepared. Join us for this informal discussion time with Pastor Reuben about holding and forming our faith during this time of life. Children are welcome to come as a part of the class together.

### **Womens Walk #140**

**September 19-22**

There is still time to sign up for the Women's Walk to Emmaus this fall. Please keep all of the pilgrims in prayer as they partake on this portion of their journey. Please see Cami Pace for more information.



### **Prayer Meeting**

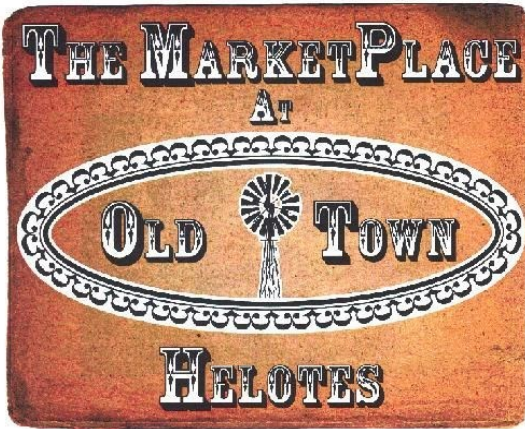
**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 10:00am**

The world around us is fast paced, chaotic, and ever changing. In the middle of that world, God is calling us to slow down, to rest and pray. Join our Prayer Group as it meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am. This fall our group is reading "Sabbath as Resistance" by Walter Brueggemann which reminds us of our call to be counter-cultural in our remembrance of the Sabbath.





## Opportunities For Outreach



# Saturday October 5th

Come out and see us as we spread the news about our quilting ministry and other church functions at Market Days in Old Town Helotes

## FALL SESSION

### Begins September 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>

Mornings with Mommy is a fun way for you to enjoy activities and one-on-one time with your children. It is also an opportunity to meet other moms (and dads or grandparents too)! Each session is \$5 and includes age-appropriate activities and story time for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. We end each session with a fun, healthy snack! If you are interested in helping, or if you know someone who wants to join, please contact Jane Burleson.



## Monday October 7th

Beer & Hymns is back this fall! Join us as we explore God through sacred and secular music at our permanent location by the UTSA campus. Food trucks and craft beer will be available at this family and pet friendly venue.



# TRUNK OR TREAT



## Save The Date Sunday, October 27th

Get ready to pop open your trunks for our second annual Trunk or Treat. This event gives the kids from our community a safe place for food, games, treats, and more!



# Opportunities For Service



Make plans to join us

## Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>

This annual event gives our church members an opportunity to worship through action. We will have a special shortened service and projects available at the church and in the community where we can worship by being the hands and feet of Christ for all of our neighbors.

### AUGUST SESSION NOTES

*Our session is made up of representatives of the congregation who serve in 3 year terms as elders of the church and serve on committees. Session notes are provided in the monthly newsletter to inform the congregation about major items discussed or decisions made.*

#### ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

The oak trees by the Maples house have contracted oak wilt, 2 have died and need to be taken down and the remaining 10 are being treated to prevent the spread of the disease. Strata Roofing has been paid from McBride Construction and the lawyer will be filing a motion to dismiss the lawsuit against the church. The Living Temples initiative is interested in exploring a potential walking trail in the field behind the CWNC.

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The committee is looking at how to address growing children in the Sunday worship service. Volunteers are needed to help with children's church and a new rug is needed for the Matthew Mat. 50 children attended VBS this year and follow up has been well received. Confirmation classes start on September 8th, 11 students will be going through the process this fall. There will be 3 adult educational offerings for the Sunday School hour this fall, as well as the confirmation meetings each Sunday Morning.

#### MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Missions Sunday will be coming up in September, the committee is exploring ways to connect with the local community. Forest Hills has been represented well in the city this summer with the Shop With A Cop event with Helotes PD and FD and the Helotes Movie Night series at city hall. The committee is looking into how to make the items in the blessing bags more useful.

#### WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The committee has analyzed attendance trends over the past 3 years and made recommendations regarding increased attendance. Pastor Reuben is going to switch to the narrative lectionary to hit the high point stories of the Old Testament through the fall. The committee is looking at addressing tech concerns with slides and videos for the worship services.

#### FELLOWSHIP & CHURCH GROWTH COMMITTEE

The fellowship committee is considering moving fellowship hour into the CWNC to accommodate more people as it is outgrowing the narthex. The committee needs volunteers to help set up and tear down at fellowship events and lunches.





*Calling all Musicians, Singers, and Actors!*

# *Christmas Cantata December 22<sup>nd</sup>*

*We would love to have you participate in our Christmas Cantata this year. Our Music Team will begin practicing for our Cantata starting in October. Anyone interested in playing an instrument, singing, reading, or acting should contact James or Tawni Garcia for more information.*

## **coming Soon**

**Sunday, Nov. 3      Commitment Sunday**

**Friday, Nov. 8-**

**Saturday, Nov. 9      Into the Wilderness YA Retreat @ Lost Maples  
State Park**

**Sunday, Nov. 10      Military Appreciation Luncheon**

**Thursday, Nov. 21      Combined Community Thanksgiving Service**

**Sunday, Nov. 24      Hanging of the Greens**



# September 2019

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> 10:30am Worship 2:30pm Book Club 3:30pm Youth Dodgeball Tourm.	<b>2 Labor Day</b> Office Closed	<b>3</b> 10am Prayer Ministry 11am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Fellowship & Church Growth	<b>4</b> 8am Quilt Ministry 9:00am Walking Group 2pm Pickleball 6pm Music Ministry	<b>5</b> 6:00pm Worship Com.	<b>6</b> Office Closed 7am Men's Fellowship	<b>7</b> 9:00am Church Work Day
<b>8</b> 9:00am Sunday School All Ages 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time 11:45am CE/Youth Com. 5:00pm Youth Group	<b>9</b> 2pm Pickleball	<b>10</b> 11am Staff Meeting	<b>11</b> 8am Quilt Ministry 9:00am Walking Group 9:30am Mornings with Mommy 2pm Pickleball 6pm Music Ministry	<b>12</b> 9:30am Mornings with Mommy 6:30pm Admin. Com.	<b>13</b> Office Closed 7am Men's Fellowship	<b>14</b> 9:30am Presbyterian Women Bible Study Into the Wilderness YA BBQ @ Medina Lake
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