

Women's Ministry Newsletter



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More Kenya
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Plus an update from
Stephanie Hill!



FPC WOMEN'S MINISTRY 2024-2025

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-Jews or Greeks, slave or free-and all were made to drink of one Spirit."

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

A Liturgy for the Labors of Community

from Every Moment Holy, Volume I

Our lives are so small, O Lord, our vision so limited, our courage so frail, our hours so fleeting. Therefore give us grace and guidance for the journey ahead.

We are gathered here because we believe that we are called together into a work we cannot yet know the fullness of. Still, we trust the voice of the One who has called us.

And so we offer to You, O God, these things: our dreams, our plans, our vision. Shape them as You will. Our moments and our gifts. May they be invested toward bright, eternal ends.

Richly bless the work before us, Father. Shepherd us well lest we grow enamored of our own accomplishment or entrenched in old habit. Instead let us listen for Your voice, our hearts ever open to the quiet beckonings of Your Spirit in this endeavor. Let us in true humility and poverty of spirit remain ever ready to move at the impulse of Your love in paths of Your design.

You alone, O God, by Your gracious and life-giving Spirit have power to knit our imperfect hearts, our weaknesses, our strengths, our stories, and our gifts, one to another. Unite Your people and multiply our meager offerings, O Lord, that all might resound to Your glory.

May our acts of service and creation, frail and wanting as they are, be met and multiplied by the mysterious workings of Your Spirit who weaves all things together toward a redemption more good and glorious than we yet have eyes to see, or courage to hope for. May our love and our labors now echo Your love and Your labors, O Lord.

Let all that we do here, in these our brief lives, in this our brief moment to love, in this the work You have ordained for this community, flower in winsome and beautiful foretaste of greater glories yet to come.

O Spirit of God, now shape our hearts.
O Spirit of God, now guide our hands.
O Spirit of God, now build Your kingdom among us.

Amen.

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near."

Hebrews 10:23-25

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Spring Bible Studies

Habits of Grace

We will study a resource by David Mathis about
Enjoying Jesus Through the Spiritual Disciplines

Led by Mandy Williams

(Teaching & some discussion with optional homework)
Mondays in the CLC Classroom
9:30 - 11:00am ***

Revelation

Led by Mary Holcomb

(Teaching with discussion and prayer)
Second Monday of Every Month
6:30pm

1 Samuel

Led by Amanda Davidson

(Teaching & discussion with self-driven reading/study at home)
Tuesdays in the CLC Classroom
8:00 - 9:30am & 1:30 - 3:00pm

2 Corinthians

Led by Joan Brock

(Teaching with no outside homework)
Tuesdays in the CLC Classroom
9:30 - 11:00am ***

2 Corinthians

Led by Bethany Johnson

(Facilitated small groups through a workbook with homework)
Tuesdays in the CLC Classroom
6:30 - 8:00pm

Women's Community Groups

Led by Amy Davis & Erin Evans, Emily Katherine Johnson
& Robin Sorrow, and Joan Brock & Mandy Williams

Wednesdays after FPC Family Dinner
6:15 - 7:15pm ***

Various Locations. Contact Mandy with questions!

Nursery available during sessions marked with ***
Contact Ms. Nell at 706-346-0525 to sign up for nursery!
Register at fpcrome.org/women.



You're Invited!

Galentine's Game Night

February 13 @ 6:30 PM
in the King Hall

This Valentine's, let's gather together to celebrate the love we share as sisters in Christ. Join us for a night of love, laughter, and fellowship. Whether you're near or far from loved ones, this night is about having fun. We can't wait to celebrate the beauty of God's love with you!

Please RSVP at fpcrome.org/women

Questions? Contact Mandy Williams.
(See contact info on page 4)

Help Needed for DNOW Weekend

FPC Student Ministry's Disciple Now (DNOW) is right around the corner **February 21-23** and we need your help to make it happen! There are several ways for you to serve throughout the weekend. You can help **facilitate check-in** on Friday night, or **serve lunch or dinner** to the group on Saturday. You can help **drive a group** in an Automax minibus for as much or little of the weekend as you'd like. Or you can **open up your home** and host a group for the weekend, meaning give them a bed, couch, or floor to sleep on and snacks! Any help you would like to offer would be greatly appreciated. **Please contact Jordan Orr (jororr04@gmail.com)** if you have any questions about any of these opportunities or scan the QR code to volunteer!

All Things Women's Ministry at FPC

Stay connected with all of our happenings and updates!

Scan this QR code or visit
<https://linko.page/fpc-rome-women>



"... To the ends of the earth."

by Stephanie Hill

This year's Missions Emphasis theme is based on scripture verses Psalm 67:1-7. In this Psalm, all peoples are called to praise the Lord for His saving power among all nations. Missions Emphasis month is a time at FPC when we bring a greater awareness to the congregation of all that the Lord is doing around the world to draw His people to Himself.

Each of us at FPC gets to be a part of what the Lord is doing all around the world through giving of our resources and prayer, and some of us get to go and have the opportunity of a front row seat. This past October, a team of 11 from FPC boarded a plane and headed to Nairobi, Kenya, to "bring good news to the poor, bind up the brokenhearted, and comfort those mourn". We hit the ground running as we arrived at 4:00 am to our lodging, and that afternoon began gathering supplies and discussing content to prepare for the first couple days of ministry.

Our team served at a Family Camp that was organized by BlueSky Global. At the family camp, Rob Davis shared content from a book titled "Saints, Sufferers, and Sinners: Loving Others as God Loves Us". The rest of our team provided childcare for the many children attending and small group leadership for youth and adults to facilitate further discussion. Many of the families attending this event are in full time missionary service in East Africa and were in need of some respite and spiritual refreshment, as well as some intentional family time to reconnect. Our three counselors on the team also provided some therapy sessions for some of the families in need.

The next couple days were filled with ministry to those living in extreme poverty in Nairobi's slums. The Kenyan children were out of school on break while our team was there, so we assisted missionaries who live and work in the slums with VBS-type activities like crafts, coloring, songs, Bible stories, and games. There was much opportunity for us to just hug and hold the hands of some of the children who are so desperate to be seen and loved. We provided snacks for the children, and you could see their energy increase as they ate and drank because this was the first food many of them had had that day or maybe even in a couple days. We divided into groups and went into the very small living spaces of those who live in these destitute communities. They were so happy to welcome us, and we were able to pray with them. A couple prayed to receive Christ and are regularly attending the Bible study and worship provided weekly by a team there.

We helped with a free medical clinic that provides care to

many Somali refugees that have settled in an area of Nairobi.

The Lord was so good and faithful to us to give us the energy and health we needed to serve those in Kenya that are so precious to Him!

Our missions ministry team is excited to share more of what our great God is doing around the world during our upcoming week for Missions Emphasis! On Sunday, **Feb 2**, during the 11am worship time, John F. will be sharing with us about how the Lord is making himself known to those living in Southeast Asia. That evening at 6pm the team that went to Kenya will be sharing in greater detail and presenting a slideshow to highlight more of their time in Nairobi. Wednesday, **Feb 5**, we will hear from one of our World Outreach missionaries Sean M., who will share about how small business in Southeast Asia is providing many opportunities for gospel outreach. We will also be serving a meal from Yummy Thai that evening to go along with our Southeast Asian theme.

We hope you will be able to join us and be encouraged to hear stories of how the Lord is bringing to faith those from every tribe, tongue, and nation. It is exciting times we live in and get to be a part of!



February Birthdays

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Charla Brewster
2	3	4	5 Paula Newman	6 Sara Pate Chris Morgan	7	8 Amanda Davidson
9 Mandy Williams	10 Christine Hostetler	11 Martha House Julie Mooring	12 Maggie Graham	13 Nan Marie Cash	14 Ali Dent	15 Virginia Guth Gwen Cullifer
16	17 Rebecca Stansell	18 Elizabeth Ponder	19 Becky Robinson Bella Cox	20	21	22 Yvonne Miller Beth Loomis
23	24	25 Ashley Evans Miriam Fuller	26 Phyllis Pemerton	27 Julie Shaw Caroline Davis	28	29 Joan Brock

Please note that we only display birthdays if they are shared with us in ShelbyNext!

Prayer Needs

- » Missionaries Around The World
- » Our Pastors & Staff
- » Those Who Are Lonely
- » Gratitude for God's Faithfulness

Upcoming Events

Volunteer at Community Kitchen
Wednesday, Feb 12 @ 9am - 12pm
Community Kitchen

Galentine's Game Night
Thursday, Feb 13 @ 6:30pm
King Hall

Women's Retreat
Friday, Mar 21 - Saturday, Mar 22
FPC

Women Ministering Together!

Serve at Community Kitchen on **Feb 12** from 9-12 (with optional lunch together afterwards). Email Mandy if you plan to go!

Need to talk to Women's Ministry Director, Mandy Williams?

Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 9-3 in CLC 207, or email mandyw@fpcrome.org



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