



# FAITHFUL TIMES

## FPC March 2008 Newsletter



### THE PASTOR'S CORNER

By Rev. Henry Bishop

“Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.  
Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it?”  
*Isaiah 43:18-19*

The principles reflected in this text are encouraging for FPC, learning from what's past, better equipped for what's ahead. To quote John Piper, reflecting on God's Providence, “endings are for gratitude, beginnings are for faith?” Nothing's lost, “ALL things are working together for good...” *Romans 8:28!*

Although my time with you has been brief, it's been enough for me to share my impression that the Lord is blessing. You're blessed with gifted leadership as vision for the future is being developed and implemented. Worship activities, not the least of which is the music ministry (to quote Goethe: “Music is a fair and glorious gift of God.”) have been and continue to be a blessing.

Just a cautionary word in closing. It's imperative that motives remain pure (to glorify God) and methods Biblical (rooted in prayer and patient 'waiting' upon the Lord!)

“Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it...”  
*Psalms 127:1*



“Send out another bus. We're still  
20 people short of winning the trip  
to Hawaii.”

## WORDS FROM PASTOR CHRIS

### Transitions still...(again)...(continuing)...

By the time this gets to you, we will have had another 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Night Gospel Jam. It's exciting to be a part of something like this. If you would like a non-threatening environment to hone some of your musical skills on an acoustic instrument, you should come out next month. Anyone out there play the *bones*?

Our Family Conversation will be coming up March 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will also be a potluck lunch following the service. Check elsewhere in this newsletter for more information on what to bring. One of things we hope to accomplish with this Family Conversation is to provide another avenue for communication to happen. So, if you've got questions about Faith, be sure to ask them at the Family Conversation—only after you've had some lunch though!

Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, there is a workday planned for the church building and grounds. We do want to take care of the things that God has given us here on Hwy 1085 so that we can share them with Covington. See more details on page 4.

Catch me sometime if you'd like to know more about the youth trip to the Acquire the Fire rally in Baton Rouge. It was an adventure—I did use my earplugs. As I shared with you during the Sunday service after we returned, one of the things that I was most excited about is that I didn't wake up Saturday morning with shaving cream or permanent marker all over me! I think you parents of youth are doing things right!

One of the best ways that you can serve Faith Pres as we move toward searching for the pastor God has for us is to fill out and return the pages from the CIF that we passed out during the February 17<sup>th</sup> worship service. If you weren't there to receive one, we'll have some on the back table in the narthex. You can also get a copy of it on the front page of our website ([faithpreschurch.org](http://faithpreschurch.org)). It's beneath some text that says, 'Are you looking for a CIF form to fill out?' You can download, print, and return it to the church by March 16. The CIF is something that we'll give to prospective pastors to give them a snapshot of Faith Church, so your input is needed! We'll also be forming a search committee in the near future. Continue to pray for that whole process.

There are a lot of details flying around in this article. The details can be dizzying to be sure, and looking at the leaves on all the trees can keep us from looking at the forest. Let me remind us of the overall picture. Grab a copy of our church bulletin sometime. Look at the front cover. The bottom line is that the things we do at Faith should get us further along in our mission and vision, which is to tell everyone about Jesus. The Chief Missionary has placed us here on Hwy 1085 to sing His story, and you're a part of that choir!

#### Congregational Meeting Sunday, March 9

immediately after morning worship service. Need to replace two vacancies on the Nominating Committee. Nominated for these position are Mary Edmundson and Leslie Fitzmorris. Other nominations may be made from the floor with prior permission of the person being nominated.

Current members of the Nominating Committee are: Harvey Marsolan, Henry Beck, Frank Fury, Pam Greenbaum and Nikki Slaton.

This committee will nominate members to the Pastor Search Committee.



Check out our Web Site at  
[www.faithpreschurch.org](http://www.faithpreschurch.org)

We have a really neat site. You can find past sermons, as well as the latest one along with other pertinent info about us here on Highway 1085!

**Remember to join us for a Gospel Jam on  
March 25th at 7 P.M. Drop by to tap your feet  
and listen for a while!**



## Children's Ministry

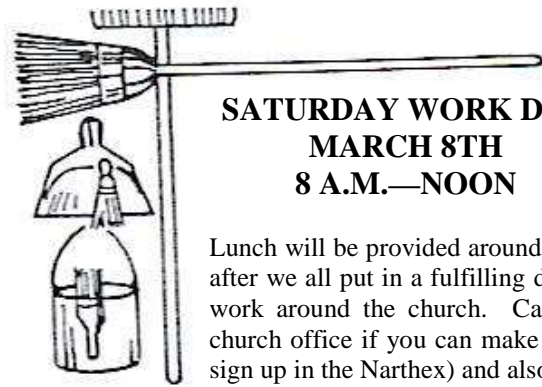
by Pam Greenbaum

Saturday March 8th is a work day at FPC. While the adults are working, our kids will be working on yet another top secret project and working in our classroom too. So Moms and Dads, sign up to spruce up FPC and sign up your children to work with me.

On Palm Sunday, March 6th, our children will begin our worship service with their traditional Palm Procession. Kids, meet in the Narthex to line up before service.

It is March and around FPC it is Nursery Volunteer Appreciation month. Our church is blessed with dedicated volunteers who have kept our nursery a loving and safe place to be. Our ladies will be formally thanked on Sunday, March 9th, but in the meantime give them lots of hugs!

On a personal note, special thanks to all of my church family for praying for my new granddaughter, Savannah Renee Greenbaum, and my daughter-in-law, Shari. Savannah is home now and her Mom and Dad are sleep deprived but all smiles!



### SATURDAY WORK DAY MARCH 8TH 8 A.M.—NOON

Lunch will be provided around noon after we all put in a fulfilling day of work around the church. Call the church office if you can make it (or sign up in the Narthex) and also let

us know of any projects you have noticed that need to be addressed. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex to list these projects as well as a clip board in the church office for suggested future projects.

You can also sign up (or let Larry Terrell know) if you would like to be on a permanent list of "helpers" who can be called on from time to time for these future projects. This is just another opportunity for you to be a part of life here at FPC and to serve our Lord!

## Women's Ministry

WHAM (Women's Helpful Activity Monday) will meet at 9:30 A.M. on Monday March 3 to get a running start on Saturday Work Day. Please show up to help with either garden work or light cleaning (kitchen).

Circle will meet on March 11 at 1:30 at the church. Flora Neff will host.

The Book Club is a big hit! They meet on March 18 or 19 (your choice) at 6:30 p.m. Have Chapters 6-10 read. In April they meet on the 15 and 16. May dates are the 13 and 14.

The Wednesday Bible group is enjoying their study as well. Talk with Daisy Beck about joining every Wednesday at 10 A.M.

We will continue to collect food items for that needy family in our community this month. Place goods on pew in Narthex!

## The Banner is Up!!



A big Thank You goes again to the ladies of Faith Circle for the donation of our new "Join Us For Worship" banner.

This banner was donated by the Circle in honor of

### Marie Louise Preble

who for so many years headed the Faith Circle.

Thank you Marie Louise for all your past services!!!

Thanks also to Matt Edmundson and his helper Lisa for hanging the banner!

## Men's Ministry

The men will meet for their regular monthly Men's breakfast on March 9th. Reminder: on this date Daylight Saving Time begins. So men, set your clock forward. See you at 7:45 A.M.

## Praise & Prayer Gathering

EVERY SUNDAY

5:30 P.M.—Food

6 — 7PM — Prayer & Praise

# Cash Flow Statement



| <u>Estimated Needed Budget*</u> |          | <u>Collected in January</u>  | <u>Over/Under</u> |
|---------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| General                         | \$13,000 | 17,428                       | + 4,420           |
| Building                        | \$ 4,700 | 2,585                        | - 2,115           |
|                                 |          | <u>Collected in February</u> | <u>Over/Under</u> |
| General                         | \$13,000 | 10,249                       | -2,751            |
| Building                        | \$ 4,700 | 4,755                        | + 55              |

\*current needs without provisions for new pastor

## SUNDAY, MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup>

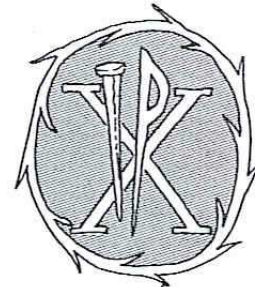


### POT LUCK DINNER AND FAMILY CONVERSATION

#### *“Where Do We Go From Here?”*

What to bring? If your last name begins with:  
**A – F** - Bring a **Main Dish** (enough to share)  
**G - N** - Bring a **Side or Salad** (enough to share)  
**O – Z** - Bring a **Dessert** (enough to share)

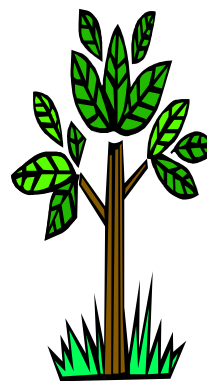
## Good Friday Worship Service 7:00 P.M.



A nursery will be available!

## Need an Elder?

**In an effort to serve Jesus and Faith Church better**, an elder will be available near the pulpit immediately after each service. If you have needs, please see this elder – his presence is set apart for this particular purpose. If you need a more private space to talk with the elder about confidential matters, don't hesitate to ask. A time can be set up!



A new tree (a Japanese Magnolia) has been planted on our property in loving memory of **Lorraine Lipscomb** by the children of FPC. We will watch the “Nana Tree” grow as she helped our children grow through her loving and Christian care of them. We miss you Nana!

# March 2008

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed                                      | Thu               | Fri                              | Sat   |
|--|--|---|--|-------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| <i>Every Sunday</i><br>5:30p Supper<br>6:00p Praise & Prayer (P&P) |  | <i>Every Tuesday</i><br>12 p Men meet for lunch Beck-N-Call |  |                   |                                  | 1   |
| 2<br><i>Pot Luck and Family Conversation</i>                       | 3<br>9:30a WHAM<br>6p Violin                 | 4   | 5<br>10a Bible Study                     | 6<br>6:30p Choir  | 7                                | 8 <i>Work Day</i><br>8-noon followed by lunch |
| 9<br><i>Daylight Saving Time begins</i><br>7:45a Men's B'fast      | 10<br>5:45p Administration mtg.<br>6p Violin | 11<br>1:30p Circle<br>7p Session                            | 12<br>10a Bible Study                    | 13<br>6:30p Choir | 14                               | 15  |
| 16 <i>Palm Sunday</i><br><i>KLICers</i>                            | 17<br>6p Violin                              | 18<br>6:30p Book Club                                       | 19<br>10a Bible Study<br>6:30p Book Club | 20<br>No Choir    | 21<br><i>Good Friday Service</i> | 22  |
| 23<br><i>Easter Sunday</i>   | 24<br>6p Violin                              | 25<br>7p Gospel Jam   | 26<br>10a Bible Study                    | 27<br>6:30p Choir | 28                               | 29  |
| 30<br><i>Baptism of James Anthony Ford</i>                         | 31<br>6p Violin                              |   |  |                   |                                  |   |

**March**  
**Happy Birthday!**

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Julie White        | 1  |
| Bea Wilson         | 4  |
| Barrett Macgowan   | 4  |
| Stan Steele        | 4  |
| Caleb King         | 4  |
| Jim Howard         | 6  |
| Tom Burns          | 7  |
| Christopher Freeze | 11 |
| Harvey Marsolan    | 16 |
| Matt Gedge         | 17 |
| Patsy Gedge        | 20 |
| John Harrod        | 23 |
| James Slaton       | 24 |
| Mark Siverd        | 27 |
| Brittany Harlan    | 28 |
| Jeannie Schoen     | 30 |
| Jordan Frutiger    | 31 |

**Happy Anniversary!**

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| James & Nikki Slaton  | 15 |
| Doris & Ray Baio      | 16 |
| Nancy & Erik Johansen | 25 |

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**Deadlines**

Bulletin announcements need to be in the office by noon on the Wednesday before the Sunday they are to appear.

Newsletter items need to be in the office by the third Thursday of each month!

**Sunday Times:**  
**Sunday School: 9:00am**  
**Fellowship: 10:00am**  
**Worship: 10:30am**



