



# Forest Park Church

Hope • Purpose • Belonging



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK DAVID WILLIS

In 1982, researchers discovered that when people think about giving, before they even act, their brains release oxytocin, the same chemical that fosters trust and connection. It turns out, generosity doesn't just bless others; it changes us.

Paul knew this truth long before neuroscience confirmed it. Writing to the Corinthians, he commended their eagerness to give and encouraged them to follow through. Their generosity wasn't measured by the size of their gift, but by the sincerity of their hearts. God values the willing spirit behind the offering.

As November begins, gratitude and stewardship go hand in hand. The approach of Thanksgiving reminds us of the abundance around us...the harvest, the gathering of family and friends, and the coming holiday season. These are reminders of God's steady provision. And as recipients of His grace, we are invited to reflect His generosity in how we give, serve, and live.

When we give of our time, our talents, our treasure, we participate in God's ongoing work of redemption and renewal. Every act of giving is an act of thanksgiving, a declaration that everything we have comes from God and belongs to Him.

Let's be a church that not only desires to give but also finishes the work with joy. Because when the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable, and the grace of giving shines brightly for all to see.

With gratitude,  
Pastor David

*"Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have."*

*2 Corinthians 8:10-12, NIV*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WEEKLY**  
  
**REFUEL**  
*Wednesdays*  
5:00pm Dinner  
5:45pm Worship & Message

## NOVEMBER'S COMMUNION OFFERING

This month's communion offering supports Kairos Ministry, Outside Ministry Program. Kairos outside offers a comfortable, non-judging retreat for women to support each other as they journey through the incarceration of a friend or relative. It is a Christian program for 20-year old or older female family member whose life has experience the impact of incarceration of a loved one; or a woman who was not able to attend Kairos Inside, while in prison. You can learn more about the program at:

<https://kairosprisonministry.org/kairos-outside>.

 **FPC**   
**Food Distribution**

Friday November 14th  
4-PM  
1401 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street



Volunteers: Please arrive at 2:00

## FPC YARD SALE

**Friday, October 31**  
**7am - 11am**  
**&**  
**Saturday, November 1**  
**7am - 11am**



The open display of firearms, or other deadly weapons, is disruptive to an attitude of worship. It's Forest Park Church's policy that open carry of firearms is prohibited except by uniformed law enforcement personnel.



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# CHRISTMAS SEASON

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING...  
AND WE ARE GETTING READY...  
TO SPREAD THE JOY OF JESUS' BIRTH!**

Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>—Beginning of Christmas Season Celebration with  
Combined Service, Potluck Dinner and Decking the Halls  
Week of December 1<sup>st</sup>—Christmas Crafting  
Week of December 8<sup>th</sup>—Christmas Baking Party  
Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>—Christmas Program for all ages  
Week of December 15<sup>th</sup>—Caroling, Outreach and Cookies, Cookies, Cookies  
Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>—Candlelight Christmas Eve Service  
*ADDITIONAL DETAILS COMING SOON!*

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE! Event Details:

*Practice for ADULTS: Sundays at 2pm,  
beginning October 26th.*

*Practice for CHILDREN: During children's  
church, beginning November 2nd.*

*Practice for ALL: Sun., Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 2pm; Sun.,  
Dec 7<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm; Tue., Dec 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm; and  
Sat., Dec 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm.*

*PERFORMANCE: Sun., Dec 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm @ FPC*

For more information, contact Chris Barnes at (269)716-2146,  
or Stephanie Houser at (850)381-3099.



Plan to join us for the **FPC Women's Christmas Party**  
**on Thursday, December 4th from 6:00 to 8:00pm.**  
Bring a new gift (\$25 limit) for gift exchange fun  
during party. We always have yummy food and lots of  
laughs! Please call/text Vickie Handrop 850-819-5751  
to RSVP for dinner or if you have any questions. Hope  
to see you and a friend there!

In December, the Mission  
Team will be working with  
Council on Aging and  
their Meal on Wheels  
program to do Christmas  
Gifts for Seniors. More  
updates soon.



## FP KIDS WORSHIP TIMES

**Sunday School 9:15-10:15 AM**  
**Kids Church: 10:30 AM**

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## FP YOUTH WORSHIP TIMES

**Sunday School 9:15-10:15 AM**  
**Sunday Youth 4-6 PM**

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## FP YOUNG ADULTS WORSHIP TIMES

**Sunday School 9:15 - 10:15 AM**  
**Thursdays 6:30-8 PM**



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## FAMILY GAME NIGHT:

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4-7pm**

Get ready for some friendly competition! It's time for family game night. In TV game show style, we will pit family against family to determine who is best at random trivia and silly competitions. Please sign up in advance, so we can have enough food for all to enjoy.



## VETERANS DAY:

School is out Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup>, but the Student Center will be open to students, 8:30- 3:30pm.

### FOREST PARK STUDENT MINISTRY

Wednesday Nights  
5-7:00pm |

Sunday Mornings  
9:15-10:15am |

Sunday Nights  
4-6:00pm |

**Do No Harm  
Do Good  
Love God**

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!  
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In the big building off of Lisenby  
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# Happy Anniversary

Don & Ellen Foreman  
Eddie & Sherry Oramas  
Todd & Crisann Bowden  
Brad & Pam Eggimann  
Steve & Pam Potter  
Chris & Katie Rodriguez  
Bobby & Karen Morrison  
Billy & Monica Gore  
John & Marcia Weidenhaft  
Simon & Teresa Jones  
Jim & Pattie Franko  
Mike & Sara Rochefort  
Rex & Diann Shaner

November 4th  
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November 5th  
November 13th  
November 14th  
November 17th  
November 18th  
November 19th  
November 19th  
November 23th  
November 27th  
November 28th  
November 29th

# ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

## Happy Birthday

**November 1**  
Cheryl McDaniel  
Allana Orme  
David Riley

**November 2**  
Cassidy Inglis

**November 3**  
Ron Houser

**November 4**  
Betsy Brooks

**November 5**  
Laura Moore  
Tom Upton

**November 7**  
Kay Large  
Brandon Murray

**November 8**  
Pat Grimes  
Brooke Murray  
Merrel Patterson

**November 9**  
Michael Harper

**November 10**  
Nancy Hazelrig  
Simon Jones

**November 11**  
Mitzi French  
Mary Junkins  
Kristen Russell

**November 12**  
David Russell

**November 14**  
Paula Fredrick  
Marcia Weidenhaft

**November 15**  
Adam Gardner  
David Messer

**November 16**  
Paten Mayo  
Karisma Peeples

**November 17**  
Triniti Frye  
Maggi LeClair

**November 19**  
Jason Buckhout

**November 22**  
Jacob Cook  
Ethan Hess

**November 24**  
Stephanie Houser  
Liz Spearman

**November 27**  
Mark Milton

**November 28**  
Kelly Feitel  
Sandy Moore  
Joyce Worthington

**November 30**  
Cathy Anderson