



Forest Park Church

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Hope • Purpose • Belonging

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK DAVID WILLIS

One of the things I continue to love about the church is that, at its best, it brings together people who might not otherwise find themselves in the same room. Different ages. Different stories. Different opinions. Different experiences of faith. And somehow, through the grace of God, we are called family.

Paul writes in Romans 15:7, "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." I think there is more packed into that little word welcome than we sometimes realize. Biblical welcome is more than being friendly at the door. It means making room for one another because Christ first made room for us.

That does not mean we always agree. It does not mean church is always comfortable. Following Jesus has a way of putting us beside people who see the world differently than we do and then asking us to love them anyway. I think that is part of our witness right now.

We live in a time when it is easy to sort ourselves into groups of people who already think like us. The church can offer another way; a place where disagreement does not have to become division, where questions are welcome, where people are known by more than a label, and where grace gets the final word.

My hope is not that we become a church where everyone is the same. My hope is that we become a church where we welcome one another as Christ welcomed us.

That would be good news worth sharing.

"...with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

Romans 15:6-7 (NRSV)

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Save the Date

September 6th – Pizza & Pickleball
September 9th – Awana begins
September 11th – FP Young Adults Hangout
September 13th – Goodies with Grands
September 14th – Fall Small Groups begin
October 1st-3rd – Yard Sale
October 10th – Pumpkins arrive, help needed
October 17th – FPC Fall Festival
October 24th – Faith Festival (PC Beach)
November 6th-8th – Salt & Light (Mexico Bch)
TBD – Christmas Presentation

Continue reading for more information.

Please visit our website and Facebook page (look for our logo) & other social media sites via: linktr.ee/forestparkchurchpc

YARD SALE

The FPC yard sale is scheduled for Thu., Oct. 1st ~ Sat., Oct. 3rd from 7-11:00 am. Starting Thu., Sept. 24, the Mission Team is asking for volunteers to help start unloading and setting up over 300 boxes. Please meet at 8:00am in Fellowship Hall. Starting Mon., Sept. 28, 9am - 4pm, church members will be allowed to shop through Oct. 1st. Also asking for volunteers on Sat., Oct. 3rd at 11:00 am so the church is ready for church services on Sun., Oct. 4th.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH INITIATIVE

Sunday School teachers are needed. If you are interested in serving FPKids, contact Stephanie via email or a note on your connection card located on the back of pews.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- Nursery Sunday mornings
- FP Students
- Awana Wednesday evenings
- Playground clean-up day TBD
- As a musician
- As an A/V technician
- Yard Sale setup and removal
- Donation of pallets
- Pumpkin off-loading & setup
- Pumpkin Patch work hours
- Faith Festival to represent FPC

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Breakfast:
Wednesdays | 7am-8am
in the Fellowship Hall



PRAYER NIGHT

Friday, September 4th from 6-7pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome to join us as we pray over our church, our leaders, and our community.

FPC FALL SMALL GROUPS

Fall small groups begin on September 14th. The Study will be "Letters to the Church" by Francis Chan.



CONVERSATIONS OVER COFFEE

Conversations Over Coffee resumes on September 1st.



BIBLE STUDIES

Women's Thurs morning study is from 10am-noon. **Women's Tuesday night** study will begin on September 22nd.

WEDNESDAY DINNERS

Please join us for dinner on Wednesdays at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. Adults are \$6 and kids are \$2. The deadline to sign up is by noon on Tuesday.



COFFEE, CHIT CHAT & ADULT COLORING



8:30 - 10:30am, Room 102.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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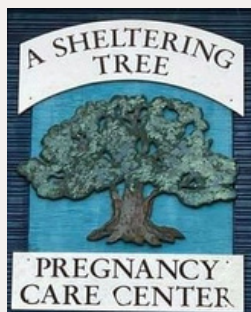


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SEPTEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING



A Sheltering Tree is a pregnancy center where volunteers support the mission to be the hands and feet of Christ to whomever walks in the door. Based out of St. Andrew Baptist Church's Center of Hope, A Sheltering Tree offers counseling services, referrals for maternity care and community support, they provide clothing for both mother and baby, car seats, diapers, formula and baby food. Our very own Amanda Coffman co-chairs and supports her friend and director of the center, Pam Hill. Together they walk God's grace into our community.

JOIN US FOR FOREST PARK CHURCH ANNUAL

FALL FESTIVAL

October 17 | 5PM - 8PM

Admission is Free!

Games - Face Painting - Music
Food Trucks - Inflatables

FOREST PARK CHURCH
1401 W 23rd ST, Panama City, FL 32405



Faith Festival 2026 takes place on Saturday, October 24th from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM at Aaron Bessant Park in Panama City Beach, Florida. Admission is free, with proceeds and donations supporting The Ark Transitional Housing.

Anchored in Hope

Hebrews 6:19



SALT & LIGHT WEEKEND

November 6-8, 2026

Driftwood Inn Mexico Beach, FL

You are invited to the Salt & Light Weekend for women November 6-8, 2026 at the Driftwood Inn located in Mexico Beach, Florida! This year our theme will be Anchored In Hope based on Hebrews 6:19 "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul". It is so easy to drift away from God. We will be navigating what ropes we need to anchor ourselves to Him in a world that constantly wants us to lose sight of the shore.

Our worship music for the weekend will be provided by Nashville contemporary christian singer/songwriter Kelly Alayna Efstathiou. Our speaker is Jo Ann Knowles from Destin. She will encourage us to live with a hope that holds fast no matter what winds will blow.

Registration for Forest Park Church members and their guests will begin August 23rd. Public registration will open August 30th. Your registration fee includes two nights in a beachfront hotel, inspiring guest speaker, live music, special gifts, delicious meals, and commemorative shirt. All worship sessions will be held at the Driftwood Inn event room. You will have different lodging options based on double occupancy at either Driftwood Inn or El Governor Hotel separated by 0.2 miles, a 4 minute walk. Room assignments given based on date of registration. Choose the one that best suits you and your roommate!

Driftwood Inn \$315 (19 rooms)
El Governor Hotel \$255 (10 rooms)
Event only + Sat transport \$135 (10 seats)



FP KIDS WORSHIP TIMES

Wednesdays 5:45-7:15 PM
Sunday School 9:15-10:15 AM
Kids Church: 10:30 AM



FP YOUTH WORSHIP TIMES

Wednesdays 5:30-7:00 PM
Sunday School 9:15-10:15 AM
Sunday Youth 4-6:30 PM

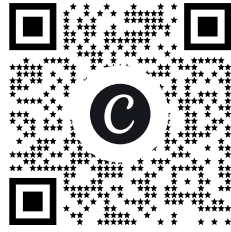


FP YOUNG ADULTS WORSHIP TIMES

Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 PM

AWANA

Begins September 9th.
Scan the QR code to
register.



Grandparents, bring your grandchildren! Children,
bring your Grandparents! Join us for sweet treats,
fun, and special memories together!



On the 3rd Sunday every month, our kids will collect
coins for Christ to provide a better understanding
of serving and giving to our community. At the end
of 6 months, they will decide where they want to
donate the funds they have collected.

FP STUDENTS

Sept. 6th Pizza & Pickleball

Join us for our 2nd pizza, pickleball,
and good vibes evening! Whether
you're a pickleball pro or you've never
picked up a paddle, this is your sign to
come hang. 1401 W. 23rd St., Panama
City, from 4:00-6:30pm. Paddles will
be provided. Bring water!

September 11th Hangout

Grab a friend or meet some new ones
at Papa Joe's Bayside for a night of live
music, food trucks, and good convos
by the bay! Ages 18-30, kids are
welcome to attend.

FP STUDENTS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

JOIN OUR ONCE A MONTH
TEACHING ROTATION.
AT LEAST TWO MORE PEOPLE
NEEDED.
WE PROVIDE THE LESSON.
SAILOR WILL BE THERE TO
ASSIST.

SUNDAY NIGHT

4-6:30PM
• WORSHIP LEADERS
• GAME LEADER
• SNACK SUPPER

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

5:30-7PM
LEAD A SHORT 5 MINUTE
DEVOTIONAL AND THEN
JOIN US IN HELPING WITH
AWANA!



FP KIDS, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT

Happy Anniversary

Jim & Sheila Ray	September 2nd
John & Julie Moneyham	September 3rd
Larry & Ruby Strother	September 3rd
L.J. & Hope Burton	September 4th
Steve & Patty Mausert	September 6th
Eddie & Dawnie Green	September 7th
Barney & Marilyn Barnett	September 10th
Mike & Janice Munn	September 14th
Christopher & Leslie Paxton	September 14th
Bob & Paula Borgers	September 19th
David & Kathy Rich	September 21st
Bill & Julie Longton	September 24th



Kenny Eastham	September 2nd	Celeste Borel	September 14th
Jim Mann	September 2nd	Jon Cupp	September 15th
Amy Willis	September 2nd	Robbie Carroll	September 17th
Amanda Coffman	September 3rd	Donnie McLawhon	September 18th
Chuck Dick	September 4th	Dottie Cosper	September 20th
Riley Harris	September 6th	Paula Waller	September 21st
Jessa Skipper	September 6th	Vince Kasprovicz	September 23rd
Mike Houser	September 8th	Pepper Pascal	September 24th
Amy Ausley	September 9th	Steve Akin	September 28th
Valerie Lloyd	September 9th	Hannah Longton	September 29th
Larry Richardson	September 9th	Wayne Moore	September 29th
Gene Bagwell	September 10th	Diann Shaner	September 29th
Rod Smith	September 10th	Tristan Buckhout	September 30th
Ray Borel	September 11th	Ellen Foreman	September 30th
Kathy Bauer	September 12th	Charlie Handrop	September 30th
John Bell	September 12th		
Riley Averett	September 13th		
Emily Feitel	September 13th		
Kevin Smith	September 13th		

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS