



FOREST PARK CHURCH

HOPE • PURPOSE • BELONGING

WHEN CHURCH GETS BORING

More Than Sunday:

A series based on Francis Chan's *Letters to the Church*

September 20, 2026

11 Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands) 12 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Ephesians 2:11-22 (NIV)

**We can become so _____ with church that we
forget that God is _____
and miss what God is _____ among us.**

HOW CAN I RECOVER A SENSE OF WONDER ABOUT CHURCH?

1. _____ HOW CHRIST BROUGHT ME NEAR.

“...remember that at that time you were separate from Christ...But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”

Ephesians 2:12-13

My place in God's family (church) is a gift of _____.

- I can _____ God because of what Jesus has done.
- I _____ alongside others who have received that same grace.
- Remembering the _____ of my welcome renews my gratitude.

2. _____ TO SHAPE WHAT I EXPECT FROM CHURCH.

“...you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of [Christ's] household...with...Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone...In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.”

Ephesians 2:19-21

A great questions to consider regularly concerning all things “church”:

- What is Christ asking me to **RECEIVE** and **DO**?

3. _____ CHURCH LIFE TOGETHER WITH HOLY EXPECTATION.

...in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Ephesians 2:22

God's presence calls for my _____

- _____ carefully when Scripture is read and explained.
- _____ thoughtfully in prayer and worship.
- Treat fellow worshipers with _____.
- _____ a response to God into the week.

FP Family Ministry

Nursery is available during the 8:00 & 10:30 services for children aged 0-3 years old.

Sunday School: 9:15-10:15 for Pre-K - 5th Grade

Awana Wednesday Nights: 5:45-7:15pm. Register Here: <https://forestparkchurch.breezechms.com/form/0c29b7>

Coins for Christ takes place today. It takes place on the 3rd Sunday every month. Our kids will collect coins to foster a better understanding of serving and giving to our community. After six months, the children will decide where to donate the collected funds.

September 30: School is out for kids—sign up for a fun day at the church. Pack your lunch. Register <https://forms.gle/wAeEwdXhnhqYe9du5>

October 10th: Pumpkins arrive around 3pm. Volunteers are needed to help unload; sign up on the bulletin board. We also need pallets; please drop them behind the annex.

Fall Festival is October 17th from 5:00-7:00pm.

We are so grateful for each person who served, participated, and helped us celebrate the incredible blessing of grandparents and the legacy of faith they pass on. Thank you!



The 2026-2027 FP Kids Learning Center has started. There are a few spots still available. Contact Vicki Ahearn at 850-348-2342 or Stephanie Houser at 850- 381-3099.

Wednesday Dinner— September 23—5:00 pm

Menu: Stuffed Peppers, tossed salad, rolls & dessert Adults \$6 Kids \$2 To Go plates \$7. The signup sheet is located on the bulletin board or you can call Faith at 850-785-6296. Please sign up by noon on Tuesday.

There will be a Called Church Conference

TODAY at 5:00 pm.



FPC Yard Sale will be on October 1, 2, & 3 from 7:00-11:00 am. We'll be pricing and setting up the week before. Donations can be brought to the church starting 9/27. We're accepting small pieces of furniture, table, chairs, etc. If you are interested in helping, please contact John Rotenberger at 850-387-6986.



FP Men's Ministry

Men's Breakfast meets on Wednesdays from 7-8 am in the fellowship hall.

Women's Fall Retreat



Scan with phone camera to register

You are invited to the **Salt & Light Weekend for Women—November 6-8**, 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. Register at www.fpcpc.org/events.

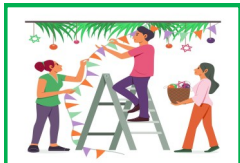
FP Student Ministry

-Sunday School - 9:15 - 10:15 am

-Wednesdays - 5:45-7:15 pm

Young Adults Ministry- (18-30)

Friday, September 25 hangout at Papa Joe's Bayside at 6:00pm. Kids are welcome!



If you have decorating skills and would like to be a part of a group to seasonally update the church decor, contact Chris Barnes.

Coffee Chit Chat & Adult Coloring meets on Tuesdays from 8:30-10:30am in room 102.

W.O.W Dance Team (Women of Worship) meet on Monday nights from 6:00 –8:00pm in the fellowship hall. If you are interested in joining our team contact Donna Allen at 850-814-6595.

Women's Tuesday night Bible Study will resume on September 22 from 6:00-8:00pm. Our study will be "Letters to the Church" by Francis Chan.

Women's Thursday morning Bible Study meets from 10:00—noon. Our new study is "Forever For Our Good" by Katie J. McCoy. Contacts: Karen at 850-624-4993 or CiCi at 850-832-5083.

Offering Received on 09/13/2026		Amount Needed Each Week	
General Fund	\$7,142.00	General Fund	\$12,300.00
Building Fund	\$847.00	Building Fund	\$2,044.00
The Building Loan is PAID IN FULL			

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Forest Park seeks to make disciples of Jesus by sharing the hope of the gospel, helping discover purpose in God's Kingdom, and offering a place of belonging in God's family.