



FOREST PARK CHURCH

HOPE • PURPOSE • BELONGING

FIRST THINGS FIRST

More Than Sunday:

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

September 27, 2026

_____ things become dangerous when they replace
_____ things.

"If you love your father or mother or even your sons and daughters more than me, you are not fit to be my disciples." Matthew 10:37 (CEV)

...BUT...

We don't have to despise _____ to put Jesus first.

"[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read."

Luke 4:16 (NASB)

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

FAITHFULNESS BEGINS WHEN CHRIST'S PRIORITIES BECOME OUR PRIORITIES.

1. PUT CHRIST'S _____ AHEAD OF MY _____.
They devoted themselves... Acts 2:42

[Jesus said] "You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions...You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions!"
Mark 7:8-9 (NIV)

- Traditions can _____ obedience.
- But traditions must never _____ obedience.

2. DEVOTE MYSELF TO WHAT CHRIST HAS GIVEN HIS

_____.
...the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42 (NIV)

- They devoted themselves to God's:
 - W _____
 - P _____
 - T _____
 - P _____

3. TRUST JESUS WITH THE _____ AS I STAY DEVOTED TO HIM.

"And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved."
Acts 2:47

- They weren't _____ to the results:
 - They were devoted to _____
 - And they trusted Him with the _____

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>

September 30th: 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.



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

FP Student Ministry

- Sunday School - 9:15 - 10:15 am
- Sunday Night - 4:00-6:30 pm
- Wednesdays - 5:45-7:15 pm

The Church Database

In order for us to keep the church database up to date, we need your help. if you have a new address, phone number or email, please contact Faith at 850-785-6296 and let her know.

Our Deepest Sympathy To..

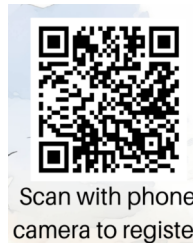
Mary Junkins and family on the passing of her son, Greg.



**FPC Yard Sale will be on October 1, 2, & 3
from 7:00-11:00 am**

The congregation is welcome to come by Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday from 9-1 and shop.

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. Registration closes on October 4. Register at www.fpcpc.org/events.

**Prayer Night in the Sanctuary
Friday, October 2 at 6:00 pm
Everyone welcome.**



No Dinner on Wednesday, September 30.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

To help protect everyone's privacy, we will no longer publish birthdays and anniversaries in our newsletter, which is freely available online. This helps prevent personal information from being misused. You can still celebrate with our church family by checking the monthly listings in the designated area of the bulletin board in the adult Sunday school hall.



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– meets 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.



FP Men's Ministry

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

Offering Received on 09/20/2026		Amount Needed Each Week	
General Fund	\$9,370.00	General Fund	\$12,300.00

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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.