



Forest Park Church

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Hope • Purpose • Belonging

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

DAVID WILLIS

October has a way of filling our calendars. Fall activities, family gatherings, and church events all compete for a place in our days. In the middle of that busyness, our journey through Letters to the Church invites us to pause and ask: What does Jesus want His church to be?

That question reaches beyond Sunday worship, committee meetings, or the condition of our buildings. It reaches into our hearts. Are we becoming people who love one another deeply, pray expectantly, welcome strangers warmly, and carry the hope of Christ into everyday life?

In Acts 2, we see believers learning together, sharing meals, praying, and caring for those in need. Their life together made the gospel visible. People could see something of Jesus in the way His followers treated one another.

That is my prayer for Forest Park.

This October, I invite you to take one simple step toward making that prayer a reality. Learn the name of someone you have seen but never met. Invite a neighbor to worship. Pray with someone who is struggling. Offer your time where help is needed. Make room at your table.

These may seem like small things, but they give our faith hands and feet.

Our mission remains rooted in Jesus, even as the world around us changes. May we follow Him with renewed courage, generous hearts, and a willingness to be shaped by His love.

Together, let us help our neighbors discover hope, purpose, and belonging in the family of God, right here.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." ~Acts 2:42



Sunday Worship Times:

TRADITIONAL - 8:00 a.m.
CONTEMPORARY - 10:30 a.m.
The nursery is available for children 0-3 years.

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Office Hours: Mon-Thurs, 9AM-4PM

SAVE THE DATE

- October 1st-3rd - Yard Sale
- October 10th - Pumpkins arrive
- October 17th - FPC Fall Festival
- October 24th - Faith Festival (PC Beach)
- November 6th-8th - Salt & Light (Mex. Bch)
- TBD - Christmas Presentation

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

Meet Our New Church Administrator!



Hello, Forest Park Church family!

My name is Kris Prepelka, and I'm excited to introduce myself as the new Church Administrator at Forest Park Church.

Originally from Massachusetts, I served four years in the U.S. Navy before moving to Florida 36 years ago. After living in the Tallahassee area, my husband, Mark, and I moved to the Panama City area 12 years ago.

We recently celebrated 40 years of marriage and are blessed with six children, as well as two wonderful grandchildren—a 16-month-old grandson and a 10-month-old granddaughter!

In our free time, Mark and I enjoy cruising, exploring new places, and, of course, spending time with our grandchildren.

I'm grateful to belong to the Forest Park Church family and look forward to getting to know each of you and serving wherever I can. It's a blessing to be part of what God is doing here!



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.

THE LORD IS MY
Light
AND
Salvation
PSALM 27:1

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
- Pumpkin off-loading & setup
- Pumpkin Patch work hours
- Fall Festival at FPC
- Faith Festival to represent FPC



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Yard Sale

The FPC yard sale will be Thu., Oct. 1st ~ Sat., Oct. 3rd from 7-11:00 a.m. The Mission Team thanks all members for donating and supporting our FPC Mission Ministries!!



Coffee, Chit Chat, & Adult Coloring

Tuesdays



8:30 - 10:30 a.m., Room 102.

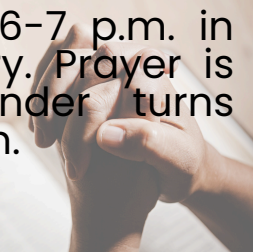


Pumpkin Patch- October 12-31
Hours: Sunday- Friday 3-7pm;
Saturday 1-7pm
Sign up for a shift in the Foyer



Prayer Night

October 3rd, 6-7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Prayer is where surrender turns into strength.



Wednesday Dinners

Please join us for dinner on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Adults are \$6 and kids are \$2. The deadline to sign up is by noon on Tuesday.



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OCTOBER COMMUNION OFFERING



This month's communion offering is going to Mercy Chefs, a faith-based, non-profit disaster and humanitarian relief organization. They provide professionally prepared, restaurant-quality meals to victims, volunteers, and first responders in natural disasters and emergencies. They also partner with existing like-minded organizations to further their mission by providing food service in underserved communities across the country and around the globe.



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 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)

Registration
closes Sunday,
Oct. 4th

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

Volunteers needed

"Volunteers needed to work the Fall Festival—sign up now! We are also accepting candy and prize donations. See Stephanie at the kids' check-in table in the foyer."



FP KIDS WORSHIP TIMES

Wednesdays 5:45-7:15 PM

Sunday School 9:15-10:15 AM

Kids Church: 10:30 AM

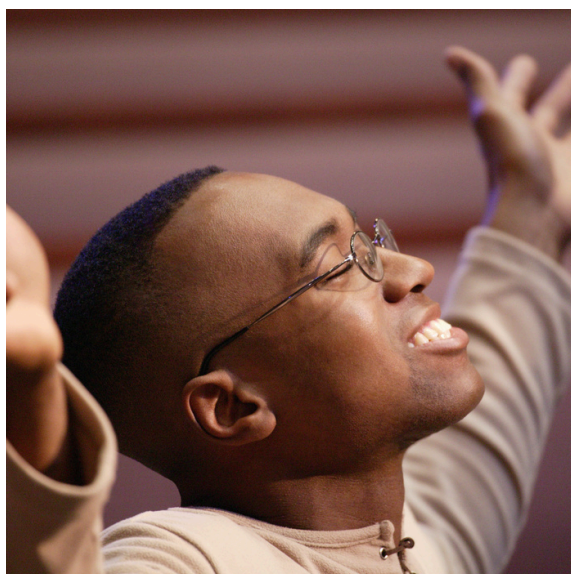


FP YOUTH WORSHIP TIMES

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



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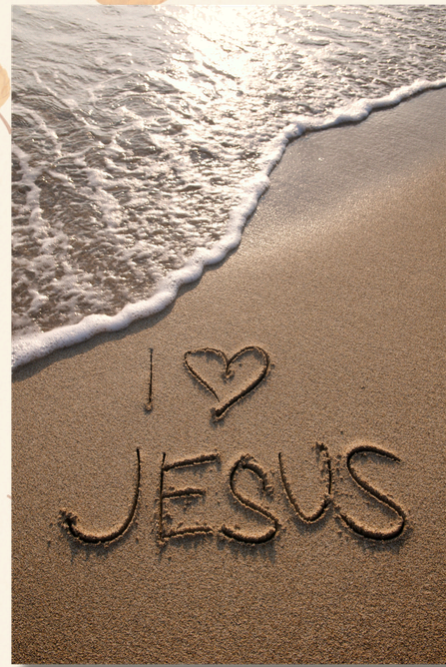
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The 2026-2027 FP Kids Learning Center has a few spots still available. Contact Vicki Ahearn at (850) 348-2342 or Stephanie Houser at (850) 381-3099.

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"And the child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon Him."

Luke 2:40



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.



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