



Forest Park Church

Hope • Purpose • Belonging



October is one of my favorite months of the year. The air is a little crisper, the evenings come a little sooner, and our church grounds are filled with the colors of fall. I'm especially excited about two wonderful opportunities this month to connect with our neighbors and share God's love: our Fall Festival and the Pumpkin Patch! These events aren't just fun community gatherings, they are chances for us to be a light, to welcome friends and families, and to remind our community that there's a place for them here at Forest Park Church. I encourage you not only to attend, but to invite someone who may need that reminder of hope and belonging.

As we enter this new season, I'm reminded of Paul's words in Galatians 6:9: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Fall is a season of harvest, both in the fields and in our lives. Every smile at the Pumpkin Patch, every child's laughter at the Fall Festival, every invitation you extend, it all plants seeds that God can grow into eternal fruit.

So let's press on together. Let's sow kindness, joy, and faith in every interaction this month. And let's trust that God will bring the harvest in His perfect time.

WEEKLY



REFUEL

Wednesdays

5:00pm Dinner

5:45pm Worship & Message

OCTOBER'S 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.. Thank You FPCPC Mission Team!



Go Nuts with Pecans!
Order freshly picked pecans by completing an envelope at the church or by texting Patty at (850) 867-3126 (see page 6)



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OCTOBER EVENTS

PUMPKIN PATCH!

OPEN MONDAY - SATURDAY
October 13th - October 31st
11:00AM - 5:00PM;
11:00AM - 8:00PM Oct 18th

FPC YARD SALE

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



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 **REGISTER
NOW!**
or by OCTOBER 12TH

*Forest Park Church Women's Ministry
invites you to:*

Fall Retreat

November 6-9, 2025

"Changing from Chaos to Calm"

Lakeside Retreat Center in Seale, AL

"Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10

Come to this retreat to explore how God wants to teach us to rest and find peace in the midst of the chaos and confusion of this world.

We will talk about how our "hustle" culture can deceive us by promoting the idea that being busy equates to being successful and important. These three days will fill your heart and reset your soul as you enjoy a weekend of rest, reflection, fellowship, and encouragement through uplifting teaching and worship music.

Our focus will be learning how to **BE STILL** like God teaches us instead of **BE BUSY** like the world tells us.

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Guest Speaker: Vanessa Reyner: As a gifted author, speaker, and Bible teacher. She will provide attainable steps to reexamine your overcrowded life, one bite at a time so you can hear God more clearly, experience more joy, love better, and become content with your surroundings and circumstances.



Music Worship by Jamie Bollinger: She is a worship leader, speaker, songwriter, and mentor with a heart fully devoted to the presence of God. She carries a powerful ability to stir hearts and shift atmospheres while leading us in worship.



- Nov 6th: Check-in from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. before dinner and worship.
- Nov 7th & 8th: Two worship sessions each day, plus lots of other fun activities and a concert.
- Nov 9th: Wrap up retreat by 9:00 a.m.



Cost per person is only \$325 includes 3 nights lodging (sharing a double-queen room) at beautiful resort on a lake and all meals, worship sessions, and fun activities in between! Registration closes Oct 12 or when 60 women have registered.

Scan the QR
code to sign up
or stop at
registration
table for
assistance



*For more information about the event or
request a payment schedule contact:
Penni Beitzel 850-819-6659 or
Donna Allen 850-814-6595*

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FALL SEASON



OCTOBER 13TH – Deadline for Ordering Pecans!

Not only are they good for you, they make baked goods extra delicious, they freeze well, and make great gifts. Cost for a one pound bag is \$12.00.



OCTOBER 11TH – Pumpkin Delivery at 9AM!

We will need LOTS of volunteers to help unload them and set them on pallets. You may want to bring gardening gloves and a wheelbarrow if you have them. The **Pumpkin Patch** will be open Oct. 13th – 31st – volunteers needed.



OCTOBER 18TH – Fall Festival from 5pm to 8pm!

Please join us and invite friends and family to the free community event full of music, food, and fun. Our Mission Team will be selling Cold Boil Peanuts.



OCTOBER 19TH – Bake Sale!

The Ruth Circle is sponsoring its Fall Bake Sale. These talented bakers will offer mouth watering delicacies to select from and welcome baked goods from others. Please bring all items to the church by 8:30am. Proceeds will support the Domestic Violence Center.



OCTOBER 31ST – NOVEMBER 1ST – Yard Sale!

Fall is a great time of the year to clean out closets, cabinets, garages, sheds, and storage buildings. Bring your unwanted items to the church starting October 26th for the Mission Team's fall yard sale on 31 October and 1 November from 7 am to 11 am. No furniture, please. If you are willing to help sort and sell items, please contact John Rotenberger at 850-387-6986.



NOVEMBER 6TH – 9TH – Women's Fall Retreat!

Join this retreat to change Chaos to Calm.



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CHRISTMAS SEASON

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

Sunday, November 30th—Beginning of Christmas Season Celebration with
Combined Service, Potluck Dinner and Decking the Halls
Week of December 1st—Christmas Crafting
Week of December 8th—Christmas Baking Party
Sunday, December 14th—Christmas Program for all ages
Week of December 15th—Caroling, Outreach and Cookies, Cookies, Cookies
Wednesday, December 24th—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 23rd @ 2pm; Sun.,
Dec 7th @ 2pm; Tue., Dec 9th @ 5:30pm; and
Sat., Dec 13th @ 5:30pm.*

PERFORMANCE: Sun., Dec 14th @ 6pm @ FPC

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



This program delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child.

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.



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FP KIDS WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday School 9:15-10:15 AM

Kids Church: 10:30 AM



FP YOUTH WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday School 9:15-10:15 AM

Sunday Youth 4-6 PM



FP YOUNG ADULTS WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday School 9:15 - 10:15 AM

Thursdays 6:30-8 PM

Let's show Kat, our children's minister, some love as her family welcomes baby Arthur! She pours her all into loving and teaching our children; so let's help her by providing some meals for her and her family. Your kindness and support will be a huge blessing, allowing her to focus on rest, recovery, and soaking up every moment with their little one.

Scan the QR code below or visit <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/w4yrre> to sign up for her meal train. For any questions or help signing up contact Villy Reyes @ (850) 708-4736



FPC KIDS:

- **Wednesday Nights – 5:00pm to 7:00pm**

FPC Student Ministry:

- **Wednesday Nights – 5:00pm to 7:00pm**
- **Pickleball Night – October 26th, 4:00–7:30pm**
- **Waves Girls Conference – October 24th–25th for girls 6th grade and up.**



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Happy Anniversary

Jared & Jean Wilson	October 5th
Rod & Nancy Smith	October 8th
Ron & Diane Houser	October 10th
Ken & Belinda Owenby	October 12th
Kevin & Suzanne Shelton	October 12th
John & Beverly Rotenberger	October 15th
Nick & Delores Barron	October 22nd
Steve & Ann Akin	October 30th

Happy Birthday

October 1 Chandra Buckhout James Henderson Josh Thirlwall	October 8 Sherry Oramas Carroll Orme	October 17 Sandy Pultz Kirsten Tolbert	October 27 Bob Borgers
October 2 Hope Burton	October 9 Wanda Berry	October 19 Cameron Marksman	October 29 Steve Craig
October 4 Nathaniel Dixon	October 11 Bob Robbins	October 20 Suzy Nadler	October 31 Debra Pocius Lyndon Russell
October 5 Kerrie Beasley Steve Thomas	October 12 John Moneyham Rebecca Smyth	October 23 Eddie Oramas	
October 6 Jim Dove	October 13 Colton Cook Paula Park Riverleigh Tampellini	October 24 Bob Elko Nathen Smith	
October 7 J.P. Heaton		October 25 Wallace Berry Peggy Kundo	

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



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