



March

First Presbyterian Church

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Our Mission: Connecting with God and sharing the Good News
of Jesus Christ with the community.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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From your Session **Why Not Pray?**

Does that phrase sound familiar? It might, because I thought of it as I recalled Pastor Ginger's sermon series, "Why Pray". I'd like to think with you for a few moments about setting aside some reasons not to pray. I'll take the view that to pray is a natural thing to do. Here are some reasons not to pray that come to mind and what I read in the Bible about them.

You feel the need to pray for a particular situation but don't know what to pray. Perhaps a friend has a problem or is in a difficult situation. You have no idea how the Lord would best help him/her. It is difficult to pray. But Paul (the apostle) says that we can pray even in a groaning way, and God's Spirit will pray on our behalf! We can leave it to Him to know what should be prayed for that friend. We can offer our prayer, no matter how weak or confused, and the Spirit will pray His "revised version" in our place.

You think your concern is too small to bother Jesus with. It seems that it might be best to pray only for the really big needs – because you don't want to bother Jesus with a "little thing". You are concerned that He might get tired of hearing from you if you bring Him a lot of small concerns.

Jesus spoke about God's concern for the grasses of the field – and how beautifully He has clothed them in

flowers. He went on to say how much more He is concerned about His people. Surely since He cares much more about us than about the flowers, He is concerned to hear our prayers – even the smallest ones!

You are too busy to pray.

Let's consider the example of Paul (the apostle). He must have been a very busy guy! He worked at a trade to finance his activities (he made tents). He traveled extensively, visiting and helping Christian communities. He wrote a lot of letters to them. Yet he prayed a lot! He said he didn't stop giving thanks for the believers to whom he wrote. He prayed for wisdom for them, repeatedly.

Well, we might be put off by Paul's seemingly limitless energy for praying. But personally, I take his commitment to prayer as an encouragement to me to work some prayer into my schedule, even when I'm too busy. How about praying while also doing something that doesn't require much concentration, such as showering, washing dishes, having trouble going to sleep, riding as a passenger in a car – perhaps when the journey gets boring.

I wish you well in your praying!

Paul

Related scriptures:
Romans 8:26, Matthew 6:28, Ephesians 1:16, 17. Thanks to Elder Vanessa Cordova for part of the "also doing something" list.



TEEN & LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Seamless

Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story



Meets 3rd Mondays at 6:30 PM
at Panera Bread in Cedar Hill

Begins Monday, March 18

Study for ages 16 and up!

Required Book: "Seamless" by Angie Smith

Book Cost: \$13

Sign up online at:

www.fpcd.org/seamless-bible-study

Or by calling: (972) 298-3043



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Teen & Ladies Bible Study for ages 16 and up!

Led by: Brenda Everett,
Nyadia Thorpe, and Sandy Gaskins

Meeting on 3rd Mondays at

6:30 PM @ Panera Bread, Cedar Hill
416 E Pleasant Run Rd, Cedar Hill, TX 75104

Please register online for this Bible study at:

www.fpcd.org/seamless-bible-study

Or contact the church office:

(972) 298-3043 or info@fpcd.org

Study Materials:

Required Book: "Seamless," by Angie Smith

Book Cost: \$13 for Adult version

\$12 for Teen version

Study Schedule:

Mar. 18 - Intro/Why Study?

Apr. 15 - The Beginning

May 20 - The Patriarchs

Jun. 17 - The Exodus

July/August - (No Meeting)

Sept. 16 - The Messiah and The Disciples

Oct. 21 - The Messiah and The Gospels

Nov. 18 - The Letters and Group Celebration

Join us!
All are invited

LENT Bible Study on the book

24 Hours that Changed the World

By Adam Hamilton

Study led by Sharon Ingram

Meets Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

during Lent: March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10 & 17

Dinner provided at 6:00 PM

Sign up in the Narthex or by contacting the church office



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Followed by Bible Study at 6:30 PM

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at 972-298-3043 or info@fpcd.org

**Please let us know if you need us to order you
a book or if you will provide your own.**

Study Materials:

Required Book: "24 Hours That Changed the World,"
by Adam Hamilton

Book Cost: \$12 - if you order through the church.

You can also purchase a kindle version on Amazon, an
eBook from Christianbook.com, or a copy from Audible,
which may be more cost effective.

Study Schedule:

March 13—Ch. 1, *The Last Supper*

March 20—Ch. 2, *The Garden of Gethsemane*

March 27—Ch. 3, *Condemned by the Righteous*

April 3—Ch. 4, *Jesus, Barabbas, and Pilate*

April 10—Ch. 5, *The Torture and Humiliation of the King*

AND Ch. 6, *The Crucifixion*

April 17—Ch. 7, *Christ the Victor*

If you have any questions, please contact
Sharon Ingram at (469) 774-7997
or call the church office.

Women's Bible Study

The ladies of the Sarah and Agape Bible Study Circles will gather in March for a time of study, fellowship and prayer. Each will be reading Lesson 7 from "God's Promise: I Am With You" by Amy Poling Sutherlun.

The Sarah Circle will hold their meeting on Tuesday evening, March 12, at 7:00 pm at the home of Jocelyn Bolles.

The Agape Circle will meet on Wednesday afternoon, March 13, at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

If you'd like to join them or have any questions, please call Joan Brown (972.742.7997) about the evening group or Connie Steger (972.741.7932) about the afternoon group.

Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.

Ephesians 4:2 NLT

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**Worship Volunteer Schedule
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March 3	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery End of Service Ministry Communion Servers	Candice & Gary Morris Jack Pegues & Albert Teel Lori Glover & Darrell Ingram Jocelyn Bolles Marna Bayless & Connie Steger Dick Bergman, Anna Murphy, Irving Kezar, Connie Steger, Marna Bayless
March 10	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Connie Steger & Joan Brown Eugene Jimmerson & Irving Kezar Teresa Reed & Joan Brown Sharon Ingram Jeff Thorpe & Joan Brown
March 17	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Armelia & Eugene Jimmerson Dub Guthrie Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Candice Morris Dick Bergman & Nancy Bergman
March 24	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Youth Youth Darrell Ingram & Lori Glover Anna Murphy Paul Griffith & Jaime Cordova
March 31	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Darlene Cowand & Anna Murphy Larry Lewis & Jaime Cordova Anna Murphy & Brenda Everett Jocelyn Bolles Sean Russell

March Birthdays

If we've missed your birthday and you would like us to include it in this "birthday" section of the newsletter, please contact us at (972) 298-3043 or info@fpcd.org. Thank you.

Bobby Reed, March 2	Roy Jensen, March 10
George Huttar, March 3	Jennifer Johnson, March 11
Dennis Walters, March 3	Vangie Jackson, March 12
Jimmy Cordova, March 4	Pat Sparr, March 12
David Gaskins, March 5	Dudley Austin, March 17
Irving Kezar, March 5	Dick Bergman, March 23
Paul Barton, March 8	Evelyn Hertenstein, March 24
Nancy Bergman, March 9	Tom Harmon, March 27
Vincent Thorpe, March 9	Carol Orwig, March 31
Blake Gaskins, March 9	



2019 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
January	\$15,208	\$18,130

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Christian Education — 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service — 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Youth Group — 6:00 p.m.