

MADE TO FEEL SPECIAL BY FPCD

By Elder Jaime Cordova

Growing up, I attended many different Catholic churches in different countries as well as different states here in the U.S., both Spanish-speaking and English-speaking. I found common in all of them that you could be greeted at the end of mass, sometimes by the Priest or Father. Other than that, no one else noticed you had attended. In my 30 plus years there, not once did I receive a birthday card, or a phone call to see how I was doing.

No one from the Parish ever asked me how my family was doing.

When I came to FPCD, it was a completely different story. First off, I was invited very kindly to attend an event or a service. In either case, the congregation made me feel welcome. A lot of people reached out to me to talk to me, to introduce themselves, to ensure I was comfortable. I was invited to potlucks and enjoyed delicious and varied meals. I was invited to attend Bible study classes, to learn about the Bible, to fellowship. These things that someone might think are insignificant, I tell you these are acts of love, of compassion, and they impact with a bang on people.

I felt special; I wanted to belong here.

Starting with our Pastor Ginger, she made everyone feel special and welcomed. To my surprise I was not the only one feeling this way.

I have had the opportunity to hear testimonies from many of you.

Whenever we ask new members why do they want to become members, that always comes up - how they were made to feel special and welcomed. Greeting. Yes, many churches greet you either when you get there or when you are leaving. One of the definitions of greeting is "a polite word or sign of welcome or recognition" and that is it. On the other hand, the definition of welcoming is "behaving in a polite or friendly way to a guest or new arrival." FPCD, you do an amazing job of making us newcomers welcome. That work you do has brought and keeps bringing new members to this congregation. This behavior is clearly a representation of who Pastor Ginger is. Thank you, Pastor Ginger, for everything that you have done for this congregation and for Duncanville. You have blessed so many lives.

The way FPCD makes everyone feel welcome is part of your legacy.

May God Bless You.



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Connecting with God and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the community

TYPG @ FPCD

(Thank You Pastor Ginger)



Saturday, February 18, 2023

7:00 PM

FIRST Presbyterian Church

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Thank You Pastor Ginger!

PRELUDE

WELCOME & PRAYER

Jeff Thorpe

ANTHEM

“Nothing is Impossible”

SCRIPTURE

Jeff Thorpe

1 Peter 4:10

Acts 20:35

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Liz Bisson & Kathy Voss
Dean & Ginger’s Daughters

Naomi Villalba
Longtime Friend

ANTHEM

“Center of My Joy”
Brittany Haywood, *soloist*

TAKING ACTION

Rev. Dale Patterson (by video)
Retired Pastor of Hackberry Creek Church

Karen Carson
Longtime Friend from Hackberry

HYMN

Please sing with us!

“Be Thou My Vision,” 382R

CHURCH IMPACT

Rev. Steve Netniss
FPCD Former Youth Director

Jennifer McWilliams
FPCD Admin & Media Specialist

ANTHEM

“Amazing Grace”
Nyadia Thorpe, *soloist*

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Pastor Manuel Lara
Centro Familiar Cristiano

Steve Martin
Duncanville Chamber of Commerce

Hon. Barry Gordon
Mayor of Duncanville

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:23

Jeff Thorpe

PRAYER

Lance Bohannon (by video)
Longtime Friend

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Jeff Thorpe

GINGER’S REMARKS

BENEDICTION

Pastor Roy Watson

POSTLUDE

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On Sunday at 10:30 AM
Join us as Ginger leads her final worship service