

# FPC NEWSLETTER

DEEPER IN CHRIST, FURTHER INTO THE WORLD



## Savor Summer by Gerrit Dawson, Senior Pastor

Does the arrival of June ever remind you of summers past? Can you still feel the excitement of getting out of school? Or getting ready for a trip to the water? Or playing outside until late? The Irish bard, yes Van Morrison, evokes the season: "Take me way back . . . where you could feel the silence at half past eleven on long summer nights as . . . voices echoed across the river . . . sunny summer afternoons picking apples . . . stopping for ice cream . . . conversation and laughter and music and singing . . . as we carried on dreaming in God." I hope this summer you get to re-collect your life from the busyness of the year and recollect many memories even as you make new ones.

Your church will be here, joyfully celebrating the Lord's Day each week. I'll be preaching the Sundays of June, then hand over the reigns for a few Sundays in July. All that month will be single 10.30 Sanctuary services. Barry will give the Independence Day message. And George Gillam will bring us the Word from his perspective ministering to youth in North Baton Rouge. Our own youth will be off at camps; the children will encounter a Jerusalem marketplace at VBS; and we'll lead a summer soccer camp with Abounding Love Ministries. On the last Sunday of July, we'll have a special recognition of those who have been members of our church for fifty years or more. Who will take the prize for longest membership? Don't miss the crowning of a new longevity winner! After General Assembly in Detroit, I'll be in North

Carolina for a few weeks, and hope to get a lot of work done on the sequel to *Asking Jesus* for next Lent. But do know that every day I give thanks for the joy of being your pastor,



*Gerrit*

## Further into the World

Your elders have approved \$78,400 in grants for seminary students, city ministry and global ministry. This includes helping underwrite a fathering program in North Baton Rouge, a facility for the disabled in Romania and a guest house for missionaries in Malaysia. Through your gifts and our foundation, our reach extends through our city to the world!



### July Worship: Single 10.30 am Services

First Presbyterian Church invites you to attend its combined 10.30 am services each Sunday in July. These single services replace our typical worship schedule blending the styles of Classic Reformed, Contemporary and Chapel Communion worship. We encourage you to invite a friend. There will be no Sunday school.

## Call for Meeting of the Corporation

On behalf of the church trustees, the session calls for a meeting of the Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church of Baton Rouge during worship at 10.30 July 31, 2022. The purpose of the meeting is to act on the recommendation that Amanda Vincent be elected as a trustee of the Corporation, and to engage any other matters of the Corporation. (Active members of the congregation are active members of the Corporation. Only those physically present may vote).

**2** : FPC RECEIVES  
VIPS GOLDEN  
APPLE AWARD

**3** : PSALMS,  
PRAYER &  
PRAISE

**3** : CHILDREN'S  
MINISTRY  
CAMP AND VBS

**3** : WOMEN'S  
SUMMER  
EVENTS

**JUNE EVENTS**

- JUNE 5 Psalms, Prayer & Praise
- JUNE 12 Discover First Dinner
- JUNE 19 Father's Day
- JUNE 20-24 VBS
- JUNE 29 Women's Summer Luncheon

**JUNE SERMON TEXTS**

*Texts are subject to change.*

- JUNE 5 Joshua 4: 1-7
- JUNE 12 Joshua 5: 1-9
- JUNE 19 Joshua 6: 12-21
- JUNE 26 Joshua 7: 10-22

**BIRTHS**

May 2, 2022  
Bowman Lyon Webber  
Parents are Claire and Rawley Webber

Wesley Kenneth Magers  
Parents are Holly and Andrew Magers

May 4, 2022  
Charlotte Grace Comer  
Parents are Amanda and Alan Comer

**IN MEMORIAM**

May 17, 2022  
Janet Richards  
Mother of Doug Richards

**FLOWERS**

The Chapel and Sanctuary flowers are given . . .

JUNE 5 . . . in memory of Sue and Bill Edrington and Mary and Emmett Edrington by Susie and Buzzy Heroman, Leah and Billy Edrington and Lynn and Mark Edwards.

JUNE 12 . . . to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Lindley Spaht Dodson on the occasion of her 45th birthday, June 30, by Susan and Frederic Billings.

JUNE 19 . . . to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Paul and Hazel Peters and Ned and Jerry Hickel, by Cherie and Bill Peters.

JUNE 26 . . . to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Dorothy and Joachim Aubert and Emma and Pete Ramos, by Fe' and Murphy Aubert.

**First Presbyterian Receives VIPS Golden Apple Award**



L to R: Jill Dyason (School Board Member), Laura Shaw (FPC Buchanan Elementary Volunteer Coordinator), Dr. Sito Narcisse (Superintendent of Schools of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System)

Congratulations to the over 50 FPC volunteers who support the students and teachers at Buchanan Elementary School. Volunteers in Public Schools recently recognized First Presbyterian Church with the Golden Apple Award for its long-time community partnership and the many ways it serves the school.

**S.T.A.R.S. Soccer Camp Needs Volunteers**

July 11-15 are the dates of the annual S.T.A.R.S. soccer camp at Abounding Love Ministries. Consider volunteering to coach the children and share the gospel with Baton Rouge inner city kids. Contact Josh Woltmann to volunteer (225.715.4598 or [josh@fpcvicksburg.org](mailto:josh@fpcvicksburg.org)).



**Purple Cow Donations**

Give meaning to your spring cleaning! Now is a great time to donate furniture, clothing and housewares to the Purple Cow. These thrift stores provide significant funding for the Christian Outreach Center, one of our core ministry partners. Just in 2022, the COC has already had 2100 walk-in visits for assistance as well as leading job training workshops and teaching financial literacy. The COC offers a hand up, not just a hand out!

**Discover First Dinner**

Senior pastor Gerrit Dawson will host a Discover First Dinner Sunday, June 12 from 4 to 7 pm. This is an opportunity for you, in a smaller setting, to learn more about how you can be part of our mission and ministry. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Emily Viguerie ([emily@fpabr.org](mailto:emily@fpabr.org) or 225.333.9084).

**July Newsletter Notice:** FPCnews will not be published this July. Stay up to date with all the church news by visiting our app and website this summer. Of course, we are always just a phone call away if you need to reach any staff member.

## A Night Full of Praise, June 5

PSALMS  
PRAYER  
& PRAISE

Do you ever feel like we don't get to sing enough? Do you ever wish worship could go on longer? We're planning a night full of praise with our sister church Abounding Love Ministries. On Sunday, June 5 at 5 pm, the worship team and choirs of both churches will come together to lift our voices in joy to the triune God of grace. No offering, no sermon, no promotions. Just singing and prayers of praise. Join us in the FPC Sanctuary. Reception following.

## Children's Camp and VBS

**Jerusalem Marketplace VBS!** Join us for an immersive VBS experience June 20-24. Registration is limited and closes June 16! Visit [fpcbr.org/vbs](http://fpcbr.org/vbs) to register.

**Lake Forest Ranch.** Dates for Lake Forest Ranch elementary camp are July 18-22. Registration is online at [fpcbr.org/camp](http://fpcbr.org/camp). Deadline is June 30.

## Parents' Day Out

Parents, save the date! It's the same fun and friends you've come to expect from our popular "Parents' Night Out" event but this summer we're gathering for lunch instead (you're welcome, all you early-birds).

Please join us after the combined service July 24, 12-2 pm, for food, games and great fellowship. We also will have activities and entertainment for kids of all ages (birth through high school) so you can relax and enjoy. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

## Women's Ministry Summer Events

### So I Have a Question . . .

What do I do with lingering shame and guilt? How do I move forward from a broken relationship? When do I know it's time to see someone for my anxiety and depression? How should I respond to intrusive thoughts? How do I set (and keep) healthy boundaries in difficult relationships?

If you have questions like this, join us for our Women's Ministry Summer Luncheon, where you can ask a panel of Christian counselors, led by Sherry Kadair, any questions you may have about emotional, relational and spiritual wellness.

Wednesday, June 29 from 11 am to 1 pm in the FPC Reception Room. Lunch will be provided by Elsie's Plate & Pie. Register online, \$10. Childcare provided.

### Crazy in Love

How does God really see me, personally? I know he LOVES me, but does he LIKE me? Join us this July for the Women's Ministry Summer Study as we explore several passages that give evidence of God's relentless love and affection for us. May we experience the ways in which God sees us, knows us, enjoys us and abundantly delights in us.

Each Wednesday in July from 6.30 to 8 pm in Dunham Chapel.

\*Childcare available by request only.

## JULY EVENTS

JULY WORSHIP TIME	10.30 am
JULY 3	Meeting of the Corporation
JULY 11-15	S.T.A.R.S. Camp
JULY 24	Parents' Day Out
JULY 6-27	Women's Summer Study

## JULY SERMON TEXTS

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*Combined 10.30 am worship  
each Sunday in July.*

JULY 3, 2022  
Joshua 24: 1, 14-28

JULY 10, 2022  
2 Chronicles 24: 1-4, 13-27

JULY 17, 2022  
To be determined

JULY 24, 2022  
To be determined

JULY 31, 2022  
Psalm 116

## FLOWERS

Chapel and Sanctuary flowers  
are given/dedicated . . .

JULY 3 . . . to all the service men and women who have made and kept America free by Eugenie and Harry Burglass.

JULY 10 . . . to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lewis Wilmot "Puna" Eaton, Jr. on the occasion of his July 11 birth date, which would mark his 100th birthday, by Barbara Anne Eaton.

JULY 17 . . . to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Melissa and Mike Thibodeaux.

JULY 24 . . . to the glory of God and in loving memory of parents, Florence and Mack Gregorie, and aunt, Nita K. Harris by Ann K. Gregorie and Nancy Sue Burton.

JULY 31 . . . by Circle One to the glory of God and in loving memory of departed members of our Circle One.



### July Prayer Time

Our weekly prayer time gatherings will be at 11.30 am each Sunday in July to accommodate our 10.30 worship services. Join us in the Prayer Room (just to the left of the elevator in the Sanctuary building). One or more pastors/elders, along with others willing to intercede on your behalf, will welcome you.

### Meal Ministry Needs Volunteers

First Presbyterian's Meal Ministry provides meals and welcoming hospitality to those in need. A focus is placed on developing a sense of community among our members, guests and partner ministries as we live out our mission to go deeper in Christ and further into the world. Please contact Emily Viguerie to volunteer to prepare and deliver a meal ([emily@fpcbr.org](mailto:emily@fpcbr.org)).

### Need a Pastor after Hours?

Would you like to reach a pastor after hours? Please call the church office (387.0617) and press 5 to be connected to the pastor on call.

### FPC App

Sermon video, sermon audio, sermon transcripts, lectures, ESV Bible, news, announcements . . . if it's on the website, it's on the app. Download from your favorite app store by searching *FPCBR*.

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### PASTORAL STAFF

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