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GOD'S GRACE



GIVE GLORY! STEWARDING GOD'S GRACE



“What return shall I make for all the LORD’s benefits to me?” That’s the question we ask when we know we have been loved, saved and continuously blessed by God. How can I say thank you? How can I reply to your love with my love?

One of the great benefits of committing to a congregation of Christ’s people is the way our church helps us answer those questions. Christ Jesus has forgiven me, restored me, included me in his purposes of love for the world. How can I say thanks? The church replies, “Come lift your voice in worship with us! Come give and receive from fellow believers. Come discover practical ways you can be sent to show Christ’s love.” We are a community that renders thanks to God the Father for giving us Jesus Christ his Son and putting his Spirit within us.

Peter tells us how this works. “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” God shares his beautiful grace through his people. His glory gets made known through all the ways we offer back from what we have received. This can be setting up chairs or teaching Bible stories. Hospitality or

administering. Preaching or cleaning. Changing babies or singing. Giving money or spending time. Studying or painting. Or all of the above and many other ways as well. We give glory to our glorious God as we adorn him through the ways we offer back ourselves.

That’s our focus this fall. We want to celebrate the ways we are stewarding God’s grace through our church. You’ll be amazed to realize all the ways you are already doing this! On November 12, we want to rededicate ourselves as a reply to Christ’s beautiful grace. We’ll make our financial commitments, of course. They’re crucial! We’ll also offer back the places where we are serving and where we might like to serve more in the future.

As you look through this gorgeous catalog, rejoice in all the ways hundreds of us are already stewarding grace. There’s a kaleidoscope of ways we make a return to God. Consider how you are part of all of this. Give glory as we prepare to dedicate our total stewardship November 12.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Gerrit'.

Gerrit Dawson
Senior Pastor



SPIRITUAL GIFTS

The following spiritual gifts are represented in this catalog. Most of the ministries included in the catalog offer at least one of these gifts useful in participating in the work of that ministry. Please use this list, and each gift's brief description, to learn more about your spiritual gifts.*

ADMINISTRATION

Understands what makes an organization function, and the special ability to plan and execute procedures that accomplish the goals of the ministry. Contributes: Efficiency.

CRAFTSMANSHIP

Creatively designs and/or constructs items to be used for ministry. Contributes: Skills.

CREATIVE COMMUNICATION

Communicates God's truth through a variety of art forms. Contributes: Artistic Expression.

DISCERNMENT

Distinguishes between truth and error. Discern the Spirit's differentiating between good and evil, right and wrong. Contributes: Clarity.

ENCOURAGEMENT

Presents truth so as to strengthen, comfort or urge to action those who are discouraged or wavering in their faith. Contributes: Affirmation.

EVANGELISM

Effectively communicates the gospel to unbelievers so they respond in faith and move toward discipleship. Contributes: The Good News.

FAITH

Acts on God's promises with confidence and unwavering belief in God's ability to fulfill his purposes. Contributes: Confidence.

GIVING

Contributes money and resources to the work of the Lord with cheerfulness and liberality. Contributes: Resources.

HELPS

Attaches spiritual value to the accomplishment of practical and necessary tasks that free up, support and meet the needs of others. Contributes: Support.

HOSPITALITY

Cares for people by providing fellowship, food and shelter. Contributes: Acceptance.

INTERCESSION

Consistently prays on behalf of and for others, seeing frequent and specific results. Contributes: Protection.

KNOWLEDGE

Brings truth to the Body through a revelation or biblical insight. Contributes: Awareness.

LEADERSHIP

Casts vision to motivate and influence people to harmoniously accomplish the purposes of God. Contributes: Direction.

MERCY

Cheerfully and practically helps those who are suffering or are in need, having compassion that is moved to action. Contributes: Care.

SHEPHERDING

Nurtures, cares for, and guides people toward ongoing spiritual maturity and becoming like Christ. Contributes: Nurture.

TEACHING

Understands, clearly explains and applies the Word of God, causing greater Christlikeness in the lives of listeners. Contributes: Application.

WISDOM

Effectively applies spiritual truth to meet a need in a specific situation. Contributes: Guidance.

*The above is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all spiritual gifts.
Spiritual Gifts and descriptions from BruceBugbee.com.



TRAIN UP A CHILD

Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6).

Ministry **JOYFUL NOISE AND JAM
ENSEMBLES**

Description Joyful Noise and JAM are FPC's children's choirs for preK through 5th grade. We meet each Sunday evening from 5–6.30 pm during the academic school year. We strive to develop a heart for worship with a side of music education and a sprinkle of fun!

Needs Snacks: Provide snacks for Sunday evening rehearsals. Serve and clean up snacks during practice.

Classroom Helper: Set up and participate in rehearsal with the kids, especially if you play an instrument!

Performance Helper: Be with the kids the day of a performance. Help them prepare and get where they need to be onstage/offstage.

Prayer Requests That we can creatively present the gospel in a simple, engaging way for children. Pray for our leaders and for additional volunteers. For the kids to grow in their relationships with each other and with Christ.

Spiritual Gifts Creative Communication, Encouragement, Giving, Helps, Hospitality, Shepherding, Teaching

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Ministry **KINGDOM KIDS**

Description In Kingdom Kids, we are **bold** about sharing the gospel so that our elementary-age children are encouraged and reminded of who they are in Christ and equipped for their personal walk with Jesus! Our Sunday school teachers are prepared and trained, along with their own gifts and talents, to lovingly teach and build relationships with the children.

Needs Sunday school teachers, assistants and substitutes work in teams. Teachers lead a classroom during the 10.10 am Sunday school hour. Lead teachers commit to teaching at least twice a month. Substitutes and helpers can work out a schedule that fits their needs with the Kingdom Kids Coordinator. FPC staff take care of classroom setup, materials and clean up.

Prayer Requests Pray that kids will seek first the kingdom of God, grow in their relationship with Christ, knowing who God is and how to share the joy of Christ with others. Pray that those serving in Kingdom Kids will be filled with the Holy Spirit's guidance and showered with blessings as they invest in the lives of children.

Spiritual Gifts Creative Communication, Faith, Shepherding, Teaching, Wisdom

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Ministry **SO LOVED**

Description So Loved offers Christ-honoring care to children 6 weeks to kindergarten during Sunday morning services. Our So Loved staff and volunteers are not just mere workers. They are ministers of the gospel to young children. When children and their families experience childcare at First Presbyterian, they walk away feeling and knowing they are “so loved.”

Needs Volunteers are asked to assist room mothers once or twice a month during one service. Parents utilizing the So Loved nurseries and childcare are asked to volunteer one hour per month.

Prayer Requests Provision of volunteers and for the children and their families to experience that in Christ they are “so loved.”

Spiritual Gifts Helps, Mercy, Teaching

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Ministry **YOUTH MINISTRIES (6-12TH GRADE)**

Description The vision of FPC Youth Ministries is to disciple students toward maturity in their relationship with Jesus Christ. First and foremost, we have a group of committed adults who develop long-term relationships with students in order to walk with them as they grow and as they learn to experience Christ.

Needs Host: Host youth group or other events (usually 20–30 kids at a time)

Meals: Provide meals for youth group and other events (usually serving 20–30 kids at a time, sometimes more)

Teaching: Lessons are provided. Teachers commit to at least once a month.

Chaperone a Trip: Drive a van, lead a small group and supervise

Middle School Helper: Come and have fun with the kids once or twice a month on Sundays, 5–7 pm.

Prayer Requests That our students would grow in their identity in Christ, have a sense of God’s call and find strong mentors and examples in the faith. That our staff and volunteers would find joy in their work and see fruit from their efforts. That God will raise volunteers and a student intern. That our parents would find peace in God’s sovereignty and would delight to spiritually lead their children.

Spiritual Gifts Discernment, Encouragement, Evangelism, Faith, Giving, Hospitality, Intercession, Teaching

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Ministry **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AND
OTHER CHILDHOOD EVENTS**

Description In Children's Ministry, we strive to reach the hearts of children and families for Christ, coming alongside one another with encouragement, love and care. We host events throughout the year, such as Vacation Bible School, where kids enjoy fun activities learning more about God's Word as they grow in their walk with the Lord.

Needs Be a Host! Open your home or place of business for various childhood events including parents' mixers and children's group activities. Groups typically range from 20–50 people. Do you like to host? Just have your home open and ready. Children's Ministry will provide the rest!

Provide snacks and meals for various children's events.

Be a chaperone.

Volunteer with VBS as a group leader, snack helper or decorator.

Be a party planner. Help plan social events for children and parents.

Help with event setup/cleanup.

Prayer Requests Pray for the availability of servant-hearted people who enjoy coming alongside children and families. Pray that serving will bring joy and long-lasting memories.

Spiritual Gifts Craftsmanship, Encouragement, Giving, Helps, Hospitality, Leadership, Shepherding, Teaching

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Ministry **CARING TO LOVE**

Description Caring to Love Ministries serves pregnant women in crisis providing counseling, medical consultations and Christ-centered guidance for options other than abortion.

Needs Administrative tasks, other helping tasks, sorting and washing baby clothes, small maintenance projects, volunteers for fundraisers.

Prayer Requests To impact mothers who are seeking termination services before they make the decision. Setting up telehealth options, fundraising, time and energy of leaders.

Spiritual Gifts Administration, Giving, Helps, Mercy

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Ministry **CASA**

Description The mission of Capital Area Court Appointed Special Advocate Association (CASA) is to recruit, screen, train and supervise community volunteers to serve as advocates for abused and neglected children for their placement in permanent, safe and stable homes.

Needs Being a CASA child advocate volunteer can be a large time commitment, though CASA also needs volunteers for graphic design, printing, fundraising or even just a couple of hours answering phones or stuffing envelopes.

Prayer Requests For the children in foster care. There is a great need for more volunteers and funding.

Spiritual Gifts Creative Communication, Discernment, Encouragement, Mercy

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Ministry **MOTHER'S DAY OUT**

Description The Mother's Day Out and Preschool Program at First Presbyterian Church desires to provide the highest quality, Christ-centered learning environment and care for children. We seek to create a love for Jesus, a love for others and a love for learning where each child can grow and develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially.

Needs Prayer and encouragement for our teachers! Any thoughtful gift for our teachers; a batch of brownies, fresh fruit or treats for the MDO hallway or an encouraging verse or prayer, etc.

Prayer Requests Pray for MDO children; the parents who entrust their kids to us; our staff who love our children well even in the midst of life's demands.

Spiritual Gifts Encouragement, Intercession

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Ministry **FRONT YARD BIKES**

Description Front Yard Bikes hopes to impact the youth of Baton Rouge one bike at a time and one heart at a time because the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow. We provide safe spaces for youth to learn, grow and build through activities and classes including bike maintenance, gardening, cooking and welding.

Needs Front Yard Bikes does use and need volunteers from FPC. Some mechanical skill is preferred; however, training will be provided. The primary spiritual gift needed is patience and a heart for mentoring and encouraging young people.

Prayer Requests For children to know God's purpose for them is good, and for them to grow and prosper.

Spiritual Gifts Encouragement, Shepherding

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Ministry **GARDERE COMMUNITY
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

Description The goal of GCCS is to make a high quality, Christian education available to every child in the Gardere area of Baton Rouge, regardless of their financial circumstances.

Needs Donate supplies or work as a Kids Hope USA mentor at Gardere (See Kids Hope USA on the next page for more information).

Prayer Requests Pray for our families, teachers and students. Pray that more people will come to know GCCS and support the program with their time, prayers and financial gifts.

Spiritual Gifts Encouragement, Giving, Shepherding

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Ministry **HERITAGE RANCH**

Description Heritage Ranch is a Christian children's home serving boys ages 11 to 17 across the Greater Baton Rouge region providing family-style housing, counseling and comprehensive case management with the goal of family reunification.

Needs For intermittent maintenance and building volunteer opportunities.

Prayer Requests Staff provision for open positions, wisdom for the Board, and health for the youth and families we serve.

Spiritual Gifts Craftsmanship

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Ministry **KIDS HOPE USA**

Description We have Kids Hope USA, a faith-based mentoring program, because we believe every child matters to Jesus. Kids Hope USA mentors meet one-on-one, one hour, once a week with an elementary age child at the school to build a caring relationship by providing love, encouragement, some academic help and hope!

Needs Many of the children ask how they can get a mentor. The need is for more volunteer mentors who can give one hour a week during the school day and year. Training, orientation and ongoing support are provided with each mentor having a prayer partner.

Prayer Requests God may continue to grow us in him, increase the number of mentors and prayer partners and that Kids Hope USA will make a hope-filled difference.

Spiritual Gifts Encouragement, Shepherding

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Ministry **MANNERS OF THE HEART**

Description Manners of the Heart is dedicated to rebuilding respect and civility in our society by equipping schools, encouraging families and engaging the community through our own evidence-based instructional programs designed to build character, strengthen morals and increase respectfulness among children and adults.

Needs Fill packets as needed for local school material distribution.

Prayer Requests Please pray that the message will be received and for protection against spiritual attack. Pray for favor and guidance, especially with upcoming book releases and speaking engagements for Jill. Pray also for financial aid for new material that will go into schools that cannot afford it.

Spiritual Gifts Helps

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Ministry **MCKINLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Description McKinley Elementary (formerly Buchanan Elementary) is an underfunded public school in East Baton Rouge Parish.

Needs Service opportunities abound: Classroom Readers, Teacher Encouragers and Reading Friends are needed on a continual basis. The annual banquet honoring the teachers often needs volunteer servers. In addition, FPC members can help pack a backpack for the incoming kindergarten class each summer.

Prayer Requests Pray for the teachers and staff as well as the students and their families. May God cover this school with his protection to make it a safe haven for learning and undergird the teachers and staff with strength and patience as they teach these little ones.

Spiritual Gifts Encouragement, Giving, Helps, Shepherding

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Ministry **rEcess**

Description rEcess is a monthly respite program provided for parents and children with special needs. The program allows parents a night “off” the first Friday evening from September through December and February through May at First Presbyterian Church.

Needs Cooking meals for approximately 20 volunteers and delivering it to the church on rEcess nights

Playing with a small group of kiddos (siblings of those with special needs)

Playing one on one with a child with special needs

Taking pictures

Arts/crafts manager/planner

Gym/activities manager

Clean up

Prayer Requests We would like to grow the ministry, which means committed volunteers are needed who are willing to form relationships with our rEcess families.

Spiritual Gifts Encouragement, Giving, Helps, Teaching

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Ministry **STARS**

Description STARS summer camp offers mornings of reading and math classes to prepare students academically for the subsequent school year and afternoons of enrichment activities.

Needs Tutor assistance, set up meals, help serve meals, recreational activities assistants (cooking class, sewing class, financial class, dance class, music class, foreign language class) for one to three hours.

Prayer Requests Spiritual and financial growth and an increase of teachers, students and volunteers. We are praying specifically for 120 students, eight volunteers and eight teachers!

Spiritual Gifts Encouragement, Helps

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Ministry **VINE BR**

Description Vine BR is a wrap around ministry for foster parents. Unique needs arise when someone fosters and Vine BR would like to help meet some of those needs. Vine BR also raises community awareness of the desperate need for foster parents in Baton Rouge.

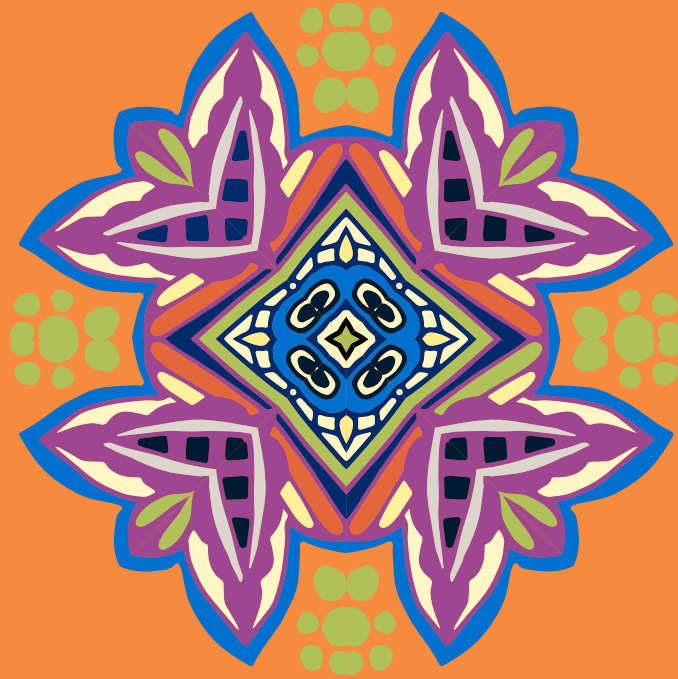
Needs Vine BR is seeking a coordinator. Family support is also needed providing food, being prayer partners and support for families, helping with transportation to appointments and visitations and taking a child for a day or weekend to give parents and family a break.

Prayer Requests Pray for our church's current foster parents and that God will raise up more families willing to foster.

Spiritual Gifts Helps, Hospitality, Intercession, Mercy

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SHOW HOSPITALITY

Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares (Hebrews 13:1-2).

Ministry **MINISTRY EVENT HOST**

Description Women's, Men's and Youth Ministries hold various events in homes throughout the year. Gatherings vary in size from 10 to 75.

Needs Volunteer hosts are asked to open their homes for an event once a year. They are asked to have a clean and welcoming home; the church ministry will provide food, flatware, flowers and fun!

Prayer Requests That those who feel called to serve in this way would be led to sign up.

Spiritual Gifts Giving, Hospitality

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Ministry **EVENT VOLUNTEER**

Description This behind-the-scenes servant may be asked to help decorate for Christmas (Holly Jollies Team), church-wide events (Kirkin', Palm Sunday, Christmas Eve, etc.) and/or participate in serving meals.

Needs The needs are per event; usually no more than one to two hours at a time either setting up, serving or cleaning up.

Prayer Requests That those who feel the nudge to help would be moved to sign up.

Spiritual Gifts Craftsmanship, Creative Communication, Helps, Hospitality

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GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 29:19-20).

Ministry **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Description At FPC, there are a variety of Sunday school classes offering challenging Biblical teaching alongside rich fellowship. A current list of classes is available at fpcbr.org.

Needs Class hosts are needed to welcome class members, coordinate snacks, take prayer requests and possibly organize a social event once or twice a year. Those who feel called to teach a class should reach out to Darin Travis for further discussion.

Prayer Requests Pray that people would be welcomed to Sunday school. Pray for the renewing of minds through the weekly teaching of Scripture.

Spiritual Gifts Hospitality, Intercession, Shepherding, Teaching

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Ministry **COMMUNITY GROUPS**

Description When we live out the ordinary rhythms of life in a community of believers, we become transformed to look more like Jesus. Our community groups put teaching into practice. Members take time each week to meet together, pray together, eat together and learn together.

Needs We need community group facilitators and hosts. Facilitators are not required to be advanced Bible scholars! They guide the group discussion (using the curriculum provided) as well as pray and check in on members throughout the week. Hosts open their home or other location, coordinating food and drink as needed. Most groups meet once a week.

Prayer Requests Pray for new leaders to be raised up with a heart to shepherd the people God puts before them. Pray that more people would join small groups. Pray for groups to grow deeper in Christ and in fellowship with one another. Pray that groups would be places people can be transformed into Christlikeness.

Spiritual Gifts Encouragement, Hospitality, Shepherding

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Ministry **MEN'S MINISTRY**

Description The men of FPC enjoy a wide range of ministry and service together. We meet in various groups throughout the year, eat together, travel, study God's Word and serve our neighbors. It is our desire to equip men to live as followers of Christ in the home, workplace and community.

Needs Event Helper: Volunteers to serve before, during or after a Men's Ministry event. Tasks include setting up, grill master, serving food, cleaning up, etc. Typically two to three hours per event.

Men's Study Leader: Gather and teach a group of men for a seasonal Bible study. Timing and schedule is flexible based on the leader's needs.

Prayer Requests Please pray that men will make connections, that new men will come and feel a part of FPC and pray for special events.

Spiritual Gifts Evangelism, Helps, Leadership, Teaching

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Ministry **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

Description The mission of FPC Women's Ministry is to nurture women as they grow deeper in Christ and further into the world through studying God's Word, partnering in prayer, cultivating meaningful relationships and gathering in intentional life-on-life fellowship.

Needs Event Helper: Serve before, during or after a Women's Ministry event. Typically two to three hours per event.

Circle Facilitator: Prepare in advance (through reading and prayer) to facilitate the monthly Circle discussion.

Circle Chair: Coordinate and communicate to the Circle each month.

Encourager: Call or handwrite cards to women in the congregation on a monthly basis to offer encouragement, comfort, support and prayer.

Speaking/Sharing Opportunities: Share your testimony, lead a devotion or speak in various capacities.

Prayer Requests That every woman at FPC feels they have a purpose and a place in the life of our body. That the facets of Women's Ministry help to grow each woman's personal relationship with the Lord and with each other.

Spiritual Gifts Encouragement, Evangelism, Helps, Hospitality, Intercession, Knowledge, Leadership, Mercy, Shepherding, Teaching

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Ministry **YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY**

Description The Young Adults group at FPC consists of college-aged and young professionals in their 20s and early 30s. We are committed to connecting with one another, growing in our relationship with Jesus and being sent into the world to further the mission of Christ.

Prayer Requests Pray that young adults would find Christian community, especially at FPC. That they would have wisdom to channel their energy for God's glory. Pray for intergenerational relationships.

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Ministry **CRU**

Description CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ) at LSU is a part of a larger network of students and staff on thousands of college campuses around the world. It is a spiritual movement empowering students to embrace Christ personally, experience Christ together and extend Christ to others so that everyone at LSU knows someone who truly follows Jesus.

Prayer Requests We need fervent prayer for God to raise up laborers for missions.

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Ministry **FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES**

Description Fellowship of Christian Athletes challenges coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, junior high and youth levels to use the medium of athletics to impact the world for Jesus Christ.

Needs Disciple partners (volunteers) that continue the work of the staff once kids have accepted Christ. Job length/frequency is variable. Volunteers can be plugged in whenever their schedule permits.

Prayer Requests Pray for disciple partners for the kids who have accepted Christ. With FCA on 60 campuses, the staff is fully leveraged and this is an ongoing volunteer need. Please also pray for favor and wisdom with the hiring staff process.

Spiritual Gifts Shepherding

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Ministry **INTERVARSITY**

Description InterVarsity Christian Fellowship is a vibrant campus ministry working on 10 different college campuses right now in Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Hammond, New Orleans and Ruston.

Needs Weekly or monthly prayer walks at LSU, BRCC and Southern University campuses; mentoring a college student or group of students; hosting a prayer night for the local staff and student leaders at your home.

Prayer Requests Pray for our growing work on 10 campuses across the state as we develop student leaders and disciple students; prayer warriors; creation of city teams.

Spiritual Gifts Hospitality, Intercession, Knowledge, Shepherding

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Ministry **YOUNG LIFE**

Description BR Young Life seeks to encounter, invite, lead and disciple through transformative relationships with middle school, high school and college students, as well as kids with disabilities (Capernaum) and teen mothers (Young Lives).

Needs Looking for volunteers who can make a long-term commitment to relational ministry and discipleship.

Prayer Requests For women who will love young moms well. To bring Young Life to more public schools.

Spiritual Gifts Knowledge, Mercy, Shepherding

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PRISON FELLOWSHIP

I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me,
I was in prison and you came to me (Matthew 25:36).

Ministry **ANGEL TREE**

Description Angel Tree children have a parent in prison and grow up wondering if their mom or dad still loves them. Through Angel Tree, a gift on behalf of the parent shows them they do.

Needs Adopt a child/family at Christmas time and purchase gifts. You can optionally deliver the gifts to the family or have someone at the church deliver for you.

Prayer Requests Pray for those incarcerated and their families.

Spiritual Gifts Administration, Helps

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Ministry **LIFELINE GLOBAL**

Description Lifeline Global instills and equips men, women, families, churches and communities to develop godly fathers and mothers regardless of their circumstances. Lifeline is present in about 200 prisons and jails worldwide. The Malachi Dads Bible study is a ministry of Lifeline Global, as well as the Returning Hearts Celebration for children and their incarcerated parents.

Needs For Malachi Dads: Participate/lead Bible study with incarcerated inmates (training required).

For the Returning Hearts Event: For one full day, either chaperone a family, volunteer to run a booth/game or assist families on the day of the event.

Prayer Requests Please pray that we can overcome many struggles, including changes since COVID and the lack of engagement from the Department of Corrections/Angola wardens, especially for the Returning Hearts celebration. Pray that we can find ways to continue to engage the incarcerated and play a role in reconciliation between those incarcerated and their families.

Spiritual Gifts Encouragement, Evangelism, Faith, Helps, Mercy, Shepherding

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COMFORT THOSE IN TROUBLE

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

Ministry **BEREAVEMENT TEAM**

Description The Bereavement Team walks alongside those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. This team serves as hosts to families during funeral services held at FPC, warmly welcoming and providing refreshments and other needs in order for the service to go smoothly.

Needs Volunteers might provide a meal before the service, assist in serving meals, house-sitting, refreshments during visitation, transportation, etc. Volunteers are assigned to a team who work together. During the funeral, they help prepare the Sanctuary and the Reception area for guests (i.e. put out flowers, tissues, etc.). During the funeral, volunteers act as a host/hostess for guests.

Prayer Requests Pray for comfort and peace for the families and friends during their time of grief and loss. Pray also that the Bereavement Team might have strength and grace to show God's love to those grieving.

Spiritual Gifts Hospitality

Contact Becky Phillips
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225.268.2051

Ministry **CARE MINISTRY**

Description Care Ministers spend time visiting those who are homebound and/or feeling lonely and in need of more connection. A visit often involves listening, encouraging and comforting as well as ending with a time of prayer. Our Care Ministers often report the joy they gain through listening to, laughing with and simply loving on those they visit.

Needs Care Ministers visit those who are homebound, convalescing from surgery or other treatments, or simply in need of more connection. The schedule is flexible.

Spiritual Gifts Encouragement, Mercy

Contact Scott Graham
Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care and Prayer
scott@fpcbr.org
225.387.0617



Ministry **PRAYER MINISTRY**

Description Every week, Christ's people at First Presbyterian Church join together to praise him and ask for his tender mercies on behalf of others. These are lifted up not only during worship services but also by our elders and staff throughout the week.

Needs Opportunities exist to participate in prayer teams.

Spiritual Gifts Faith, Intercession

Contact Scott Graham
Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care and Prayer
scott@fpibr.org
225.387.0617

Ministry **BATON ROUGE CHRISTIAN COUNSELING CENTER**

Description BRCCC purposes to glorify God by providing professional counseling services and seminars in the Baton Rouge area.

Needs Volunteers to serve on the Board of Governors. Four meetings per year.

Prayer Requests Pray for the Center and for volunteers to serve on the Board of Governors.

Spiritual Gifts Encouragement, Intercession, Mercy

Contact Sherry Kadair
Director
director@brchristiancounseling.com
225.387.2287

Website *brchristiancounseling.com*

Ministry **LITTLEST ANGELS**

Description Littlest Angels is a sewing ministry meeting the needs of premature infants and newborns who die due to still birth, miscarriage and infant death.

Needs Volunteers are needed for sewing gowns.

Prayer Requests Health of volunteers and their families; monetary donations directly to the local chapter.

Spiritual Gifts Craftsmanship, Helps

Contact Mary Arceneaux
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225.907.6238

Website *littlest-angels.org*





PROCLAIM GOD'S GOODNESS

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.
One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts (Psalm 145:3-4).

Ministry **PEW RACK GUILD**

Description A group of members whose responsibility it is to routinely straighten and replenish pew rack materials and publications in both the Sanctuary and Chapel.

Needs Volunteers serve one to three hours per month, depending on the number serving.

Prayer Requests Pray for more people to serve.

Spiritual Gifts Helps

Contact Katie Robinson
Communications Coordinator
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Ministry **SLIDE OPERATORS**

Description Slide operators assist the congregation during Sunday morning services by changing slides with music lyrics, congregational reading and sermons.

Needs Operators arrive early and typically serve one or two Sundays per month. Slides are pre-made. A calm demeanor and flexibility are important. Some musical understanding also helps.

Prayer Requests Pray for operators to have a calm heart and the discernment to follow the flow of the service.

Spiritual Gifts Creative Communication, Helps

Contact Lauren Honea, Worship Assistant
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Ministry **WORSHIP ARTS**

Description Proclaiming the greatness of God and singing God's story is our goal for every worship service. Because God's story is **our** story, each Sunday we gather as the people of God to sing Biblical truth in ways that draw us deeper into love and adoration of our great Savior and empower us to go forth into the world as the followers of Jesus (Colossians 3:16).

Needs Musicians and Singers: Do you play an instrument? Do you love to sing? Contact Chris Phillips for more information about being a part of the worship team. Singers and instrumentalists participate in weekly rehearsals.

Worship Assistants: We need worship assistants who are called to lead worship in a non-musical role (i.e. prayers, announcements). Worship assistants attend liturgy meetings at FPC on Thursday mornings. Training/preparation is required.

Artists: We have seasonal needs for artists of all kinds (visual art, dance, drama, etc.).

Prayer Requests Pray for the full and unhindered leadership of the Holy Spirit and effective, creative communication of the gospel.

Spiritual Gifts Craftsmanship, Creative Communication, Intercession, Leadership

Contact Chris Phillips
Worship Director
chris@fpabr.org
225.387.0617





OPEN WIDE YOUR HAND

For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, "You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land" (Deuteronomy 15:11).

Ministry **MEAL MINISTRY**

Description The meal ministry serves members of the church who are in need of a little extra comfort and support. Volunteers will be asked to serve one meal per family/individual.

Needs Volunteers provide a meal on an as-needed basis to recipients. They can either home-cook the meal or pick something up from a restaurant. Ideally, volunteers bring the meal to the recipient's home, but could also have the meal delivered. Frequency varies depending on the current needs of the church.

Prayer Requests That those who feel led to serve would sign up; that the people receiving the meal would feel loved and cared for by the body of Christ.

Spiritual Gifts Giving, Helps, Mercy

Contact Emily Viguerie
Director of Community Life
emily@fpcbr.org
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Ministry **CATHOLIC-PRESBYTERIAN APARTMENTS**

Description Catholic Presbyterian Apartments (CPA), located in downtown Baton Rouge, is a retirement community for seniors of low income (62 and older) who are searching for an independent living facility. CPA has been flourishing for over 50 years providing beautiful apartments with amenities such as transportation to area grocery stores, churches and the bus line. Living at CPA gives you an "at home" feeling. First Presbyterian Church helps by providing volunteers for Bible study and prayer support.

Needs Volunteers to help with monthly devotionals and refreshments as well as help with small maintenance jobs.

Prayer Requests Please pray for our financial expenses, especially the ability to pay for rising insurance, utilities and maintenance repairs. Also, pray for our residents' health and safety.

Spiritual Gifts Helps, Hospitality, Shepherding, Teaching

Contact Diane Landon
Director
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225.383.5551

Website *cpabr.org*



Ministry **CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER AND PURPLE COW**

Description The Christian Outreach Center of Baton Rouge exists to create self-sufficiency and restored dignity through employment and financial training.

Needs Volunteers are needed for triage services, employment services, financial education, and the Hand Up Prison Re-entry Program. Donation of goods to the Purple Cow also help fund the Center.

Prayer Requests For the men and women in our city who find themselves trapped in cycles of poverty, substance abuse, crime, hunger and homelessness.

Spiritual Gifts Encouragement, Giving, Mercy



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225.614.3292

Jessica Lewis
Program Director
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225.377.8582

Website *christianoutreachcenterbr.com*

Ministry **DISASTER RECOVERY**

Description FPC volunteers help serve the EPC Disaster Relief Committee as needed across the southeast United States in hurricane and tornado disaster recovery.

Needs Most volunteers are needed for 1–5 days, depending on distance. The work involves manual labor to help clean up homes and neighborhoods after storms. Prior knowledge of or on-site training for power tools required.

Prayer Requests For God's mercy as he allows storms to hit the United States.

Spiritual Gifts Craftsmanship

Contact Whitney Alexander
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Ministry **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Description Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, faith-based housing ministry that builds and rehabilitates homes in partnership with low-income families and the community.

Needs Building volunteers (2000+ hours per home); ReStore stocking and cleaning; data entry at the office; committee volunteers.

Prayer Requests Potential homeowners and those with critical home repairs. For our staff as we do the difficult work of caring for those in the underserved community.

Spiritual Gifts Craftsmanship, Helps

Contact Lynn Clark
Executive Director
lynn@habitatbrla.org
225.927.6651

Website habitatbrla.org

Ministry **OPEN AIR MINISTRIES**

Description Open Air Ministries provides spiritual growth, development and practical needs for the homeless in and around downtown Baton Rouge and surrounding areas. Worship services are held each Sunday.

Needs Volunteers from FPC are needed the first Sunday of each month to hand out food, drinks, supplies and to help set up. Donations of food, clothing and other supplies are needed.

Prayer Requests Health, strength and peace of mind for Pastor Moore. Financial needs. For the needs of the homeless to be met, and for protection from weather and drugs.

Spiritual Gifts Evangelism, Helps, Hospitality, Mercy

Contact Pastor Joseph Moore
jmoore0549@gmail.com
225.284.5746

Website openairministriesbr.org





WELCOME A STRANGER

Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me" (Matthew 25:34-36).

Ministry **BREAKING BREAD MINISTRY**

Description The Breaking Bread Ministry serves both the new visitors and new members who come through our church doors. Its role is to welcome them by sending a homemade loaf of bread and a personal note.

Needs Breadmakers are asked to commit to making two loaves each month as we typically expect two to four visitors monthly. Breadmakers can either personally deliver loaves or bring the loaves to FPC for someone to deliver.

Prayer Requests Pray for more volunteers. And more visitors!

Spiritual Gifts Giving, Hospitality, Evangelism

Contact Emily Viguerie
Director of Community Life
emily@fpabr.org
225.387.0617

Ministry **GREETER MINISTRY**

Description Greeters are a friendly face who welcome all incoming members and visitors to Sunday services at FPC.

Needs Greeters welcome people to FPC worship services and hand out bulletins. They are expected to serve one Sunday per month at either the 9 or 11 am service. Plan to arrive 20 minutes before the service and serve until 5–10 minutes into the service.

Prayer Requests Pray that those who feel the nudge of the Holy Spirit would be moved to sign up as a greeter.

Spiritual Gifts Hospitality, Shepherding

Contacts Emily Viguerie
Director of Community Life
emily@fpabr.org
225.387.0617

Ministry **INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP PARTNERS**

Description IFP is a friendship initiative using simple acts of hospitality with internationals in our community to build bridges of friendship, trust and mutual respect.

Needs Prayer Partner: Pray for specific partnerships

Hospitality: Attend monthly gatherings/ parties and talk with internationals

Friendship Partner: One year commitment to create a friendship by inviting internationals to do life with you

Prayer Requests For additional friendship partners, for strength and perseverance for those who have partners. For the Holy Spirit to open the spiritual eyes of our international friends.

Spiritual Gifts Evangelism, Hospitality, Intercession

Contact Valerie Gastinel
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225.241.1386

Website *fpabr.org/missions_global*





GO INTO THE WORLD AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation" (Mark 16:15).

Ministry **BETHANY CENTRE
(Uganda)**

Description This outreach offers worship and primary education to orphaned and disadvantaged children.

Needs For dedicated prayer warriors, for new board members who can attend regular meetings and for assistance when Peter comes to Baton Rouge periodically.

Prayer Requests To raise the funds for a new bus. For the children and their instructors.

Spiritual Gifts Evangelism, Intercession

Contacts Peter Kiwanuka
Founder

Claire Wilson
claire58@bellsouth.net
225.892.1364

Website *bethanycentrealliance.com*

Ministry **LARRY BROWN
(Malawi)**

Description EPC World Outreach
Training leaders for the African church at African Bible College in Malawi.

Contact Larry Brown
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P.O. Box 1028
Lilonge, Malawi

Ministry **DEBBIE AND CHRIS GIBSON**

Description Pastors with EPC World Outreach

Contact *gibsongoulash@hotmail.com*
601.668.5331

Ministry **JOYCE AND ROBBIE HAMD
(Beirut, Lebanon)**

Description EPC World Outreach
Philemon Project Preschool

Contact *robert@thephilemonproject.org*
202.525.9090

Ministry **KASR EL DOBARA
(Cairo, Egypt)**

Description Largest evangelical church in the Middle East with outreach in medicine, mercy, missions, leadership, media and youth through sports.

Contact Sameh Maurice
Senior Pastor
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Website *kdec.net*

Ministry **STEPHANIE AND MIKE KUHN**

Description EPC World Outreach
ITEN: International Theological Education Network

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865.399.3935

Website *itenglobal.org*
michaelkuhn.com



Ministry **ASHLEY AND MACGREGOR
MAGRUDER**

Description Ashley and MacGregor Magruder serve with Field Life providing soul care to missionaries, pastors and other gospel workers by facilitating rest, restoration, coaching and debriefing engagements and retreats free of charge in the Ozark Mountains, internationally in Malaysia, or on location.

Needs Help is needed at the Ozark location to assist with facilities and land management, including small maintenance projects, large renovation projects, tree felling and firewood chopping.

Prayer Requests Funding, discernment, perseverance and provision, as well as marital and family protection and wisdom.

Spiritual Gifts Craftsmanship, Helps, Intercession, Mercy

Contact MacGregor Magruder
macgregor@fieldlife.org
225.245.3030

Website *tributaryretreat.org*

Ministry **HEATHER AND BRIAN MARX
(Papua, Indonesia)**

Description Mission Aviation Fellowship. Evangelist training, church growth in the Puncak of Indonesia and effort to reach the Weserau tribe.

Contact Brian Marx
bmarx@maf.org

Ministry **KATHERINE AND BRIAN MILLER
(Medellin, Colombia)**

Description Dr. Brian and Katherine Miller have been working with street boys and sexually exploited girls in Medellin, Colombia since 1996. Through the indigenous church they planted, GTM reaches out to upcoming leaders through university ministries, as well as to active community leaders.

Needs We receive short-term teams (four to ten days) all year long. Sometimes we are looking for advice from professional spiritual, business, medical and accounting men/women. We always love to connect with kingdom-minded people!

Prayer Requests Pray that our mothers would lose their desires to consume drugs, that they would have a healthy pregnancy and delivery, they would excel in their skill training and find a great employment that works well for them and their baby. Pray for our staff and volunteers to serve unconditionally. Pray that God would give us great leadership in our church and that we would grow spiritually and physically.

Spiritual Gifts Discernment, Faith, Mercy, Teaching, Wisdom

Contact Brian Miller
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brian@tministries.org
304.591.7405

Website *tministries.org*

Ministry **RUTH AND PETE MITCHELL
(Toulouse, France)**

Description Mission to the World
PCA Church Planting

Contact Pete Mitchell
pierreroselyne@gmail.com

Ministry **ELIZABETH AND GREG MOOK**

Description Partnering with others to cultivate a reproducing church of Syrian refugees in Lebanon through evangelism and discipleship.

Prayer Requests Please pray for our continued perseverance and success in learning the Arabic language. Please also pray for the wave of deportations of Syrians going on in the area. Finally, please pray for our grace and wisdom in parenting.

Contact Greg Mook
greg@kekoatalk.com

Ministry **ALBERT RATKIN
(Kaluga, Russia)**

Description Word of Life Church and Christian Gymnasia School. One of twelve Christian schools in Russia teaching the Christian world view while promoting academic excellence.

Contact Albert Ratkin
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Ministry **KRISTER SAIRSINGH
(Moscow, Russia)**

Description Teaching theology and world religions at Russian State University.

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Ministry **DON SCHROEDER
(South Asia)**

Description Reaching out to Muslim believers with the Good News of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Ministry **JENA AND KEVIN SMITH
(Jordan)**

Description EPC World Outreach
Sharing the gospel and making disciples of Syrian Muslim refugees

Contact kevin.jena@protonmail.com

Ministry **T. AND A. SMITH
(Vietnam)**

Description Planting healthy, sustainable and reproducible fellowships through tentmaking.

Contact ta.smith@protonmail.com

Ministry **ELIZABETH S.
(France)**

Description Befriending and sharing the gospel with Muslims living in France.

Ministry **SMILES FOUNDATION
(Cihei, Romania)**

Description Community outreach and evangelism to gypsies and elderly care in four nursing homes.

Contact Kevin Hoy
kevin@thesmilesfoundation.org

Website thesmilesfoundation.org

Ministry **AMANDA AND NICK UNNERSTALL
(Lebanon)**

Description Sharing the gospel and making disciples of Syrian Muslim refugees.

Contact nick.amanda@swissmail.org





LEAD AS ONE WHO SERVES

Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest,
and the leader as one who serves (Luke 22:26).

Ministry **COMMITTEE MEMBER
(Various)**

Description Each ministry at FPC is guided by a committee that advises and serves. Pastors, staff and members of the congregation work together to discern God's direction and put it into action.

Needs Committees typically meet once a month to discuss the needs and direction of their ministry. Members not only give guidance to their ministry but also serve to fill practical needs. FPC has several open committees that do not require a member to be an elder or a deacon, including youth, global and city missions and worship.

Prayer Requests That members would discern God's will clearly and work together in unity to bring that vision into reality. That members would be blessed in their service.

Spiritual Gifts Administration, Discernment, Helps, Leadership

Contact Jaci Gaspard
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Ministry **DEACON**

Description Deacons set an example of leadership through service. They act as a bridge to the community, promote unity, participate in hospitality and help the congregation engage in service needs.

Needs During the fall, church members are asked to suggest the names of people in the congregation they already see serving in various aspects of the church. After names are submitted and decided on by a prayerful Nominating Committee, and elected by the congregation, deacons are invited to consider serving a 3-year term.

Prayer Requests That God would use and guide current deacons for the good of the church and for his glory. That the Nominating Committee will have discernment in inviting new deacons to serve.

Spiritual Gifts Craftsmanship, Giving, Helps, Intercession

Contact Whitney Alexander
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Ministry **ELDER**

Description Ruling Elders watch over the spiritual welfare of the congregation. They lead the congregation in the advancement of the gospel and God's mission for FPC. They are also responsible for many policy and budget decisions.

Needs During the fall, church members are asked to suggest candidates who display spiritual maturity and leadership qualities. After names are submitted and decided on by a prayerful Nominating Committee, and elected by the congregation, elders are invited to consider serving a 3-year term.

Prayer Requests That God would use and guide current ruling elders to lead and guide the church with wisdom and Holy Spirit guidance.

Spiritual Gifts Discernment, Giving, Leadership, Wisdom

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