

# HIGHLIGHTS

FPC News, January 15 - 28, 2012

# First Presbyterian Church Marietta FPC NEWS



## **Sunday, January 15**

Session Meeting

## **Monday, January 16**

Martin Luther King Day  
Church offices closed

## **Tuesday, January 17**

Tuesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study begins

## **Wednesday, January 18**

FPCUniversity classes begins

## **Saturday, January 21**

Dave Ramsey Live!

## **Sunday, January 22**

Diaconate Meeting

## **Thursday, January 26**

Preschool Open House

## **Saturday, January 28**

Put Love on Top Workshop

## **Sunday, January 29**

Mission NYC Youth BBQ  
Annual Congregational Meeting - 1 p.m.  
Orange Parent Meeting

## **FPC Membership**

If you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church, Marietta, please contact Melissa Sampson, Membership Administrative Associate, at [MelissaSampson@fpcmarietta.org](mailto:MelissaSampson@fpcmarietta.org) or (770) 427-0293, ext. 243. The next opportunity to join is Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **Wednesday Night Dinner Menu**

### **January 18**

Salad Bar	<i>Kids Menu:</i>
Boneless Pork	Hot Dog
Applesauce	French Fries
Mashed Potatos	
Gravy	

### **January 25**

Salad Bar	<i>Kids Menu:</i>
Chicken Devine	Chicken Bites
Corn	French Fries
Rolls	

## ***A Note from John Wells***

The New Year has made its presence known, and 2011 seems so far away. 2012 has started at FPC with a great pace.

Sunday, January 8th, was a grand day as we ordained and installed new Deacons and Elders. The majority of the new officers were ordained to serve for the first time. It is exciting to have people begin the new year with a fresh sense of enthusiasm for serving.

Sunday, January 8th, was also the beginning of our sermon series entitled *What Is a DISCIPLE?*. Each Sunday through February, the worship focus will be on a particular aspect of following Christ as a disciple. Denise set the tone of the series' focus by reminding us of the difference between a fan of Christ's love and a follower in Christ's love. Each week an FPC member will share his or her disciple story that relates to the focus of that day. As the scriptures are selected for each worship focus, the sermon, the music, and the shared story, the pastors pray for this to be a great way to start the year.

We were glad to welcome Pastor Eva Zapata from our Mexico partner, Casa Samuel, located in Renacimiento. She shared with FPC the ways our partnership has blessed the lives of people in that community, such as through sports camps, microloan ministries, and newly built houses to replace pallet-framed lean-tos.

An exciting Casa Samuel ministry will start this year with the building of a health clinic. The clinic will make health care available nearby for people who generally do not have any private transportation. There is no public transportation, only taxis and private buses. The clinic will concentrate its services on health issues that are prevalent in that community. With a \$50,000 contribution in 2011, a generous friend of FPC has committed to provide a funding base for the construction and equipping of the clinic. This new ministry is well on its way to becoming reality in the new year.

*Because of the Lord's great love for us, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.*

Lamentations 3:22 - 23

**There is an Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.**

**Prayers, Concerns, and Praises...**

**Please keep in your prayers our members who are hospitalized, recently hospitalized, under hospice care, or in the process of ongoing illness and/or recovery:** Gordon Brans, Barry Christensen, Stacy Capobianco, Trey Castellanos, Paul Cobb, Eddie Crolley, Don Dennis, Mark Disbro, Margaret Ekin, Nan Franklin, John and Marguerite Gloss, Bob and Millie Harris, Bob and Barbara Kinyon, Roy Lautenschlager, Shana Lyman, Harriette Majoros, Eleanor McLean, Gail Meacham, Karen Molohon, George Morlan, Frances Phillips, Janice Phillips, Doris Rainey, Donna Ray, Buni Ricketts, Joan Schramper Couch, Pat Sherwood, Suzanne Smith, Karen Stickle, Earl Stine, Steve Tibbitts, Rita Tubbs, Bill Vaughan, and June Yancey.

Please pray for Austin French and Benjamin Worley as they travel to Honduras. These two young men travelled there last year on the Youth Spring Mission trip and are returning to serve with the HondurasChildren organization for the next few months.

**Living with and Caring for Those with Mental Illness**

The National Alliance on Mental Illness will hold classes for families and caregivers who have a loved one diagnosed with a serious mental health condition such as major depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, bi-polar disorder, schizophrenia, etc. The class is open to all adults, and although there is no charge to attend, please visit [www.namiga.org](http://www.namiga.org) to register. Classes run for 12 weeks and are on Tuesdays starting January 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:30 p.m. in room 231.

**Please pray for the families of those who have passed away.****Our condolences to:**

Doug and Beth Kindred on the death of Doug's father, H.L. Kindred

Gail Meacham on the death of her mother, Audrey Bennett  
Roger and Cheryl Davenport on the death of Roger's father, Ellard Davenport

Alice Carlson on the death of her daughter, Edie Carlson  
Edie Chaffee on the death of her husband, O.B. Chaffee

Wayne and Frances Whatley on the death of Wayne's sister, Jamie Whatley

Margaret Adam and Robert Adam on the death of Margaret's husband and Robert's father, Jack Adam

**Orange Parent: A Discussion on Family and Faith Through the Teen Years**

Part 3 – Social Media: Facebook, and Twitter, and texting...Oh, my! On average, teenagers send an average of 3,000 text messages per month and spend over two hours per day on social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter. Parents, join us Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at the WareHouse for dinner and discussion about this new frontier and how it affects family and faith.

**Mission NYC Youth BBQ**

Our first High School BBQ fundraiser for Mission NYC will be in Holland Hall on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, after the 9:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services. Come support this year's High School summer mission trip and enjoy some delicious BBQ with all the usual sides before going to the Annual Congregational Meeting at 1 p.m.

**Senior High House Church**

The High School youth will have a "House Church" night, Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 p.m. Information is posted on the youth website regarding house assignments for their program. Students should be dropped off and picked up at the hosts' homes rather than at the WareHouse.

**Middle School Youth**

The Middle School youth will have their regular evening program on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 p.m., at the WareHouse.

**VBS & Kids' Mission Camp**

Important dates to know as you plan summer activities for the family: Vacation Bible School, June 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, and Kids' Summer Mission Camp, July 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. Online registration for both will begin Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Join the Team! Carry the Star for 11:15 a.m. Children's Church!**

Share God's love with pre-K through first graders as you lead them in age-appropriate worship. Leaders serve only one Sunday a month. All materials and supplies are provided. An opening is available immediately. This is a great service opportunity for individuals, couples, or families! For more information or to volunteer, please contact Alesia Jones at (770) 427-0293, ext. 249 or [AlesiaJones@fpcmarietta.org](mailto:AlesiaJones@fpcmarietta.org).

**Don't Miss Dave Ramsey LIVE in Atlanta**

The largest, most exciting event on personal finance is coming to Atlanta on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 1-6 p.m., and you don't want to miss it! Join Dave as he proves that, no matter what those "other guys" say, finances don't have to be complex and complicated. Come, laugh, learn, and prosper! General admission is \$25 and VIP admission is \$61. To order your tickets online, simply go to [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com), click on "See Dave Live," then choose Atlanta. This will prompt the order form screen. You will be given the option to enter your coupon code which is FPCM. You should see the price adjust when you enter the code. Your tickets will be emailed directly to the e-mail address provided by the person ordering. Just download and print the tickets, and you're ready to go!

### **Career Transition Ministries**

*Remaking Yourself To Get Hired NOW! How Business Executives Do It, and How You Can Too!* In today's employment marketplace, job seekers need to use many tools to succeed. But how do you know which tools are more useful than others? How do you get the interviews you want? Is there an easier way to start networking? With all the competition out there, how do you defeat the competition? If you want the answers to these questions and more, you won't want to miss our informative speaker, Jessica Ferguson. Jessica is an entrepreneur with three businesses dealing with Public Relations, Marketing, and Retail. She is a member of both the Buckhead Business Association and the British American Business Group, and hosts a monthly women's networking luncheon, Women in Motion. Her presentation includes using an entrepreneur mindset to help benefit you in these different employment scenarios: budgeting, networking professionally as well as socially, and overcoming obstacles while keeping a positive outlook to get results!

Monday, February 13, 2012 at the WareHouse, First Presbyterian Church, 68 N. Marietta Pkwy., Marietta, GA 30060

6:30 p.m. – Personal resume reviewing, interviewing, networking, and career assessment help

7 p.m. – Presentation

For more information, please call Bill Lins (404) 558-1579 or Bob Sabin (770) 795-9084 or visit <http://fpccarersintransition.wordpress.com>

### **Put Love on Top Workday**

Please join the fun and laughter of this group of Christian women as we sew, knit, and crochet hats for cancer patients. Assistance with knitting and crocheting will be available, but if you would like to cut out patterns instead, we'd love to have you. Extra sewing machines, washed fleece, matching thread, non-wool soft yarn, and scissors are needed and appreciated.

Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., in room 050. Please call Sherry Silvers at (770) 973-7251 if you have questions.

### **Women's Study on the Book of James**

Women of all ages are invited to join Tuesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study for the eight-week series, *James: Mercy Triumphs*, by Beth Moore. The author explains, "Once you get to know both the man and the Book of James, you'll never be the same." We will meet in a casual, social atmosphere every Tuesday morning, January 17<sup>th</sup> - March 6<sup>th</sup>, in room 055. Starting with refreshments and fellowship at 9 a.m., we watch a video and meet in small groups for discussion from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No Bible knowledge is required. The cost of the book is \$16. For more information, contact Jennifer Davis at (770) 421-0190 or Kathy Swinford at (770) 590-1861. Childcare is available by reservation in Mother's Morning Out for newborns through six-year-olds. Call (770) 427-0293, ext. 229, for reservations.

### **Begin 2012 with Music!**

We celebrate the joy of our Lord through voice and instrument, and welcome you to join us in the singing of His holy praises!

- Children's choirs for ages 4 – K and for grades 1 - 5
- Choirs and Handbells for youth (grades 6-12) and adults (college-age and up)
- For more info:

o [http://www.fpcmarietta.org/music\\_ministry/index.shtml](http://www.fpcmarietta.org/music_ministry/index.shtml)

o Contact Ed Schneider, Director of Music and Worship, at (770) 427-0293, ext. 256, or [EdSchneider@fpcmarietta.org](mailto:EdSchneider@fpcmarietta.org)

### **First Presbyterian Church Weekday Preschool Open House**

First Presbyterian Church Weekday Preschool invites you to an Open House and Tour on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

Preschool for ages 18 months to 4 years

5 Year Kindergarten Class (M-F 9 a.m.-1 p.m.)

Registration for current students: February 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>

Registration for Church Members: February 8<sup>th</sup>

Registration for new students: February 9<sup>th</sup>

For more information, call (770) 427-2166 or visit our website, [www.fpcmarietta.org](http://www.fpcmarietta.org)

### **Classes for Enrichment and Enjoyment at FPC**

If you have not signed up for one of the terrific FPCUniversity Winter/Spring classes, hurry! They begin Wednesday evening, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Read the course descriptions in one of the class catalogs, or online at [www.fpcmarietta.org](http://www.fpcmarietta.org). Take advantage of this great opportunity to expand your knowledge about a topic or to learn about something new. Please tell others you know about FPCU, and encourage them to find a class too!

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## Financials:

**A January Message from the FPC Gift Trust Fund: B-r-r-r-r! It's cold. Warm your heart by making a bequest to the FPC Gift Trust Fund.**

### Mission Focus Fund as of

**December 19, 2011:** Total pledged amount and amount given by those with no pledge: \$52,111.66

### Stewardship Report for November 2011

Anticipated Tithes/Offerings	\$ 168,212.94
Actual Monthly Tithes/Offerings	\$ 195,071.30
Actual Monthly Expenses	\$ 166,607.39
Overage/(Deficit)	\$ 28,463.91
Anticipated YTD Tithes/Offerings	\$ 2,021,419.92
Actual YTD Tithes/Offerings	\$ 2,104,921.12
Actual YTD Expenses	\$ 2,086,957.29
YTD Overage/(Deficit)	\$ 17,963.83

Financial Summaries by: Andy Workman  
New offering envelopes are available in the Gathering Space.

## Worship Schedule:

### Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

Sermon: *Worship*

- 8:30 Rev. Dawn Stoker, Sanctuary  
Music: Sanctuary Singers
- 9:45 Rev. Tino Ballesteros, Great Hall  
Music: Jane Sullivan, soloist
- 9:45 Sunday School for children and adults
- 11:15 Traditional Service  
Rev. Tino Ballesteros, Great Hall  
Music: Chancel Choir
- 11:15 Contemporary 4th Service  
Rev. Dawn Stoker, Sanctuary  
Music: Contemporary Worship Band

### Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

Sermon: *Study*

- 8:30 Rev. Tino Ballesteros, Sanctuary  
Music: Ensemble
- 9:45 Rev. Dawn Stoker, Great Hall  
Music: Kerry Grayburn, soloist
- 9:45 Sunday School for children and adults
- 11:15 Traditional Service  
Rev. Tino Ballesteros, Great Hall  
Music: Chancel Choir
- 11:15 Contemporary 4th Service  
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### Current Sermon Series:

