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Announcements for the week of January 27, 2019

Deacon on Call: Frank Harrison & Bobby Edwards

This Week at FPCC

Sunday, January 27

8:30 AM Early Worship Service, Sanctuary

9:45 AM Sunday School

10:55 AM Fellowship Worship Service, Fell. Hall
Late Worship Service, Sanctuary

12:15 PM Coffee/Coke Fellowship, Coffee Lounge

6:00 PM High School Small Group

Monday, January 28

10:00 AM Women's Prayer Time, Session Room

3:15 PM English Conversation Class, Student Ctr

5:15 PM Deacons' Meeting, Chapel

5:30 PM Session Meeting, Session Room

6:00 PM Instrumental Ensemble, Choir Room
Middle School Small Group

7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal, SS 208

Tuesday, January 29

9:30 AM Precept Bible Study, Tower 402/3

Women of the Covenant, Poindexter

9:45 AM GAP Bible Study, Junior Department

12:00 PM Beatitude Living, Tower 404

Wednesday, January 30

3:15 PM English Conversation Class, Student Ctr

4:30 PM Deacon-on-Call Appts., Deacon Office
World Missions Prayer Time, Tower 404

5:30 PM Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall
Angus Burgers (Children's PB&J meal available)

6:15 PM Midweek, Fellowship Hall
Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
Children's Ministry, 2nd floor SS
Rapha Classes, Tower 3rd Floor
Youth Group, Student Center

Thursday, January 31

Friday, February 1

8:30 AM Salvation Army Ministry

12:00 PM Card-E-Ology, Tower 10th Floor

Saturday, February 2

WORLD MISSIONS

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.—Matthew 5:10, 11

Some estimates say that there are 100 million Christians in China. As reported in the media, the Chinese government launched a crackdown against Christians before Christmas—arresting a prominent pastor, raiding house churches, and charging followers with *subverting the state*. This is an effort to bring religion in China under the control of the Chinese Communist Party. The party itself is officially atheist; however, it has allowed believers to attend registered, state-sanctioned *Three-Self* churches that are run by approved priests. Today, Chinese believers are facing persecution at levels unseen in the recent past. Over the past 30 years, the Chinese have experienced social-economic evolution—moving from totalitarianism into authoritarianism on the way to a more open and secular society. Politically, the country has been on a path to more freedom and democracy. With all of this societal upheaval, the Chinese people don't know who they are. They are in dire search of an identity. Materialism and consumerism has not satisfied the needs of the heart. Praise God that our dear Chinese brothers and sisters have found their identity in Christ. Please pray for them as they face torture and humiliation—even death; as they count it all joy to suffer for Christ.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS OF THE WEEK

Enoch, Ben, Peter, and Tim

Please be in prayer for our mission partners who lead our efforts in East Asia. They need God's wisdom and discernment to know how to love and serve our friends at this very difficult time.

ARE YOU PART OF THE 1%?

LINK: EXPLORE YOUR MISSIONS CALL

March 11-12, 2019 – MTW Office Lawrenceville, GA

Mission to the World is offering *Link* to anyone who is exploring a call to cross-cultural missions. *Link* is an interactive event for those who want to understand more about missionary life with MTW. Is foreign missions your next step? The World Missions staff is very happy to provide counsel to those who are contemplating overseas service whether it be for one week or much longer. If interested, contact the World Missions Office for an appointment.

Thank you very much for your prayer and financial support.

First Presbyterian World Missions

Church Planting Movements in Strategic Global Cities

MUSIC MINISTRY

TODAY WE WELCOME

Chattanooga Christian School Choral Ensemble, directed by Paul Faulkner. They are leading all of the music elements in both the 8:30am and 10:55am sanctuary worship services and providing a special prelude (8:23am and 10:48am).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

The **Appreciation Station** is up all month long in the Connector. Children and parents/guardians are invited to write a thank-you note to our volunteers in Children's Ministry. Join us in showering them with thanks and love!

BIRDS & BEES PARENT PROGRAM

Registration is now available!

Saturday, April 27th, 9am - 11am

Mary Flo Ridley with The Birds & The Bees will lead a live program that encourages and equips parents to have age appropriate conversations with their young children about *the birds and the bees*. Childcare is available but limited (contact Misha for details). Register now AND DONT WAIT! Spaces are expected to fill up fast. Go to www.1stpresbyterian.com/grow.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

PRECEPT INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY

New beginning date - Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Mark your calendars and join us in the study of Colossians and Philemon, "Gaining a True Knowledge of Christ, So No One Deludes You" led by Lenette Glass. Class will meet at 9:30 every Tuesday in Tower 402/3. Cost of the materials is \$18 for the *In and Out version* and \$22 for the *Precept Upon Precept study*. For information and study materials, contact Connie Crawford, 265-1091 or missconnie2u@epbfi.com.

ONE TOGETHER

Saturday, February 9, 9:45am - 1:00pm

Join our women at FPCC as we hear from Barbara Neumann as she explains our culture and how we can flourish as the body of Christ. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. **YOU MUST REGISTER** before Wednesday, January 30th by emailing womensministry@1stpresbyterian.com.

FIRST FRIENDS

Join First Friends for fun and fellowship with UTC international students on **Friday, February 8th**. We will celebrate Asian New Year and Valentine's Day. Dinner begins at 6:30pm in the FPCC Student Center, followed by presentations from a couple of guest speakers. American friends are asked to bring an Asian appetizer, pot of chili or side item to share. Please let Nadia Bauder know what you plan to contribute by calling or texting 544-6181 no later than Wednesday, Feb. 6.

HELPS MINISTRIES

STEPHEN MINISTRY

A Great Way You Can Help a Hurting Friend! Do you have a friend or relative who is going through a difficult time? A Stephen Minister may be able to offer the support he or she needs. Stephen Ministers are members of our church trained to provide emotional and spiritual care to people who are hurting. Contact a Stephen Leader (Kay Schwieger (505-2022), Betty Hodges (315-0723), Leslie Cory (304-9674). *"As I have loved you, so you must love one another."* John 13:34b.

PRISON MENTOR TRAINING - MEN

Saturday, February 2nd, 8 am to 12:30pm

FPCC is hosting prison mentor orientation and training for men wishing to join many others from our church engaged in this vibrant important ministry. We serve at Walker State Prison, the only Faith and Character prison in Georgia, nearby in Rock Spring. Now in our seventh year, God has allowed us to train several hundred mentors from 80+ regional churches. For more information contact Alan Bonderud, arbondrud@gmail.com or 903-3700.

FLOWER MINISTRY

Flowers will be arranged & delivered today following the late worship service by the Fireside Bible Study. All volunteers are welcome.

FPC SERMONS

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