



Forest Park Church

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Hope • Purpose • Belonging

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK DAVID WILLIS

August always feels like a month of transition. Summer is still with us, but its pace is beginning to change. School supplies fill the stores, classrooms reopen, families settle back into routines, and the days quietly remind us that another season is beginning.

Transitions can be both exciting and unsettling. They invite us to look back with gratitude, but they also call us to look ahead with faith. That is true for our families, and it is true for Forest Park Church.

God has blessed this church with faithful people, a strong history, a beautiful place to worship, and a genuine desire to serve. We should never take those gifts for granted. At the same time, we believe God is still calling us forward—to reach new people, strengthen families, make disciples, and help our community discover the hope of the Gospel, purpose in God's Kingdom, and belonging in God's family.

The Lord says in **Isaiah 43:19, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"** New things do not require us to dishonor what has been. They ask us to trust that the God who was faithful yesterday will also be faithful tomorrow.

As this new school year begins, let us pray for students, teachers, parents, and school employees. Let us also pray for our church—that we will be attentive, courageous, and ready to follow wherever Christ leads.

The season is changing, but our mission remains: sharing Christ and making disciples faithfully together.

Worship Services:

- (Sun.) 8:00 A.M. Traditional
- (Sun.) 10:30 A.M. Contemporary

The nursery is available for children 0–3 years on Sundays.

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linktr.ee/forestparkchurchpc

August

FROM FPC MISSION GROUP

The Mission Team is still asking for donations as you do Spring cleaning. Please, no large items. Storage is available for no charge until the next yard sale in October 2026. Should you have too many items, feel free to call John Rotenberger at 850-387-6986 for free pick up. See page 3.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH INITIATIVE

Sunday School teachers are needed. If you are interested in serving FPKids, contact Stephanie via email or a note on your connection card from the bulletin.

FPC FALL SMALL GROUPS

Fall small groups begin on September 14th. The Study will be "Letters to the Church" by Francis Chan. If you are interested in leading a small group, contact Marianne or Sailor.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Students, teachers, school staff, and college students are invited to bring their backpacks, bags, or briefcases to worship on Sunday, August 9th for a special Blessing of the Backpacks. We will pray for God's protection, wisdom, and guidance as a new school year begins. Join us as we send everyone into the new year encouraged, supported, and covered in prayer,

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Breakfast:
Wednesdays | 7am-8am
in the Fellowship Hall



PRAYER NIGHT

Friday, August 7th from 6-7pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome to join us as we pray over our church, our leaders, and our community.

CONVERSATIONS OVER COFFEE:

Due to a family health care need, Conversations Over Coffee will not be in the office until September 2nd, 2026. Thank you for your understanding.

BIBLE STUDY

Women's Tuesday night Bible study will begin on Sept. 22nd. Our study will be "Letters to the Church" by Francis Chan.

Fifth Sunday Potluck

A 5th Sunday Potluck will be on Sunday, August 30th after the combined service at 10:30am. Please add your name to the sheet in the gathering area.



COFFEE, CHIT CHAT & ADULT COLORING



Tuesdays
8:30 - 10:30am, Room 102.

Great job!

Coming through with

men's clothing for

Family Service

Agency!



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AUGUST

COMMUNION

OFFERING



Backpack Blessings

Every Wednesday lunch bags for Northside students are packed by our FPKids. This gives our children an opportunity to reach out to their community and peers. They're actively sharing the love of Jesus by meeting a fundamental need. Our kids are providing food to those who may not have meals over the weekend. We're looking for volunteers to donate \$15 a month to support this mission.



If any church members sell items on Ebay, please call John at (850) 387-6986. Free pick up, "You call, I'll haul"

Anchored in Hope

Hebrews 6:19



SALT & LIGHT WEEKEND

November 6-8, 2026

Driftwood Inn Mexico Beach, FL

You are invited to the Salt & Light Weekend for women November 6-8, 2026 at the Driftwood Inn located in Mexico Beach, Florida! This year our theme will be Anchored In Hope based on Hebrews 6:19 "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul". It is so easy to drift away from God. We will be navigating what ropes we need to anchor ourselves to Him in a world that constantly wants us to lose sight of the shore.

Our worship music for the weekend will be provided by Nashville contemporary christian singer/songwriter Kelly Alayna Efstathiou. Our speaker is Jo Ann Knowles from Destin. She will encourage us to live with a hope that holds fast no matter what winds will blow.

Registration for Forest Park Church members and their guests will begin August 23rd. Public registration will open August 30th. Your registration fee includes two nights in a beachfront hotel, inspiring guest speaker, live music, special gifts, delicious meals, and commemorative shirt. All worship sessions will be held at the Driftwood Inn event room. You will have different lodging options based on double occupancy at either Driftwood Inn or El Governor Hotel separated by 0.2 miles, a 4 minute walk. Room assignments given based on date of registration. Choose the one that best suits you and your roommate!

Driftwood Inn \$315 (19 rooms)
El Governor Hotel \$255 (10 rooms)
Event only + Sat transport \$135 (10 seats)

Short informational meeting will be held Sunday, August 23rd at noon in the fellowship hall.



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UPCOMING COMMUNITY SERVICE & FPC EVENTS



FP KIDS WORSHIP TIMES

Wednesdays 5:45-7:15 PM
Sunday School 9:15-10:15 AM
Kids Church: 10:30 AM

*Awana on Wednesday nights
beginning September 9th*



FP YOUTH WORSHIP TIMES

Wednesdays 5:30-7:00 PM
Sunday School 9:15-10:15 AM
Sunday Youth 4-6 PM



FP YOUNG ADULTS WORSHIP TIMES

Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 PM



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NEW CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR!



We'd like to welcome Stephanie Houser as the new Children's Ministry Director!

FP STUDENTS

August 2-5th Youth Week

This is a combined activity with several other youth groups in our area. We have activities for our church in the morning, and collaboratively each night for games, worship, & a message. Please let Sailor know ahead of time what all you/your student will attend. Cost of \$30 covers everything, except the baseball game on Tuesday.

August 4th Pizza & Pickleball

Pull up for a night of pizza, pickleball, and good hangs! Whether you're a pickleball pro or you've never picked up a paddle, this is your sign to come hang. 1401 W. 23rd St., Panama City, from 5:30-8pm.

FOREST PARK KIDS Learning Center
A Bright Beginning for Your Child!

Classes Tuesday–Thursday
9am–12pm for ages 3–4
Classes begin August 11, 2026

Now Enrolling for Fall 2026
Limited Spots Available!

Scan to enroll

Enrollment Fees:
\$120 monthly for returning families & early enrollment before May 30th
\$180 monthly if enrolled after May 30th (+\$100 supply fee each semester)



On the 3rd Sunday every month, our kids will collect coins for Christ to provide a better understanding of serving and giving to our community. At the end of 6 months, they will decide where they want to donate the funds they have collected.

End of Summer Pool Party!

August 9th, 12–3pm at Krestrel Pool, 1609 Plover St., Panama City 32405.

Bring your swimsuit & towel for an afternoon of swimming, food, and fellowship. RSVP by Aug. 5th to Stephanie Houser at 850-381-3099 so we can plan for food.

Happy Anniversary

Keith & Chris Barnes
Adam & Shaina Gardner
Jeff & Martha Lowe
Mark & Elaine Milton
Larry & Beverly Richardson
John & Debra Pocius
Darrel & Sharon Burnett
William & Amanda Coffman
Jim & Paulette O'Connor

August 3rd
August 5th
August 7th
August 7th
August 10th
August 17th
August 20th
August 25th
August 29th



August 1st
Gail Robbins

August 6th
Carol Anthony
Jackie Kummer
Jim Miller

August 7th
Scott Farner

August 8th
Shaylyn Barnes

August 10th
Rebecca Frier
Sailor Shelton-
Crump
Kat Skipper

August 11th
Gwen Ollie
Lexie Smith

August 13th
Karen Cote
Anna Kasprowicz

August 15th
Ken Davis

August 16th
Angela Feitel

August 17th
Susan Long

August 18th
Andrew Feitel
Carla Hanson
Steve Mausert

August 20th
Donna Smith

August 21st
Caitlin McNeilage

August 22nd
Robert Hurst

August 25th
Todd Bowden
Jerry Frye
Doreen Karas
Gavin Redmond
Judy Riviere

August 26th
Michael Fontaine

August 27th
Marilyn Barnett
Brantley Jordan

August 29th
Jimmy Spearman

August 30th
David Longton
Carolyn Mann

August 31st
Bill Adkins
Danny Grizzard

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS