



# Forest Park Church

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Hope • Purpose • Belonging

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

DAVID WILLIS

As we head into May 2026, our church stands as a testament to the joy mentioned in the 123<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, embodying the resilient spirit and unwavering faith that have brought us through countless changes.

Our journey has included many challenges including a building loan of more than \$1 million. Recently, we celebrated the milestone of bringing this debt below \$100,000. This achievement is a shining example of our collective strength, faith, and determination.

But it's not just about numbers. Our church family has grown, spreading warmth and love through vibrant new ministries. From the thriving small groups to the expanded church-wide food distribution calendar, we are making a tangible difference. New families have joined our community, each bringing unique gifts and perspectives that enrich our collective experience.

Despite the hurdles of Hurricane Michael, a pastoral change, the challenges of COVID, and the journey of disaffiliation, God's hand has been evident. These challenges have only strengthened our bond and deepened our faith. We are not just surviving; we are thriving, with God's grace guiding every step.

Friends, be encouraged! The future looks bright, filled with promise and hope. We are a beacon of light, a testament to the power of faith, resilience, and community. May we continue to grow in grace, love, and joy, knowing that the best is yet to come.

*"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy."*

Psalm 126:3



### Worship Services:

Please visit our website and Facebook page (look for our logo) & other social media sites via [linktr.ee/forestparkchurchpc](https://linktr.ee/forestparkchurchpc)

- (Sun.) 8:00 A.M. Traditional
- (Sun.) 10:30 A.M. Contemporary
- (Wed.) 5:45 P.M.

## 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.

## MEN'S MINISTRY

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



## FOOD & WORSHIP

**WEEKLY**

**REFUEL**  
*Wednesdays*

5:00pm Dinner  
5:45pm Worship & Message

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH INITIATIVE

Thank you to everyone who has jumped on board to help! If you are interested in serving FPKids, contact Kat via email or a note on your connection card from the bulletin.

## CONVERSATIONS OVER COFFEE:

Finding a Path to HOPE - Conversations Over Coffee provides just that in an encouraging, confidential, one-on-one, God centered atmosphere. Donna Allen, (850-381-2489) a certified Christian Women's Counselor, is available to offer prayerful guidance and support. "Sometimes you just need someone to talk to."

## COFFEE, CHIT CHAT & ADULT COLORING

*Tuesdays*

8:30 - 10:30am, room 102.

## STAYED TUNED

Summer Unplugged Small Groups will be announced soon!

Happy  
**Mother's Day**

*"Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."*

*-Proverbs 31:31*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

# MAY'S COMMUNION OFFERING

**Water  
FOR LIFE**

A child dies every two minutes from waterborne illness (data from Unicef.) Water For Life Charity supplies water filters and drills wells in developing countries lacking clean, safe drinking water. Our mission is to help women, children and families live bacteria-free, productive lives by providing the start of the solution where it is needed most.



**Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 5-9pm**  
**Flip-Flop Fellowship**  
**at Forest Park Church**

*and*

**Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Salt & Light Weekend**  
**Mexico Beach, FL**

*(more information to follow)*

Forest Park Church is proud to present a gospel concert by Voices of Mobile on Sunday, May 24th. The Voices of Mobile is a highly acclaimed vocal ensemble of students from the University of Mobile. VOICES is in their 23rd year, traveling both nationally and internationally and we are thrilled to have them join us in worship during our services on Sunday, May 24th, followed by a free afternoon concert at 3:00 pm, and refreshments in the fellowship hall. Invite friends and family, as we want to fill the church for this wonderful opportunity to share the love of God with our community!



*To everyone who helped with the food drive on April 25th....*

**thank you!**

*It's an honor to serve our community.*

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## FP KIDS WORSHIP TIMES

Wednesdays 5:45-7:00 PM  
Sunday School 9:15-10:15 AM  
Kids Church: 10:30 AM

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## FP YOUTH WORSHIP TIMES

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

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## FP YOUNG ADULTS WORSHIP TIMES

Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 PM



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END OF THE YEAR  
**Pool Party!**  
 (and Hot Dog Cookout)

**When: Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, from 2-5pm**  
**Where: Sweet Bay Pool**  
**Who: Kids and Youth**

Contact Kat or Sam for more details or if you'd like to bring something!



**"Not Your Talent" Talent Show**

See how well you can do with someone else's talent

May 24, 2026  
 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
 @ FPC Student Center



For questions and any assistance you may need, kindly email [sam@fpcpc.org](mailto:sam@fpcpc.org)

All talents/participants are welcome. Sign up at: [www.https://fpcpc.org/events/not-your-talent-talent-show](https://fpcpc.org/events/not-your-talent-talent-show)

# Coins for Christ



On the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JUNE 28TH - JULY 2ND**  
**5:30-8PM**  
 Ages 4-11

**REGISTER HERE**





# Happy Anniversary

George & Mokey McCormick  
 Benny & Laura Moore  
 Bill & Donna Allen  
 Michael & Sally Harper  
 Bob & Pat Barnard  
 Will & Sarah Crooke  
 Craig & Sjahn Large  
 Vince & Anna Kasproicz  
 Tom & Penni Beitzel  
 Chuck & Diane Dick  
 Dave & Barbara Bon

May 1st  
 May 6th  
 May 7th  
 May 7th  
 May 10th  
 May 10th  
 May 10th  
 May 10th  
 May 17th  
 May 20th  
 May 20th  
 May 30th

# Happy Birthday

## May 1st

Barbara Bon  
 Tristan Orme

## May 2nd

Heidi Grzywacz

## May 4th

Dex Pate

## May 5th

Ray Dixon  
 Pam Eggimann

## May 7th

Barbara Hardy

## May 8th

Jackie Elko

## May 9th

David Chase

## May 11th

Julie Hess

## May 12th

Diane Houser  
 Philip Kundo

## May 15th

Stepanie Cook  
 Catherine Heaton  
 Gerald Laver

## May 16th

Summer Sipe

## May 17th

Evelynn Inglis

## May 18th

Nick Barron

## May 20th

Martha Lowe

## May 21st

Tommy Appling  
 Julie Moneyham

## May 22nd

Will Crooke  
 Lillian Frye  
 Sarah Thomas

## May 23rd

Samantha Fredrick

## May 25th

Jan Averett  
 Debbie McLain  
 Margie Pate

## May 26th

Obediah Crooke  
 Jaytin Fessenden

## May 27th

Jeff Batte  
 Jordin Fessenden

## May 31st

Sidney Bobo