Fort Worth Presbyterian Church



March 31, 2024

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers a welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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The front of the bulletin and the color of the minister's robe is currently gold and white, which signifies the Easter season - the season when the Church celebrates Christ's glory and triumph over death which was demonstrated in his resurrection.

The early Christians did not invent the empty tomb and the meetings or sightings of Jesus...Nobody was expecting this kind of thing; no kind of conversion experience would have invented it, no matter how guilty (or how forgiven) they felt, no matter how many hours they pored over the scriptures. To suggest otherwise is to stop doing history and enter into a fantasy world of our own.

- N.T. Wright

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† Congregation standing

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Order of the Worship of God

— March 31, 2024 — *Resurrection Sunday*

Welcome & Announcements

Prepare our Hearts for Worship

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

The Gospel Greeting

Pastor: Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End, Alpha and

Omega, all time belongs to Him, and all ages;

People: To Him be the glory and power through every age and forever!

Pastor: This is the day when our Lord Jesus passed from death to life.

Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear His Word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we will share in His victory over death and live

with Him forever in New Creation!

People: Thanks be to God!

The Song of Entrance

Choir

THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE

† The Call to Worship

Pastor: Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of

them that slept. O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is

your victory?

People: Give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endures

forever.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

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People: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! (louder) Alleluia! (louder)

Alleluia! (louder still!)

Pastor: This is the Day that the Lord has made!

People: Let us be glad and rejoice in it!

† Resurrection Hymn

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! Sing ye heaven's, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia! Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia! Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!
Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n: Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia! Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia! Hail, the Resurrection, Thou! Alleluia!

†Prayer of Adoration

Pastor: Let us pray that we may walk in the risen life of Christ:

All: Lord of life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of Your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in Him: Grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to You in Jesus Christ, may reign with Him in glory.

Amen.

Hymn of Adoration

UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE

Low in the grave He lay— Jesus, my Savior, waiting the coming day— Jesus, my Lord.

Refrain:

Up from the grave He arose,
with a mighty triumph o'er His foes.
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
and He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch His bed— Jesus, my Savior; vainly they seal the dead— Jesus, my Lord. /Refrain]

Death cannot keep His prey— Jesus, my Savior; He tore the bars away— Jesus, my Lord. /Refrain]

Proclamations of the Resurrection

Pastor: Let us now proclaim the reality of the resurrection:

People: He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us into His presence,

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

Pastor: How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

People: We were buried therefore with Him through baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in the newness of life.

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

Pastor: If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised from the dead. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

People: But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came

death, by a man has come the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive!

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those

in the tombs bestowing life.

Pastor: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in

Christ Jesus!

People: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ: New Creation! The old has

passed away; behold, the new has come!

All: (singing) Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death

by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. (3X)

Extending God's Welcome of Peace

Pastor: Christ has been raised from the dead! Therefore, let the peace of

Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we are called as members

of a single body. Christ is risen!

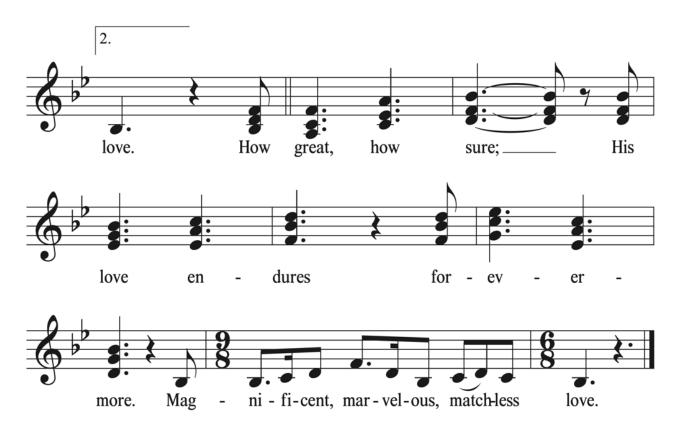
People: He is risen indeed!

Greet one another with the gospel saying, "Christ is risen" to which the response is "He is risen indeed!"

† Song of Praise

MAGNIFICENT, MARVELOUS, MATCHLESS LOVE





What grace, that You entered our brokenness, You came in the fullness of time How far we had fallen from righteousness but not from the mercies of Christ

Your cross is our door to redemption,
Your death is our fullness of life
That day, how forgiveness flowed as a flood
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love

Chorus

How great, how sure, His love endures forevermore Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love

United in Your resurrection,
You lift us to infinite heights
Could anything sever or take us from
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love *Chorus*

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COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

Reception of New Members

Blake Brocato

Ash and Leslie Eurton

Alex and Laura Fleming

Russell Noe

Afton Noe

Greg and Kathy Perkins

Justin and Ashley Talarico

Tuck and Dianah Thelen

David and Laurielle Warren

Sacrament of Baptism

Russell Noe

Marijke Newsom

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

Bill and Claudia Myers

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Romans 8:1-11

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Easter Prayer

Tim Watt

Elder: O Christ, through Your resurrection You broke open the gates of

the grave, and destroyed sin and death; through Your victory:

People: Bless us, O Lord of Glory!

Elder: O Christ, through Your resurrection You annihilated the power of

death. You have given us New Life and You have begun the great

process of renewing all things; through Your victory:

People: Heal us, O Lord of Glory!

Elder: O Christ, through your resurrection you have given life to the dead

and You have changed our way of death into a way of life; through

Your victory:

People: Strengthen us, O Lord of Glory!

Elder: O Christ, through Your resurrection You confounded the soldiers

who guarded Your grave and filled Your disciples with great joy in

Your appearing; through Your victory:

People: Fill us with joy, O Lord of Glory!

Elder: O Christ, through Your resurrection You announced joy to the

women and the apostles, and brought light into this world of

darkness; through Your victory:

People: Pierce our darkness, O Lord of Glory!

Elder: O Christ, through your resurrection you promised our resurrection,

so that we may rise at Your return; through Your victory:

People: Increase our hope, O Lord of Glory!

Elder: O Christ, You are glorified by angels in Heaven, and worshipped

on earth; on this glorious feast of Your Resurrection, we ask You

to deepen us in Your redemption; root us in Your goodness,

extend Your mercy through us as we await the Day of Your return;

in Your victory:

All: Bless us and keep us; cause Your face to shine upon us; lift

up Your countenance upon us and grant us peace. Amen.

Morning Offering & KIWI Release

Children Pre-K through 2nd grade can now be dismissed for KIWI (Kids In Worship Instruction).

Teachers will meet the children in the foyer to take them to class.

After the sermon, their teachers will return them to worship where they may come directly to you, or you may meet them at the back of the auditorium.



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Offertory Song

Choir

O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God O praise His Name forevermore For endless days we will sing Your praise Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King *Chorus*

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face *Chorus*

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LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

The Reading of the Word

Mark. 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3 And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" 4 And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. 6 And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."8 And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EMPTY TOMB

Introduction

Going to the Tomb

Entering the Empty Tomb

Going Away from the Empty Tomb

FEASTING AT GOD'S TABLE

The Celebration of Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of Heaven we praise and magnify your glorious name



Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

The Confession

Pastor: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us!

People: Hallelujah!

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of the Faith:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. Hallelujah!

Pastor: And now our Holy Master, that with boldness and without

condemnation, we dare to call upon you, the Heavenly God, as our

Father, and say:

All: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your

kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we

forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into

temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Yours is the Kingdom

and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

Pastor: The holy gifts of God for the holy people of God. Take them in

remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts

by faith and with thanksgiving. Let us now partake of the feast!

Statements for Communion:

"The body of Christ for you."

"The blood of Christ for you."

"You have new life in Christ."

"You have full forgiveness in Christ."

(Clear cups are wine and purple cups are grape juice, Gluten/Dairy free wafers are individually wrapped)

Understanding Holy Communion

"For Christ our Passover has also been sacrificed for us, therefore, let us celebrate the feast." – 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Because we believe the Table belongs to the Lord, it is vital that you come this morning on His terms:

- 1. You must be in communion with Jesus Christ by faith and repentance, trusting Him alone for your salvation.
 - 1 Corinthians 11:27-29
- 2. You must be in communion with your brothers and sisters in Christ. *Matthew 5:23-24; Ephesians 4:11-12*
- 3. You must be in communion with the church (any Bible-believing church) as a baptized member in good standing.
 - Matthew 18:15-18; Hebrews 13:17
- 4. Because we seriously heed Scripture's admonition in 1 Corinthians 11:28-29, we invite children who are ready to make a public profession of saving faith to complete the Communicants Class materials available at the book table, arrange a meeting with the elders, and thus become regular "communicants" at the Lord's Table. Contact Rebecca York at rebecca@fortworthpca.org.

"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup." — 1 Corinthians 11:28-29

Prayers for Those Not Communing

For those searching for truth: Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

For those who desire to profess faith in Christ: Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead and are now representing me at the Father's right hand in heaven, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

A prayer for those struggling against sin: Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and desires, and help me to turn from every false source of satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

A prayer for covenant children who have not yet made a profession of faith: Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.

Communion Song

CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall, his love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes his work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for his name
But mine is armor for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And he has said he will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now, O my soul For His love is my reward Fear is gone and hope is sure Christ is mine forevermore *(repeat)*

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore

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GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† The Sending

Pastor: As we go from this gathering:

All: May we rejoice in our Risen Lord.

Pastor: When we're anxious, doubting, and failing:

All: May we remember the tomb is empty.

Pastor: In all we do and say:

All: May our lives declare, "Christ is risen indeed!"

† The Blessing

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and

the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: Christ is risen!

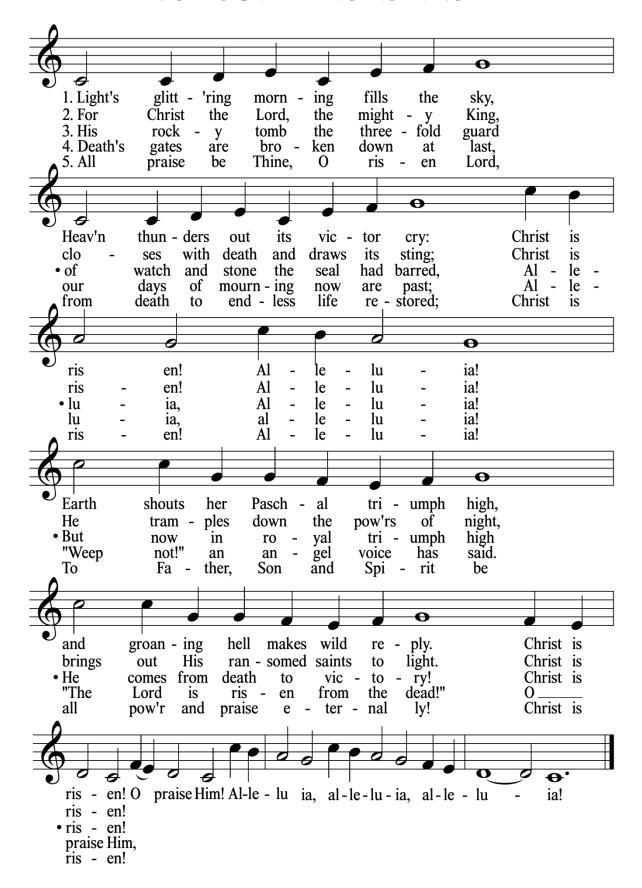
People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! (louder!) Alleluia (louder!)

Alleluia (louder still!) 1 Corinthians 15:58

(Song of Sending on next page)

† Song of Sending

LIGHT'S GLITTERING MORNING



Pastor: Go forth in the power of Jesus' resurrection.

People: Amen!

Deacon of the Day
Dowell Stackpole – March 31
Andy Warren – April 7
Johnny Tassin – April 14

Save the Date
Mon, Apr 1 – Office Closed
Sun, April 14, 7 pm – Henry Haas Recital
Sat, Apr 27, 8 am – Churchwide Garage Sale
Sun, Apr 28, 4 pm – Church Neighborhood Picnic
Sat, June 1, 6:30 pm – Fults Appreciation Party at the Davis Barn
June 24-27 – VBS

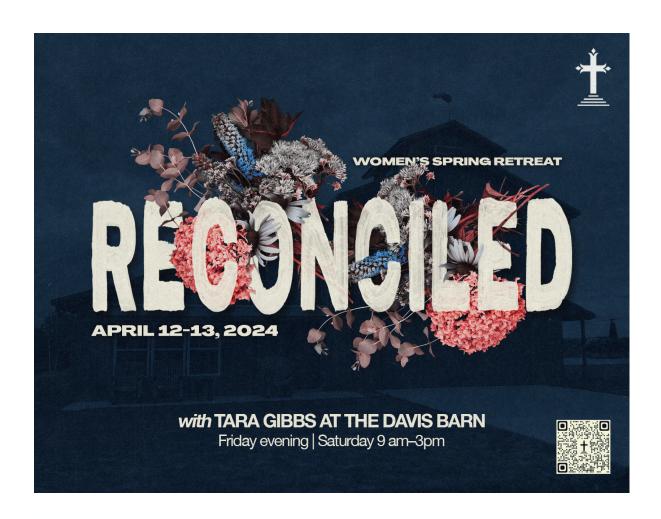
Information & Events

Visitors: Pick up visitor information at the visitor kiosk in the Fellowship Hall immediately following morning worship.

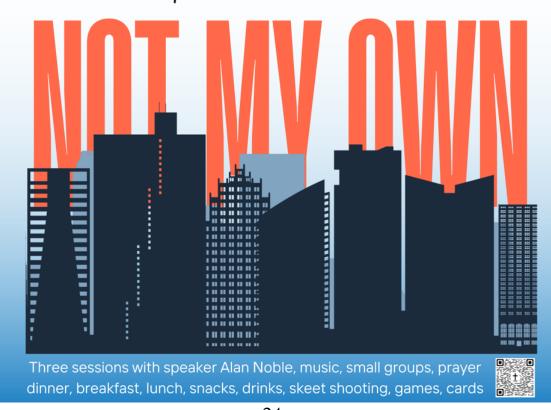
Christian Formation Classes will not meet Easter Sunday. During April, two adult classes will be offered at 9:00 a.m.

- Identity in the Lecture Hall: Who are you? This is the question central to the conversation of identity. The answers offered in current culture are vast, and often seem to blur the lines of objectivity and common reason leaving many in a state of confusion and doubt. Join our class on Identity, taught by Jeremy Lelek, where we'll explore the topic of identity in the areas of marriage, trauma, sexuality, and attachment and see how identity is ultimately shaped, healed and redeemed through the eternal work of Jesus Christ.
- Exploring the Gospels in Room 201: We'll see how Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John spotlight Jesus' life and ministry using their distinctive vocabularies, writing styles, and emphases. Bob Schwartzbeck will help you read and interpret the Gospels in context and ask meaningful questions when observing, interpreting, and applying biblical texts.

New Covenant Child: We rejoice with Quentin and Diane Miller on the birth of their daughter Lorraine Elise on March 14. She entered the world at 7 lbs, 8 oz and 20.5". Thanks be to God for this good and perfect gift!



May 3-4 at The Davis Barn





FWPC

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 | 4-7 PM

Bring the whole family for free food and fun on the church grounds.

Enjoy fellowship, games, bounce house, super slide, obstacle course, and more!

> The church is providing burgers, hot dogs, toppings, beverages, and frozen treats.

If your last name begins with A-K, please bring a salad. Last names L-Z, please bring a side dish. Have lawn chairs? Bring those, too.



LASS OF 2024

Senior Sunday - May 5 Graduates Dinner - Wed, May 8, 7 pm

Graduating Seniors, RSVP by Friday, April 26



Financial Report

Fiscal year June 2023-May 2024

June – February	This Year	Last Year
General Fund Giving YTD	1,110,145	969,765
General Fund Expenses YTD	1,089424	979,881
How we're doing YTD	20,720	-10,115

Our Fiscal Year began June 1. We have taken in \$20,720 more than our expenses through the first nine months of our fiscal year. This is \$30,835 improvement over last year. As of February 29, we have \$276,480 cash on hand after liabilities.

Part of your faithful giving supports helping those with financial needs within our congregation.

- ❖ NEW! Mobile Giving: Text the amount you want to give to 817-934-6447. The first time will take you through the setup. After that, text the amount you would like to give.
- ❖ If you would like to give online, you can sign up for ACH/Credit/Debit giving from our home page fortworthpca.org.
- ❖ If you would like to contribute stocks or securities from a brokerage account, you can contact Matt Jones 817-731-3300 and he can give you the instructions for these types of gifts.
- ❖ If you would like to include FWPC in your estate planning, you can contact Matt Jones with any questions you may have.

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