

THE BEACON

A WEEKLY ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER OF THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HARBOR SPRINGS



For the Week of Thursday, September 03, 2026

A weekly e-newsletter for the members and friends of FPCHS



SUNDAY SCHEDULE For September 06

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekial 33:7-11

Psalms 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

Our most significant mission is the gift of worship we offer together on Sunday morning. Our schedule is:

10:00am Worship - Sanctuary
Reverend Hanna Richards

11:00am Fellowship Hour - Gathering Place

Thank You to the Board of Deacons for sharing Hospitality.

Worship God with Us!



OUR DAILY BREAD

Every month, there are devotional booklets "Our Daily Bread" available to anyone who would like a copy. The smaller booklets are outside the Office door, and the large print booklets are near the Welcome Desk. The following is an excerpt from this month's booklet for September 03:

"Fear the LORD your God." Deuteronomy 10:12

REVERENT FEAR OF GOD

"I killed people in the past," Tanitan said, "but ever since I chose to believe in Jesus Christ, He will not allow me to commit such practices anymore." Tanitan, a member of the Ilongot tribe from the Sierra Madre mountains in the Philippines, came from a culture of head-hunting, the practice of hunting humans and severing their heads. In comparing his life before he knew God to his life now, Tanitan said, "Before, I was afraid to die but not afraid to kill. Now, I am afraid to kill but not afraid to die." As I read Tanitan's story in the book *To the Headhunters of Sierra Madre* by Florentino Santos, I thought of how his newfound fear of or reverence toward God developed his desire to obey Him. I remembered Moses' words to the Israelites before they entered the land God promised them: "What does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God?" (Deuteronomy 10:12). Reverence toward God was to be reflected in obedience to Him...God's people were to "walk in obedience to Him, to love Him..and to observe the LORD's commands and decrees" (vv.8:13).

As believers in Jesus, our deep respect for God's holiness compels us to hate evil and do what please Him (Proverbs 8:13).

Let's ask Him to help us make reverence toward God a way of life.

by Karen Huan

From today's Scripture, how would you describe "fear of the LORD"? Where do you find obeying God difficult, and how can the command to fear Him help you?

Holy God, please help me to experience reverent fear in Your presence.

from "Our Daily Bread," Thursday, September 03, 2026

SEPTEMBER FOOD OF THE MONTH

FPOCHS is a proud mission partner of the Harbor Springs Community Food Pantry. Each month we collect a specific food item for them; this month is CEREAL. We invite you to place boxes of cereal in the shopping cart located in the Narthex to be delivered at the end of the month. Thank you for your generosity!



WEAR YOUR GRUBBIES TO CHURCH DAY



It is time for another WEAR YOUR GRUBBIES TO CHURCH DAY!

The Building and Grounds Committee is looking for volunteers to help clean up and maintain the church grounds. On Sundays, September 20 and October 04, we will have a grounds clean up day directly after church worship and fellowship hour. Bring your sun hat, gloves, and gardening tools: rakes, shovels, pruners, trowels, and tarps!

Because the church does not have a landscaping service (only a lawn service), the Building and Grounds Committee has decided to launch **Adopt a Spot!** as a new approach to maintain and care for the church grounds. Stay tuned, more information is on the way!

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ON SEPTEMBER 20 AND OCTOBER 04!

UPCOMING MUSICIANS AT FPCHS

🎵 September 6

Caleigh Coleman, soloist

Cynda Coleman, Piano

🎵 September 13

Tiera Morse, Soprano

Cynda Coleman, Piano

🎵 September 20

FPC Brass Ensemble

Maureen Delaney-Lehman, Organ

🎵 September 27

Adrian Boyer, Tenor

Maureen Delaney Lehman, Organ



Church Family and Friends

VERSE OF THE WEEK

So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.
You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised. Hebrews 10:35-36

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Holy and Almighty God, thank you for this day; it is a good day. Even as we are grateful for your goodness today, we realize that some of those we love wrestle with throwing away their confidence in your mercy, grace, peace, and deliverance. Please use us to encourage those who struggle with discouragement. Even more, please send your Holy Spirit to strengthen their will to persevere that they may receive your promises. We pray that you reach into their lives, uplift them, and open their eyes to your goodness today. Thank you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

FPCHS WEEKLY CALENDAR WORSHIP, STUDY, AND SERVICE

Friday, September 04

9:00am-1:00pm Church Office hours

12noon Alanon Meeting - *Gathering Place*

Saturday, September 05

8:00am AA Meeting - *Lower Level*

Sunday, September 06

10:00am Worship - *Sanctuary*

11:00am Fellowship Hour - *Gathering Place*

Monday, Septmeber 07

9:00am-1:00pm Church Office hours

Tuesday, September 08

8:00am Men's Bible Fellowship (1 John 1:1-10) - *Gathering Place*

No Women in the Word-Meets again Tuesday Sept. 15 at 9am

9:00am-1:00pm Church Office hours

5:30pm Caregivers and Support Group - *Nursery*

7:00pm AA - *Lower Level*

Wednesday, September 09

9:00am-1:00pm Church Office hours

5:30pm Mission and Outreach Committee Meeting - *Nursery*

Thursday, September 10

8:30am Men's Bible Study - *Gathering Place*

9:00am-1:00pm Church Office hours

Friday, September 11

9:00am-1:00pm Church Office hours

12noon Alanon Meeting - *Gathering Place*

Saturday, September 12

8:00am AA Meeting - *Lower Level*

Sunday, September 13

10:00am Worship - *Sanctuary*

11:00am Fellowship Hour - *Gathering Place*

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

There are several opportunities for Christian spiritual formation at FPCHS. You are encouraged to visit one or more of them.

Tuesdays:

Women of the Word meets every Tuesday morning at 9:00am in the Nursery Room.

Women's Bible Study Fellowship will resume on September 15. They will be studying the book of Romans following the devotional "Guilt to Grace." If any ladies are interested in joining, please feel free to contact Sue Stackhouse at (231) 526-7896.

Men's Bible Fellowship is a lectionary-based discussion and prayer group that provides support to men and their spiritual formation and faith journey. The sustenance of Christian community is an integral part of this group that meets at 8:00am in the Gathering Place.

Wednesdays:

Community Bible Study meets in the upstairs Community Room at Perry Farm Village on Wednesday at 2:30pm. This is a delightful ecumenical group of Christ-followers praying, studying, and reflecting on the truth of Scripture and its intersection with life today.

Thursdays:

Men's Bible Study is a small group of devotees who enjoy studying the Scriptures. Men are welcome to join them at 8:30am in the Gathering Place on Thursday morning.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS AND STAFF HOURS

Please note that the Church Office hours for 2026 are:

9:00am-1:00pm Monday through Friday

The office hours for **Rev. Hanna Richards, Senior Pastor**, vary due to meetings and visits. Her email address is pastor@fpchs.org.

On Mondays, the office is staffed by **Tisha Cone, Finance Manager**. Her email address is contact@fpchs.org.

On Tuesdays through Fridays, the office is staffed by **Tiera Morse, Office Administrator**. The church office email is office@fpchs.org.

On Sundays and on Wednesday afternoons you can find **Sara Creutz, Youth Ministry Leader**, onsite. Her email address is youth@fpchs.org.

Cleaning Service – Available on Fridays only, other than that we can all chip in to help tidy up.

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