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Welcome the McKinnons

By: Jen Laverentz

Jake McKinnon didn't go to college with ministry in mind. Instead, he studied Aerospace Administration and Operations with plans to be a pilot. But God had different plans for Jake. "God used student ministry internships at First Pres to move me to the path of ministry," he said. Harry Birdwell served on the committee that selected Jake for the position of Director of Youth Ministries, which he will begin in the middle of May. Birdwell said the committee was impressed by Jake's love for Jesus and ability to relate to teens. And, of course... they were impressed by his wife Hannah too.

Hannah and Jake served as interns with the youth ministry here at First Pres. In fact, First Pres is where they met. Jake was also the first to coordinate our after school program for Central Middle. He and Hannah married and moved to St. Louis where Jake accepted a Youth Ministry leadership position. Hannah specialized in communications for the church in St. Louis. While they were there, God re-energized the youth ministry program through solid relationship building, outreach events and the addition of a youth praise band.

Jake was first invited to attend our church when he was in 8th grade. He remembers the way adults of First Pres poured into him, through the youth group, confirmation class and then during his internships. He sees creating and living in community as a spiritual practice and recognizes that community is something we all desperately seek. Community is especially important in the lives of our middle and high school kids. Jake will be recruiting and counting on new and returning volunteer leaders to help create community for our youth and to pour into them.



He knows just how important this is because he experienced it firsthand. "There were so many people at First Pres. who helped me learn what it meant to be a Christian. They created a place that was a fun place to

hang out, but I also knew that they had my back in times of valley or trial."

Jake's vision for the youth ministry is simple. "My goal is to empower the youth to know that they are the church, they don't just come to church." He does this by connecting youth with service opportunities both inside and outside the church and by showing them how to represent Christ. This sense of purpose helps develop our youth into followers of Jesus who are ready to lead the church in the future.

Andrew Harris was also a member of the search committee. The search took place over six months and was led by prayer. Harris was impressed by Jake's "ability to pivot from playing a game of basketball or talking about "school life" with the students to going into meaningful, impactful bible study and worship."

Jake is working on a Master of Arts in Theology from the Flourish Institute of Theology and is halfway through his coursework. Hannah will act as our interim Children's Ministry assistant. Her experience and enthusiasm will enrich our children's experience. Please welcome them both and help them get settled as they work alongside us to create community... community where identity in Jesus is found.

DATES FOR THE SUMMER!

- Children and Youth Spring Sunday school wraps up **May 15th**
- Children and Youth Summer Sunday school runs from **June 5th-June 26th**
- **May 11th** will be our last Wednesday night for Children and Youth activities and the Gathering meal. It's been a great year!
- Studio 56 Fun Wednesdays start in **July**. Check the events page for more information!

Park Dates

FPCE Playground

- **Every Tuesday at 9:30**. Meet us at the church playground for park playdates, bring the family!

CAN WE ACTUALLY TALK ABOUT SIN?

A STUDY OF
GENESIS 3

Facing sin in ourselves, relationships, and our world accurately defines our reality and helps us embrace our one true hope, Jesus Christ. Join Lead Pastor Eric Laverentz as we take close look at Genesis Chapter 3.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We can't wait for Vacation Bible School coming up June 27th-30th. Our VBS is for 4 year olds- 4th grade, our 5th graders and older are encouraged to volunteer. Register your child for VBS and sign up to volunteer on our events page.



THE FILLING STATION

The Filling Station will stay open through the summer. Plan to meet friends or even schedule a Bible study to meet in the morning!

Mothers & Daughters Wanted!



Mothers and daughters, please join our choir on Mother's Day (May 8th) as we sing a special anthem during the 9am service. Rehearsal is May 4th at 6:30pm. Please contact Tracey Gregg-Boothby for more information at tgreggboothby@fpcedmond.org.

COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULTS STUDY BEGINS SOON

Join us for a new study that begins May 15th called "Created for Community." We will meet Sundays at 10:00am in Room 1205 (Fellowship Hall). Also, our Thursday night community group will begin again at the Hardy's house on June 9th. Contact Brett for more information.

The FOOTSTEPS of JESUS WEEKEND EXPERIENCE



Please join us in praying for the 22 people who will be traveling to Israel and touring the Holy Land from May 21st-June 3rd. The trip is led by Pastor Eric and we ask that you pray that God would guide and protect this group and that they would meet the Holy Spirit where Jesus walked.

CAMP GENERATE

Get ready for an unforgettable time at Camp Generate in Estes Park, Colorado, July 10th-July 15th. Available for ages 7th-12th grades. More information is available on our events page!

SO MUCH MORE

GENERATE
SUMMER 2022

FIRST, BY THE NUMBERS

• Revenues

Total revenues for March were \$194,074. This is \$2,397 less than budgeted revenues of \$196,471 or 98.8% of budget.

• Expenses

Total net expenses for March were \$212,993, which was \$18,842 more than budgeted net expenses of \$194,151 or 109.7% of budget.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Church Endowment Fund

Written by Dr. Paul Thomson

2021 was a record year for our church endowment as we set a single year record for the amount of contributions to the program. More importantly, contributions included gifts from several new members.

With a beginning balance of \$33,552.40, contributions totaling \$17,074.68 and an investment return of 14.57% the funds ended 2021 with a balance of \$64,152.06.

Donors may select the funds to which their gifts are directed. In 2021, donors contributed to the



“undesigned fund” and the “New Life” fund. The undesigned fund is one in which the Session decides on the use of the funds in accordance with church priorities. The New Life fund was established

to provide support for staff development and “seed” money for staff to innovate church programs.

Everyone can give to the endowment and contributions in any amount at any time are appreciated. Some of our donors make a monthly contribution and others a one time gift. But no matter when or how much... all work to the Glory of God!

The endowment funds are invested in a balanced portfolio of equities and fixed income with the Texas Presbyterian Foundation (TPF). To measure how our investments have performed against other investment firms an industry standard is used. This standard is called an Index and shows how the TPF balanced fund investments compare to balanced funds offered by other investment firms.

The index reported a return of 12.5% for 2021 compared to ours of 14.5% which was good but the endowment is a long term program so returns over several years are a more important gauge of measur-

ing how well our money is being managed.



Since the inception of our program in 2015 the index has returned an average annual return of 9.9%. Our average return has been 13.14% so we are well pleased.

You can find a complete breakdown of our Endowment Fund numbers in our church’s 2021 Annual Report.

For His Kingdom,
Paul M. Thomson, Ph.D.
President, Endowment Board of Trustees

The mission of the FPCE Endowment Fund, established in December 2015, is to provide new and enhanced ministry and discipleship opportunities through the responsible management of endowed gifts.