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“ remember,
I am with you
(Matthew 28:20)
always ... ”

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Welcoming God's Helper

BY REV. DAN HUTCHINSON, ASSOCIATE PASTOR



On June 9, we will gather together for a **Festival Sunday** as we celebrate Pentecost. But what exactly is Pentecost? And why are we asking you to change up your normal worship experience on this particular day?

The word Pentecost comes from Greek and refers to the 50th day after the resurrection of Jesus. After Jesus ascended into heaven, the disciples were together, waiting for the promised Holy Spirit. Suddenly, a sound like a rushing wind filled the room. Fire appeared over their heads without warning, and they found themselves speaking in unknown tongues!

So strange was this event that Jews who had come to Jerusalem from all over the Mediterranean began to gather around. They heard the disciples speaking their native languages and proclaiming the “mighty works of God!”

On Pentecost, the Spirit of God filled the church and, as a result, men and women believed in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins.

“*God does not redeem us and then leave us on our own! He is always with us.*”

So, what does Pentecost mean for us today?

First, Pentecost reminds us that we have been given the Holy Spirit! If you are in Christ, the Spirit of God dwells in you. This is what Jesus promised His disciples in John 14, saying “God will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth ... You know him, for he dwells in you and will be in you.”

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Second, Pentecost reminds us that we have been given the Holy Spirit who empowers us as witnesses. Just as Christ calls us to Himself, He calls to mission. But we are not asked to rely on our own strength.

Before the ascension, Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they received the Holy Spirit. It was the Spirit that enabled them to be Christ's witnesses in Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

We think of the Holy Spirit as the Comforter, or the One who convicts us of sin, or the One who illuminates the Scriptures, and all of this is right, but the Spirit does more than that. The Holy Spirit empowers us as witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

It is not up to us to save people. Only God can do that. And it is not up to us to convince people of the truth of the gospel. That too is the Spirit's work. We are called to be witnesses. We are called to speak and to live in such a way that the Spirit can use us. And what is the end goal?

Third, Pentecost reminds us that we have been given the Holy Spirit who empowers us as witnesses because God is calling people to himself from every tongue and tribe and nation. God desires that all people would come to know Him.

It doesn't matter where you are from, what your background is, what language you speak, what you have done or left undone, or what obstacles are in the way. God loves you and wants to be in relationship with you. And He is doing whatever it takes to make His way into your life—even empowering people to speak in different tongues!

God is calling us, the church, to get in the game. We are those who have been captured by God's relentless love. The Spirit dwells in us. So, as we celebrate Pentecost together, let's be attentive to how the Spirit is calling each of us to proclaim this great and glorious good news.

What should the next issue's pastor's letter address? Email your own theological, biblical, or moral questions to communications@firstchurchtulsa.org (subject: Ask a Pastor).

Habitat House Update

BY REV. JAMES ESTES



Home has a powerful resonance across the human experience. We tend to be people who love our homeland and who, at the end of a long day, want to go home for rest and relaxation. There are advertisements that promote opportunities to “work from home” and haven’t we all had a moment traveling away from the familiar and feeling (if not singing), “homeward bound, I wish I was, homeward bound ...”

Home has come even to have theological undertones. On the night that Jesus would be betrayed he spoke to his disciples, encouraging them to keep his word; to order their lives according to his teaching and example.

To them he said, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.” Imagine that! God wants to come make his home with us, each and all. And compelled by this great home-making love, Christians have been making homes for others ever since.

As a part of this ancient tradition, in September First Church will be raising the walls on its eleventh home with Habitat for Humanity. A couple of changes from our recent builds will be exciting new partnerships. This year we will be joining with First Baptist Church, First Baptist North Tulsa, Cedar Ridge Christian Church, and International Community Outreach at the University of Tulsa. You never know who you might end up standing next to while

swinging a hammer or painting a wall. In addition to building our house, it will be a time to hear the stories that have brought each of us home to Jesus.

Finally, home is a place where we are sometimes wounded and where we can seek to be healed. It has been 100 years since the tragic race massacre here in Tulsa. And many of the wounds in our city are still waiting to be healed. What do we do with wounds received at home? For a start, we can bring them to Jesus, whose own family believed him to be a madman; Jesus who understands wounds of every kind and who knows what makes for healing. With our shared need for God’s healing love, this year’s habitat home will be built by a diverse group of Christians as a quiet witness to the reconciliation by which Jesus Christ is drawing all people to come home to him.

The build this year will be on the 700 block of North Birmingham Ave, just one block south of the last build in which we participated. The home will be going to the Tung Pi family. They are a lovely Burmese refugee family with a four year old son. Soon we will have photos and more information about this family and how we can celebrate their new beginning in Tulsa, so be on the lookout as this wonderful story unfolds.

GET INVOLVED IN HABITAT!

To help fund this project or volunteer your time, contact Rachel Kamaru, ministry assistant to mission at 918-301-1039.

Youth Meeting God Through Mission

STORY BY JACKSON SEIBERT,
PHOTOS USED BY PERMISSION



“The mission trip is the highlight of their summer” says Kelly Brown, in reference to her two sons: Jonas, 6th grade, and Lucas, 8th grade. “They do scout camp and all sorts of other stuff during the summer, but the mission trip is what they look forward to the most.”

The same is true for a lot of the youth who are involved in Pathfinders (middle school ministry) and Exodus (high school ministry) at First Church. It’s true in my own experience as a youth and as a leader. But why? What is it about mission trips that makes them special?

On the surface, the experience doesn’t look that awesome — sleeping on the floor, working eight hours a day in addition to lessons and worship in the evening, stinky vans, 30 middle school students. What makes that more desirable



than staying at home, sleeping in, playing video games, or swimming at the pool?

Rachel Atwood, a junior thinks community is the difference maker. “Spending time with other youth who love Jesus is fun!” Rachel was not a regular church-goer but was invited on a Pathfinder mission trip by her friend Natalie. She admits that she probably wouldn’t have gone on that initial trip if she hadn’t known a few other students, but once she had that first mission trip experience, she was hooked.

And once she was hooked, she was drawn in deeper. “The first mission trip was about fun and hanging out with others, but then they transitioned to something more faith-based,” Rachel reflected. “The night after you spent your whole day helping people, you want to talk to God — talk it out with Him, ask Him questions, tell Him you are thankful for just the chance to be able to serve.”

Kelly has also observed this faith development in action. She is not just a parent of two middle schoolers, but is also a middle school adult leader about to embark on her third mission trip with the Pathfinders.

“It’s beautiful seeing faith in its raw state being acted out,” she says. “It’s all new to them ... To see their excitement, gets me excited ... When I heard worship the first night, it was the most moving worship I have ever been a part of. It’s reinvigorating.”

It’s true. Mission trips are completely exhausting, but somehow they are reinvigorating for the youth and the leaders. They create space in our hardened hearts for the

Holy Spirit to work. We are actively practicing the spiritual disciplines of prayer, scripture, community, worship and service, 17 hours a day for six days straight. Even though it is exhausting, we can't help but be energized because we just spent 107 waking hours in tune with the giver of life Himself. We come away from the mission trip feeling reinvigorated because we have just spent a week more alive than we have been for the 51 weeks that year.

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If this gets you excited, or you would like someone else to have this unbeatable experience, there are many ways to get involved. Option one: you can always **attend a mission trip yourself**. There are many opportunities throughout the year for both youth and adults.

Option two: **get involved**. You don't have to go anywhere to do these things. Really, its all just about being the big “C” Church. Volunteer with children's, youth, or college ministry.

Join the community of volunteers so that you can serve together and grow together!

Options three: **pray**. Join with us in surrounding these events with prayer. This may seem like the easiest point of entry, but really, it is the most important!

Lastly, you can also **provide an opportunity for someone else** to go on a mission trip. We get multiple students every year seeking scholarships for the mission trip. We are so grateful for all of those who provide so that we as youth ministry can accommodate anyone who wants to go, regardless of their financial situations.

In just a few short weeks, the youth ministry will be attending two different mission trips. We appreciate your prayers and support. Thank you for providing us the opportunity to be the Body of Christ in the world.

HELP PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH!

Exodus trip to Memphis, TN June 16-23.
Pathfinders trip to Dallas, TX June 23-29.

Welcome to the Confirmation Class of 2019!



Bella
Thompson



Caleb
Mangesho



Cesar
Hernandez



Eleanor Percy



Emma
Woodard



Katelyn Barry



Michael
Pielsticker



Olivia Wasson



Will Schieper

CONFIRMATION AT FIRST CHURCH

These nine students have spent the last school year intentionally exploring their faith with dedicated volunteer youth leaders and staff. On **May 2** they made a public affirmation of their faith and became covenant members of the church. Please help welcome our newest members!



Flowers on a Mission

STORY AND PHOTOGRAPHS
BY MARIESA WORMAN

“God in His grace, shows Himself nowhere more to me, than through some veil, mortal and lovely, which I will love for being His mirror.” - Michelangelo

They are strikingly beautiful and wonderfully fragrant, but there is much more behind the two breathtaking florals that greet us in the sanctuary each Sunday than “just a pretty face.”

Yes, these flowers are on a mission to reflect the generosity, splendor, and love of their Creator, and we, His people, have the blessing and privilege of aiding them in that lofty goal!

Proverbs 14:22 tells us we should “plan to do good.” What

follows is a tale of some folks and flowers who have taken that scripture to heart.

Exactly how the flower ministry began, Sherrye Halliburton isn’t quite sure; but she is sure that the hand of God has been visible from its inception. Sherrye’s earliest thoughts regarding the flower ministry take us back to the late 1950s when her mother, Mary Ellen Esser, was asked by Mrs. Crosby to take over arranging the weekly bouquets.

Following each Sunday worship service, these bouquets were routinely created from the chancel flowers and delivered to hospitalized members of our congregation.

At that time the bouquets were originally prepared in 64-oz. juice cans rather than the white vases we currently use. Becky Frank would retrieve cans from the Children’s Medical Center where she was employed. After cleaning, Becky would bring the cans to church where Sherrye’s mother and Marian Crume would wrap them in green floral foil, thereby transforming them into vases — which sounds like resourcefulness and good stewardship to me!

“Back in the day,” the original flower team was united not only in service, but in discipleship as well. All of them were members of the “Mr. & Mrs.” Sunday School class. They serve as a witness to one of the important aspects of participating in a Sunday School class, where church

members can pool their resources and energy to engage in mission-related projects — otherwise known as “planning to do good.”

Sometime around 1990, Marian was unable to continue helping Mary, so Sherrye began assisting her mom. She ultimately assumed full responsibility for the ministry when her mother’s health began to fail as well. With the help of Mary Ann and Tom Marberry and others, she has continued preparing these arrangements and serving up cheer for 28 years!

As time went on, the scope of the flower mission changed, in part due to the advancements of modern medicine. Hospital stays grew shorter and shorter for patients, which meant fewer bouquets were required each week. One of the large arrangements was usually all it took to fulfill the need.

So with a new surplus of flowers to spare, Daphne Matson began enlisting deacons and other willing parties to take the remaining large arrangement to an assisted living facility so residents and guests there could share in the joy of the lovely fresh flowers. Thus, a second branch of the flower ministry was born!

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Our deacons now deliver all the bouquets, large and small, to hospitals and assisted living facilities each Sunday. This may seem like a simple duty, but there is a lot of coordinating that takes place behind the scenes to ensure everything flows smoothly. Carol Elrod is the current Flower Committee chair and works with Sherrye and the board of deacons to organize deliveries.

Carol has no doubt as to the meaning these flowers and those who deliver them have for their recipients. She believes it is a growing experience for all involved and is truly a way to extend the love of Christ and our worship service beyond the borders of our facility. “The beauty and fragrance of the flowers remain long after the visitation and they have a far greater impact than we are able to realize,” she shared.

Carol shared one particularly poignant moment when her mother was living in the Health Center at University Village and a deacon arrived bearing the special gift. She saw the joy burst forth on her mother’s face and the tears in her eyes as the deacon prayed with her. Then her mother,

whose mind was plagued with dementia, began reciting The Lord’s Prayer.

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How can you be involved, you ask? Perhaps you’ve noticed in your bulletin each week that the chancel flowers are donated in honor or memory of particular people. At present, Janet Drisko coordinates flower donations.

“Most often, donors like to choose dates that coincide with a birth date or anniversary of a loved one,” she explained. “Some donors, however, simply have me plug them in on any Sunday that has not yet been filled. Donations are needed 46 out of the 52 Sundays in our calendar year.”

Janet also explained that often, only one large arrangement is needed for dividing and taking to hospitals. In those instances, the donor can request that one of the large arrangements be delivered to an assisted living facility of their choice.

Donors also have the option of providing input regarding colors, unless it is a Communion Sunday. (On those Sundays, “all white” is the standard.) Due to the graciousness of our floral provider, these arrangements are also far less costly than you might imagine, so don’t hesitate to get in touch with Janet and check into securing a spot on this important schedule!

If there’s one thing that each of these volunteers has in common, it’s their humility ... When asked to be photographed or interviewed, almost every person involved would imply or say, “Oh, don’t include me. My role is so insignificant.” Each one was really saying, “This is not about me.”

They are right, of course. Now where is it that we’ve heard about dying to self? Oh, yes . . . the Bible! And as we allow our “selves” to be overcome by Christ, we too become more than “just a pretty face.” We become missionaries who display and carry to others His message of beauty, grace, and love just like our friends, “the lilies of the field.”

GET INVOLVED!

You can support the flower ministry by sponsoring a Sunday bouquet! Contact Janet Drisko at janet.drisko@sbcglobal.net.

Member Care: The First Church Hospital Chaplain Ministry

STAFF REPORT



The hospital room was stark and somber. A sweet elderly lady curled up in her hospital bed and considered the diagnosis that the physician had shared with her. She felt alone; her son lived in Houston, her sister was too frail to come see her.

A stranger knocked on the door and gently entered the room. “Would you be up for a visit and some prayer?” asked the lay chaplain from First Presbyterian Church.

The patient was thrilled to have some company and was strengthened by the conversation and prayer. The lay leader read from *Jesus Calling* and the message clearly touched the woman’s heart.

When the visit concluded, the lay chaplain returned to her home, located an extra copy of the book, cut some beautiful flowers from the garden, and immediately traveled back to the hospital. The sweet lady was moved to tears by the gift and the reminder that she was not alone.

God’s presence and comfort showed up that afternoon via the loving care of Judy Brill, a First Church chaplain who was visiting patients at St. John Hospital that day.

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The Hospital Chaplain ministry at First Church was created 17 years ago to serve as an extension of the pastors’ visits to church members who were hospitalized. These lay chaplains are called to be faithful witnesses to the love and healing grace of Jesus Christ.

Currently, 15 chaplains sign up to make visits on Tuesdays and Fridays each month. They meet quarterly as a group for

supervision and continuing education from Dr. Jim Miller and lay leader Hannah Robson. During these sessions, the chaplains often tell stories about how they are touched by those they meet in the hospital. It is a holy privilege to see how the Lord is at work in the lives of those who are suffering, or going through end of life decisions, or rejoicing at the birth of a new baby.

Hannah Robson shares that she has visited people with illnesses, broken bones, drug overdoses, surgeries, new babies, problem pregnancies, and families who have just lost loved ones. “One in particular that I remember was a

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woman from our Tulsa International Fellowship community, who was pretty new to the US and to Tulsa. She was around 30 weeks pregnant, had complications, and was frightened about possibly losing the baby. She didn’t speak much English, was alone in the room and scared. Bringing the love of Christ to her through prayer and scriptures helped to calm her and give her hope. I learned a lot about absolute trust in Jesus from her. Even though she was frightened, it was evident that she trusted Jesus to get her and her baby through the situation.”

Pam Farris, another lay chaplain also recalls her experiences with reverence and joy: “There are so many wonderful

experiences, but probably the one that has a tender place in my heart, is being able to honor a patient who served in the military by reading Psalm 91 to him and his family.”

“Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” (Psalm 91:1-2)

Mark and Paula Peterson also visit the hospitals together; it is a ministry they have committed to as a married couple. “We visited a man in October who was hospitalized with colon cancer and was discouraged with the diagnosis. During our visit, we read the New Living Translation of Lamentations 3:22-26. Beginning with the first verse (“The faithful love of the Lord never ends”). We began to sense the strong presence of the Lord. We felt we were in a glorious cloud of God’s love and peace. This wonderful manifestation of God’s presence continued while the Scripture was being read.”

“We visited the man again when he was hospitalized in February. He revealed that experiencing the supernatural presence of the Lord during our October visit was a turning point in his attitude toward his condition. He said having felt God’s loving and powerful presence gave him peace that he had not experienced prior to that time. He died in April.”

Hannah Robson shares how three different times, the Holy Spirit nudged her to get to the hospital quickly to see someone when she wasn’t even scheduled to make visits. Each time, the patient had either just passed away or was in the process. Hannah considered this Holy Ground and was honored to be present to pray with the family, hug them, and show them the love of Christ.

“Serving in this ministry has deepened my faith by seeing how Christ works through ordinary believers like the Volunteer Chaplains to help others know that Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, is always there with them in the room.”

First Church wants to walk alongside you during your hospital stay. Please contact Bev Carter at 918-584-4701, bcarter@firstchurchtulsa.org if you or a loved one is in the hospital and would welcome a visit.



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Meet Our Newest Members!

This spring, we welcomed 12 new members into the life of First Church. When you see one of these individuals, be sure to extend a welcome and good cheer!

The **Inquirer's Class** is an opportunity to learn more about membership at First Church, the Presbyterian denomination, and the Christian faith. It is also a time to meet the pastors, ask lots of questions, and get to know other newcomers!

For more information, contact Patricia Hall, director of new member outreach at (918) 301-1028 or phall@firstchurchtulsa.org.



Jennifer & Jonathan Anthony



Marianne Evans-Lombe



Ruby Graff



Jake King



Judith Muyange



Kathleen and Tom Reynolds



Susan and Tommy Slaten



Rachel & Scott Stulen

Church Staff Updates

NEW STAFF MEMBERS



Sarah Savage

Director of Children's Ministries

Contact Sarah at ssavage@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-301-1006.

RECOGNITION FOR KELLIE WASSON, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

With great affection and appreciation, the congregation says farewell to the Wasson Family this summer. Chip, Kellie, Olivia, and Anna will be relocating to Virginia due to Chip's employment; George will be headed to the University of Arkansas. Kellie has faithfully served as the interim director of Children's Ministries since August of 2018 when she stepped in to the role with ease and a commitment to continue building this fast-growing ministry. Kellie has a deep and abiding love for Jesus, and she uses this as a foundation to build loving relationships with children, families, and volunteers. We offer a prayer of thanksgiving for Kellie and her family!

PASTORS PREPARE FOR SABBATICALS

A time for rest and reflection is coming up for several of our First Church pastors. Dr. Ryan Moore, Rev. Dan Hutchinson, and Rev. James Estes all wish to convey their deepest gratitude to the personnel committee and the congregation for their love and support!

First **Dr. Moore** is preparing for a sabbatical from June 10-September 3. He and his family will be spending time around the East Coast with family and visiting friends and colleagues in Scotland and Spain. Later, **Rev. Hutchinson** will be taking time off from August-September, spending time with family, mentors, and professors, as well as on some outdoor adventures. **Rev. Estes** will be taking a sabbatical from November through December. He's planning to spend his time in libraries and hammocks, in hiking boots and tents, in the living room couch-cushion fort, and visiting family wherever they may be.

Parish Register

THE JOY OF NEW LIFE! WE WELCOME

Obadiah Immanuel Estes, born March 12, 2019, son of James and Lindsey Estes

Emery Hope Elizabeth Eddington, March 26, 2019, daughter of Christopher and Laura Eddington

Miles Eric Wasson, April 23, 2019, son of Daniel and Meredith Wasson

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

March 3, 2019, **Miss Sutton Paige Moore**, daughter of Bradford Keith and Paige Moore

March 17, 2019, **Miss Elizabeth Boozer**, daughter of Ashley and Robert Boozer

April 21, 2019, **Mr. Adrian James Forsythe**, son of Hannah and Lucas Forsythe

April 28, 2019, **Miss Carol June Matson and Georgia Beth Matson** daughters of Laura Beth and Andy Matson

April 28, 2019, **Miss Mollie Katherine Mueller**, daughter of Karly and Chris Mueller

May 12, 2019, **Lake Elliott Sanders**, son of Jenny and Brian Sanders.

May 12, 2019, **Chloe Rose Wilson**, daughter of Courtney and Rich Wilson

May 12, 2019, **Caroline Rene' Blankenship**, daughter of Cary and Will Blankenship

May 12, 2019, **Bella Deane Quiroz**, daughter of Tiffany Curtis and Salvador Quiroz

May 12, 2019, **Gabriel Emmanuel Quiroz**, son of Tiffany Curtis and Salvador Quiroz

WITH GRATITUDE FOR THE RESURRECTION

Mary Hight, a member since 1962 died on February 11, 2019

Dorothy Morgan Efron (Dorry), a member since 2013, died on March 2, 2019

Frank D. Canahl, a member since 1998, died March 11, 2019

Vivian Wenona Dean, a member since 1958, died April 20, 2019

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PASTORAL CARE - WHO TO CALL

Do you (or someone you know) need prayer? Would you like to report a death or request a hospital visit? Also, if you have a birth announcement or change in marital status, please contact Bev Carter at (918) 301-1029 or bcarter@firstchurchtulsa.org.

If you have an emergency or time-sensitive information, please call (918) 584-4701. If it is after-hours or on the weekend, the voicemail system can connect you to the on-call pastor.

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

WORSHIP TIMES

First Church members gather together in worship. Traditional services are at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary; contemporary worship is at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in Stephenson Hall; and TIF (international worship) is at 11:00 a.m. in the Bernsen Community Life Center.

9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

Adult and children's classes meet during a dedicated Sunday school hour. (See page 4 for class listings)

TELEVISED BROADCASTS AND ONLINE LIVE STREAMING

Can't make it to a worship service? Home-bound members and prospective visitors regularly take advantage of these resources. (For a list of channels and times, visit firstchurchtulsa.org/media)



Growing Communities

Authentic leaders understand the value of Growing Communities and seek to bring people together to help the community thrive. Join emcee Clarence Fisher and featured guest Sean Kouplen, CEO Regent Bank and Secretary of Commerce along with a stellar lineup of local community builders as they share their successful strategies and outcomes for growing community.

Thursday, June 13
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Stephenson Hall

Reserve your optional buffet lunch (\$8) at:

firstchurchtulsa.org/leadertalks



Help out at
Camp Sunshine

August 3, 2019



Join the First Church Deacons, in partnership with St. Francis Pediatric Oncology, to offer children who are or have been battling cancer an opportunity to get out in nature for a joyful day at Camp Loughridge with their families!



Supplies and Volunteers Needed!

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**STARTING JUNE 9
SUNDAY NIGHTS @ 7 P.M.
IN THE POWERHOUSE**

**COFFEE BAR 8:15 - 9 P.M.
AFTER WORSHIP**



Autobiographies of Grace

Please join us as members of the First Church community share their inspiring personal testimonies of how Jesus Christ has been at work in and through their lives!

June 2 - Kevin Morrison

June 9 - Gary Mathews

(Interviewed by Laurie Winslow)

June 16 - Perry Newman

June 23 - Courtney Miller

June 30 - Steve Wilson

Sundays in June in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m.