

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
ON SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023, AT 10:30**

Please join us for worship this Sunday, the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 9, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. Our Scripture readings are Psalm 145:8-14 ("The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love") and Romans 7:15-25a ("For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my

mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members”). The title of the sermon is “Captive to Sin,” and a copy of the bulletin can be found here: <https://fpcovictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/2023-7-9-Bulletin-PDF.pdf>



**THE DATES ARE FAST APPROACHING FOR
OUR RUMMAGE SALE:
FRIDAY, JULY 28, THROUGH SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2023!**

**VOLUNTEERS AS WELL AS DONORS
ARE GREATLY NEEDED**

As your pastor reported last week, a lot of well-organized folks have already begun to bring their “stuff” to be offered at the next FPC Rummage Sale on Friday, July 28, through Saturday, July 29, 2023. Happily, based on what folks are telling me, there is much more to come!

Therefore, as we encourage folks to clean out their closets, attics, and garages, we also need to issue a call to volunteers to come and help us sort and tag all of the great things we have received and that are continuing to be dropped off. All next week (Monday, July 10, through Friday, July 14), Dawn Neel and Erica Colding will be working on and off in Fellowship Hall to get our Rummage Sale organized. We will turn the air conditioning on, and snacks and beverages will be available.

Obviously, however, Erica and Dawn cannot manage everything by themselves, so we very much encourage you to just “stop in” when you have some free time and are able to help us out for an hour or two. “Many hands

make light work,” and in this case, “a big effort will make for a better fundraiser.” Moreover, if you can help us during the sale (on Friday and Saturday), even for a little bit, that too will be greatly appreciated.

Incidentally, our indefatigable Office Administrator and Child of the Age of Social Media, Erica Colding, has been posting periodic announcements about our Rummage Sale on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/fpcovictoria.org)-- and people are noticing! Members of the public are contributing items for our Rummage Sale, and many “followers” of our Facebook page are “sharing” Erica’s posting about this event. If you are a Facebook follower, check out our page and help us spread the word!

Finally, howsoever you can help us, please join us in this worthy cause and some happy fellowship. In addition to your contributions, which will soon be someone else’s treasure, your time and energy (and publicity!) will help make our Rummage Sale a great success for the second year in a row.

May God bless our efforts in this worthwhile endeavor!

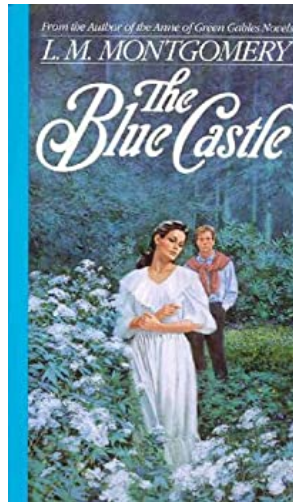


FLEXIBILTiy REGARDING OUR ONE GREAT HOUR OF CARING

Given our need for volunteers with the Rummage Sale, we will, during the month of July, take a “flexible approach” to scheduling our biweekly Friday cleaning sessions. For instance, we definitely will **not** be gathering for a

cleaning session this Friday morning, July 7th. If you have some free time on that date, however, please come on by and help us get organized for the Rummage Sale.

Meanwhile, watch for further announcements and information in this Newsletter about the July schedule for our One Great Hour of Caring.



**BOOK CLUB RESUMES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023, AT 1:00 P.M.**

It's summer, and thus time to find and read a good book (or several!). On Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., the Book Club will convene to discuss *The Blue Castle*, by L.M. Montgomery. Now is a good time to get your copy and spend some leisure time reading it (you know you want to!).

Plan to gather with friends at the end of summer to share your love of reading and to trade reviews of *The Blue Castle*.

**OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL
FOR AGES 5-12**

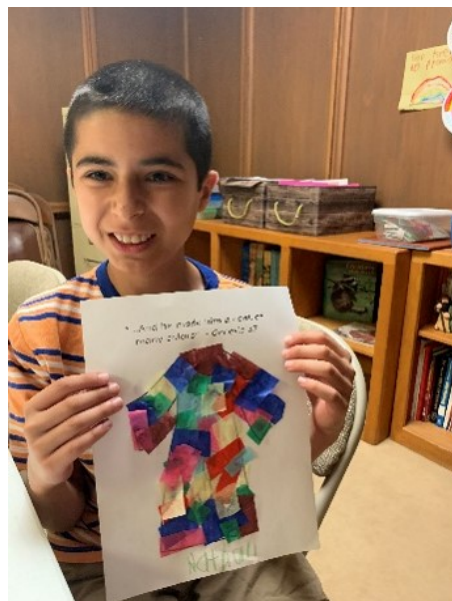


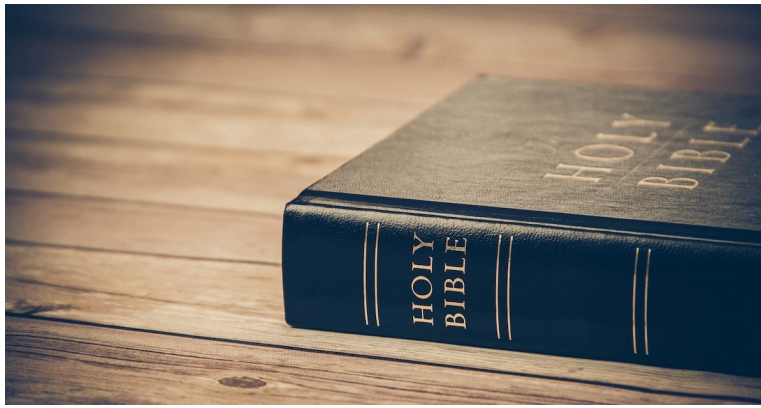
Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these". Matt 19:14

"...and he made him a coat of many colors" - Genesis, chapter 37.
We have concluded our lesson on Joseph, and we focused this week's lesson on the beautiful coat given to Joseph by his father. We crafted our very own mini coat using tissue paper and glue. We also used graham crackers and colorful gummy candy to build a tasty snack.

Join us as this Sunday morning from 9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m., as we begin our lesson on baby Moses.

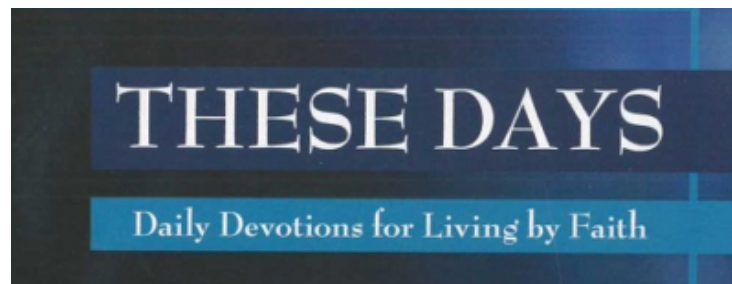
Children ages 5-12 are welcome. Contact Leila Galvan at 956-367-2234 if you have questions or would like to participate. All are welcome!





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- The Nellie Hudson Adult Sunday School Class will resume on Sunday, July 23, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor.
 - Kingdom Kids: Join us this Sunday, at 9:45 AM. We hope to see you there.
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CURRENT COPIES OF “THESE DAYS” HAVE ARRIVED

The church has received the July/August/September 2023 edition of *These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith*. Upon request, we would be happy to mail a copy to any member desiring one. Also, we will place copies of *These Days* on the tables in the Narthex and in front of the Church Office for people to pick up on Sunday mornings or whenever they are at the church. The devotionals in this cherished publication are always a wonderful source of inspiration, hope, and comfort.

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim

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