

GROUP NOTES

SEPTEMBER 15 & 22

Reminder

If your class elects a new president, please inform Pastor Madison and have them reach out with their name, email address, and expected term length.



Communications

Please announce the following to your class:

Transition to Church Center

We are in the process of changing church databases. Look out for communications from Pastor Molly about this transition. And do not fear! Change is scary, but we are all in this together! Pastor Molly and Heather Hanson are available September 15 and September 29 at 10 am and noon in the parlor to assist you and answer your questions.



REMINDER

Send Class Mission Contact to Pastor Molly

Pastor Molly is working to accumulate a list of representatives from each class who she can contact regarding mission, service, and volunteer opportunities. Please have a member of your class reach out to her by email.

Cloud Covered Streets Birthday Party

We are celebrating one year of ministry with Cloud Covered Streets! Join us from 9-11 am on September 18 at 407 N. Mesquite Street.

Chaperones Needed for Carter Field Trip

If you are willing and available, Carter Jr. High is looking for chaperones to accompany their 8th graders to the Perot Museum on Friday, October 11. Please reach out to Bob Fancher for more information: bob@thefancherteam.com.

Pastor Madison Class Availability in November

I have heard from some classes that they would be interested in joining together with other classes for a study I will lead in November. If your class is interested, please let me know by email so I can work on arranging a good space to gather.

Spaghetti Supper Moved to Spring

In order to space out some of our giving initiatives, we will be moving the Spaghetti Supper youth fundraiser to the spring.



Curriculum

Browse Studies on [Amplify](#) - [Click here to set up an account](#)

Hispanic Heritage Month

[The Scandal of Redemption with Oscar Romero](#)

Three short years transformed El Salvador's Archbishop Oscar Romero from a defender of the status quo into one of the most outspoken voices of the oppressed. An assassin's bullet ended his life, but his message lives on. These selections from Romero's diaries and radio broadcasts invite each of us to align our own lives with the way of Jesus that lifts up the poor, welcomes the broken, wins over enemies, and transforms the history of entire nations.

[Brown Church with Robert Chao Romero](#)

For five hundred years, Latina/o culture and identity have been shaped by their challenges to the religious, socio-economic, and political status quo, whether in opposition to Spanish colonialism, Latin American dictatorships, US imperialism in Central America, the oppression of farmworkers, or the current exploitation of undocumented immigrants. Christianity has played a significant role in that movement at every stage. Robert Chao Romero, the son of a Mexican father and a Chinese immigrant mother, explores the history and theology of what he terms the "Brown Church." Romero considers how this movement has responded to these and other injustices throughout its history by appealing to the belief that God's vision for redemption includes not only heavenly promises but also the transformation of every aspect of our lives and the world. Walking through this history of activism and faith, readers will discover that Latina/o Christians have a heart after God's own.



Calendar

[Click here for link to full calendar](#)

Next Fellowship at First/Away We Go:

Wednesday, September 18 11 am - 2 pm

Join our group at the Aging Well Expo. Enjoy a grab-and-go lunch and free parking. The expo is free and offers valuable resources, interactions with health professionals and vendors, and aims to motivate adults to lead healthier lives. Registration is limited to 30 people.

Upcoming and Ongoing Studies:

[Saints and Their Stories - Ancient and Modern w/Pastor Kay](#)

Tuesdays at 2 pm in Room 154; Zoom at 7 pm

8/6 - 9/24

[Untangling Faith w/Pastor Kay](#)

Tuesdays at 2 pm in Room 154; Zoom at 7 pm

10/1 - 11/5

[For Such a Time as This? - Election Year Group w/Pastor Madison](#)

4th Sunday of every month from 5 - 6:30 pm Banquet Room;

Following Wednesday from 6:30 - 7:30 pm on Zoom