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Editor's Note: This article is a special contribution to The Penn Street Letter, by Cathy Neece Brown, VP of Mission Support, James L. West Center.

Fort Worth has been blessed with a plethora of gifted community leaders and volunteers who have given their time and treasure unselfishly. Among these were the Rev. Floyd and Dorothy Kinser, a truly powerful team. Servants of the church, the Kinsers were also servants of the community. Rev. and Mrs. Kinser elevated the word "service" by cultivating a passion for identifying, discovering, and meeting community needs wherever they served.



Rev. Floyd and Dorothy Kinser

Rev. Kinser served as a Presbyterian minister for 44 years, first in Menard and then Wichita Falls, Abilene, Bowie, and Nocona, before arriving at First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth in 1970, where he served as Associate Pastor and then Associate Pastor, Emeritus, until his death in 2020. Dorothy, a lifelong Presbyterian, met Floyd at University Presbyterian Church in Austin. They married in

1951, and had three sons, Glen, Kevin, and Owen. Dorothy was a school librarian, serving at several schools in Fort Worth ISD. Dorothy died in 2021, just six weeks after Floyd.

A precursor to today's West Center, Floyd and the staff of First Presbyterian Church established a Senior Adult Day Care Program at the church to support the needs of families with loved ones diagnosed with dementia. Since that time, First Presbyterian Church has played a defining role in supporting persons and families in their walk with Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

The seeds planted at FPC grew within the walls of Fort Worth's James L. West Center for Dementia Care. The Day Program, which has been touching lives in the community for the last 36 years, will reopen in a new stand-alone location

in Southwest Fort Worth, adjacent to Texas Health Harris Southwest Hospital. The move was necessitated by regulatory requirements for the Center to have a stand-alone quarantine unit in the event that Covid-19 impacts the Center's residents. This meant the Day Program would need to be relocated to another campus.

A comprehensive fundraising campaign began in September 2021, which resulted in the West Center's ability to purchase a 6,000 square foot medical building in southwest Fort Worth. Through God's grace, the building formerly housed a day program for adults with intellectual developmental disability, as well as those with cognitive impairment (dementia). Construction and renovation of the space, along with the completion of the capital campaign, will conclude in late spring 2022. The program plans to open to the community in early May 2022.

A generous gift of \$1 million (over three years) from First Presbyterian Church secured the naming of the building, which will honor the program founders and visionaries the Rev. Floyd and Dorothy Kinser. The naming recognizes and honors their shared vision to serve seniors, the church, and the community.

"Floyd and Dorothy Kinser's achievements, and the many ways their ministries served others in Fort Worth and beyond, are a result of their passion for the world of ministry and service. For these reasons and many more it is an honor and privilege to name the West Center's Adult Day Program



6050 Harris Parkway in southwest Fort Worth, which will house the Day Program.



February is National Children's Dental Health month and the Early Education Center hosted Heather Scoggins from Fort Worth Children's Dentistry to help our kids learn about good oral health.



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We can't wait for Summer 2022! After two summers of not being able to gather for our normal summer programming, we are excited for the ways we will be able to learn, grow and have fun together. Registration begins on March 1 for all FPC summer programs (VBS, Music and Arts and Mission on the Move). For more information or to register for any of these programs, visit FPCFW.ORG/KIDSSUMMER.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Dates & times: June 20-24, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Ages: For 3 years old (by January 1, 2022) through 5th Grade

Cost: \$20

This summer our VBS farm theme will focus on seeing ourselves as part of the global family and gaining a deeper appreciation of the ways in which Heifer International helps people, animals, and the environment live in harmony as God's great creation. Our curriculum, Animal Crackers, will offer an incredible opportunity for kids to make a deep connection between growing in faith and practicing their faith in the world. Come learn, serve, spend time with friends, and strengthen your connection with God.

ELEMENTARY MUSIC & ARTS CAMP

Dates & times: June 20-24, 12 - 5 p.m.

Ages: Entering 1st through 6th grade (Fall 2022)

Cost: \$75 (Optional daily lunch for \$12/week)

Come sing, say, dance, and play as we prepare to present the family classic *Where the Wild Things Are!* During this week of creative fun and exploration, we will play percussion instruments of all kinds, learn a few new dance moves, polish our acting skills, create works of art, and so much more! Come ready to get creative and learn!

PRE-K MUSIC & ARTS CAMP

Dates & times: July 25-29, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Ages: 4 years old (by July 25, 2022) through entering Kindergarten

Cost: \$50

Carnival of the Animals will be the theme for this year in Pre-K Music and Art Camp. Campers will dance, sing, play instruments, and create works of art based on *The Carnival of the Animals* by composer Camille Saint-Saëns. He composed this music following many visits to the zoo in Paris. The closing performance will take place at 12 p.m. on the final day of camp.

MISSION ON THE MOVE

Dates & times: July 25-28, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Ages: For entering 4th through 8th Graders

Cost: \$50 per child

Upper Elementary and Middle School Youth are invited for a weeklong (Monday-Thursday) immersion experience focusing on housing in our community. We will work hands-on with local organizations. On Friday evening we will cool off with a pool party at the Forest Park Pool.

MO-RANCH CAMP

Dates & times: July 10-16, Overnight Camp

Ages: For Ages 8-15 Years

Cost: See below

Location: Mo-Ranch Camp in Hunt, Texas

FPC has a long history of children attending Mo-Ranch summer camps, and the church pays a portion of camp costs for our members who attend. The majority of FPC kids attend Session 6. Parents are responsible for drop-off and pick-up. Registration for camp and required paperwork is coordinated by Mo-Ranch. Parents must sign up through Mo-Ranch and then contact the church office to receive the scholarship forms.

ECO CAMP

Dates & times: July 17-22, Overnight Camp

Ages: For entering 2nd through 7th graders

Cost: \$150 per child

Location: Ferncliff Camp in Little Rock, Arkansas

Eco Camp gives children affiliated with any PCUSA church in Grace Presbytery a summer camp experience in which to learn about the environment and how to be a friend in God's creation. Camp includes green themed activities, sustainable practices, along with traditional camp fun with swimming, fishing, ECO Camp games, etc. Held at Ferncliff, the first Green Certified Camp in our denomination.



On Sunday, February 6, members and friends celebrated FPC's 25th annual Kirkin' of the Tartans, a service celebrating the Presbyterian Church's Scottish heritage. The festive service included a colorful procession of tartan plaid banners, bagpipes, and drums.



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building in their honor. I am truly amazed at the insight and energy that Rev. Kinser and his entire family poured into his ministries, and into the West Center in particular," says James L. West Center CEO Cheryl Harding. "Even in these most recent years, he served the West Center as the weekly preacher for chapel services and was a voice we could rely on for solid advice on how to serve our senior population facing dementia and Alzheimer's. Long before the national trend of support for caregivers Rev. Kinser and his wife recognized that caregivers themselves need a break from the stresses of caregiving."

Thank you to the members of First Presbyterian Church for your longstanding support of the James L. West Center for Dementia Care. The Center looks forward to welcoming the FPC family to the soft opening of the program, slated for late April/early May 2022. Watch for continued updates in upcoming issues of *The Penn Street Letter*, *Penn Street Online*, and on social media.

ALL CHURCH BRUNCH

Sunday, March 27 at 12 noon
in the FPC Great Hall

Come enjoy a delicious FREE meal, an art show for all ages, visit the playground, and learn more about FPC's Early Education Center!



Sponsored by First Presbyterian Church's Early Education Center

Boomers
fellowship ministry

Dinner
on the Patio

Mexican Buffet, tea and water included, cash bar. \$10 per person
RSVP by Friday, March 4
fpcfw.info/onthepatio

Tuesday, March 8
at 6 p.m.
The Original
Mexican Eats Cafe