



# First Presbyterian Church EPISTLE

Our Mission: Connecting with God and sharing the Good News  
of Jesus Christ with the community.

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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### **CHURCH STAFF:**

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**Steve Bayless,**  
Choir Director

**Sami Froncek**  
Accompanist

**Sean Russell,**  
Sound Room Technician

**Susan Murphy**  
Nursery

## *From the Clerk of Session*

At the suggestion of a member of the congregation for good communications between all, listed below are the various FPCD ministry teams along with primary contacts.

### **FPCD Ministry Teams**

Christian Education  
Congregational Life  
Communications  
Finance  
Information & Technology  
Missions  
Personnel  
Property  
Worship  
Session

Deacons

Think Tank

### **Contact(s)**

Marna Bayless, Linda Simons  
Jocelyn Bolles, Nancy Bergman, Darlene Cowand  
Brenda Everett, Linda Simons  
Scott Hartless, Marlene Skinner  
Sean Russell, Steve Netniss  
Sharon Ingram  
Dub Guthrie, Eric McGinnis, Lori Glover  
Malcolm Perrault, Dick Bergman, Steve Bayless  
Anna Murphy, Dub Guthrie, Steve Bayless  
Jocelyn Bolles, Clerk of Session  
Steve Bayless, Dick Bergman, Dub Guthrie, Scott Hartless,  
Sharon Ingram, Sean Russell  
Connie Steger, Chair  
Billie Cowand, Vangie Jackson, Doris Metzger,  
Edelmira Ruiz, Erin McGinnis  
Steve Netniss

If you have a suggestion or a concern regarding any of the above ministry teams, please contact the individual(s) listed so that your voice may be heard. At the same time, you may want to consider joining one of these teams and sharing your talents. The folks who lead and/or serve on the teams have a passion for that particular team. It's what they love doing and that makes serving a joy!

Are you looking but don't see your passion listed? The choir, for instance, falls under the worship team umbrella, though you don't need to serve on worship in order to sing in the choir. If you love singing and have a voice that needs to be shared, sing with us! (I need to point out "having a voice that needs to be shared" because I love to sing but don't have a voice that needs to be shared!) Do you enjoy planning or preparing meals for a variety of occasions? Join the Congregational Life team. Yes, that means some kitchen duty but we do have some very special dishwashers on hand. Do you love gardening? Come share your knowledge and expertise with us. All are welcome; you don't need to be an official "member" to share with us what you enjoy doing. We are together serving the Lord with gladness!

*Jocelyn Bolles*



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## *Festival of Hope Benefiting Duncanville Outreach Ministry*

Mark your Calendar...Saturday, **October 26**; 4:00-7:30 pm; Armstrong Park, Duncanville, Texas, to attend this event celebrating 25 years of Duncanville Outreach Ministry serving our community. Neighbors Helping Neighbors...

Support DOM with food and monetary donations

Raffles

Silent Auction

Story Telling-featuring Toni Simmons

Music-performances by FPCD choir

Activities for Children & Adults

What better way to spend a fall afternoon/evening then out in the park with friends and neighbors while helping others!

Get involved while having fun and serving other, volunteers are needed to help in the following areas:

Collecting food & monetary donations

Selling raffle tickets

Helping with the silent auction

Trash Patrol

Staffing children's area

**Telling your friends, family & neighbors**

*Anna Murphy*



Looking forward to Advent....in the past couple of years, we've had beautiful Poinsettia plants in the Sanctuary during Advent. Unfortunately, each year the price has gone up, and we'd tried not to pass the cost on to you. This year we have an opportunity to purchase our Poinsettias from Boy Scout Troop 493. While the plants will be smaller (6" pots vs. 8"), they are guaranteed "Florist Quality", include pot cover and sleeve, and the cost will remain \$10.00. Not only will you be providing beauty to our Sanctuary during the Advent season, you will be helping young men experience Boy Scout activities such as monthly campouts and summer camp.

## *Mission News*

Jim and Jan Stahl, who have been story tellers in our church services, are in Africa. They sent the following news of their work there September 10, 2013.



### **Salam Friends,**

Jim and I are in Ethiopia, Africa. We are here for the month of September to train leaders from the Bible translation agencies and Ethiopian churches and to facilitate Bible storytelling projects among communities who speak languages that have no translation yet. Our first ten days are in the capital city, Addis Ababa. We are training eight very competent people to help facilitate the training in Arba Minch.

We asked all the trainees to introduce themselves and all of them proudly explained that they come from communities with strong storytelling traditions. One young man explained that he recently completed his courses at the University, and one of his professors warned them that the old men are the ones who know the Ethiopian peoples' stories that record the wealth of traditions, wisdom, and history. And unless the younger generation takes the time to learn to tell these stories, he warned, "When an old man dies, it is as if a great library burns to the ground."

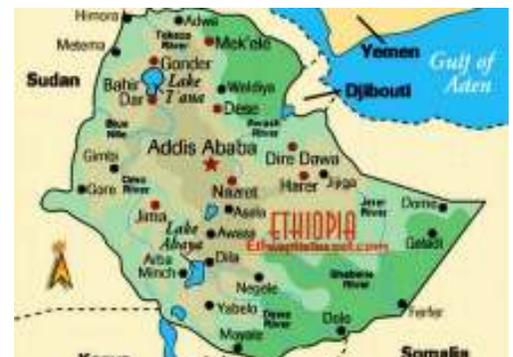
We are looking forward to working closely with these trainers in the south of Ethiopia as they train teams of storytellers from four language communities to craft and tell Bible stories in their languages. We won't have to spend any time trying to persuade these folks it is worth their time and effort to learn the stories and to go out and tell them in their community.

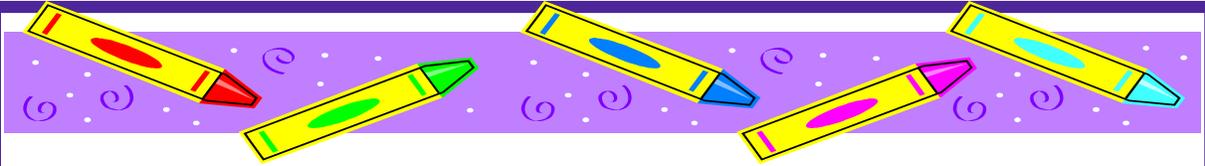
**Happy New Year Friends.** Yesterday marked the end of the 13th month of the Ethiopian calendar. And today starts the year 2006. We attended a traditional coffee ceremony last evening, which was delicious and beautiful. We were served fresh brewed coffee, warm bread and popcorn. We don't usually drink coffee after mid-morning, but we thought it would help us stay awake to usher in the New Year. However, we realized that we don't know when the New Year actually begins since the Ethiopians keep time differently that we do. I think there is a six-hour difference, but I am not sure. So we stayed awake and caught up on our email messages.

The day after tomorrow we ride to Arba Minch, a seven-hour drive through scenic country side. On Friday we launch a workshop with teams from four different language groups. We are working on stories from the Gospel of Mark. One of the men we have been training to facilitate the project is from that area and he has given some good insights into what the language teams will face as they work on telling the Bible stories in their own language. One of his comments was that the people in these remote communities will find it very strange that Jesus, who had the authority and power to heal and teach people, traveled here and there. In their societies, influential people stay at home and anyone with a request comes to their home and asks for help. I suppose we too might think his lifestyle was odd if we were encountering Jesus for the first time in these stories. It is refreshing to hear these stories through other people's experiences, people who have very different backgrounds than we do.

God Bless,

*Janet and Jim Stahl*





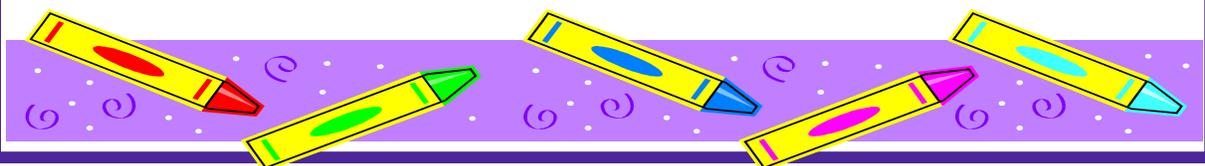
Children's Sunday School ended the summer's study of the Ten Commandments with a performance during the worship service. The kids sang a song about the 7th Commandment called "Always Be True" and another about the 1st Commandment called "Only Elohim." They also recited the Ten Commandments from memory using a finger play to help them remember each commandment, and then led the congregation in saying the Big Ten as well. We know those kids really learned the Ten Commandments, but we should keep reviewing them from time to time too!

After the summer of studying the Ten Commandments in a combined age group, we decided to split into smaller groups for the fall. Here is the current lineup of teachers and rooms:

- Babies-age 2 in nursery, lead teacher Susan Murphy
- Age 3-2nd grade, room past the nursery, lead teacher Marna Bayless
- 3rd-4th grade, room across from the nursery, lead teacher Diane Pegues
- 5th-6th grade, second room at back of fellowship hall, lead teacher Linda Simons
- 7th-12th grade, first room at back of fellowship hall, lead teacher Steve Netniss

We've reorganized our rooms to have a welcoming new look and are grateful that due to an increase in students, even these rooms are sometimes a bit too small. A special thank-you to those who do the driving to bring in kids on Sunday mornings. Without your help, we wouldn't have that "problem"!

*Linda Simons*





# FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR

## October 2013



Remember each other in daily prayer.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Dorothy Cleary T.J. & Eugene Tom & Lois Harmon John Alsop	7 Dub & Gwen Guthrie Neal Donna To Larry & Margaret Lewis	8 David & Sandy Gaskins Alexander, Aiden Beau & Blake Malcolm Perrault	9 Steve Netmis Winfred Cook Bob Harrison Paul & Helen Barton	10 Carlos & Caryn Benitez Andrés & Rachelle Dean & Ginger Hertenstein	11 Scott & Kathleen Hardless J.R. Dave & Jocelyn Bolles	12 George & Mary Hutter Pat Sparr Eddie & Darlene Coward
13 Mickey & Betty Jespersen Keith & Gail Haynes	14 Evalyn Pike Gary & Linda Simons Rachel Jim & Janet Stahl	15 Kent & Lori Glover Taylor & Charlie Dick & Nancy Bergman	16 Jossue & Alan Peralta Carol McKinney Paul & Claudia Griffith	17 Sam & Charlotte Fithian Adelmo & Edelma Ruiz	18 Eddie & Brenda Everett Grant Albert & Sara Teel	19 Jamie & Lorraine Cordova Vanessa, Valerie, Jimmy & Jason
20 Nadine Daum Ariel, Leah, Aetis & Benjamin Ruth Yinger	21 Eric & Erin McGinnis Ashlee & Michael Bobby & Teresa Reed Matthew & Rylee	22 Miguel & Fanny Penaloza Jim & Andresa Hull	23 David & Katherine Liddle Caleb, Jonathan Morgan Hall	24 Wanda Shipman Billie Coward Bob Moore Bill & Vangie Jackson	25 Charles Tyek Andrew Watts David Hertenstein Evelyn	26 Sean & Lucy Russell Lucy, Sydney, Logan, Weston, & Tristan
27 Steve & Marna Bayless Boyd Roberts Julia McConnell	28 Irving & Peggy Kezar Angel, Brandon, Cyleigh, Devon, & Elyssa	29 Don & Edie Busquest Christy Coward Brandon Carol Orwig	30 Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn, & Andrew	31 Jim & Pam Loyd The Schaefer's Sheri Trask Roy & Wendy Jensen		

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<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>Poverty Awareness Sunday</b></p> <p>9:15 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>The Sandwich Project</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Bring your Sandwiches for the Homeless</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Youth Group</p> <p>7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Nov 2013</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td></tr> </tbody> </table> </div>		S	M	T	W	T	F	S						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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## **WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

**October 2013**

**10:30 A.M. SERVICE**

October 6	Greeters:	Billie Cowand, Leo Skinner
	Ushers:	Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Sydney Russell
	Tellers:	Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis
	Communion Servers:	Darrell Ingram, Diane Pegues, Eugene Jimmerson, Joan Brown, Dub Guthrie, Anna Murphy
October 13	Greeters:	Eddie Cowand, Sharon Ingram
	Ushers:	Albert Teel, Eddie Cowand
	Nursery Volunteer:	Darlene Cowand
	Tellers:	Darrell Ingram, Leo Skinner
October 20	Greeters:	Janet Stahl, Jocelyn Bolles
	Ushers:	Albert Teel, Irving Kezar
	Nursery Volunteer:	Erin McGinnis
	Tellers:	Lori Glover, Brenda Everett
October 27	Greeters:	Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz
	Ushers:	Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Jocelyn Bolles
	Tellers:	Teresa Reed, Joan Brown

Youth Group — 6:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**

Christian Education — 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service — 10:30 a.m.

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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## October Birthdays

If we've missed your birthday and you would like us to include it in this "birthday" section of the newsletter, please contact us at (972) 298-3043 or info@fpcd.org. Thank you.

Wanda Shipman—10/1	Taylor Glover—10/21
Diane Pegues—10/3	Andres Benitez—10/22
Grant Everett—10/9	Brandon Coward—10/24
Burle Murphy—10/13	Mikaela Harkins—10/24
Sean Russell—10/14	Mackenzie Harkins—10/24
Jonathan Liddle—10/18	Eddie Burquest—10/30
Barbara Notari—10/19	Lorraine Cordova—10/30



	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
August 2013	\$12,520	\$20,702
YTD 2013	\$180,308	\$173,176
<b>Total Annual Budget:</b>		<b>\$240,342</b>