



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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From the Elders

A Follower of Christ

What differentiates a follower of Christ from anyone else? Many people are benevolent, many people serve and many people entertain, but a follower of Christ does all of that unto the Lord. FPCD did that magnificently October 26 at our Festival of Hope.

FPCD took God's command to the Israelites (and to believers today) "...to be openhanded toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy in your land." (Nehemiah 9:15). Our members "opened our hands" and blessed Duncanville and Duncanville Outreach Ministry that Saturday.

What grew from a vision blossomed into an event that fed the hungry with the food items donated, helped the needy with the money raised and shared the gospel through the songs and storytelling.

FPCD stepped up to the monumental task of pulling off a big event, reaching and exceeding the donation goal of \$50,000 with more than 10% of that total given by our members! We achieved that because you stepped up to the challenge and stepped out of your comfort zone. You stepped up and out by taking on additional responsibilities, by going to planning meetings, by your hard work, by praying fervently, by giving more and by being present. You gave of your time, talents and treasures, and made Festival of Hope a success.

The people who attended the concert heard hymns and Bible stories which might be the first time that they had ever heard of God's great love for them. The high schoolers who sang at the event now have those hymns in their hearts. And many, many people will benefit by the donations received. Only God knows the far reaching effects of your efforts.

Ginger likes to show her appreciation by clapping, so each and every one of you should give yourselves a round of applause. Congratulations FPCD, you are indeed followers of Christ.

Sharon Ingram,
Session Elder



*Festival of Hope Benefiting
Duncanville Outreach Ministry*

THANK YOU!



In celebration of the FESTIVAL OF HOPE, Mayor Deborah Hodge proclaimed October 26, 2013 Duncanville Outreach Ministry Day. Pastor Ginger Hertenstein, and Anita Davis, director of DOM received the award at the October 15th City Council meeting.

To everyone who participated in making this event happen.

We raised **\$51,811** and collected a multitude of non-perishable food items for DOM.



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", which includes 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. Please note that the plants will not arrive until after the first of December.

Hanging of the Greens for Advent will happen on **Saturday, November 30 from 9:00-Noon**. If you can't be with us on Saturday, please feel free to come during the week to help prepare:

- * taking boxes down from the attic
- * setting up the tree (Larry Lewis could use some help with this)
- * "fluffing" the bows & attaching to the wreaths



Mission News

Gary and Linda Simons are missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators and work in Dallas at the Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL International). They live near the International Linguistics Center--so close, in fact, they can walk to work each day. Gary's position at SIL is Chief Research Officer; he also serves as the Executive Editor for the Ethnologue (www.ethnologue.com), a comprehensive reference work cataloging all of the world's known living languages. It is widely regarded as the most comprehensive source of information of its kind. Linda works half-time as Gary's administrative assistant and also as the bibliographer for the Ethnologue.



In recent months Gary has traveled to Michigan as an invited speaker at an academic workshop planning an initiative to archive language documentation and to Maine to participate in a strategic planning workshop about SIL support for developing and publishing vernacular dictionaries. He had two tasks on a trip to Washington DC: to consult in a planning workshop for an SIL research project to study literacy programs across Africa and to confer with our counterparts at the Library of Congress concerning maintaining our respective parts of the international standard ISO-639 for language codes.

For fun, Gary reads audio books, watches football on TV, and follows Linda around on bird-watching expeditions. He also is very talented musically, playing the piano and composing music our choir has sung. Linda relaxes by trying to identify all the birds in the world (so far, she has 377 on her life list), blogging, and baking cakes (Not only are they delicious, but they are decorated so creatively they draw a crowd just to look at them). Both Gary and Lin-

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian, Duncanville

We send our warm greetings to you all from northern Virginia. Come see us when you're up this way! Temperatures are cooler, there is more rain, but the friendships of north Texas we miss! It's great to be nearer our family, with three grandsons nearby, and lots of others- nieces and nephews, cousins. (And one day's drive from Tom and Lois Harmon who are stopping by next week!) The challenges to live out our faith are here; we are looking to find church, community connections, and the best ways to be good neighbors.



We are so thankful for our years at FPCD, a church family who works to make God's love and goodness known in the community!

George and Mary Huttar

The New Beginnings Ladies will meet Tuesday November 6th at the home of Billie Cowand. 342 Lakeview Circle, Duncanville, at 2;00 PM..

The Agape Circle will meet on November 14th, at 1:00 pm. They will be meeting in the church Library. The lesson will be the 2nd Chapter of our study Book.

Sarah Circle will meet on November 14th at 7:30 pm in the home of Diane Pegues, 302 N Venice Drive, Duncanville. We will be studying the third lesson in our Horizon Study Book.

PW's annual Christmas Spaghetti Dinner and Auction will be on Saturday December 7th at 6PM. Please save the date and plan to attend.

Billie Cowand and Joan Brown

From Your Finance Team

Everything you need and plenty left over to share with others

In this season of the year, we thank God who has blessed us and provided for us.

We see how God has supplied the funds for various ministries of our church through your generous giving this year. You have made it possible for us to have pastoral guidance, helpful staff, care for our buildings, times of fellowship, along with opportunities for children, youth and adults to learn together and to serve others. We are thankful.

Toward the end of each year, the Finance committee invites each individual and each family in the church to make an estimate of giving for the coming year, to be indicated by a pledge. This will help our Session plan the budget for 2014.

"You must each decide in your own heart how much to give.
And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure.
For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.

And God will generously provide all you need.
Then you will always have everything you need
and plenty left over to share with others."

2 Cor. 9:7-8 (NLT)

NOVEMBER



FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR 2013

Remember each other in daily prayer.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Dudley Austin Jim & Pam Loyd The Schaeffers Carol McKinney	4 Joan Brown Bob Harrison Keith & Gail Haynes Jim & Andrene Hull	5 Leo & Marlene Skinner Albert & Sara Teel Carol Quigg	6 Eugene & Arnellia Jimperson Dorothy Cleary T.J. & Eugene	7 Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn, & Andrew Malcolm Perrault	8 Carlos & Caryn Benitez Andrés & Rachelle Morgan Hall	9 Mickey & Betty Jespersen Kent & Lori Glover Taylor & Charlie
10 Jack & Diane Pegues Tom & Lois Harmon John Alsoop Bob Moore	11 Connie Steger Doris Metzger Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz	12 Christy Cowand Brandon Don & Edie Buquest	13 Eddie & Brenda Everett Grant Ruth Yingst	14 Nicole Martinez Julia McConnell Boyd Roberts Dave & Jocelyn Bolles	15 Sean & Lucy Russell Lucy, Sydney, Logan, Weston, & Tristan	16 Irving & Peggy Kezar Angel, Brandon, Cyleigh , Devon, & Elyssa
17 Dean & Ginger Hertenstein Dick & Nancy Bergman	18 Steve & Mama Bayless Eric & Erin McGinnis Ashlee & Michael	19 Paul & Claudia Griffith David Hertenstein Evelyn	20 David & Katherine Liddle Caleb, Jonathan Charles Veyer	21 Wanda Shipman Billie Cowand Gary & Linda Simons Rachel	22 Jamie & Lorraine Cordova Vanessa, Valerie, Jimmy & Jason	23 Josue & Alan Peralta George & Mary Huttek Pat Sparr
24 Bill & Vangie Jackson Nadine Dawn Ariel, Leah, Aeris & Benjamin	25 Miguel & Fanny Penalosa Bobby & Teresa Reed Matthew & Rylee	26 Burdie Murphy Susan Murphy Anna Murphy Nicholas Dub & Gwen Guthrie Neal	27 Winifred Cook Andrew Watts Jim & Janet Stahl Evelyn Pike	28 Larry & Margaret Lewis Eddie & Darlene Cowand Donna To	29 Sam & Charlotte Eithian David & Sandy Gaskins Alexander, Aiden Beau & Blake	30 Barbara Notari Darrell & Sharon Ingram The Buncks

November 2013

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

November 2013

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

November 3	Greeters:	Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson
	Ushers:	Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Valerie Cordova
	Tellers:	Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis
	Communion Servers:	Dave Bolles, Lori Glover, Dick Bergman, Sandy Gaskins, Sean Russell, & Edelmira Ruiz,
November 10	Greeters:	Donna To, Wendy Jensen
	Ushers:	Albert Teel, Eddie Cowand
	Nursery Volunteer:	Anna Murphy
	Tellers:	Darrell Ingram, Leo Skinner
November 17	Greeters:	Anna Murphy, Darlene Cowand
	Ushers:	Albert Teel, Irving Kezar
	Nursery Volunteer:	Sydney Russell
	Tellers:	Lori Glover, Brenda Everett
November 24	Greeters:	Eddie Cowand, Sharon Ingram
	Ushers:	Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Erin McGinnis
	Tellers:	Teresa Reed, Joan Brown

* ***From the Family of Allen Shipman*** *
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* ***Thank you to everyone for their thoughts and prayers during my fathers*** *
* ***illness and his passing.*** *
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* ***Lori Glover*** *
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Youth Group — 6:00 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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November 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.

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| Albert Teel November 3 | Elyssa Kezar November 11 |
| Steve Netniss November 5 | Charlie Glover November 15 |
| Teresa Reed November 6 | Rylee Reed November 16 |
| Dave Bolles November 9 | Angel Kezar November 17 |
| Dub Guthrie November 9 | Rachelle Benitez November 25 |
| David Hertenstein November 10 | Bob Moore November 28 |
| Armelia Jimmerson November 11 | |



	Receipts	Expenditures
September 2013	\$14,593	\$17,516
YTD 2013	\$194,901	\$190,692
Total Annual Budget:		\$240,342