



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 Session

A Future Filled With Hope

In the 1940s, North Dakota was so sparsely populated that I was the only pupil in my grade for four of my six years in a one room primary school. Our family never attended any church until a Swedish Baptist neighbor talked Dad into taking us to Sunday School. Our whole family was converted. At seventeen, my father suddenly died and I had to take over managing the family farm.

Out on the tractor in the summer of 1956, I decided God wanted me to go to college and go abroad. By then, my younger brother could help run the farm. October, 1962, found me on a freighter headed for Africa with Wycliffe. Nancy arrived in December, 1964, and we were married in Nigeria, where we eventually helped complete the New Testament and Genesis in a language spoken by over 100,000 people. After that we served in Southern Sudan for nine years, Dick as Field Director. Living in these two countries while each had a civil war made life interesting. We stayed in Southern Sudan for over two years after the US Embassy urged us to leave.

In graduate school, I studied Islam, besides linguistics, and hoped to translate for a language group where Islam was the major religion. That never happened but our two children are fulfilling that dream and have lived for years in Turkey, Uzbekistan and Syria. Both now live in Istanbul. If you hear that we have emigrated, you will know where we went!

After we returned to Dallas in 1989, Nancy was secretary to the CEO of Wycliffe and SIL for 18 years. I have been a used car dealer for 12 years. Ninety-nine percent of the used car dealers give the rest of us a bad name!

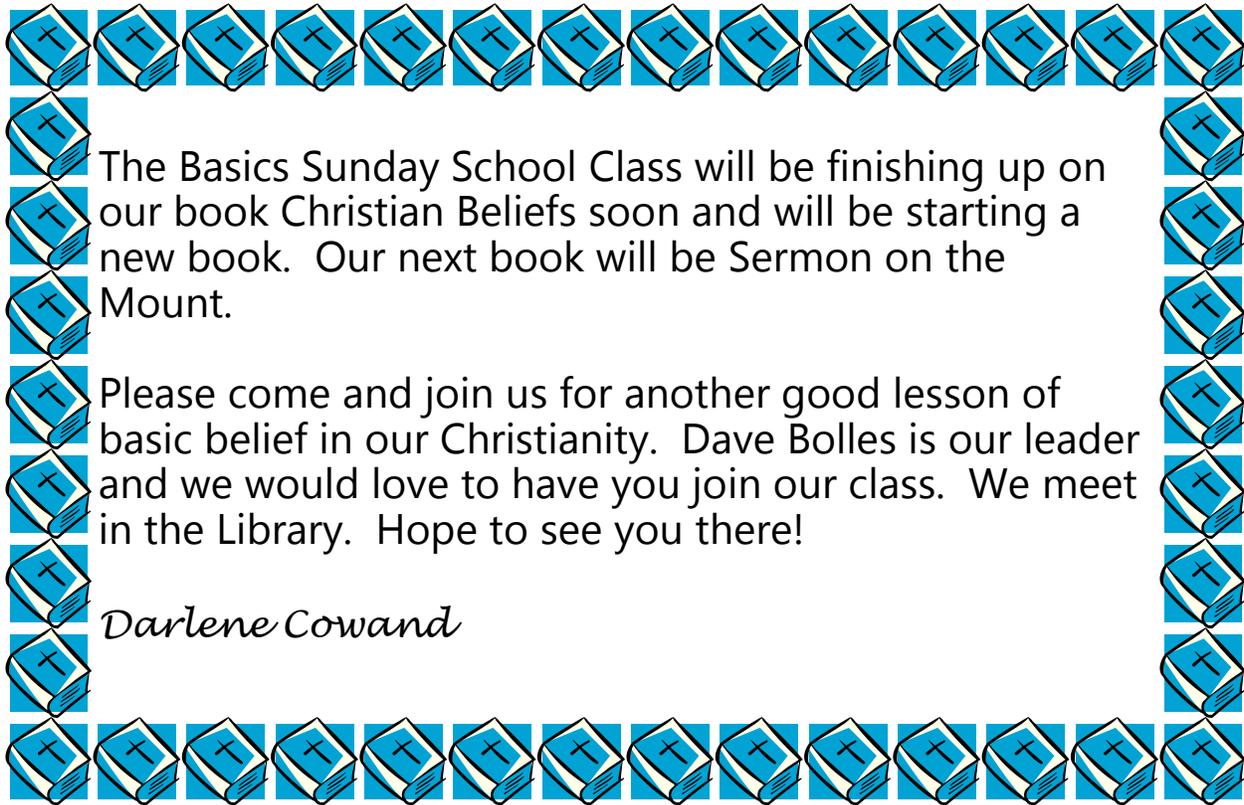
Craig Sanders attracted us to FPCD and we have been grateful to God for these years and all you good people. Nancy and I are full of praise to God for what we have experienced. Jeremiah 29:11 (NET): **"For I know what I have planned for you, says the Lord. I have plans to prosper you, not to harm you. I have plans to give you a future filled with hope."**

Dick Bergman



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The Basics Sunday School Class will be finishing up on our book Christian Beliefs soon and will be starting a new book. Our next book will be Sermon on the Mount.

Please come and join us for another good lesson of basic belief in our Christianity. Dave Bolles is our leader and we would love to have you join our class. We meet in the Library. Hope to see you there!

Darlene Cowand



Thank You, Youth!

Many thanks to our youth group, The Closet, for a lovely and enjoyable Valentine's Dinner and Movie night. They did a spectacular job with all the decorations and ambience of the dinner, room, and the wonderful food.

The movie August Rush was a very good choice to finish off the night and an awesome ending to a special day. If you missed this movie, I recommend you rent it – or borrow it.

Thank you to our Youth, Steve Netniss, and all your helpers for giving up your time to make our day special.

Mission News

Dear FPCD Family,

Greetings again from Germany! We are grateful for God's provision for and protection of our family over the last months since we wrote to you.

In addition to his routine support tasks that keep IT infrastructure in Wycliffe's offices around Europe functioning smoothly (see map), David has undertaken a few special projects over the past year. Last spring he helped Wycliffe Germany upgrade their campus' wireless network in time to host a meeting of the International Board. As he is fond of saying, internet access has become the fourth basic human need! Both the Center staff and campus guests have since been grateful for their improved wireless service. He traveled to Austria in May to install new servers and do some "IT housecleaning" for Wycliffe's office in Linz. This fall he researched and selected a new telephone system for the Europe Area office here in Holzhausen, and he's currently installing it.

We spent a month in the US in the summer, visiting David's family and some of our supporting churches in Pennsylvania. The highlight for Jonathan and Caleb was our ten-day family reunion at Disney World with their grandma and all the aunts, uncles and cousins. We also got to attend David's grandmother's 95th birthday and meet our newest nephew in person for the first time.

Also in the summer, Katherine taught the Sociolinguistics period at an "Overview of Language Work" course for prospective Wycliffe candidates. Teaching in German was an enjoyable challenge! Next week she'll start helping part-time in the campus library.

This fall, Caleb joined Jonathan at the secondary school (grades 5 – 12) in a neighboring village. We continue to be amazed at (and a little jealous of!) the boys' language ability. Please pray with us for wisdom as we make long-term plans for their schooling. In a few years we will need to spend a full year in the US, with hopefully as little disruption to their school careers as possible.

With love and prayers for God's blessings on the congregation,

David, Katherine, Jonathan and Caleb Liddle



Jonathan and Caleb tour the dungeon of nearby Burg Greifenstein



Wycliffe offices throughout Europe

FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR

2014

Remember each other in daily prayer.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Shari Trank Jim & Janet Stahl Mickey & Betty Jeppesen	2 Bobby & Teresa Rae Marlowe & Rylee Julia McConnell	3 Susan Murphy Anna Murphy	4 Steve & Marna Rayless Steve Netemis	5 Eddie & Brenda Everett Caren Doris Metzger	6 Irving & Peggy Kezer Angel, Brandon, Caitie, Devon, & Elyssa	7 Sam & Charlotte Erithia Kath & Gail Haynes Julia McConnell
8 David & Katherine Liddle Caleb, Jordan Charles Day Jim & Pam Loyd	9 David & Sandy Gardner Alexander, Aiden Bern & Blake	10 Scott & Kathleen Harless J.R. Roy & Wendy Jensen	11 Billie Cogswold Gary & Nita Malone Malcolm Parrault Morgan Hall	12 Eugene & Arnelia Eric & Erin McGinnis Ashlee & Michael	13 Wanda Shipman Dub & Gwen Guthrie Neal	14 Dick & Nancy Bergeson Evelyn Pika
15 Carlos & Caryn Beuties Andres & Rachelle Paul & Helen Barton	16 Kest & Lori Glover Taylor & Charlie Doreday Cleary	17 Paul & Jan Schaefer Caleb, Micah, Jonah, & Sarah	18 Paul & Jean Schaefer Caleb, Micah, Jonah, & Sarah	19 Dean & Ginger Hesterstein Ruth Young David Hesterstein Evelyn	20 Bill & Vangie Jackson Bob Moore Winifred Cook Dave & Jocelyn Bolles	21 Larry & Margaret Levas Pat Scott Albert & Sara Teal
22 Paul & Charola Griffith Cathy Cogswold Brandee	23 Tom & Lois Harmon Adelene & Editha Roz Carol McKunney	24 Jamie & Lorraine Candora Vanessa, Valeria, Jimmy & Jason	25 Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn, & Andrew	26 Nadine Dyer Ariel, Leah, Jerry & Benjamin Jack & Deane Pagnon	27 Gary & Linda Simoes Eddie & Darlene Barbara Norton	28 Gary & Linda Simoes Eddie & Darlene Barbara Norton
29 Donna Te Darrall & Sharon Ingman Carol Craig	30 Bob Harrison Boyd Roberts The Bouchés George & Mary Hunt					

March 2014

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

March 2014

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

March 2	Greeters: Ushers: Nursery Volunteer: Tellers: Communion Servers:	Jaime & Lorraine Cordova Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues Jocelyn Bolles Darrell Ingram, Leo Skinner Steve Netniss, Nancy Bergman, Dave Bolles Diane Pegues, Dick Bergman, Anna Murphy
March 9	Greeters: Ushers: Nursery Volunteer: Tellers:	Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson Albert Teel, Eddie Cowand Anna Murphy Lori Glover, Brenda Everett
March 16	Greeters: Ushers: Nursery Volunteer: Tellers:	Wendy Jensen, Donna To Albert Teel, Irving Kezar Sydney Russell Teresa Reed, Joan Brown
March 23	Greeters: Ushers: Nursery Volunteer: Tellers:	Darlene Cowand, Anna Murphy Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues Erin McGinnis Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis
March 30	Greeters: Ushers: Nursery Volunteer: Tellers:	Eddie Cowand, Doris Metzger Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues Darlene Cowand Darrell Ingram, Leo Skinner



Ladies Circle News



Ladies' Bible Study and Fellowship meetings will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2014.



Agape Circle will meet at the church in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 pm.



Sarah Circle will meet at the home of Jocelyn Bolles, 619 Athena Way, Duncanville, at 7:30 pm.



All ladies are welcome.



Connie and Diane





FINE DINING

Since we only get to enjoy a delicious Lasagna Dinner served by the youth once a year and since our scrumptious pot lucks are only once a month, what's on your menu for supper? Well, if you're like me, often there's not enough hours in the day to grocery shop, cook and serve dinner, so I propose TAKE OUT OR DINE IN. I'd like to suggest that you visit one or both of some of the supporters of our Festival of Hope. These supporters went out of their way and expended extra energy and effort to support our Festival and the community.

CITYVIEW TACOS is owned by Raul Rios who also owns Tacaso at Fort Worth Avenue and Westmoreland and Fuel City Tacos on Riverfront and I-35. Cityview Tacos is located in the "old Sonic building" on Main Street just north of Wheatland next to the "new Sonic building". Raul serves yummy breakfast tacos (bacon, chorizo or sausage with egg and cheese) and fantastic "street tacos" of beef or chicken, barbacoa or chorizo. Their Chipotle Gordita is supposed to be one of the best.

BO BO EXPRESS is family owned and operated as well and is located just a hop, skip and a jump north of First Pres at 630 Oriole Boulevard. They serve Bo Bo Fried Rice for only \$8.95 which is a huge portion (Darrell and I can make 3 - 4 meals out of it). They have some of the best crab rangoons per Darrell, delicious homemade eggrolls and good Hot and Sour Soup.

Try it, you'll like it and remember to tell them that you are there because of their support of the Festival of Hope.

Your Resident Food Critic,
Sharon Ingram

Youth Group

— 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Worship Service

— 10:30 a.m.

Christian Education

— 9:15 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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March 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.

Evelyn Pike, March 1
Bobby Reed, March 2
George Huttar, March 3
Dennis Walters, March 3
Jimmy Cordova, March 4
David Gaskins, March 5
Irving Kezar, March 5
Paul Barton, March 8
Nancy Bergman, March 9

Vangie Jackson, March 12
Pat Sparr, March 12
Jossue Peralta, March 14
Dudley Austin, March 17
Dick Bergman, March 23
Evelyn Hertenstein, March 24
Christopher Eugene Davis, March 25
Tom Harmon, March 27
Erin McGinnis, March 29



	Receipts	Expenditures
January 2014	\$22,245	\$17,945
2014 Total Annual Budget:		\$243,607