



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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Choir Director

Deborah Titus,
Accompanist

Sean Russell,
Sound Room Technician

Susan Murphy,
Nursery

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From our Elder—Anna

As I approach the end of my three year term of “ruling” elder, I reflect on what we, as a church have accomplished.

- incredible choir concerts
- renovation of the education wing (including ADA compliant restrooms)
- live streaming of our services
- first Live Nativity
- increase in giving, membership, and youth participation

And our HOPES for the future

- encourage regular attendees to become members
- more involvement in outreach ministries (including reaching out to potential believers and nonbelievers, not only in Duncanville, but surrounding communities)
- expanding the use of our property
- a “full house” in attendance at our special programs throughout the year
- an open invitation to the community to our annual Thanksgiving dinner

Pastor Ginger has and continues to stretch the Elders, and our Leadership abilities. We’ve read several wonderful books that made us look at our church and ourselves to see where/how we can improve both as a congregation and individuals. My favorite was “Who Stole My Church” by Gordon MacDonald, in which a church’s new pastor helps its leaders modernize church activities to connect with the culture around them. It’s a fictional story, written by a real-life pastor, addressing issues that many churches are facing today. Too often we go with the familiar, and resist the new. If the need has changed, then the vision has to change.

We hope you’ll help us reach the goals of connecting with God and reaching out to the community. It’s like eating a pie...you’re pretty full when you eat an entire pie all by yourself; but if you share it with your family or friends, everyone enjoys it and no one is too full! Here’s hoping (and praying) you will find a ministry team to share your passion, thus knowing the joy of participating together to accomplish our goals.

Opportunities for volunteering

Worship-usher, communion preparation, greeter, liturgist, storyteller, nursery, Children’s Church

Christian Education-Sunday school teacher, youth activities, Bible study leader

Finance-stewardship, bookkeeping, and a team member to help review finances

Missions-working with youth choir, Austin Street Center sandwiches; Duncanville Outreach

Congregational Life-assist with the planning and execution of all activities

Property-general upkeep (e.g. watering plants, mowing/edging/weed eating, repairs)

Tech Team-sound room, website, or newsletter assistance

If you have an interest, just ask an Elder (we’re up front each week after the service), and we’ll help you find the right person to connect with. Even though I’m rotating off session this year, I’ll still be involved, and I hope I can help you find the thing you are passionate about! Thanks for allowing me to serve you. **Anna Murphy, Elder**



Presbyterian Women News

Thank you to all of you who participated in the Plant and Bake Sale at the end of April! Your contributions of baked goods and plants, and the fact that you then shopped at the sale, provided funds that support the missions and local work of Presbyterian Women of FPCD.

Oops! Correction on the April newsletter article: the PW missions project for 2013 is Christian Leaders for Africa, which supports the work of the Africa International University.

Women's Fellowship Groups for May:

Agape Fellowship: Meeting Thursday, May 9 at 1:00 at the home of Connie Steger, 960 N. Cedar Hill Rd., Cedar Hill. Their study is lesson eight in the study book Dispatches to God's Household, entitled "The Bad Seeds," and is based on selections from I John 2, Peter 2-3, and Jude, verses 1-16.

Sarah Fellowship: Meeting Thursday, May 9 at 7:30 pm at the home of Nadine Daum, 9840 Sophora Circle, Dallas. Their study is lesson nine, "Brothers and Sisters in Harmony," in the same study book. It is based on I John 2-4, and Jude, verses 17-25.



Come and enjoy good company, and a good study!



March 2013

Receipts	Expenditures
\$19,698	\$11,547
JAN-MARCH income:	\$76,278
JAN-MARCH expenditures:	\$47,397
Total Annual Budget:	\$240,342

MAY 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.

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| Steve Bayless—5/7 | Andrew Walters—5/22 |
| Sam Fithian—5/7 | Winifred Cook—5/27 |
| Sarah Teel—5/9 | Alexander Gaskins—5/31 |
| Lucy Russell—5/13 | Madison Pritchett—5/31 |
| Marna Bayless—5/22 | |

Missions News

We recently received a letter from the Benitez family. Because not everyone sees the postings on the bulletin board in the CE foyer, I thought I'd give it a wider readership by reprinting it here. It's their recent news and gives us their requests for prayer. At the end are their mail and email addresses for your use. Let's support them in the coming months. –Doris Metzger

Dear Friends at First Pres.

In the news from West Africa you may be hearing of war, kidnappings, terrorism. The good news we hear from the field is that God's kingdom is advancing, Bible translation is progressing, and people are coming to Christ! Please continue to pray for the translation team on the field to remain faithful to the Lord and to the task He has given them to do.

Please pray for us, too, as the details concerning our return to the field are hazy. We need some clear guidance from the Lord. Even though the translation is progressing without us, we had planned to go back to Niger for one more year to support the translation efforts there, to tie up loose ends, and to enable our son to graduate from high school with his friends. However, we have recently had some doubts about whether this is the best course of action.

In any case, we are committed to the task of Bible translation for the long haul. According to the latest Wycliffe Global Alliance Scripture access statistics, 209 million people speaking 1,967 languages may have a need for Bible translation to begin. We had an active part in getting Bible translation started in two languages. YOU have had a part in this, too! Now we are looking at moving on, in order to facilitate translation in languages that as yet have no Scriptures.

Thank you for your gifts and for praying for us faithfully. We'd be happy to hear from you and will respond personally to any comments or questions you might have.

Thanking God for you,

Carlos, Caryn, AJ and Rachelle Benitez

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Youth Group

— 6:30 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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a GREAT PICNIC...ON a BEAUTIFUL DAY!

April 21, Cedar Hill State Park was the setting for a church picnic sponsored by the Children's Planning Team. At least 55 gathered under a pavilion and shared a delicious lunch of hot dogs, side dishes, watermelon, and s'mores. We blew huge bubbles, played croquet, had a nature scavenger hunt, experienced a ride on the Bergmans' sailboat, and sat and visited together! It was a gorgeous April day, with Bluebonnets in bloom! **MANY THANKS TO LINDA SIMONS** for heading up the fun and the logistics of the picnic.



May 2013

First Presbyterian Church, Duncanville, Texas

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FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR

May 2013

Remember each other in daily prayer.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	FRIDAY	Saturday
5 Allen & Wanda Shipman Morgan Hall Andrew Watts	6 Tom & Lois Harmon Carol Orwig Deborah Titus Charles Tyer	7 Albert & Sara Teel Dudley Austin Boyd Roberts Paul & Helen Barton	8 Jim & Andrene Hull Leo & Marlene Skinner	9 Jamie & Lorraine Cordova Vanessa, Valerie, Jimmy & Jason Keith & Gail Haynes	10 Ruth Yingst Doris Metzger Dick & Nancy Bergman	11 Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz Gary & Linda Simons Rachel
12 Eddie & Brenda Everett Grant Barbara Notari	13 Billie Cowand Sheri Trask Joan Brown Bob & Liz Moore	14 Don & Edie Burquest Winfred Cook Bob Harrison Darrell & Sharon Ingram	15 Mickey & Betty Jespersen Larry & Margaret Lewis	16 David Hertenstein Evelyn Christy Cowand Brandon	17 Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson Steve & Marna Bayless	18 David & Sandy Gaskins Alexander, Aiden Beau & Blake
19 Scott & Kathleen Hartless J.R. Jack & Diane Pegues	20 Carlos & Caryn Benitez Andrés & Rachelle Jim & Pam Loyd	21 Eric & Erin McGinnis Ashlee & Michael Dub & Gwen Guthrie Neal	22 David & Katherine Liddle Caleb, Jonathan Gary & Nita Malone	23 Roy & Wendy Jensen Eddie & Darlene Cowand Carol McKinney	24 Connie Steger Kent & Lori Glover Taylor & Charlie	25 Sam & Charlotte Fithian Malcolm Perrault Jim & Janet Stahl
26 Dean & Ginger Hertenstein Sean & Lucy Russell Lucy, Sydney, & Logan, Weston, & Tristan	27 Paul & Claudia Griffith Pat Sparr Jossue & Alan Peralta	28 Andrew & Ashley Dittman John Steve Netmiss Donna To	29 The Buuck's Miguel & Fanny Penaloza Nadine Daum Ariel, Leah & Aeris	30 Irving & Peggy Kezar Angel, Brandon, Cyleigh, Devon, & Elyssa John Alsop	31 Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn, & Andrew Bill & Vangie Jackson	