



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 our Elder—Scott

Fresh Paint

Did you notice something fresh when you came in last Sunday morning? Did you notice the scent of . . . *fresh paint*?

I gave a little talk that Sunday, starting out with a paint roller, “painting” the platform in front of the sanctuary. The congregation seemed to be amused at the spectacle . . . “Why are you all laughing?” I exclaimed; “This is going to be your job in not the most distant future . . . is to paint the other half of the church. This half has been painted . . . you did notice in the rain . . . its gorgeous . . . lack of color . . . it was the right kind of cream colored paint . . . Did you notice that?”

“How many of you were here painting? How do you think that got done? You guys didn’t show up! Money was provided. And we hired somebody as a replacement painter so that you didn’t have to do it.”

“It was an old thing in the Revolutionary War days, that they would hire other people to go fight the war, and they got to stay home. This is kind of the same thing here with the painting.”

“I didn’t have enough money . . . to hire somebody else . . . But I’m going to find some soon! Because we need to paint the outside of the fellowship hall, the office area and the children’s area . . . and you don’t want to know what it’s going to look like when I finish! And then you’re going to be painting over it anyway.”

“So the question is: Do you wish to be a painter? . . . or provide some funds so that we can have somebody else to do this painting, and it’ll look a whole lot better than when I get through with it.”

“So when we start calling around and asking . . . for *painters* . . .
. . . you’ll know we’re asking for . . . *money*.”

~ *Scott Hartless*

Note from Session: We have indeed completed painting the exterior of the Sanctuary. It’s beautiful, it’s nice and fresh. We actually received a grant from Highland Park Presbyterian Church to help us with painting this building. However, we get to do the other one on our own. The cost of painting the Fellowship Hall, the office area and the children’s area is \$7,570 with an additional \$930 to replace the deteriorating doors leading into the Fellowship Hall. We want to just finish the other building now – that’s the most expedient thing. So please consider helping us to do that today.



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Words from Worship

4th of July Celebration was a BLAST!!

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the July 4th Celebration on the Lawn. I don't want to forget anyone, but there are a few I must mention...Eddie Cowand and the Ellis Junction Jazz Orchestra for the wonderful music, Mrs. Lucy Russell for the signs and the cooks (Darlene, Billie, Wendy and Angel). To those who donated food, water, chips, ice & ice chests, trash patrol, restroom monitors, table monitors...THANK YOU!, it couldn't have happened without you. We handed out 200 hot dogs + chips + water and met lots of wonderful folks. We were given approximately \$85 in donations that will be used to fund some youth activities.



Now on to another opportunity...mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 26**. The planning has begun for an FPCD sponsored event supporting and honoring DOM and it's 25 years of service to our community. This event will raise awareness and funds for DOM. Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 26 (not October 19, as previously noted) in Armstrong Park. Everyone's help is needed to help make this event a success. We also need help in soliciting raffle items. Please contact one of the following persons to sign up for a ministry team or obtain raffle donation information: Dub Guthrie, Scott Hartless, Sharon Ingram, Dick Bergman, Steve Bayless, Marna Bayless, Sean Russell or Anna Murphy. Here's a list of ministry teams we'll need, start thinking about where you can/want to assist. Remember many hands make light work.

Marketing/Advertising: signs, newspaper articles, flyers, radio

Donations: collecting food, money and pledge cards

Food: securing potential food vendors

Vendors: securing community service/non-profit vendors that can assist those in need

Raffles: securing items to be raffled during the event

Storytelling/dramatic reader: We'll have a featured storyteller, but will need others to help tell or read the stories of how God cares for the poor, hungry or foreigner

Budget: assist in securing grants or donations to help off-set expenses

We need leaders and helpers for all these teams, so watch for sign up cards/sheets and more information. We're small in number but big in our faith...remember Jesus fed thousands with only the help of a few.

~ Anna Murphy

August 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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| Wendy Jensen 8/5 | Eugene Jimmerson 8/23 |
| Kathleen Hartless 8/6 | Jaime Cordova 8/24 |
| Sydney Russell 8/6 | Dale Walters 8/28 |
| Ruth Yingst 8/15 | Scott Hartless 8/29 |
| Brenda Everett 8/17 | Doris Metzger 8/29 |
| Donna To 8/18 | Ariel Jordan 8/30 |
| Eddie Cowand 8/20 | Boyd Roberts 8/31 |



	Receipts	Expenditures
June 2013	\$17,250	\$38,391
YTD 2013	\$133,578	\$123,661
Total Annual Budget:		\$240,342

Missions News

—From the Walters

June 26, 2013

small town, East Asia

Hi, friends at FPCD. It has been almost a year since we left Duncanville. A lot of life happens in that time, both in your spot on the globe, and the one where we now are. We've had all sorts of times.

Exhausting ones:

The first two weeks we were back here, we didn't have our own place, phones, or bikes to get around. The noise and jostling on the streets irritated me. We didn't know where to get food that was appetizing to us. I remember standing in tears and talking to Father about how I wasn't sure I could do this.



Fun ones:

In the fall we organized a gathering of the expat kids in town. The group met weekly. We celebrated things like Pi Day by playing math games and eating pie.

Happy ones:

A group of Zee village ladies gave me a beautiful quilt with the characters they had embroidered on it. It was a thank you for helping them learn to read. I was touched.

Stretching ones:

A few weeks ago, a former classmate of Dales invited our family to eat with them. The invitation morphed; the time and place changed once or twice. In the end, Dennis and I couldn't be there and our kids ended up behind a podium at a middle school, expected to teach English to several hundred students. After that, we did all go to the friend's house for a meal.

Grateful ones:

We have seen the Zee body deepen and grow. More songs, more parts of the book, more abundant life.

Stressful ones:

Just the last two weeks, Dale had emergency surgery to remove a ruptured appendix. It was a difficult time. Nonetheless, Father touched us with peace.

Thanks for holding the rope for us. You have sent us as an extension of the Body to be here in this place among the Zee. Your support, prayers, and interest mean so much to us. It gives us joy and sustain us.

Susan

for the five Walters

(Dennis, Susan, Dale, Evelyn, and Andrew Gary)

Nominating Team Report

The Nominating Team met in May for the purpose of selecting nominees to replace ruling elders, Tom Harmon and Anna Murphy, Class of 2013. After a month of prayer, discussion and consideration, the team brought two names to the congregation for acceptance. At a congregation meeting was held on Sunday, June 30, 2013, the congregation voted by acclamation to elect Dick Bergman and Sean Russell to the office of ruling elders, Class of 2016. Dick and Sean were installed during worship service on Sunday, July 21, 2013.

Your nominating team,
Darlene Cowand, Tom Harmon, George Huttar, and Anna Murphy

Christian Education

Children's Sunday School is using a combined format for the summer--preschool through 6th grade are all in one class. We are studying the Ten Commandments for the summer, covering one commandment each week. Students are each making an accordion sign listing a short version of all commandments. Every week we add one more to the finger play we are using to memorize the Big Ten. Also, we've enjoyed an animated video series every other week about the Ten Commandments. Miss Marna has been teaching some Ten Commandment songs including "Only Elohim," which is about Commandment One.

The staff have been trying to figure out a way to rig up some older audio-video equipment so that we can have options for projecting song words, showing illustrative photos, and watching video for a large classroom of students. We're using the church's older video projector hooked up to personal computers in an attempt to bring Sunday School into the 21st century! :-)

We are hoping for some additional staff for the fall, so be ready to say "yes" when we come begging for help. If we can find additional teachers, we will subdivide our large class into groups with smaller age ranges.

FPCD YOUTH

This past month has been an exciting and challenging month for The Closet. Many students went on vacation during July, so sometimes students missed a week or two of youth group at a time. This made it difficult to plan some lessons, but nonetheless we still tackled some important topics! In the high school Sunday school class we have been reading through the book of Romans and looking at the reason for which the book was written. This has led us to some interesting conversations on how the book of Romans can give us insight into today's world; like ethnically Jewish Christians and Gentile Christians in Christ's time, today we can realize that we are all equal in God's eyes and should not pass judgment on one another. On Wednesday nights, the youth has been tackling topics such as why to follow Jesus and be a Christian.

In July the youth group also went on our yearly mission trip. We enjoyed a service-filled (but fun) week in downtown Dallas. We worked with FPCDallas' Summer Kids' Club, had an exciting Splash Day with Vogel Alcove, sorted food at North Texas Food Bank, visited with residents at Grace Presbyterian Village, held a Bible study at the Stewpot, and served food and water at the Bridge. The youth all loved giving our time and effort to organizations that are working to better our community. We also learned how important it is to turn our ideas into actions; we can't just *think* about helping our community, we need to *do* it!

August is going to be an exciting time for The Closet. We are looking forward to pool parties and learning about relationship boundaries, forgiveness, and conflict resolution.

~ *Lucy Russell, Youth Intern*

FPCD says good-bye to Deborah—we will miss you and pray God's blessings on your study program.



August 2013

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GOD

is Listening

FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR

August 2013

Remember each other in daily prayer.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Leo & Marlene Skinner Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson	5 Winfred Cook Bob Harrison Paul & Helen Barton Steve Netniss	6 Evelyn Pike George & Mary Huttar Dave & Jocelyn Bolles Keith & Gail Haynes	7 Darrell & Sharon Ingram Scott & Kathleen Hartless J.R.	8 Don & Edie Burquest Christy Coward Brandon The Schaefters	9 Billie Coward Sheri Trask Connie Steger Andrew Watts	10 Malcolm Perrault Jim & Janet Stahl Jim & Andrene Hull Roy & Wendy Jensen
11 Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn, & Andrew Tom & Lois Harmon	12 Kent & Lori Glover Taylor & Charlie Steve & Marna Bayless	13 Dorothy Cleary T.J. & Eugene Julia McConnell Nicole Martinez	14 David & Sandy Gaskins Alexander, Aiden Beau & Blake	15 Jamie & Lorraine Cordova Vanessa, Valerie, Jimmy & Jason	16 Paul & Claudia Griffith Pat Sparr Jossue & Alan Peralta	17 Andrew & Ashley Dittman John Allen & Wanda Shipman
18 David Hertenstein Evelyn Jack & Diane Pegues Morgan Hall	19 Bobby & Teresa Reed Matthew & Rylee The Buuck's	20 Albert & Sara Teel Larry & Margaret Lewis Charles Tyer	21 Irving & Peggy Kezar Angel, Brandon, Cyleigh, Devon, & Elyssa	22 Ruth Yingst Doris Metzger Dick & Nancy Bergman	23 Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz Deborah Titus Sam & Charlotte Fithian	24 Eddie & Darlene Coward Carol McKinney
25 David & Katherine Liddle Caleb, Jonathan Gary & Nita Malone	26 Eddie & Brenda Everett Grant Bill & Vangie Jackson	27 Dean & Ginger Hertenstein Miguel & Fanny Penalzoza	28 Mickey & Betty Jespersen Barbara Notari John Alsop	29 Carlos & Caryn Benitez Andrés & Rachelle Jim & Pam Loyd	30 Dudley Austin Boyd Roberts Joan Brown Bob Moore	31 Burle Murphy Susan Murphy Anna Murphy Nicholas

Youth Group

— 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Christian Education
Worship Service

— 9:15 a.m.
— 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE—AUGUST 2013—10:30 AM SERVICE

August 4

Greeters: Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz
Ushers: Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues
Nursery Volunteer: Erin McGinnis
Tellers: Teresa Reed, Joan Brown

August 11

Greeters: Donna To, Wendy Jensen
Ushers: Albert Teel, Eddie Cowand
Nursery Volunteer: Sydney Russell
Tellers: Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis
Communion Servers: Irving Kezar, Jocelyn Bolles,
Steve Bayless, Erin McGinnis,
Dub Guthrie, Nancy Bergman

August 18

Greeters: Anna Murphy, Darlene Cowand
Ushers: Albert Teel, Irving Kezar
Nursery Volunteer: Valerie Cordova
Tellers: Darrell Ingram, Leo Skinner

August 25

Greeters: Billie Cowand, Leo Skinner
Ushers: Dub Guthrie Jack Pegues
Nursery Volunteer: Darlene Cowand
Tellers: Lori Glover, Bob Harrison