



September

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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Pastor's Corner

Something new is going on. It's like a fresh wind and a fresh fire. Many in the congregation are experiencing a new level of commitment. The Basics Sunday School class, which consists of folks who have never really done Sunday School before, is thriving. Participation in Conversations with God with its storytelling training this summer has been full. From it, new storytellers have stepped up and enriched the worship service. Those in the Sunday morning Fellowship Hall class have commented on the richness of studying the book of Samuel. As you read this, the new Men's ministry has resumed for fall. Back to Church month begins this month. Nearly everyone is doing something.

We've been tremendously blessed this summer. Who will ever forget the baptisms in the McGinnis pool! Monthly potluck luncheons have the BEST food in Duncanville! Then there's the special music by our musicians. New folks are saying *I want to get more involved—and you are!* Do you sense the fresh wind and fresh fire?

In October we take our fall storytelling and choir concert outside the church to benefit the City. Much work needs to be done to make this a successful event. First of all, prayer! Ask that God bless our efforts as we raise awareness and funds for Duncanville Outreach Ministries, which has served this community for twenty-five years. God loves cities and intends for them to flourish. The way that happens is when you carry your faith to the community through your involvement wherever you are—your job, your volunteer work, your civic connections, and in your neighborhoods. We are asking many leaders of the community to join us and we need all of you. What better way to begin to see Duncanville flourish than to see what we all can do together.

Just ask an elder, Anna Murphy, or call the church office to let us know what you can or would like to do. I can't wait to see what the Lord does through you. Fresh wind and fresh fire. As a pastor said recently, "*Yes, Lord, burn and blow!*"

Blessings!

Pastor Ginger



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Festival of Hope



Saturday, October 26. Armstrong Park Amphitheater to benefit **Duncanville Outreach Ministry** to show our support for all they do and have done for Duncanville for 25 years. At present, activities are scheduled from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 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 (create & arrange for printing), newspaper articles (write and send to papers), flyers (create & arrange for distribution), radio (provide info to stations for PSAs)

Donations: assist with collecting of food, money and pledge cards (this is day of event)

Food: securing potential food vendors (calling to solicit potential vendors)

Vendors: securing community service/non-profit vendors that can assist those in need (calling to solicit)

Raffles/Silent Auction: securing items to be raffled/sold during the event; handing out raffle tickets, setting up and staffing silent auction tables, collecting money for items purchased during auction

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 (Ginger will head this team)

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

We are currently meeting each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. Please join us to learn more and get your team started.

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



September 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.

Charlotte Fithian 9/01
Fanny Se Penaloza 9/02
Danielle Reed 9/04
Cyleigh Kezar 9/07
Gail Haynes 9/10
John Dittman 9/12
Ginger Hertenstein 9/14
Jack Pegues 9/14

Edelmira Ruiz 9/19
Sharon Ingram 9/22
Beau Gaskins 9/26
Aiden Gaskins 9/26
Hailey Reed 9/26
Marlene Skinner 9/26
Margaret Lewis 9/28
Gary Malone 9/30



	Receipts	Expenditures
July 2013	\$34,210	\$28,813
YTD 2013	\$167,788	\$152,474
Total Annual Budget:		\$240,342

Deacon Doin's

Annual Deacon's Dinner

Be sure to save Saturday September 28, 2013 at 5:30 for the annual Deacons' Dinner. Come early to get signed up for face painting for the kids and caricatures for the adults. This latter event may be done as a couple, if desired, and will be entered into a fun, "guess the person (people)" contest. Dinner will include a Mexican menu and time to meet and visit with your own Deacon. The nursery will be open for the youngest ones as well as other activities for the children and bingo after dinner. Don't miss the fun!

~ *Connie Steger*

PW News

Ladies Fellowship Group Invitation

Ladies, please consider joining us for fellowship, prayer and study. We usually meet the second Thursday of the month.

Our first gathering of the year will be on September 12. The Agape group will meet at 1:00 pm at the home of Connie Steger, 960 N. Cedar Hill Road, Cedar Hill, TX. Please call 972-291-0922 for directions.

The Sarah group will meet at 7:30 pm at the home of Joan Brown, 810 Rock Canyon Drive, Duncanville, TX. Please call 972-298-9836 for directions.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																					
1 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship - Communion	2 <i>Labor Day - Office Closed</i>	3 7:30 PM Property Team Meeting	4 6:30 PM -7:15 PM Prayer Warriors 6:30 PM Fall Fest Planning Meeting 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal No Youth Group	5 6:30 PM Worship Planning Meeting	6	7																																																																																					
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National Back to Church Sunday

FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR

September 2013

Remember each other in daily prayer.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 Leo & Marlene Skinner Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson	8 Winifred Cook Bob Harrison Paul & Helen Barton Steve Netniss	9 Evelyn Pike George & Mary Huttar Dave & Jocelyn Bolles Keith & Gail Haynes	10 Darrell & Sharon Ingram Scott & Kathleen Hartless J.R.	11 Don & Edie Burquest Christy Cowand Brandon The Schaeffers	12 Billie Cowand Sheri Trask Connie Steger Andrew Watts	13 Malcolm Perrault Jim & Janet Stahl Jim & Andrene Hull Roy & Wendy Jensen
14 Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn, & Andrew Tom & Lois Harmon	15 Kent & Lori Glover Taylor & Charlie Steve & Mama Bayless	16 Dorothy Cleary T.J. & Eugene Julia McConnell Nicole Martinez	17 David & Sandy Gaskins Alexander, Aiden Beau & Blake	18 Jamie & Lorraine Cordova Vanessa, Valerie, Jimmy & Jason	19 Paul & Claudia Griffith Pat Sparr Jossue & Alan Peralta	20 Andrew & Ashley Dittman John Allen & Wanda Shipman
21 David Hertenstein Evelyn Jack & Diane Pegues Morgan Hall	22 Bobby & Teresa Reed Matthew & Rylee The Buuck's	23 Albert & Sara Teel Larry & Margaret Lewis Charles Tyer	24 Irving & Peggy Kezar Angel, Brandon, Cyleigh, Devon, & Elyssa	25 Ruth Yingst Doris Metzger Dick & Nancy Bergman	26 Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz Deborah Titus Sam & Charlotte Fithian	27 Eddie & Darlene Cowand Carol McKinney
28 David & Katherine Liddle Caleb, Jonathan Gary & Nita Malone	29 Eddie & Brenda Everett Grant Bill & Vangie Jackson	30 Dean & Ginger Hertenstein Miguel & Fanny Penaloza				
1 Mickey & Betty Jespersen Barbara Notari John Alsop	2 Carlos & Caryn Benitez Andrés & Rachelle Jim & Pam Loyd Joan Brown	3 Dudley Austin Burlie Murphy Susan Murphy Anna Murphy Nicholas	4 Eric & Erin McGinnis Ashlee & Michael Dub & Gwen Guthrie Neal Donna To	5 Gary & Linda Simons Nadine Daum Ariel, Leah & Aeris Carol Orwig Bob Moore	6 Sean & Lucy Russell Lucy, Sydney, Logan, Weston, & Tristan Boyd Roberts	

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

September 2013
10:30 A.M. SERVICE

September 1	Greeters:	Eddie Cowand, Sharon Ingram
	Ushers:	Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Jocelyn Bolles
	Tellers:	Teresa Reed, Joan Brown
	Communion Servers:	Jack Pegues, Bill Jackson, Dick Bergman Brenda Everett, Leo Skinner, Doris Metzger
September 8	Greeters:	Janet Stahl, Jocelyn Bolles
	Ushers:	Albert Teel, Eddie Cowand
	Nursery Volunteer:	Anna Murphy
	Tellers:	Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis
September 15	Greeters:	Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz
	Ushers:	Albert Teel, Irving Kezar
	Nursery Volunteer:	Erin McGinnis
	Tellers:	Darrell Ingram, Leo Skinner
September 22	Greeters:	Donna To, Wendy Jensen
	Ushers:	Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Sydney Russell
	Tellers:	Lori Glover, Bob Harrison
September 29	Greeters:	Anna Murphy, Darlene Cowand
	Ushers:	Eugene Jimmerson, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Valerie Cordova
	Tellers:	Teresa Reed, Joan Brown

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Youth Group — 6:00 p.m.