



# First Presbyterian Church

## EPISTLE

*Our Mission: Connecting with God and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the community.*

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## Celebrating our New Pastor

The Psalmist says, “The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced” (126:3). And rejoice we did at the installation service on January 9, 2010. It was a wonderful day of celebration and victory for FPCD.

When a pastor is installed vows are made, as issued by Elder Joan Brown. So what were these promises we made to one another? Let's be reminded. They are from the Book of Order (W-4.4006):

*Do we, the members of the church, accept Ginger as our pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?*

***We do.***

*Do we agree to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?*

***We do.***

*Do we promise to pay her fairly, and provide for her welfare as she works among us, to stand by her in trouble, and share her joy? Will we listen to the word she preaches, welcome her pastoral care, and honor her authority as she seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?*

***We do and we will.***

My vows are identical to the vows taken by elders and deacons, with a special addition of this one (W-4.4003):

*Will you be a faithful minister, proclaiming the good news in Word and sacrament, teaching faith and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?*

***I will.***

These promises are made with the intent of showing we all take our call seriously. They demonstrate that our relationship is tender and important. Now it's time to begin. The call has been given, and with great delight we shall embrace it.

Blessings,  
Ginger

# Charge to Congregation

## CHARGE TO CONGREGATION

### The Charge to the Congregation of First Presbyterian Church at the Installation of Ginger Hertenstein

Given by John Walsh, Elder, Highland Park Presbyterian Church  
January 9, 2010

Ginger has been called by you, Grace Presbytery and God to serve this congregation and the church of all believers as your pastor. She has all of the gifts and abilities that God has provided to her, but those are less than whole that they can be without your love, your efforts and more importantly your prayers. Those prayers for your pastor and your church should be consistent, regular and often.

Ginger is devoted to serving Jesus Christ and her efforts will always be for Him and His church. As in any church, her efforts are for naught, without the combined efforts of each of you for the whole of His church.

For those that have been called as ordained leaders of First Presbyterian you are needed to continue to help her lead this body of worshippers – for those that are called in the future, answer the call of leadership with devotion, enthusiasm and with a spirit of love. All leaders of this church should serve the congregation and the Lord with enthusiasm in all you do.

I also implore each of you to be strong in the Word. Daily devotion in God's Word will carry you, your church, and your pastor to levels of following Christ that only He can imagine. Make time each day, not spare time, when you have time, or time to prepare for Sunday, but make a special time each day to be in the Word and to grow in the Spirit. Your church will impact the Kingdom beyond your contemplations if this becomes the habit of the whole congregation.

I leave you with these words from Paul in his letter to the Church in Ephesus:  
Ephesians 3:14-16 <sup>14</sup>For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you be rooted and established in love . . .

Attendance

Bookkeeper's  
Report

## ATTENDANCE

## BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT

### December 2008

7–December–85  
14–December–100  
21–December–100  
24–December–94  
28–December–69

### December 2009

6–December–96  
13–December–110  
20–December–103  
24–December–116  
27–December–77

### December 2009

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
\$16,807	\$14,602

<b>YTD Receipts</b>	<b>YTD Expenditures</b>
\$176,420	\$186,893

Total Annual Budget for 2009 - \$173,824.  
The YTD Receipts **does not** include the  
\$16,000 from the sale of previously  
donated stock or \$19,824 from designated gifts.

## WORDS FROM WORSHIP

### Words from Worship

The sound room is looking for helpers.  
If you have the knowledge or would like to gain the knowledge of how to run  
the sound board, power point or our new handy-dandy video equipment,  
please contact Dub Guthrie, Anna Murphy, Steve Bayless, Scott Hartless  
or our sound room guru, Sean Russell.  
Your help is appreciated.

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### SYMBOLS of our faith...Symbols of the Twelve Apostles

**The twelve Apostles chosen by Jesus to be His special representatives were** “*Peter, James the son of Zebedee, John the brother of James, Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot*” Mark 3:16-19. They are frequently represented by symbols.



Thaddaeus and Jude are considered to be one and the same. Very little is said about him in the Bible other than the listing of his name as one of the chosen twelve. In the gospels Mark calls him Thaddeus, Matthew calls him “Lebbeus, whose last name was Thaddeus” and Luke names him Judas, the brother of James. He was evidently very active in the work of the early church and is said to have preached in Syria, Arabia and Mesopotamia. According to tradition, it is said that this apostle traveled far on missionary journeys in company with Simon; thus he is represented with a sailing ship on his shield.



## LENTEN SERIES with GINGER

Wednesdays 6:30—7:15 pm  
February 24, March 3, 10, 17 & 24

Set aside time now to attend the FPCD Annual Congregational Meeting &  
Luncheon on February 21 after the worship service.

## FPCD Seminars

### Back to Basic Seminars

Lost your job? Having financial problems?  
Concerned about food costs and nutrition?

Plan to attend one of the following seminars designed to help you sort through and plan how to "Get Back to Basics." Each seminar will be led by people just like you, that have experienced these same situations. They will offer helpful suggestions, ideas and insight on steps to take to help you get back on your feet. Seminars will be held on the following evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church. Child Care provided.

In **January** we discussed employment. How to apply for unemployment benefits, writing a resumé, searching for a job and interviewing. Although the groups were small, we had great discussions and all agreed we learned valuable information.

During **February**, we will explore the world of finance...and who can't use a little financial advice now-a-days! Scott Hartless will lead the seminars. Below is an outline of his topics:

#### Financial Planning—I can't be overdrawn... I still have checks!



Tuesday, February 2– Assessing your current financial situation

Tuesday, February 9– Insurance

Tuesday, February 16– Investments

Tuesday, February 23– Helping Your Family

#### In **March**, we'll turn our attention to **Nutrition**—Cheaper than eating out!?



Tuesday, March 2– Assessing the situation

Tuesday, March 9– Planning a menu

Tuesday, March 16– Shopping/budgeting

Tuesday, March 23– Tasting

If you want to help lead the discussions, or have information to share, please contact Anna Murphy or Dean Hertenstein.

### De-Con-Go Team

De-Con-Go  
Team

We had the privilege of planning and preparing for a reception following Pastor Ginger's Installation on Saturday, January 9. What a wonderful service that was and how blessed we are to have Pastor Ginger and Dean! So many of you joyfully and cheerfully helped with setting up, preparing and serving food, punch and coffee, and cleaning up. Thank you every one!

On a very sad note, we shared in Carol McKinney's sorrow in the loss of Norris on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Memorial Service for him was held at FPCD on January 11, followed by a Memorial Reception for family and friends. The sanctuary was FILLED with family and friends – a testimony to the impact Carol and Norris have had on so many. There was an abundance of refreshments provided by the church family and some folks from SIL. Thanks so much for ALL that each of you did to help with every aspect of this event.

A new church directory will be published in early February. If you are aware of any changes that need to be made to your address, phone numbers, email address, etc. please contact Sandy Gaskins at 972-298-3043.



H<sub>ands</sub> O<sub>f</sub> G<sub>od</sub> Y<sub>outh</sub> HAPPENINGSJanuary DOIN's

We continued to read the stories of the Old Testaments. After reading about Noah, we decided to take a look at a more modern version of the story, by viewing the movie **"Evan Almighty."** We read the stories about the Tower of Babel & Esau & Jacob.

February Schedule

February 7- Joseph Study  
 February 13-Hosting Valentine's Date Night  
 February 14-No Youth Group meeting  
 February 21-Moses Study  
 February 28-Ten Commandments Study

HOGY  
 Happenings



VALENTINE'S  
 DATE NIGHT

Saturday, February 13  
 7:00—10:00 pm  
 \$20 per couple

Looking for something special to do this Valentine's Day with your loved one? Come to FPCD's Valentine's Date Night, hosted by the Youth.

An Italian dinner will be served from 7:00-8:00 pm followed by a free movie, "An Affair to Remember." Also invite your friends, neighbors and relatives to enjoy a special evening together with their loved one. Flyers to hand out are available in the church narthex. Please make reservations by calling or texting 972-977-1172 no later than Thursday, February 11. Childcare will be available at an additional charge of \$5 per family. Proceeds benefit Youth Mission Trip funds.



We continue to average 6-8 youth each week. Thank you to those who provided the youth with meals in January. If you would like to lead discussion, play a game or serve a meal, please sign up on the HOGY calendar, posted on the door of the Youth room. You may also contact Lori Glover or Anna Murphy.



We will begin interviewing for the Youth Pastor position in February. So please begin praying about God's selection of leadership for our Youth.

PW NEWS

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**Ladies' Night Out**  
Thursday, February 25 at 7:00 pm  
Olive Garden in Duncanville  
Plan to come to this enjoyable event!



***Enjoy Bible Study and Fellowship with PW***

If you do not currently attend a Circle, please consider doing so. The Circles meet in different homes each month and enjoy Bible study, prayer, good discussions, desserts and fellowship. There is a daytime and an evening Circle. The meeting places, dates and times are printed in the announcements section of the weekly Sunday bulletins, as well as in the monthly newsletters. For more information, please contact Helen Barton or Joan Brown.

In the nine lessons of *Joshua: A Journey of Faith*, Mary Mikhael invites us to explore the challenging, sometimes heartrending, book of Joshua. Pursuing such themes as leadership, the promise of land, the concept of "holy war," and outsiders becoming insiders, we learn ultimately to find rest in the justice and mercy of God.

*Sarah Circle:* Meeting Thursday, February 4 at 7:30 pm at the home of Nancy Bergman, 1063 Fairmeadows Circle, Duncanville, 972-709-0268. Jocelyn Bolles is co-hostess; we will be studying Lesson 5 in the study books.

*Agape Circle:* Meeting Thursday, February 11 at 1:00 pm at the home of Connie Steger, 960 N. Cedar Hill Road, Cedar Hill. We will be discussing Lesson 4 in the study books.



**PW MISSIONS**

**Our PW Mission emphasis for the coming year will be helping to care for vulnerable children in Kamwenge, Uganda by donating funds for educational needs and school supplies.**

Kamwenge Vocational School is a community school in the heart of rural Uganda with a vision to transform this poor community into a self-sustained and responsible one with a high sense of integrity and accountability in a Christian transforming environment.

The school is located on 20 acres of land in the district of Kamwenge, western Uganda. This area has a population of 300,000 people, mostly refugees from neighboring countries, and is considered one of the poorest in Uganda. Parents cannot afford to send their children to school and do not understand the importance of education. This illiteracy has increased the cycle of HIV/AIDS and poverty. The Kamwenge School aims to equip individuals with skills for sustainable socio-economic development, a holistic approach of building the Kingdom of God.

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## PW NEWS continued

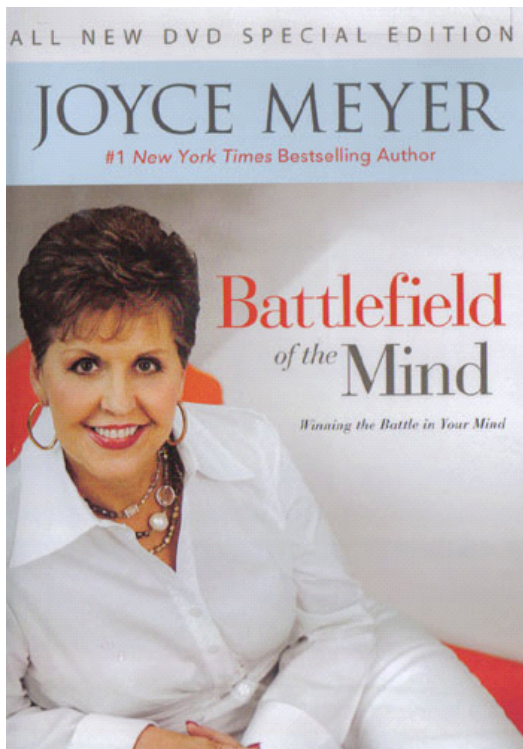
**How You Can Help!** We will be accepting donations toward this cause at our Circle Meetings through the year and also designating a portion of our PW fundraisers toward this project. Our two PW fundraisers are the Spring Plant and Bake Sale and the PW Family Spaghetti Supper and Christmas Auction. We hope you will prayerfully consider joining with us to help these Ugandan families build a better life through education and hopefully to see the love of Jesus Christ through our generosity and concern.



PW NEWS  
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## 2010 Mini Retreat Coming Soon!

Plan to join us on Friday evening, March 12 and Saturday morning, March 13 at the Holiday Inn Express in Waxahachie. The program and discussions will be based on several DVD messages by the very powerful and entertaining speaker, Joyce Meyer. Joyce Meyer is one of the world's leading practical Bible teachers. She is the best-selling author of dozens of books and Bible studies, and speaks to thousands of women each year at her live events. Joyce is passionate about the life-transforming power of God, and her messages are straight from God's Word. She has helped millions of people find hope and restoration through Jesus Christ.



There's a war going on and your mind is the battlefield. If you're one of millions who suffer from worry, doubt, confusion, depression, anger or condemnation, you are experiencing an attack in your mind. Overcoming negative thoughts that come against your mind brings freedom and peace. Find out how to recognize damaging thought patterns and stop them from influencing your life. In this powerful conference DVD, Joyce Meyer guides you through an honest self-appraisal by sharing the trials, tragedies and ultimate victories of her own marriage, family and ministry, including the truth she learned about what she was thinking and feeling every step of the way. You'll gain insight into how Joyce won the battle in her own mind, and how you can as well. These resources will expose wrong ways of thinking and help you renew your mind with the truth of God's Word. *The Battlefield of the Mind* will help transform your thinking.

There will be a sign-up poster in the narthex. Please sign up with a roommate no later than Sunday, March 7. The cost will be approximately \$50 per person, with 2 people in a room. Breakfast will be provided at the hotel, and as always, please bring snacks to share for Friday evening and Saturday. Also, don't forget your Bible and a wrapped gift for our always fun White Elephant gift exchange. The Retreat will end at noon on Saturday. There are lots of fun things to do in Waxahachie on Friday or Saturday, if you wish to go into town.

# **WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

## **February 2010**

### **10:30 A.M. SERVICE**

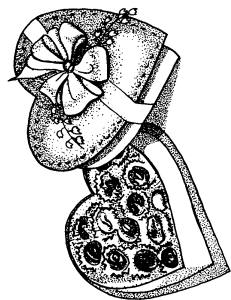
February 7	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tech Team: Tellers:	Lori Glover, Bob Harrison Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues Lori Glover Anna Murphy Sharon Ingram Sean Russell Mickey Jespersen, Leo Skinner
February 14	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tech Team: Tellers:	Eddie Cowand, Sharon Ingram Bob Moore, Eddie Cowand Dave Bolles Sandy Gaskins Jocelyn Bolles Sean Russell Lori Glover, Jocelyn Bolles
February 21	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tech Team: Tellers:	Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson Albert Teel, Bob Moore Darrell Ingram Sharon Ingram Helen Barton Sean Russell Paul Barton, Tom Harmon
February 28	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tech Team: Tellers:	Gail Haynes, Burle Murphy Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues Doris Metzger Kathleen Hartless Anna Murphy Sean Russell Teresa Reed, Joan Brown



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# FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR

## February 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	FRIDAY	Saturday
	1 Del & Dorothy Anderson Winfred Cook Scott & Kathleen Hartless J.R.	2 Paul & Helen Barton Ruth Yingst Doris Metzger	3 David & Katherine Liddle Caleb, Jonathan Lenora Dalton	4 Joan Brown Carlos & Caryn Benitez Andrés & Rachelle	5 Jack & Diane Pegues Boyd Roberts Connie Steger	6 Larry & Margaret Lewis David & Evelyn Hertenstein
7 Sean & Lucy Russell Lucy, Sydney, & Logan, Weston, & Tristan Albert & Sara Teel Savannah	8 Paul & Claudia Griffith Dean & Ginger Hertenstein	9 Carol McKinney Ryan & Marjorie Ochs Colvin & Georgia Jim & Pam Loyd	10 Dorothy Cleary Dudley Austin Allen & Wanda Shipman	11 Nadine Doura Ariel & Leah Dick & Nancy Bergman	12 George & Billie Cowand David & Sandy Gaskins Alexander	13 Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson Leo & Marlene Skinner Don & Sheri Trask
14 Kent & Lori Glover Taylor & Charlie Dub & Gwen Guthrie Neal	15 Bill Farish Pat Sparr Don & Edie Burquest Burle Murphy	16 Kevin & Tonya Jespersen Mickey & Betty Jespersen Keith & Gail Haynes	17 Susan Murphy Eddie & Brenda Everett Jocelyn, Natalie, & Grant	18 Bobby & Teresa Reed Matthew & Rylee Michelle Petersen	19 Tom & Lois Harmon Eunice Pike Christy Cowand Brandon	20 Gary & Nita Malone Darrell & Sharon Ingram Jessica Bob & Liz Moore
21 Roy & Wendy Jensen Robert & Catherine Eagle Anna Murphy Nicholas & Heather	22 Jim & Andrene Hull Dave & Jocelyn Bolles	23 Jim & Janet Stahl Donna To Gary & Linda Simons Rachel Simons	24 Evelyn Pike George & Mary Huttar The Schaefers	25 Bob & Nancy Harri-son Eddie & Darlene Cowand Carol Orwig	26 Stan & June West Sara & Matthew Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz	27 Irving & Peggy Kezar Steve & Marna Bayless
28 Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn, & Andrew						

## Christian Education

### Adult Sunday School Classes

Two classes are now being offered. One is the Study of Matthew. The other is a Practical Christian Living Study, *If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat*. Both classes meet Sunday mornings at 9:15 am.

### Sunday Evening Small Group

The Sunday evening small group is studying *How to Read the Bible Book by Book: A Guided Tour* by Gordon D. Fee and Douglas Stuart. Refreshments and fellowship begin at 6:00 pm and study is from 6:30-7:30 pm each Sunday evening. The group gathers at various members' houses and are led by different members each week. All are welcome to come and learn. Children are invited to play or watch videos. Please call Sharon Ingram for any further details at 469-774-7997.

## *A Letter of Thanks*

Dear Deacons and FPCD family,

Thank you so much for the thoughts, gifts and prayers both during my surgery and in regard to Evelyn's sickness recently. We both really appreciated all of your support and she has recovered and is back in good spirits. Thanks again for all of the warm welcomes and kind words as we're able to be back at church now that things are getting back to normal.

Sincerely,  
David & Evelyn Hertenstein

## Birthdays

If you think we might not have a record of your birthday and you would like us to include it in the "birthday" section of the newsletter, please contact the office (972) 298-3043. Thank you.



Carol McKinney—2/4  
Christy Cowand—2/6  
Triston Russell—2/8  
Helen Barton—2/10  
Billie Cowand—2/10  
Ann Reed—2/11  
Paul Griffith—2/12  
Leo Skinner—2/15  
Claudia Griffith—2/16  
Susan Walters—2/22  
Nadine Doura AbuMarkhia—2/23

## Christian Education

## *A Letter of Thanks*

## Birthdays

## **SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Christian Education — 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service — 10:30 a.m.  
Youth Group — 4:30-6:00 p.m.

## **RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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## **UNDERSTANDING THE 2010 CENSUS**

### **Key Dates for the Upcoming Census**

2010 is a special year—it's a "census" year. The first census was conducted in 1790 and has been carried out every 10 years since. By participating in the census, you will help ensure that the City of Duncanville, or the city you live in, gets its fair share of federal and state funding. Locally, census information helps determine locations for schools, roads, hospitals, child-care and senior centers, and much more. Businesses also use census data to determine new locations for supermarkets, shopping centers, housing and other facilities. So, watch your mailbox and return your census questionnaire in a timely fashion. It's important to you and your community.

March 2010	Census questionnaires mailed or delivered to households.
April 1, 2010	Census Day
April—July 2010	Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.
December 2010	Census Bureau delivers population counts to the President.

***Be Counted in 2010!***