



# First Presbyterian Church EPISTLE

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

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## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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The Psalmist writes: "Praise the LORD! . . . Praise him, you who serve the LORD . . . for the LORD is good; celebrate his lovely name with music. For the LORD has chosen Duncanville for himself, First Presbyterian Church for his own special treasure" (135:1-4).



Minister's  
Musings

Do you think of yourself as especially chosen by God simply because God loves you? You are! And that is indeed very good news with which to begin the New Year! So if we are God's special people, that must mean something; perhaps we should offer a response to acknowledge the fact that God has taken note of us. Yes, a response is indeed appropriate. Here's the Psalmist's call:

Sing to His name, for He is gracious;  
Receive the heritage He has given;  
Stand in the house of our God and  
Bless the Lord!

As we begin 2011 the one word that comes to my mind is joy. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, worship the Lord with gladness . . . enter his gates with thanksgiving (Ps 100). These are ancient words, but still appropriate. Written by a believer who lived thousands of years ago, they are words which are still relevant. We have a special heritage of faith – do you value it? Faith is indeed valuable; a great gift. Let's start the year with the bounty of faith, shall we? And let's sing about it throughout Duncanville . . . for the Lord has taken note of us. We are God's own special treasure, receivers of God's gifts. Be joyful!

Blessings,  
Ginger

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# Words from Worship



A big THANK YOU to everyone who assisted in decorating the church for Advent, purchased a poinsettia, participated or attended our worship services. Each of us working together and sharing our talents, make our church a wonderful place to worship.

We will need to take down the decorations and pack them away until next year...if you are available, please join us on Saturday, January 8, from 9:00-11:00. Many hands will make light work.

## The Season of Epiphany...

The [term](#) *epiphany* means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal." In Western churches, it remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, who by so doing "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King. In some Central and South American countries influenced by Catholic tradition, Three Kings' Day, or the night before, is the time for opening Christmas presents.

In western Christian tradition, **January 6** is celebrated as **Epiphany**. It goes by other names in various church traditions. In Hispanic and Latin culture, as well as some places in Europe, it is known as **Three Kings' Day**. Because of differences in church calendars, mainly between the Eastern Orthodox and the western Catholic and Protestant traditions, both [Christmas](#) and Epiphany have been observed at different times in the past. Today, most of the Eastern Orthodox traditions follow the western church calendar.

Epiphany is the climax of the Advent/Christmas Season and the [Twelve Days of Christmas](#), which are usually counted from the evening of December 25th until the morning of January 6th, which is the Twelfth Day. In following this older custom of counting the days beginning at sundown, the evening of January 5th is the **Twelfth Night**. This is an occasion for feasting in some cultures, including the baking of a special **King's Cake** as part of the festivities of Epiphany (a King's Cake is part of the observance of [Mardi Gras](#) in French Catholic culture).

Annual  
Congregational  
Meeting

January 30, 2011  
11:45 am

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SYMBOLS of our faith...**Descending Dove**



The descending dove is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. "As soon as Jesus was baptized, he...saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove" (Matthew 3:16 NIV). The three-rayed nimbus around the dove's head identifies the Spirit as a member of the Trinity. A dove shown without the nimbus is a symbol of peace.

# ATTENDANCE



## November 2009

1–November–89  
8–November–69  
15–November–76  
22–November–74

## November 2010

7–November–86  
14–November–87  
21–November–79  
28–November–87

## November 2010

Receipts	Expenditures
\$10,961	\$16,027
YTD income:	*\$189,312
YTD expenditures	\$186,188
Total Annual Budget:	\$173,824
<small>*This includes memorial giving.</small>	
Renovation Receipts	\$10,940
Total Renovation Cost	\$28,286

## PW NEWS



Early in December we enjoyed a delicious spaghetti supper courtesy of Presbyterian Women. Mmmmm! Can they cook!

The Christmas Auction which followed was a happy experience. A great variety of items were auctioned--items from as far away as Cameroun in Africa! Other items were made in America, including a lovely soft hand-made blanket made and donated by Peggy Kezar.

Jocelyn Bolles, the PW Treasurer as well as our mellow-voiced auctioneer, reports that \$1008. was raised at the auction. Those proceeds will go for three projects: our national PW mission pledge, our own PW Mission project, and for a project yet to be named here at our church.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the auction and thank you to those who made purchases!  
Lois Harmon

### Circle Gatherings for January:

You are invited to attend a circle meeting this month. At these meetings you'll have an opportunity to visit, you'll enjoy a dessert, you will get to learn through a study of the book of Revelation.

*Sarah Circle:* Meeting Thursday, January 13 at 7:30 pm at the home of Nancy Bergman, 1063 Fairmeadows, Duncanville. We are studying chapter 5 in "Journeys Through Revelation."

*Agape Circle:* Meeting Thursday, January 13 at 1:00 at the home of Lois Harmon, 207 N. Venice Drive, Duncanville. We are studying chapter 4.



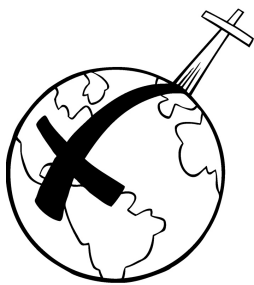
You are welcome to come, whether you've read the lesson or not!

## From the Liddles



Katherine and I left Dallas this past week -- with Jonathan and Caleb, of course -- as part of our reassignment from the International Linguistics Center to the Wycliffe Europe office in Holzhausen, Germany (near Haiger). For the last eight years, we were in Dallas working with the language survey and computer departments. We came to FPCD in 2004 after buying our house just three minutes from the church.

Our first stop on this trip was to take some of our belongings to St. Joseph, Missouri, where I have extended family and where we have a supporting church. Then we headed west to spend the holidays with Katherine's family in Denver, Colorado. After the new year, we'll return to Missouri and begin working full-time on raising the rest of the financial support we need before Wycliffe releases us to go to our new assignment in Germany.



In Germany, I will do computer support work for the 18 Wycliffe offices scattered throughout Europe -- one in each country that sends Wycliffe missionaries to other places around the world. I'll also provide help to Wycliffe personnel in the surrounding areas who work in challenging, sensitive situations without local support. It's a job that will require innovation, efficiency, and a lot of travel -- I'll be dealing with a much larger "campus"! Joining the effort there will bring relief to Martijn de Vries, who has been working largely by himself for several years in the face of increasing needs and expectations. But that hard work helps Bible translation progress among many peoples!

Jonathan and Caleb will go to school in the German school system. This will be their first experience in public school, having been homeschooled to this point. They're excited about the chance to be around more children their age and to make friends through the international "language" of soccer. Each village in the area also has its own recreation center where there are activities and clubs for both children and adults -- opportunities to get to know people and improve our German.

When the boys are settled into their new school and routine, Katherine hopes to find a role with Wycliffe Europe, or one of the other groups in that region, that suits her well. The diversity of the work in that part of the world means that there's a good chance that she can put her knowledge and skills in the field of sociolinguistics to good use. Who knows what God might bring along?

We certainly need the prayers of our brothers and sisters at FPCD as we persevere through this transition period -- a time that is difficult for many missionaries journeying to new places. Being close to a congregation filled with friends and dedicated believers has been a blessing during our time in Duncanville, and we will not forget that. Thank you all for your kindness and graciousness over the years!

If you want to keep updated on our ministry, just go to [www.liddles.net](http://www.liddles.net), put your email address in the "Stay Updated" section, and click the "Subscribe" button. You'll get a new message every time we add to our website. You can write to us at [david-katherine\\_liddle@wbt.org](mailto:david-katherine_liddle@wbt.org). And you're always welcome to come and visit! Auf Wiedersehen!

### **AUSTIN STREET CENTRE**

We are responsible for providing 30 dozen sandwiches (a loaf of bread will make a dozen sandwiches) to the centre on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. Thanks to everyone who makes this happen month after month.

Since we began this ministry, we have provided over 100,000 sandwiches!!! If you'd like to join this ministry, please have your sandwiches to the church by 7:00 p.m. on the designated date.

\$1.00 per loaf (store brand)

\$2.50 (24 slices)

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Providing sandwiches to the  
**Austin Street Centre**

.....**Priceless**

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE****January 2011****10:30 A.M. SERVICE**

January 2	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tellers: Communion Servers:	Mickey & Betty Jespersen Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues Dub Guthrie Sharon Ingram Joan Brown Teresa Reed, Joan Brown Paul Barton, Lois Harmon, Jack Pegues, Brenda Everett, Darrell Ingram, Lori Glover
January 9	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tellers:	Jocelyn Bolles, Dorothy Cleary Bob Moore, Eddie Cowand Dave Bolles Kathleen Hartless Anna Murphy Teresa Reed, Joan Brown
January 16	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tellers:	Tom Harmon, Doris Metzger Albert Teel, Bob Moore Leo Skinner Savannah Baker-Teel Gail Haynes Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis
January 23	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tellers:	Helen Barton, Bob Moore Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues Janet Stahl Margaret Lewis Sydney Russell Mickey Jespersen, Leo Skinner
January 30	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tellers:	Lori Glover, Bob Harrison Eugene Jimmerson, Jack Pegues Scott Hartless Helen Barton Susan & Evelyn Walters Lori Glover, Bob Harrison

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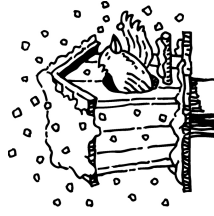
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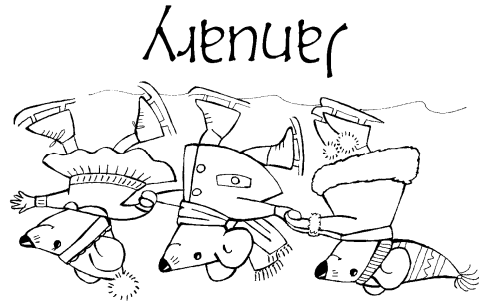
# EPICD PRAYER CALENDAR

JANUARY 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	FRIDAY	Saturday
2 Paul & Helen Barton Ruth Yingst Doris Metzger	3 David & Katherine Liddle Caleb, Jonathan Lenora Dalton	4 Joan Brown Malcolm Perrault James & Beth Ann Black	5 Jack & Diane Pegues Carlos & Caryn Benitez Andrés & Rachelle	6 Larry & Margaret Lewis Boyd Roberts Connie Steger Jim & Pam Loyd	7 Sean & Lucy Russell Lucy, Sydney, Logan, Weston, & Tristan	8 Paul & Claudia Griffith Dean & Ginger Hertenstein John Alsop
9 Carol McKinney Ryan & Marjorie Ochs Colvin & Georgia	10 Dorothy Cleary T.J. & Eugene Dudley Austin Allen & Wanda Shipman	11 Nadine Doura Ariel & Leah Dick & Nancy Bergman	12 George & Billie Coward David & Sandy Gaskins Alexander, Aiden, Beau	13 Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson Leo & Marlene Skinner Pat Sparr	14 Kent & Lori Glover Taylor & Charlie Dub & Gwen Guthrie Melisa, Carol, & Neal	15 Eunice Pike Robert & Catherine Eagle David Hertenstein Evelyn
16 Kevin & Tonya Jespersen Mickey & Betty Jespersen Winifred Cook	17 Scott & Kathleen Hartless J.R. Andrew & Ashley Dittman	18 Bobby & Teresa Reed Matthew & Rylee	19 Eddie & Darlene Coward Christy Coward Brandon	20 Gary & Nita Malone Darrell & Sharon Ingram Jay & Jessica	21 Roy & Wendy Jensen Don & Edie Burquest Dave & Jocelyn Bolles	22 Eddie & Brenda Everett Jocelyn, Natalie, & Grant Steve Netniss
23 Jim & Janet Stahl Donna To Gary & Linda Simons Rachel Simons	24 Evelyn Pike George & Mary Huttar The Schaefers	25 Bob & Nancy Harrison Carol Orwig Tom & Lois Harmon	26 Stan & June West Sara & Matthew Kezar Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz	27 Irving & Peggy Kezar Steve & Marna Bayless	28 Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn, & Andrew	29 Albert & Sarah Teel Savannah Bob & Liz Moore Gail Haynes
30 Burle Murphy Susan Murphy Anna Murphy Nicholas & Heather	31 Reid Bunger Don & Sheri Trask Jim & Andrene Hull					

Jocelyn Bolles—1/1  
Andrene Hull—1/2  
Gwenn Guthrie—1/4  
Dorothy Cleary—1/5  
Carol Guthrie—1/11  
Melisa Guthrie—1/11  
Logan Russell—1/25  
Don Burquest—1/28



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.

BIRTHDAYS

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

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