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First Presbyterian Church EPISTLE

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

From Your Session

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A NEW BEGINNING

Isn't that the phrase we hear at the start of every New Year? We resolve that this year I am going to lose weight. This year I am going on vacation to someplace different. This year I am going to save money. This year I am going to read more. This year I will be more tolerant of others. This year I am going to etc., etc., etc.! The days and weeks pass and months dwindle away and nothing has really changed. We go about our daily lives doing the same things we did last year and the year before that. How do we shake it up? How do we really make something different happen?

You want change? Challenge yourself! Take on one thing that you don't believe is possible for you to accomplish and slowly venture forth. I did two years ago when Ginger inspired me to start the Basics Class. Most of you heard my testimony about the joys and rewards I have received as a result of this experience. It is one of the reasons I agreed to return to Session. I believed if I could facilitate a Sunday School Class, perhaps I could be of some further service to the church and the challenges it will be facing in 2015 and going forward.

We are a small church with numerous obstacles facing us. Most of us already do double duty serving on various teams and working with different groups to see that the myriad of jobs involving the church get done. But

we need to do more! We need to encourage each other to pitch in. We need to bring friends and neighbors to our programs. We need to spread the word about what a great little church family we have and the fabulous music program we enjoy. We need to fill our pews every Sunday regardless of the weather or the event showing on the television. And we need to support us financially. The budget this year is astronomical when you divide it by the number of giving families, but we must strive to meet this goal if we are going to survive. And we will!

This is a praying church and I believe if each of us ask the Lord for his guidance and his blessing He will provide us with the means to carry on. Ask him what you can do to help. What time, talent or asset can you share with Him toward the betterment of His Kingdom here on earth? The Lord has blessed this church in so many ways over the years, let us all do our part to be worthy of those blessing.

Yours in Christ,

Dave Bolles



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Dave Liddle writes us this month.

Life here in Germany is pretty normal, as life goes. Any of you who came to visit would no doubt find that our setting is quite different -- a collection of villages nestled inside a valley -- but that the daily motion of life is not entirely unlike the way it is in the United States.

The biggest change to life this year has been Katherine taking a bigger role in the library maintained on the Wycliffe Germany campus. She is, in fact, now heading the small collection of linguistic and missiological resources that are available to Wycliffe members who need them. Some of these people are on furlough or study leaves, while others are people who live in Germany but serve language groups located in other countries or regions. Katherine works with a former language survey colleague, Angela Kluge, who is now in charge of the training program hosted by Wycliffe Germany. They have been quite occupied lately, identifying new books that will be useful to our brothers and sisters for training and further study.

As for me, I've been working slowly but steadily this year in finding ways to simplify the IT services we provide to about ten different locations throughout Europe. I took a course in wireless networking in England last spring that's helping to make it easier to supply offices with a much-demanded service. I have consulted several times now with people who are concerned about wireless Internet access at conference and retreat centers -- places where they hold workshops and seminars on Bible translation and related matters.

Much like my last few years in the Dallas office, Wycliffe and SIL began a massive project to change email systems again. This time, everyone in the world is switching from our in-house system to one that is hosted by Google. Here in Europe, the matter is complicated by each office beginning to use their own domains -- that is, the last part of the email address, e.g. wycliffe.nl. We have to make a lot of behind-the-scenes arrangements to the process to go smoothly, and we don't always get things right the first time.

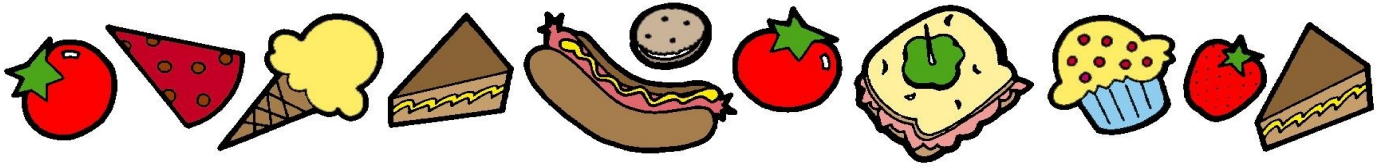
After the summer break, during which we met Katherine's family in Scotland for a vacation (pictures), Jonathan and Caleb began 7th and 6th grade. They like school about as well as you expect most kids to like it, but they are doing well under Katherine's watchful eye. Their after-school activities are something they enjoy more, though. Each of them takes part in a church youth group, and they both play volleyball at the recreation center here in Niederdreselndorf (knee-dare-DRESS-elndorf). When we're together -- and it's not raining -- we like to ride our bikes on the paths here.

We miss the faces and friendship of our family there, and we wish you all "Frohe Weihnachten!"

For the entire family,
David



Katherine, her sister (Pam Turner), and the boys at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre



Cook's Corner

This month, Jocelyn Bolles shares with us her favorite recipe for wintry weather. Enjoy!

Here's a good recipe for the cold weather:

Chili con carne (northern style) for the troops:

- 3 lbs ground chuck (browned and drained)
- 3 cans (15 oz) diced tomatoes
- 3 cans (15 oz) tomato sauce
- 2 cans (15 oz) dark red kidney beans (3 cans if you are partial to kidney beans)
- 1 cup diced onions
- 1 cup diced green pepper (optional)
- 2 tablespoons Worchester sauce
- 3+ tablespoons chili powder (seasoned to your liking)

Brown and drain the ground chuck, and add to all other ingredients. Serves about 15-18, depending on the troops.

Works well as a last-minute supper (can be ready in less than a half hour) or you can put in the slow cooker in the morning to serve that night.

In the North, we serve as a main dish with macaroni or rice; here in Texas, it's more like Frito pies or with chips and crackers, your choice!

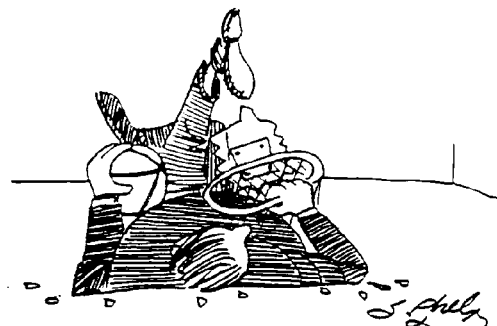
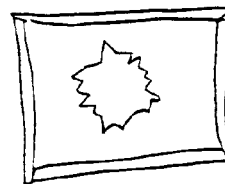
Jocelyn Bolles

PW Women

Sarah Circle will be in the home of Marna Bayless, 836 Glen Oaks Blvd,
Dallas on Thursday, February 12 at 7:30 pm.



"Pastor Shirley, I envy you in one area:
you don't have to agonize over which dress
to wear every Sunday."



The installation of a backboard behind the
pulpit allowed for a memorable conclusion
to the youth pastor's annual sermon.



FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR January 2015

Remember each other in daily prayer.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Carlos & Caryn Benitez Andrés & Rachelle	5 Winfred Cook Larry & Margaret Lewis	6 Steve & Mama Bayless Eddie & Brenda Everett Grant	7 David & Sandy Gaskins Alexander, Aiden Beau & Blake	1 John Alsop Joan Brown Julia McConnell	2 Irving & Peggy Kezar Angel, Brandon, Cyleigh, Devon, & Elyssa	3 Bobby & Teresa Reed Matthew & Rylee
11 Kent & Lori Glover Taylor & Charlie Sam & Charlotte Fithian	12 Sean & Lucy Russell Lucy, Sydney, Logan, Weston, & Tristan	13 Jamie & Lorraine Cordova Vanessa, Valerie, Jimmy & Jason	14 Miguel & Fanny Penaloza Susan Murphy Anna Murphy	15 Doris Metzger Carol McKinney Tom & Lois Harmon	16 David Hertenstein Evelyn Eddie & Darlene Cowand	17 Nadine Daum Ariel, Leah, Aeris & Benjamin
18 Billie Cowand Gary & Nita Malone Barbara Notari	19 Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz	20 Bob Harrison Darrell & Sharon Ingram	21 Gary & Linda Simons Albert & Sara Teel Dick & Nancy Bergman	22 Scott & Kathleen Hartless J.R. Jack & Diane Pegues	23 Paul & Claudia Griffith Dorothy Cleary Ruth Yingst	24 Roy & Wendy Jensen The Buuck's George & Mary Huttar
25 Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn, & Andrew	26 David & Katherine Liddle Caleb, Jonathan Paul & Helen Barton	27 Eric & Erin McGinnis Ashlee & Michael Mickey & Betty Jespersen	28 Steve Netmiss Dave & Jocelyn Bolles Pat Sparr	29 Jim & Janet Stahl Donna To Leo & Marlene Skinner	30 Charles Tyer Jim & Pam Loyd Wanda Shipman	31 Paul & Jen Schaefer Caleb, Micah, Josiah, & Sarah

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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10:30 A.M. SERVICE

January 4	Greeters:	Billie Cowand, Leo Skinner
	Ushers:	Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Susan Murphy
	Tellers:	Darrell Ingram, Leo Skinner
	Communion Servers:	Adelmo Ruiz, Diane Pegues, Jack Pegues Erin McGinnis, Leo Skinner, Doris Metzger
January 11	Greeters:	Jaime & Lorraine Cordova
	Ushers:	Eddie Cowand, Dub Guthrie
	Nursery Volunteer:	Sydney Russell
	Tellers:	Lori Glover, Brenda Everett
January 18	Greeters:	Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson
	Ushers:	Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Erin McGinnis
	Tellers:	Teresa Reed, Joan Brown
January 25	Greeters:	Wendy Jensen, Donna To
	Ushers:	Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Darlene Cowand
	Tellers:	Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis

January 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.

Jocelyn Bolles, January 1
 Andrene Hull, January 2
 Gwenn Guthrie, January 4
 Dorothy Cleary, January 5
 Jim Stahl, January 5
 Brittany Tucker, January 7
 Jeff Thorpe, January 10
 Nyadia Thorpe, January 12
 Jason Cordova, January 13
 Connie Steger, January 16
 Logan Russell, January 25
 Don Burquest, January 28
 Sarah Meyer, January 29



2014 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

We are delighted to let you know that you gave \$236,249 toward our \$243,607 budget goal for 2014. Thank you for your generous giving!

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Christian Education
 Worship Service

— 9:15 a.m.
 — 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Youth Group — 6:00 p.m.