



First Presbyterian Church

EPISTLE

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

From your Session

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Resolutions

The start of a new year is a time to look forward to a new beginning with a clean slate. Many people make New Year's resolutions as a way of self-improvement. Unfortunately, most resolutions are quickly forgotten.

The Bible and Christianity are filled with new beginnings. The biggest change was the birth of Jesus Christ, his teachings, and His death on the cross. It changed salvation from being through the law to being by grace. When we accept Him as our Savior, we began a new life. Anytime we ask for forgiveness, we are given a clean slate. In our church in 2013, we began a new effort to reach out to the community. This new focus has resulted in

over \$166,000 being provided to Duncanville Outreach Ministry to help those in need. It also gave us an opportunity to take Bible stories outside our walls into the community.

I suggest we make some resolutions for our Christian life for the New Year. We all need to continue to grow in our faith. Some of us may need to resolve to spend more time reading our Bibles. Pledging to spend more time in prayer may be a need for some of us. We may need to be more aware of opportunities to share our faith. Each of you can decide which areas you need to make a resolution to improve your Christian life.

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I hope you will make some resolutions concerning your life in the church. If you are not currently on a ministry team, find one to join. If you don't see one that appeals to you, consider what your interests are and see if you can encourage others to join you in creating a new team around that interest. Look for ways to get involved in the life of the church. When you get involved in doing the Lord's work, your faith will grow. You will begin to see His hand solving problems that arise during the work. He sometimes provides in ways you would never expect.

I want to comment on one other thing. Some of you may be frustrated in the lack of growth of the church despite the work we have done in the community. We just have to continue to connect with God and make Him known in the community. If we continue to do our part in doing His work, we have to leave it up to Him as to whether the church grows. There are many stories in the Bible of people whose answer to prayer came much later than they expected. Remember God does things on His time not ours. We have to trust His timing.

Dub



Circle Meetings

The Agape Women's Circle will hold their first meeting of 2016 on Wednesday, January 13 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the church. We will continue our study of God's influence through water with Lesson 4: "Dangerous Waters---God's Deliverance." This lesson is based on Joshua 3 and Psalm 69:1-3. All are welcome.

Sarah Circle will meet on January 14, 2016 in the home of Jocelyn Bolles, 619 Athena Way, Duncanville at 7:30 pm. We are continuing the study of Come to the Waters, lesson 5. Any woman who would like to join our evening Bible study group is most welcome. Call 972-298-9836 for any questions.



Cook's Corner

This month's scrumptious recipe comes to us from Carol Orwig

Mama Orwig's Apple Crisp

Fill a pie plate with sliced apples, slightly heaped.

In a small bowl mix the following:

1 cup flour

1 cup sugar

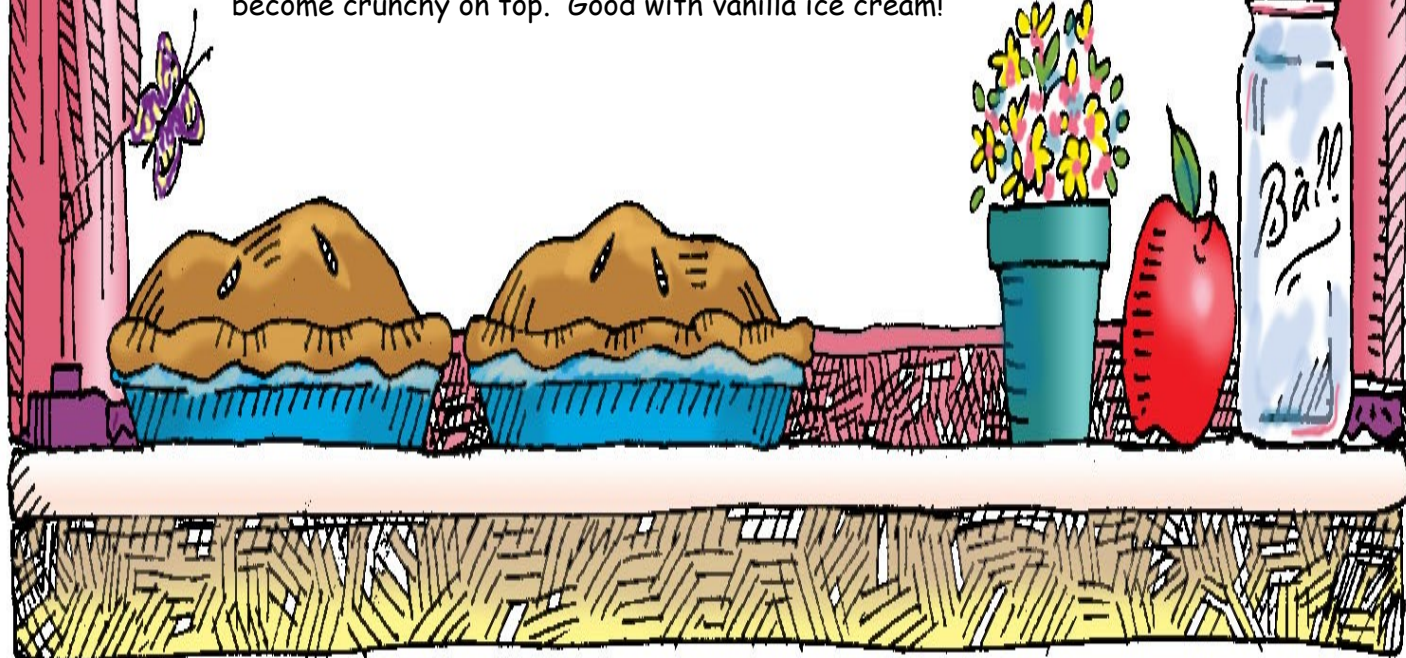
1 tsp. baking powder

1 tsp cinnamon

1 tsp nutmeg

Beat one egg slightly, then mix into the dry ingredients with a fork or finger tips, until crumbly. Spread over the top of the apples. Sprinkle $\frac{1}{4}$ c warm water evenly over the topping. Dot with butter.

Bake at 350 degrees for one hour. Let cool slightly, and topping will become crunchy on top. Good with vanilla ice cream!





FPCD Prayer Calendar

January 2016

Remember each other in Daily Prayer!

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1 Jack & Diane Pegues Ruth Yingst Dean & Ginger Hertenstein	2 Charles Tyer Eddie & Brenda Everett Grant
3 Jaime & Lorraine Cordova Vanessa, Valerie, Jimmy & Jason	4 Dudley Austin Julia McConnell	5 Nadine Daum Ariel, Leah, Aeris & Benjamin Eddie & Darlene Coward	6 Carlos & Caryn Benitez Andrés & Rachelle	7 Winfred Cook Larry & Margaret Lewis. Heather, Erin & Christian	8 Scott & Kathleen Hartless J.R. David Hertenstein & Evelyn	9 Bobby & Teresa Reed Matthew & Rylee John Alsop
10 Jeff & Nyadia Thorpe Vincent & Caden Wanda Shipman	11 David & Sandy Gaskins Alexander, Aiden Beau & Blake	12 Miguel & Fanny Penaloza Susan Murphy Anna Murphy	13 Doris Metzger Tom & Lois Harmon	14 Billie Coward Gary & Nita Malone Barbara Notari	15 Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz	16 Bob Harrison Darrell & Sharon Ingram
17 Gary & Linda Simons Dick & Nancy Bergman	18 Paul & Claudia Griffith Dorothy Cleary	19 Roy & Wendy Jensen George & Mary Huttar	20 Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn & Andrew	21 Gary & Candice Morris Carol McKinney	22 David & Katherine Liddle Caleb & Jonathan Paul & Helen Barton	23 Eric & Erin McGinnis Ashlee & Michael Mickey & Betty Jespersen
24 Jim & Janet Stahl Donna To Leo & Marlene Skinner	25 Paul & Jen Schaefer Caleb, Micah, Josiah, & Sarah	26 Irving & Peggy Kezar Angel, Brandon, Cyleigh, Devon, & Elyssa	27 Dub & Gwen Guthrie Neal Bill & Vangie Jackson	28 Connie Steger Joan Brown	29 Kent & Lori Glover Taylor & Charlie Sam & Charlotte Fithian	30 Sean & Lucy Russell Lucy, Sydney, Logan, Weston, & Tristan
31 Dave & Jocelyn Bolles Pat Sparr Steve & Marna Bayless						

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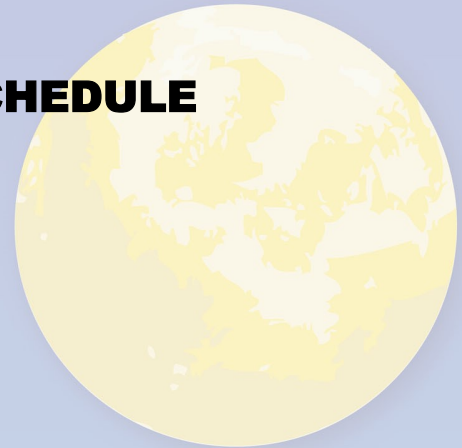
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WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

January 2016

10:30 A.M. SERVICE



JANUARY 3

Greeters:

Ushers:

Nursery Overseer:

Tellers:

Communion Servers:

Jaime & Lorraine Cordova

Irving Kezar, Albert Teel

Jocelyn Bolles

Darrell Ingram, Anna Murphy

Dub Guthrie, Brenda Everett,

Darrell Ingram, Nancy Bergman,

Eugene Jimmerson, Anna Murphy

JANUARY 10

Greeters:

Ushers:

Nursery Overseer:

Tellers:

Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson

Eddie Cowand, Dub Guthrie

Anna Murphy

Lori Glover, Brenda Everett

JANUARY 17

Greeters:

Ushers:

Nursery Overseer:

Tellers:

Wendy Jensen, Donna To

Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues

Susan Murphy

Teresa Reed, Joan Brown

JANUARY 24

Greeters:

Ushers:

Nursery Overseer:

Tellers:

Darlene Cowand, Anna Murphy

Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues

Darlene Cowand

Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis

JANUARY 31

Greeters:

Ushers:

Nursery Overseer:

Tellers:

Eddie Cowand, Doris Metzger

Eugene Jimmerson, Jack Pegues

Jocelyn Bolles

Darrell Ingram, Anna Murphy

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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.**

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



2015 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
November	\$16,751	\$27,850
Jan - Nov 2015	\$207,447	\$208,943