

First Presbyterian Church

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

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The Things Worth Thinking About

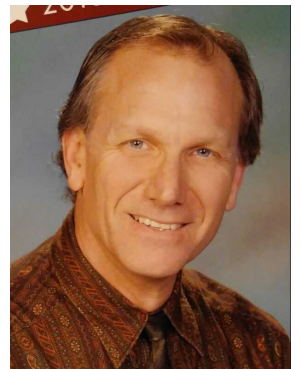
Whew! We made it. As I look back over 2016 and ahead to 2017, there is just a lot going on and we are made aware of everything. The many social media outlets, and regular media for that matter, keep us informed and up to the moment with what is happening everywhere, from your neighbor's back yard to across the globe. That sure is a lot to process, and not just process, but to often have an opinion or viewpoint on it.

Needless to say, it can get you feeling very overwhelmed. Oh yeah, and then there's that other stuff you have to deal with. You know what I'm talking about. Your life. My suggestion to you as we start the new year is two-fold.

First, remember the Jar of Life. Put your big rocks in first, the most important things in your life, followed by the smaller ones. Then, the pebbles. And finally the sand, the things that are of least importance and consequence.

Second, as you are bombarded by all this information, I suggest you use a filter. It's called **Philippians 4:8**. "Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

Sean Russell



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Mission News

The Schaefers have recently returned to the USA for a time of furlough. They are making their home on a family farm in Missouri. After being in Ghana for the last 2 1/2 years, they found that their house needs some work, so they are busy cleaning, installing storm windows, cutting a supply of wood and making needed repairs before winter begins with snow and cold temperatures. The children will register in the local public schools in January for the second semester of the year. When not helping around the farm, they are finishing home schooling assignments to prepare for their new school environment.

Back in Ghana their colleagues are continuing to do an exegetical check of Matthew (now up to chapter 22). They send their work to Paul who goes over their draft, makes corrections and sends them back to the group who meets every week to carry on the work. Teachers in the area are using the Safaliba books and curriculum that they worked on with Paul before his leaving for furlough. They are also continuing to write and print books for the school's use that Paul will edit and format. They are thankful for digital technology that helps make this work possible over the long distance.

They really appreciate your prayers for them and the work, mentioning:

- Fatima and Samua in the School literacy program
- The translation team – Nicholas, Elisha, Stanley, Mahama
- Eden who receives Paul's edits for the translation work. He with Iddi and Matilda have more responsibility while the Schaefers are in the US
- Work on the house repairs needed now and in the near future
- The children's preparation for school and any needed physicals
- Reconnecting with family, friends and sharing their work with local churches

Paul and Jennifer
Caleb, Micah, Josiah and Sarah



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New Beginners Grief Support Meeting

The New Beginners will meet on January 16, at the home of Joan Brown at 1PM. Her address is 810 Rock Canyon Dr, in Duncanville, 972-298-9836.

For more information, call 972-298-5449, Billie Cowand.

Come join this happy group.

Women's Bible Study

Happy New Year to All! The Agape Women's Bible Circle will hold its January 2017 meeting on Wednesday, January 11th at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Our focus will be on Lesson 5 from the PW/Horizon's study "Who Is Jesus?" This is centered around Paul's view of Christ. Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5: 17-20; Philippians 2:1-4; and Acts 18, if possible. Or, Read 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25. All are welcome.

Sarah Circle will meet on January 10, 2017, in the home of Jocelyn Bolles, 619 Athenia Way, Duncanville at 7 pm. We always welcome any woman that would like to attend an evening Bible Study.

January 2017

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Worship Volunteer Schedule January 2017

January 1

Greeters:	Darlene Cowand & Anna Murphy
Ushers:	Irving Kezar & Albert Teel
Nursery Overseer:	Jocelyn Bolles
Tellers:	Darrell Ingram & Anna Murphy
End of Service Ministry:	Dub Guthrie & Joan Brown

January 8

Greeters:	Doris Metzger & Eddie Cowand
Ushers:	Albert Teel & Jack Pegues
Nursery Overseer:	Anna Murphy
Tellers:	Lori Glover & Brenda Everett
Communion Servers:	Irving Kezar, Anna Murphy, Adelmo Ruiz, Diane & Jack Pegues
End of Service Ministry:	Dick Bergman & Diane Pegues

January 15

Greeters:	Vanessa & Jason Cordova
Ushers:	Eddie Cowand & Dub Guthrie
Nursery Overseer:	Susan Murphy
Tellers:	Teresa Reed & Joan Brown
End of Service Ministry:	Jocelyn Bolles & Jaime Cordova

January 22

Greeters:	Jocelyn Bolles & Janet Stahl
Ushers:	Eugene Jimmerson & Jack Pegues
Nursery Overseer:	Darlene Cowand
Tellers:	Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis
End of Service Ministry:	Sean Russell & Edelmira Ruiz

January 29

Greeters:	Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz
Ushers:	Irving Kezar & Albert Teel
Nursery Overseer:	Jocelyn Bolles
Tellers:	Darrell Ingram & Anna Murphy
End of Service Ministry:	Anna Murphy & Doris Metzger

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
Dorothy Cleary, January 5
Gwenn Guthrie, January 4
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



2016 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
November	\$17,018	\$17,112
Jan - Nov 2016	\$198,288	\$210,425

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Youth Group — 6:00 p.m.