



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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Choir Director

Brittany Tucker,
Accompanist

Sean Russell,
Sound Room Technician

Ana Ortiz & Tricia Reiman
Nursery

Rebuilding the Walls

For the past several months, Ginger has been leading Community Conversations on Thursday nights. This is the second such conversation she has been asked to lead for our concerned leaders and citizens of Duncanville.

This conversation focused on Nehemiah and his call to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls. He experiences conflict from both the citizens of Jerusalem and from outside.

FPCD certainly doesn't have an actual wall than needs rebuilding, but we do have walls (problems/concerns). What do you see as FPCD's walls, what has caused them to crumble, and how can we rebuild them?

Not as many members

Age
Illness/Death
Moves out of the community
Diversity change in our community

Lower numbers of choir members

Illness
Moves out of the community

Participation in church activities

Too busy
Lack of interest
Not being asked to participate

There's not much we can do about aging, illness, death and relocation but there is something we can do about the rest. Let's **all** make the commitment to invite 2 people or 1 family to attend a worship service.

As for tasks, we're all busy, but sometimes it only takes a couple of hours to accomplish a task. Earlier in the year, we presented a wish list of tasks we'd like to see accomplished this year. Several of these tasks have been accomplished, but there's still more available.

Please look at the list on the following pages and make a commitment for you and/or your family to accomplish one of those tasks. Step out of your comfort zone to help with a project or take on a project that you have a passion for. Remember, many hands make light the work.

The best way to make a difference is to be involved. How will you help us rebuild the walls of FPCD so we will once again flourish in the community?

Anna



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Our Wish List

Teach or assist with Sunday School
Prepare & Serve Youth Dinners (contact Lori Glover)
Serve as Youth advisor (assist Youth Director)
Assist with preparing Conversation with God dinners
Usher (looking for at least 3 volunteers-see ushers)
Web site update
Sound room volunteer (talk with Sean Russell)
Lemonade on the Lawn team
Take non-perishable foods items to DOM monthly
Communion preparer (looking for 1-2 persons-see Anna)
Assist with plays (Lent & Advent)
50th Anniversary Celebration (more info coming)

Church work room (office)

Donate a locking 4 drawer cabinet or purchase & replace locks for current ones

Youth Director/Music Director Office

Library

Contact Doris Metzger for any needs/wants

Middle/High School Sunday School room

Remove television & wall bracket or purchase & install VCR/DVD

Intermediate (grade 5 & 6) Sunday School room

Affix 2 partial ceiling tiles
Contact Linda Simons for any additional needs/wants

Elementary Class

Replace bathroom floor tile
Contact Diane Pegues & Margaret Lewis for additional needs/wants

Primary Class

Organize closet
Replace bathroom floor tile
Contact Marna Bayless for additional needs & wants

Fellowship Hall

Replace or repair broken tables (3-4 small round)

Nursery

Ask Nursery staff (Ana) if she has any needs or wants-discuss with property team prior to securing
Repair or replace audio hook up from sanctuary (so services can be heard in nursery)

The "Closet"-Youth activity room

Organize TV Trolley-hook up TV up to antenna
Create display panels for pictures & teaching items
Contact Lori Glover for other needs/wants

Kitchen

Purchase pitchers, serving trays
Purchase new trash can
Clean out coffee pot (so that it runs faster)-needs to be done every other month
Sharpen larger knives
Contact Jocelyn Bolles or Deacons for wish list of specific items
Organize coffee trolley & purchase holders for coffee condiments
Replace large cold beverage containers

Sanctuary

Repair outside doors (so both can be opened)
Paint baseboards in Narthex bathroom
Refinish small table in Narthex

Signage-with approval of Property Team

Create or purchase signage for all rooms
Design & Build directional layout of church-post near parking lot

Office

Replace Administrative Assistant's chair
Replace chair mat

Playground

Update equipment

Items to be replaced

All weather Door mats-8 total
Class room trash cans-8
Check & Replace light burned out bulbs monthly
Small wall clocks for each room (Sunday School & office)-9 total
Replace bathroom trash cans (with lids)
Purchase & install toilet paper dispensers in all bathrooms to accommodate large rolls-6

Grounds/exterior

Contact Dean Hertenstein or Eric McGinnis for specific needs
Water flower beds (check with Jocelyn Bolles for schedule)

Attics

Re-box & organize items being stored in both attics

Other

Wash all trash cans (inside ones & outside ones) monthly

Mission News

One third of the world's population can be reached within a 2.5 hour flight radius of Chiang Mai, Thailand. We are in a very strategic place for the job we are doing. However, sometimes it doesn't feel "missionary" enough. After all we have malls, supermarkets, reliable electricity and running water ... Truth is, we had a certain pride in being able to "rough it" on the "front lines" in Niger. Our work here is behind the scenes: serving others in the background. The reality is that despite the façade of materialism, we are living in an area of the world where the message of Christ has had very little impact. Pray for us to be faithful in the "little" things, doing "all to the glory of God".

This summer, while many of our colleagues were in their home countries, both of us filled in at the university, teaching introductory linguistics classes. It was challenging to figure out how to teach a lot of material in a short amount of time to students with a wide range of educational backgrounds from many different countries and languages.

Carlos is getting closer to finishing his PhD dissertation. We are grateful that his study program is free and that he has no required residency or course work because of his many years of field work. This semester Carlos is learning to teach a translation practicum class and continues to work with the translation team in Niger on the book of Luke.

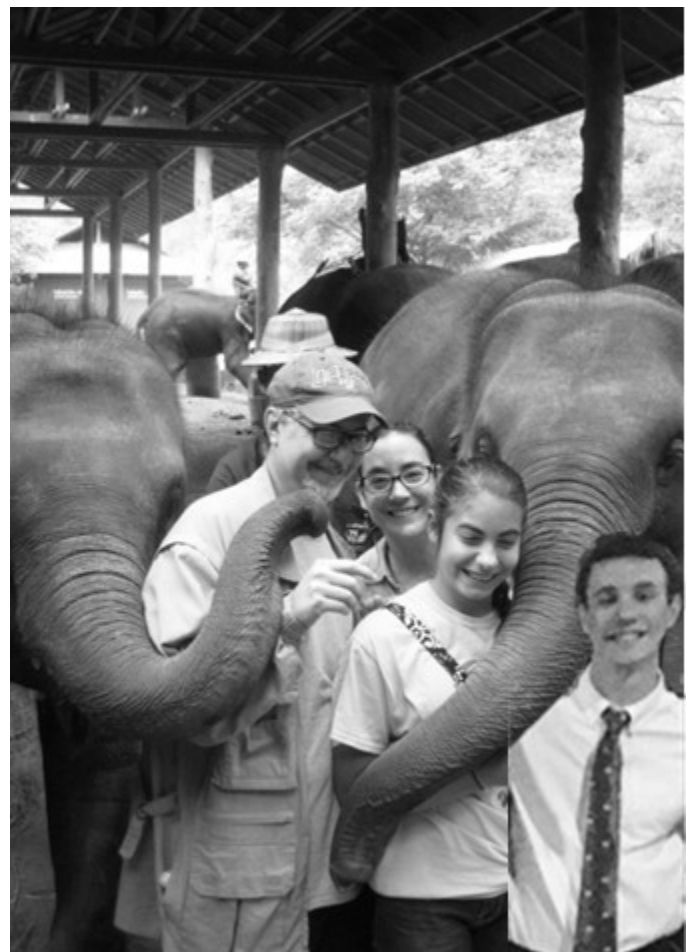
Caryn enjoys multi-tasking, too: becoming literate in Thai, working as personnel administrator for MA students, and exploring ways to help translation teams help communities to engage with Scripture in relevant and life-changing ways.

Rachelle recently started 7th grade. The highlight of her day is volleyball practice. One of her favorite subjects is Bible, with a teacher from Italy who attended Bible school in Scotland. Many of her friends are Korean. Her school is truly international!

AJ puts his heart into everything he does. In his second year at Liberty University, he's a prayer group leader on his residence hall. Thank you to all of you who helped fund his college education through buying Cutco knives from him this summer, and tipping him well on Papa John's pizza deliveries.

The Lord continues to bless us through you. Thank you for your love and prayers and support.

Carlos & Caryn Benitez



DUNCANVILLE COMMUNITY CHORUS

Performance

“HAVE FAITH”

October 17, 6:00 pm
at Main Street Station
in the Community
Theater Courtyard



Come out and support our team at
Ben Franklin's

Thank you for supporting Duncanville
ISD Education Foundation

The 2nd Annual **1 Mile Fun-run, 5K Run or Walk**
BENEFITTING
The Duncanville ISD Education Foundation



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015
REGISTER AT Ben Franklin Apothecary
or
www.HeartofDuncanville5k.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Watch for more info in future newsletters

Community Chorus
Concerts



Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Advent Activities



Plumbing Project

As most of you know, we have to re-route the sewer lines from the Fellowship Hall restrooms out from underneath Fellowship Hall to along the north wall of the building, under the steps at the CE Wing entrance and around the CE Wing to the back of the northeast classroom to connect with the sewer lines from the CE Wing. Once completed, this will resolve the numerous and continued problems we experience with the original sewer lines that run underneath Fellowship Hall.

The cost of this project will be approximately \$8,000. If you would like to make a special donation to help defray the cost of this project, we would greatly appreciate it. Please mark your donation for "plumbing". It is anticipated the work will be completed within the week.

P W CIRCLE News

Agape Women's Circle

Agape Women's Circle will continue it's study of water both real and as a symbol of Christianity in the Bible on Wednesday October 7 at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

Directory Updates

Wanda Shipman
910 S 9th #108
Midlothian, TX 76065
469-672-1108



Ruth Yingst
1321 Colonel Drive
#1025 Bldg 10
Garland, TX 75043
972-212-4123

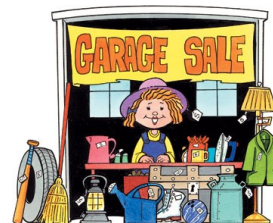
Garage Sale

Friday & Saturday
October 30 & 31
Times TBD

Team Members Needed to

Organize Items
Price Items
Set Up Items
Cashiers

Call, text or e-mail Anna Murphy
to be a part of the team
(972-977-1172
almurphy1214@gmail.com)



Ministries We Support

Duncanville Outreach Ministries

- DOM is located at located at 202 E Cherry Street, at the northeast Corner of Center & Main in Duncanville.
- It is an emergency assistance program for those in temporary hardship living in Duncanville.
- DOM is a non-profit, tax exempt Texas corporation that is funded by community donations
- Anyone who can verify their Duncanville address and show they meet the financial qualifications is eligible
- Food, clothing, rent, prescriptions, water, electric & gas bills are some of the assistance that can be provided



DOM's Thrifty Station

- The thrift store is open to the public and is their main source of revenue to support the entire operation.
- Hours of operation are Monday-Friday 9am – 3pm & Saturdays 10am – 1 pm.

Contributions

- Monetary
- Donations for the Thrift Store (clothing & household items; no furniture) are accepted during regular business hours
- Non-perishable food items-bring to the church & place in bins in the sanctuary



Austin Street Center

Located near Fair Park, the original location was on Austin Street, thus the name. Austin Street Center provides safe shelter and meets the basic needs of the most vulnerable homeless.

Austin Street Center has become nationally recognized for its unique therapeutic program for the homeless. Not only does the Center offer safe, clean shelter and an evening meal for over 300 men and women each night, but it provides substance abuse treatment, medical and psychiatric care, adult rehabilitation, a transitional living facility for clients who qualify, and a beautiful interdenominational Chapel.

On the **4th Monday of each month**, FPCD has been providing the center with sandwiches for well over 30 years. A loaf of bread will make a dozen sandwiches (please no mayo or mustard on the sandwiches). Sandwiches should be at the church by 6:30 on the designated Monday. If you don't already participate, please consider starting.



Cook's Corner

The recipe is from Linda Peterson from the Duncanville Women's Club cookbook, D'Ville D'Lights, that Sharon Ingram made for Lemonade on the Lawn.

Zucchini Appetizers

3 c. thinly sliced unpared zucchini
1/2 c. grated parmesan cheese
1/2 c. finely chopped onion
1/2 t. seasoned salt
1 clove finely chopped garlic
1/2 t. dried marjoram or oregano
1 c. Bisquick
2 T. snipped parsley (or 1 T. dried)
1/2 t. salt
4 eggs slightly beaten
1/2 c. vegetable oil
dash pepper

Preheat oven to 350. Grease 13X9 pan. Mix all ingredients and spread in pan. Bake 45 minutes or until golden brown. Cut into squares. Serve warm.



FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR

October

REMEMBER EACH OTHER IN DAILY PRAYER

2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 Miguel & Fanny Penaloza Susan Murphy Anna Murphy	2 Doris Metzger Tom & Lois Harmon	3 David Hertenstein & Evelyn Eddie & Darlene Cowand
4 Nadine Daum Ariel, Leah, Aeris & Benjamin	5 Carlos & Caryn Benitez Andrés & Rachelle	6 Winfred Cook Larry & Margaret Lewis. Heather, Erin & Christian	7 Scott & Kathleen Hartless J.R.	8 Bobby & Teresa Reed Matthew & Rylee John Alsop	9 Jeff & Nyadia Thorpe Vincent & Caden Wanda Shipman	10 David & Sandy Gaskins Alexander, Aiden Beau & Blake
11 Billie Cowand Gary & Nita Malone Barbara Notari	12 Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz	13 Bob Harrison Darrell & Sharon Ingram	14 Gary & Linda Simons Dick & Nancy Bergman	15 Paul & Claudia Griffith Dorothy Cleary Carol McKinney	16 Roy & Wendy Jensen George & Mary Huttar	17 Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn & Andrew Gary & Candice Morris
18 David & Katherine Liddle Caleb & Jonathan Paul & Helen Barton	19 Eric & Erin McGinnis Ashlee & Michael Mickey & Betty Jespersen	20 Dave & Jocelyn Bolles Pat Sparr Steve & Mama Bayless	21 Jack & Diane Pegues Ruth Yingst Dean & Ginger Hertenstein	22 Charles Tyer Eddie & Brenda Everett Grant	23 Jim & Janet Stahl Donna To Leo & Marlene Skinner	24 Paul & Jen Schaefer Caleb, Micah, Josiah, & Sarah
25 Irving & Peggy Kezar Angel, Brandon, Cyleigh, Devon, & Elyssa	26 Dub & Gwen Guthrie Neal Bill & Vangie Jackson	27 Connie Steger Joan Brown	28 Kent & Lori Glover Taylor & Charlie Sam & Charlotte Fithian	29 Sean & Lucy Russell Lucy, Sydney, Logan, Weston, & Tristan	30 Jaime & Lorraine Cordova Vanessa, Valerie, Jimmy & Jason	31 Dudley Austin Julia McConnell
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WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE October 2015

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

OCTOBER 4

Greeters:	Darlene Cowand, Anna Murphy
Ushers:	Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues
Nursery Overseer:	Susan Murphy
Tellers:	Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis
Communion Servers:	Eugene Jimmerson, Lori Glover Jaime Cordova, Sandy Gaskins Dave Bolles, Edelmira Ruiz

OCTOBER 11

Greeters:	Eddie Cowand, Doris Metzger
Ushers:	Eddie Cowand, Dub Guthrie
Nursery Overseer:	Darlene Cowand
Tellers:	Darrell Ingram, Leo Skinner

OCTOBER 18

Greeters:	Vanessa Cordova, Jason Cordova
Ushers:	Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues
Nursery Overseer:	Erin McGinnis
Tellers:	Lori Glover, Brenda Everett

OCTOBER 25

Greeters:	Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz
Ushers:	Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues
Nursery Overseer:	Jocelyn Bolles
Tellers:	Teresa Reed, Joan Brown

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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.

October 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.

Wanda Shipman, October 1	Taylor Glover, October 21
Diane Pegues, October 3	Andres Benitez, October 22
Grant Everett, October 9	Sherri Trask, October 23
Sean Russell, October 14	Brandon Cowand, October 24
Doyce Smith, October 15	Mikaela Harkins, October 24
Christy Westerman, October 16	Mackenzie Harkins, October 24
Jonathan Liddle, October 18	Edie Burquest, October 30
Barbara Notari, October 19	Lorraine Cordova, October 30

FINANCES		
2015 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE		
	Receipts	Expenditures
August	\$17,983	\$18,097
Jan - August 2015	\$163,145	\$147,580