



First Presbyterian Church

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

From Elder Scott Hartless

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Tell you what – I'm going to tell you a couple of stories that revolve around different events that have occurred in my life and some of the people that have taken center stage.

My sister and I went to Germany with our mom and dad. Dad was a Squadron Commander in the Army Air Corps as a part of the Occupation Forces – mom was a teacher. This is in 1950 – I was 5 years old. At this time we had living quarters on the "economy" and a "Baby Sitter" named Laura. Laura was 18, German, and worked for the Army with the German Telephone system. To add to the story: we lived in those German living quarters for 3 years until we returned to the States. Mom and Dad took my sister and myself to some other geographical assignment locations in Florida and Virginia.

In 1958, Dad was reassigned for another 3 year tour at Ramstein A.F.B., Germany. Then we rotated back to the states in 1961 to Panama City, Florida. I am now 16 years old and have lived in Germany for 6 years and am now a Junior in High School. The life of being a "Military Brat".

Now do you like the funnies? I do. I especially like "Pickles" by Brian Crane. I love Pickles! The funnies revolve around conversations between the grandparents and their grandson. The best one literally could have been a Jesus Parable. It's one panel where Grandpa says to his grandson –

"Show Me Your Friends and I'll Show You Your Future."

Wow. Heavy stuff. I spent weeks reflecting on that quote – and still am today. That's some powerful philosophy! Yesterday, today or tomorrow.

I wish to revisit – show me your friends and I'll show you your future – remember I spoke of Laura earlier? My mother died a little over a year ago – BUT – Laura called my mother every Christmas, until mom died. That's some Heavy Philosophy in active action – do you have anyone that involved in your life? Are you involved? Did you know Boyd Roberts? Did you know that he was a Navy Seabee at the Battle of Okinawa?

Did you know Brian Cook? Brian flew P-38, P-39 and P-63.

Did you know Benjamin (get your pens out) O. Davis? How about Robin Olds? Paul Tibbits? Bob Hoover? Chuck Yeager? Erick Hartman?

Frank Borner and Gene Haggerty – My flight instructors in Primary.



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Hello Friends,

Many of you have been praying for the Esther storytelling project that we are leading with six teams of women in South Asia. I recently returned from a workshop with the women. Here are some of the notes I took from their progress reports for the period of time from May through August.

I asked each member of the teams to tell how God had touched their lives and the lives of those around them through their storytelling. The first woman to pop up was thrilled to share her story. She had been reluctant to come to the first workshop back in April and was not happy to sit through the sessions, but by the end of the workshop she had been changed by the stories. She said that previous to that workshop, she and her mother-in-law could not get along but now they love each other. This woman's whole countenance is changed from constantly scowling to beautiful smiles.

Another woman cheerfully announced that she used to travel with her husband, a pastor, when he visited around the community but he would never let her say anything. After the last workshop he asked her what she learned, and now he has her telling the Bible stories in church and around the community. A third woman shared that she too would accompany her husband when he visited various communities but she was happy to sit quietly to the side. Now she feels confident to not only share the stories, but she does not wait for her husband to take her. She willingly goes on her own. She has a group of 60 women who gather regularly to hear the stories.

A fourth woman eagerly shared that she used to read the Bible but never got much out of the reading and certainly didn't know how to talk about it. She thought only pastors shared the Bible stories. However now she shares the stories with whomever she can and she loves the work. I realized as I listened to her that she was one of the women that never stood in front of the group to share anything during the last workshop.

Yes, we heard plenty of miracle stories about people being healed of diseases or evil spirits. We heard about a drunk man actually coming to one of the storytellers to ask for prayer. However those of us on the staff felt like the most amazing miracles were the transformations in the women storytellers. Their confidence and delight in what they are learning is beautiful to see.

One of the administrators counted up the number of people hearing the Bible stories in the small groups led by the Esther teams and the number is in the thousands. Most of them would not have any other way to access the Bible stories because they don't read and the Bible is not yet translated into their languages. May all of them be delighted by what they are hearing.

Janet

Oral Bible Storytelling Coordinator





Cook's Corner

We have so many talented cooks in our congregation that we thought we'd add a Cook's Corner to our newsletter from time to time, as space allows. For this first offering, we asked Sharon Ingram to share with us her tasty recipe for Pizza Puffs. Enjoy!

I'm so glad you enjoyed my Pizza Puffs at Lemonade on the Lawn. Jamie Head made these for our Book Club and I had to have the recipe. The ones I made Sunday did not have quite as much Pepperoni as the recipe calls for. Bon appetite, Sharon Ingram

PIZZA PUFFS

(makes 26-30)

3/4 cup flour

3/4 teaspoon baking powder

1 tablespoon Italian Seasoning

Pinch of salt

Pinch of red pepper flakes

3/4 cup milk

1 egg, lightly beaten

1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese

1 cup cubed pepperoni (I used a 6 ounce bag of pepperoni slices which makes about 1 1/2 cups chopped)

1/2 cup pizza sauce (for dipping)

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Spray a 24 cup mini muffin pan(s) with cooking spray. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, Italian Seasoning, salt and red pepper flakes; whisk in the milk and egg. Stir in the mozzarella, parmesan and pepperoni; let stand for 10 minutes. Stir the batter and divide among the mini muffin pan(s). Bake until puffed and golden (20-25 minutes). Serve with pizza sauce.



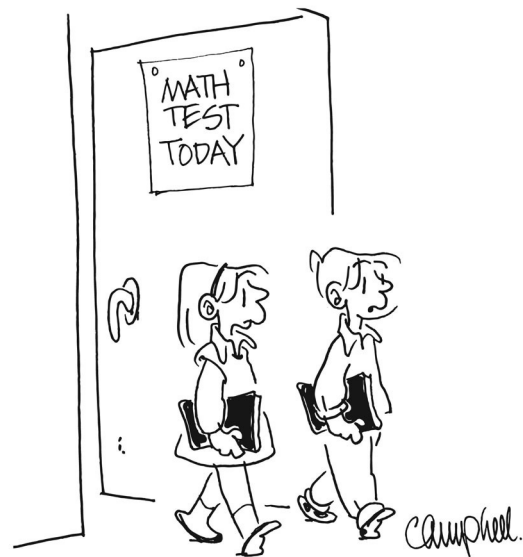
PW Women

If an afternoon Bible study works for you, please join the Agape Circle on Thursday, November 13 at 1:00 pm. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at the church, studying "Reconciling Paul, A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians: Lesson Three." No need to prepare ahead. Bring your Bible and come join us! Call Connie Steger at 972-741-7932 if you have any questions.

Sarah Circle will meet November 13 at 7:30 pm in the home of Jocelyn Bolles, 619 Athena Way, Duncanville. We welcome any woman who would like to attend an evening circle.



"My apologies to those who were injured when we mistakenly scheduled the Bake Sale on the same day as the Weight Watchers' meeting."



"You know you're in trouble when you stop praying for the answers and start begging."



FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR

November 2014

Remember each other in daily prayer.

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

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30 Help Support Duncanville Outreach — Bring non-parishable items to donate 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 6:00 PM Duncanville Community Chorus Rehearsal																																																																																										

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

November 2014

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

November 2	Greeters:	Billie Cowand, Leo Skinner
	Ushers:	Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Darlene Cowand
	Tellers:	Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis
	Communion Servers:	Dub Guthrie, Anna Murphy, Dave Bolles Diane Pegues, Dick Bergman, Joan Brown
November 9	Greeters:	Jaime & Lorraine Cordova
	Ushers:	Eddie Cowand, Dub Guthrie
	Nursery Volunteer:	Jocelyn Bolles
	Tellers:	Darrell Ingram, Leo Skinner
November 16	Greeters:	Wendy Jensen, Donna To
	Ushers:	Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Anna Murphy
	Tellers:	Lori Glover, Brenda Everett
November 23	Greeters:	Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson
	Ushers:	Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Susan Murphy
	Tellers:	Teresa Reed, Joan Brown
November 30	Greeters:	Darlene Cowand, Anna Murphy
	Ushers:	Eugene Jimmerson, Jack Pegues
	Nursery Volunteer:	Erin McGinnis
	Tellers:	Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis

November 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.

Mary Huttar, November 3
 Teresa Reed, November 6
 Dave Bolles, November 9
 Dub Guthrie, November 9
 David Hertenstein, November 10
 Armelia Jimmerson, November 11
 Elyssa Kezar, November 11
 Charlie Glover, November 15
 Rylee Reed, November 16
 Angel Kezar, November 17
 Rachelle Benitez, November 25
 Bob Moore, November 28



	Receipts	Expenditures
September 2014	\$ 15,751	\$ 19,167
Year-to-Date	\$165,931	\$160,828
2014 Total Annual Budget:		\$243,607
Budget per month		\$ 20,301

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.