

# First Presbyterian Church **EPISTLE**

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

### **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN** CHURCH

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## From your Session

## **Just Do It**

Ok, full disclosure.

I was supposed to have gotten this letter written a week and a half ago. I had forgotten about it and was super busy getting everything finished and ready for our annual Fall Harvest Show. I thought about it several times but kept putting it off. Then, in church Sunday, Brenda sticks her head in the booth and reminds me I haven't turned in my article yet. I'm so glad she did because I had really forgotten.

In thinking about what I would write, I realized how sometimes our spiritual lives can suffer when we get busy. We put off reading our Bible, Bible study or praying and tell ourselves "I'll catch up later" or "I can do that tonight before I go to bed."

The more I thought about it, a popular slogan came to mind. The late 80's slogan "Just Do It."

Though it is associated more with sports and fitness and a particular brand of shoe than religion, I believe it is more relevant to our spiritual lives.

Those times when we get busy and start telling ourselves "I can read my Bible later today" or "I can pray later", just remember that popular slogan. And who knows, if you think about it often enough, every time you see a Nike swoosh could be a reminder for you to Just Do It - for God.

Sean



## Mission News

The Liddles tell us about their work in Germany:

Dear FPCD Family,

Living in Germany for four years now, David and Katherine continue to serve Wycliffe in Europe in the IT department and the library. Jonathan and Caleb attend school at the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Gymnasium, in a town about 20 minutes away.

Keeping gizmos and gadgets busy...

David maintains the computer systems and services that the Wycliffe offices in Europe need to send members to "the field" and sustain them there. From wireless systems to file servers to secure remote access, he ensures that everything runs smoothly and stays up-to-date.

Organizing and loaning printed resources...

Katherine spends a few days each week at the library hosted by Wycliffe Germany. Together with two other women, she makes more than 30,000 books and articles available to linguists and translators who are working from Germany or receiving their initial training in language-related subjects.

Working together again?

Once, we worked together doing language survey in Africa. Now there's an opportunity for our roles to meet again as the library makes its holdings available on the Internet to people who live at a distance. David and the IT staff are helping Katherine and the library staff by creating a server for the new online catalog. Next we will need to move the holdings data into the new program - a sizeable task! Pray with us for a smooth transition.

The world on our doorstep

You've probably read in the news about Europe's refugee crisis. Even our little rural corner of Germany is affected. Last year a refugee center opened at an old army barracks nearby. A 'Bonhoeffer project day' at the boys' school this fall took the refugees for its theme, as the school learned about his life and thought together about applying his teachings to current events. Katherine has been volunteering since January with a group of ladies from local churches that hosts a women's gathering every other week at the center. Recently, we had to halt the program temporarily because they were overflowing with arrivals. The meeting rooms were all turned into sleeping quarters! Pray with us as we start up again, that despite language barriers, our actions will communicate Christ's love.

Cherishing your prayers and support!

Solomon wrote, "Unless the LORD builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted." (Psalm 127:1) With your prayers, you help ensure that our work is not wasted. May the Lord honor you for your faithfulness!

David, Katherine, Jonathan and Caleb



Making bracelets with children at the refugee center.



### Let's Hang the Greens!

November 28

To prepare for Advent, please join us as we **Hang the Greens** Saturday, November 28, from 9:00 am to noon. If you are unable to attend on Saturday, perhaps you can assist earlier in the week by taking items out of the attic, setting up the Christmas tree(s) or fluffing the bows.

## Wanda Shipman, Crowned Homecoming Queen



On October 24, our own Wanda Shipman was voted Homecoming Queen by residents of the Midtowne Assisted Living in Midlothian. Wanda, along with Edger Boteler, 90, who was voted Homecoming King, were nominated by staff for this honor.

Students from Midlothian High School's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) club members, along with the high school's football team, band, choir, drill team and cheerleaders put on a show for the seniors before the crowning ceremony. Wanda also got to ride in the Midlothian Homecoming parade and introduced at the Homecoming game.

Congratulations, Ms. Wanda!

## PW Women - Circle News

Agape Women's Circle will meet on Wednesday November 11 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The lesson discussion will center around "Life-giving Waters: Baptism." Join us for study, prayer, friendship and a special treat to eat! No previous study or knowledge required. Sarah Circle will meet on November 12 at 7:30 pm in the home of Candice Morris, 606 S Lincoln Dr., Duncanville. We will be studying Lesson 3 in the study book, *Come to the Waters*.

Joan

Connie

# FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR

November 2015

## REMEMBER EACH OTHER IN DAILY PRAYER

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







# November 2015

First Presbyterian Church, Duncanville, Texas

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship - Communion	2 6:30 PM Worship Planning Meeting 6:00 PM Deacons Meeting 6:00 PM Nominating Committee Meeting	3	6:00 PM -7:20 PM Dinner & Conversation with God 6:30 PM Youth Group 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	5	6	7
9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	9 6:00 PM Nominating Committee Meeting	10	1:00 PM Agape Women's Fellowship 6:00 PM -7:20 PM Dinner & Conversation with God 6:30 PM Youth Group 6:45 PM Finance Meeting 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	8:30 AM Community Prayer Gathering - Location TBD 7:30 PM Sarah Women's Fellowship	13	14
Newsletter Articles Due 9:15 AM Sunday School Stewardship Sunday 10:30 AM Worship	1.00 PM "New Beginnings" Grief Support Small Group	17	18 6:00 PM -7:20 PM Dinner & Conversation with God 6:30 PM Youth Group 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal  Pastor Ginger on V	19	20	21 6:00 PM Youth Confirmation Gathering
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9:15 AM Sunday School Stewardship Sunday 10:30 AM Worship 6:00 PM Thanksgiving Dinner	The Sandwich Project Bring your Sandwiches for the Homeless 6:00 PM Nominating Committee Meeting	7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	25	26 Office Cosed Thanksgiving Day	27 Office (losed	9:00 AM -12:00 PM Hanging of the Greens
9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Help Support Duncanville Outreach—Bring canned food items to donate	30 6:30 PM Session Meeting		Oct 2015  5 M T W T  1  4 5 6 7 8  11 12 13 14 15  18 19 20 21 22  25 26 27 28 29	F S       2 3       9 10       6 7       3 16 17       2 23 24       2 0 21	Dec 2015  T W T F S  1 2 3 4 5  8 9 10 11 12  15 16 17 18 19  22 23 24 25 26  29 30 31	

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE November 2015

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

**NOVEMBER 1** 

Greeters: Billie Cowand, Leo Skinner Ushers: Irving Kezar, Albert Teel

Nursery Overseer: Anna Murphy

Tellers: Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis Communion Servers: Dick Bergman, Connie Steger

> Dub Guthrie, Margaret Lewis Irving Kezar, Marna Bayless

**NOVEMBER 8** 

Greeters: Jaime & Lorraine Cordova Ushers: Eddie Cowand, Dub Guthrie

Nursery Overseer: Susan Murphy

Tellers: Darrell Ingram, Leo Skinner

**NOVEMBER 15** 

Greeters: Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson

Ushers: Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues

Nursery Overseer: Erin McGinnis

Tellers: Lori Glover, Brenda Everett

NOVEMBER 22

Greeters: Wendy Jensen, Donna To Ushers: Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues

Nursery Overseer: Darlene Cowand

Tellers: Teresa Reed, Joan Brown

Youth Group — 6:00 p.m.

#### **MEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**

Christian Education – 10:36 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE** 

#### **ВЕТИВИ SERVICE REQUESTED**

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# **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, Nov 11 Elyssa Kezar, November 11 Charlie Glover, November 15 Rylee Reed, November 16 Angel Kezar, November 17 Rachelle Benitez, November 25

