



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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Open Doors – Opportunities Provided by God

Our monthly session meetings are divided into two equal parts – half of each meeting devoted to spiritual leadership and the other half devoted to the work or business of the church here in Duncanville. At our October session meeting just last week, Pastor Ginger presented us with a book we will study for the next several months entitled "All the Places to Go, How Will You Know", by The Rev. Dr. John Ortberg, Senior Pastor of Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, Menlo Park, CA. For this first meeting, without having an opportunity to study or review beforehand, we perused through the first chapter hitting the highlights, so to speak. We'll do more in-depth study as we go along, but this first chapter opened the door for me to have something to pass along to you, something that's right in front of each one of us every day.

A research study has found that the average person makes about seventy conscious decisions every day. That's about 25,500 decisions a year and, to someone over seventy, that 1,788,500 decisions in a lifetime. Now we all know that the majority of these decisions aren't major, life-changing decisions but just a part of everyday living. But interspersed between all of these ordinary decisions are open doors that are opportunities provided by God. We don't know what's on the other side; we don't know if all will be pleasant and smooth. There's only one way to find out and that's to take the risk and go through the door. What makes it even more

difficult is that God doesn't tell us which door to choose. We have to take the risk. You heard Steve Netniss speak on Sunday about taking risk.

For many of us, we might think, we'll, I've already made all those decisions and taken all the risk I'm going to take at this point in my life. But that's not true. Even though we no longer need to make those major decisions about what school we should attend or what career we should pursue, which job we should take or where we should live, there are still opportunities or open doors that God is putting in front of us every day. Dr. Ortberg points out that an open door is an opportunity provided by God, to act with God and for God. Our lives are filled with doors, and even for those of us who are now retired, he points out that the word *retire* isn't in the Bible. What does God have for us next?

Some of us will recall these words from Dr. Seuss, which Dr. Ortberg quotes in his book:

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose"

Oh, the places you'll go!

Except when you don't. Because, sometimes, you won't."

What could you be doing right this moment that you aren't doing?
"Oh, the places you'll go!!"

~ Jocelyn Bolles

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Women's Bible Study Groups

The Agape Women's Bible Circle will hold its November meeting at the Church on Wednesday the 9th at 1:00 pm. Lesson 3 from the PW Horizon's study "Who Is Jesus?" deals with Luke's view of Christ. Read all of his book or focus on Luke 4:16-21 and Acts 2:22-24. All are welcome!

Sarah Circle will have its November 10th meeting in the home of Nancy Bergman 1063 Fairmeadows Circle, Duncanville at 7:30 pm. We will be studying Lesson 2 in our book. This study is very good in content and ideas about "Who Is Jesus" from different perspectives. Any woman interested in an evening meeting is most welcome.



A Word from Your Editor



Although our Community in Unity event is over and done, the memories stay with me. I can't tell you how truly touching and "unifying" that flash mob felt. And I wish I'd disengaged hands long enough to take a photo of the Dallas Police Chorus starting the step kick dance with the Duncanville High School Choir across from where I was, with all of us joining in.

The unity posts and the messages on the chalk board stay in my mind, and the stories were fantastic. Unbelievable how Pastor Roy Watson shared his testimony. And all of our choirs joining together in the last numbers along with the audience was just very special. The event was a just a blessing to us all.

Please share your experiences with Community in Unity with the church office.

~ Brenda



Cook's Corner

With the holidays quickly approaching, here's a couple of recipes to keep handy while you're planning the grand menu. Shared with us from Doris Metzger.

Eggnog Bavarian

¾ c. cold water	¼ c. sugar
3 (1 TBS.) envelopes unflavored gelatin	¼ tsp. nutmeg
4 cups dairy eggnog (1 Qt.)	1 c. whipping cream, whipped

Sprinkle gelatin on water to soften. In a 2 qt. saucepan, place 1 cup eggnog, sugar, nutmeg and softened gelatin. Heat over low heat, stirring occasionally, until gelatin is dissolved. Add remaining 3 cups eggnog and chill until thickened. Fold in Whipped cream and turn into a 7-cup mold. Chill until firm. Unmold and serve with cranberry or Cran-Apple sauce (see recipe below), if desired. Serves 12. (A few drops red or green food coloring can be added to the mixture with the last 3 cups eggnog to tint.)

Cran-Apple Sauce

¾ c. sugar	½ tsp. unflavored gelatin
1/2 c. water	1 cup chopped apples
1 cup cranberries	1.3 cup chopped nuts
¼ cup water	

In a 1 ½ qt. saucepan, combine sugar and ½ cup water. Add cranberries and boil 5 minutes. Meanwhile, soften gelatin in ¼ cup water; add to cranberry mixture and stir until dissolved. Remove from heat; stir in apple and nuts. Cool. Serve with eggnog Bavarian. Makes 2 cups.



Hanging of the Greens Saturday, November 26

In preparation for our Advent season, please join us on Saturday, November 26, from 9:00 am to noon for the annual Hanging of the Greens. There's something to do for everyone, come join us!



Monthly Prayer Calendar

NOVEMBER 2016

"Remember each other in daily prayer"

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1 Jack & Diane Pegues Dean & Ginger Hertenstein	2 Charles Tyer Eddie & Brenda Everett Grant Brittany Tucker	3 Jaime & Lorraine Cordova Vanessa, Valerie, Jimmy & Jason	4 Connie Steger Joan Brown Pat Sparr	5 Nadine Daum Ariel, Leah, Aerie & Benjamin Eddie & Darlene
6 Carlos & Caryn Benitez Andrés & Rachelle Carol McKinney	7 Larry & Margaret Lewis. Heather, Zephyr, 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 Penalosa Susan Murphy Anna Murphy
13 Doris Metzger Tom & Lois Harmon	14 Billie Cowand Gary & Nita Malone Barbara Notari	15 Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz	16 Bob Harrison Darrell & Sharon Ingram Gary & Candice	17 Gary & Linda Simons Dick & Nancy Bergman	18 Paul & Claudia Griffith Dorothy Cleary Jennifer	19 Roy & Wendy Jensen George & Mary Huttar
20 Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn & Andrew	21 Kent & Lori Glover Taylor & Charlie Sam & Charlotte Fithian	22 David & Katherine Liddle Caleb & Jonathan Paul & Helen Barton	23 Eric & Erin McGinnis Ashlee & Michael Mickey & Betty Jespersen	24 Jim & Janet Stahl 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 Jocelyn Bolles Steve & Marna Bayless	29 Sean & Lucy Russell Lucy, Sydney, Logan, Weston, & Tristan	30 Dudley Austin Julia Mc Connell Donna To			

November 2016

First Presbyterian Church, Duncanville, Texas

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Give thanks to the Lord,

FOR HE IS GOOD,
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.





Worship Volunteer Schedule November 2016

November 6

Greeters: Darlene Cowand & Anna Murphy
Ushers: Irving Kezar & Albert Teel
Nursery Overseer: Anna Murphy
Tellers: Darrell Ingram & Anna Murphy
Communion Services: Jaime Cordova; Sharon Ingram, Doris Metzger
Eugene Jimmerson & Jocelyn Bolles
End of Service Ministry: Anna Murphy & Doris Metzger

November 13

Greeters: Doris Metzger & Eddie Cowand
Ushers: Albert Teel & Jack Pegues
Nursery Overseer: Jocelyn Bolles
Tellers: Lori Glover & Brenda Everett
End of Service Ministry: Sharon Ingram & Margaret Lewis

November 20

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

November 27

Greeters: Jocelyn Bolles & Janet Stahl
Ushers: Eugene Jimmerson & Jack Pegues
Nursery Overseer: Darlene Cowand
Tellers: Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis
End of Service Ministry: Dick Bergman & Diane Pegues

— 6:00 p.m. Youth Group

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

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

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

RETURN 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	Elyssa Kezar, November 11
Teresa Reed, November 6	Charlie Glover, November 15
Dub Guthrie, November 9	Rylee Reed, November 16
David Hertenstein, November 10	Angel Kezar, November 17
Sandra Bramlett, November 11	Rachelle Benitez, November 25
Armelia Jimmerson, November	

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2016 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
September	\$16,802	\$15,984
Jan - Sept 2016	\$155,659	\$171,121