

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

First Presbyterian Church

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African-American History Month

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This month we begin construction on the ADA compliant restrooms in the Fellowship Hall. This past year, several guests to the church brought the need to our attention. People who came to the church for funerals pointed out to us that anyone in a wheelchair is unable to use the facilities at First Presbyterian Church Duncanville. In fact, folks outside the church wrote out checks to the church to begin the fund for the project.



Session met and discussed the issue. After getting estimates on the cost of the project, we checked out whether we should take out a loan. We talked to Grace Presbytery about a loan, as well as banks. But after considering all the costs, session decided to raise the money.

Naturally, remodeling the restrooms to be ADA compliant will require that both the men's room and the ladies' room be made bigger, which will change some walls. In changing walls, painting and new carpet will be required. At the same time, who would remodel one corner of the room and leave the rest of the room with stained walls, flooring, and torn carpet? And, who at the church has not noticed how the accordion doors are broken and hanging off their tracks? So we included in the bid the cost of paint and carpet for the whole Fellowship Hall wing, along with new storage for our chairs and tables. That's the cost you have seen week after week and month after month. You can see all the figures on another page of this newsletter, in the weekly bulletin, in the church office, or on a poster in the Fellowship Hall.

When we began asking you to contribute to this fund that was started by our guests, we decided that as soon as we got enough money for the restroom remodel part of the project, we would begin. And Christmas week we exceeded that figure. Isn't that wonderful? We can now finally give this gift to our members and friends who are certainly long overdue for adequate facilities.

Let us consider the value of such a project. Let us be very proud of what we are doing, of the movement of the Holy Spirit to lovingly bring it to our attention and nudge us to get going on it. Have you participated? There's more to do. Everything you give to this project has a wonderful purpose in making our building inviting, so that the message of Jesus Christ can be heard by everyone. Thank you SO MUCH for caring, and for being a part of it. May we all work together in faith to finish this project well.

Blessings,
Ginger

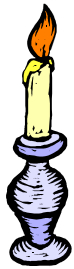
Words from Worship



Valentine's Day

In the early Christian church, there were three priests named Valentine or Valentinus. Though they didn't live at the same, time, each was said to be holy and each had been martyred for his faith. All three priests were designated as saints. Around the ad A.D. 498, Pope Gelasius declared February 14 as St. Valentine's Day.

Eventually Valentine's Day came to be associated with love, romance and marriage. The day is now so popular that only during the Christmas season do people mail more greeting cards. No matter how many or how few cards, flowers or sweets you receive this Valentine's Day, be assured that God loves you with an "everlasting love." (Jeremiah 31:3)



Symbols of our Faith...

The candle is a symbol of Christ as the light of the world. The light of the candle is reflective of that eternal light of truth in Jesus that overcomes the darkness of evil and pushes back the shadows of sin that would overcome the world.

Bible Quiz:

King David wanted to build a glorious temple for worshiping God and for housing the Ark of the Covenant. God, however, did not permit him to build it. Instead, God chose Solomon, David's son, to head up the building program. Why wasn't David allowed the honor of building the temple?

1. David was getting too old to supervise such an undertaking.
2. David had been a warrior and had shed blood.
3. David had stopped taking God seriously.
4. David's attention was required elsewhere.

The answer is in 1Chronicles 28:3.

Presbyterian Women

Circle Gatherings for February:

You are invited to attend a circle meeting this month. At these meetings you'll have an opportunity to visit, you'll enjoy a dessert, you will get to learn through a study

of the book of Revelation. You are welcome to come, whether you've read the lesson or not!

Sarah Circle: Meeting Thursday, February 10 at 7:30 pm at the home of Jocelyn Bolles, 619 Athenia Way, Duncanville. We are studying chapter 6 in "Journeys Through Revelation."

Agape Circle: Meeting Thursday, February 10 at 1:00 pm at the home of Ruth Yingst, 926 Springwood Lane, Duncanville. We are studying chapter 5 in "Journeys Through Revelation."

LADIES' NIGHT OUT!
Thursday, Feb. 24, 7 p.m.
Olive Garden

👉 Save these dates:
PW Mini-Retreat,
March 18-19!

From Our Youth



What: Valentines Date Night (Italian dinner)



When: Saturday, February 12, 2011
7:00pm-10:00pm



Where: First Presbyterian Church
543 E Freeman, Duncanville



Cost: \$20 per couple

Please make reservations by calling or texting 972-977-1172 not later than Thursday, February 10.

Come enjoy dinner with your favorite Valentine. No need for a sitter, child care will be provided (\$5 per family..that's right, per family).

After dinner, you are invited to view a complimentary movie.

Proceeds benefit Youth Mission Trip funds.



December 2009

December 2010

- 6 December-96
- 13 December-110
- 20 December-103
- 24 December-116
- 27 December-77

- 5 December-92
- 12 December-88
- 19 December-109
- 24 December-122
- 26 December-47

December 2010

Receipts	Expenditures
\$15,587	\$6,996
YTD income:	*\$204,898
YTD expenditures	\$193,134
Total Annual Budget:	\$173,824
*This includes memorial giving.	
Renovation Receipts	\$21,240
Total Renovation Cost	\$30,640

Everyone Can Serve

Look for opportunities to serve-don't wait to be asked!

Remember: You can serve without being a part of an "official" ministry.

We can all:

extend the word of welcome,

whether or not we are official greeters

be listening, caring friends,

whether or not we are official lay counselors

be ready to give reason for the hope that is in us,

whether or not we are on the evangelism team

be enthusiastic participants and ready to give a hand,

whether or not we are on the planning or cleanup committees



February is the anniversary month of Boy Scouts of America. Each year members of Circle 10 Council go out "Scouting for Food" to help replenish non-perishable food items in the local pantries. A yellow "Scouting for Food" bag should be delivered to your house on Saturday, February 12, then retrieved on the following Saturday, February 19.

I know we contribute to the Duncanville Outreach Center regularly, but please consider purchasing a few extra items to give to the Scouts. It's amazing how receiving a few items in a bag can encourage the boys (and adult leaders) to continue "scouting", when the weather is cold, rainy or even snowy. (If you do not receive a bag on your door, barrels are placed at various grocery stores, just place your donations in them).

On behalf of Boys Scouts of America... Thank you for your donation.

Anna Murphy, Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 493

Dear Congregation:



I would like to thank everyone who made sandwiches for the Austin Street Centre in December. As you remember, our sandwich night fell on the Monday after Christmas. With many families out of town for the holiday, we requested during worship service that you consider making extra sandwiches to help with any shortfall we might encounter. WOW, not only did we meet our 30 dozen, but ended up with **over 50 dozen!!!, along with 3 carton of chips, cookies and clothes.** I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Colonial Hills Baptist Church who also contributes to our sandwich ministry to Austin Street. "Ask and it shall be given" (Matthew 7:7). *Anna Murphy*

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE
February 2011
10:30 A.M. SERVICE

February 6	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tellers: Communion Servers:	Eddie Cowand, Sharon Ingram Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues Helen Barton Gail Haynes Vanessa & Valerie Cordova Paul Barton, Tom Harmon Tom Harmon, Jocelyn Bolles, Mickey Jespersen, Brenda Everett, Dave Bolles and Anna Murphy
February 13	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tellers:	Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz Bob Moore, Eddie Cowand Tom Harmon Kathleen Hartless Sharon Ingram Teresa Reed, Joan Brown
February 20	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tellers:	Donna To, Wendy Jensen Albert Teel, Bob Moore Joan Brown Anna Murphy Jocelyn Bolles Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis
February 27	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tellers:	Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues Darrell Ingram Sandy Gaskins Helen Barton Mickey Jespersen, Leo Skinner

BIRTHDAYS

If you think we might not have a record of your birthday and you would like us to include it in the "birthday" section of the newsletter, please contact the office (972) 298-3043. Thank you.



Carol McKinney—2/4
Christy Cowand—2/6
Ashley Dittman—2/8
Tristan Russell—2/8
Helen Barton—2/10
Billie Cowand—2/10
Ann Reed—2/11

Paul Griffith—2/12
Leo Skinner—2/15
Claudia Griffith—2/16
Susan Walters—2/22
Nadine Doura
AbuMarkhia—2/23
Gary Simons —2/26

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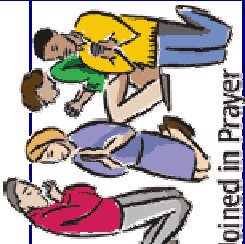

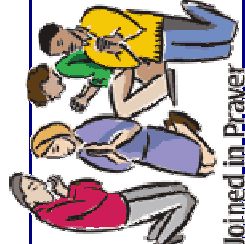


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FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	FRIDAY	Saturday
 Joined in Prayer		1 Joan Brown Malcolm Perrault James & Beth Ann Black Ruth Yingst	2 Jack & Diane Pegues Carlos & Caryn Benitez Andrés & Rachelle	3 Larry & Margaret Lewis Boyd Roberts Connie Steger Jim & Pam Loyd Donna To	4 Sean & Lucy Russell Lucy, Sydney, Logan, Weston, & Tristan	5 Paul & Claudia Griffith Dean & Ginger Hertenstein John Alsop Lenora Dalton
6 Carol McKinney Ryan & Marjorie Ochs Colvin & Georgia	7 Dorothy Cleary T.J. & Eugene Dudley Austin Allen & Wanda Shipman	8 Nadine Doura Ariel & Leah Dick & Nancy Bergman Paul & Helen Barton	9 George & Billie Coward David & Sandy Gaskins Alexander, Aiden, Beau	10 Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson Leo & Marlene Skinner Pat Sparr Doris Metzger	11 Kent & Lori Glover Taylor & Charlie Dub & Gwen Guthrie Melisa, Carol, & Neal	12 Eunice Pike Robert & Catherine Eagle David Hertenstein Evelyn
13 Kevin & Tonya Jespersen Mickey & Betty Jespersen Winifred Cook	14 Scott & Kathleen Hartless J.R. David & Katherine Liddle Caleb, Jonathan	15 Bobby & Teresa Reed Matthew & Rylee Andrew & Ashley Dittman	16 Eddie & Darlene Coward Christy Coward Brandon	17 Gary & Nita Malone Darrell & Sharon Ingram Jay & Jessica	18 Roy & Wendy Jensen Don & Edie Burquest Dave & Jocelyn Bolles	19 Eddie & Brenda Everett Jocelyn, Natalie, & Grant Steve Netniss
20 Jim & Janet Stahl Gary & Linda Simons Rachel Simons	21 Evelyn Pike George & Mary Huttar The Schaefers	22 Bob & Nancy Harrison Carol Orwig Tom & Lois Harmon	23 Stan & June West Sara & Matthew Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz	24 Irving & Peggy Kezar Steve & Marna Bayless	25 Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn, & Andrew	26 Albert & Sarah Teel Savannah Bob & Liz Moore Gail Haynes
27 Burlie Murphy Susan Murphy Anna Murphy Nicholas & Heather	28 Reid Bunger Don & Sheri Trask Jim & Andrene Hull	 Joined in Prayer	 Joined in Prayer	 Joined in Prayer	 Joined in Prayer	

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Christian Education
Worship Service
Youth Group

— 9:15 a.m.
— 10:30 a.m.
— 4:30-6:00 p.m.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Missions

News from the Walters family

We have now been back in the US for a year and a half. It has been nice to join with you on Sundays and special events throughout the year. Thank you for teaching our kids, being our companions in worship and study, and ministering to us. We are glad to be side by side. We have also soaked in the big Texas skies, the natural beauty here in the US and some delicious quiet (very different from the bustling, crowded Asia we've lived in).

We plan to remain in Duncanville until the summer of 2012. We need to be here at this time because of some educational needs in our family. Andrew Gary is in a 2-year program at the Dyslexia Center at Texas Scottish Rite in Dallas. We are grateful for the expertise they provide free of charge. Dale and Evelyn are in the public schools here in Duncanville, being challenged in good ways. They each represented their schools the DISD district geography bee at Duncanville High School on Jan 28.

Dennis is spending his time here working with software developers at the International Linguistics Center to improve the program we use for collecting and analyzing language data. He is also working on an online version of our Zee-Han-English dictionary. In Asia, the language we have been working in is "Zee." Just in the last few months a translation team has formed and is now at work on some "old stories." They have completed drafting the big fish story and the faithful daughter-in-law, plus a big chunk of the beginnings. There are still a number of steps to make sure that the completed texts are accurate, natural, and clear, but we think this is a great start. Most of the Zee people have never heard these stories. Not once. But soon they can be read not only by the Zee now, but by their children and their children after that.

This is something that you have been a part of by supporting us and sending us there. It is good. And it makes a real difference in the real world. Thank you.

Dennis, Susan, Dale, Evelyn, and Andrew Gary Walters