



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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CHANGE!

How do you feel when faced with a change – perhaps a surprise? Of course, there are pleasant changes; then there are unpleasant changes.

April 9 last year a large truck parked at the house we had lived in for the previous nine years, in Mitla, Oaxaca, Mexico. Claudia and I had been packing boxes for a month, following the extensive rules for trans-border moves. And we had had a giant “garage sale”. The boxes and some favorite furniture were loaded onto the truck by the crew of three, and shortly the big change was underway. A few days later we, our boxes and furniture were in Dallas, TX. The unpacking began, and so did other changes such as beginning Medicare, different car, different driving customs, etc.

Many changes: some good, some hard! Apartment instead of house – nice place to live, friendly neighbors (good); need to downsize (hard); a long way away from our exceedingly kind and generous Mexico friends (hard); back in touch with First Presbyterian (good!); no longer full-time workers (both hard and good); within driving distance of our children and grandchildren (good); now we have a dishwasher (good!) – the list goes on and on!

And we can imagine more changes ahead. For example, there are the difficulties associated with aging: the “new normals” as we’ve learned to say. We also notice good changes here at First Presbyterian; the Lord may bring changes to our church in

the future.

So where do we turn when change is distressful? Where does help come from? Are we “on our own”?

NO! We are not alone. Jesus has experienced similar stress. We turn to Scripture to remind ourselves of His care and love for us.

Big changes can make us weary. Jesus said in Matthew’s gospel that He invites us to come in our weariness to Him, and He will give us rest. His Spirit refreshes us as we bring our heavy loads to Jesus.

Not knowing what changes lie ahead makes us fearful. Speaking to His disciples in John’s gospel He let them know that they would experience trouble in the world – are we surprised that we do also! But He added that He has overcome the world, and that He told them what to expect so that they could have peace.

Claudia and I are so thankful for the rest and peace that Jesus gives! We look forward to that rest and peace in the midst of the changes that lie ahead.

Paul



PW News

Thanks for Your Support!

Special thanks to one and all who supported our annual Spaghetti Supper/Christmas Auction and extended silent auction. Through your generosity, we raised \$1,602 in all! If you would like information about how and where these funds are used, please refer to the PW report in the upcoming church reports for 2016.

Thanks again!

Women's Bible Study

The Agape Women's Bible Circle will hold its February meeting at the church on Wednesday the 8th at 1:00 pm. Lesson 6 from the PW Horizon's study "Who Is Jesus?" deals with the view of this unknown author of Jesus as seen in the book of Hebrews. Read all of this book, or Hebrews 1-6 and 12-13, or focus on Hebrews 12:1-2. All are welcome!

Sarah Circle will meet at Nancy Bergman's home, 1063 Fairmeadows Circle, Duncanville on February 14, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Prayers Needed for Mission of the Good Shepherd

PW received a letter recently requesting prayers for children at the Mission of the Good Shepherd in Mango Creek, Independence Village, Belize, in Central America. The request came from the wife of the pastor at this mission. In addition to prayers for all the children at the mission, the following children are in need of special prayers right now: Letia, Whitney, Kiyla, Vanessa and Lynn.

Please add these children to your prayer list as well as to remember the Rev. Dr. Stephen Post and his wife, Shermaine Post, as they serve this mission. Enclosed with the request was a greeting from the children, hand colored by one of them, which we have posted on the PW bulletin board across from the office. More information about this mission may be found at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABJ34o03RXM>

Or at the following two small websites:

<http://goodshepherdchildren.weebly.com>

<http://goodshepherdbelize.wordpress.com>

Thank you.

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FPCD *monthly* PRAYER CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Jack & Diane Pegues Dean & Ginger Hertenstein	2 Charles Tyer Eddie & Brenda Everett Grant	3 Jaime & Lorraine Cordova Vanessa, Valerie, Jimmy & Jason	4 Connie Steger Joan Brown Pat Sparr
5 Nadine Daum Ariel, Leah, Aeris & Benjamin Eddie & Darlene Cowand	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 Penalzoza 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 Morris	17 Gary & Linda Simons Dick & Nancy Bergman	18 Paul & Claudia Griffith Dorothy Cleary Jennifer Johnson
19 Roy & Wendy Jensen George & Mary Huttar Donnat To	20 Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn & Andrew Mickey & Betty Jespersen	21 Kent & Lori Glover Taylor & Charlie Sam & Charlotte Fithian	22 David & Katherine Liddle Caleb & Jonathan Paul & Helen Barton	23 Sean & Lucy Russell Lucy, Sydney, Logan, Weston, & Tristan	24 Jim & Janet Stahl Leo & Marlene Skinner Dudley Austin Julia McConnell	25 Paul & Jen Schaefer Caleb, Micah, Josiah, & Sarah Brittany Tucker
26 Irving & Peggy Kezar Angel, Brandon, Cyleigh, Devon, & Elyssa	27 Dub & Gwen Guthrie Neal Bill & Vangie Jackson	28 Jocelyn Bolles Steve & Marna Bayless		<p><i>We always thank GOD for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers.</i></p>		

**Worship Volunteer Schedule
February 2017****February 5**

Greeters	Leo Skinner & Billie Cowand
Ushers	Albert Teel & Jack Pegues
Nursery Overseer	Anna Murphy
Tellers	Lori Glover & Brenda Everett
End of Service Ministry	Sharon Ingram & Margaret Lewis
Communion Servers	Leo Skinner; Joan Brown; Darrell Ingram; Lori Glover; Dub Guthrie

February 12

Greeters	Armelia & Eugene Jimmerson
Ushers	Eddie Cowand & Dub Guthrie
Nursery Overseer	Susan Murphy
Tellers	Teresa Reed & Joan Brown
End of Service Ministry	Dub Guthrie & Joan Brown

February 19

Greeters	Donna To & Wendy Jensen
Ushers	Irving Kezar & Albert Teel
Nursery Overseer	Darlene Cowand
Tellers	Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis
End of Service Ministry	Dick Bergman & Diane Pegues

February 26

Greeters	Youth
Ushers	Youth
Nursery Overseer	Jocelyn Bolles
Tellers	Darrell Ingram & Anna Murphy
End of Service Ministry	Jocelyn Bolles & Jaime Cordova



February 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.

Candice Morris, February 2	Paul Griffith, February 12
Carol McKinney, February 4	Leo Skinner, February 15
Christy Cowand, February 6	Claudia Griffith, February 16
Triston Russell, February 8	Susan Walters, February 22
Helen Barton, February 10	Nadine Daum, February 23
Billie Cowand, February 10	Gary Simons, February 26
Ann Reed, February 11	Gary Morris, February 28



2016 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
December	\$23,537	\$19,433
Jan - Dec 2016	\$220,304	\$228,574

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Youth Group — 6:00 p.m.