



First Presbyterian Church

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Motivation

1a: the act or process of motivating;
b: the condition of being motivated
2: a motivating force, stimulus, or influence: <the Old Testament heroes added religious *motivation* to the waging of war — Richard Humble> <The fear of failure was the *motivation* for his achievements.>

What does this word mean to you? What motivates you? Is it a job well done, monetary incentive, belonging, rewards? I have never been one to be motivated by money...seeing a task accomplished was always reward enough, especially if it was a difficult task. If I received a reward for an accomplishment, it was a nice perk and I could then share my accomplishment with someone else.

During the recent Annual Meeting of the Congregation, we discussed accomplishments of our church in 2016 and presented several projects we'd like to accomplish for 2017, one item discussed will be an expensive one...roof repair and then there's the parking lot.

We know that we have to have money to run the church to pay the staff, insurance, janitorial and keep the "lights on" as it's called. How do we accomplish this? By regular contributions by you, the congregation. But monetary giving is only one way of giving to the church.

Luke 6:38 (ESV)

"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

Do you ever think about other ways you can give to the church? Below are opportunities for attendees of all ages. I challenge you to become motivated this year to take more responsibility for our church, either inside or out so that our church will shine like a beacon in the community. By the way, you're not limited to just one...

- ◆ usher, greeter, liturgist, choir member, story teller, sound room
- ◆ preparing meals for youth and other special times
- ◆ assist with Sunday school or youth activities
- ◆ picking up trash around the church yard; mowing/edging/weeding
- ◆ taking trash out to the curb
- ◆ taking on a leadership role
- ◆ helping to decorate for special occasions (such as Advent)
- ◆ attending special services (Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Christmas Eve, Worship on Wednesday)
- ◆ preparing Communion
- ◆ the list could go on...put your strengths to use

I hope in 2017, you will take pride in our worship environment and become motivated to use your passion(s) and get that "feel good feeling" of accomplishing something that will benefit many.

Anna



Mission News

One of the families of our church works in Asia; their son started his college work this year at the Coast Guard Academy. His recent letters tell about a project in which some of the cadets are involved; we can help as well. Read on:

The Vision: On December 14, Dale wrote:

Dear Friends,

As most of you know, I am currently in my first year of studies at the Coast Guard Academy. I'm learning a lot and have found Christian fellowship on campus. Over my spring break this year, I'm planning to go on a mission trip to Haiti with a group of 15 other cadets. On this trip, we will be working with an organization called A Door To Hope. Their ministries include helping at an orphanage, praying with believers and building houses in the coastal town of Grand Goave. I think that participating in this mission trip will be a growing experience for me by exposing me to an area of the world that I haven't experienced, as well as giving me an opportunity to serve people who really need it. The cost for us to travel there and get room and board during the trip comes out to \$800 per person. Since we are not sponsored by any group, we are relying on donations to pay for the trip. In order to spread the cost evenly, we are pooling donations together. Any financial support is a blessing and will lighten the burden for each member of the team going. Whether or not you are able to give financially, we also need prayer for the people of Haiti, for the local organization and for our team.

The Provision: On January 20, this letter arrived.

Friends and Family,

Thank you so much for all of your support. All the funds needed to support me on my upcoming mission trip have come in. With that part finished, the other cadets and I are focusing on praying and trying to learn some more Creole before we leave in March. Prayer is and will be much appreciated still, for though we are going, God is doing the real work.

Sincerely,

Dale Walters

blackwatch12@gmail.com

And Now:

God has provided the means for these young men to go. Our job now is to pray as they prepare, learn the language and to ask God's blessing on the work they will do there and the people they will serve.



From the Clerk of Session

Annual Meeting Report Correction

As noted at the annual meeting on February 12, the compensation package listed for Pastor Ginger was incorrect. The information reported was for the year 2015 instead of 2016 as it should have been. Please accept our apologies for this oversight. If you would like a corrected copy of the annual report, please request one from the church office. Thank you.

Help Wanted!!

The finance team is in need of an extra set of eyes to review the monthly finance reports. No report preparation is required. We meet monthly after the reports are completed and the checkbook balanced, to peruse the reports and see if there is anything that might peak our attention and require further explanation. No advanced degree is required but we will need the rest of you to go with the set of eyes! Currently, we meet on the third Wednesday of each month but the date is flexible. In March, for instance, we won't meet until sometime the week of March 20.

Thank you!!

Thanks to one and all for the nice surprise you gave me at the annual meeting with the cake, card, compliments and gift card. You're the best!!



Women's Bible Study

Sarah Circle will meet Tuesday, March 14, 2017 in the home of Diane Pegues, 302 N. Venice Drive, Duncanville at 7 pm. We continue the study **Who Is Jesus?** What a difference a Lens Makes. We are on lesson six. We welcome any woman who would like to attend a Bible Study Group in the evening. We meet in various women's homes.

Thank You

Though this "Thank You" is delayed, we'd like to thank those of you who participated in the **Santa Cop** program this past Christmas by donating gifts.

This past Christmas, we learned that Duncanville Outreach Ministry's yearly Angel Tree donors were full. Several of us in the church began looking for another organization to support during the season of giving.

It was decided that the Duncanville Police Department Santa Cop program was the perfect way to repay DPD for their support in our Community in Unity event. Last year, the program assisted more than 25 Duncanville families and more than 91 children as a result of the generosity from the public. The program is a joint effort between the Duncanville Police Department, Duncanville Police Association and local volunteers.

We'd like to make this a yearly project for FPCD. Officer Sisk, who heads up the program, told us they are always in need of gift bags, paper, ribbon and tape to wrap the gifts, as well as gifts for older children.

In the Narthex, you will find "tubs" marked **Santa Cop**. Please feel free to place donations in those tubs throughout the year when you find a good deal on items that will benefit this program. The items will be moved to a secure location throughout the year and presented to DPD at Christmas-time.

Again, thank you for your support.

For any questions, please contact Anna Murphy.

Come Check Out Duncanville's Best Kept Secret

THRIFTY STATION

**Duncanville Outreach Ministry's
Thrift Store
Open to the Public 6 days a week
Mon-Fri 9-3 & Sat 10-1**

Thrift Store sales help purchase food for the food pantry and other financial assistance. They also accept donations of gently used clothing and household items. What better way to shop...find GREAT bargains and help the DOM.

They are located at 202 E Cherry, Duncanville, TX (backdoor neighbor to Pet Village).

March 2017

First Presbyterian Church, Duncanville, Texas

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FPCD monthly PRAYER CALENDAR

MARCH 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 Penaloza 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	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 Mickey & Betty Jespersen Brittany Tucker	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 McConnell Donna To	31 Pray for our Church For our elders, the sick, the afflicted.	

Remember each other in Daily Prayer


Worship Volunteer Schedule March 2017

March 5	Greeters Ushers Nursery Overseer Tellers End of Service Ministry Communion Servers	Darlene Cowand & Ann Murphy Dub Guthrie & Eddie Cowand Anna Murphy Lori Glover & Brenda Everett Sean Russell & Edelmira Ruiz Eugene Jimmerson, Edelmira Ruiz, Jaime Cordova, Connie Steger & Margaret Lewis
March 12	Greeters Ushers Nursery Overseer Tellers End of Service Ministry	Doris Metzger & Eddie Cowand Eugene Jimmerson & Irving Kezar Susan Murphy Teresa Reed & Joan Brown Anna Murphy & Doris Metzger
March 19	Greeters Ushers Nursery Overseer Tellers End of Service Ministry	Jocelyn Bolles & Janet Stahl Jack Pegues & Albert Teel Darlene Cowand Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Sharon Ingram & Margaret Lewis
March 26	Greeters Ushers Nursery Overseer Tellers End of Service Ministry	Youth Youth Jocelyn Bolles Darrell Ingram & Anna Murphy Dub Guthrie & Joan Brown

March 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.

Bobby Reed, March 2	Roy Jensen, March 10
George Huttar, March 3	Jennifer Johnson, March 11
Dennis Walters, March 3	Vangie Jackson, March 12
Jimmy Cordova, March 4	Pat Sparr, March 12
David Gaskins, March 5	Dudley Austin, March 17
Irving Kezar, March 5	Dick Bergman, March 23
Paul Barton, March 8	Evelyn Hertenstein, March 24
Nancy Bergman, March 9	Tom Harmon, March 27
Vincent Thorpe, March 9	Carol Orwig, March 31
Blake Gaskins, March 9	

		
2017 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE		
	Receipts	Expenditures
January	\$14,387	\$15,666

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Youth Group — 6:00 p.m.