



First Presbyterian Church EPISTLE

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

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Recently a story was told to me about a church that had a visitor. During the church service that man stood up and predicted that an economic famine was coming upon the entire nation. Hearing this news, believers there decided that everyone would give as much as they could to provide help to another church in a nearby town who might be struggling.

The story impacted me because here was a church of people who were so outward-looking that they anticipated the needs of another church even before the difficulty hit. Some might say their act is naïve. However, it may not be as naïve as it sounds. It may be the movement of the Spirit.

Thinking back to last year, we planned a public event at Duncanville Shine Performance Hall for telling the story of Good Friday and we invited nine other churches to join us. We knew such events were expensive, but our elders decided not to concentrate on the cost. This new territory was important enough that funding took second place behind getting Jesus' story out in public together as "the Church." Thus, we proceeded to do whatever was necessary to put together an excellent choir, secure an orchestra, advertise, build a cross, and present the best rendering of the events of Good

Friday that we could organize. The cost was \$5,800.00.

About four weeks before the event, we received an unexpected check in the mail from a well-known foundation in Dallas which covered all but 12 percent of our expenses. We had not applied for this money nor advertised the need. Our Festivals of Hope had made us known. With joy, we covered the rest of the cost, believing in the importance of our own investment in this inaugural event of churches working together to tell God's story.

The elders and I believe God has rewarded our steps of faith again and again. And why wouldn't He? The story about that other church who had a visitor is from Acts 11. God let that congregation know, even before the famine, how important their giving was. So this blessed Easter season, please know that your giving has great purpose in the Kingdom of God, and God will rejoice over and use your gifts to not only bless you, but to bless others in unexpected and surprising ways. Happy Easter. He is risen!

Pastor Ginger



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2017 EASTER SCHEDULE

APRIL 9—Palm Sunday Service, 10:30 am

APRIL 13—Maundy Thursday

“Experience the Last Supper With Jesus,” 7:00 pm

APRIL 14—Good Friday

“Following the Cross,” 7:00 pm

APRIL 15—Prayer Vigil, *all day*

APRIL 16—EASTER

Sunrise Service, 6:45 am

Pancake Breakfast, 8:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt for Children, 9:15 am

Worship Service, 10:30 am

Blessed be the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ! According to his
great mercy, he has caused us to be
born again to a **living hope** through
the **resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

1 Peter 1:3, ESV

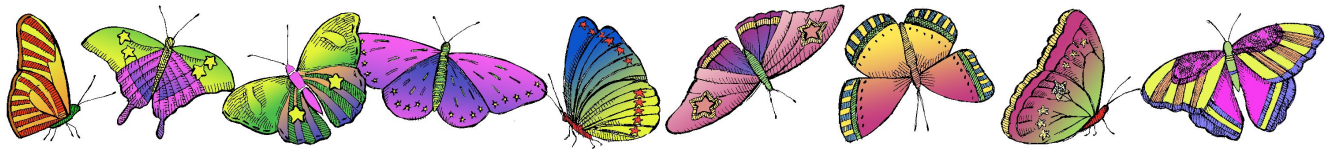




Women's Bible Study

Sarah Women's Bible Circle will on April 11 at 7 pm in the home of Candice Morris 606 S. Lincoln Drive, Duncanville. We will be studying Lesson 7 in our study book. We welcome any women who wants to attend an evening Bible Study.

The Agape Women's Bible Circle will next meet at 1:00 on April 12, 2017 in the Fellowship Hall of the church and will discuss Lesson 8. This study is from the PW/Horizon's series "Who Is Jesus?" and is about the understanding of Christ from the Abrahamic Religions (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) viewpoint. The key scripture is Galatians 4: 23-29. All are welcome.



Mission News

Some Moving News

In the midst of their language work, Dennis and Susan Walters are preparing to leave for a one-year home assignment in the US. For much of that time, they will be living here in Duncanville, in their house in the Greene. Before they depart, in May, there is much to do. As well as closing their current apartment, their daughter Evelyn is wrapping up (homeschool) high school, preparing to graduate.

They look forward to being with friends at FPCD.

From their part of the world and after six years of work, David and Katherine and the boys will also be coming for a one year home assignment. In July they will move to the vicinity of Lancaster, PA and will spend a year here with family, friends and supporters. In 2018 David will return to a different assignment in tech support; in addition to the Wycliffe office, he'll be supporting the branch's convention center, the largest in the area to host meetings.

To support them, let's pray for all the planning, sorting, packing and farewells in the coming days. Remember that their schedule of appointments throughout their time here needs to be without complications. And don't forget that there are needs for rest too in the midst of travel and sharing their work with friends who have supported them.





Cook's Corner

Armelia Jimmerson whips up this tasty sugar-free delight she adapted from the original version. Both recipes are included below.

Mandarin Orange Cake – Sugar-Free

Cake

1 sugar-free yellow cake mix
¾ cup oil (or apple sauce)

2 eggs
1 (15-oz) can mandarin oranges sugar-free
(Libby's Skinny Fruit with Splenda)

Mix all ingredients with mixer; pour into greased (9 x 13-inch) baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes. Cool well; refrigerate. Once the cake is cold, put on topping.

Topping:

1 large can crushed pineapple
with 100% fruit juice
1 small package instant sugar-free vanilla
pudding

1 (8-oz) sugar-free Cool Whip

Mix pineapple and pudding mix until thick. Fold in Cool Whip. Spread on cooled cake; refrigerate cake. Serve cold.

Mandarin Orange Cake

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FPCD *monthly* PRAYER CALENDAR

A P R I L 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						



He is Risen!



Worship Volunteer Schedule April 2017

April 2

Greeters
Ushers
Nursery Overseer
Tellers
End of Service Ministry
Communion Servers

Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz
Dub Guthrie & Eddie Cowand
Darlene Cowand
Lori Glover & Brenda Everett
Dick Bergman & Nancy Bergman
Paul Griffith, Marna Bayless, Dick
Bergman, Doris Metzger &
Jocelyn Bolles

April 9-Palm Sunday

Greeters
Ushers
Nursery Overseer
Tellers
End of Service Ministry

Leo Skinner & Billie Cowand
Eugene Jimmerson & Irving Kezar
Jocelyn Bolles
Teresa Reed & Joan Brown
Paul Griffith & Jaime Cordova

April 16-Easter Sunday

Greeters
Ushers
Nursery Overseer
Tellers
End of Service Ministry

Donna To & Wendy Jensen
Jack Pegues & Albert Teel
Anna Murphy
Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis
Sean Russell & Edelmira Ruiz

April 23

Greeters
Ushers
Nursery Overseer
Tellers
End of Service Ministry

Youth
Youth
Susan Murphy
Darrell Ingram & Anna Murphy
Anna Murphy & Doris Metzger

April 30

Greeters
Ushers
Nursery Overseer
Tellers
End of Service Ministry

Armelia & Eugene Jimmerson
Albert Teel & Jack Pegues
Jocelyn Bolles
Lori Glover & Brenda Everett
Sharon Ingram & Connie Steger

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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.

April 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.

Anna Murphy, April 2	Adelmo Ruiz, April 13
Weston Russell, April 2	Evelyn Walters, April 15
Bob Harrison, April 7	Sandy Gaskins, April 16
John Alsop, April 12	Brandon Kezar, April 27



2017 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
February	\$12,030	\$15,550
Jan - Feb	\$26,416	\$31,228