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

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Pastor's Message for May

During Holy Week we experienced phenomenal worship and connection with God through our Lenten study series, Palm Sunday, the Maundy Thursday cantata, *The Living Last Supper*, the Good Friday prayer vigil, and two Easter services. So many of you participated in these events, whether it was to attend the study series, take a prayer slot, or sing in the choir, or as one of the disciples or Jesus, or work the media center, or lead the children's bells, or serve on Movie Night, or plan and advertise our events. We worshipped well, and wasn't it great to see almost every seat filled in the sanctuary on Maundy Thursday? That means you reached out and the community responded.

The weeks' experiences truly led many to worship, and each time I now drive by and see the new plaque above the cross, the words in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek, *Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews*, make me think of Jesus' impact on FPCD this season. Jesus makes a huge difference in every life, no matter what our circumstances.

Then, a week after Easter, I entered the parking lot early Monday morning and saw three familiar cars belonging to three ladies of the church. A smile crossed my face. Oh boy, I wonder what they are up to? Something really good, I bet! Sure enough, they were at work painting the education wing. And, one gift has led to another, with three turning into five and five turning into more and more people becoming involved to restore and renew God's house.

How good it is to serve the Lord together, to come into His house – the air is filled with joy as all of us laugh and work together. My heart is filled with song as people come here together. For I am not only thinking of your service, but of your week after week commitment - to music and food and teaching our children and loving each another and prayer. You love the Lord. What a blessing you are to Him.

And in case you haven't heard the message, you are a *great* blessing to me as well.

See you Sunday,
Ginger

WORDS FROM WORSHIP

Words from Worship

SYMBOLS of our faith...Symbols of the Twelve Apostles

The twelve Apostles chosen by Jesus to be His special representatives were “Peter, James the son of Zebedee, John the brother of James, Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot.” Mark 3:16 The scriptures inform us that James was the first of the disciples to die a martyr's death, and indeed the only one whose manner of death is exactly known. Acts 12:2 informs us that James was martyred for the faith by way of a sword.



Philip may have been a disciple of John the Baptist and is mentioned as one of the Apostles in the lists of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and in Acts. Aside from the lists, he is mentioned only in John in the New Testament. He was called by Jesus Himself and brought Nathanael to Christ. Philip was present at the miracle of the loaves and fishes, when he engaged in a brief dialogue with the Lord, and was the Apostle approached by the Hellenistic Jews from Bethsaida to introduce them to Jesus. Just before the Passion, Jesus answered Philip's query to show them the Father.

The symbol of Philip is a basket, because of his part in the feeding of the five thousand. It is he that stressed the cross as a sign of Christianity and victory.

Pentecost, The Church's Birthday

After the Resurrection, the risen Lord instructed his followers not to leave Jerusalem. It was there, Jesus said, that they would receive “the promise of the Father” (Acts 1:4). What was that promise? It was that they would be baptized not with water but with the Holy Spirit. Shortly after that utterance, Jesus was “lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight”. On the first Pentecost after Jesus’ resurrection, the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus’ followers. Indeed, they were filled with power and love, thus empowering them to witness to God’s actions in Christ to all who were nearby. Some 3,000 people responded to their claims that Jesus Christ was Lord and Savior of mankind. Pentecost was originally a Jewish harvest festival when the firstfruits of crops were given as offerings to God. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus’ first followers on the day of Pentecost is often called the Church’s birthday.

Pentecost is celebrated this year on Sunday, May 23. The color for Pentecost is RED.

DeaConGo Team News

Spring is in the air and it's baseball season. The Rangers have started their season and are playing pretty good ball so far. Their starting rotation is decent; now they've got to straighten out the "bullpen" (always something). Mark your calendar for our annual trek to the ballpark, on Tuesday night, May 18. The tickets this year are \$5.00 and go on sale beginning Sunday, April 25 in the Narthex.



DeaConGo
Team

Whew! The Lenten season is behind us and a special thanks to everyone who made those wonderful meals before each Lenten service. It made for a great social gathering prior to our learning of Christ's journey to the cross. I'm sure you'll agree that the services this year were unique. It afforded us the opportunity to learn and share our thoughts and interpretation of that journey. Thank you, Ginger, for that new approach and learning experience.



Lemonade on the Lawn will start soon as soon as the weather starts cooperating. There are several other events forthcoming that haven't been finalized yet, but we will keep you posted.

The Deacons asked that I also remind you to mark your calendar now for Saturday evening, September 11, 2010, for the FPCD Deacon's Dinner! You won't want to miss this event with its track record of great food and entertainment!

The Deacons serve you and this church faithfully and they welcome your prayer requests and items of praise – you can post them on the FPCD web site, send them to the church, or to your deacon. We want to bring our needs and praises to the Lord, who is faithful to hear and answer.



That about does it for this month! If anyone has any ideas or thoughts regarding potential events for the church, please let the Team know. Helen Barton, Jocelyn Bolles, Tom Harmon, Nancy Bergman, or I would be happy to hear from you.

Yours in Christ,
Dave Bolles

ATTENDANCE

BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT

March 2009

1-March-72
8-March-72
15-March-79
22-March-71
29-March-86

March 2010

7-March-84
14-March-78
21-March-71
28-March-82
Maundy Thursday-196

March 2010

Receipts
\$15,399

Expenditures
\$19,509

Attendance

Bookkeeper's
Report

Special expenditures for the fabulous music and orchestra for the Maundy Thursday cantata and dramatic presentation of *The Living Last Supper* were \$2,350. If you would like to help offset these expenses please write Music on the memo line of your check.

Property Report

Property Report

We received generous memorial gifts in honor of Dorothy Anderson from her family. After consultation with the family, these were applied to the purchase of new office furniture and new carpet for the CE wing. The new carpet will start at the double doors leading out of the Fellowship Hall, and cover the entire remainder of the building.



We decided to repaint the entire area. Most of it had not been painted for a long time, and we did not want to have to paint with the new carpet already installed. About half the painting was done by a PW crew: Joan Brown, Anna Murphy, Jocelyn Bolles, and Helen Barton, with occasional help from Paul. The remainder was done by a professional painter. At the same time, Marna Bayless and Lois Harmon have helped these ladies with cleaning and organizing the Sunday school classrooms.

PW is also paying for replacement of the double doors to the outside of the Fellowship Hall. That should be done before the end of April.

Many eave and other exterior woodwork problems are being corrected. Several gutters have been repaired or replaced, and new screens are being installed. We had to remove the large bushes along the courtyard to provide access for the screen and woodwork repairs. The bushes had actually caused some damage to the wood siding over the years which is being repaired as well.

The basketball goal was damaged beyond repair. It was removed by Bobby Reed.

After all that, there are still plenty of projects.

We need to replace the damaged accordion doors in Fellowship Hall, and install some kind of ground material on the playground to cushion falls and cover mud when it rains.

Please do not leave items at the church such as books, furniture, TV's, computers, toys, etc. to keep our church neat and uncluttered. If you are thinking about a donation please talk to the Property Team. We appreciate your cooperation!



PIZZA
BOXES

PIZZA BOXES



You may have noticed some pizza boxes on the table going into the sanctuary. These are not in case you get hungry during the sermon! We fill these boxes with fun activities for our children to use during the worship service. The boxes are refilled each month & we need donations of white and colored paper (not construction paper), lots of stickers, and anything else you might think is appropriate for children. If you would like to help, please put your donations in the office marked "for Pizza Boxes." We always welcome new ideas for the boxes. Thank you for caring about our kids!

PW NEWS

Bible Study and Fellowship

If you do not currently attend a Circle, please consider doing so. The Circles meet in different homes each month and enjoy Bible study, prayer, good discussions, desserts, and fellowship. Circles meet in the daytime and in the evening. For more information, please contact Helen Barton or Joan Brown.



In the nine lessons of *Joshua: A Journey of Faith*, Mary Mikhael invites us to explore the challenging, sometimes heartrending, book of Joshua. Pursuing such themes as leadership, the promise of land, the concept of "holy war," and outsiders becoming insiders, we learn ultimately to find rest in the justice and mercy of God.

Sarah Circle: Meets Thursday, May 13 at 7:30 pm at the home of Marna Bayless, 836 Glen Oaks Blvd, Dallas, 214-371-9665. We will study Lesson 9 that evening. ***Please note that Sarah Circle has changed its meeting night to the second Thursday of each month.***

Agape Circle: Meeting Thursday, May 13 at 1:00 pm at the home of Mary Huttar, 206 Merribrook Trail, Duncanville, 972-572-7563. We will study Lesson 5 and 6 that afternoon.

PW MISSIONS



PW Mission emphasis for the coming year is helping to care for vulnerable children in Kamwenge, Uganda by donating funds for educational needs and school supplies.

Kamwenge Vocational School is a community school in the heart of rural Uganda with a vision to transform this poor community into a self-sustained and responsible one with a high sense of integrity and accountability in a Christian transforming environment.

The school is located on 20 acres of land in the district of Kamwenge, western Uganda. This area has a population of 300,000 people, mostly refugees from neighboring countries, and is considered one of the poorest in Uganda. Parents cannot afford to send their children to school and do not understand the importance of education. This illiteracy has increased the cycle of HIV/AIDS and poverty. The Kamwenge School aims to equip individuals with skills for sustainable socio-economic development, a holistic approach of building the Kingdom of God.

How You Can Help! Donations may be made toward this cause at our Circle Meetings through the year. We also designate a portion of our PW fundraisers toward this project. Our two PW fundraisers are the Spring Plant and Bake Sale and the PW Family Spaghetti Supper and Christmas Auction. We hope you will prayerfully consider joining with us to help these Ugandan families build a better life through education and hopefully to see the love of Jesus Christ through our generosity and concern.



PW NEWS

HOGY Happenings

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April activities:

We continue to study the stories of the Old Testament. After spring break, we began our study of Moses, concluding it by watching a movie. We also read about the Walls of Jericho and Samson & Delilah.

May activities:

May 2	David & Goliath
May 9	Queen Ester
May 16	Mother's Day (no HOGY)
May 23	Baked Potato lunch (no evening HOGY)
May 30	Memorial Day (no HOGY)

We have several High School Graduates: Allison Jackson, Amber Porter and Sarah Brack. We thank them for being a part of HOGY for the past several years, and wish them all the best in their new adventures.



Memorial

We'd like to prepare lunch for you on **Sunday, May 23** as a fundraiser for the HOGY summer mission trip. The HOGY Café will be serving up baked potatoes, with all the toppings. So after church stop by the Fellowship Hall to enjoy lunch. There's no charge...however, donations are accepted.

Don't forget, if you'd like to prepare a snack supper for HOGY, just sign up on the sheet on the Youth room door. Thanks, we appreciate all you do for us. Please pray for us as we continue our search in finding the perfect Youth Pastor.
Lori Glover and Anna Murphy.

GARAGE SALE!!!

You may have noticed...lots of great changes are going on here at FPCD. To help us accomplish the finished product, we're going to have a **GARAGE SALE** on Saturday, May 1 from 7:00-NOON. Many of the items were used by our former Mother's Day Out program or have been replaced by more up-to-date CE items. Monies raised will be used to help offset expenses of refurbishing the CE wing.

Tell your friends and family...items will be priced to move!



Volunteers are needed to help sort through several cupboards, help move large items to Fellowship Hall on Sale Day and for crowd control on sale day. If you can assist, please contact Anna Murphy at 972-977-1172 or almurphy1@att.net. Thanks.

AARP Defensive Driving Classes



Bob Harrison, filling in for Bill Yingst and Del Anderson, teaches AARP Defensive Driving classes each month at the Duncanville Senior Center. Classes last 4 1/2 hours and give a 10% discount on auto insurance, both liability and collision, for 3 years. Cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers. The next class is Monday, May 17 from 8:30—1:00 pm.

AARP
Defensive
Driving
Classes

From the Walters

We have bought a house here in Duncanville and moved out of the house we were renting across from the Linguistics Center. (We still intend to return to East Asia. But this can be a place to come home to when we are in the US.) The new house is in the Greene, near the crossing of Big Stone Gap and Clark. This is housing that J Rubrecht helped develop. We are now at **903 Middle Run**, just down the street from Del Anderson. At the moment we are 'camping out' as we finish fixing things and gather some furniture and household items. We haven't needed to set up our own house in the US since we got married 17 years ago.



From the
Walters

Thank you to many of you who have helped with advice, a listening ear, finding things we need, and practical help/skills like painting and gardening. We feel like part of the body. And we are humbly grateful.

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

A Thank You

Birthdays

The cards, letters, food and prayers you sent after my right knee replacement were very appreciated.

Sarah Teel & family



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.



Sam Fithian—5/5
Steve Bayless—5/7
Eugene Cleary—5/9
Sarah Teel—5/9
Lucy Russell—5/13
Marna Bayless—5/22
Andrew Walters—5/22
Catherine Eagle—5/28
Alexander Gaskins—5/31

*A Thank
You*

Birthdays

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

May 2010

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

May 2	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tech Team: Tellers:	Mickey & Betty Jespersen Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues Dave Bolles Kathleen Hartless Helen Barton Sean Russell Paul Barton, Tom Harmon
May 9	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tech Team: Tellers:	Jocelyn Bolles, Dorothy Cleary Bob Moore, Eddie Cowand Darrell Ingram Savannah Baker-Teel Joan Brown Sean Russell Teresa Reed, Joan Brown
May 16	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tech Team: Tellers:	Tom Harmon, Doris Metzger Albert Teel, Bob Moore Doris Metzger Margaret Lewis Anna Murphy Sean Russell Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis
May 23	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tech Team: Tellers:	Helen Barton, Bob Moore Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues Dub Guthrie Helen Barton Gail Haynes Sean Russell Mickey Jespersen, Leo Skinner
May 30	Greeters: Ushers: Liturgist: Children's Church: Nursery Volunteer: Tech Team: Tellers:	Lori Glover, Bob Harrison Eugene Jimmerson, Jack Pegues Leo Skinner Gail Haynes Taylor Glover Sean Russell Lori Glover, Bob Harrison

May 2010

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Communion 12:00 PM Community Church Picnic - Arrowood Park 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Youth 6:00 PM Evening Small Group Study	3 7:30 PM Congo Life Meeting	4	5 6:30 PM -7:15 PM Prayer Meeting 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	6 6:30 PM Worship Meeting	7	8
9 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Youth 6:00 PM Evening Small Group Study	10 4:30 PM Deacons' Meeting	11	12 6:45 PM Finance Meeting 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	13 1:00 PM Agape Circle 7:30 PM Sarah Circle	14	15 7:00 PM Movie Night Newsletter Deadline
16 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 4:30 PM -6:00 PM Youth 6:00 PM Evening Small Group Study FOOD SUNDAY	17	18 7:00 PM Night at the Ball Park	19 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	20 7:00 PM Session Meeting	21	22
23 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM HOOGY Cats serving Baked Potatoes 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Youth 6:00 PM Evening Small Group Study	24 Sandwiches for Austin Street Centre	25	26 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	27	28	29
30 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Youth 6:00 PM Evening Small Group Study	31 MEMORIAL DAY Office Closed					



FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR

May 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	FRIDAY	Saturday
4 Joan Brown Carlos & Caryn Benitez Andrés & Rachelle John Alsop	5 Jack & Diane Pegues Boyd Roberts Connie Steger Malcolm Perrault	6 Larry & Margaret Lewis David & Evelyn Hertenstein Dudley Austin	7 Sean & Lucy Russell Lucy, Sydney, Logan, Weston, & Tristan	8 Paul & Claudia Griffith Dean & Ginger Hertenstein Dorothy Cleary	9 Carol McKinney Ryan & Marjorie Ochs Colvin & Georgia	10 Albert & Sara Teel Savannah Allen & Wanda Shipman
11 Nadine Doura Ariel & Leah Dick & Nancy Bergman	12 George & Billie Cowand David & Sandy Gaskins Alexander	13 Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson Leo & Marlene Skinner	14 Kent & Lori Glover Taylor & Charlie Dub & Gwen Guthrie Neal	15 Bill Farish Pat Sparr Don & Edie Burquest Burle Murphy	16 Kevin & Tonya Jespersen Mickey & Betty Jespersen	17 Eddie & Brenda Everett Jocelyn, Natalie, & Grant
18 Bobby & Teresa Reed Matthew & Rylee	19 Tom & Lois Harmon Eunice Pike Christy Cowand Brandon	20 Gary & Nita Malone Darrell & Sharon Ingram Jessica	21 Roy & Wendy Jensen Robert & Catherine Eagle Michelle Petersen	22 Jim & Andrene Hull Dave & Jocelyn Bolles	23 Jim & Janet Stahl Donna To Jim & Pam Loyd	24 Evelyn Pike George & Mary Huttar The Schaefers
25 Bob & Nancy Harrison Eddie & Darlene Cowand	26 Stan & June West Sara & Matthew Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz	27 Irving & Peggy Kezar Steve & Marna Bayless	28 Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn, & Andrew	29 Gary & Linda Simons Rachel Simons		
30 Carol Orwig Anna Murphy Nicholas & Heather	31 Keith & Gail Haynes Susan Murphy Don & Sheri Trask Bob & Liz Moore					

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Christian Education	— 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service	— 10:30 a.m.
Youth Group	— 4:30-6:00 p.m.